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Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley acting senior commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Johnathan D. Stephens, 1st Inf. Div. acting senior noncommissioned officer, run out the tunnel with the Kansas State University football team before the start of the competition between the Wildcats and the Oklahoma State University Cowboys Nov. 5 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The football game recognized the annual Fort Riley Day, a partnership between the university and the “Big Red One.”

# ‘Big Red One,’ Wildcats celebrate Fort Riley Day at Bill Snyder Family Stadium

By Sgt. Takita Lawery  
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MANHATTAN, Kan. — Students and faculty of Kansas State University welcomed 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Soldiers to their annual Fort Riley Day during a football game against the Oklahoma State University Cowboys Nov. 5 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

The game was a way for the Big 12 university members to show appreciation to the 1st Infantry Division, its “Big

Red One” Soldiers and their family members.

“This experience is just incredible,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Larry Westgaite, the game’s hometown hero and Apache helicopter pilot assigned to Troop A, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. “Anything that they do for the Soldiers is much appreciated.”

The partnership between Fort Riley and the Wildcats began in 2008 when former university president Jon Wefald and former Big Red One commander Maj.

Gen. Robert E. Durbin established a formal institutional agreement designed to serve as a model military-to-university community partnership.

“The K-State and 1st Infantry Division partnership is like no other partnership in the U.S. between a major college institution and a division,” said Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley acting senior commander.

The partnership between Fort Riley and K-State reaches

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The American flag is unfurled at a half-time show at Bill Snyder Family Stadium during the Fort Riley Day military appreciation game Nov. 5. Members of the 1st Infantry Division opened and waved the flag while the Kansas State University Marching Band played both the Army Song and “Big Red One” Song.



“It’s a special moment when K-State and Fort Riley come together.”

Spc. Brendon Anstine  
1ST INFANTRY DIVISION SOLDIER

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Spc. Brendon Anstine, a cavalry scout assigned to 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, waves at a crowd of Kansas State University football fans and Soldiers during a game between the Wildcats and the Oklahoma State University Cowboys Nov. 5 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium in Manhattan, Kansas. Anstine was recognized as the fan of the game for his heroism in saving a family from drowning in 2014 at the Sandy River in Oregon when their floats hit logs blocking the waterway.



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Willie the Wildcat, donning an Army uniform, poses with Kansas State University fans during a football game between the Wildcats and the Oklahoma State University Cowboys Nov. 5 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium in Manhattan, Kansas. The game recognized Fort Riley Day and the partnership between the university and the “Big Red One.”

## FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Terry Campbell, wife of Chaplain (Capt.) Chris Campbell, 97th Military Police Battalion, was the volunteer artist in charge of decorations for Vacation Bible School at Victory Chapel. She planned, prepared materials, resourced and executed an extremely elaborate set of stunning props for Cave Quest VBS. The props included the illusion of running water through caves. She also gives of her time to volunteer with Protestant Women of the Chapel and Victory Chapel services.

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

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# Warrior Care Month brings attention to needed community resources

By Paige LaPlant  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ARLINGTON, Va. — Warrior Care Month is an important annual effort to increase awareness of the programs and resources available to wounded, ill and injured service members, as well as their families, caregivers and those who support them.

“Each military department and Special Operations Command have dedicated Warrior Care Programs that provide nonmedical assistance to wounded, ill and injured service members navigating the recovery and rehabilitation phases of the military’s medical treatment system,” said James Rodriguez, deputy assistant secretary of defense, Office of Warrior Care Policy. “Our job at Warrior Care Policy is to deliver uniform care coordination policy and standards that guide and support wounded, ill and injured service members through their recovery,

rehabilitation and transition or reintegration back to duty.”

The Department of Defense established WCP in fiscal year 2008 to provide oversight and uniform care standards for warrior care, which encompasses the full spectrum of support through recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration back to duty or transition into the community. In addition to its oversight and policy role, WCP manages programs designed to enhance rehabilitation and transition, including the Education and Employment Initiative, the Operation Warfighter Federal Internship Program and the Military Adaptive Sports Program.

“DOD has made a concerted effort to guarantee wounded, ill and injured service members have access to specialized support that helps ensure each has a successful transition,” Rodriguez said. “Warrior Care Month is a time for everyone to familiarize themselves with the programs and resources

available to wounded, ill and injured service members and their caregivers.”

The theme of this year’s Warrior Care Month observance is “Show of Strength.” Throughout November, DOD and the military departments will sponsor events and activities to increase awareness of the significant achievements and milestones that often occur during the recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration or transition process.

“We have made substantial strides toward institutionalizing warrior care policies and programs across the DOD,” Rodriguez said. “However, Warrior Care Month serves as an important reminder of the enduring resilience and perseverance of our service members, qualities I see in wounded, ill and injured service members who are striving each day to recover successfully.”

For more information on Warrior Care Month, visit [www.health.mil/WarriorCareMonth](http://www.health.mil/WarriorCareMonth).



# Safeguarding readiness during winter

By Lori Yerdon  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

FORT RUCKER, Ala. — As cooler weather approaches, it’s crucial Soldiers understand the importance of protecting themselves to avoid becoming a cold weather injury statistic.

“Cold weather injuries are preventable,” said Army Maj. David W. DeGroot, deputy chief for clinical investigation, Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. “Knowing how to wear and use cold weather clothing, especially under a variety of weather and activity conditions, is one of the best ways to help combat cold weather injuries.”

DeGroot added dressing for cold weather should suit the activity, not necessarily the temperature.

“When it’s 20 degrees Fahrenheit outside, the clothing requirement for someone doing light activity is different than someone doing a strenuous activity,” he said.

The October 2015 issue of the Medical Surveillance Monthly Report, a publication of the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch, indicates that from July 2010 through June 2015, 775 Soldiers received diagnosis of a cold weather injury.

Although anyone can suffer a cold weather injury, some Soldiers are more at risk than others. Previous cold weather injuries, drinking alcohol, using nicotine, dehydration and long exposure to the cold are some of the factors that could jeopardize a Soldier’s health.

“The right conditions can help set up anyone for failure when it comes to cold weather injuries, regardless of their rank, age, fitness level or gender,” said Army Col. David C. Romine, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center command surgeon. “However, some individuals are more susceptible than others. Soldiers with a history of (such) injuries are much more likely to develop an injury sooner or a more severe injury in the future.

“Prevention must be factored into any pre-mission planning, and part of that preparation involves proper use of clothing and equipment



Spc. Wayne Becton | U.S. ARMY PHOTO

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by Soldiers and continual interaction by leaders with their troops,” Romine continued. “Leaders must be present among their Soldiers and intentionally alert for the signs and symptoms of cold weather injury.”

Hypothermia, cold/dry (freezing) and cold/wet (non-freezing) are the classifications for cold weather injuries. Frostbite is a more familiar name for freezing injuries, and the most common non-freezing injuries are trench foot and chilblains.

According to the Army Public Health Center (Provisional), it’s important to recognize symptoms and seek medical assistance immediately once an injury is identified or suspected.

“Preventing cold weather injuries is the responsibility of everyone, from commanders and leaders to individual Soldiers,” Romine said. “While this may seem obvious, we need to continually reiterate the awareness of seasonal weather-related injuries, and cold weather issues are no exception.”

Misnomers about cold weather could result in serious injury or even death, and DeGroot cautioned Soldiers to understand the facts before they head into frigid temperatures.

“There’s a misconception that fluid replacement is not as important during winter as summer,” DeGroot said. “Water loss due to respiration is higher in winter since cold air is drier.

Soldiers may fail to drink enough water or other fluids because it’s inconvenient and uncomfortable to urinate when it’s cold outside.”

He also said the belief that caffeine is a diuretic is another myth.

“For individuals who are regular caffeine drinkers, caffeine does not have a diuretic affect,” he said. “It’s only for those who usually do not drink caffeine-containing beverages that it causes a mild diuretic effect.”

Soldiers are not the only ones vulnerable to cold weather injuries. DeGroot said, “Anyone who spends time outside in the cold is at risk, including kids playing in the snow and family members enjoying recreational winter sports.”

“While cold weather injuries sideline Soldiers and impact a unit’s readiness, it’s just as important for Soldiers to take their cold weather training home and share what they’ve learned with their loved ones,” said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Terry D. Burton, USACRC. “If you head out to go skiing or snowboarding, take precautions, protect yourself from the elements and always let someone know where you are.

“Many of us will be traveling home for the holidays and safety might be the furthest thing from our minds, but it shouldn’t be,” Burton added. “Safety is a state of mind that we all need to embrace, no matter what we’re doing, where we are or who we’re with.”

## JOINING THE FIGHT



Photos by Sgt. Dana Moen | 19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

As the eyes of the world turn to Iraq and Iraqi Security Forces fight to retake Mosul from ISIL, members of the 1st Infantry Division headquarters are on their way to assume the role of Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command - Operation Inherent Resolve. Led by Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, about 500 “Big Red One” Soldiers are en route to the Central Command area of responsibility. There, the division headquarters will provide command and control of coalition troops training, advising and assisting Iraqi Security Forces.

**ABOVE:** Soldiers from the Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, stage their gear for movement to Iraq Oct. 27 at Fort Riley. The headquarters will deploy for nine months to the Central Command area of responsibility with about 500 Soldiers to assume the role of Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command from the 101st Airborne Division.

**BELOW:** Soldiers from the Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, board a flight for Iraq Oct. 27 in Topeka, Kansas. The 1st Inf. Div. headquarters will provide command and control of coalition troops training, advising and assisting Iraqi Security Forces during their nine month deployment.



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# Jerry R. Lovett: A ‘Big Red One’ Soldier

By Phyllis Fitzgerald  
SPECIAL TO THE POST

In 1968, Jerry Lovett was going to be drafted so he chose to enlist instead from his hometown of Bucklin, Missouri. He went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for basic training and Advanced Individual Training for the Military Occupation Specialty 36K Field Wireman.

Once training was complete, Lovett began his Army career with an assignment to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served for 13 months. In May 1969, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 84th Field Artillery Regiment, in Vietnam. Lovett flew over in a packed troop plane. When he arrived, he was assigned to Dong Tam, where there were fire missions day and night.

In August 1969, Lovett was part of the first 25,000 troops in the initial draw down from Vietnam. He was sent to Schofield Barracks in Hawaii for 27 months. The next assignment took Lovett to Fort Ord, California, with a Basic Training Unit. He was offered the option of becoming a Drill Sergeant, but he declined. The fort needed military police so Lovett volunteered to train for that Military Occupational Specialty. He remained at Fort Ord, California, as an MP until February 1973 when he was sent to Korea for an assignment with the 771st Military Police Battalion as a patrol supervisor.

After a 12-month tour in Korea, Lovett was sent

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JERRY LOVETT | FORMER ‘BIG RED ONE’ SOLDIER

to Fort Riley where he became a “Big Red One” Soldier with an assignment to the 1st Military Police Company, 1st Infantry Division. He also served assignments in the 977th Military Police Company, 716th Military Police Battalion and the 890th Military Police Company, 716th MP Bn. Lovett went to Germany as part of Exercise Return of Forces to Germany, REFORGER. When Lovett returned to Fort Riley, he went back to 890th MP Co., 716th MP Bn. There was a shortage of Military Police so Lovett became noncommissioned officer in charge of an MP school that ran for about 7 months. Three cycles of MPs went through the school.

A fond Big Red One memory was from REFORGER in 1975.

“I was assigned to the 1st MP Company,” said Lovett. “I trained for one month before, I arrived in Germany where I was NCOIC of security for Jump Command Post and to me that was a big honor. We traveled a lot of Germany and while there, NATO General Alex Haig visited one of our locations. I had the opportunity to meet him; this was the highlight of my service.”

His time in the Army would end in September 1976. For the last three months of his service, Lovett was assigned to the Game Warden section.

“I had a good time working in the Game Warden Section,” said Lovett. “We would check the stocked ponds,”

Lovett and his family chose to stay in Junction City, Kansas, after retirement.

“We stayed in the Junction City area because we owned a home, liked the area — hunting and fishing,” said Lovett. “Our kids were in local schools. I had landed a job with Skelgas Propane. Two years later, they closed and I decided to start my own propane company named Lovett’s LP Gas, which I ran for 19 years. I owe a lot to the area for the success of my business.”

Eleven years ago, he also helped start the local Sears store on Washington Street in Junction City, Kansas.

“Today I am retired and living the dream and doing whatever I want to,” said Lovett. (I’m) enjoying life, traveling and helping friends. I was honored recently with a Quilt of Valor from the ladies of the area.”

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

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

## South Korean city rolls out red carpet for ‘Devil’ Soldiers

Story and photos by Cpl. Dasol Choi  
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CAMP HOVEY, Republic of Korea — Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, participated in the Pocheon Friendship Music Concert in Pocheon, South Korea, Oct. 25.

The Pocheon Friendship Concert was hosted by the people of the Pocheon city hall to promote friendship and interaction between the local community and U.S. Army Soldiers stationed in Dongducheon and Uijeongbu. “By hosting the concert today, I believe the citizens of Pocheon and U.S. Soldiers can develop a better understanding of each other,” said Hakhyun Yoo, director

“I think it was a great opportunity for U.S. Soldiers to experience the Korean culture. Most of all, we could talk to each other and become friends while eating Korean food at the restaurant.”

KOREAN ARMY CPL. SIHYUN KIM | 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

for Military and Government Cooperation Division at Pocheon city hall.

As Soldiers from the “Devil” brigade and the 2nd Infantry Division/Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Division arrived at a soccer field in Pocheon, they formed a team to compete with the city hall’s soccer team.

After playing soccer, Soldiers moved to the Changsu Center for Education and Culture, where the music concert for the friendship was held.

During the concert, a few local citizens and bands performed, thereby introducing Soldiers to another genre of Korean music different than what Soldiers have used to listening to in Seoul or other modernized cities in South Korea.

“I really enjoyed it,” said Spc. Tommy Sandvig from Forward Support Company, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “I got to experience the local culture. I saw new

instruments playing awesome music. We enjoyed really great music.”

At the end of the day, Soldiers were served with kimchi soup and bulgogi at a local restaurant and were able to talk to new people from the city as well as within the brigade.

To help U.S. Soldiers better understand and experience the Korean culture, a few Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldiers accompanied U.S. Soldiers throughout the concert.

“I think this was a great opportunity for U.S. Soldiers to experience the Korean culture,” said Korean army Cpl. Sihyun Kim, orderly clerk at Company B, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment, 1st ABCT. “Most of all, we could talk to each other and become friends while eating Korean food at the restaurant.”



Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, along with Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division/Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Division, watch a performance of Haegeum, a traditional string instrument, at the Changsu Center for Education and Culture during the Pocheon Friendship Music Concert Oct. 25 in Pocheon, South Korea. The concert was hosted to promote friendship between U.S. Soldiers and local citizens of Pocheon.



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# 'Devil' brigade Soldiers promoted by family members in South Korea

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

CAMP HOVEY, Republic of Korea — Military deployments are often synonymous with spending long periods of time away from family. However, for two Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, deploying to the Republic

of Korea meant catching up with some of their immediate family members and having the opportunity to be promoted by them in front of their peers.

Newly promoted Sgt. Austin Soelberg and Sgt. Benjamin Yandall, both tank crew members with 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., had their new rank pinned on by their father

and sister respectively during a promotion ceremony on Camp Casey Nov. 1.

Soelberg's father, Maj. Brent Soelberg, the automations management officer for the 2nd Infantry Division / ROK - U.S. Combined Division, and Yandall's sister, Pfc. Josephine Yandall, a human resources specialist with 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, were not only able to attend the promotion ceremony, but also played an active role in the promotion of their loved ones.

"Not only are we both in Korea at the same time, but his promotion comes up at this time," Brent said. "It's been an excellent opportunity."

Austin expressed how he couldn't think of a better person to pin on his newly earned rank than his father.

After finding out about the promotion "I told dad right away," Austin said. "Who else would I have promote me if I had the opportunity?"

The Soelbergs, originally from Ogden, Utah, weren't the only ones excited about the opportunity to have a family member actively participate in the promotion ceremony.

"It feels great," Benjamin said of his sister promoting him. "It's awesome."

For both families, this is the first time either group has had the opportunity to cross paths professionally.

"I was excited," Josephine said of seeing her brother for the first time after he arrived in Korea. "I haven't seen him for almost two years."

Brent explained how he knows his son will do great things as one of the Army's newest sergeants.

"Austin has always been a leader, even if he hasn't always known it," Brent said. "I look back at his time in high school, no matter what he did, he ended up being a leader and other people would follow him."

As a sergeant, Austin is now responsible for the training and moral of the Soldiers he leads, to include the Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier he now supervises.

"I'm going to train him up to know everything he needs to know on the tank," Austin said. As for "my other Soldier, I want to develop him as a Soldier and help him out as well as the other ones in my platoon."

Military service is a tradition in the Soelberg family and this hasn't been the first time members of the family crossed paths while serving.

"It's happened before; the Soelbergs have been in



Maj. Brent Soelberg, left, the automations management officer for the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division 2nd Infantry Division, pins the rank of sergeant onto his son, Sgt. Austin Soelberg, a tank crewmember with 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., during a promotion ceremony Nov. 1. The Soelbergs, both from Ogden, Utah, are serving in different units on the Korean peninsula, making the promotion ceremony a unique opportunity for them as a family.



Pfc. Josephine Yandall, left, a human resources specialist with 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 35th ADA Brigade, stands with her brother, Sgt. Benjamin Yandall, right, a tank crewmember with 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, following Benjamin's promotion ceremony Nov. 1. Benjamin was promoted to the rank of sergeant by his sister during the ceremony, a unique experience given that both Soldiers are currently assigned to the Korean peninsula.

## Museum employee goes above, beyond to provide service to many

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

From fitting historic uniforms to administrative details at the Fort Riley museums, Debbie Clark does it all. Clark, who has worked at the museum since 1997, belongs to a team of three who operate the Museum Division on post.

"We used to be a staff of six," Clark said. "Now we're a staff of three."



Debbie Clark, museum specialist in the Museum Division at Fort Riley, catalogs historic weapons as part of the U.S. Cavalry Museum's inventory process Oct. 13. This is one of the many things Clark does for the museums. She also preserves artifacts, performs community outreach, plans exhibits and coordinates era uniform loans and rentals while performing her regularly assigned duties as the office administrator.

At Fort Riley, the museum division consists of three museums — The Custer House, The U.S. Cavalry Museum and 1st Infantry Division Museum. Her director, Bob Smith, nominated Clark to be recognized by the garrison commander during the month of September as an employee who goes above and beyond.

"I nominated Debbie because we here at the museum have a very small staff, we are all adept at multitasking but Debbie has the ability to prioritize and efficiently complete numerous tasking on time and with excellence," Smith said.

In doing her numerous tasks, Clark conducts inventory of all museum items as well as preparing items to go on exhibit. She also conducts the conservation of saddles and other leather items. In doing her administrative work, she not only answers the phone, but also provides answers to many historical research queries.

"Debbie Clark is a valuable member of the museum team," Smith said. "She is very capable in adjusting to the numerous tasks here at the museum, be it administration, historical research, or curatorial and conservation of artifacts."

Clark said people might not even realize all the things people who work at museums do. The mission statement is to collect, preserve and exhibit historic materials that are integral parts of the history and tradition of the U.S. Cavalry from 1775 to 1950. The division supports post education, training, research and historical programs.

"We do a variety of things that people don't realize," she said. "I used to think people who work at museums did nothing."

Clark's favorite thing about working at the museum is guiding the many group tours who visit Fort Riley including civilians as well as whole units from post. Smith leads the tours, while Clark assists.

"I love doing the Custer House tour," Clark said. "I just enjoy talking to people. I think I can get on their level and explain it and have fun with it."

Clark also put together the museum's booth at the annual Fall Apple Day Festival, which happened Sept. 10.

In doing so, she identified historic artifacts that would be on display as well as scheduled reenactors to be present to talk about them.

Clark said it is not unusual for groups to be unaware of our nation's past. It amazes her that some things are not taught in a basic history class including the Civil War.

"To me, it's important to keep the history going," Clark said. "It's important for them to see where they came from and see what we shouldn't repeat ... it's a good feeling when you reach one person."

Smith said in many ways, museum employees are the face of the Army through their contact with the civilians who visit the museum, and Clark represents that well.

"Debbie always, without fail, greets our guests with a smile on her face and a kind welcome," Smith said. "Debbie deserves recognition because she is a fine example of an Army civilian staffer who has served many years in that capacity."

## TRAFFIC REPORT

### HOLBROOK AVENUE RECEIVING UPGRADE

Work on Holbrook Avenue will continue barring poor weather or other unforeseen situations that could cause a delay.

The estimated completion date is Nov. 11.

According to David Hale of the Directorate of Public Works, the upgrades include changes on the edges of the road. The project area begins at Dickman and continues north on Holbrook to just before Godfrey.

A detour is in place to assist drivers through

the area. Please exercise caution.

### ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS OF OPERATION

Motorists wanting access to Fort Riley on Saturday or Sunday should use Estes, Ogden, Henry or Trooper gates.

For more information about Fort Riley access procedures, visit [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil).

The access control point hours are now as follows:

**Henry/Trooper/Ogden/Estes:** Open 24/7. Commercial traffic at Estes is required to have an access pass or badge prior to trying to access.

**12th Street:** Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; This gate will have inbound commercial vehicle lanes only. Although personally owned vehicles will be allowed access, there will no longer be a designated POV lane. Outbound traffic at 12th Street Gate will not be authorized.

**Grant:** Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

**Four Corners:** Closed indefinitely to all vehicle traffic.

## PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS



Sgt. Jarrett E. Allen | 1ST CAB

The 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley color guard presents the flag in the opening ceremony for Kansas State University's volleyball game at Ahearn Field House in Manhattan, Kansas, Oct. 29. The color guard represents the strong relationship between K-State and the 1st CAB as part of the community partnership program. The volleyball game was between K-State and Baylor University. The Wildcats took the win with a 3-1 lead over Baylor.

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# Commentary

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## RILEY ROUNDTABLE

### When do you think it will snow?



"Probably the beginning of December."

**VICTORIA BURCKHARD  
FRANKLIN, WISCONSIN**

Daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Nathaniel Burckhard, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"Nov. 27."

**JORDYN LUCERO  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

Wife of Spc. Isaac Lucero, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division



"This is Kansas. It's going to be December, Dec. 18."

**STAFF SGT. MATTHEW ZAKRZEWSKI  
MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO**

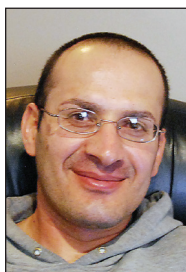
1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, 316th Cavalry Brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia



"Dec. 23."

**STAFF SGT. JARED BIDWELL  
WARREN, PENNSYLVANIA**

1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, 316th Cavalry Brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia



"Jan. 1."

**SPC. JULIAN ALMARY  
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### SAFETY HOLIDAY

**123**

As of Tuesday, Nov. 8, 123 days have passed since the last vehicular fatality at Fort Riley. Ninety-nine more and the post will celebrate with a safety holiday to take place at each unit's discretion.

### COMMAND TEAM CORNER

## Fort Riley community honors veterans with holiday

Fort Riley veterans, Soldiers, Airmen, family and friends,

The importance of Veterans Day is to celebrate and honor all veterans, regardless of which military branch they served in — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard — whether active duty, Reserve or National Guard. Veterans Day, a day largely intended to thank living veterans, is a time of triumph.

Command Sgt. Maj. Stephens and I have a simple, yet heartfelt message — thank you, all of you, for your service, patriotism and sacrifices. We are proud and honored to have served and continue to serve with so many men and women who make the United States



Brig. Gen.  
**Patrick Frank**

the most powerful force in the world. We may never be able to personally thank all veterans and their families, but we will always support them.

This Veterans Day is especially important to the 1st In-

fantry Division as the division celebrates its 100th anniversary. This holiday reflects back to our first of many victories worldwide and the division is honored to have our own history linked to this significant national holiday.

While the winning history of the Big Red One is a tremendous one, it's not over yet. Soldiers of the 1st Inf. Div. are currently deployed worldwide, guiding and assisting our allies to fight against terror and extremism. It's a fight we will win, and it's a fight that will make America and the world a safer place. We have the veteran Soldiers of the Big Red One and our allies to thank for that.

I hope most Americans think about the importance

of our nation's military and its veterans more than one day each November, but I am sure that even this one day of reflection means a great deal to all veterans. We are reminded of what these individuals have contributed and sacrificed in defense of our great nation and the debt we owe all veterans for securing the many freedoms we enjoy today. As a part of our military's patriotic legacy, it is our responsibility as a nation to ensure their service and sacrifices are not forgotten.

Duty First!

Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank  
1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley deputy commanding general

## Consumer Corner: giftcards are new currency for scammers

By Derek Schmidt  
KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Kansas Attorney General has recently warned consumers that the Federal Trade Commission has prohibited telemarketers from requesting money be wired to them or that a prepaid card number be provided to them over the phone.

If consumers are contacted for this purpose they should suspect the person they are talking to is a scammer.

Unfortunately, the scammers are now getting around this new rule by asking for payment in another way — through gift cards.

Staff at the Kansas Attorney General's office has received numerous reports over the

past few months that consumers are being asked by telephone or online scammers to pay for things using gift cards, primarily for iTunes, and often in very large amounts.

While these gift cards can only be used at the store for which they are issued, the scammers can resell the gift cards online for cash, making it very difficult for law enforcement to trace it back to them.

The scammer may be using any number of popular scams, including posing as an Internal Revenue Service agent collecting a supposed past-due tax bill, or a grandchild in need of help.

Callers attempting to scam consumers will ask them to buy an iTunes gift card and then read them the number.

Consumers should know that no legitimate government agency, bill collector or family member in need will ask you to send money that way.

Apple has also warned consumers to watch out for these calls, and never use an iTunes gift card to pay for anything, other than purchases through iTunes.

If you get one of these calls, hang up immediately. If you've been a victim of one of these scams, report it immediately to local law enforcement and our consumer protection division. You can contact us online at [www.InYourCornerKansas.org](http://www.InYourCornerKansas.org) <http://www.InYourCornerKansas.org> or by calling (800) 432-2310.

418th Contracting Support Brigade  
Mission and Installation Contracting Command

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- 1000-1050 Operational Contract Support for BN/BDE/DIV OCS Staff
- 1100-1150 Acquisition Planning
- 1300-1350 GPC Overview for GPC Supervisors
- 1400-1450 COR Overview for COR Supervisors

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- 1000-1050 Independent Government Cost Estimate
- 1100-1150 Market Research
- 1300-1350 Field Ordering Officer (FOO's)
- 1400-1450 Contracting Ethics for COR's, FOO's and GPC cardholders

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- 1000-1050 PWS/SOW/PRS
- 1100-1150 Quality Assurance
- 1300-1350 Contracting Officer's Representatives Tracking Tool
- 1400-1450 CPARS

MICC Training Objective

MICC Riley staff will host quarterly training to educate contracting support customers in acquisition planning, requirements definition, requirements package development, contract surveillance, and ethics in government contracting.

The end state is for FT. Riley organizations and 1<sup>st</sup> ID to utilize the MICC as a force enabler, providing responsible contracting solutions and oversight.

Register for the entire even or individual classes as needed.

Register for training by Nov. 7 at [matthew.j.klempay.mil@mail.mil](mailto:matthew.j.klempay.mil@mail.mil)

All Training will be held at MICC Riley  
1792 12<sup>th</sup> Street

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# 35th Infantry Division Headquarters to deploy to Persian Gulf in 2017

BY KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 35th Infantry Division Headquarters, in Leavenworth, Kansas, has received notification for a deployment to the Persian Gulf and Levant regions. Approximately 500 Soldiers from both the Kansas and Missouri National Guard will be activated in support of Operation Spartan Shield beginning in mid-2017 to enhance ongoing theatre security operations. “Our nation has, once again, called upon the Soldiers of the 35th Infantry Division to take on a demanding task to

support the national security goals of the United States,” said Maj. Gen. Victor J. Braden, commander, 35th Infantry Division. “As Americans, we relish the challenge and, through superb training, we will thrive.” Elements of the 35th Infantry Division deployed in 2003, 2007, 2013 and 2014 to support higher commands in peace-keeping operations in Bosnia and Kosovo. This is the first time since 1944 the entire 35th Infantry Division Headquarters has been activated. “This is a calling that requires inten-



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Several of the approximately 500 Soldiers of the 35th Infantry Division Headquarters unit from Leavenworth, Kansas, is slated to deploy to the Persian Gulf and Levant regions are shown here in recent training.**

sive preparation, our employers to ensure our mission’s success.” The 35th Infantry Division is one of 18 divisions in the Army and one of eight divisions in the Army National Guard.

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beyond football. Each Wildcat athletic team is partnered with a unit from the division. The partnership “has grown,” said retired Lt. Col. Art DeGroat, executive director of military and veterans affairs at Kansas State University. “It’s looked at as a national example of how a public institution of higher education can partner with a warfighting installation. It culturally builds a bridge between these two institutions that commonly do not get together and it’s been very rewarding.” Various events took place before and during the game. A tailgate party was held for Soldiers, veterans and their families. Other highlights during the game included a colors presentation of the Commanding General’s Mounted Color Guard, ceremony of allegiance, pre-game and half-time performances by the 1st Inf. Div. and K-State marching bands, video shout-outs from deployed Soldiers and



Sgt. Dana Moen | 19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT  
**Sgt. Adam Robertson, left, and Sgt. Christian Tarazona, both with 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, show a Kansas State University football Wildcats fan the tools of their sniper trade during a military equipment display Nov. 5 in Manhattan, Kansas. K-State held a military appreciation game for Soldiers and families of Fort Riley and the 1st Inf. Div. to build on the ongoing partnership with K-State community.**

recognition of the Fan of the Game and Hometown Hero. “It’s a special moment when K-State and Fort Riley come together,” said Spc. Brendon Anstine, the Fan of the Game and cavalry scout assigned to 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. “It helps everyone get comfortable with one another.”

# ‘Chef Irvine Live’ tickets available to military families, community members

By Season Osterfeld  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The staff of the directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation have teamed up with personnel at Kansas State University and McCain Auditorium to offer free tickets for Chef Robert Irvine Live. Service members, retirees and their family members are invited to pick up tickets at the Leisure Travel Center, 6918 Trooper Dr., for the Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. show at McCain Auditorium, 1501 Goldstein Circle, Manhattan, Kansas. Chef Robert Irvine, a celebrity chef for the Food Network, is hosting the show filled with audience

participation, cooking challenges, questions and answers sessions and interview time. The show will include no recipes and no script as Irvine calls audience members onto the stage to cook with him, said Matthew Enoch, community program coordinator for DFMWR. “He’s going to take the stage and feature guests from the audience to do cooking challenges and questions and answers,” Enoch said. There are 250 tickets all in the orchestra seating section available for pick up at the Leisure Travel Center. The tickets available at the Leisure Travel Center were made possible through Irvine

and the McCain team. Irvine was formerly a part of the British Armed Services and requested the tickets be set aside for the military community, Enoch said. “One of the things Chef wanted to do, knowing he was close to Fort Riley, was set aside a number of tickets for the Soldiers,” he said. For more information about the show, visit [www.k-state.edu/mccain/events/2016-2017/robert-irvine.html](http://www.k-state.edu/mccain/events/2016-2017/robert-irvine.html). Tickets are available to all Department of Defense identification cardholders. To get more information about the tickets, contact the Leisure Travel Center at 785-239-5614.

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# Brigade, battalion leaders take command team overview tour of Fort Riley

Story and photo by Chris Cannon  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

New members of Fort Riley’s brigade and battalion level command teams, primary staff and their spouses gathered at Riley’s Conference Center the morning of Nov. 4 for a day of touring the post facilities and learning about the services available to Soldiers and their families.

The morning started with a post welcome by Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley acting senior commander, who invited the group to read over plans for the post and across the Army and make suggestions regarding changes or innovations. While many in the group are returning to Fort Riley for a second, third or fourth time, others are brand new to post. The main message of Frank’s introduction focused on the need to learn information that will be shared by unit leadership.

Frank’s welcome was followed by Robert Smith, director of the U.S. Cavalry Museum. Amid jokes about how much history can be given within

a 15-minute time span, Smith began a slide show of the 1st Inf. Div.’s modest history. His presentation included the history of Fort Riley, because the two histories have been intertwined since the division’s beginnings. The history lesson was followed by a fiscal presentation by Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander.

“Fort Riley is like a town and I am its mayor,” he said.

When he spoke about the closeness of the community on post, Lawrence explained for each member on his staff, there is an exact counterpart in the civilian government. When it came to explaining where his Chaplain Corps belonged, he said their position in his chain of command is unique to the Army command structure. He did explain; however, every community has their church, but there is a separation of church and state, so they are not involved in the city government.

“Fort Riley is the most close-knit community I have been assigned to,” said Lt. Col. Eric Melloh, battalion

commander for the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

He recently transferred from Fort Eustis, Virginia, to the 2nd Bn., 70th Armor Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

Lawrence’s presentation informed spouses about the community they are living in, showing statistics on budgets and commodity consumption. He also showed the group how under his management of the budget, Fort Riley is currently under budget and ahead on ensuring every effort is made to retain Department of Defense civilian personnel on post by offering alternatives to job cuts. Fort Riley accounts for more than 47 percent of the revenue in the Flint Hills region.

“The Fort Riley Command Team Overview Tour negates the previous system of sharing post resources,” said Kelley Paskow with the Garrison Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

In the past, new commanders made phone calls to post resources to learn about the programs offered through directorates, such as Army Community Service and Child, Youth and School Services. Instead, in the last two years, commanders have made tours to post facilities to learn about new training programs, the upcoming changes in the directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and what facilities, such as the recycling center, offer to improve conditions on post.

The tour included a stop at the recycling center, where Herb Abel, chief of the Environmental Division of the Directorate of Public Works, informed the group about the services offered. One program Abel spoke about is the incentive program that benefits both the individual Soldier and the Soldier’s unit. This incentive program interested many of the spouses because money was being



Fort Riley brigade and battalion level leaders, primary staff and family members stopped at the recycling center during the Command Team Overview Tour of post facilities Nov. 4. Herb Abel, chief of the Environmental Division of the Directorate of Public Works, explains some of the services available before going into the warehouse.

given back to both the command and the service member, in addition to being invested in the community.

The next stop on the tour was the Outdoor Recreation facility on Camp Funston. As a part of the presentation, plans for a new facility on Custer Hill Golf Course were presented and participants were able to look at some of the equipment stored at the outdoor recreation facility. This stop allowed the command teams to begin brainstorming ideas for unit-oriented fun and for equipment for personal trips.

“We want to help Soldiers make great memories during the limited free time they have,” said Angela Lentz, Outdoor Recreation manager, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The Victory Center, building 7285 Normandy Drive was the last stop on the tour before lunch. Here, the group received information on the wellness services offered to active-

duty Soldiers and their dependents, in addition to dietary and nutrition counseling. As a supplement to the information about the services offered at the facility, Cheryl Greathouse, CYSS administrator, and Cheryl Erickson ACS director, came in to speak about information the spouses and commanders needed for Family Readiness Groups. This information ranged from services offered to families before, during and after deployment, as well as information for services provided by ACS. Information about points of contact for several types of resources, to include financial counseling, was given and broken down by unit.

The tour continued for unit commanders after the lunch hour and included visits to the training facilities to learn about the latest technology being used to train Soldiers. These innovations include new programs and software such as the virtual reality simulator.



Cheryl Erickson, director of Army Community Service, speaks to the new members of Fort Riley about programs offered for families on post during their stop at the Victory Center Nov. 4.





LEFT TO RIGHT: Christine Benne, Association of the United States Army representative; Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander; Santa Claus; Master Sgt. Michael Ewing, head elf at Santa's Workshop; LeAnn Martin, wife of Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general; and Alissa Turner, wife of Brig. Gen. William A. Turner, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding general, cut the ribbon Nov. 2 at Santa's Workshop, 261 Stuart Ave, signifying the beginning of the Christmas season for Operation Santa Claus. For 32 years, Operation Santa Claus has provided military children from birth to 18 with presents to open on Christmas morning.

## 'TIS THE SEASON

### Operation Santa Claus open for business

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MARIA CHILDS | 1ST INF. DIV. POST

Christmas carols rang through Historic Main Post Nov. 2 as the Operation Santa Claus elves and Fort Riley leaders gathered to cut the ribbon that officially signals the beginning of the Christmas season for the program.

For 32 years, Operation Santa Claus has provided military children from birth to 18 with presents to open on Christmas morning.

Master Sgt. Michael Ewing, head elf, said Operation Santa Claus is a program open to all active-duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers of the state of Kansas. Soldiers and spouses can apply to receive assistance with providing Christmas presents to military children.

"We assist Santa in collecting toys and collecting applications for families who need them and then we set up a time for the families to come here to pick out their toys," Ewing said. "They get two toys per child, and then we'll actually gift wrap them and carry them out to the car. That way they have something for Christmas."

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Lucas Scovil, son of Staff Sgt. Ridge Scovil, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, receives a present from Santa Claus following the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Operation Santa Claus Nov. 2 at Santa's Workshop, 261 Stuart Ave. For 32 years, Operation Santa Claus has provided military children from birth to 18 with presents to open on Christmas morning.

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MASTER SGT. MICHAEL EWING  
OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Ewing said the elves and volunteers of Fort Riley cannot provide this program alone.

"The continued success of this program relies solely on the generosity of the citizens of Fort Riley and our partner communities within the Flint Hills region," he said. "As you see the volunteers out in the community asking for donations, please remember what they represent."

The members of the Association of the United States Army are community partners who support Operation Santa Claus. Christine Benne, AUSA representative, spoke at the ceremony.

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"A bunch of us here decided we wanted to help the war efforts somehow, so we put together this (Lady Troopers) organization"

JANIE SAJO  
LADY TROOPERS

## Lady Troopers celebrate 25 years

Group formed in 1991 to help Soldiers and families of Fort Riley

Story by Season Osterfeld  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Members of the Lady Troopers celebrated their 25th anniversary of assisting Fort Riley Soldiers and their families this year.

The Lady Troopers formed in 1991 shortly after it seemed likely the Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division were preparing to get involved with Operation Desert Storm, said Janie Sajo, a founding member of the Lady Troopers and current Canteen volunteer scheduler.

"A bunch of us here decided we wanted to help the war efforts somehow, so we put together this organization," she said.

Nine women of the Junction City, Kansas, community came together to form the original group of Lady Troopers, she said. Their first action was to hold meetings with officers' wives for ideas of how they could help during the deployments.

From there, they began helping to keep the food pantry and household goods facilities on post stocked and holding social events like dinners and meetings with the Soldiers' spouses. The Lady Troopers also initiated a social contact program, which they continue to this day, where members are matched with officers' spouses to call or visit them and check in to see if they are doing well or need anything.

"We started this system where each of our members would have an officer's wife we would check in on," Sajo said.

From the contact program, many friendships have formed even though some people have moved away, she said.

"Some (members) really enjoy being a contact," said Dianne Helper, vice president of Lady Troopers and contact ladies committee chairmen. "We have a lot of lasting friendships."

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## Families dive into recreational swimming event at Eyster Pool

Wibit Family Fun Day on tap to occur at least once a month

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

Adults and children alike filled an afternoon with laughter, splashing and swimming during the first Wibit Family Fun Day Nov. 5 at Eyster Pool.

Wibit Family Fun Day, which gets its name from the large, inflatable obstacle course in the pool, is a day of recreational swim and play now available at Eyster Pool.

"This is a recreational swim time that we wanted to

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HEDY NOVEROSKE | AQUATIC PROGRAM MANAGER

offer," said Hedy Noveroske, aquatics program manager. "We've gotten quite a bit of feedback about the (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) cutbacks. Unfortunately, our recreational swim was one of the cutbacks, so we thought we'd try a recreational swim event every other Saturday or so."

The family fun day is planned to occur twice a month as scheduling allows for the foreseeable future.

"We'll go at least once, if not twice a month," she said. "We've got a lot of holidays coming up, so that's going to impact that, but as long as we keep having turn outs like this, we'll have it."

In addition to the inflatable obstacle course and recreational swimming, a rock wall and children's water slide are available. Pool noodles, balls, paddle boards in animal shapes and a small basketball hoop add more options of play for

swimmers too at the indoor Eyster Pool.

LeAnn Fechter, wife of Maj. Matthew Fechter, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, attended the event with her 9 and 10-year-old sons. She said she was glad to have a recreational swim event back at Eyster, especially with the coming winter months.

"It's a lot of fun," Fechter said. "My boys are enjoying the rock wall and the Wibit and they have friends here, so it's a good thing."

The next Wibit Family Fun Day is scheduled for Nov. 19. Admission costs \$10 for a family of up to six people or \$5 per individual.

For more information, visit [www.riley.armymwr.com](http://www.riley.armymwr.com) or call 785-239-4854.



Nine-year-old Owen Gray, left, son of Lt. Col. Peter Gray, a professor of military science at Kansas State University, races against his brother Jackson across an inflatable obstacle course Nov. 5 during Wibit Family Fun Day at Eyster Pool. The family fun day is a day of recreation swim and play with an inflatable obstacle course, a rock wall and children's water slide.

# FORT RILEY POST-ITS

## MILITARY FAMILY MONTH FAMILY ART EXTRAVAGANZA

Staff at Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a family art day at Riley's Conference Center Nov. 13 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The event will include instructor-led painting, free-form painting and fun crafting activities. The event is free for the first 150 registered military family members. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call 785-239-9435.

## NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE

The observance will be held at Riley's Conference Center Nov. 16 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. There will be performances by the Royal Valley Native American Singers and Dancers and the 1st Infantry Division Band, a Native American exhibition and ethnic food sampling.

## CUSTER HILL TURKEY BOWLING

The bowling center staff will host turkey bowling Nov. 13 to 19 from 5 p.m. to close. Bowl three strikes in a row and win a free turkey for Thanksgiving. Limit one turkey prize per family. Cost is \$2.75 per game and shoe rental is \$2.50.

## RECREATION AREA CLOSURE NOTIFICATION

All recreation users of Fort Riley should take note that Maneuver Areas A, B, D, E, H, K, L, M, O and P are scheduled to be closed to all recreational activities and access Nov. 14 to 22 and Nov. 28 to Dec. 9 due to military training occurring there during those periods. The dates they are closed have the potential to be extended as well. No recreational access will be granted to the closed areas and violators will be prosecuted. On any days during those periods that Maneuver Areas C, F, and I are open, those areas will only be accessible by walk-in traffic from adjacent county roads.

## FORT RILEY SPOUSES CLUB TREE AND WREATH AUCTION

Club members will host a tree and wreath auction during a luncheon at Riley's Conference Center Nov. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is open to all Department of Defense identification card holders and is \$15 for members and \$20 for guest. The money raised will benefit the club's 2016 to 2017 community outreach. In addition to silent and live auctions, there will be vendors, door prizes and drawings. The first 75 attendees will receive a swag bag.

## GERMAN AMERICAN MEMORIAL WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The ceremony will take place at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery on Nov. 17 starting at 11 a.m. This annual memorial wreath laying is held to honor the German and Italian prisoners of war buried at the cemetery.

## HIRING AND EDUCATION FAIR

Education Services and the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program staff will host a hiring and education fair Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center, 446 Seitz Drive, Fort Riley. The fair will feature schools from around the United States, regional and national employers, Child and Youth Services, Veterans Affairs, KansasWorks, education counselors, financial aid advisors, transition for life counselors and more. The even is open to all Soldiers, family members, Department of Defense identification cardholders, veterans, retirees and community members. For more information contact Education Services at 785-239-6481 or ACS Employment Readiness Program at 785-239-9435.



## FORT RILEY USO EVENTS

### USO Military Family Month Dinner

Active-duty Soldiers and family members can enjoy a free dinner, Nov. 18 at the USO, 251 Cameron Ave. from 5 to 8 p.m. courtesy of Fort Riley USO and Association of the United States Army. Advance registration recommended. Make reservations at facebook.com/USOFtRiley. For more info call 785-240-5326.

### USO Family Game Night: Unplugged

Bring the family for a no video games, no computers and no electronics at the family game night unplugged Nov. 23 at the USO from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. You'll have your own table to play the game of your choice. You can choose to play one of the USO provided games or bring your own. Advance registration required. You can make the reservation at facebook.com/USOFtRiley or call 785-240-5326

## NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

An observance will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Nov. 16 at Riley's Conference Center. There will be Native American exhibitions and performances by the Royal Valley Native American Singers and Dancers. There will be ethnic food sampling. The Haskell Indian Nations University Color Guard will participate in the celebration.

## LIBRARY TURKEY PARTY

Staff at the Fort Riley Library will host a Turkey Party Nov. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be a presentation by the Milford Nature Center from 1 to 2 p.m. and snacks and turkey crafts from 2 to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to all library patrons. For more information call 785-239-5305.

## NOW SHOWING AT BARLOW MOVIE THEATER

**Friday, Nov. 4**  
Closed  
**Saturday, Nov. 5**  
Studio appreciation screening—free admission (see information below for where to get tickets)  
Fantastic Beast and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 2 p.m.  
The Accountant (R) 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, Nov. 6**  
The Birth of a Nation (R) 5 p.m.

## SPECIAL ADVANCED SCREENING OF 'FANTASTIC BEAST AND WHERE TO FIND THEM'

You are invited to a free screening of the movie at Barlow Theater Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at both Fort Riley Exchange Food Courts. This is a PG-13 adventure that returns to the wizarding world created by J.K. Rowling. The screening is in advance of the release to the public on Nov. 18. Be sure to come out and support these advance screenings so the Exchange can be able to continue these events.



## TURKEY BOWL FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Staff from Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a single elimination flag football tournament at Long Fitness Center Nov. 23 starting at 9 a.m. The competition is open to company-level teams of active duty Soldiers with a maximum of 10 teams consisting of 18 players per team. This event qualifies teams for Commander's Cup points. The cost is \$50 per team and registration ends Nov. 21. For more information call 785-239-2813.

## HOLIDAY MAIL INFORMATION

The holidays are approaching! To ensure timely delivery of holiday mail and packages by Dec. 25, the Postal Service recommends that cards and packages be sent to military APO/FPO/DPO addresses overseas according to the chart located at about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2016/pr16\_080.htm.

## DEMOLITION OF HOMES IN WARNER PETERSON NEIGHBORHOOD

Corvias staff has received approval to move forward with demolition for some homes in the Warner Peterson neighborhood. The demolition is expected to begin in January for 160 of the 253 homes.

## CUSTER HILL BOWLING CENTER FAMILY NIGHT

Families can bowl free Nov. 30 at Custer Hill Bowling Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Lanes are available on a first-come basis. Shoes are not included. For more information call 785-239-4366.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

# Veterans, Native Americans honored during November

By Col. John D. Lawrence  
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

As we near the halfway point of November and gear up for Thanksgiving, it's a perfect time to take a few moments to remember the service and sacrifice of our military and their families today, Veterans Day. As members of this great Army family, it's a day that should be near and dear to our hearts; and, fittingly, November is also Military Family Appreciation Month.

Veterans Day provides an opportunity to highlight the ongoing contributions of veterans to our nation, many of whom continue to serve as teachers, doctors, engineers, social workers, community leaders, first responders and even elected officials. Nowhere



Colonel Lawrence

is this more prevalent than right here at Fort Riley and in the Central Flint Hills Region. This month is also a time to recognize history that goes back even further—November is National Native American Heritage Month. From Comanche Code Talkers to Master Sgt. Woodrow Wilson Keeble who was the first person from the Sioux Nation to receive the Medal of Honor, Native Americans have been valuable members of our

Armed Forces for decades. To celebrate locally, we'll hold a Native American History Month observance at Riley's Conference Center Nov. 16 at 11:45 a.m. Join us to see Native American singers, dancers and exhibitions, while learning more about this culture. Living in the heart of America provides a unique view into the lineage of our past—there are numerous towns (Kiowa), cities (Topeka), counties (Osage), rivers

(Pawnee) and even the state of Kansas that are named after Native American words and tribes. The Mid-America All-Indian Center in Wichita is a fantastic place to see and interact with this history and culture ... and it's a Blue Star Museum, so admission is free for active-duty military and their families. I encourage you to honor those who came before us—veterans and Native Americans—who helped pave the way for our nation. Today is a time

for celebration of our veterans' service and sacrifice, an opportunity to see what these individuals still have to give to the nation and a reminder of our duty to them. Throughout the month, we take time to recognize the history of our native people and the diversity they bring to our country. — To comment on this article or to suggest a topic for Community Corner visit my Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/fortrileycg](http://www.facebook.com/fortrileycg).

# Tiptoeing through history of Fort Riley

## Cemetery tour helps preserve stories of those laid to rest

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

More than 20 people of all ages ventured through the Fort Riley Cemetery to hear the history of some of those resting there as told by Robert Smith, director of the museum division, Nov. 6 during Tip Toe through the Tombstones, hosted by members of the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley.

The 45-minute walking tour took visitors through the cemetery to visit graves and tombstones in chronological order. Some of the graves discussed included three Medal of Honor recipients who each received their medal in the Indian Wars, the tombstone of an unknown Confederate soldier, who is one of seven buried at the cemetery and the grave of Mary Rogers, a young woman who died during the cholera epidemic that struck Fort Riley in 1855. Using funds raised by members of HASFR, Rogers' tombstone was restored last year after it broke in half. "Part of the Historical Society's mission statement is to preserve the history of Fort Riley and we get a lot from the community through Fall Apple



**Robert Smith, director of the Fort Riley Museum Division, gestures to the grave of Mary Rogers, who died of cholera during the 1855 epidemic at Fort Riley, in the Fort Riley cemetery while leading a tour group Nov. 6 for Tip Toe through the Tombstones hosted by members of the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley. Smith relayed the stories of several individuals resting in the cemetery and provided details on the cemetery history.**

Day and other involvement, so we like to give back to the community and spreading the history is important," said Jimi Parker, who helped plan the event and is the Lady Trooper representative with HASFR. "We try to keep it fresh, we try to do different events throughout the year." In addition to discussing some of individuals buried in the cemetery, Smith discussed the history of Fort Riley and events that led up to some of the graves. One such historical lesson was about a section of the cemetery separated from the rest with a small limestone wall. At

the entrance of the area sits rows of tombstones set away from the other graves in the sectioned-off zone. These tombstones are the markers for the 62 German and 11 Italian World War II prisoners of war who were buried at Fort Riley, Smith said. Fort Riley was one of 600 POW camps in the United States during WWII. There were also three Japanese soldiers buried at Fort Riley, however, their bodies have since been returned to Japan. The history of events at Fort Riley interwoven with the stories of those buried in the cemetery helped to enhance and connect visitors with

## DID YOU KNOW?

• Fort Riley was one of 600 POW camps in the United States during WWII.

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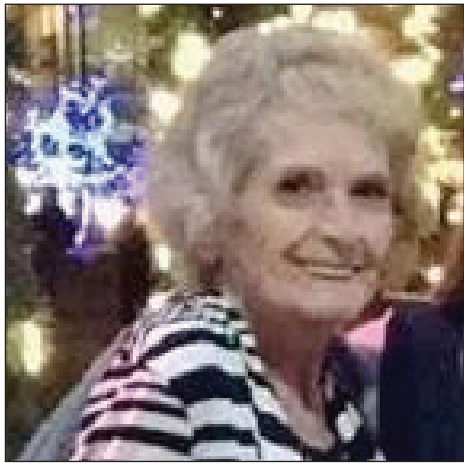
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the installation as a whole, said Christina Mollica, wife of Capt. Anthony Mollica, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat team, 1st Infantry Division. "I think it's interesting just to learn about the posts, especially moving around so much, it's nice to learn about the different history on each one," Mollica said. Mollica's thoughts were echoed by Kristen Wellock, wife of Maj. Michael Wellock, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., who accompanied her on the tour. "As military families, we don't have roots set down anywhere really, so it's nice to see the roots of the families that came before us," Wellock said. For more information about HASFR and HASFR events, visit [www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org).



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TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Nov. 11 was What is the menu being served at Cantigny and Demon dining facilities for 1st Infantry Division Thanksgiving dinners Nov. 23 and 24?

Answer: [www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Calendar/](http://www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Calendar/)

This week's winner is Joyce Woods, widow of Staff Sgt. John C. Woods. Staff Sgt. Woods entered the Army at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1939. He was a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He retired from Fort Riley in 1972. Of his many service awards, he was most proud of the Army Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart.

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Forsyth East School Age Center receives accreditation

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

The Forsyth East School Age Center located at 2420 H St. has received an expedited accreditation with no findings from the Council of Accreditation. Every SAC is mandated by the Department of Defense to be accredited by a third party within a year of opening. Forsyth East opened in August 2015, but due to delays by the COA, the accreditation deadline was extended. The facility now holds accreditations through three separate agencies: DOD, COA and the National Association of Education of Young Children.



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The NAEYC accreditation is for the part-day program for preschoolers provided by staff of the facility during the daytime hours. It was accredited separate from the school age center.

Wendy Winston, Child, Youth and School Services administrator, oversees programs within CYSS. She said the school age center operates no differently than

a child development center hours on post. It is child care for school-aged children. "It is a before and after school program," she said. "While children are in

school we provide part-day programming." Winston said the COA has specific standards they address throughout the process of accreditation. "It's a long process," Winston said. "Initially, you upload documents for COA to review and determine if we would qualify for the next step. They request to view, examples of programming, children/parent rules, mission statement, what we are and who we service. Once we complete that step, they schedule the endorsement visit for the facility." Danitta Brantley, facility director for Forsyth East SAC, said her team went through a significant amount of effort to complete accreditation. "We have a great team," Brantley said. "They work

as one. If somebody is out, we compensate and everyone works like a well-oiled machine, and the inspector came and saw that. Our children love being here, they don't want to leave." Forsyth East provides care to children from Fort Riley and Seitz Elementary Schools. Children from Morris Hill, Jefferson and Ware Elementary attend the program at another SAC on Custer Hill. Brantley said accreditation affirms what the staff implements in the program and the service being provided to Fort Riley families. "It shows that we follow the Army and National standards to provide a safe, quality program for our children to enjoy," she said.

# Archivist talks formation of ‘Big Red One’ at luncheon

WWI specialist enjoys connecting people to history of relatives

Story and photo by  
Spc. Elizabeth Payne  
19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce Military Relations Committee met Nov. 2 for a presentation by Jonathan Casey, archivist and Edward Jones Research Center manager of the National World War I Museum and Memorial.

As Veterans Day approaches, the committee gathered to hear Casey talk about the early days during WWI when the “Big Red One” was formed.

Casey said it is a fulfilling part of his job to share rosters, unit information and artifacts with people who visit the museum.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- The 1st Inf. Div. was constituted May 24, 1917, in the Regular Army as Headquarters, 1st Expeditionary Division.

“It’s amazing how much came out of WWI,” he said. “The conflict influenced the rest of the 20th century and holds connection to what is happening now in the world.”

Casey said remembering history is what teaches people about the world as it is now.

“The Big Red One creation and its role in the Great War from a hundred years ago is long standing,” said Janet Nichols, military community liaison for the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce. “I thought it was a great tie in — to reflect on the division’s lineage as it is the 100th anniversary next year.”

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“The purpose of the MRC luncheon is for interaction between Manhattan and surrounding communities and our friends at Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division,” Nichols said.

Luncheons provide discussion, information sharing and resource exchange for attendees.

“I think the MRC luncheon is a great opportunity and easy venue for local community and Fort Riley leaders to become informed neighbors within the community,” said Lt. Col. Andrew Beyer, rear detachment commander, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade. “Often the local community wants to help support Soldiers at Fort Riley and, simply by getting to know each other, opens up communications.”



Leann Martin, Alissa Turner and Ann Efflandt talk at the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce Military Relations Committee luncheon Nov. 2 at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Manhattan. Attendees listened to historical accounts of the 1st Infantry Divisions establishment during WWI during the presentation by Jonathan Casey, chief archivist and Edward Jones Research Center manager of the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri.

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## SANTA

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“This is truly a joy to visit with families, wrap a toy for a little one knowing there will be a smile on Christmas morning,” she said.

Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. John D. Lawrence said volunteers are what makes Fort Riley special. Last year, Operation Santa Claus helped more than 1,100 children, representing more than 375 families.

“Operation Santa Claus is not only an opportunity

for our neighbors to get involved, but also a way for the Army to take care of its own — Soldiers helping the peers, friends and teammates,” Lawrence said. “The success of Operation Santa Claus would not be possible without our Soldiers, our community members and partners such as AUSA and certainly not without our Operation Santa Claus elves.”

Lawrence said it is important that every military child has a pleasant Christmas holiday.

“Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas and with a mom or dad deployed our military children may need a little help to brighten up their day,” Lawrence said.

For more information about volunteering opportunities or Operation Santa Claus, call 785-239-6944 or 785-239-2771.

## TROOPERS

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Each year, the Lady Troopers also hold two social events — one in the spring and one in the fall. The spring social is open to wives only, but the fall social is open to couples. Each social event has a different theme and location the Lady Troopers try to vary with each year, Helper said.

“We’ve always done a couples fall one ... It’s always been a different theme from the spring one, which is just for the ladies,” she said. “The reason we do that (hold them at different locations) is to acquaint the Fort Riley people with what is west of Junction City. Most know Manhattan (Kansas), but not anywhere else.”

The Canteen is the biggest program the Lady Troopers have. Sajo said the Canteens

are the most important thing to the members. As each unit deploys, four to eight members of the Lady Troopers gather at the meeting point for the Soldiers before the load onto the buses and hand out homemade cookies, coffee, lemonade, water and tea. Additionally, they offer instant coffee mixes and tea bags for the Soldiers to take with them.

“Our members get so much enjoyment about giving the young Soldiers those cookies,” Helper said.

The members of the Lady Troopers have varied from 40 to 50 members throughout the years, Sajo said. Members include residents of Junction City with no military affiliations and the spouses of retired Soldiers. Each member is able to participate in one,

two or all of the programs the Lady Troopers have.

“Our ladies, some do all three (programs), some do one or two, they choose,” Helper said.

A majority of the members participate in the Canteen program, while others prefer to be a part of the social events or contact program, Sajo said.

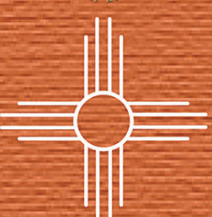

Over the last 25 years, the Lady Troopers have been supporting Fort Riley Soldiers and their spouses, whether that’s through a weekly phone call or a fresh cookie, they want the Fort Riley community to know they care about and support them, both Sajo and Helper said.

For more information about the Lady Troopers, visit [www.junctioncitychamber.org/pages/LadyTroopers](http://www.junctioncitychamber.org/pages/LadyTroopers).

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# Sports & Recreation

## BRINGING IN THE CHEER



Cheerleaders from Kansas State University traveled to King Field House Nov. 3 to host a cheer clinic for military children of Fort Riley. This is the eighth year in a row the cheer team has hosted this clinic. Participants performed at the halftime of the K-State men's basketball game at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kansas, Nov. 4.



Vivienne Motta, 2, daughter of 1st Lt. Stephen Motta, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, performs a Herkie Jump during the cheer clinic for military children of Fort Riley Nov. 3 at King Field House.

### K-State cheerleaders host clinic for children

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

It is 10-year-old Hollyn Habhab's dream to be a Kansas State University cheerleader, and Nov. 3 her dream was almost a reality. K-State cheerleaders traveled to King Field House to host a cheer clinic for military children of Fort Riley.

"I've been a K-State fan for 10 years," she said. "My dream is to be a K-State cheerleader."

Habhab, daughter of Lt. Col. Travis Habhab, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, said she has been cheering and dancing for three years. She said she has several reasons for being a K-State fan that include her parents' love for the school and purple being her favorite color.

"I really like tailgating," she said.

Habhab's mother, Tara, attended K-State after graduating from Manhattan High School. She met her husband, Travis, before he commissioned from the K-State Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

Habhab said she enjoys many aspects of cheerleading.

"I like flying in the air," she said about cheering. "My favorite part about this clinic was doing the dance."

K-State cheerleader Martika Chappell led the camp.

"I really enjoy being around the kids and how energetic they are," Chappell said. "I don't think anyone has ever come in with a bad attitude they are always so excited to be here."

Chappell is no stranger to Fort Riley. She said she babysits military kids on the installation frequently as well as interacts with military families in the surrounding community. This was her third year participating in the camp with the kids at Fort Riley.

"I really like how affectionate they are," she said. "They just remember you. We only get to see them twice a year so the fact that they remember you is really cool."

Participants from the camp performed at halftime of the K-State men's basketball game at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kansas, Nov. 4.



Harlow Motta, 4, daughter of 1st Lt. Stephen Motta, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, practices a cheer during the cheer clinic for military children of Fort Riley Nov. 3 at King Field House.

## Tournament reveals strengths, weakness for basketball team

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

SALINA, Kan. — Players of the Fort Riley basketball team took on the Brown Mackie College team Nov. 4 and the Johnson County Community College team Nov. 5 in a tournament at Kansas State University Polytechnic.



Pvt. Anthony Taylor, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, jumps up to take a shot during a basketball against Brown Mackie College Nov. 4 in a tournament at Kansas State University Polytechnic in Salina, Kansas. The Fort Riley players won against Brown Mackie College 76-73.

The tournament, which was a pre-season tournament for the college teams involved, allowed Fort Riley players to see how they compared against players of college teams outside their league and in the surrounding communities, said Jason Lafasciano, assistant coach of the Fort Riley basketball team.

"It gives us a different look at personnel that aren't in our league," said Sgt. Maj. Darryl Dunbar, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, who is the head coach of the team.

Fort Riley players took the lead quickly and held it during the first half of the game against Brown Mackie College.

However, Brown Mackie players tied up the game in the second half, as the Fort Riley team got too comfortable with their lead, said Spc. Davontae Robinson, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

As it appeared Brown Mackie College would take the lead, the Fort Riley team recomposed, scrambling to reclaim their lead and defend against the opposing team. The Fort Riley players won against Brown Mackie 76-73.

"We started off really well, but then we kind of lost focus somewhere in the middle and toward the end we gathered it back up to get the win," said Spc. Dung Danh, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div.

In the game against Johnson County Community College, their team took the lead with players hitting 64 percent of their shots in the first half.

The Fort Riley team fought back in the second half, shooting at about 61 percent, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Johnson County Community College players' scoring and they won 104-69.

Dunbar said these games revealed several areas his players needed to work on still,



Pvt. Anthony Taylor, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, takes a three-point shot during basketball against Brown Mackie College Nov. 4 in a tournament at Kansas State University Polytechnic in Salina, Kansas. The tournament allowed Fort Riley players to see how they compared against players of the college teams, said Jason Lafasciano, assistant coach of the Fort Riley basketball team.

especially in defense, but he was happy with how they played as a team and their performance overall.

"It went well," he said. "We started off very well and then we got complacent, taking quick shots and losing our potential lead and then we came back together ... We still got to work on a lot of things like boxing out in defense, protecting the ball and turnovers, that's one of the key things we always need to work on."

Games outside of their league, like this tournament, give players a boost in confidence for the games to come in their season running through March, said Danh.

"It builds morale," Danh said. "We have a long season ahead of us and the better we do in the beginning, the easier it's going to get through the season."

The Fort Riley basketball team season began in October with a game against the McConnell and Whiteman Air Force Base teams. The Fort Riley players won all of their matches against the Air Force teams.

The next game for the Fort Riley basketball team is and away game Dec. 10 at Whiteman AFB in Missouri. For more information and scheduling for the Fort Riley basketball team, visit [www.facebook.com/FortRileyPostBasketballTeam](http://www.facebook.com/FortRileyPostBasketballTeam).

# National Hockey League team honors Soldiers

By David Vergun  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — “We sense that all Americans are supporting us. We see it here, in airports and wherever we go,” Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley told fans of the Washington Capitals National Hockey League team Nov. 3. “There’s an overwhelming amount of love.”

Milley spoke before the game against the Winnipeg Jets which ended with a 4-3 victory for the Caps during Army Appreciation Night. He also dropped the first puck and honored a Soldier returning from Afghanistan.

Having the Caps and the fans salute Soldiers, many of whom are deployed overseas, “is very meaningful to all of us in uniform. We appreciate being appreciated,” he said.

During a game interview, the chief was asked if he could fill in for a Caps player just in case someone got injured. The chief responded that “hockey is one of those games you do all your life, you just strap them (skates) on and play.”

The chief said players never forget the fundamentals, and the skills come back when returning to the ice. He joked that he was looking forward to playing a few pickup games later on.

While at his alma mater, Princeton University, Milley played defenseman for the Tigers, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division hockey team. He said he had a shot at being drafted by the National Hockey League, but wasn’t, “so I ended up in the Army.”

### HONORING SOLDIERS

During the opening ceremony, Milley showed his appreciation for Soldiers everywhere by honoring one of his own, a Soldier returning from a deployment to Qatar.

Sgt. Maria Calara confessed she was somewhat nervous meeting the chief, but once she did, “he seemed like a pretty normal person.”

Calara admitted she didn’t know the first thing about hockey, but was glad to be among Soldiers, including some from

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall who participated in the opening ceremony.

With her for the occasion was her husband, Gerald Thomas, and their son Eli, 2. Thomas is an Army veteran. In 2014 he was wounded in Afghanistan and is now medically retired. Thomas and Calara were serving together in Afghanistan, albeit in separate units, when the injury occurred.

These days, Thomas said, it’s pretty neat being a dependent, tagging along with his wife and son.

### CIVILIANS SALUTE SOLDIERS

Many of the fans spoke highly of the Army and thought the Soldiers who attended added substance to the game.

Jane Owens, of Laytonville, Maryland, said her father served 22 years in the Air Force, including two tours in Vietnam. He was a fighter pilot. She said she’s proud not just of him, but of everyone who has ever worn the uniform. Owens thought it was neat Soldiers were participating in the Caps game.

Bob Kirchner, of Rockville, Maryland, said his father served as an Army surveyor just after World War II in West Germany, participating in the rebuilding of that nation. He died just two years ago. For him, having Soldiers at the Caps game was “deeply personal” and helped him to remember his dad. He felt his presence at the game.

Mark from Virginia — he declined to provide his last name or hometown — said his father, who is in his 90s, fought in the Battle of the Bulge with the 2nd Armored Division. Mark asked his father about the battle, but his father never wanted to discuss it, except to say it was pretty cold.

Mark, like some of the other fans at the game with relatives in the Army, said their Soldier-kin didn’t like to discuss what they did in the service; they were quiet professionals, not ones to brag of their exploits or the hardship endured.

One Caps fan said he hoped Milley would visit more often. The chief stopped by in February for a “Salute to the Military Night,” and the Caps edged the New York Islanders 3-2 that evening. The fan thought the chief brought good luck.



Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Burden | U.S. ARMY

U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley drops the ceremonial puck at the beginning of a hockey game between the Washington Capitals and Winnipeg Jets Nov. 3. Milley was representing the U.S. Army for the Captial's Army Appreciation Night.



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U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley, left, along with Sgt. Maria Calara, third from left, and the U.S. Army Chorus, participate in the opening ceremony at the Caps Army Appreciation Night Nov. 3.

# Two late touchdowns topple K-State Wildcats

K-STATE ATHLETICS

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns were too much for K-State to overcome Nov. 5 as the Wildcats fell to Oklahoma State in the final minutes, 43-37, in front of 52,450 fans at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

K-State now 5-4 overall and 3-3 in the Big 12 Conference, jumped out to an early advantage, 13-0, midway through the first quarter before entering the half trailing 21-16. The Wildcats put up 215 yards of total offense, including 153 on the ground, on 35 plays before the break and held onto the ball for more than 19 minutes of action. Oklahoma State, 7-2 overall and 5-1 in the Big 12 Conference, did its work through the air, throwing for 225 yards and three touchdowns before halftime.

The second half featured four turnovers and a true back-and-forth contest. The Wildcats ran for 192 yards after halftime, while the Cowboys threw for an additional 232 yards. Oklahoma State scored the game’s final 14 points with under eight minutes to play and came up with an interception on K-State’s final play to seal the victory.

The Wildcats were led by junior quarterback Jesse Ertz, who was 12-of-18 for 87 yards and one interception through the air, but ran for a career-high 153 yards on 30 attempts, including a career best three rushing touchdowns. His rushing effort marked the first time a K-State quarterback has run for 100 yards in back-to-back games since Daniel Sams did so in 2013.

A true running back by committee effort backed up Ertz as three backs carried the ball five or more times. Freshman Alex Barnes ran eight times for 72 yards while senior Charles Jones rushed seven times for 70 yards. Sophomore Justin Silmon carried the ball five times for 29 yards and sophomore Winston Dimel’s only carry, a 10-yarder, was K-State’s second rushing score of the game.

Dominique Heath led all Wildcat receivers catching four passes for 48 yards, including the Wildcats’ longest completion of 32 yards. Only one other Wildcat caught more than one pass as redshirt freshman Isaiah Zuber brought down four for 20 yards.

The Wildcats finished with 432 yards of total offense, including 345 on the ground. K-State ran 74 plays compared to Oklahoma State’s 64, while also winning the time of possession battle by exactly 13 minutes.

On the defensive side of the ball, K-State was tasked with slowing a passing attack that averages more than 300 yards per game. Big plays of 54 yards and 82 yards proved to be the deciding factors as the Cowboys put up 457 yards in the air en route to 637 yards of total offense.

Junior linebacker Elijah Lee led the charge with eight tackles and added a fumble recovery early in the second half. Senior linebacker Charmeachealle Moore and sophomore cornerback D.J. Reed got in on seven tackles apiece, while Reed also secured his third interception of the season. Sophomore corner Duke Shelley also grabbed his third interception of the year and

returned it for his first career pick-6 in the third quarter.

On special teams, senior Ian Patterson stepped in for an injured Matthew McCrane for placekicking duties. Patterson was 4-of-5 on PAT attempts and converted his only field goal try from 43-yards out, a new career-long.

Oklahoma State won the toss and deferred to the second half before booting the opening kickoff through the end zone. Ertz and K-State entered with a game plan and didn’t stray from it on their 11 play, 75-yard scoring drive. All 11 plays were on the ground, as Jones carried it five times for 38 yards before Ertz, on his sixth rush of the drive, trotted in untouched from nine yards out for the touchdown. The PAT attempt from Patterson clanged off the upright.

Oklahoma State took a 21-16 advantage into the half time intermission.

To begin the second half, the K-State defense forced the Cowboys into their first punt of the game in just over a minute’s time. K-State’s ensuing drive was a three-and-out, but the Cowboys’ return man muffed the punt and Lee was there to pick up the loose ball.

K-State drove to the Cowboys’ 11-yard line. The Wildcats’ sneaky fake field goal try was snuffed out, though, and Oklahoma State took over at its own 10.

Two plays later, momentum flipped again as Shelley intercepted Rudolph and returned it 29-yards for the go-ahead score, 23-21, with 8:20 to play in the third quarter. The pick-6 was the first of Shelley’s career and ended

Rudolph’s streak of 163 pass attempts without an interception.

Special teams struck again on Oklahoma State’s following possession as Jayd Kirby blocked the Cowboys’ punt. K-State took over from their own 38 and with the help of two personal foul penalties, needed only six plays to score. Ertz plunged in from 2-yards to put K-State ahead 30-21 with 2:34 to play in the third.

Oklahoma State answered with its own 75-yard drive as Rudolph threw his fourth touchdown pass, this time to Austin Hays for 34-yards. The K-State lead was slimmed to 30-28 seconds before the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats added to the score line on their next drive, using seven run plays to move 58 yards before Ertz pushed past the goal line for his third rushing touchdown of the game, a new career-high.

With 7:45 to play, Rudolph stepped up in the pocket to drop a dime to James Washington, who outran everyone for the 82-yard touchdown and narrowed the gap to 37-35.

The Cowboys went 80 yards in eight plays for the go-ahead touchdown on a Chris Carson 17-yard run. A bit of trickery helped them add the 2-point conversion, making it 43-37 Cowboys with 1:46 remaining. On the game’s final possession K-State worked its way down to the Cowboys’ 3-yard line. An offensive pass interference penalty backed them up to the 18 for the game’s final play. Ertz’s last heave was intercepted in the end zone to allow Oklahoma State to hold on for the 43-37 victory.

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Emporia has a number of parks for visitors to explore and picnic while viewing the memorials nestled inside, such as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in All Veterans Memorial Park.



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The David Traylor Zoo is one of the small accredited zoos through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and sits across from the All Veterans Memorial in Soden Park.



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Veterans day was first recognized in Emporia. The history of the connection between Veterans Day and Emporia started during World War II.



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The American flag is raised at the beginning of a Veterans Day memorial service. Emporia is the city where Veterans Day was first recognized.