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As the Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary, drivers on Fort Riley may have noticed what appear to be new “Big Red One” concrete patches at several roundabouts throughout the post. Though the three patches look new, in actuality they are older

than most of the Soldiers on Fort Riley.

The first patch was placed in the Henry Drive roundabout near Marshall Army Airfield Nov. 30, 2016. Two other patches were placed in the center of the Irwin Army Community Hospital roundabout and the Trooper Road roundabout on Camp Forsyth.

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BIG REPAINTED ONE

Refurbished patches popping up across Fort Riley

Sergeant major of the Army visits Iraq to discuss career development

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Rob Frazier
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey visited Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command — Operation Inherent Resolve, to provide guidance for the Army’s push toward creating a stronger noncommissioned officer corps Dec. 19.

The Army’s senior enlisted Soldier held multiple town halls to highlight his initiatives and to remind the Soldiers that the eyes of the world are watching how they conduct business.

During the meetings, Dailey emphasized the NCO’s role in maintaining the high-

“One of the things we’re looking at is incentivizing deployments. You’re doing the hard work, and it’s time we reward you for those efforts.”

DANIEL DAILEY | SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY

est standards and taking care of the troops.

“You’re the backbone over here, and I want to say thank you for the impact you are making,” Dailey said.

Dailey also discussed some of the ways the \$618.7 billion National Defense Authorization Act would have an impact on the future of the Army.

“The NDAA provides our funding and sets conditions for our force structure and overall size,” Dailey said. “The initial plan of downsizing our Army

to 450,000 Soldiers has been reversed, and the new goal is for us to increase to 476,000 Soldiers.”

Dailey added that nearly 187,000 Soldiers were serving in 40 countries.

“I’m going to have to reenlist everyone today,” he joked.

The ability to engage with the Army’s senior enlisted Soldier was a welcome surprise to junior Soldiers.

“The opportunity to see the sergeant major of the Army was great,” said Spc. Kim Flo-

rie, an information technology specialist assigned to the commanding general’s communication team. “For me, as a junior Soldier, it meant a lot that he talked about what I have to look forward to in the Army.”

Dailey also made it a point to emphasize the 39th Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark Milley’s number-one priority — readiness.

“You’re living that right now,” Dailey said. “Non-

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Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey spoke to Soldiers assigned to Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command - Operation Inherent Resolve during a town hall session Dec. 19 at Union III, Baghdad, Iraq. The Army’s senior enlisted Soldier spoke about military readiness, the Soldier for Life Program and future initiatives to provide upward mobility for young Soldiers.

Parking lot project awarded for excellence in water, energy management

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

A project completed by a team of employees from the Fort Riley Environmental Office, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Unified School District 475 out of Junction City, Kansas, was recognized in December with a Federal Energy and Water Management Award.

The project was the construction of a permeable parking lot located behind Seitz Elementary School at Fort Riley on Rifle Range Road. Construction on the parking lot was completed in August 2015 and the project is expected to capture 443,000 gallons of

storm water annually that otherwise would have been lost as runoff. As part of the project, a weather station was installed on the roof of the school to collect and measure the amount of rainwater. This water is used as a resource within the school to flush toilets and various other water-related tasks.

Chris Otto, Net Zero water coordinator at Fort Riley, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, said he thinks the project is unique because of the partnership developed between the agencies involved in the construction. Scientists from the EPA visit Fort Riley to gather data about the rainwater collected in the tanks buried underneath the concrete pavers.

The results from the data are then used to create curriculum for the students of Fort Riley.

“What I really think sets this apart from the other projects I’ve been involved with is us tying it together with the education component,” Otto said. “A lot of places do these projects and they make a lot of sense to the people who work with water, but the average people don’t see what is going on.”

During the summer months, teachers from USD 475 held a meeting to better understand what role the parking lot plays in water conservation. Through this meeting,

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RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR



Jorge Gomez | IACH PAO

Air Force Staff Sgt. Pascual Gaud holds his daughter, Briar Gaud, on the morning of Jan. 2 at Irwin Army Community Hospital. Briar was the first baby born in 2017 at IACH. Col. Mark MacDougall, chief nursing officer at IACH, and Command Sgt. Maj. Rebecca Booker, IACH command sergeant major, present a gift basket to Sarah and Pascual Gaud for delivering the first baby in 2017 at the hospital. Pascual is an information management specialist with the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron on Fort Riley.

FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Spc. Brian Sipe, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, volunteered as a designated driver for his unit over multiple weekends. He also volunteered at the unit’s partner school during the cross country meet, encouraging students to do their best and have fun. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call Becky Willis, Army Volunteer Corps program manager, at 785-239-4593.

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'Dreadnaught' battalion takes home lessons from Korean gunnery exercise

By 1st Lt. Patrina Lowrie
2ND BATTALION, 34TH ARMOR
REGIMENT

POCHEON, Republic of Korea – The Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conducted platform-specific gunnery training at the Rodriguez Live-Fire Complex, Republic of Korea, from Nov. 15 to Dec. 16.

During the 30-day training exercise on the RLFC saw the “Dreadnaught” Soldiers train on the battalion’s key armored vehicles, the M1A2 Abrams tank and the M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

According to officials from 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st Inf. Div., the tank and Bradley crews all maintained their qualifications and continue to be trained, ready and lethal infantry, armor and reconnaissance crews to enable multi-echelon collective training at

the company level and higher. If called upon, the battalion stands ready to “Fight Tonight” in support of the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division’s mission to deter regional aggression and maintain peace on the Korean peninsula.

In addition to the armored crews, the scout and mortar Soldiers also qualified on their weapon systems during the 30-day exercise. The platoons conducted multiple platform-specific gunnery tables during the training event in support of the battalion’s contingency force mission.

“For the last five weeks, the battalion has sharpened our gunnery and combined arms maneuver skills at Rodriguez Live-Fire Complex,” said Lt. Col. Bryan Harris, the battalion’s commander. “This training has ensured that the Soldiers are at the highest levels of readiness and are prepared to accomplish any mission. This training has set the foundation

for all the operations we will conduct throughout the rest of our time in Korea.”

Leading up to the gunnery exercise, the Dreadnaught Soldiers maximized the training opportunities in the virtual training environment. Soldiers mastered their crew duties and fire commands through the use of Bradley advanced training system, or BATS, and advanced gunnery training system, or AGTS, on Camp Casey prior to their live-fire execution at the RLFC. The virtual systems allowed the crews to practice target acquisition and engagement techniques in order to achieve confidence with their platform-specific systems prior to conducting collective live fire training.

“The battalion went through a comprehensive training program that included training in simulators, testing on the basic skills required to operate the equipment effectively and safely and ensuring the battalion is prepared to execute all of our missions,” said Maj. Jacob Kaldor, the battalion’s operations officer.

Enablers from multiple echelons were integrated into the training scenarios, which exposed the battalion’s platoon leaders to inorganic assets they can use on the battlefield.

“The integration of engineer assets during the Super Table XII is great value added to our training because it allows (platoon leaders) to get reps on one of our (mission essential task list) tasks and it allows them to build those relationships with enabler-leadership that is essential to the success of combined-arms operations,” said 1st Lt. Juan Quiroz, the battalion engineer.

Additional assets outside of the brigade were also used to help create a wide range of capabilities on the simulated battlefield for the battalion.

“Efforts culminated with the Gunnery Table XII, where platoons were able to plan, integrate and employ organic and attached enablers to include 120 mm mortars, Kiowa and Apache aviation assets to accomplish our key collective tasks,” said Capt. Matt White, the commander of Company C, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st Inf. Div. “Our mission readiness is confirmed by their actions.”

The battalion’s fires and effects coordination cell, the team responsible for coordinating artillery, air support and other indirect fire support, provided massing fires while integrating surface to surface and air to ground assets in order to enable armored and mechanized Infantry platoons to reach their objective.

“The terrain on the peninsula is not conducive for effective voice and digital communications, but the adaptable fires team leaders in this organization were able to identify issues, troubleshoot and transmit digital call for fires to the mortars in a timely manner,” said Capt. Brandon Morse, the battalion’s fire support officer.

“It was a good opportunity to practice volley fire to create shock effect and discord on the enemy,” added 1st Lt. Aaron Beyer, a platoon leader with Company B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st Inf. Div.

“Gunnery was a great experience for me as a driver,” said Pfc. Cody McCartney, a driver assigned to Scout Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 34th



Capt. Jonathan Camire | 1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS
An M1A2 Abrams tank from 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, fires its main weapons system during a live-fire training exercise at the Rodriguez Live-Fire Complex, Republic of Korea, Nov. 30. Soldiers from the battalion conducted the large-scale, live-fire exercise as part of a 30-day rotation to the RLFC to re-qualify on their main weapons systems and be ready to “Fight Tonight” in support of the 2nd Inf. Div./ROK-U.S. Combined Division

Armor Regt., 1st Inf. Div. “I was able to refine my skills maneuvering with the platoon and realized that I could really help my crew by calling out targets that I could see through my driver’s video enhanced.”

For armored crews, conducting the most realistic training possible is key to success on the battlefield.

“Crew gunnery is the foundation upon which an armored company draws its strength,” said Capt. Andrew McLellan, the commander of Company A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st Inf. Div. “The ability to quickly acquire targets and engage with accurate, lethal-direct fire enables the unit to impose its will against the enemy. The skills refined during our gunnery here at Rodriguez Live-Fire Complex support the ‘Fight Tonight’ standard of readiness and further enhance our commitment to the US-ROK alliance.”

Soldiers on the ground and in the tanks and Bradleys said they also understand the importance of conducting training like they’ve completed over the 30-day exercise.

“Gunnery is a true test of a crew’s proficiency to not only fight their tank, but also to engage and destroy targets,” said Sgt. Stetson Countryman, an M1A2 Abram tank gunner with Company A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st Inf. Div. “Gunnery at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex was challenging due to a wide variety of targetry and the terrain of the range.”

The Dreadnaught battalion will continue to hone their skills throughout their nine-month deployment to the Korean peninsula as other battalions from the 1st ABCT utilize the ranges at RLFC to maintain their skills as trained and ready armored units.



Capt. Jonathan Camire | 1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Armored crews from 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conduct a combined-arms, live-fire exercise on the Rodriguez Life Fire Complex, Republic of Korea, Nov. 30. The live-fire exercises included elements not organic to the organization, such as aviation and engineers, in order to create a more realistic training environment.

Sexual harassment, response, prevention facility hosts open house for ‘Devil’ brigade

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

CAMP HOVEY, Republic of Korea – In an effort to help educate and familiarize Soldiers with the Army’s Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention program and reduce the rate of sexual offenses, the staff in the SHARP 360 building hosted an open house for Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, on Camp Hovey, South Korea, Dec. 13.

The goal of the SHARP program is to teach Soldiers to intervene when they recognize a threat to act and to stand up for their fellow Soldiers no matter the time or place, and to be motivated to keep fellow Soldiers safe from sexual assault and harassment.

“The main purpose of today’s open house is to get the units of the ‘Devil’ brigade an idea about the Army SHARP 360 building on Camp Hovey,” said Sgt. 1st Class Howard Hawkins, the brigade’s sexual assault response coordinator. “We wanted to show Soldiers exactly what types of vignette rooms we have, as well as the training ... they could conduct in this facility.”

The facility’s vignette rooms, also known as scenario rooms, especially interested the Soldiers. The scenario rooms consist of vignettes such as a gym, a shower room, a bar and a barracks room. Each scenario



room is designed to provide realistic scenarios Soldiers could encounter in their daily lives. “Basically, the idea behind the vignettes is to go away from traditional classroom instructions to a more powerful instruction,” Hawkins said. “Soldiers can facilitate and participate in different climates and learn how they are going to react in each situation.”

During the open house, some Soldiers demonstrated several scenarios to other Soldiers as a real-life application of the training facility.

“I enjoyed the roles that we did in an actual-life scenario,”

said SpC. Celia Alvarez, a wheeled vehicle mechanic for 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. “It really gets you to think because these rooms consist of natural scenarios that you would see in a real life. Here, I could see and think about how I would react, if it were actually happening to me.”

The SHARP 360 building is open for any units wanting to facilitate SHARP-related training, but a unit can use the facility for other types of training as well if there are no scheduling conflicts, Hawkins said.



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THE FIGHTING FIRST!

Mike Devlin: A ‘Big Red One’ Soldier



By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Mike Devlin, a native of Ventura, California, attended Army basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, in February 1993. He also took his advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood. His military occupational specialty was 12B, combat engineer.

Once out of AIT, before his first duty assignment, Devlin attended Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. From there he went to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and an assignment to Company C, 27th Engineer Battalion, 20th Eng. Brigade, as a combat engineer.

While stationed at Fort Bragg, Devlin deployed to Haiti as part of Operation Uphold Democracy through which American forces helped liberate the Haitian people and conducted policing and peacekeeping missions.

In May 1997, Devlin left active duty and went into the Individual Readiness Reserve for two years in Boise, Idaho. While in the IRR he went to work as an over-the-road truck driver for about 10 years.

In 1999, he joined the Army Reserves out of Boise, Idaho. His was Alpha Company, 321st Eng. Bn.

In November 2003, Devlin was involuntarily transferred to Pennsylvania to the 458th Eng. Bn., based out of New Kensington, Pennsylvania. In February 2004 he deployed to Baghdad and was with the first military unit conducting route clearance there.

In March 2005 the unit returned to Boise. In June 2006, Devlin was mobilized again to go downrange, and in September 2006 he went to Fallujah, Iraq with Company A, 321st Eng. Bn. While there, his unit conducted route clearance operations.

“This deployment was by far my worst because our battalion lost six Soldiers, three from my unit, Company

A,” Devlin said. “There were also eight explosive ordnance detachment Soldiers and 24 Marines that lost their lives as well. We were attached to the Marines on this deployment. We returned back to the United States and in November 2007 I went back to active-duty status.”

Devlin was assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he helped to stand up the 511th Sapper Company, 326th Eng. Bn., 20th Eng. Bde. A year later, his unit deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq and conducted route clearance operations for five months.

“Then we spent seven months training the Iraqi 12th Eng. Regiment engineers” he said.

Devlin returned to the United States in 2010 and was reassigned to Bamberg, Germany, where he helped stand up the 42nd Clearance Co., 8th Eng. Bde. Then, in 2012, his unit deployed to Ghazni, Afghanistan, and they conducted route clearance operations for 12 months.

“We returned back to the United States and, in June 2013, I was re-assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas,” Devlin said. “This is when my story with the Big Red One began.”

Devlin was assigned to Company A, 2-1 Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. Then, in August 2014, Devlin’s unit was reflagged and became Co. B, 82nd Eng. Bn., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

“My duties initially were as a mechanized obstacle breaching vehicle section leader and later I worked on the Army assault breaching vehicle, helping put together tactics techniques procedures and standard operating procedures on how to use and employ the ABVs in support of mechanized armor,” Devlin said.

In October 2015 Devlin departed the active-duty Army, but continued to serve in the Kansas Army National Guard.

His current unit is Detachment 1, 778th out of Manhattan, Kansas.

“I have since re-classed my MOS to 88M, truck driver, so that I could assume the position of heavy equipment transport driver,” Devlin said.

He also decided to stay in the Fort Riley area “because this is where we ended up,” he said. “My family moved out here and we bought a house. We also moved my mom out here and as time has gone by, other family members soon followed.”

When Devlin is not performing his National Guard duty he is a financial service representative for the Armed Forces Benefits Network in Junction City, Kansas, advising Soldiers on their benefits, whether they are active duty or departing the service.

He is a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Kansas 21-1, an organization that is about veteran’s helping veterans, as well as a troop leader for Boy Scout Troop 41.

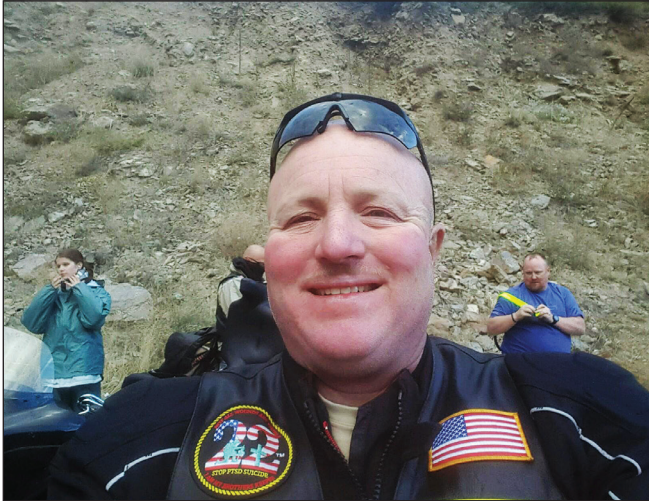
Devlin’s has three memories of his time with the Big Red One he considers favorites.

“The first one is conducting a mission breaching at tank ditch which is part of gunnery on Fort Riley, Table 12, I drove the ACE (M9 Armored Combat Earthmover) and breached a tank ditch and the tanks drove over it successfully,” he said. “Another memory revolves around the assault breach vehicle, I got to shoot the DLCS (demolition line charge system), clear proof and mark a lane for follow-on forces while deployed to the National Training Center.”

Finally, Devlin recalls being in charge of a team of Soldiers with the mission of moving 2-1 BSB’s flag pole from one building to another. This mission was a lot of great team work.

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

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

WELCOME HOME



COURTESY PHOTO
Spec. William Peacock, 287th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, is welcomed back from a customs mission in Cameroon, Africa, by his first child, Khloe Grace Peacock, who was born Nov. 23, 2016, while he was gone. Peacock, along with Sgt. Micah Horwood and Spc. Miguel Rivera Mendoza, came back to Fort Riley Dec. 15 just in time for the holidays. Rivera was also united with his wife and young son. “Words cannot describe what we all felt when we finally came back,” Rivera said. “The mission was only a few months, but I couldn’t wait to get back and see my family.”

Have the Courage to Help a Buddy

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'Big Red One' Soldiers don shoulder sleeve insignias in patching ceremony

Story and photo by Spc. Anna Pongo
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division conducted a patching ceremony Dec. 18, 2016, at Union III where members were presented their “Big Red One” shoulder sleeve insignia, confirming their status as deployed in overseas operations against hostile forces.

For many of the Soldiers present, this is their first deployment and it is seen as a historic opportunity to earn their combat or shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service patch. Soldiers with the 1st Inf. Div. are working in support of Operation Inherent Resolve to build the capacity of the Iraqi Security Forces in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

The patch is worn on a Soldier's right shoulder under the flag and is considered a point of pride that indicates wartime service and signifies a person has served in a military operation for a period of 30 days or longer.

Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general and head of Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command-Operation Inherent Resolve, set the tone by explaining the history behind the combat patch.

“As you don the coveted 1st Infantry Division combat patch, I want you to consider the fraternity you are now a part of,” Martin said. “One whose lineage and heritage coincides with modern conflict, one who continuously stood on the side of freedom and one that answers the call to arms every time with Duty First!”

This ceremony comes a month after nearly 500 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers mobilized to Iraq and Kuwait in support of CJFLCC-OIR.

The CJFLCC-OIR is an international partnership to assist the Iraqi Security Forces, which includes the Iraqi Army, the Iraqi



Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general and head of the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command-Operation Inherent Resolve places the “Big Red One” shoulder sleeve insignia and former wartime service patch on Lt. Col. Sara Dudley, director of the CJFLCC-OIR J8, during a patching ceremony Dec. 18 at Union III, Baghdad, Iraq. This ceremony confirmed their status as deployed in overseas operations against hostile forces.

Air Force, the Counter Terrorism Service, the Federal Police and the Kurdish Peshmerga.

By working with and through government personnel of Iraq, the coalition helped increase their capabilities of the local fighting force. The coalition's focus on advising and assisting provides ISF members with training from the coalition nations. This training ranges from individual to collective task training, such as rifle marksmanship, weapons familiarization, combat casualty care, sniper stalking and urban combat.

“It is a combined-arms effort with the coalition supporting the direct fight with artillery and air strikes and the ISF pushing forward with ground forces,” said Master Sgt. Joey Thompson, 1st Inf. Div., serving in Erbil.

To date, coalition forces have conducted more than 10,000 strikes in Iraq. Taking the fight to ISIL with these strikes disrupts their ability to command and control their fighters, removes their safe havens, destroys their equipment and kills their fighters.

TRAFFIC REPORT

ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS

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

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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.

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Closed indefinitely to all vehicle traffic.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OPENED

The pedestrian bridge opened Dec. 16. With the bridge open, pedestrian

crossing at ground level across 1st Division at Thomas Ave. is be discouraged.

VISITOR CONTROL CENTER HOURS CHANGING

Beginning Jan. 1, 2017 at noon, new hours take effect at the Visitor Control Center.

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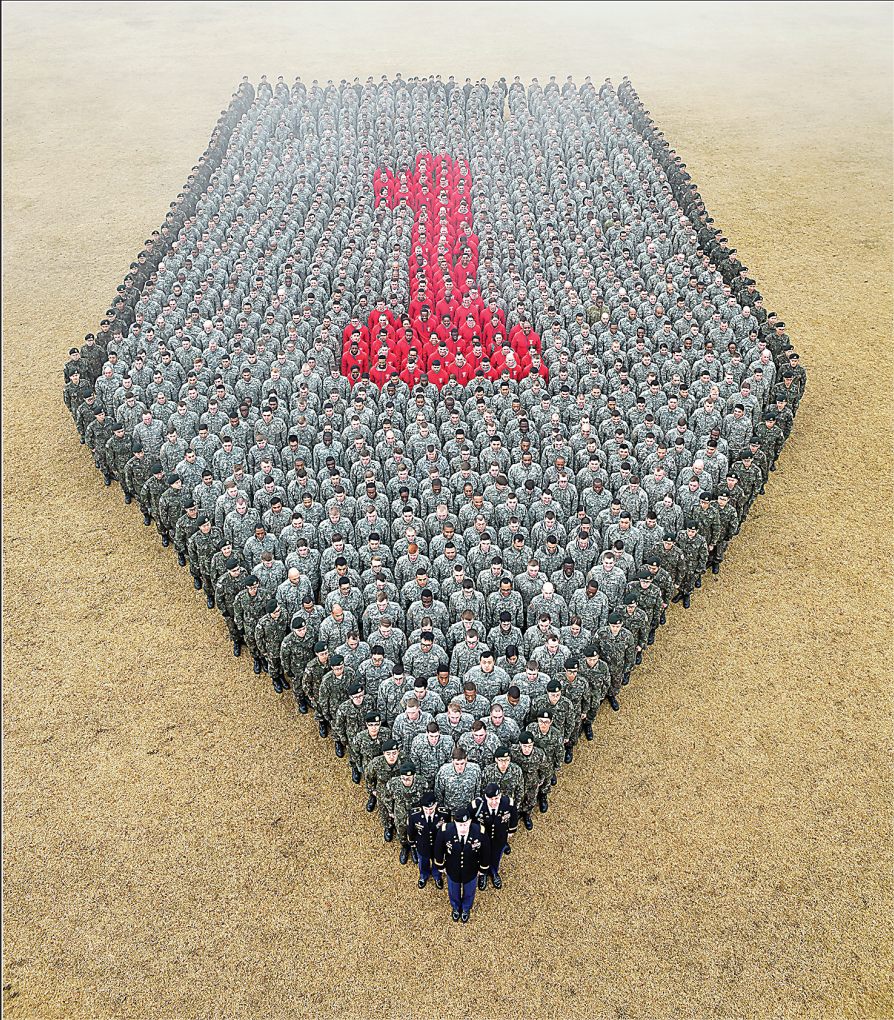
JERRY MORAN VISITS FORT RILEY



Jorge Gomez | IACH PAO

Republican U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran visited with Soldiers and patients at Irwin Army Community Hospital on the morning of Dec. 31, 2016. Although he's toured the facility multiple times during construction, Moran's visit was the first since the hospital's ribbon cutting ceremony in October. He met with team members at the Emergency Department, Labor & Delivery, and the Medical/Surgical floor where he also greeted inpatient Staff Sgt. Steven Tapp, 5th Battalion, 4th Cavalry, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

A LIVING PATCH



COURTESY PHOTOS

ABOVE: More than 600 Soldiers of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, constructed a “living patch” of the “Big Red One” on Camp Casey, South Korea, Dec. 21. Later, the Soldiers joined with the those of the 2nd Infantry Division to create a living patch of the 2nd Inf. Div.

BELOW: More than 5,000 Soldiers led by Maj. Gen. Ted D. Martin, commanding general for the 2nd Infantry Division, create the division's insignia at Camp Casey, South Korea, Dec. 21.



RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What is your New Year's resolution?



"To have more patience."

JILLIAN GONZALEZ
BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA

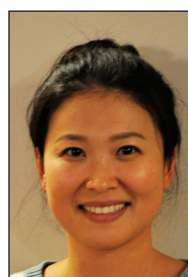
Wife of Staff Sgt. Jose Gonzalez, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division



"I'm going to be a better student."

SERENA TRUJILLO
LAKE FOREST, CALIFORNIA

Daughter of Spc. Tyler Trujillo, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"To start working on my graduate degree."

SGT. KATE KIM
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

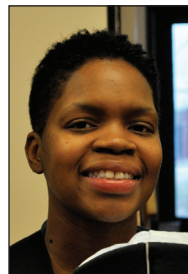
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison Fort Riley



"To get into better shape and try to eat healthier by eating more greens and less junk."

SGT. 1ST CLASS MATHEW FUQUA
MOORE, OKLAHOMA

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, Fort Riley



"To try to understand the Army better for my husband and to make the lifestyle changes that I need to make to be a better wife, mom and person."

SIERRA BUCKSON
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Wife of Spc. Bruce Buckson, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

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COMMAND TEAM CORNER

Looking ahead to 2017 for 1st Infantry Division

Service members, families and friends of the 1st Infantry Division,

Welcome back from the holiday season. I hope you all enjoyed some well-earned time off with family and friends. As we head into the New Year, I want to share with you where the 1st Infantry Division currently stands operationally, what challenges we as a force are facing and how we intend to meet and overcome these challenges throughout this coming year.

Here in 2017, after 100 years of continuous service to our nation, our "Big Red One" Soldiers remain "On Point for the Nation" just as the first Soldiers to join the division in 1917 were deployed to the World War I battlefield. Presently, our division is globally engaged with more than 5,000 Soldiers committed in more than 10 countries supporting combatant commanders and their efforts to shape regional



Brig. Gen.
Patrick D. Frank

security environments. The majority of our 1st Inf. Div. headquarters is deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve providing training, intelligence, logistics and fires to Iraqi security forces as they continue to engage ISIL in Mosul. In addition to this, the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade continues to deny the enemy safe havens in Afghanistan and the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team supports U.S.

Forces Korea by participating in exercises and operations in order to expand the capacity of our longtime allies in the region.

As the Army continues to restructure, it is crucial to understand that due to the complexity of today's global security challenges, the current operational demand will remain on 1st Inf. Div. formations. Our Big Red One Soldiers will continue to hone their skills in combined arms operations on a multi-domain battlefield in preparation for these emerging threats.

Upcoming training exercises such as Danger Focus II, National Training Center rotations and ongoing missions alongside our NATO and coalition allies help to ensure the division's readiness. The world has been, remains and will continue to be full of challenges for our nation and the Big Red One will be ready to answer our nation's call in any conflict.

As we push forward into the New Year, I want to remind each of you how essential you and your individual readiness is to the division's team and the American people. Americans expect the Fighting First to protect our nation and its vital strategic interests against determined, elusive and capable enemies. In order to accomplish this, we need every Soldier deployable and prepared to fight across multiple domains and contested areas. The division made great strides in increasing personnel readiness last year.

I thank leaders and Soldiers at all levels for assisting in this endeavor. However, personnel readiness is a continuing process. Remember — your individual Soldier readiness is the foundation of our Army's readiness.

Duty First!

Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank
1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley acting senior commander

Presidential proclamations issued for month of January

Mentoring

With every generation, our Nation has expanded the essential idea that no matter who you are or where you come from, America is a place where — with hard work and perseverance — you can make it if you try. Although obstacles and challenges along the way can be discouraging, the mentorship and support of others have always motivated our people to persevere — even in the toughest of times. At the start of each new year, we observe National Mentoring Month to honor the parents, families, teachers, coaches, and mentors who pour their time and their love into lifting up America's daughters and sons.

Nobody succeeds on their own: each young person's strength and resilience is fostered by those who have taught them they can do

anything they put their mind to. Whether helping mentees study for a test, learn a new skill, or lift their heads up after a setback, mentors provide them the chance they need to move forward and set their sights even higher. And in helping mentees achieve their goals, mentors can inspire them to reach back and provide the same support to someone else in need of a mentor. To learn how you can mentor others and make a lasting difference, visit www.Serve.gov/Mentor.

In too many communities, many children still have the odds stacked against them, which is why my Administration has striven to increase mentorship opportunities across our country. Among other steps we have taken, we established the My Brother's Keeper initiative, which has inspired private organizations and communities in every State to address

opportunity gaps and encourage mentorship as a tool for helping all young people reach their full potential. At the White House, we started our own mentee program and regularly met with local youth to provide leadership and guidance. And our efforts to bring higher education within reach for more Americans and expand apprenticeship initiatives have helped ensure more students can access the educational and career opportunities they need to thrive.

This month, we reflect on the transformative role mentorship can play and acknowledge the many ways that mentors have helped our next generation of leaders and innovators grow. As a Nation, we are stronger when every individual has the opportunity to contribute to our American story. By working to give each person a better chance at

success, we can unlock their potential and empower them to serve others in the same way.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim January 2017 as National Mentoring Month. I call upon public officials, business and community leaders, educators, and Americans across the country to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.

BARACK OBAMA

Human Trafficking

Our Nation wrestled with the issue of slavery in a way that nearly tore us apart — its fundamental notion in direct contradiction with our founding premise that we are all created equal. The courageous individuals who rejected such cruelty helped us overcome one of the most painful chapters in our history as we worked to realize the promise of equality and justice for all. But today, in too many places around the world — including right here in the United States — the injustice of modern slavery and human trafficking still tears at our social fabric. During National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we resolve to shine a light on every dark corner where human trafficking still threatens the basic rights and freedoms of others.

From factories and brothels to farms and mines, millions of men, women, and children in the United States and around the world are exploited for their bodies and their labor. Whether through violence, deceit, or the promises of a better life, some of the most vulnerable populations among us — including migrants and refugees fleeing conflict or disaster, homeless LGBT youth, Alaska Native and American Indian women and girls, and children in poverty — are preyed upon by human traffickers. In order to rid the world of modern slavery we must do everything in our power to combat these violations of human decency.

The United States has pursued efforts to address these crimes and lift up individuals who have suffered unspeakable abuse at the hands of traffickers. Through the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, we have joined with the private sector, faith communities, law enforcement, and advocates to coordinate efforts to prevent trafficking and protect victims. Focusing on an agenda that prioritizes victim services, the rule of law, procurement of supplies, and increasing public awareness, the Task Force has strengthened Federal efforts to end human trafficking. In 2012, I issued an Executive Order to strengthen protections against human trafficking in Federal contracting, and nearly a year ago, I signed legislation that strengthened our ability to prevent products made with forced labor, including child labor, from entering American markets.

We must address the consequences of human trafficking and work to tackle its root causes. This past fiscal year, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice provided more than \$60 million to community-based organizations and task forces to assist human trafficking victims, and since the beginning of my Administration, we have nearly tripled the number of victims connected to services. The Department of Homeland Security has also taken steps to streamline immigration procedures for trafficking victims and

ensure their regulations are consistent with existing law. And through new Victims of Crime Act regulations, Federal funds can now be used to help human trafficking victims with their housing. Through the White House Council on Women and Girls, we have worked to address the sexual abuse-to-prison pipeline that disproportionately affects those especially vulnerable to sex trafficking — including young women and girls of color. And the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking — comprised of 11 human trafficking survivors of diverse backgrounds and experiences — recently released its first set of recommendations for combating human trafficking while keeping survivor perspectives in mind.

Every action we take at home, from the clothing we wear to the food we eat, is connected to what happens around the world. As a Nation, we have worked to address the problem of forced labor in our supply chains, and as individuals, we must strive to be conscientious consumers. Working with our friends and allies, we have made this issue an international priority. Just this year we used multilateral fora, including the North American Leaders Summit, the East Asia Summit, and the United Nations, to raise awareness and work with partners around the globe. In addition to urging other countries to develop and expand their anti-trafficking laws and services for victims, we are also stepping up our foreign assistance in this

area. Working alongside the international community, we have seen significant increases in trafficking prosecutions and convictions, and we have made great strides in supporting victims.

As leaders in the global undertaking to end the exploitation of human beings for profit, we must always remember that our freedom is bound to the freedom of others. This month, let us find inspiration in America's progress toward justice, opportunity, and prosperity for all and reaffirm our pledge to continue fighting for human rights around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim January 2017 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, culminating in the annual celebration of National Freedom Day on February 1. I call upon businesses, national and community organizations, families, and all Americans to recognize the vital role we must play in ending all forms of slavery and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.

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Civil Air Patrol encampment cadets, leadership visit Fort Riley

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

More than 100 cadets and senior members from the Kansas Civil Air Patrol encampment visited Fort Riley from Dec. 26, 2016, through Jan. 1 as part of the cadet program offered by CAP. Youth between the ages 12 and 21 are introduced to aviation through this program.

According to the CAP website, the cadet program allows youth to progress at their own pace through a 16-step program including aerospace education, leadership training and physical training. Cadets compete for scholarships to further their academic careers in fields such as engineering, science,

aircraft maintenance, aerospace medicine and many others.

Col. Mark Lahan, executive officer for the encampment, partnered with members of Fort Riley’s Directorate of Plans, Transportation Mobilization and Security to make the encampment possible. Usually, the encampment is held at the Regional Training Center in Salina, Kansas, but it was moved because of the higher level of security at Fort Riley.

“This is our version of basic training,” Lahan said about the encampment. “You can’t be an officer without it and you can’t go to a lot of our special activities without attending one. If you don’t go to encampment, you stop at master

sergeant and you can’t do the summertime activities.”

Lahan and members of DPTMS built a schedule that meets all requirements of an encampment. Some of the requirements include 20 hours of leadership training and 10 hours of aerospace education. Lahan provides that schedule to Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama where it is reviewed before granting encampment credit to the cadets.

“I provide a schedule and they’re responsible for getting the activities done,” Lahan said. “(Senior members) are not responsible to make sure the schedule meets the requirements — that’s what I do.”

As part of their encampment, cadets and their leaders toured Marshall Army Airfield, interacted with Soldiers from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and learned about military lifestyle.

Edward Ash, cadet in Alpha Flight from Colorado Springs, Colorado, was one of those who were visited Fort Riley as part of the encampment.

“I want to become an officer in the Air Force,” Ash said. “This helps me learn leadership skills and military bearing, as well as skills I will need in the military. This is a less extreme form of boot camp that tries to model the military.”

Ash said his favorite part of this experience a ride in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter Dec. 28, 2016. Through this experience, Ash was able to talk to Soldiers about what they do and the different aircraft they interact with.

Ash wants to be a pilot and the encampment is helping him achieve his



More than 100 cadets and senior members from the Kansas Civil Air Patrol encampment visited Soldiers from 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Dec. 29, 2016, in an aviation hangar on Marshall Army Airfield. Soldiers shared information about UH-60 Black Hawk and CH-48 Chinook helicopters and the Gray Eagle unmanned aircraft system with the cadets.

short-term goals. To achieve the rank of a cadet officer, attendance at an encampment is mandatory.

“It will definitely help you in every aspect,” he said. “As far as being a cadet in Civil Air Patrol, do it as many times as you need to ... do it as soon as you can.”

Sarah Kleppe, flight commander from the Michigan wing of Civil Air Patrol, said her role in the encampment is to make sure the flight sergeant is properly training cadets and overseeing her squadron of cadets. This is not Kleppe’s first time at an encampment.

“I love the atmosphere and I love watching the cadets grow,” she said. “You have day zero where none of them

know each other or know what is going on and then you get to graduation and you watch them grow and work as team with complete strangers.”

The goal is to train the new cadets about the basics of Civil Air Patrol and learn how to operate in a team atmosphere. Kleppe said she returns to the encampment because she wants to help the cadets grow. She has learned many things from being at encampment including how to be an effective leader.

“The most important thing I’ve learned in Civil Air Patrol is definitely how to be confident,” she said. “You have to be confident ... a lot of it comes from experience.”



Cadets from the Kansas Civil Air Patrol encampment team carry a member of their flight during a team challenge exercise Dec. 30, 2016. The team challenge was a series of events that required the cadets to use teamwork to solve including completing an obstacle course blindfolded and a push-up competition.

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Fort Riley management analyst receives Army’s Stalwart Award

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

Angela Martin, management analyst for the Directorate of Human Resources, alongside 13 other Department of the Army civilians, received the Army Installation Management Command Stalwart Award for going above and beyond the call of duty at a luncheon ceremony Nov. 30, 2016, in San Antonio, Texas.

The Stalwart Award is given to Army civilians who use their own ingenuity, skills and time to meet or surpass objectives of the Army and IMCOM and distinguish themselves amongst their peers and leaders, according to an article describing the award at www.army.mil.

Martin was recognized for two different projects she completed, resulting in the cost avoidance measures of about \$2.7 million for Fort Riley, IMCOM and the Army while she was chief of the reassignment section. Her first project was an entire overhaul of the system used to process permanent change of station orders, creating a Microsoft Access database that simplified the process, handled funding and reduced the process from more than four hours to a few minutes.

She said she began her first project in 2010 and continued it for more than a year and a half until it was complete, but it was her work and drastic modifications to the

database in 2014 that she was recognized for.

“I created this Access database for them to help them turn what they used to do manually into something that’s done automatically, so it kind of went from taking about four hours to do an order to five minutes,” Martin said. “In 2014 and going into 2015, I really amped it up (to) where almost every single thing they had to do was done in the database and the Army actually came out with this new thing where we had to track the funding of a PCS and be able to allow for the funding before a PCS instead of after ... so we had to come up with a way to fund it before the person PCS’d ... so I had to completely redo the database so it would automatically create that data.”

To create it, Martin said she had to teach herself the program and joked she used the book “Access for Dummies” to help her learn about it along with the help of an Army Reservist she knew. For more than a year, she stayed late at work to create, tinker with, modify and correct her database until it was as efficient and simple as she could get it.

“When I first came to the reassignment section, I could not believe they were still hand typing this and that the Army hadn’t come up with something for PCS orders,” Martin said. “I read the book and (there was) this Reservist that I knew a little about Access, so he kind of

helped me with the initially programming and it took about a year and a half to create and in that time, I was just going crazy watching the person type every single order ... there were a lot of human errors that were happening, there was a lot of redundant work that it was causing, so I had to do something.”

Her efforts did not go unnoticed as the database she created caught the interests of personnel at IMCOM and other installations. She said her database became a test of sorts for implementing similar systems elsewhere. Today, her database is used at Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Martin said she designed the database not because she was looking for praise or reward, but because she did not like the way the original system worked. She disliked the amount of manual work and the hours it took to complete, as well as the different people each set of orders had to go through to verify everything was correct, so she took it upon herself to find an easier method.

Martin was recognized for more than one project.

Martin’s second project entailed collaborating with personnel of other directorates and offices to create a video presentation for Soldiers preparing to PCS overseas. She said she realized week after week when she did her traditional presentation with a slide show, she was not giving them the exact same presentation each time as she would rotate her focus

on different topics and was not giving each matter equal attention.

“We gave this briefing every Wednesday to a group of Soldiers who were PCSing overseas and I could tell that every Wednesday when we gave the brief, maybe I would touch on something that I didn’t touch on the previous week even though there were guidelines about everything to talk about,” she said. “So, what I decided to do instead was make a video of the briefing and what I put into this video, I embedded other videos from in and out processing, the transportation office, the passport lady (and) from our office.”

Additionally, she said she recognized not everyone takes in information in the same manner, so she changed her presentation to include a video with audio, her spoken presentation with the slide show and printouts of the slide show for every Soldier to take. This allowed each Soldier to hear, see, read and review the presentation, and ensuring everyone was getting through to a great number of people, she said.

“You may be a visual person, I may need to read the instructions,” she said. “So I wanted to try and give this briefing in a way so it didn’t matter if you were a visual learner, an instructional learner, whatever kind of learner you were, you got it in one of three ways.”

Martin said she was humbled and grateful for the recognition for her hard work.



Angela Martin, management analyst for the Directorate of Human Resources, holds her Stalwart Award shadowbox Dec. 22, 2016, outside her office in building 210. Martin joined 13 other Stalwart Award recipients for a ceremony Nov. 30, 2016, in San Antonio, Texas, where they received their awards from U.S. Army Installation Management Command representatives for going above and beyond their peers and call of duty to achieve or exceed Army and IMCOM objectives.

Although she is not working on any new projects, she encourages others to continue pursuing their own efforts.

“If you’re working on it after duty hours and not at work, but you’re doing it for work, it’s obviously something that you’re passionate about and something that matters, so you just got to push on and know that what you’re doing is going to make a difference,” she said.



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USO, celebrities bring holiday cheer to service members in Iraq

By **Spc. Derrik Tribbey**
1ST INFANTRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The USO continued their annual Holiday Tour for deployed service members with a Christmas Eve show Dec. 24, 2016.

Kellie Pickler, who has travelled 11 times with the USO, headlined the event.

The tour, led by U.S. Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, the 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. John W. Troxell, senior enlisted advisor to the chairman, aimed to bring a touch of home to troops throughout the holiday season.

“It’s great, and I’m excited that this is how I get to spend the holidays,” said Staff Sgt. Andrew Maynard, who performed with the 1st Infantry Division Band’s “Thunderstruck” ensemble prior to the show.

The USO tour was packed with a diverse group of celebrities including former World Wrestling Entertainment and Total Nonstop Action women’s champion Gail Kim and her husband Chef Robert Irvine, who served as the master of ceremonies.

Comedy Central’s “Roast Master General” Jeff Ross also traveled with the group and brought laughter to the stage as he held court with an impromptu roast of several members in the audience.

In the midst of all the laughter, Ross also had encouraging words about the military relationships he has seen during his time traveling with the USO.

“It’s an amazing thing,” Ross said. “I am always inspired by how the military takes care of each other.”

Following Ross’ comedy set, Pickler, accompanied by her husband Kyle Jacobs,

performed a medley of holiday songs and a few of her biggest hits.

During her first song “Tough,” Pickler invited Spc. Nicole Landon, a geospatial engineer with the 1st Inf. Div., to join her on stage.

“I was so excited,” Landon said after the performance. “That song has been my favorite song since it came out. It reminds me a lot of my own childhood. For me to be able to sing it with her was awesome.”

The concert turned what had been a rainy day into a clear picture of the holiday season for the audience and Landon.

“It’s really awesome that they came out and visited us,” Landon said. “It gives us something to look forward to.”

The chairman and the USO tour will continue with additional shows in Iraq through the holiday season.



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Frazier | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Kellie Pickler, an American country music artist, performs for deployed service members during a USO’s Christmas Eve show on Dec. 24 in Baghdad, Iraq. Pickler who has travelled 11 times with USO, headlined the event. Pickler, accompanied by her husband, Kyle Jacobs, performed a medley of holiday songs and a few of her own songs.

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Kevin Griffin, surfaced and non-surfaced area supervisor from the Directorate of Public Works, remembers when the patches were emplaced on Custer Hill in the late 1970s or early 1980s.

The concrete patches were brought to DPW in the mid-90s and placed with other limestone rocks from demolished buildings, according to Griffin. The patches remained there until the middle of October when, following a visit to DPW grounds by Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, Fort Riley garrison senior noncommissioned officer, the staff was asked to refurbish the monuments.

The patches were exposed to the Kansas prairie weather extremes for about 20 years, and it showed.

“They were cracked; the concrete was degrading; they were in shambles,” said Tony Watkins, mechanic and carpenter with DPW. “Carl (Seelye, maintenance mechanic and carpenter) got them with a good pressure wash, and then we knew what we had to work with. We went from there.”

Seelye and Watkins undertook the project of restoring the decades-old concrete patches.

“After we pressure-washed them, then we started to fix them,” Watkins said. “We used some concrete patch and then we primed them. Any soft concrete or anything that was degrading had to be removed. We used hammers, wire brushes and a grinder. It was a mess.”

The repair process took approximately 60 hours of labor before the patches could be primed and painted.

“It took us a couple of weeks; we were lucky that it



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A Department of Public Works employee at Fort Riley uses a military forklift to place a refurbished “Big Red One” patch in a roundabout on Henry Drive Nov. 30. The 3,000-pound concrete patch was refurbished after spending nearly 20 years exposed to the elements on the DPW grounds.

was such an important deal,” Seelye said. “Our bosses and their higher ups allowed us time and took it easy on us with service orders to actually work on these.”

Seelye and Watkins turned their time and efforts to painting the patches once repairs were complete.

“We wanted to get the paint as close as we could to the original colors; we took some time and did some research to get it as best we could,” Seelye said. “We went to the (1st Infantry Division) Museum and talked to Dr. Bob (Smith), and looked through some of his books. We found this was the most common color used, so this is what we went with.”

A special paint was chosen to better preserve the refurbished patches against the Kansas weather. The type of paint chosen is the same kind used on tennis courts.

“The weather is harsh out here and the epoxy paint is go-

ing to seal the concrete — it is going to hold up against all the UV rays,” Seelye said. “It is just going to last a lot longer than the conventional outdoor paint.”

The three DPW workers said they are excited for their work and the patches to be on display as service members, families and guests drive throughout the post.

“I think it is great; I wish we could put more of our history out for people to see,” Griffin said. “We need to start showing the history of our division. It is our division too, even though we are civilians.”

Civilians and Soldiers alike will celebrate the division’s 100th anniversary June 8.

“I will be the first one to bring my son up here to check them out, see what we have done with them,” Watkins said. “That’s a fact. We have a large amount of pride in these. That’s a fact.”

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Assistant Secretary and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary David Friedman, from the Department of Energy, Michael Borst, engineer from the Environmental Protection Agency National Risk Management Research Laboratory, Maj. Gen. Theodore Harrison, commanding general of the U.S. Army Contracting Command and Timothy Unruh, director of Federal Energy Management Program, pose for a photo after Borst accepted the 2016 award for the permeable parking lot project at Fort Riley’s Seitz Elementary. The project was completed in August 2015.

they developed curriculum to teach students.

“This is one of the only projects in the Army that I know of where it has been followed up by the education component to teach the average person what is going on,” Otto said. “It’s reaching more people.”

Michael Borst, engineer from the EPA National Risk Management Research Laboratory, accepted the award in Washington D.C. He was part of the team who designed the parking lot.

He said substituting permeable surfaces for traditional asphalt or concrete is becoming more common as a way to manage storm water. As part of this project, personnel at the EPA are trying to better understand how the water moves after it is captured by the permeable surface.

“From a technical perspective, parking lots redirect runoff generated by the rainfall,” he said. “A traditional design using storm sewers routes the water to surface water such as the Republican River where it flows

away. Permeable systems allow that water to flow into the dirt where it becomes part of the groundwater. The groundwater can then be used supply our future water needs.”

An array of sensors in and around the parking lot allow EPA scientists to measure the movement of water collected.

Michael Nye, Net Zero program manager from the EPA National Exposure Research Laboratory, works closely with the Fort Riley Environmental Division. He said the EPA is always looking for ways to make projects more useful and interesting for Fort Riley residents.

“Our scientists are also working with those teachers and the wonderful science team from USD 475 to incorporate precipitation and parking lot performance data from the project itself directly into those lesson plans,” Nye said. “So when it rains, students can see how the permeable parking lot quickly soaks up the rain ... and they can also see data that shows how even a small

amount of rain makes a lot of water runoff.”

Nye said the goal is to combine with the data from the parking lot with real-life examples, such as how much rainwater it takes to flush a toilet. This will ultimately make the science lessons more meaningful for the students of Seitz Elementary. Every year enough rain falls on the roof of Seitz Elementary to fill up the Forsyth community pool three and a half times.

“There’s a lot we can do with technology these days to treat contaminated water or reclaim clean water from almost any source,” he said. “EPA scientists are world leaders in this area, and that’s why the Army wants us to work with them on projects like this. But conservation is also important because it’s a part that anyone can play in helping make sure there is enough water to go around, both for now and for future generations of young people. Kids are often better at remembering to conserve water than their parents.”

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deployable Soldiers are the number one problem by size, scale and cost for the Army, and it has to stop. It’s not personal; it’s professional.”

Dailey told the crowd that the Army’s leadership understands the need to create upward mobility for Soldiers at every level.

“One of the things we’re looking at is incentivizing deployments,” Dailey said. “You’re doing the hard work, and it’s time we reward you for those efforts.”

Dailey also discussed recruiting efforts noting that the desire for Americans to serve in the Army is the lowest in history.

“We need to raise the civilian perception,” Dailey said. “We’re revamping the NCO Professional Development program and looking at options to credential our academic programs to enhance the Army University so Soldiers can earn credits toward their degrees following completion of” the U.S. Army NCO Education System.

Dailey said the Army is looking at the possibility of also offering professional certifications that could more easily translate into the civilian marketplace, which could go a long way to setting up Soldiers for post-military carriers.

“We have to make sure Soldiers are competitive

for service following their service,” he said. “The Soldier for Life program should not be viewed as a bumper sticker message.”

Staff Sgt. Brittany Dufour, Union III, Troop Medical Clinic noncommissioned officer in charge, was one of nearly 150 Soldiers in attendance.

“This is going to really motivate Soldiers,” Dufour said. “Whether it’s earning certifications or working toward a degree, this initiative is going to go a long way in helping Soldiers stand out among their peers and make them better prepared for the future.”

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Fort Riley school district fills spot

Matthew Droge takes over as new director of communications

USD475 COMMUNICATIONS
JUNCTION CITY, Kan. — Geary County Schools USD 475 has selected Matthew Droge as the new executive director of communications, after reviewing several qualified applicants. Droge will start the New Year as the director of communications on Jan. 2, pending Board approval. He will replace Hugh Davis, who resigned in November to be closer to his family who have been living in Lincoln, Nebraska, for most of 2016. Hugh's last day will be Jan. 9.



Matthew Droge

Droge had served as a law enforcement agency spokesperson for the Riley County Police Department. He comes to Geary County Schools following a career as both a police officer and leader in communications and public relations for law enforcement. He is also an experienced strategic and crisis communicator and plans to use these skills to assist the district with strategic planning for upcoming projects and events.

"I look forward to seeing what this award winning district can accomplish in the future and am excited to be able to highlight the achievements of students and staff. I plan to get started by meeting district staff as well as meeting and continuing to build relationships with community groups," Droge said.

Droge has been recognized by an international community for his work in public relations for law enforcement and was recently nominated for a Harvard Innovations in American Government Award. He will begin work with the district's communications coordinator, Christine Johnson and Media Specialist, Quilaztli Pastorelli, Jan. 2. In an outline of his expectations, he lists the importance of building relationships both internally and externally in

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Santa Claus hands out copies of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to children and talks with them about Christmas during Story Time with Santa Dec. 23 at USO Fort Riley. As part of the 10 days of Jolly Days at USO Fort Riley, children and parents alike nestled in on the floor to listen to the story read aloud to them by Santa Claus. The room was filled with wide-eyed and excited kids as they laughed and answered Santa each time he made a joke or asked a question. After, each child lined up to receive a copy of the book and meet with Santa Claus. Some children posed for pictures while others quietly handed Santa a letter, which he took and tucked away into his coat and promised to read it soon.

A jolly good time

Families celebrate with almost 2 weeks of Jolly Days at USO Fort Riley

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Staff and volunteers of USO Fort Riley celebrated the holidays with Soldiers and their families through 10 days of fun with "Tis the Season: USO Jolly Days Dec. 16 to Dec. 25, 2016, at the center, 6918 Trooper Drive.

Each day featured different activities, including gift wrapping stations, Story Time with Santa, tacky sweater contests, holiday card making and more. A hot chocolate bar was also available every day to let guests craft their own drink with different flavors, candies and other treats.

Jolly Days was about creating family time and giving service members and their families something to do outside the home, said Crystal Tinkey, center operations and programs manager for USO Fort Riley. The first event built off one monthly USO Unplugged: Family Game Night and introduced families to the activities to come.

"Over the block leave we know that some families don't go home," Tinkey said. "We have our service members that still have to work and some service members and families that can't go home, like my first year here, I couldn't go

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Shauna Laauwe, wife of Lt. Col. Bradley Laauwe, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and her daughter, Shannon, create 3-D paper snowflakes during the USO Fort Riley Jolly Days Dec. 28.



Maria Childs | POST

Crystal Tinkey, USO Fort Riley center operations and program manager, instructs Chase Caywood, son of Maj. Brad Caywood, from the Kansas State University ROTC program, on how to create a 3-D paper snowflake during the USO Fort Riley's Jolly Days Dec. 28.

"My New Year's resolution is to start doing two-a-days at the gym and continue improving my physical fitness."

LT. ANTHONY MAGALLANE
1ST BATTALION, 5TH FIELD
ARTILLERY REGIMENT,
1ST ARMORED BRIGADE
COMBAT TEAM, 1ST
INFANTRY DIVISION

Families begin new year in the right lane

Custer Hill Bowling Center carries on New Year's Eve tradition

By Chris Cannon
1ST INF. DIV. POST

More than 30 families from Fort Riley enjoyed a safe and happy New Year's Eve at the Custer Hill Bowling Center the evening of Dec. 31, 2016, during the New Year's Eve Masquerade.

For \$20, families could play as many games as they wanted to, rent shoes and enjoy appetizers, hot chocolate and a cup of champagne while watching TV on projector screens, or bowling.

"It's a way to get folks who want to have a good time with their families out of the house without the excessive alcohol and enjoy the New Year," said Bobby Kimble, manager, Custer Hill Bowling Center.

For some families, like Sgt. Afsheen Robinson, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and his wife, Brandy, who recently transferred from Hawaii, it was their first chance to take advantage of the activities that are offered at Fort Riley.

For other participants, like 1st Lt. Anthony Magallanes, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., it kept a childhood tradition alive. As a child, Magallanes' father was stationed in the 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., at Fort Riley, and his family would go to the Custer Hill Bowling Center on New Year's Eve to celebrate the holiday. Now, as an adult, he continues the tradition, and serves in the same battalion his father did before his retirement.

"I've been doing this for six plus years, and even as a kid, it was a great way to spend time with my family, because my dad was stationed on Fort Riley," Magallanes said. "My New Year's resolution is to start doing two-a-days at the gym and continue improving my physical fitness."

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New 'Dagger' Soldiers lend helping hand

Quartet assists Junction City with holiday decorations

By Chad L. Simon
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A group of four Soldiers new to Fort Riley ventured to Junction City, Kansas, Nov. 20, 2016, to explore their new surroundings when they were mistaken as volunteers who were helping Phyllis Fitzgerald, then-vice mayor of Junction City, in decorating the city for the holiday season.

The Soldiers had an hour before their movie started, so they agreed to help.

"They (drill sergeants) stressed not to put a bad representation of the Army and always help when help is needed."

PVT. JUSTIN DICKERSON | COMPANY B, 1ST COMBINED ARMS BATTALION, 18TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 2ND ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

"They didn't have a whole lot of people helping them, so why not help out?" said Pvt. Jacob Ball, Company B, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. "It is good to help around the community to put a good name out for the Army."

Ball and Pvt. Asher Baca, Pvt. Justin Dickerson and Pvt.

Romeo Aguillon helped as much as they could before seeing their movie.

"We ended up staying and helping out," said Dickerson, Co. B, 1st Bn, 18th Inf. Regt. "I think we helped with five or six light poles."

The four Soldiers credit their drill sergeants for encouraging them to be helpful and active in the community when they can.

"Our drill sergeants always told us to do the right thing; that was something that was instilled in us," Dickerson said. "They stressed not to put a bad representation of the Army, and always help when help is needed."

Fitzgerald, a retired Army chief warrant officer who was elected mayor of Junction City on Jan. 3, also noticed the military training in the four new, sudden volunteers.

"I think it goes to show their leadership and upbringing," Fitzgerald said. "I was impressed to see them venture out I am grateful to have met them."

As a way of giving back to

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COURTESY PHOTO

Phyllis Fitzgerald, left, then Junction City vice mayor, takes a selfie Nov. 20 with, from left to right, Pvt. Justin Dickerson, Pvt. Jacob Ball, Pvt. Asher Baca, Pvt. Romeo Aguillon, all assigned to the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. The four Soldiers, all new to Fort Riley, were exploring the city when they decided to lend a hand to Fitzgerald and others decorating the city streets for the holiday season.

FORT RILEY POST-ITS



**SOLDIER FOR LIFE
TRANSITION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM EVENTS**
Assessment Phase Pilot Program: Next window is Jan. 10-11, Sessions to be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes early. Open to all units.

The training is meant for Soldiers 18-15 months from separation to create and/or validate their transition plan. Training is approximately 2-3 hours and includes an aptitude/interest test and orientation to the workforce (<http://www.onetonline.org/>).
Big Red One Soldier for Life-Transistion Assistance Program company commander, first sergeants and pre-command course brief will be held at the Military Schools Facility, BLDG 8388, Fort Riley, Jan. 27, 1:15 p.m.
Jan. 12: Employer Networking Event, 1-2:30 p.m., building 210, room 118D, Custer Ave., Fort Riley.
Jan. 23-27: Occupational health and Safety Administration standards for general industry. To be held through Barton Community College at building 8388, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. For more information call Terri Mebane at 240-5379.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE - ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING
Army Community Service Staff will host an interactive workshop about personal growth and leadership Jan. 24 to 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ACS building, 7264 Normandy Drive.
Topics will include communications, acknowledging change, personal time management, stress management, enhancing personal relationships, team dynamics, creative problem solving and customs and protocol.
Limited free childcare is available. Reservations for childcare must be made by calling 785-239-9974 or 785-239-9435 no later than Jan. 10.



HOLIDAY STRESS SURVIVAL
Military OneSource has several articles, webinars and podcasts with tips on de-stressing and focusing on enjoying the holiday season with friends and family.
To view the information go to www.militaryonesource.mil/ and search for holiday stress relief.

UPCOMING THREAT AWARENESS AND REPORTING PROGRAM
Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training is scheduled for Jan. 10 and 26, and Feb. 7 and 23. The time for all four days is 10 a.m. The training will be held at Barlow Theater at Fort Riley.

BLUE STAR BENEFITS PROGRAM CARD
Blue Star Cards are issued to spouses of Soldiers who have fallen or are deployed, on a temporary changes of station, unaccompanied permanent change of station, 90 to 179 day temporary duty or are Army Wounded Warriors in Transition assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit.
The card provides following benefits:
• Receive discounts at select MWR facilities
• Connect with other spouses by joining our exclusive trips, concerts, events and other opportunities. Some of these will offer free childcare.
To receive a card, bring a copy of your spouse's orders to Leisure Travel Services, 6918 Trooper Drive next to the Fort Riley USO. A card will be issued on the spot. For more information call 785-239-5641.
The card is valid for 30 days prior to and 90 days after the effective dates of spouse's orders.



DOUGH FOR JOES
Staff of the Irwin Army Community Hospital and 1st Infantry Division leaders encourage Soldiers and family members to fill out the Joint Outpatient Experience Survey should they receive one in the mail following a visit to the hospital. JOES allow patients to have their concerns addressed and can earn the hospital up to \$1,000 to be invested in future healthcare programs.
The JOES program is administered by a third party for the Office of the Surgeon General. Patients are randomly selected within 48 hours after their clinic visit. Patients can complete the questionnaire with the enclosed survey, online or by telephone.

FORT RILEY LEISURE TRAVEL
Discount tickets are available for events in the surrounding area as well as major theme park destinations.
Upcoming events with discount tickets include:
Salina Bicentennial Center: Toughest Monster Trucks Feb. 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City Sprint Center: Monster Jam Feb. 3, 4 and 5 various times - deadline to purchase is Jan. 27.
Sesame Street Live - Elmo Makes Music Feb. 24, 25 and 26 various time - deadline to purchase is Jan. 25.
Topeka Expocenter WWE Live Holiday Tour Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Harlem Globetrotters Jan. 27, 7 p.m.
Salina Rolling Hills Zoo & Museum
Great Wolf Lodge - Kansas City Hotel: Blackout dates apply. Waterpark tickets included for all guests.
Coco Keys Waterpark Resort Hotel - Kansas City

FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER MOVIE SCHEDULE
Friday, Jan. 6
Moana (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7
Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them (PG-13) 2 p.m.
Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk (R) 7 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 8
Moana (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing
Regular Showing: \$6
3D Showing: \$8
First Run: \$8.25
3D First Run: \$10.25
For more information call 785-239-9574.

NEWDAY USA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
A scholarship fund is available from NewDay USA for candidates wanting to attend military schools. Priority will be to middle and high school students, with college students considered on a case-by-case basis. Up to \$20,000 tuition assistance per student is available. Information and applications are available at www.farragut.org/admissions/financial-aid/newday-usa-foundation-scholarship/.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADERSHIP MILITARY 101
Staff at ACS will host an interactive seminar Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a variety of information provided including community resources, information about volunteering, the command and rank structure and Fort Riley groups and clugs. Learn what the family readiness group is and how to get involved. Come with your questions — ACS has answers.
For more information contact ACS at 785-239-1883.



RESILIENT SPOUSE ACADEMY
A four-day Resiliency Spouse Academy course is scheduled for Jan. 9 through 12 at Army Community Service offices, 7264 Normandy Drive, Fort Riley. The time for all four days is 10 a.m.
Skills taught will include master resiliency Training, applied suicide intervention skills training, substance abuse prevention, financial resilience and responding to reports of abuse or neglect.
For more information or to register, call 785-239-9974 or 9435.

FOR INFORMATION ON PLACING ANNOUCEMENTS IN THIS SECTION OF THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION POST CALL 785-239-8854/8135.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Don't let resolutions for the New Year fall by the wayside

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

Happy New Year and welcome to 2017! We've been at our resolution intentions for a week now and I know some of us have already wiggled around the side of one or two of our bright and shiny New Year goals. I mean who wouldn't be tempted by those last few holiday treats? As we face the challenges of a new year and our new resolutions, here are a few thoughts about how to stay on track and reach your goals.
Setting resolutions is a good idea, but don't make them so rigid that you can't get back on track if you miss a point along the way. Maybe you resolved to work out more or are just starting a new workout plan. If you miss a morning session and the day gets away from you and you don't get back into the gym for a day or two, don't quit. Check your schedule for the rest of the week and find another way to advance toward your goal of better health. All too often we get stuck in an "all or nothing" attitude and if we let ourselves down once, which will happen, we quit. Ease up on yourself a little and find reasons to keep making progress — there's always a way. Get plugged into the wellness center to learn about all the different ways you can improve your mood and health and take the stress off while you do it.
Remember, progress in personal goals isn't a race. When you start a new eating plan or workout regimen, you aren't going to be buff within the first couple of days or weeks. Little steps lead to the finish line; we only fail when we quit moving forward.



Colonel Lawrence

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• If you need a **fitness accountability partner**, contact the wellness center at 785-239-9355. If it's an academic goal you need help with, reach out to our **education services professionals** at 785-239-6481.

The same is true about professional goals. Maybe you need a professional certification and it will take some training to get there. Go for it. Take the training and invest the time to make yourself a better Soldier, civilian employee or person. There's never a downside to just improving your knowledge about something that interests you. Just take one step at a time and you'll be amazed at the progress you'll make by the end of the year.
So if it's the end of the week and you still haven't gotten back to the gym after that first hardcore workout that left your triceps screaming or you haven't done your research on the information you need to better yourself on or off the job, you haven't failed — at least not yet. Don't keep putting it off — just start. That's the hardest part of any journey. From there, many people will be there to cheer you on along the way.
If you need a fitness accountability partner, contact the wellness center at 785-239-9355. If it's an academic goal you need help with, reach out to our education services professionals at 785-239-6481.
Again, happy New Year. My family and I wish you all the best in 2017!

— *To comment on this article or to suggest a topic for Community Corner, email usarmy.riley.incom.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil or visit my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fortrileycg.*



Season Osterfeld | POST

Children and adults alike sit on the floor and listen to Santa Claus read a classic Christmas story to them Dec. 23 at USO Fort Riley. As part of the 10 days of Jolly Days at USO Fort Riley, children and parents alike nestled in on the floor to listen to the story "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

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home, so the kids are out of school, they get stir crazy, it's Christmas break, so a little activity, a little something every day for the children and the families to enjoy."
At some events, such as Story Time with Santa, children who visited received goodies to take home, like a copy of the book "Twas the Night Before Christmas."
Amanda Orduno, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Odilon Orduno, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, attended Story Time with Santa Dec. 23, 2016, alongside her two daughters and husband. She said they attended because she wanted to keep the magic of Christmas alive for as long as she could for her daughters and appreciated all the different activities available through Jolly Days.
"I think it's pretty cool," Orduno said. "I think it's

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For bowlers like Angelies Rivera-Mattos, daughter of Sgt. Joaquin Rivera-Gonzalez, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., it was the first time her family celebrated New Year's Eve at the bowling center. Her family traditionally had a get-together on the holiday, but they decided to try something new by spending the evening bowling a few games.
As a part of the fun, Kimble raffled off presents to the participants. Winners included Magallanes, and five others who received presents ranging from remote control helicopters to back massagers that were purchased and wrapped by staff member Vila Hall.
Hall is among those who kept the tradition of celebrating New Year's Eve at the Custer Hill Bowling Center. During his active-duty service, he would

bring his family to the bowling center for the holiday to play a few games and spend time together. After he retired from the Army on Fort Riley and began working at the bowling center, his family continued to come to the bowling alley to celebrate the holiday. In the more than 26 years that he has worked at the center, he continues to work each year on New Year's as a sort of tradition.

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the Soldiers, Fitzgerald invited the four privates to attend a performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the C.L. Hoover Opera House in Junction City.
"I had been to school plays, but nothing like that," Ball said. "That was a really good play. I enjoyed it quite a bit."
Fitzgerald and the Soldiers plan to continue the volunteer relationship they formed.
"I plan to stay involved in Junction City and helping the vice mayor," said Aguillon, Co. C, 1st Bn., 18th Inf. Regt. "Usually, she lets us know in advance what is going on."
Though Soldiers are new to the Flint Hills region of Kansas, they say they have come to enjoy the small-town feel of the area.
"I like going to Junction City," Aguillon, a native of Las Vegas, said. "It is very different from a big city. It is nice, calm and quiet. They always say 'Thank you for your service.' They seem to have very high moral toward people in the military."

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order to reach common goals within the community.
The executive director of communications is largely responsible for overall district communication which includes media relations, web presence, social media, the text messaging system and crisis planning. Droge will serve as the official school spokesperson and work to highlight the many accomplishments of Geary County schools in print, broadcast and online formats.
For additional information, contact the Communication Services Department at 785-717-4066 or 785-717-4067.

Wagons, candlelight set mood

Families celebrate Christmas with Protestant service

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

The afternoon of Dec. 24, 2016, was a crisp and cool 48 degrees when the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard wagon pulled by the mules, Jane and Julie, parked in front of the Main Post Chapel. This is the third year that the chapel and the CGMCG have paired up to give churchgoers rides before the Christmas Eve Protestant service. The service was presided over by Chaplain (Col.) Timothy Walls, Chaplain (Capt.) Jeremy Davis and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Byung Min.

More than 120 families lined up at different points during the three hours that the wagon rides were available, and some warmed their hands by the fire that was provided for families to warm their hands in a fire pit while they waited for a turn. On each turn, families chatted and children squealed with laughter while the Jane and Julie pulled the fully equipped wagon.

The wagon used Dec. 24, 2016, was custom built by the team at the CGMCG. Each member of the color guard worked together to assemble the wagon from the axles to the wagon box and jump seats before fitting it with turn signals, strands of lights beneath the seats and speakers for groups to listen to music or post tour guides. The CGMCG uses other wagons for tours and shows around post, but they are reproductions of those used during 1871, and used primarily for escort. In previous years, the unit used draft horses to pull the wagon, but they had to make a change at the last minute for the event on Dec. 24, 2016, because the CGMCG has been selected to march in the Inaugural Parade in Washington D.C. Jan. 20.



The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard mules Jane and Julie, pull a custom-built wagon decorated with greenery for the families of Fort Riley Dec. 24, 2016, before the Protestant Service at the Main Post Chapel.



Chaplain (Col.) Timothy Walls delivers the sermon for the Christmas Eve service and candlelight vigil. As the sermon was delivered, children played and colored in the pews during the Protestant Christmas Eve service at the Main Post Chapel.

"It's nice to be here for the families and give them a chance to show them what we can do ... to be able to give back to the families of Fort Riley while many of their spouses are deployed," said 1st Sgt. Jason Therkelsen, CGMCG.

After families disembarked from the wagon, many children asked to pet the mules and while families posed for photos before they enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate, baked goodies and some conversation while they waited for the Christmas concert in the basement of Saint Mary's church

next to the Main Chapel. The concert was put together by the families of the post's Protestant chapels and consisted of versions of popular Christmas carols performed by vocal and instrumental soloists. Upon entry into the vestibule, each person was handed a single white candle, and invited to find a seat.

The church service was the only Protestant Christmas Eve service held on Fort Riley. There was also a Christmas Eve mass held at Saint Mary's Chapel. As the time for the service drew closer, more than

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1ST SGT. JASON THERKELSEN
COMMANDING GENERAL'S
MOUNTED COLOR GUARD

200 people gathered in the little church decorated in evergreens.

"The whole community worked together to decorate the Main Post and Saint Mary's Chapel from putting up the tree to decorating the window sills," Davis said.

Throughout the service, the church rafters rang with the traditional Christmas hymns sung by the congregation until the lights were turned down and a flame was passed from candle to candle. As the flame was passed down the pews, the congregation sang "Silent Night," and a benediction was given by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William Sager. With the final notes of "Joy to the World," the congregation opened the doors to the chapel and exited into the foggy night.

Kansas observes Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Governor: January proclamation a time to end form of slavery

By Jennifer Montgomery
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS

TOPEKA, Kan. — Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback proclaimed January to be Human Trafficking Awareness Month Dec. 21, 2016. Gov. Brownback was joined by Attorney General Derek Schmidt; Secretary Lana Gordon, Kansas Department of Labor; Secretary Phyllis Gilmore, Kansas Department for Children and Families; Secretary Susan Mosier, M.D., MBA, FACS, Kansas Department of Health and Environment; and Secretary Joe Norwood, Kansas Department of Corrections in issuing today's proclamation.

"Kansas was founded on the conviction that every life has dignity," Brownback said. "Today, human trafficking is an affront on that dignity, depriving victims of their freedom and human rights. Kansas will continue its efforts to end this form of modern day slavery."

Human trafficking is one of the largest and fastest growing criminal industries in the world. It is based on recruiting, harboring and transporting people for the purpose of exploitation. Both sex trafficking and labor trafficking occur in Kansas and both adults and children are victims. Kansas' location and interstate system make it a major transportation area for victims of human trafficking.

"Our office remains committed to efforts to thwart criminal activity, hold accountable both traffickers and buyers and provide victim support," Schmidt said. "Awareness is also an important part of combating human trafficking. The public can assist by reporting suspicious activity to the national hotline at 888-3737-888 or to local law enforcement in an emergency situation. The



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MORE ONLINE

• For more information on human trafficking, go to ag.ks.gov/human-trafficking.

watchful eyes of Kansas citizens can help protect those who are vulnerable from this crime against human dignity."

"The Kansas Department for Children and Families is fully committed to helping ensure that child victims of human trafficking are treated as such, and receive the supports and services they need to overcome this crime against them," Gilmore said. "Preventing human trafficking is essential, and it requires the help of our partnering State agencies, law enforcement and members of the public. We encourage anyone who suspects the abuse of a child, whether physical or sexual abuse, to contact the Kansas Protection Report Center right away."

The 2013 Kansas human trafficking laws define com-

mercial exploitation of children, which does not require a showing of force, fraud, threat or coercion and references the existing statutory definition of human trafficking and aggravated human trafficking.

"The legislators strengthened our ability to prosecute labor traffickers, but it is still a big problem," Gordon said. "While we have made immense strides with the bill, we cannot stop there and need to continue fighting. Nearly 20 percent of trafficking involves labor exploitation. If you or someone you know is working under unfair conditions, please report it."

Labor trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion.

"The Kansas Department of Health and Environment works together with the attorney general's office, the Department for Children and Families,

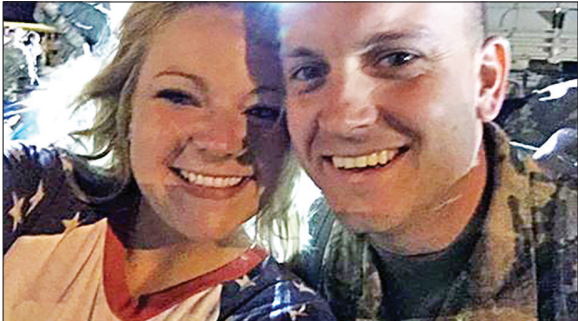
the Department of Corrections, the Department of Labor and law enforcement to educate the public on the presence of human trafficking, how to recognize the signs, and what to do if you see these signs," Mosier said.

The governor along with the attorney general's office, DCF, KDHE, KDOC and KDOL are working together to educate Kansans about the presence of human trafficking, what to look for and how to report suspected human trafficking. Educational information is provided on the agencies' websites.

"Each state agency has an important part to play in the eradication of human trafficking," Norwood said. "In our contact with both the victims and the perpetrators of human trafficking, the KDOC is eager to continue its role to end this assault on basic freedom."

For more information on human trafficking, go to ag.ks.gov/human-trafficking.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Jan. 3 was: How do you report suspicious activity in and around the installation?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/Community/iWATCH.aspx

This week's winner is Jodi Lianne Watkins. Jodi is the wife of Staff Sgt. Taylor Watkins, assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

Pictured above are Jodi and Taylor Watkins.

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Fort Riley exceeds expectations in Combined Federal Campaign

Community surpasses \$100,000 goal by more than \$70,000

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

For 2016, Soldiers and the Fort Riley community raised more than \$171,000 in funds for the Combined Federal Campaign, exceeding the \$100,000 goal set by the team at Fort Riley.

“It’s a really good way of helping out those people in your community, in your country and in your world to help them take care of those things that they need to when they’ve fallen on hard times,” said Clint Strutt, financial readiness program manager for Army Community Service, about the CFC.

The CFC was developed as a means to let service members, federal employees and their families make a difference in their community, nation or the world around them through philanthropy, according to the website, www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign/. Thousands of nonprofit organizations can be donated to through the CFC with all of them being listed in catalog and on the website, www.heartlandcfc.org. The CFC lets individuals donate to single or multiple organizations all at once and keeps organizations from soliciting for donations on installations.

“Essentially what the CFC was designed for is so that we don’t have a number of different agencies that are benevolent organizations or charities that would come on the installation at different times and have this ongoing solicitation of Soldiers,” Strutt said. “The federal government decided that what they would do is that they would set up one single campaign, they would combine it altogether, and then when somebody wanted to donate to someone, they could look through the cata-

MORE INFORMATION

• To learn more about the **Combined Federal Campaign**, visit www.heartlandcfc.org or www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign/.

DID YOU KNOW?

• In 2015, more than **\$156,000** was raised in funds for CFC, however, for 2016, expectations were lower because of a continuing trend in decreased charitable donating from individuals across the United States.

log and find the charity they wanted to donate to and do it that way.”

In 2015, more than \$156,000 was raised in funds for CFC, however, for 2016, expectations were lower because of a continuing trend in decreased charitable donating from individuals across the United States.

“Over the last few years, charitable giving has kind of gone down ... both locally and nationally, so we were looking at that and wanted to be very conservative with that (their estimate) and we were very wrong with how conservative people were going to be with their donations,” Strutt said. “They really surprised us and leaned into the campaign really hard and raised more than what I could see were the numbers for last year.”

Every year between September and December, a drive for CFC is held. Representatives from each unit and some federal employees from different directorates are trained about CFC and the proper ways to solicit donations. Strutt said one of the things they stress to the representatives is that they should never make anyone feel pressured or forced to donate, every donation should be at will.

“The idea is everybody gets asked to donate or given the opportunity to donate, but

nobody is coerced, nobody is told that they have to donate,” he said. “It shouldn’t be one of those things that causes any type of pressure on anybody that doesn’t want to.”

To simplify donating even further, CFC uses an automatic deduction method so individuals only have to take one step, Strutt said. To donate, individuals fill out a pledge card with the organization and amount the wish to donate, along with a five-digit code for the organization that can be found in the catalog. For the next year for service members and 26 months for federal employees, the amount is automatically deducted from their pay and sent to their organization of choice.

“If you can set up that donation and have that come out of your paycheck and really not think about it again, then you can know that that money is going where you want it to go,” Strutt said.

Strutt said this year’s CFC was so successful because of the support from leadership. He added that he was overwhelmed by the generosity as some individuals’ donations were in the thousands, but not matter how much someone donates, event cent counts.

“Leadership did a really fantastic job of leaning into it and lending their weight to it and I think that’s really what pushed the campaign over into the numbers that it was in,” Strutt said. “Without that support I don’t think we could have done what we did.”

According to the website, the CFC is the world’s most successful and largest annual workplace charity with about 200 CFC programs throughout the U.S. and at overseas installations. Each year, millions of dollars are donated through the CFC to nonprofit organizations that provide human services, health care, animal care and more.

To learn more about CFC, visit www.heartlandcfc.org or www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign/.

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WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

- Install weather stripping, insulation and storm windows
- Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls
- Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks
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- Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys
- Install a smoke detector and test batteries monthly
- Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available
- Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check batteries regularly
- Learn symptoms of CO poisoning: headaches, nausea and disorientation
- Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your home

WINTERIZE YOUR CAR

- Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level
- Check tire tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires
- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines
- Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer
- Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car

WINTER TRAVEL TIPS

- Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued advisories
- If you must travel, inform a friend or relative of your proposed route and expected time of arrival
- If stranded in car, stay with your car unless safety is no more than 100 yards away but continue to move arms and legs.
- Stay visible by putting bright cloth on the antenna, turning on the inside overhead light and raising the hood when snow stops falling
- Run the engine and heater only 10 minutes every hour
- Keep a downwind window open
- Make sure the tailpipe is not blocked

WINTER KIT FOR HOME OR CAR

- Include food that needs no cooking or refrigeration and water stored in clean containers
- Have a fully charged cellphone
- Keep battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio and lamps
- Store extra batteries
- Keep a first-aid kit and extra medicine
- Have baby items on hand
- Include cat litter or sand for icy walkways

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Sports & Recreation

NEUTRALIZING THE OPPONENT



Scott Weaver | K-STATE ATHLETICS

K-State's Dominique Heath runs for a touchdown against Texas A&M during the Advocare V100 Texas Bowl at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas Dec. 28.

Ertz, Cats cap off sweep of Texas with bowl win

K-STATE ATHLETICS

HOUSTON — Kansas State University was unbeatable against teams from Texas in the regular season and that didn't change on Dec. 28, 2016, in the Texas Bowl.

Jesse Ertz threw for 195 yards and a touchdown and ran for two more scores in Kansas State's 33-28 victory over Texas A&M. He had 67 yards rushing to give him 1,012 this season.

The victory improved the Wildcats to 5-0 against teams from the Lone Star State this season after they downed Texas Tech, Texas, Baylor and Texas Christian University earlier this year.

"I think that's a really cool thing to accomplish," said Ertz, who was named most valuable player. "It gives the fans some bragging rights."

Ertz had a 79-yard touchdown pass and scoring runs of 1 and 5 yards to help give Kansas State its fourth-straight win and first bowl victory since the 2013 Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl.

"They're a good defensive football team and we didn't do anything we hadn't done all year, but we may have done some things a little better," K-State coach Bill Snyder said.

The Wildcats, 9-4, led 33-21 after Ertz bulled into the end zone on a 1-yard run with nine minutes left. Ertz set up the score with a 20-yard run two plays earlier.

"It was a case tonight where either we stopped (Ertz) or gave up the home run," Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "Consistency level was an issue. We gave up the three big plays in the first half and couldn't get enough stops."

The Aggies, 8-5, cut it to 33-28 on Josh Reynolds' 15-yard touch down reception about a minute later.

Texas A&M attempted to convert a fourth-and-8 with about two minutes left, but Trevor Knight's pass was short, to give K-State the ball back and allow the Wildcats to run out the clock.

Texas A&M got to 23-21 when Reynolds made a 4-yard touchdown catch with about seven minutes left in the third quarter. A 25-yard field goal by Ian Patterson extended K-State's lead to 26-21 with about three minutes remaining in the quarter. A highlight of that drive came on a 36-yard run by Justin Silmon.

The Aggies took a 7-0 lead when Keith Ford scored on a 7-yard run on their first possession.

Kansas State tied it when Ertz connected with Byron Pringle and he dashed down the field for a 79-yard touchdown run later in the first quarter.

The Wildcats took the lead when Ertz stiff-armed Justin Evans on a 5-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter, but Myles Garrett blocked the extra point to make it 13-7.

A 3-yard reception by Ricky Seals-Jones put A&M back on top 14-13 soon after that. But K-State regained the lead with a 40-yard field goal before pushing the lead to 23-14 on a 52-yard run by Dominique Heath just before halftime.

K-State did a good job of neutralizing Texas A&M star defensive end Myles Garrett . The junior, who is expected to declare for the draft and many believe could be the top overall pick in April, blocked an extra point in the second quarter. But he was unable to do much else while facing near-constant double teams and finished with one tackle.

"(Left tackle) Scott Frantz we had lined up against him," Snyder said. "He's a newcomer for us, and that probably gave him a great deal of confidence. He played well against him. He probably played as well as anyone who played against him this year."

Personal trainers: meeting fitness milestones with help

Story and photo by Season Osterfeld
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Editor's Note: This article is first part of a four-part series about personal trainers available at Fort Riley.

"Seeing somebody start and being able to finish or reach a goal that they set, whether it was a month ago, a year ago, two years ago, for me, personally, that's probably the most rewarding — seeing clients succeed," said Benjamin Walker, certified personal trainer with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Walker has been a personal trainer for 12 years helping individuals and small groups reach their fitness goals. He holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Kansas State University and his certification is through the American College of Sports Medicine.

For Walker, a personal trainer is there to help set someone on the right track to reaching their goals. He said he'll show them all the tools and skills they need to take control of their fitness routine and be more comfortable inside a fitness center.

"You can look at personal training in many different lights," he said. "For me personally, personal training is something to where you can, not necessarily enlighten people, but teach them. Teach them body mechanics, teach them to lift properly, teach them how to take care of their bodies."

A personal training session with Walker begins at scheduling. Walker said he likes to talk with new clients over the phone to determine their needs, wants, familiarity with gym equipment and some personal information, such as if they play sports, have children and more. This information helps him determine where to start with the first session.

"I like to get as much information over the phone, so when the person calls, I like to ask certain questions," he said. "If we can

get that out of the way over the phone, I can spend more time with the client during their first session."

During the first appointment, he walks the client through what their session will entail and demonstrates how to properly use equipment based off of each person's familiarity. The equipment he chooses is selected based on the client's fitness goals.

Following each demonstration, if it was needed, Walker will have the client do a few repetitions on the equipment before moving them to another. Depending upon how quickly the client becomes comfortable, he may advance them onto additional equipment he would otherwise save for a second or third session.

"I may show you five or six machines," he said. "If you're catching it and that confidence is growing in your eye, I may transition you and say 'OK, we have a handle on these' ... If that light goes after those, I may show you a couple free weights ... If you come in and you have more experience or you have worked with a trainer before, I'm going to start you with free weights and watch your form and watch your technique."

However, personal training is not just about helping someone reach their physical goals, Walker said. With each session, he becomes closer to his clients and finds they vent or share their emotional and mental struggles with him. He said working through these mental needs is just as important as working out the body as it can help with sleep loss, depression and a person's overall energy.

"Not only do we do the physical thing, but they come in and we find that we have emotional things we need to work through as well," he said.

When compared to fitness classes, Walker said personal training offers far more one-on-



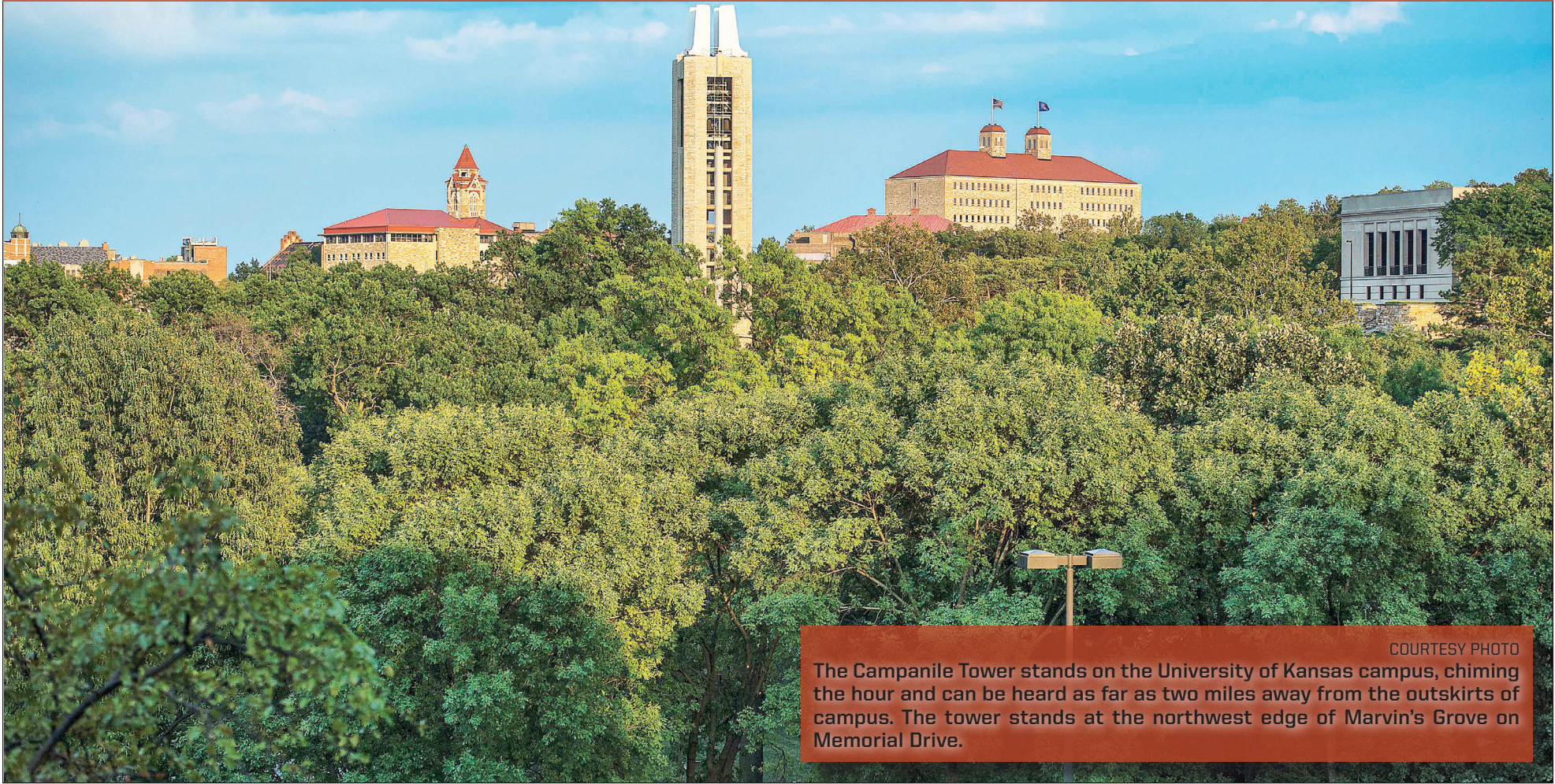
Benjamin Walker, personal trainer for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, demonstrates how to properly use an overhead press machine Dec. 21 at King Field House. Four personal trainers are available at the fitness centers at Fort Riley. For more information, call 785-239-2573 or visit riley.armymwr.com/us/riley/programs/group-fitness-and-personal-trainers.

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Travel & Fun in Kansas

LAWRENCE, KANSAS



COURTESY PHOTO
The Campanile Tower stands on the University of Kansas campus, chiming the hour and can be heard as far as two miles away from the outskirts of campus. The tower stands at the northwest edge of Marvin's Grove on Memorial Drive.



COURTESY PHOTO
The Haskell Indian museum, located on the Haskell Indian University campus on the east side of Lawrence, Kansas, tells visitors the story of the Tribal Nations in Kansas and the story of the university. Here, visitors can see artifacts from the Kansas nations, as well as understand the place the tribes hold in Kansas history.

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From the dark days of the Free State movement and Bleeding Kansas to the days of jazz, grassroots movements and the invention of basketball, Lawrence has changed with the times and grown into a tourist attraction.

On the eastern edge of town, visitors to Lawrence can visit Clinton State Lake and Reservoir. The lake is accessible via Kansas Route 10, and according to the Kansas Tourism Office website, amenities include "modern facilities, clear waters ... good fishing and birdwatching." In addition to the activities available at the lake, visitors can go around on the Alvarmar Public Golf Course and Recreation Center located at 1809 Crossgate Drive. The Alvarmar Public Golf Course includes two nine-hole courses and is maintained in accordance with tournament tee and grass regulations.

Lawrence features many parks for visitors to choose from such as Centennial Park, at the junction of Iowa and Sixth streets. The park features a disc golf course and a street course for skateboards and rollerblades, complete with a quarter-pipe, half-pipe, pyramids and a fun box.

At the University of Kansas, visitors can attend performances at the Lied Center of Kansas. Broadway productions and comedians are examples of events headlining there. For more information on productions, visitors can contact the box office at 785-864-2787 or visit lied.ku.edu/ticket-info.

The Dole Institute of Politics is one of the newest buildings added to the University of Kansas campus. Situated across from the Lied Center, the Dole Institute is constructed with two I-beams from the World Trade Center and a stained glass American flag on its exterior artifice. Like many collegiate buildings, the Institute fills a number of purposes, one of them is as a museum dedicated to World War II veterans in addition to being a research center and lecture hall. The building maintains Sen. Robert Dole's congressional papers, and maintains artifacts such as film taken during World War II and Dole's Army uniforms.

The Campanile Tower, a tall concrete bell tower, designed by Kansas artist Bernard "Poco" Frazier, featuring a 53-foot bell carillon and bronze doors, is next to Marvin Grove, across from the University of Kansas Natural History Museum.

Visitors can access Lawrence via the Kansas Turnpike on Interstate 70, or U.S. Highway 40 from the west.



COURTESY PHOTO
The Freedoms Frontier Museum, located 200 West Ninth Street, tells the story and history of Bleeding Kansas and the significance of Kansas becoming a state in 1861.



COURTESY PHOTOS
LEFT: Blackjack re-enactors demonstrate the use of period rifles at the Battle of Blackjack near Baldwin, Kansas. Lawrence, Kansas, was founded by members of the Free State movement. It is the site of conflicts like Quantrel's Raid, as well as minor skirmishes during the Civil War Era. **RIGHT:** Lawrence is situated in the rolling terrain of the Kansas River Valley. There are plenty of activities to be enjoyed during the entire year.