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Family forum discusses spouse employment resources

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Traveling from post to post is something that comes with the military lifestyle, but spouses are often left uprooting their career to follow their service member to the next duty station. The Fort Riley Central Kansas Chapter of the Association of the United States Army hosted a military family forum Aug. 25 at Riley's Conference Center.

Eddy Mentzer, associate director in the Department of Defense's Office of Family Readiness Policy, was the guest speaker. He is primarily responsible for managing the DOD's Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program.

Mentzer, a military spouse himself, described the struggles of trying to maintain a career while moving around and his wife's deployments.

"We're going to talk about what we bring to the table when it comes to spouse employment and we bring a lot," Mentzer said. "If you do nothing else, share the information with one other spouse. Share the information because none of this is secret."

He asked the spouses in attendance to write down three goals for themselves and their career.

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Eddy Mentzer, associate director in the Department of Defense's Office of Family Readiness Policy, was the guest speaker at the military family forum hosted by the Fort Riley Central Kansas Chapter of the Association of the United States Army Aug. 25 at Riley's Conference Center. He is primarily responsible for managing the DOD's Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program, and shared information about education and career advancement for spouses.

PREPARING FOR BATTLE



Staff Sgt. Warren W. Wright Jr. | 1ST ABCT

Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, test fire the main weapon system on their M1 Abrams tank at Fort Irwin's National Training Center July 26. Following reception, staging, integration and onward movement, or RSOI, the brigade moved into its two-week training cycle where they honed their skills in unified land operations.

'Devil' brigade Soldiers battle world-class opponent during rotation at National Training Center

By Staff Sgt. Warren W. Wright Jr.
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Over the course of 14 blazing hot days in the California desert, the Soldiers of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, battled exhaustion, pain and a world-class opposition force during their train up for future operations.

Held from the end of July into mid-August, the "Devil" brigade's training at Fort Irwin, California's National Training Center focused on a wide range of unified land operations in a new environment away from the comfort of their home station.

"A lot of time when you're building capacity in your unit, you're learning this piece or that piece, but going to the National Training Center allows you to tie everything back together," said Maj. Jared Nichols, executive officer of 1st

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COURTESY PHOTO

Civil affairs Soldiers attached to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, pass out oranges to roleplayers during a refugee movement exercise at Fort Irwin's National Training Center Aug. 1. The brigade used the enablers, who were specialists from cyber warfare, civil affairs, electronic warfare and psychological warfare, to conduct a multitude of operations that included defending the brigade's valuable computer network, conducting civilian populous influencing operations and including civilian considerations into battle planning.

Cadets prepare for future

Prospective officers visit Fort Riley for Cadet Troop Leadership Training

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Three Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets experienced training alongside 1st Infantry Division Soldiers who are preparing to deploy in the usage of gas masks and equipment Aug. 24 using CS gas.

The cadets came to Fort Riley for three weeks as part of the Cadet Troop Leadership Training program.

Officers and Soldiers in 1st Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, served as mentors and instructors to the cadets throughout the duration of the CTLT. Through CTLT, the cadets learn the basics of the everyday life as an active-duty lieutenant by shadowing officers. The cadets gain valuable insight and experience about the role officers perform.

First Lt. Brandon Thurman, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, was the officer in charge at the CS gas chamber when the cadets went through it along with Soldiers from multiple units. He said the experience teaches cadets to be better leaders because they have gained a greater understand of the training and what their Soldiers will go through when doing it.

"It enables them to see what this type of training is and how it works, so when they become lieutenants and they have to run this type of training and run a range, they will better understand how we did it, what we did and better understand what their Soldiers are going through," Thurman said.

Cadet Mark Salzwedel from Central Michigan

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Fort Riley Logistics Readiness Center earns national honor

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

A pair of awards earned by Fort Riley's Logistics Readiness Center staff have placed the LRC among the elite logistics organizations across the Army.

The LRC team was presented the Spearhead of Logistics, Chief of Transportation, Best of the Best Deployment Award and the Chief of Staff Army Deployment Excellence Award, both for 2015.

Maj. Gen. Edward M. Daly, commander of the Army Sustainment Command, presented the awards to LRC members at a ceremony in 1st Infantry Division headquarters Aug. 24.

The delegation joining Daly included Col. Eric Shirley, commander, 407th Army Field Support Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas, Command Sgt. Maj. William Venus, senior noncommissioned officer for the 407th AFSB and Lt. Col. Brian Beinert, commander of 407th AFSBn-Riley.

Also in attendance was Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, 1st Inf. Div. senior non-commissioned officer.

The Fort Riley garrison command team of Garrison Commander Col. John Lawrence and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins were also on hand.

The awards were presented to Scot Bird, installation transportation officer, Scott Arcuri, freight chief, and Matt Holloway, unit movement supervisor, on behalf of their LRC team. The LRC director is Larry Githerman.

The two awards together signify that Fort Riley's LRC is consistently a top performer.

This year marks the fifth time in the past eight years the Fort Riley LRC has won the Chief of Staff Army Deployment Excellence Award. The LRC earned it in 2008, 2011, 2012 and 2014.

The other award — the Spearhead of Logistics, Chief of Transportation, Best of the Best Deployment Award in the large installation category — has never been presented to an installation the size of Fort Riley. Past awardees have all been units.

"A smaller unit is far easier to move than a large one," Bird said. "We could move 20 or 25 people without any trouble at all. But when you're talking about entire brigades or a whole division, the job becomes far more difficult."

In comments to Grigsby and Cornelison, Daly reaffirmed ASC's support for the 1st Inf. Div.

"I want to reiterate the Army Materiel Command's commanding general's intent that we are absolutely unequivocally and without doubt dedicated ... to supporting you," Daly said.

The Army Materiel Command is led by Gen. Dennis Via. The ASC is

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HOUSING THE FORCE



Season Osterfeld | POST

Attendees of the Housing the Force training event listen to a panel of representatives from U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Army Housing Management discuss the coming challenges and updates to military housing and lodging Aug. 29 at Riley's Conference Center. More than 250 Department of Defense and privatized housing officials from across the globe attended the Housing the Force training event to discuss coming challenges, update their skills and more to better serve Soldiers and their families. See the Sept. 9 edition of the 1st Infantry Division Post newspaper for full coverage.

FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



First Sgt. Tommy Davis, 116th Military Police Company, 97th MP Battalion, volunteered his time to help his neighbor recover from a recent storm. His neighbor's house was damaged, and he helped repair the damages sustained during the storm.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call Becky Willis, Army Volunteer Corps Program manager, at 785-239-4593.



FALL APPLE DAY FESTIVAL PIE QUEENS ORGANIZE MAKING MORE THAN 1,000 PIES, SEE PAGE 11.



WARRIOR ZONE STAFF AND FORT RILEY SOLDIERS CELEBRATE THE FACILITY'S 5TH BIRTHDAY WITH CAKE, CIDER AND A FULL DAY OF GAMING TOURNAMENTS, SEE PAGE 15.



Unmanned aerial vehicle provides battlefield intelligence for Fort Riley brigade Soldiers

Story and photo by David Vergun
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Soldiers may someday have a new set of eyes on the battlefield — a small unmanned aerial vehicle so new, it doesn't yet have a name and it is still undergoing evaluations.

The battlefield where the UAV is being evaluated and employed in exercises is the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California.

The UAV collects adversary information to be analyzed by cyber operators and military intelligence personnel. That information is ultimately provided to brigade commanders for their use, according to Maj. Deonand Singh, operations officer for the 781st Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Meade, Maryland.

The most recent unit to benefit from information provided by the UAV was 1st Infantry Division's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, out of Fort Riley, Kansas. That unit was on a two-week training rotation at NTC during the first part of August.

During actual combat operations, brigade commanders need information quickly, information Singh termed "tactical insights."

During its most recent employment at NTC, the UAV supported reconnaissance of the training scenario's



Soldiers may someday have a new set of eyes on the battlefield – a small unmanned aerial vehicle so new, it doesn't yet have a name and it is still undergoing evaluations. It is being evaluated in an exercise at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. The UAV is collecting adversary information that is being analyzed by cyber operators and military intelligence to inform the brigade commander, according to Maj. Deonand Singh, operations officer for the 781st Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Meade, Maryland. In this particular case, the brigade is the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Riley, Kansas, which spent a two-week rotation at the National Training Center during the first part of August.

operational information environment as a way to better understand the adversary's activities, said Lt. Col. Jon Burnett, chief of U.S. Army Cyber Command's Cyber Support to Corps and Below, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Capt. Samuel Lough, an offensive cyber operations planner for the exercise, said that information about the adversary gathered from UAVs and other means can provide useful insight to the commander in an area of operations, once it is analyzed.

A pilot expeditionary cyber team implemented during this most recent rotation at the National Training Center has a mixture of expertise, Burnett said.

Burnett said the team is tied in directly with brigade maneuver operations.

"These expeditionary cyber teams maneuver in the information environment by leveraging defense cyber operations, offensive cyber operations, electronic warfare and information operations," he said.

DUTY FIRST, SERVICE ALWAYS



Sgt. Jarrett E. Allen | 1ST CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, speaks with Soldiers of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., at Camp Funston on Fort Riley Aug. 20 before they embark on a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan. Grigsby said their mission provides the opportunity to create leaders who are agile, adaptive and competent professionals, who are tactically proficient, strategically informed and ready to fight and win in a complex environment. "You are well trained," Grigsby said. "Your example of professionalism and competence will inspire our partners to improve their forces and ready them to meet the challenge of violent extremism in their region."

Veterans Student Organization members provide platform of connections for veterans

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

Members of the Veterans Student Organization hosted the first Veterans Fall Reception Aug. 24 at Kansas State University.

Representatives from organizations on campus and in the surrounding communities provided attendees with information, contacts and sign-ups for different services. Services being offered by the representatives included counseling, medical assistance, career assistance, networking opportunities and much more.

"We're trying to get a bunch of the resources together that are both on campus and off campus that help veterans with their transition out of the military with the emotional aspect of it, the ups and downs, the sense of belonging again, so a lot of these people ... they're here to help with that," said Justin Manford, president of Veterans Student Organization.

While the hosts and representatives primary goal was to assist veterans in their transition back into civilian life, regardless of how long they served in the military. They also had multiple other goals in assisting active duty Soldiers, Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets and those interested in joining the military with any needs or questions they may have about services or organizations with personnel who could assist them, such as with counseling or financial needs.

"Part of our mission here is seeing our veterans succeed," said Richard Pearson, membership



Veterans, active-duty Soldiers, cadets and civilians talk with representatives of organizations who assist Soldiers and veterans from on and off campus at the first Kansas State University Veterans Fall Reception. Members of the Veteran Students Organization hosted the reception to unite veterans with members of services that could help them transition back into civilian life and provide them with needed information.

resource officer for the Kansas State University Veterans Student Organization. "I want to see them have access to resources if they need them, if not, that's fine. I want to see them graduate. The end goal is seeing them graduate, but in the meantime, I want to see them succeed and overcome any problems that are presented to them."

The reception itself was designed so veterans and supporters could meet and form new connections. At multiple tables throughout the West Ballroom, people collected in pairs or groups after meeting for the first time and passed the time talking and building relationships.

Retired Gen. Richard B. Myers, interim president of Kansas State University, said the reception

and the organizations represented at it were open to all veterans, regardless of how long they had been out and encouraged them to make use of the services available. He added he would also like to see more Soldiers and veterans pursue and complete their dream of receiving a college education.

"This partnership that we have with Fort Riley, which is a pretty deep partnership between Kansas State University and Fort Riley," Myers said. "We can accommodate more (Soldiers and veterans). We'd like to have more and I think we have a pretty good plan to help veterans be successful and that's what we want to do and (be) successful all the way through school and into the workforce with careers that they are fulfilled by."

PARTNERSHIP RENEWED



Spc. Anna Pongo | 1ST INF. DIV.
Retired Gen. Richard Myers, left, Kansas State University interim president, and Brig. Gen. Patrick Frank, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding general, sign the renewal of the K-State-Fort Riley Partnership Resolution Aug. 25 at Fort Riley. Since 2008, the annual agreement has provided a unique university-to-military community partnership that provides for and expands on opportunities for both organizations to work closely together to enhance professional development, quality of life, transition and family and well-being resiliency programs to enrich the lives of the Kansas State University and Fort Riley students, leaders and families.

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THE FIGHTING FIRST!



Randy Lynn Brooks: A ‘Big Red One’ Soldier

By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Randy Lynn Brooks is a “Big Red One” Soldier.

Brooks joined the Army in 1972 from his hometown of Forest Grove, Oregon. He went to Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he was trained as a military occupation specialty 76Y, supply clerk.

He spent his first two years in the Army Reserve and then went on active duty. Brooks re-trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as a MOS 13B, artilleryman. He was in Furth, West Germany, from 1974 to 1978, Fort Lewis, Washington, from 1978 to 1980, Baumholder, West Germany, from 1980 to mid-1982 and Bad Kruznach, West Germany, until 1984. When Brooks returned stateside, he was assigned to recruiting duty in Portland, Oregon, for 14 months.

In August 1986, Brooks became a Big Red One Soldier when he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division. He stayed at Fort Riley until the end of his career in 1996. During the 10 years at Fort Riley, he was sent to Korea for one year in 1988 as part of the last year of a Cohesion, Operational, Readiness and Training Unit three year assignment. The COHORT unit consisted of 68 new Soldiers that would be assigned to Fort Riley after the One Unit Station Training. They then remained in the Battery for the

three-year life of the unit with the last year a rotation to Korea. Just after Christmas in 1990, Brooks was deployed for Operation Desert Storm until May 1991.

During his time at Fort Riley, he filled various duties including gunnery sergeant, platoon sergeant, first sergeant, DIVARTY noncommissioned officer in charge and Hazardous Material sergeant.

“I enjoy seeing former Soldiers that I served with returning to Fort Riley and taking the leadership positions that I once held,” Brooks said. “This makes me proud and happy to see.”

Brooks retired from the Army in May 1996 as a sergeant first class. His total Army service was 24 years and 10 of those were served at Fort Riley.

The Brooks family decided to stay in the Junction City area because they liked it, their son was in school and his wife had a job with the school district.

Brooks now works for the Fort Riley Installation Transportation Office supporting the movement of Soldiers and equipment to training and deployments.

He is involved in church, serves on the board and is active in AWANA, the church’s youth program. Brooks works with the Boy Scout units in Milford, Kansas, has been a member of the Milford Lion’s Club for more than 20 years to support vision and diabetes awareness and other community activities. Brooks is a member of the VFW, American Legion and the Forty and Eight, which is an organization of veterans.

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

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TRAFFIC REPORT

ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS OF OPERATION

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

Also until further notice, 12th Street ACP is closed to privately owned vehicles 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.

Grant: Until further notice, open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

Estes: Until further notice, open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

FORT RILEY ACCESS CONTROL POINT CHANGES

Several changes are scheduled to occur at certain Fort Riley access control points soon, pending the approval of an environmental assessment.

On Sept. 26, 12th Street Gate will have only commercial vehicles lane. While personally owned vehicles will still be allowed access, there will no longer be a designated POV lane. Outbound traffic at 12th Street Gate will no longer be authorized.

Estes Gate will be open 24 hours a day beginning Sept. 30. Commercial traffic at Estes is required to have an access pass or badge prior to trying to access.

Four Corners Gate will be closed indefinitely to all vehicle traffic beginning Oct. 3.

CONSTRUCTION ON RIFLE RANGE ROAD CONTINUES

Rifle Range Road construction will not be complete prior to the start of the USD 475 2016/2017 school year as previously planned.

The construction completion is estimated for mid-September.

New road closings and detours are required to complete the project. Rifle Range Road will be closed from 1st Street to Look Out Drive, and from West Drive to Seitz Elementary to Thunder Road/ Dakota Drive.

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. Drivers are asked to follow all guidance posted on signs.

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.

September is National Preparedness Month

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE STAFF REPORT

Emergencies can range from inconvenience to devastation, but you can resolve not to be a victim of an emergency or disaster and take the necessary steps to minimize the impact on you and your family.

September is National Preparedness Month. This month serves to encourage Army Leaders, Soldiers, family members, and civilians to prepare for All-Hazards emergencies at home, work, and throughout their communities. The theme is “Be Informed, Make A Plan, Build A Kit, and Get Involved.” Preparedness is a shared responsibility and it takes a whole community. By using the Ready Army program we want promote the four themes of the

National Preparedness Month message.

BE INFORMED: Consider emergencies that occur in your geographic area annually. Examine reported hazards in the areas your family frequents. Identify challenges, limitations, and specific needs of each family member.

MAKE A PLAN: Plan for emergencies early and update existing plans with lessons learned after every incident. Incorporate geographic hazards and common local emergencies into planning.

BUILD A KIT: Prepare for All-Hazards emergencies by assembling at least one emergency kit for your home. Include at a minimum basic household items necessary in an emergency such as water, food, batteries, and radio. En-

sure enough supplies to last 72-hours.


GET INVOLVED: Find out how you can promote preparedness in your community. Sign up to volunteer prior to a disaster or emergency and receive the necessary training to support your installation or community.


Throughout the month of September, the Fort Riley Emergency Management Office will be providing more information to inform Soldiers, Family Members, and the Civilian Workforce on the importance of All-Hazards planning. Information can also be found on the Ready Army website at www.1id.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=ReadyArmy or by contacting the Installation Emergency Management Office at 785-240-0400.

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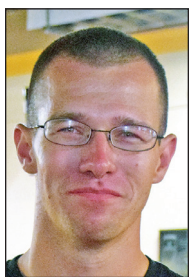
What are your plans for Labor Day weekend?



"Probably go work at the local Airsoft field."

SPC. ALEC DERR
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

Company A, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"Go back home for the weekend."

SGT. MICHAEL MICHAUD
WICHITA, KANSAS

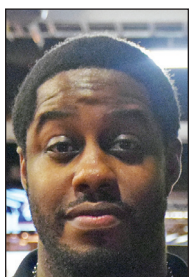
Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"Stay at home and go play pool."

JOSEPH KAY
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Visitor to Fort Riley



"I will be running the 'Halo 5,' free for all tournament at the Warrior Zone on Labor Day – it's a free event with prizes."

QUINTON WILLIAMS
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Supervisory recreation assistant for Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation



"I will be home with my family."

PFC. DERRIKE BUIE
VASS, NORTH CAROLINA

Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

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SAFETY HOLIDAY

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As of Wednesday, Aug. 31, 54 days have passed since the last vehicular fatality at Fort Riley. Fifty-seven more and the post will celebrate with a safety holiday to take place at each unit's discretion.

COMMAND TEAM CORNER

Division senior leaders celebrate Labor Day

Thank you does not begin to express the appreciation Danger 7 and I have for each of you and your daily commitment to ensure Fort Riley continues to be the best place to live, train, deploy from and come home to in our Army.

Monday we celebrate Labor Day. Over the years, the first Monday in September has been referred to as the end of summer and the start of back to school, but the true meaning of this federal holiday — first observed in 1887 after being signed into law by President Grover Cleveland, is a day of appreciation and respect for the tireless efforts of our nation's workforce.

There is not a stronger team of professionals than the 17,000 service members and nearly 6,000 civilian employees



Maj. Gen.
Wayne W. Grigsby Jr.



Division Command Sgt. Maj.
Joseph Cornelison

who work for the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley. Over the last year, you have been asked to do so much, and every time you have exceeded our expectations. Whether it was late nights and weekends

planning key events, the execution of this division's first Warfighter exercise, or the day-to-day continuity that ensures the highest levels of quality of life for our military families, you made it happen.

Danger 7 and I want you to know how much each of you mean to the Fort Riley installation and the Big Red One mission. As you celebrate this observance with your family and friends, we encourage you to be safe and have fun.

Working with you is an honor and a privilege for us and we look forward to another year of success — with you — the best team in our Army!

Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley

Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, Senior Noncommissioned Officer, 1st Inf. Div.

Technology helps you, can help terrorists too

By Pat Burch

FORT RILEY ANTITERRORISM OFFICER, DIRECTORATE OF PLANS, TRAINING, MOBILIZATION AND SECURITY

August has ended and, with it, this year's Anti-Terrorism Awareness Month. But the need for everyone to be vigilant will remain. It is a need that is more apparent as the nation approaches the fifteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Such vigilance requires us not only to remain watchful, but to understand that the technology that helps us can also assist our terrorist enemies.

Technology has changed the way terrorists operate and conduct attacks. When the 9/11 attacks occurred many people were aghast that airplanes were used as weapons, yet terrorists were able and willing to do so. Technology allows a modern society to thrive and protect itself from its many adversaries, but the reverse is also true: technology can help terrorists attack and attempt to undermine that same society.

The use of technology by terrorist has contributed to unpredictable attacks that are

instantaneous and growing in number. The use of technology by terrorists is the reason. This trend will likely continue to grow for the foreseeable future.

Readily available technology is enabling today's terrorism threats.

The internet allows terrorists to:

- Recruit and spread propaganda
- Conduct fund raising
- Network with other attackers through secure apps and servers
- Assist in training by allowing terrorists to share tactics and techniques
- Conduct limited cyberattacks
- Gather intelligence and issue general guidance on what targets to attack

Other available high-technology devices that help terrorists include smart phones, which allow them to share photos and videos in real time as they conduct pre-operational surveillance. Unmanned aerial systems provide terrorist with limited standoff surveillance and attack capabilities. The availability of supplies can be used by terrorist to construct

homemade laboratories where they can conduct research or grow toxins such as Ricin.

The result is that even lone wolf terrorists or autonomous cells can use available technologies to create the means to injure or kill.

The nation's intelligence, defense and law enforcement agencies are actively involved in countering and defeating terrorists and their use of technology to harm us. Yet, it is important for the individual to recognize their role in helping to counter the threat.

Fort Riley community members are encouraged to practice operation security while using social media or the internet in general. Having a person-to-person relationship with individuals before establishing a cyber relationship with them is the best line of defense in cyber space.

Don't place trust in people you do not know. Social media profiles should be ambiguous as possible and never reveal any personal identifying information.

Intelligence collection has never been more sophisticated than it is today, and Soldiers,

family members, and civilian employees make tempting targets.

The smallest indicator may be a significant one for a would-be terrorist. While most people using smart phones are looking down, you may see someone with their phone pointed up and out. Are they looking for a signal or videotaping the crowd?

If the activity does not look right or feel right, chances are it is not right and should be reported to authorities.

Terrorist are in the business of selling fear but community members who are vigilant and informed about the threat and how terrorists operate can counter that fear.

The iWATCH program allows anyone to report suspicious activities or behaviors via phone, email or in person. To report a suspicious behavior or activity: call the Fort Riley Police at 785-239-6767 or the Antiterrorism office 785-239-6303 or send emails to usarmy.riley.imcomcentral.list.iwatch@mail.mil. To report in person, go to the Fort Riley Police Station, 219 Custer Ave., or talk to a supervisor.

SAFETY CORNER

Get prepared for disasters during September

By Alex Bender

GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

September is National Preparedness Month. It serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work and visit. Due to the success of last year's theme, "Don't Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today," this September will continue to emphasize on preparedness for youth, older adults, and people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs.

Many of our Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and family members are not Kansas natives and may be experiencing severe weather events such as tornados, ice storms, and extreme cold for the first time. A useful online resource is www.ready.gov, which offers many tools, as well as guidance to keep families safe. For those who have family and friends where English is a second language, this critical information is available in

thirteen different languages. Remember, communication during a severe weather event is key.

The emergency communication plan is designed for family members to organize emergency contact numbers and identify a known emergency meeting place before an emergency happens. This will help families communicate with each other at any time. Remember, to update the plan frequently to account for deployments, redeployments, and relocations. Using text messaging is one of the best ways to communicate when emergencies occur, but remember that cell towers may be affected by severe weather events. Resources available for information on Fort Riley are the Fort Riley Operations Center by calling 785-239-2222 and the AtHoc messaging. In addition, you can use Social media apps such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and MyBaseGuide. You can use these to get quick, updated severe weather warnings and

conditions in local areas. These may be helpful to avoid hazards or get information if quick evacuations are necessary.

The most common threats related to weather in our area are flooding, thunder, lightning, hailstorms, tornados, high winds, and extreme heat/cold. For those who live near railroad tracks, there is a possibility of derailment of railcars carrying hazardous chemicals. Preparation prior to any of these events is critical and may make a difference between surviving and perishing because of a failure to plan.

Not all plans need to be written. Something as simple as a discussion with the family during dinner to identify locations to meet if an event takes place as well as who is responsible for specific tasks, for example, the location of important documents like insurance policies, birth certificates, etc. Every family member needs to practice the plan. People often become confused and disoriented when stressed.

Persons with long-term or temporary disabilities must take a proactive approach to ensure their safety needs are included in all emergency planning. Those with visual or mental disabilities may have difficulty leaving familiar surroundings. Others with medical conditions may be dependent on devices or medications that need to travel with them. An additional concern is for those persons who have elderly people in their care, consider how your evacuation plans might affect them. We need to think about these because disabilities are varied and wide-ranging. Being aware of the emergency preparedness resources that are available to those with Special Needs can help you "Build a Kit and Make a Plan" that is customized to meet the needs of your family.

For more information related to Emergency Preparedness and Safety, contact the Fort Riley Garrison installation Safety Office at 785-240-0647 or the Emergency Management Office at 785-240-0400.

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Staff Judge Advocate court reporter reaches 50-year milestone

Story and photo by Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Fifty years is a long time to be on the job.
Fifty years is a long time to serve your country.
Fifty years is, for most folks, a long time for anything.
Patty Walls, court reporter for the Staff Judge Advocate's office at Fort Riley has been working in her profession for 50 years as of this year. She began working at Fort Riley in 1966 and has been at the post ever since.

She was a young mother in 1966, living with her husband in Wakefield, Kansas, and filling in at the Geary County's attorney's office, when a family friend who worked at the Fort Riley Civilian Personnel Office and lived in Wakefield called to ask her if she wanted to work at the post's Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

"She said, 'Your parents told me you just graduated from court reporter's school. They are wanting to hire a court reporter at Fort Riley. Would you be interested, and I said yes. She asked me when I could start and I said whenever.'"

The lady asked if Patty could start the following Monday, and Patty said yes. There wasn't even an interview.

"I just reported for work," Walls said.

It was a different time. According to thepeoplehistory.com website, the cost of a new home in 1966, for example, was \$14,200. The average

income per household was \$6,900. Gasoline sold for 32 cents per gallon and the average cost of a new car cost was \$2,650.

Court reporting was not something Walls had hoped to do or always wanted for her life's work.

But "I took shorthand in high school," Walls said. "And they had a career day and my shorthand teacher said I should ask about court reporting school and so I did. I went to Clark's Business School in Topeka for two years."

The school Walls attended no longer exists. "Now you can take it at Washburn (University in Topeka) and I think there are one or two schools for court reporting in Oklahoma," Walls said.

The most important skill needed for being a court reporter when Walls began in 1966 was the speedy use of a keyboard, Walls said.

"There were no computers when I started," Walls said. "And at that time, during the Vietnam War, we did so many wills."

Every Soldier who went to Vietnam was required to have a will on file and, Walls said, there were a lot of them.

"We all used a Selectric typewriter," she said. "And we were required to make an original with four copies, with no errors. That's how I learned to type fast and accurately. If you made a mistake, you had to correct not only the original but the four copies."

With carbon sheets between each copy to correct, "I'd go home some

days with black smudges all over my hands," she said.

These days Walls is tasked with overseeing the performances of several Soldier court reporters. There are three slots in her shop for her Army counterparts, but only one slot is filled. He is Staff Sgt. Adam Santoleri.

She also manages the dockets of two judges: Col. John Cook at Fort Leavenworth, and Lt. Col. Jack Pritchard, who hears cases at Fort Riley.

Those dockets include cases from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Riley.

In all, those courts make up the Third Military Court District. The Chief Judge of the 3rd district is Col. Douglas Watkins at Fort Hood. Watkins reviews the dockets Walls manages.

"Our trial and post-trial processing times are consistently among the best in the Army," she said. "So we are very proud of that."

Walls looks after her health so, at this point in her life, she said, she is looking toward retirement. There are thoughts of her and her husband perhaps moving to be closer to their grown children and grandchildren, who are all successful in their own right, she said.

"I've met some awesome people here all through these years," Walls said. "And many of them I stay in contact with. I guess that's where Facebook comes in."



Patty Walls, court reporter for the Staff Judge Advocate's office at Fort Riley, will celebrate 50 years in her profession, all at Fort Riley, as of this year.

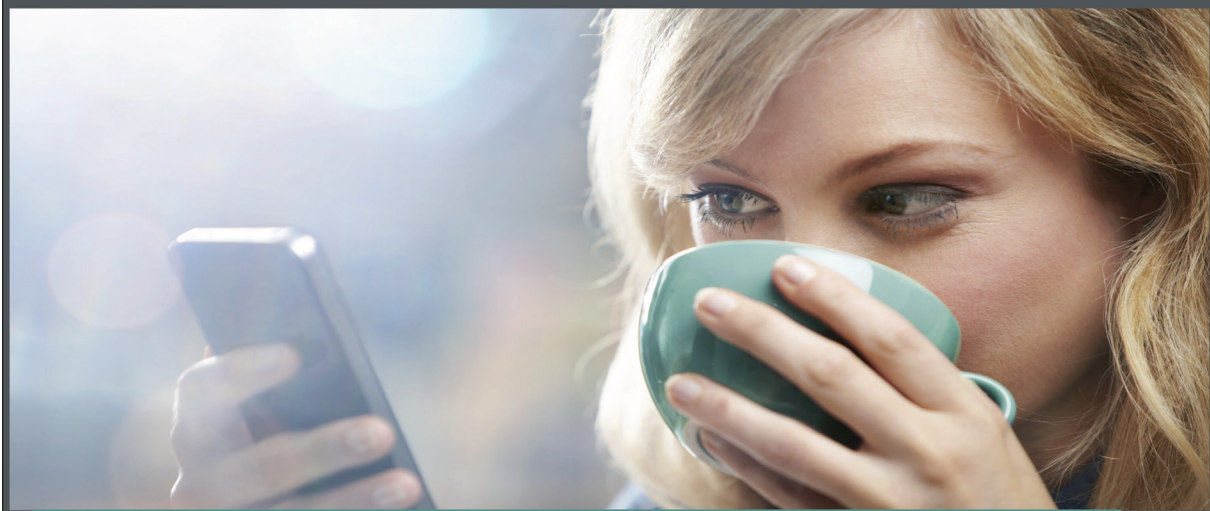
Among her favorite memories is the ceremony at which she was awarded her 40-year pin. Others were there to receive pins for the 10-, 15-, 20-, or 30-year milestone, she said. "Then when they came to me everyone stood and clapped. That was very special."

But, for now, "I know (retirement) is coming soon. Maybe four or five years from now. It's about time."

"Patty Walls is the consummate public servant," said Harry Hardy, Chief of the Administrative and Civil Law Division Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. "I have known her since I came to work at the Fort Riley OSJA

as a young Judge Advocate General captain back in 1981. Already a seasoned court reporter, Patty was always ready, willing and able to teach, train and mentor young counsel in the courtroom, something I have seen her continue to do with the same dedication and commitment for the 35 plus years that I have served here at Fort Riley."

A ceremony recognizing Patty Walls and her career at Fort Riley is scheduled for 3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the large courtroom inside the Staff Judge Advocate building, 216 Custer Ave., Fort Riley. The public is welcome.



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Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “Plus, because you’re so focused and away from Fort Riley, you get everybody to really focus on their job and how to tie that in with everyone else, building an effective team that can fight and win.”

The main body of more than 4,000 Soldiers, not including enablers and those who arrived with the advanced party, began arriving at NTC’s rotational unit bivouac area, or RUBA, over the course of a few days and almost immediately started to prepare their equipment and vehicles for the fight to come.

The Soldiers battled daily temperatures reaching the high 100s at the RUBA during the reception, staging, onward movement and integration, or RSOI, stage of the rotation prior to moving out to the training area. Once in “the box,” the Soldiers confronted the opposition force, or OpFor, from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment by way of a sophisticated laser tag system called multiple integrated laser engagement system, or MILES.

Their first encounter against the OpFor would come during the movement to contact portion of the training. Over the next two weeks, the brigade would be tested on a multitude of full-spectrum operations.

“The first time you fight against the OpFor is a daunting experience,” Nichols said. “You’re fighting an enemy that knows the terrain and knows how American forces fight, so they know how to fight against us and they do it very well.”

The OpFor from the 11th ACR are seasoned Soldiers at NTC. They have the experi-

ence of fighting multiple armored and heavy brigades repeatedly, giving them a serious advantage over the rotational units.

“It’s pretty much like being on the highest difficulty level you can think of,” Nichols added. “We took our bruises and our lumps here and there, but we were able to learn from it.”

Nichols explained that the training at NTC is designed to be as hard as possible so that when Soldiers engage in real combat it should be, in theory, a little easier than fighting the OpFor at NTC.

While in the box, the Soldiers honed their skills in force-on-force battle, surviving chemical attacks, evacuating civilians from danger areas, working with local key leaders and continuously moving and re-establishing command posts as the battalions moved farther and farther into the battlefield, to name a few.

“The overall performance of the Soldiers at NTC was nothing short of incredible,” said Col. Timothy Hayden, the brigade’s commander. “I think the attitude of all Soldiers was really the most impressive thing to watch as they got better every day, as they mastered their craft and then how to improve their ability to contribute to the greater team to be successful on the modern battlefield.”

During the intense training, the brigade incorporated the skills and experience of special enablers in order to help ensure victory over the OpFor.

The enablers, which included specialists from cyber warfare, civil affairs, electronic warfare and psychological operations, were able to conduct a



Capt. Jonathan Camire | 1ST ABCT
Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, move their M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle along the battlefield during a training mission at Fort Irwin’s National Training Center Aug. 8. The “Devil” brigade’s training at NTC held from the end of July into mid-August focused on a wide range of unified land operations in a new environment away from the comfort of their home station.

multitude of operations that included defending the brigade’s valuable computer network, conducting civilian populous influencing operations and including civilian considerations into battle planning.

“The big part of the enablers is to enable the brigade to fight its best fight on all realms of the battlefield,” said Capt. Kelly Buckner, the brigade’s civil affairs officer. “When you bring all of these capabilities to the table, you can really enable the maneuver forces the ability to fight, free of all the things on the battlefield that can inhibit the brigade from fighting its best fight.”

Following each training phase, observer controller teams met with leaders from across the brigade to provide critique and feedback on their performance, allowing the or-

ganization to learn and grow from their experience.

The training culminated with a three-day combined live fire exercise where the entire brigade conducted a thoroughly planned, simultaneous combat operation using live rounds.

Each of the brigade’s seven battalions brought the full force of their arsenal to bare on the more than 642,000-acre training area, bringing together everything they learned during the final phase.

Once they completed the live-fire exercise, the Soldiers made their way back to the RUBA where they prepared their equipment and vehicles to be shipped back to Fort Riley before boarding busses and returning home better prepared to meet any future challenges they may face.

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“When we set a goal for ourselves, we get there no matter what it takes,” he said. “We find a way to do; we make sure we do it.”

He then challenged them to picture their goals and think about how the resources he gave could help them achieve those goals.

“We’ve got to own the military lifestyle, we have to own the lifestyle we have as military spouses,” Mentzer said.

Mentzer said there are a number of organizations supporting military spouses every day. The largest resource available to military spouses is Military OneSource. Through the website, spouses can use MySECO, which helps spouses build a resume off volunteer work, and open endless possibilities to begin their journey to a career.

The Military Spouse Transition Program, or MySTeP, provides tools, resources and services to help spouses prepare for a successful transition to life during and after the military.

The Military Spouse Employment Partnership is a program available through the DOD with more than 300 companies partnered to hire military spouses, both on a local and national level.

Mentzer said MSEP is available to spouses at Fort Riley, but most of the time, spouses have to search for this instead of just be told about it.

“Fort Riley can be a challenging place when it comes to employment, but there’s so many resources out there,” Mentzer said. “There are a

couple companies that have offices within a commutable distance to Fort Riley. Those opportunities exist, you just have to go out and find them.”

Additionally, My Career Advancement Account is another resource available on a limited basis. Spouses of Soldiers in pay grades E-1 through E-5, O-1 and O-2, and W-1 and W-2 are eligible for a \$4,000 scholarship toward certificates through this program.

Lauren Moehnke, non-appropriated funds human resources assistant and wife of Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Moehnke, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, operated a booth at the forum and discovered there was an abundance of information for her there.

“I haven’t heard of a lot of the resources he was talking about,” she said. “I’m definitely going to be taking advantage of looking into what he mentioned.”

Moehnke said her husband just received orders to move to Fort Polk, Louisiana, and the resources she learned at this forum would help her successfully transition her career.

“I think the biggest thing for me is I love my position and I love what I do, and it scares me going to a place that I have no guarantee in that type of position,” she said.

For more information about resources available to military spouses, call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647.





CADETS

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University, Michigan, and a Soldier in the Michigan National Guard, echoed Thurman’s reasoning for cadets experiencing the training.

“It definitely gets you down to, as future officers here, what your Soldiers are going through for their certifications and requirements, so you know what they’re going through and they know that you did it, so you’re both on the same page,” Salzwedel said.

In addition to the CS gas chamber, the cadets participated in the Black Hawk simulator, observed a Howitzer demonstration and performed motor pool duties, briefings and more to provide them with a well-rounded experience.

“(It is) something I needed to experience, (to) see how active duty works because going National Guard, it’s a little bit different than

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VICTORIA TOBITT
ROTC CADET AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

that because you’re working your civilian career and you have a little bit different communication with your Soldiers outside as opposed to that active duty mind set,” Salzwedel said. “Even though I’m guaranteed reserve forces, it’s good to know what the active component does on a day-to-day basis as opposed to what the national guard and reserve does on a month-to-month basis, (it) let’s me see both sides of the coin.”

Cadet Victoria Tobitt from Texas A&M University, Texas, said the program has helped her develop a greater understanding of the relationships between officers and noncommissioned officers. She also added she enjoyed doing activities like the CS gas chamber over other activities, such as administrative paperwork, but understood they were both important to the functions of the Army.

“You hear about what officers do, but actually getting to see it and see them go about their day, it is totally different than getting a rough idea of what lieutenants and captains actually do,” Tobitt said.

For Cadet Travis Boyd, Kent State University, Ohio, the program was one more step for him to become the first Army officer in his family after several generations of enlisted Soldiers. He said the program helped expand his understanding and showed him more than anything he could be taught in a class.

“It’s been kind of eye opening for me, for someone who wants to go active duty to see what active duty life is really like,” Boyd said. “CTLT, as a whole thing, is a great experience because it gives cadets exposure to the real Army that they may not have had exposure to



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Cadet Victoria Tobitt, center, from Texas A&M University, Texas, sizes her mask alongside Fort Riley Soldiers for training Aug. 24 at the CS chamber. Tobitt said she has enjoyed being a part of the Cadet Troop Leadership Training program at Fort Riley and wishes all ROTC cadets could participate.

before and it lets them see ... the signal officers. It gives different aspects of what the you a broader understanding than what you learn in a field artillery, aviation and classroom.”

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one of 10 subordinate commands of AMC, the motto of which is “If a Soldier drives it, flies it, wears it, shoots it, communicates with it or eats it, AMC provides it.”

“To Larry Githerman and Scot Bird, I want to say that I appreciate your leadership at the LRC,” Daly said. “These awards don’t come by chance. They come from great leadership. I also want to thank the LRC team members who are here today. I want you to stand and be applauded for the work you did to earn this award.”

Daly said the LRC staff was to be commended for their unwavering support of the 1st Inf. Div. both now and in the future.

“You all are absolute superstars,” Daly said. “I compare you all to linemen in a football game. You rarely hear their names, but just try to execute a fight without them. You are worth your weight in gold.”

The staff of the LRC also coordinates with all manner of civilian transportation outlets to ensure thousands of pieces of

equipment and tens of thousands of Soldiers get to the theaters of engagement and protect American interests.

“We can’t do what we do without them,” Grigsby said, of the LRC staff and the rest of the Department of the Army civilians on Fort Riley. “This all ties to readiness. And I’m always trying to get the message out there. Readiness. People. Training. Equipment on-hand and equipment readiness. It all ties together. And every day we place an awful lot of responsibility on them to fulfill the needs that we often take for granted. But we can’t do what we do without them. Like their creed says, they provide stability and continuity for the Army during war and peace. They work behind the scenes to allow American Soldiers to fulfill our purpose: closing with, and destroying our enemies wherever they may be. They do this graciously because they embody the 1st Infantry Division spirit of being humble professionals.”



Andy Massanet | POST
The Fort Riley Logistics Readiness Center staff received the Spearhead of Logistics Chief of Transportation Best of the Best Deployment Award and the Chief of Staff Army Deployment Excellence Award, both for 2015, during a ceremony at the 1st Infantry Division headquarters Aug. 24.

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LAUREN BOLEN

2016 PIE QUEEN AND SPOUSE OF COL. THOMAS BOLEN, COMMANDER OF 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY



Capt. Keith E. Thayer | 1ST CAB

Sgt. Bobby J. Kirby, squad leader, Company B, 1st Battalion, 63rd Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, prepares to take a photo of his daughter Brileigh, while Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kyle M. Finley, pilot, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, talks to Sgt. Kirby's son Hunter sitting in the rear seat of the AH-64 Apache helicopter Sept. 26, 2015, during the Fort Riley Fall Apple Day Festival at Artillery Parade Field, Fort Riley, Kansas.

CUTIE PIES

Fall Apple Day Festival right around corner

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Are you ready for history, family fun and, of course, apple pie? The Fall Apple Day Festival is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 10 at Artillery Parade Field.

“It’s an open house event,” said Ron Stewart, event coordinator. “It is designed to foster the relationship between Fort Riley, the 1st Infantry Division and the surrounding communities.”

Stewart said there are several new booths for visitors to enjoy. A historical display will be in the reenactment area where Bob Smith, museum curator, will have a “Big Red One” traveling show celebrating the 100 years of service of the 1st Inf. Div. to the nation. The bungee jump and face painting will also return after an overwhelming amount of comments in the survey from last year.

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Lauren Bolen, left, wife of Col. Thomas Bolen, commander of 1st Infantry Division Artillery, and Jane MacDougall, right, wife of Col. Mark MacDougall, chief of nursing officer at Irwin Army Community Hospital, were selected as Pie Queens by board members of the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley, a private organization that was formed by volunteers who preserve and maintain the history of Fort Riley.

APPLE PIE PICKUP DATES, TIMES

- Apple pie pickup will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Culinary Lab, 251 Cameron St. Pickup also will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 10 at the festival. Pies not picked up Sept. 10 by 2 p.m. will be resold.

Pie Queens prepare to distribute more than 1,000 pies

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Every year, two Fort Riley volunteers are chosen to coordinate making about 1,500 apple pies for the annual Fall Apple Day Festival.

This year, Lauren Bolen, wife of Col. Thomas Bolen, commander of 1st Infantry Division Artillery, and Jane MacDougall, wife of Col. Mark MacDougall, chief of nursing officer at Irwin Army Community Hospital, have the responsibility of delivering those pies to festival attendees.

The duo was selected by board members of the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley, a private organization that was formed by volunteers who preserve and maintain the history of Fort Riley.

“It’s a huge team effort,” Bolen said. “It’s not just me and Jane. We have about 150

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ACTIVE PARTNERS

• Lt. Col. Alex Murray, director of the Directorate of Emergency Services and commander of the 97th Military Police Battalion said that last year, Soldiers volunteered more than 10,000 hours supporting the Flint Hills region.

Breakfast brings partners together

Military Police leader shares unit’s history with meal attendees

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. — Lt. Col. Alex Murray, director of the Directorate of Emergency Services and commander of the 97th Military Police Battalion, spoke about his unit’s history and involvement in the community during the Junction City Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council breakfast Aug. 25 at the Geary County Convention Center.

“We pride ourselves as being the Guardians of the Big Red One and Fort Riley,” Murray said.

The unit is partnered with the Junction City High School through the Army’s Adopt-a-School program. Each unit stationed at Fort Riley is partnered with a different community school including Kansas State University.

“The unit provides support, such as referees and judges for the JC High School track meet,” Murray said. “They also assist the school with set up and the execution of the event.”

Murray said last year, Soldiers volunteered more than 10,000 hours supporting the Flint Hills region.

“We are very proud to represent Fort Riley and the local community, and be a good community member for all of the communities in the Flint Hills region,” he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Nathaniel York, of the 97th MP Bn., was awarded Volunteer of the Year last year.

“I know the MPs are busy because every time I go to the volunteer ceremonies they have a bunch of MPs being recognized,” said John Seitz, director of the Junction City Chamber of Commerce MAC.

Soldiers served as ushers during the JCHS graduation in May. In the community, they have also assisted Friends of Fancy Creek Range to provide services for local youth. Soldiers taught firearms safety instruction and certification to

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USO Fort Riley volunteers earn recognition

Agency’s quarterly lunch event offers chance to say thanks

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

The USO Fort Riley civilian and military volunteers celebrated Aug. 21 with the USO Quarterly Volunteer Appreciation lunch at Wyman Park.

Three military and three civilian volunteers were honored as volunteers of the quarter for the hours and work they’ve dedicated to the USO. An additional three volunteers were honored with an award for going

“I love giving back to the military. They’ve done a lot for me, so it’s my way of showing appreciation.”

STAFF SGT. MARCUS MOFFITT

2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

above and beyond during the quarter.

The volunteer appreciation event avoided formalities and focused on lunch with a USO trivia game and prizes.

The volunteers and staff of the USO are like a family, said Jill Iwen, USO Fort Riley director, so the lunch was a way

for them to spend the afternoon together and praise one another’s dedication to giving back.

“This gives us a more intimate, family-like setting to give them recognition,” Iwen said.

Other volunteers were also recognized for reaching milestones in hours spent volunteering with

the USO, such as 100, 250, 500 hours and more. Each awardee was presented with a lanyard and pins to correspond with the hours they have dedicated to giving back at the USO.

Staff Sgt. Marcus Moffitt, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, has been volunteering at the USO for two years, putting in a little over 100 hours of volunteer time. Marcus recently returned from a deployment to Kuwait and said he was unable to volunteer as much while he was deployed, but still did his best to put in the time.

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Christina Riffe, left, USO volunteer coordinator, and Crystal Tinkey, USO Fort Riley programs manager, second from the left, present Victoria Fuqua, second from the right, and Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Fuqua, Fort Riley garrison operations noncommissioned officer, right, with engraved plates and certificates recognizing them as the Civilian and Military Volunteers of the Month at the USO Volunteer Appreciation Lunch Aug. 21 at Wyman Park. The Fuquas were the first husband-and-wife couple to receive the awards together from the USO Fort Riley.

FORT RILEY POST-ITS



FALL INTO THE LIBRARY AT FORT RILEY LIBRARY

Say goodbye to summer and hello to fall at the Fort Riley Library with the Fall into the Library party Sept. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. The free party will have barbecue, face painting, a bounce house and much more. For more information, call 785-239-5305.

THREAT AWARENESS AND REPORTING PROGRAM TRAINING

All Department of the Army personnel must receive TARP training annually and within 30 days of assignment or employment at Fort Riley. Personnel must attend a live training session rather than the online training, unless deployed to locations where live training is not possible.

Training will be held at Barlow Theater at 10 a.m. on the following dates: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 9 and Dec. 7.

For more information contact Shawn Formanek, counterintelligence agent, Fort Riley Field Office.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS TRANSITION FORUM

Members of SAME will host a transition forum on Sept. 7 at building 580, room 110, 1st Division Road. from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Military and former military will share their transition experience and advice to assist veterans during transition. Military and spouses are invited.

PRE-RELEASE SHOWING OF MOVIE 'STORKS'

There will be a free showing of the animated family comedy “Storks” at Barlow Theater, Sept. 10, 2 p.m. Tickets can be picked up starting Sept. 1 at both PX food courts. Participation is encouraged to ensure the PX continues to get free pre-release movies at Fort Riley.



VOCAL AUDITION – 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION BAND

Are you the next “Big Red One” vocalist? Auditions will be held Sept. 23 and 24.

This is a temporary assignment. It will not consist of a permanent transfer to the 1st Inf. Div. Band or the Army band. The auditions are open to enlisted personnel and they are looking for one male and one female with an emphasis on country and pop singing.

For more information or to schedule an audition Soldiers can call 785-239-4660 or email lawrence.w.evans6.mil@mail.mil.

APPRECIATION FOOD SHOW – BRING YOUR APPETITE

Soldiers, families, civilians and retirees are invited to an Appreciation Food Show, Sept. 13 at building 813, Marshall Army Airfield 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Several vendors will be in attendance for sampling food. The vendors participating supply food to the troops in Fort Riley dining facilities, daycare centers, the food court and other facilities on and off post which service Fort Riley community members.

There will be door prizes including Royals tickets, Walmart gift cards, Hormel cooler and cutting board, Spangles gift cards and \$50 Visa gift cards.

SOLDIER FOR LIFE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EVENTS

Sept. 19 to 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day; 80-Hour Hazardous Waste Worker Training Program, 100 Continental Ave. Grandview Plaza, Kansas.

Sept. 21, 10 a.m.; to 3:30 p.m. Veteran Career & Resource Fair, Kansas City Convention Center, 301 W 13th Street. Kansas City, Missouri



CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT CONGREGATION SERVICE TIME CHANGES

Due to positive growth in congregation services, classroom space for religious education programs has become limited. To accommodate for this increase, service times have moved for Sunday Catholic mass and Protestant worship. The Sunday Catholic mass will be at 8:45 a.m. and Sunday Protestant worship will begin at 11 a.m.

FORT RILEY CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

The CWOC begin meeting Sept. 7 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Chapel. The morning begins with introductions and fellowship followed by breakfast and plans for the coming months.. Childcare will be available for those with little ones accompanying them.



ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE PRE-DEPLOYMENT EXPO

Staff from ACS will host an EXPO Sept. 8 at Riley's Conference Center. Three sessions are available, 1 to 2 p.m., 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.

If you are going to be separated from your military spouse for 30 days or more due to deployment or temporary change of station, you can get your questions answered and receive information about youth and school services, legal assistance, American Red Cross, WIC and more.

NOW SHOWING AT BARLOW MOVIE THEATER

Friday, Sept. 2
Ice Age Collision Course (PG) 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 3
Closed
Sunday, Sept. 4
Closed.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Children under 5 are free. Tickets for 3-D and first run movies cost extra.

For info, call 785-239-9574 or visit www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Ft-Riley-Barlow-1076313.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER – “THE GREAT AMERICAN GAME SHOW”

The upcoming Murder Mystery Theater will be held on Sept. 23 and 24 at 6:30, Riley's Conference Center. Cost is \$25 per person and will include dinner and entertainment.

Here's your chance to be a star. Community volunteers are needed to participate as actors and actresses in the show.

For more information contact Kimberly Wargo at 785-238-8990 or Kimberly.a.wargo.naf@mail.mil.



USO NEWS

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.

WARRIORCON AND MINI-CON

Staff at Warrior Zone will host the events Sept. 10. Mini-Con will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is a family friendly event so bring your mini-me. There will be a kids' costume contest, photo ops with cosplay heroes and kid-friendly food and drink.

WarriorCon will be from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. and is for those age 18 or older. This event will feature cosplay contest, all-day anime, gaming and tournaments, giveaways, photo opportunities and more.

Admission is \$1. For more information call 785-240-6618.

ARMED FORCES TRIVIA QUEST

America's first live military game show will be held at Barlow Theater, Sept. 12. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Test your trivia skills for a chance to win \$10,000 in prizes.

For more information about becoming a contestant or to get free tickets visit www.triviaquest.org.

COMMUNITY CORNER

As you celebrate Labor Day, think about the country’s unsung heroes

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

Labor Day is fast upon us. To many of us it means the end of summer, Labor Day barbecues, the beginning of school and, of course, football season. In reality, Labor Day is a national tribute to the contributions workers make to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country. This is a holiday for every working person and family member who supports this great country of ours.

According to the Department of Labor's history website, when Labor Day was first proposed by Labor Union leaders, it was recommended as a parade to exhibit to the public “the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations” in the community, followed by a



Colonel Lawrence

festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This quote immediately made me think of our military profession and the strength and esprit de corps within our Army and how we exhibit this within our local communities. I believe we do this in numerous ways from participation in various parades to events such as Fall Apple Day, where we highlight to the local communities “their” Army.

While the holiday was designated as a tribute to workers across the nation, many of us focus on the second portion or the recreation and amusement part. Traditionally, we look forward to a long weekend and spending time with family and friends. This Labor Day I ask that you stop for a moment and reflect on the meaning of the holiday and recognize the contributions of Soldiers and civilians alike. How we today are making our communities stronger and demonstrating the professionalism of our trade to our communities.

As you reflect, also take a moment to think about those who, while we are enjoying a few days off, do not have the opportunity to do so because of their mission or job. They do not ask for recognition, but these workers have earned our gratitude and our respect. They are the unsung heroes who are this country's backbone. From Soldiers deployed across the globe to the civilians who support us every day; policemen, firemen, nurses, maintenance workers and all the countless other professionals – they are the strength of America.

In closing, if you are afforded a couple of extra days off this weekend, enjoy your much deserved time off but please do so responsibly. We need every one of you to come back refreshed and ready to take on the next task.

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about 20 participants as well as range safety during live-fire shooting.

Although the unit is one of the youngest in the Army, it was officially recognized as a unit September 1941.

“Since its inception, the Military Police Corps has served in every conflict, aid mission and operation other than war,” Murray said. “Their ability to provide combat support and law enforcement in any environment and training to operate within the full spectrum of force make them a valuable asset to any commander.”

Soldiers provide professional law enforcement support to protect residents and man the police station as well as the visitor control center. They provide law enforcement patrols, conduct investigations and maintain specialty forces such as military working dogs and special reaction teams.

Soldiers also provide support to the 1st Infantry Division through providing MP units to support training rotations and deployments.

This year, Soldiers will celebrate 75 years of service with events in late September including a 75-mile relay run the day before the annual MP Ball.



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Lt. Col. Alex Murray, director of the Directorate of Emergency Services and commander of the 97th Military Police Battalion, spoke about his unit's history and involvement in the community during the Junction City Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council breakfast Aug. 25 at the Geary County Convention Center.



Soldiers and school administrators from across the Flint Hills region and surrounding communities exchange introductions and contact information at the Adopt-A-School meeting Aug. 25 in the Ogden Community Center in Ogden, Kansas. Soldiers from different units on Fort Riley partner work with students from schools in the surrounding communities to mentor them, coach them and teach them as a community outreach program through Adopt-A-School.

Soldiers, school leaders meet for partnership refreshing

Adopt-A-School program topic for reps from each group

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Fort Riley Soldiers and school administrators from across the Flint Hills region and surrounding areas filled the Ogden Community Center in Ogden, Kansas, Aug. 25 for an introductory meeting of the Adopt-A-School program.

Soldiers representing their respective units were introduced to the administrators of different schools whom their units are partnered with for the Adopt-A-School program at the meeting, giving them a location to exchange contact information, learn about one another and understand the basic information and requirements of the program.

“It’s a program that connects schools and Fort Riley Soldiers with a common goal to support children,” said Sandy Johnson, school liaison officer at Fort Riley. “Not just military children, but community children, so they have an idea of what a Soldier does and also give students someone to connect to for when their Soldier is deployed, they see that uniform and it gives them comfort.”

Soldiers participating in the program visit their unit’s assigned school to work and interact with students in a number of ways, including helping with sporting events, tutoring children in their studies, working on fundraisers together and more.

In addition, students and teachers can support the Soldiers of their assigned unit during deployments by sending care packages, cards and other goodies.

“They mentor, they eat lunch with them,” Johnson said. “With the younger grades they may be their reading buddy: for the older grades, they may go to a track meet and be their timer ...



Participants engage each other at the Adopt-A-School meeting Aug. 25 in the Ogden Community Center. Soldiers participating in the program visit their unit’s assigned school to work and interact with students in a number of ways, including helping with sporting events, tutoring children in their studies, working on fundraisers together and more.

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SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER AT FORT RILEY

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Staff Sgt. James Ragaen, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, who is partnered with students and teachers of Enterprise Elementary School in Enterprise, Kansas, said he volunteered to be the representative for his unit because he thinks it’s a great way to provide kids with a hero to look up to.

“The program is designed for community outreach, so the military can be a part of the community and help out the schools wherever they can,” Ragaen said.

Administrators from schools of all sizes and grade levels were present to meet with the Soldier representing the partnered unit.

Donalyn Biehlei, principal of Herrington Elementary School in Herrington, Kansas, said she enjoys working with the Soldiers of the 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., and seeing them interact with the students of the elementary school.

“We are not near a base, but we have lots of families with members who live in our community and come to the base for work, so students get to see Soldiers in a positive light and get to have great interactions with them,” Biehlei said.

For the Soldiers and administrators in attendance, there was agreement that the program was beneficial for everyone involved, Johnson said.

“I think it’s a great connection for us and we’ve always had great experiences,” Biehlei said.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Sept. 2 was: On www.riley.army.mil, where can New Arrivals and others view 2016 BAH rates?

Answer: go to <http://www.riley.army.mil/Portals/0/Docs/Units/Garrison/DPW/HSO/2016BAHRates.pdf>

This week’s winner is Stephanie Fitchett. Her spouse is Pfc. Randal Fitchett, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Pictured above are Stephanie and Randal with their son Roman.

CONGRATULATIONS, STEPHANIE!

SUMMER SAFETY

TIPS FOR STAYING COOL

- Be aware of the heat. Pay attention to it and modify your activities appropriately.
- Pay attention to your hydration status and be sure to drink plenty of fluids.
- Try to stay in relatively cool areas, even when outside. Many public places, such as libraries, shopping malls and movie theatres, are air conditioned.
- Avoid hot, enclosed places, such as cars. Never leave children or pets unattended in a car parked in the sun.
- Use a fan, if available.
- Stay on the lowest floor of your building.
- Eat well-balanced, light and regular meals.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing.
- Cover windows that receive a significant amount of sun with drapes or shades to help keep your house cool.
- Weather stripping and proper insulation will keep cool air inside your home.
- Cool beverages are good for cooling down the body, while alcoholic drinks can impair the body’s ability to regulate its temperature.

SIGNS OF HEAT OVEREXPOSURE

- Heavy sweating — though if heat stroke sets in, the body no longer can compensate and stops sweating
- Pale skin
- Muscle cramps
- Feeling tired and weak
- Altered mental status (confusion or disorientation)
- Headache
- Becoming semi-conscious or passing out
- Nausea or vomiting

For more information, contact the Garrison Safety Office at 785.239.2514.
To learn about safety across the installation, visit www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/Safety/



Kansas State punter helps boy’s battle with cancer

By Corbin McGuire
K-STATE UNIVERSITY

MANHATTAN, Kan. — He’s a last line of defense, shown by his two touchdown-saving tackles last season, which shouldn’t come as too much of a surprise given his athletic background — all-state honors in four sports at Lyndon, Kansas.

He’s a former walk-on who turned down Division II opportunities to play more high-profile positions for a chance to punt in front of 50,000 K-State fans.

He’s a competitor who’s always looking for an edge, most recently taking up yoga to improve his flexibility and mental focus.

He’s a preseason candidate for the Ray Guy Award for the second year in a row, a feat he takes pride in but doesn’t spend time thinking about.

He’s a faithful friend to a 9-year-old boy who’s always on his mind and who’s taught him more about life than football ever could.

PERFECT MATCH

About a year ago, Tate Reid was like most eight-year-old boys. He loved sports and had energy that seemed endless at times.

But life for Tate and his family took a turn when he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Lymphoma, a cancer of the blood and bone marrow.

Hours previously spent in school or playing sports were siphoned to treatment-filled time in the hospital or simply being cooped up in the house while his immunity was low.

Less than a week after being diagnosed, Tate received a phone call while in Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. On the other end was Walsh, who was connected with Tate through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The phone call wasn’t lengthy, but it set the tone for Walsh’s desire to help in any way possible.

“Look, buddy, I can’t say I know what you’re going through, but I want to be there every step of the way with you and I just want to have an impact on your life,” Walsh recalls telling Tate over the phone.

Tate’s parents, Amy and Eric Reid — both K-State graduates — were ecstatic about the match. Their son was a diehard K-State fan and they welcomed any chance to boost his spirits with open arms.

The relationship Walsh and Tate developed,; however, exceeded everyone’s expectations.

“It’s been a great thing, a better thing than I could ever hope for him as far as having something to look forward to and something to bring him up,” Eric said. “At the beginning of all this, I would have never thought those things mattered too much. I thought we’d be OK. He just looks forward to that stuff so much.”

“He’s been incredibly faithful,” Amy added of Walsh, who was motivated to make the connection by seeing his former teammate Ryan Mueller do so with Kaiden Schroeder. “If he had come and visited a couple times, we would’ve been appreciative of that, but he’s just become part of the family.”

BECOMING BROTHERS

Walsh has visited Tate about once a week since the two were matched. Tate has also officially been in remission since December and, if he has zero relapses, his exit date from treatment will be December 27, 2018.

Throughout all of the uncertainties, one thing is clear: Walsh was fully invested from the start.

Walsh called during treatments. He visited Tate in the hospital — even after a 55-0 loss to Oklahoma. He texted apologies when his loaded schedule of football and upper-level finance courses kept him from visiting as often as he’d like.

Walsh, as Eric put it, has been “a faithful friend.”

When asked what he likes about Walsh, Tate rattled off two things: “He’s friendly and he’s good at video games.”

Walsh is quick to point out who’s better.

“He always beats me,” the junior punter said.

The two have bonded over just about anything competitive they can find.

They’ve golfed and duelled in putt-putt. They play Ping-Pong, once facing off on the table in the Vanier Family Football Complex, “and I still beat him,” said Tate, who got a complete tour of the football facility and met K-State head coach Bill Snyder. “He just told Nick not to play too much mini golf,” Tate said, laughing.

Through everything, each provides the other a positive experience.

“He’s brought a lot of smiles and something to look forward to for all of us, not just Tate,” Amy said of Walsh, who once shaved his head to match Tate. “I completely trust him and know that he’s somebody Tate can look up to. He works hard, he’s kind and he’s got a selfless heart. I couldn’t have asked for a better match.”

TEAM TATE

During the majority of the 2015-16 school year, Tate was unable to attend class in person. Thanks to technology, he was able to control an in-class robot, which used an iPad with video chat software, to participate from home.

One day, students were asked to think of one positive and one negative thing that happened to them during that week. When it was Tate’s turn, he had nothing negative to share.

“To hear that come from an eight-year-old, no one told him to say that, that’s just his outlook on life,” Walsh said. “That just taught me that no matter how bad you think things are, they could always be worse. When an eight-year-old is saying stuff like that, what does that say about me complaining about it being 105 degrees out when I’m doing workouts?”

This is the same Tate who’s endured numerous rounds of chemotherapy and steroid treatments, lumbar punctures — the collection of spinal fluid by a needle — and bone marrow aspirations — his least favorite part of trips to the hospital that consist of the removal of bone marrow via a needle.

When talking about it, Tate counters with, “One happy part was that I got to play on the pinball machine in the hospital.”

Tate’s positive outlook has rubbed off on Walsh, who recalls looking over periodically during the West Virginia game, seeing Tate in his No. 14 jersey on the sideline and feeling a sense of inspiration. Walsh punted a career-high 11 times that game, highlighted by a 62-yard boot.

“I’m very grateful ... to be able to use that to make an impact in Tate’s life. I just consider him a little brother now and I can consider myself a part of his family. He’s one of



COURTESY PHOTO

When K-State University Wildcat punter Nick Walsh, left, found out about Tate Reid and his battle with Acute Lymphoblastic Lymphoma, he contacted the 8-year old to lend his friendship and support. Reid’s disease, also called ALL, is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. Walsh is “a faithful friend,” Reid said.

the strongest kids I’ve ever met in my life,” Walsh said. “He’s taught me a lot and changed me into a man that hopefully he sees one day that he can be.”

“It’s really changed my outlook on life. He’s a very courageous kid and I just could not say enough good things about him.”

The Reid family feels the same way about Walsh.

At K-State’s Fan Appreciation Day, Tate and his family joined the hundreds of Wildcats fans seeking a closer look at the team. The closer they got, the more they saw players sporting a bracelet, which Walsh made last year for the team with the words “Team Tate” etched into them.

Tate, who’s been surrounded by support in the Manhattan community and beyond, has also got a handwritten letter and autographed poster from Coach

Snyder. This, along with the sideline passes for the Wildcats’ bowl-clinching win over West Virginia last season, prompted Eric to write back to Snyder, only to receive a thank-you letter for his thank-you letter.

“It’s hard to one-up Coach,” Eric said, smiling. “He’s just an amazing man.”

“We’re very appreciative of everything he’s done at K-State, and just the man that he is and the character he has,” Amy said, “and it’s obvious in his players.”

Walsh is the latest example of what Snyder looks for his players to become, someone who seeks excellence off the field as diligently as he does on it.

“Nick has always been an extremely mature young man. To me, it fits him, it fits his personality,” said K-State associate head coach/special teams coordinator Sean Snyder. “He has a really, really big heart.”

BACK TO NORMAL

Tate is back in school, is no longer forced to wear a mask in crowded areas and sports a full head of hair. His scheduled visits to the hospital have decreased to once a month.

“I’m feeling like my normal self,” Tate said, “all crazy and stuff.”

Walsh is back on the field, working to keep punts out of the end zone and force more fair catches in preparation for the 2016 season. His trips to hang out with Tate have remained at about once a week.

“He’s taught me a lot,” Walsh said. “Patience is a big thing he’s taught me.”

The brotherly competitiveness is still there, as is the excitement for game days this fall. Walsh hopes to get Tate to a few games. Tate and his family hope Walsh, undoubtedly their favorite

player, doesn’t play much — meaning the offense is likely putting up a lot of points.

When Walsh does punt, Tate knows his favorite player — whose career punting average (41.48 yards) ranks sixth in school history — is more than capable of making a tackle too.

“He did have a penalty on a late hit against the Beakers,” Tate brings up with a smile, referring to Walsh’s personal foul against University of Kansas in 2014.

When Walsh glances at Tate on the sideline or looks to the “Team Tate” bracelet on his arm, he’ll also do so with a smile.

“I really feel like that’s why God brought me to K-State, (so I) was to be able to help that kid and be invested in his life and his family’s life,” Walsh said. “They might think I’m a blessing to their family, but in all reality he’s helped me more than I’ve helped him.”

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The class is suitable for anyone as long as they perform the moves correctly, Harden said. She stressed many people attempt to do the exercises using their backs rather than their core, which can cause lower back pain, especially in those who already have back problems.

Steinlicht praised the class members and encouraged others to join it, emphasizing how well it has benefitted her.

“It never hurts to try it,” Steinlicht said. “(You) don’t know if you like it until you

try it. I wasn’t sure if I was going to because I have back problems, but I like it.”

For more information about Core at Whiteside Fitness Center, call 785-239-2573.

All Department of Defense identification card holders can use Whiteside Fitness Center. Passes for the classes may be purchased at one pass for \$3, ten passes for \$25 and 30-day unlimited pass sets for \$40 at Whiteside Fitness Center or online through Webtrac at riley.armymwr.com/us/riley.




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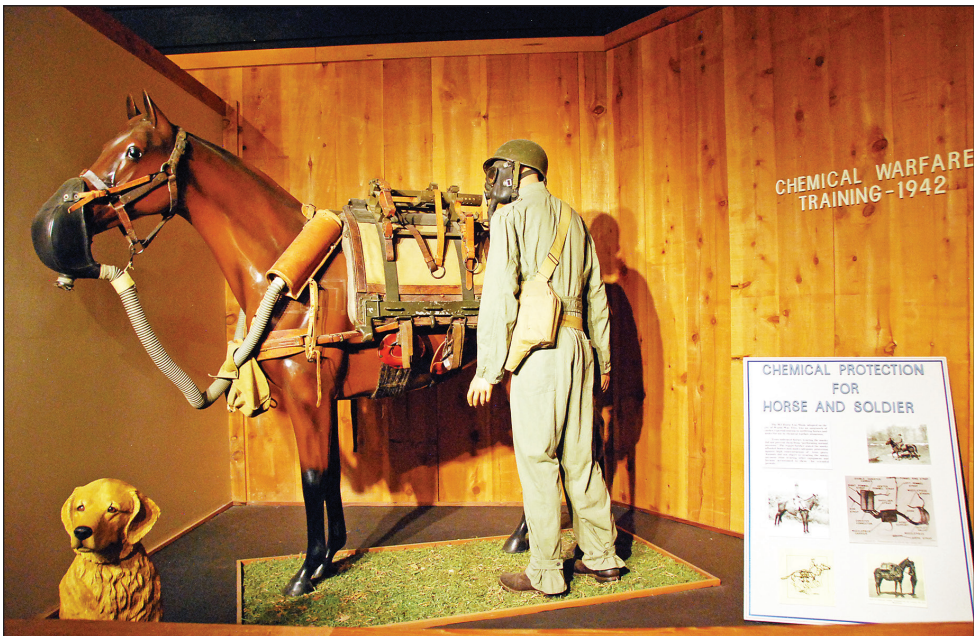
HOME OF THE BIG RED ONE

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Hometown Fort Riley: let it be your next staycation

Monuments to the sacrifices of Americans across history make the area next to Fort Riley's Cavalry Parade Field at the Historic Main Post a place of honor. They stand adjacent to the 1st Infantry Division Museum and the U.S. Cavalry Museum. Behind these monuments is Wainwright Hall, dedicated to Medal of Honor recipient and prisoner of war survivor Gen. Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright.



LEFT: The 1st Infantry Division Museum features a variety of exhibits sharing the history of the “Big Red One” from 1917 to present. Some of the exhibits are interactive, enhancing the experience for visitors. **RIGHT:** Kaw River Nature Trail is nestled behind the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas. The self-guided trail is open from dawn to dusk for all those adventurous enough to explore it.

Story and photos by Season Osterfeld
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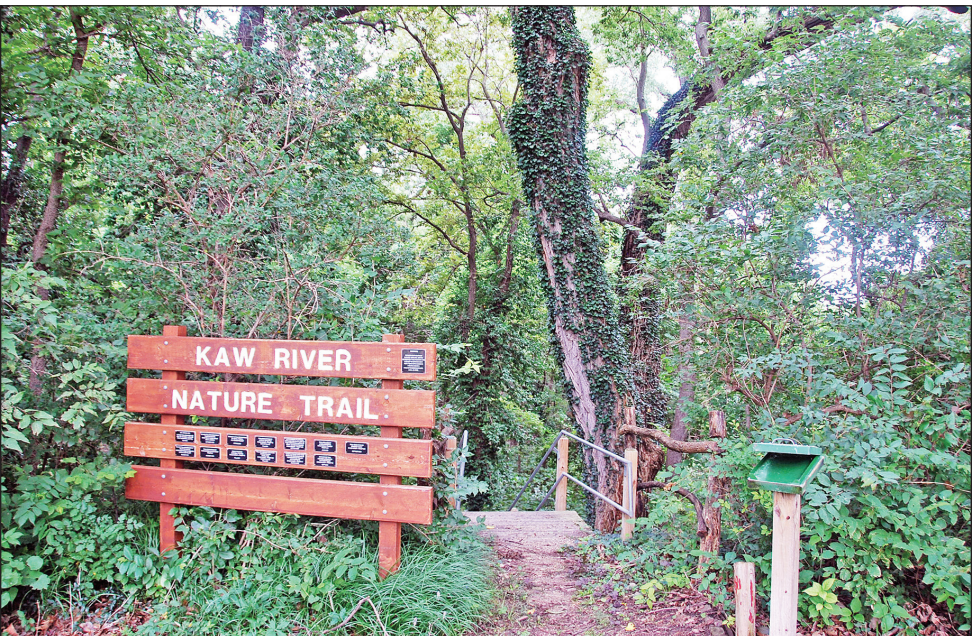
Experience history or play all day without straying too far from home by exploring Fort Riley.

Historic Main Post offers a number of historic and picturesque monuments, museums and sights to visit. Perfect for those hungering for more information about the history of Fort Riley or looking for a pleasant location to spend the day.

Custer House at 24-A Sheridan Avenue provides an example of an officer's home in the 1880s to 1890s. The building was originally constructed in 1855 and many original fixtures remain intact, such as all

of the fireplaces and the staircase. During a visit, a docent provides a guided tour of the house, complete with historical facts and information about Fort Riley. Tours take about 20 minutes and are free, but donations are encouraged. Custer House is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Across from Custer House are the Old Trooper Monument and Chief's Grave. The Old Trooper Monument was dedicated in 1961. At its base sits the final resting place of Chief, the last cavalry mount registered to the U.S. military. Chief arrived at Fort Riley in 1941 and retired from service in 1953. On May 24, 1968, he passed away.



Neighboring one another on Henry Avenue are the U.S. Cavalry Museum and the 1st Infantry Division Museum, buildings 205 and 207. The U.S. Cavalry Museum shares the history of cavalry units across the military from the Revolutionary War to the 1950s. The 1st Infantry Division Museum boasts exhibits about the 1st Inf. Div. from 1917 to present with several interactive areas to experience. The cavalry museum is open Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m. The 1st Infantry Division museum is open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both museums are free, but donations are encouraged.

Surrounding the museums are several monuments dedicated to Soldiers and cavalry mounts from the Revolutionary War to present day. Additionally, a variety of World War I, World War II and Vietnam era military vehicles may be viewed with plaques providing details of their roles and uses in U.S. military history.

Also available on Historical Main Post are the Wounded Knee Monument at the intersection of Sheridan Avenue and Huebner Road and the Trolley Depot at the intersection of Sheridan Avenue and Pleasanton Avenue. The Wounded Knee Monument was built by Soldiers in 1893 in memory of those killed at the battle of Wounded Knee. In 1925, the monument was moved to its current location from its original location near Arnold Hall. The Trolley Depot was built in 1901 and provided Soldiers, their families and visitors a mode of travel between Fort Riley and Junction City.

Along Huebner Road in Camp Whitside, visit the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas and Locomotive #6072. Union Pacific Railroad donated the locomotive to Fort Riley in 1958. It symbolizes the importance of railroads for traveling to the west. It ran for nearly half a century before coming to Fort Riley.

From July 2 to 6, 1855, the first Territorial Kansas Legislature met in building 18. Originally, those involved hoped it would be the permanent capitol of Kansas, but legislatures were divided on the matter, so the matter adjourned and never returned. The First Territorial Capitol of Kansas is open Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Nestled directly behind the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas is Kaw River Nature Trail. The trail is self-guided and open from dawn to dusk.

Visit the Great War Memorial and the remains of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood Headquarters

in Camp Funston off of Huebner Road. The memorial honors fallen Soldiers of World War I. Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood ordered the memorial to be built to honor the Soldiers who trained at Camp Funston.

Overlooking the Great War Memorial is the remaining stairs, fireplace and foundation of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood Headquarters where Wood overlooked Camp Funston from 1917-1918.

For those looking for a day of play instead, Fort Riley has numerous options available for all ages.

Custer Hill Bowling has 40 lanes, a snack bar and party room. The bowling center is at 7485 Normandy Drive and is open Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Catch up on your reading and self-learning at the Fort Riley Library at 5306 Hood Drive. The library carries books, CDs, movies, games and more. It's open Tuesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

The Outdoor Recreation Center at 1806 Buffalo Soldier Drive features a variety of activities and rentals. From an outdoor climbing wall to all-terrain vehicle rentals, there's plenty of fun to be had.

The outdoor climbing wall is available for ages 10 and up and costs \$5 per person. Belay class which is the securing of a person or a safety rope to an anchor point during climbing are available for \$5 per person. The climbing wall is open by appointment only.

The paintball center is available to parties of eight or more by reservation only. House paint must be used and rentals of masks, markers and rounds are available. A non-refundable deposit of \$104 is required.

The skeet-and-trap range offers a place to practice shooting. Bring your own firearm or use a range gun. Personal firearms must be registered on post. Skeet or trap is \$5.50 a round, which includes 25 clays. Children ages 12 to 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Outdoor Recreation is open Monday thru Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on the Outdoor Recreation Center and activities available there, visit riley.armymwr.com/us/riley/programs/outdoor-recreation.

An adventure awaits just outside the front door on hometown Fort Riley.



LEFT: The rich tradition of the Army's horse cavalry units is reflected in a monument dedicated to the noble and brave cavalry horse, pictured in the foreground. Behind it stands the U.S. Cavalry Museum. The building houses a collection of Army historical artifacts. Adjacent to the U.S. Cavalry Museum is the 1st Infantry Division Museum, home for another historical collection that traces the gallant history of America's First Division, “The Big Red One.”