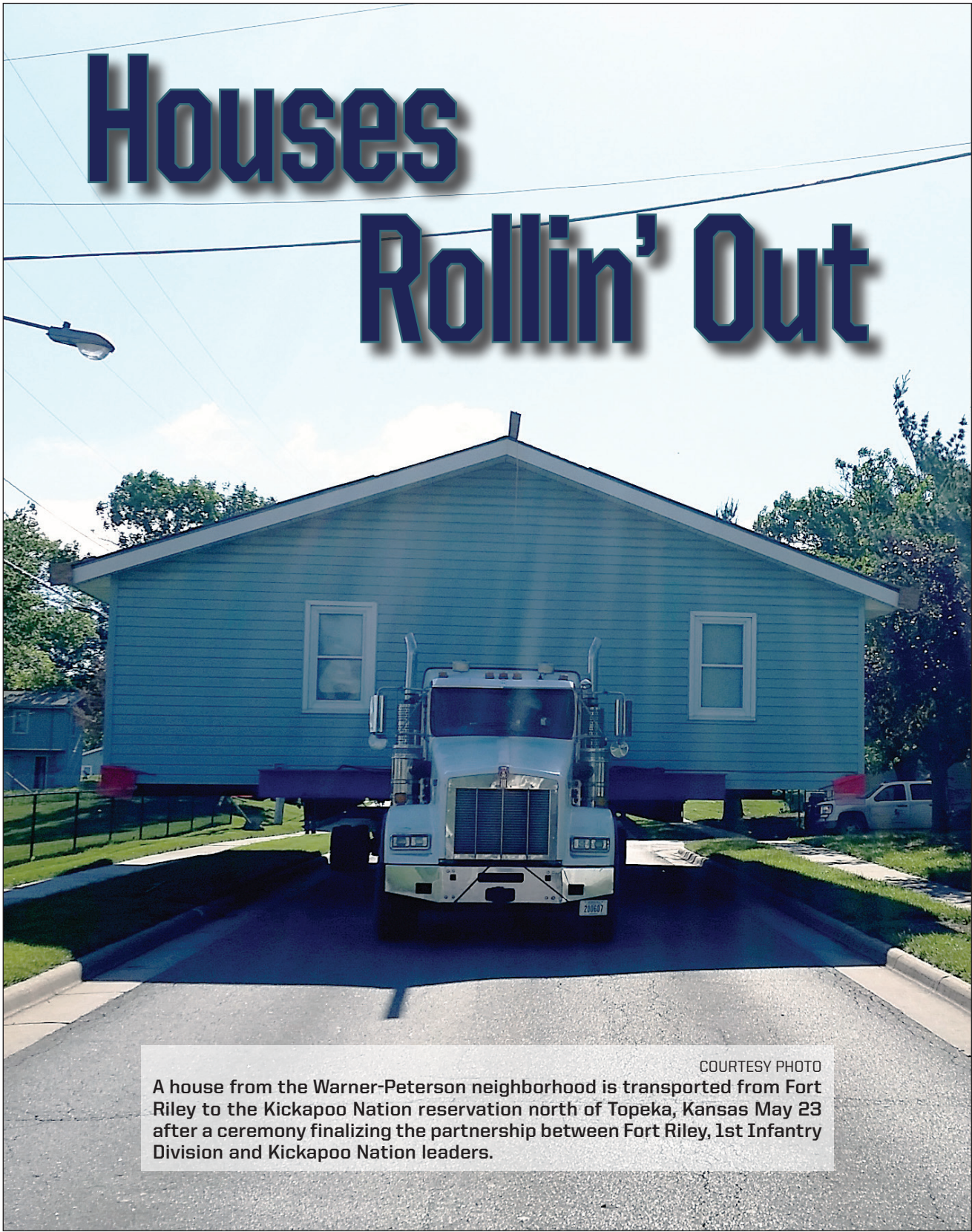




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Fort Riley, Kansas



A house from the Warner-Peterson neighborhood is transported from Fort Riley to the Kickapoo Nation reservation north of Topeka, Kansas May 23 after a ceremony finalizing the partnership between Fort Riley, 1st Infantry Division and Kickapoo Nation leaders.

Partnership enables transfer of house to Kickapoo Nation

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIVISION POST

It seems Fort Riley's excess housing is just what the Kickapoo Nation needs. Ten homes from the post's Warner-Peterson housing area will be transported to the Kickapoo Nation reservation, north of Topeka, Kansas, to help alleviate a need for three and four-bedroom houses there under Operation Walking Shield named after a California-based organization that coordinates support programs for Native American communities nationwide. The occasion was marked with a ceremony May 23 in the Warner-Peterson housing area, during which time documents were signed that established a partnership between personnel of the 1st Infantry Division, Corvias Military Living, Fort Riley and the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas. Among those in attendance were Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley acting senior commander; Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander; James Champagne, Corvias Housing business director; Steve Milton, Fort Riley garrison housing manager; Lester Randall, chairman of the Kickapoo Tribal Council; Peggy Houston, executive director of the Kickapoo Housing Authority, and a number of community leaders from the region.

"We're totally excited about this because we get to work with Fort Riley and Operation Walking Shield," Randall said. "What this does for us is it gives our reservation members living in multi-family households an opportunity to have their own home, whether it's rented or owned, and that will help — economically help the tribe and allow members to move back to the reservation." The buildings were originally slated for demolition according to information provided during ceremony planning, will increase the number of homes the Kickapoo Nation manages to 76, Randall said. The effort was facilitated by Marvin Thurman, executive director of OWS, whose role, according to Houston, is to communicate the availability of homes to Native American tribes from the Armed Services. Thurman informed Bernadette Thomas, the Kickapoo Housing Authority Tribal Council liaison, of the availability of the houses and coordinated the initial discussions with Fort Riley to start the process, Houston said. Funding for the transfer comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Houston said. The Kickapoo Housing Authority is a tribally designated housing entity and

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Fallen service members honored during Memorial Day ceremony



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

The sound of the trumpet rang through the Fort Riley Post Cemetery playing the melody of Taps, as members of the Fort Riley community honored fallen service members during a ceremony May 29. During this time, Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley acting senior commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan D. Stephens, acting senior noncommissioned officer, placed a wreath at the base of the memorial monument. "Within the motto of the 1st Infantry Division, we state no sacrifice too great — it is perhaps the most fitting way to describe the heroic and selfless actions of the American Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen that sacrificed their lives while defending the nation," Frank said. The families of Sgt. Joel Murray and Sgt. 1st Class Forrest Robinson, who were killed in action while serving with the 1st Inf. Div., were in attendance. Although Jerry Murray, 12-year-old son of Sgt. Joel Murray, doesn't have any memories of his father because he was 3 years old when he died, he said it is important to observe Memorial Day "so we can remember who died for us."

Frank said Memorial Day has a significant meaning for the generation currently serving. "From the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, to the ongoing combat deployments we witness at the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley is an Army post with many historic monuments, but this cemetery, the granite stones in Victory Park and the 9/11 memorial on historic Main Post symbolize the ultimate sacrifices of our Soldiers," he said. Frank said the cemetery and the granite stones that bear the names of 214 fallen Soldiers of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley hold a special place in the hearts of the Soldiers who see them every day on post. He said they not only see the names, but also the sacrifice they represent. "Soldiers see the sacrifice behind these 214 names — lost birthdays, proms, graduations, anniversaries," he said. Norma "Sue" Bowker, from Manhattan, Kansas, tries to attend the Memorial Day ceremony at Fort Riley every year. Her husband, a Vietnam veteran, is buried in the post cemetery. They were stationed at Fort Riley in 1973 and had two children who also joined the military. "We should appreciate the people who are going off to war," she said. "I lived through all those protests, my husband was over there ... he got a Bronze Star and Purple Heart."

LEFT: Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley acting senior commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan D. Stephens, acting senior noncommissioned officer, placed a wreath bearing the banner "Lest we Forget" at the base of the memorial monument during the Memorial Day ceremony May 29 at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE 'BIG RED ONE'



June 8th marks the 100th birthday of the 1st Infantry Division. That's a century of selfless service from the brave men and women of the United States Army. The day will be marked with a division run and a Victory with Honors ceremony. The 100th birthday Victory Week will follow Aug. 16 to 25

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‘Demon’ Soldiers presented Air Medal with Valor for Afghanistan actions



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

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Looking back on an event that took place in late September 2016 while deployed to Afghanistan, Adams described the situation that later led to him, along with the two other pilots, receiving the Air Medal with Valor.

Adams said they were supporting a local Afghanistan military aviation unit while they were infilling their Soldiers into a known Taliban stronghold. He said as soon as the Afghan helicopters touched down, they immediately came under a significant ambush.

“It seemed like the Taliban knew we were coming,” Adams said. “As soon as the helicopters touched down, there were enemy fires from all directions.”

Adams said within the first 10 minutes of the firefight is when the Afghan ground forces began to take casualties, one of whom was their first sergeant. He said this was the first

time he saw an engagement with the enemy in Afghanistan on this scale.

With everything going awry that night, Adams said the level of commitment their Afghan counterparts were putting in really motivated him and the other pilots to be the best they could be to help them.

Cornelius, commander of Co. A., 1st ARB, 1st Avn. Regt., said it was clear when he looks back on that night.

“You always have those feelings when things are going a little bit differently,” Cornelius said. “As we were escorting the flight in, I remember seeing flashes of light, and it was almost like the insurgents were communicating.”

Cornelius said if it wasn’t for Adams and Myrick, the other pilot that night, the situation would have turned out much worse than it did. He said they put themselves between the Taliban and the friendly forces to draw fire upon themselves so the Afghans could regroup and exfiltrate the area.

Cornelius went on to say Adams was the best pilot he has ever flown with and that both he and Myrick are true warfighters. He said he was privileged to go out on missions with them because they are true warriors.

“To be present with these guys and experience their heroism, it’s very humbling and I’m just proud of them,” Cornelius said. “That’s why we do this, to not leave.”

Cornelius said it was a demonstration of what makes U.S. Army Aviation so great.

National Guard aviators receive Air Medals with Valor for Aeromedical Evacuation mission in Afghanistan

Story and photo by Lt. Col. Kevin Hynes
JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS - NEBRASKA NATIONAL GUARD

LINCOLN, Neb. — Four Nebraska Army National Guard aviators assigned to a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew were honored May 20 when they were presented with the Air Medal with “Valor” device for the bravery they displayed while rescuing a wounded U.S. Special Forces Soldier Feb. 9 near Sangin, Afghanistan, in the Helmund Province.

Honored were Chief Warrant Office 3 William Score, pilot, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hector Lima-Bermudez, pilot, Staff Sgt. Matthew Hawke, helicopter crew chief, and Sgt. Jared Cornell, flight medic. The Soldiers are members of the Guard’s Lincoln-based Company G, 2-104th General Support Aviation Battalion that returned in April from a 10-month deployment to Afghanistan.

Standing before families, friends and a formation of fellow Soldiers, the four aviators were presented with the blue and gold medals by Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts. Also attending the ceremony were Maj. Gen. Daryl Bohac, Nebraska adjutant general, and Col. John Cyrulik, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, commander of the U.S. Army’s “Task Force Nightmare,” which served as the unit’s higher headquarters during its deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel.

“They exemplify the best spirit and standings of the United State Army,” said Ricketts during the award ceremony at the Nebraska National Guard’s Joint Force Headquarters in Lincoln. “They worked

together as a team and their cohesion, effort, determination is something you only see in the military... that willingness to sacrifice for each other.”

The medal presentation goes back to Feb. 9 when the Soldiers were dispatched to evacuate a wounded Special Forces Soldier.

Approaching the landing zone, which was still receiving heavy enemy fire — including machine guns and mortars — and difficult to approach due to a number of nearby obstacles, the aviators were able to rescue the patient.

Following the mission, it was discovered that the aircraft had received at least one round of fire that had penetrated the back window of the helicopter and passed within inches of the crew members.

“The crew could’ve, quite frankly, made the decision that there was too much risk to the helicopter,” said Cyrulik in describing the situation the Nebraska Soldiers faced that day.

He added, “Without hesitation, so that others might live, the crew swept in at low altitude and at high speed, surrounded by dust and chaos and explosions, and landed in broad daylight in an area that would only fit one aircraft.”

Ultimately, after days of treatment, the Soldier lived and was reunited with his family “and lived to fight another day.”

“There’s a moment where we’re all measured as Soldiers and this was their moment, this was their measure,” Cyrulik said.

Following the ceremony, Hawke said there was never any question what the crew should do.

“We were there to do a job,” he said. “One of our comrades was down so we had to take care of him.”



Col. John Cyrulik, commander of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, speaks to an audience during a ceremony to honor four Nebraska Army National Guard aviators assigned to a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew May 20 for the bravery they displayed while rescuing a wounded U.S. Special Forces Soldier Feb. 9 near Sangin, Afghanistan, in the Helmund Province. The 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., served as the four Soldiers’ unit’s higher headquarters during its deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel.

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THE FIGHTING FIRST!

Shed Mayberry: A ‘Big Red One’ Soldier



By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

An Austin, Texas, native who served 21 years in the Army, Shed Mayberry enlisted in October 1989.

Mayberry received his basic military training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he earned the military occupational specialty of 13F, forward observer.

After training, successive assignments took him to Fort Ord, California, Bamberg Germany, Fort Hood, Texas, then an assignment to Baumholder, Germany, with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division with which he deployed to Kosovo for 18 months serving with the scouts and as a Fire Support noncommissioned officer.

“When we arrived to Kosovo to Camp Bondsteel, there was not much there, but over the next 18 months we built Camp Bondsteel from a big open field to a military camp,” Mayberry said.

In August 2002, he was reassigned for a two-year tour at Fort Hood, this time with 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery, 4th Armored Division. During this assignment, Mayberry and his unit deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They were at Baqubah Airfield.

“I had gotten promoted to Sergeant First Class and was the

fire support platoon sergeant,” Mayberry said.

After his service in Iraq, Mayberry returned to Fort Hood, then went to Hohenfels, Germany, where he served as an observer/controller for three years.

In August 2007 he left Germany for Fort Riley, where he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division. With that unit, he returned to Iraq in October 2008 for one year, again in support of OIF.

“We were in the Baghdad area and I was the senior fire support NCOIC (noncommissioned officer in charge) for the battalion,” Mayberry said. “We returned back to Fort Riley in October 2009. Seven months later, in May 2010, I retired as a Sergeant First Class from the Army.”

Upon retirement, Mayberry landed a position as a government contractor doing administrative work in building 210 on Fort Riley, helping Soldiers and working as an awards clerk. During this time he also worked at Army Community Service as a front desk clerk and as the administrative assistant with Kansas State University Research and Extension on Fort Riley.

“Today I work at the Irwin Army Community Hospital as the civilian management assistant,” Mayberry said. “I help employees with all personnel

actions ... name changes, post jobs and many other items.”

Mayberry stayed in Junction City, Kansas, having recently married Maslyn Prosper-Mayberry, who is a retired staff sergeant.

“We had bought a home and we liked it here,” Mayberry said. “The people are nice, friendly and there is not a lot of traffic.”

Mayberry is a member of local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8773 and he and his spouse are on the Fort Riley Retiree Council. Both are also members of the Manhattan Toastmasters club, which is a club that helps people with public speaking.

“It is a safe environment for public speakers to practice and to also learn leadership skills,” Mayberry said, adding that “my favorite memory is when I met my wife Maslyn. In 2008 when I was deploying to Iraq I met her as we were getting ready to deploy out of Fort Riley. We started talking and ended up exchanging addresses. We would write each other very often while I was gone for that year. I would call her at 3 a.m. every day that I could as well.”

Mayberry and Maslyn returned in 2009 and continued to see each other after his return to Fort Riley in 2009. Three years later, they were married at the Geary County Courthouse in Junction City.

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

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ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS

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

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

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 and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays; Closed Sundays and federal holidays. 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 will not be authorized. Badges and passes may be issued to commercial drivers prior to access at the gate.

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ELLIS HEIGHTS HOUSING ENTRY POINT CLOSURE

The Washington Street entry from 1st Division Road into the Ellis Heights Housing area is closed. Residents and commuters should find alternative entry points into the neighborhood.

1ST DIVISION ROAD CONSTRUCTION

A repaving project began April 17 on 1st Division Road between Normandy Drive and the traffic circle on Trooper Drive. The work will last about two months. Drivers should expect delays.

The contractor will apply asphalt through the intersection at that time, depending on weather. Access to the housing areas and fire department will be maintained throughout. Flag men and traffic control devices will re-route traffic away from and around this intersection. Drivers are asked to use alternate routes if possible.

1ST DIVISION ROAD CONSTRUCTION

From June 5 through 16, Huebner Road will be closed from Water Tower Road to the Demon Drive roundabout to replace a failing culvert under Huebner Road.

Traffic will be detoured to Pawnee Bluff Rd. Access for deliveries to Demon Diner and to the Funston waste water treatment plant will be maintained.

New Beginnings for appraisal program

1ST INF. DIV. POST STAFF REPORT

New Beginnings, according to the Department of Defense Personnel Advisory Service, is designed to implement improvements to DOD Human Resource practices and policies, including implementation of a new Defense-wide Performance Management and Appraisal Program. New Beginnings encompasses reforms impacting Performance Management, Hiring Flexibilities, Training and Development and Workforce Incentives.

The new performance management and appraisal system will begin implementation at Fort Riley in April with those in GS-13 and above positions attending training before entering the new system June 1. The rollout will be in stages with the last segment of civilian employees entering the new system July 1, 2018.

To find out more information, the staff of the 1st Infantry Division Post will publish it as it rolls out and from the frequently asked questions addressed by the team at the DOD Civilian Personnel Advisory Service.

Question and answer for this week:

Q: How will the department assist and support implementation of the Defense Performance Management and Appraisal Program?

A: In support of the implementation of the Defense Performance Management and Appraisal Program, the department is developing an implementation plan including a holistic approach to ensure the department effectively communicates and trains all stakeholders on the mechanics of the new program, and also the associated culture changes that will be required for successful implementation. Additionally, we are planning train-the-trainer events prior to the department's phased implementation, to ensure DOD components are fully prepared to disseminate training and messaging that is consistent across the department.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE NEW BEGINNINGS SYSTEM, VISIT WWW.CPMS.OSD.MIL/SUBPAGE/NEWBEGINNINGS/NBHOME

Fort Riley May retirements

Thirteen military members were recognized for their service during the monthly Fort Riley Retirement Ceremony May 31.



Lt. Col. Terrance Newman	26 years of service
Capt. Christopher Humphrey	20 years of service
1st Sgt. Jason Graves	28 years of service
Master Sgt. Rheco Boone	21 years of service
Sgt. 1st Class Samuel D. Pacheco	26 years of service
Sgt. 1st Class Albert Palmer	26 years of service
Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Wernholm	21 years of service
Sgt. 1st Class Paula Miller	24 years of service
Sgt. 1st Class Garry May Jr.	20 years of service
Sgt 1st Class Angel Garayllera	20 years of service
Staff Sgt. Jeffery Kloss	20 years of service
Staff Sgt. Paul Leiser	20 years of service

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RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What are your summer plans?



"I want to move to Texas for work because I just graduated."

GABRIELLE BURMAN

Fort Riley Public Affairs intern



"Go swimming and go fishing."

ROWAN EHRLICH

Son of Caite Kendrick, garrison executive officer



"Hang out with friends, swim, see family and run a Spartan race."

BECKETT KENDRICK

Son of Caite Kendrick, garrison executive officer



"Swim and play with squirt guns."

GAVIN LORSON

Son of Spc. Austin Caldera, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Brigade, 1st Infantry Division



"Go to summer school and go swimming."

ELAH SOTO

Niece of Pvt. Chance Ahrens, 24th Composite Truck Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade from Jefferson City, Missouri

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FATALITY-FREE DAYS

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As of Wednesday, May 31, 327 days have passed since the last vehicular fatality at Fort Riley. Safe driving doesn't happen by accident. For more information about safety, call the Garrison Safety Office at 785-239-0514.

COMMAND TEAM CORNER

Celebrating a century of victory for 'Big Red One'

Soldiers, families and friends of the 1st Infantry Division,

Every June 8 is a special date here at the 1st Infantry Division, but this year it will mark a truly one-of-a-kind milestone. That's because on June 8, the "Big Red One" will mark 100 years of selfless service to this nation.

What a celebration we have planned. We are going to start on June 8 with a division run to mark the 100th anniversary. That same day, we will gather for a Victory with Honors ceremony and later a dining in.

Normally, June 8 would come in the middle of our Victory Week, an annual extravaganza of sporting events, ceremonies and teambuilding designed to honor our Soldiers past and present. This year, in



Brig. Gen.
Patrick D. Frank

honor of our 100th year, we've expanded Victory Week, which will now take place Aug. 16-25.

This new schedule will allow you to see a greater variety of events, and the timing means that all of our brigades will be here to celebrate with us. Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, currently

commanding Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command – Operation Inherent Resolve, and the rest of the division's Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion will be here as well following their return to Fort Riley this summer. This will be Martin's first Victory Week as commanding general, and I know he's looking forward to all that we have planned.

This Victory Week, we'll honor our Vietnam veterans with a welcome home ceremony on Aug. 23. We will also invite you twice to our Victory Park – first to witness the dedication of a 100th year monument on Aug. 18 and again to honor our fallen Soldiers from throughout the Global War on Terrorism at the Victory Park Memorial Ceremony on Aug. 22.

We'll end Victory Week with the Division Review on Aug. 25 at Cavalry Parade Field. With all 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley units assembled, including the 1st Inf. Div. Band and the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, it is a ceremony 100 years in the making — and one you will not want to miss.

We are truly a division of firsts. As the first division to reach the 100-year milestone, we are once again leading the Army. I am proud of all of you who have served with or been a friend to the 1st Inf. Div., and we are glad to begin our next 100 years with you.

Duty First!

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

'Seatbelts Are for Everyone' program key to driving safety

By Dawn J. Douglas
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Many family members will be celebrating graduation during June and some grads will get the ultimate gift — a new car.

Whether you give your teen a car that has been passed down from generation to generation, a fixer upper or a brand new car, one of the greatest gifts to accompany their new ride is education on the importance of wearing seatbelts.

The Kansas Traffic Safety Office promotes a program called, "Seatbelts Are for Everyone." The program is a teen-run, peer-to-peer program focusing on increasing teen restraint compliance through education, positive rewards and enforcement. It is designed to bring awareness to the importance of wearing a seatbelt, therefore reducing the number of motor vehicle-

related injuries and fatalities among Kansas teens.

The SAFE program was born in Kansas and has spread across the region as one that provides teens an opportunity to increase seatbelt use among their peers while providing strong traffic safety messages throughout the school year. Crawford County had one of the lowest teen compliance rates for seatbelts in Kansas. In the spring of 2008, law enforcement officers in Crawford County joined together to visit all of the schools in the county. The goal was to spend two weeks educating the students, followed by two weeks of high visibility enforcement. Somewhere along the way, an idea was hatched for a new project to increase compliance. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Department of Transportation, developed a pilot project to increase seatbelt compliance among high school students in Crawford County.

This idea caught fire and it was the students of Kansas that came up with the name "Seatbelts Are for Everyone."

The concept of the SAFE program is twofold: the first is the involvement of students as much as possible, in order for them to develop personal ownership in the program. Law Enforcement most often presents programs that send the message, "If you don't buckle up, you could get a ticket or could be killed." The second point of the program was to show students an immediate reward for wearing their seatbelt instead of issuing a threat.

Those assigned to, and working at, Fort Riley all share the road with Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, family members, retirees, contractors and guests on the installation.

Although the SAFE concept is targeted toward teen drivers, SAFE principles can be applied to all who operate motor

vehicles. The SAFE program in its first year increased seatbelt usage among participating school districts in Kansas by 16.3 percent. This means when peers talk to peers about safety, the message can be more effective.

Leadership buy-in to the SAFE program has reached the governor's office. As of May 24, Gov. Sam Brownback signed Senate Bill 89 which will increase the adult seatbelt fine from \$10 to \$30. The increased fines will help fund the SAFE program, providing gift certificates and cash rewards to teens who are willing to conduct SAFE presentation in schools and community outreach.

As we enter the time of year, where we celebrate graduations, enjoy increased time with family and friends doing summer activities and traveling, remember SAFE: Seatbelts Are For Everyone!

For more information, contact the Fort Riley Safety Office at 785-240-0647.

Defense budget request seeks to balance current, future needs

By Jim Garamone
DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — President Donald J. Trump's fiscal year 2018 Defense Department budget request proposes a \$52.4 billion increase over the 2017 request and seeks to shore up readiness, procure systems for the future and fully fund operations worldwide.

The budget request is \$574.5 billion, with a \$64.6 billion request for overseas contingency operations. Officials said the budget request, which still must be passed by Congress, reverses the manpower decline with funding that would put the services on track to increase by 56,000 service members.

BALANCING READINESS NEEDS

The president's budget request seeks to balance the needs of near-term readiness — and the necessity to train forces for conflict — with the needs of the future force, officials said, adding it breaks through the cap set by the Budget Control Act of 2011 by \$52 billion and will require congressional action.

Active duty end strength is set at 1,314,000, with the Army holding steady at 476,000, the Navy increasing by 1,408 to 327,000, the Marine Corps growing by 574 to 185,000 and the Air Force growing by 3,975 to 325,100. The reserve force will grow by 2,085 to a total of 815,900. The total of military strength will rise by 8,042 to 2,129,900.

The total change in size in both the fiscal 2017 budget and the 2018 budget request is 56,400 total.

On the pay side, the budget calls for a 2.1 percent pay raise for military personnel and 1.9 percent for civilians.

By service, the Army is budgeted at \$137.1 billion, the Navy at \$171.5 billion, the Air Force at \$165.5 billion and Defense-wide money is set at \$100.4 billion.

OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE

The operations and maintenance account is by far the largest section of the request's base budget set at \$223.3 billion. Military personnel accounts come in at \$141.6 billion and procurement

is set at \$115 billion. Research and engineering comes in at \$82.7 billion and military construction is set at \$11.9 billion.

Restoring service readiness is key to the budget, officials said, adding that the Budget Control Act of 2011 decimated service readiness and imposed severe cuts in training, spare parts, steaming days and flight hours. This budget request posits 19 training rotations for Army units in their "high-end" collective training sites, officials said, and it also increases money spent on ship maintenance, looking to reduce waiting times, and increases flight hours for naval aviators.

The Marine Corps portion of the budget request funds the forward-deployed special-purpose Marine air-ground task forces and bumps up funding in maintenance and modernization programs. Air Force money targets the pilot and aircraft maintenance shortage and funds weapons sustainment programs.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Money aimed at U.S. Special Operations

Command funds more intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capacity and modernization of intelligence, targeting and strike enablers.

Procurement is led by 70 F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighters for \$10.8 billion. The Air Force will also begin replacing its aging aerial refueling fleet with a \$3.1 billion buy of 15 KC-46 Pegasus tankers, and its portion of the budget request includes \$2 billion for the B-21 Raider long-range bomber. The Army's big buy is 61 Apache attack helicopters at \$1.4 billion and 48 Black Hawk choppers at \$1.1 billion.

The Navy request includes \$5.5 billion for two Virginia-class submarines, \$4 billion for two Burke-class Aegis destroyers, \$1.2 billion for a littoral combat ship and \$4.6 billion for the Ford-class aircraft carrier program.

The budget request also includes \$1.1 billion for 2,775 joint light tactical vehicles, and it seeks the authority to convene a new round of base closures in 2021.

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LEAVING A BOOMING IMPRESSION



Season Osterfeld | POST

Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade place a M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank onto its concrete pad just behind the Henry Gate at building 800 May 25. The M1 was transported from Douthit Gunnery Complex in February to a workshop to be cleaned up and painted by Soldiers prior to being placed on the pad. In the coming weeks, it will be detailed to include the 1st Infantry Division insignia in celebration of the 100th birthday of the “Big Red One.” The transportation, restoration and creation of the M1 and display area were made possible through the joint efforts of Soldiers and personnel of organizations such as the Directorate of Plans, Training, Security and Mobilization; Directorate of Public Works; Department of Emergency Services; Logistics Readiness Center; Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site and others.

Are you up for the challenge to be
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Bystanders’ CPR saved man’s life

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

It was a warm evening May 8 as Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jeremiah Griffin painted a chair on his porch in the Colyer Forsyth neighborhood at Fort Riley.

His phone began to ring and he saw his wife’s name on the caller ID. He answered, surprised to hear her say a man was unconscious on the ground at the Scout Hut a short distance from their home. He told her to call emergency services for assistance. She told him she was sure the man was dead.

“My first response was to tell her ‘well, call 911,’ but she said ‘no, he’s dead, this is your lane’ because of my job,” he said.

Griffin, an agent with the Fort Riley Criminal Investigations Command Office, left his porch and sprinted roughly 300 yards across a field to the Scout Hut. He arrived to find a small crowd gathered around Tami Gomez, a former registered nurse at Irwin Army Community Hospital and wife of retired Staff Sgt. Emiliano Gomez. She was performing CPR on the man.

“With paint all over me, I sprint across the field ... in flip flops, got over there and observed a woman already performing CPR,” he said. “I contacted the special agent already in charge here ... I told him ‘hey, there’s a gentleman on the ground here in front of Scout Hut. He’s deceased — performing CPR on him now.”

Griffin said there was no pulse and the man was not breathing, something Gomez had discovered when she arrived.

After assessing the situation, Griffin said he joined Gomez in performing buddy CPR. He took over chest compressions while she focused on breathing air into the man’s lungs.

“I started doing chest compressions and she would give a couple of breaths — the 30 to two combination,” he said.

Emergency services personnel were on their way as Griffin and Gomez worked to bring the man back. Each second was crucial. Finally, Griffin said he found a faint pulse. The man would survive.

“Eventually he started coming out of it,” he said. “It looked like he was trying to breathe on his own. I checked for a pulse. I didn’t find one. I eventually found a very faint pulse. We went through about three rounds of rescue

breathing and chest compressions before the fire department showed up and started doing more in-depth CPR.”

Paramedics transported the man to IACH and further on to a hospital in Topeka for treatment where he was eventually listed as being in stable condition.

Griffin said he was proud to help save a life and put his CPR skills to use. Due to the nature of his job, he does not often encounter people who can be saved.

“Being the first responder this time, instead of just showing up to do the investigation, was kind of exhilarating to actually to play a part in that,” he said. “I’ve never been in that kind of situation outside of training.”

However, one thing he noted and said he was disappointed in was the lack of other bystanders and people on scene who knew CPR or were comfortable with performing it. Had Gomez not been driving by the area at the time and were unavailable, it was very likely this man could have died despite many people being at the scene.

“Nobody else at the scene knew CPR or first aid, so individuals came out of the Scout Hut — Scout leaders or other parents,” Griffin said. “They observed him and immediately just went hands off with it. They didn’t want to deal with it because either they didn’t have experience or they didn’t want to make the situation worse. I believe that more people should be fluent in CPR simply because every second matters and actually being able to successfully get those rescue breathes in and chest compression to pass any kind of oxygenated blood, that’s actually going to prolong any opportunity of reviving him.”

According to a study by the American Heart Association, 70 percent of Americans do not know CPR or their training has lapsed, making them uncomfortable performing it. This can be dangerous as 88 percent of cardiac arrests occur at home, leaving most Americans unprepared to assist a friend or family member.

Courses in CPR are available at Fort Riley. The next Heart Saver Class for non health-care providers is June 28 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1020 Huebner Road. To register for the course, contact Assistant Fire Chief Richard Watson, Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services, at 785-240-6241 or richard.e.watson1.civ@mail.mil.



HOMES

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receives from HUD an Indian Housing Block Grant under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.

According to HUD archives, housing staffs in United States Air Force bases in North Dakota and Montana have worked with OWS and transferred houses in similar fashion. Fort Riley became the first active-duty Army post to provide such support to a Native-American community.

Leaders from both the 1st Inf. Div., Fort Riley and the Kickapoo Nation hope more such support is forthcoming in the future, Frank and Houston said. This effort has proven that, once approved, and as Frank noticed, moving a house isn't that difficult.

"As we talked to the garrison leadership here today, they discussed how relatively easy it was for the team to come here and place this house on the apparatus to move it," Frank said. "So, potentially we'll have the chance to grow this

program and continue to assist the tribe greater than what we originally expected."

That should come as good news for Houston. "We still need a lot more houses," she said. "This is a good start. I started there in October of 2015 and during this entire time there's been at least 10 people on a waiting list for three and four bedroom houses. We have multi-generational families in a given house and it's not out of the ordinary to have at least three grandchildren in the home with the grandmother and the parents right there. So we're trying to help them become independent and self-sufficient."

According to Houston, HUD defines people who are staying with other people as homeless, regardless of whether they are with relatives or not. She added there are about 20 families on the Kickapoo Housing Authority's wait list, of which 10 are in need of three or four-bedroom houses, a number that has not gone down during Houston's tenure with the Authority.

"That waiting list from when I started in October 2015 has not went down because we've not had three or four-bedroom houses," Houston said.

According to Champagne, there will be plenty of houses at Fort Riley available to the Kickapoo Nation, should they ask for them. As of now, 253 homes are in the process of demolition and the Department of the Army has approved an additional 335 excess homes, he said.

"So as long as there is a need in the Kickapoo Tribe we're going to accommodate them so they can take the homes," Champagne said.

According to Milton, plans are for two more houses to be transported in mid-June and six more sometime in October or November.

Frank expressed his personal satisfaction and pride for the development of the partnership.

"Just talking to the leadership of the Kickapoo Tribe and how much they appreciate

Fort Riley and the 1st Inf. Div. contributing these homes to their tribe," Frank said. "And I think that is in alignment with Army values, it's in alignment with the values of our Kansas natives in the Flint Hills and it shows exactly what the 1st Inf. Div. has done over its 100 years, and that's to continue to live our Army values. So we're very proud of what occurred here today, and look forward to seeing this partnership continue to grow with the Kickapoo Tribe."

Champagne said building these relationships is a key to the future of the region.

"This is a great way to show our partnership within the region and now we've actually stretched that partnership as far as Topeka so we're bringing in the Kickapoo tribe into our community now," he said. "We've made that relationship; we've made that connection. So we're really looking forward to the future and furthering our partnership with them."

Insect bites harmful to kids, pose disease risk to all

By Alison Gwinn
WILKERSON PEDIATRIC CLINIC, KENNER ARMY HEALTH CLINIC

FORT LEE, Va. — Warmer temperatures of late spring and summer mean more outdoor family activities. It's important to make sure that time is safe for everyone, especially children.

Most parents do a good job of protecting their kids from the sun, but they also need to consider why it's important to guard against potentially harmful insect bites and stings.

Kids will come in contact with spiders, ticks, mosquitoes, ants, bees and wasps when they play outdoors. The stings and bites of these insects are the most common types reported to health care providers.

While most insect bites/stings only result in mild, local reactions, some are far more serious. Ticks, for instance, can infect their hosts with Lyme disease as well as other illnesses, and mosquitoes

can transmit West Nile, Zika or Chikungunya viruses.

West Nile and Zika are the most recent mosquito-borne illnesses in the news. They can cause flu-like symptoms, but they also can bring on serious complications in some cases.

Lyme disease is the most common infection from deer ticks, and reported cases are on the rise. Symptoms include fever, aches and fatigue. There also may be a bullseye rash around the site of the bite. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports 30,000 cases of Lyme disease diagnosed every year in the U.S. Virginia is among the top three states with confirmed cases.

To discourage insect stings and bites and better protect family members from their harmful effects, follow these tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the CDC:

- Wear repellent containing DEET when outside. It is safe for children as young as 2 months old. The

AAP recommends using insect repellents with up to 30 percent DEET. Parents should choose the lowest concentration that provides the required length of coverage. Keep in mind 10 percent DEET provides about two hours of protection, increasing to about five hours with 30 percent.

- There are products available for parents worried about the safety of DEET. Repellents made with Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are alternatives. Products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under age three.
- Always follow directions as they appear on the product label. Generally, repellent with DEET should not be applied more than once a day. Apply only to exposed skin and clothing. Repellents should not be applied

under clothing.

- Keep repellents away from the mouth or eyes and apply sparingly around ears. Also avoid areas with cuts, wounds or irritated skin.
- For greater control, use your hands when applying repellent to the face. Never spray it directly at your face.
- Never allow children to handle the repellent. Parents should apply it on their skin using the spray-on-hands method. Keep repellent away from children's hands because they are more likely to put them in or near their mouth or eyes.
- Do not use products containing insect repellent and sunscreen. Because it should be used more frequently, apply sunscreen separately.
- After returning indoors, use soap and water to wash off repellent. If a child develops a rash or other reaction, stop using the repellent,

wash it off with soap and water, and call the poison control center for further guidance if severe at 1-800-222-1222 or call to come into the clinic if mild.

- Wearing long pants tucked into socks and a long-sleeved shirt will help protect against mosquitoes and tick bites. Light colored clothing makes ticks easier to spot and also makes children less attractive to bees.
- Make sure there is no standing water in your yard. This includes empty containers, fire pits and birdbaths. Mosquitoes like to lay their eggs in standing water.
- Do not use sweet-smelling perfumes/sprays, lotions, or hair products on children when outdoors.
- Be careful near woodpiles, sheds, dark corners of the garage and other places that spiders may hide.



First Islamic division chaplain joins Army

By Pamela Kulokas
NORTHWEST GUARDIAN

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. — Lt. Col. Khallid Shabazz, the former I Corps deputy chaplain, became the Army’s first Islamic chaplain at the division level during a Change of Stole ceremony Tuesday at the Lewis Main Chapel.

Shabazz became the 7th Infantry Division’s chaplain after replacing Lt. Col. Jimmy Nichols, who is headed to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to be the installation chaplain.

Maj. Gen. Thomas James Jr., division commander, officiated the ceremony. James said the division is in good hands with Shabazz, who was selected for the job in January by the Army chief of chaplains based on his leadership qualities. He is charged with ensuring and supporting the free exercise of religion by service members, families and civilians.

“As simple as it sounds, I want to give people a sense of purpose,” Shabazz said. “My job is to help them be stronger on the other side of the door than when they came in.”

Shabazz, who holds a doctorate degree as well as four master’s degrees, has dedicated his life to working with service members of all religions. He grew up as a Lutheran in Louisiana and converted to Islam as an enlisted Soldier.

“What has served me well is I was Christian for 28 years,” Shabazz said. “I know both sides; I want to meet people where they are. If they come in and they are struggling with faith, I am not opposed to giving them their scripture and telling them how they can strengthen themselves.”

Shabazz said his goal is to give people a safe place to land when they come in. Often, those he counsels don’t realize he is Muslim, he said.

“My job is not to convert anybody or impose my religion on anybody,” he said. “My job is to ensure that those people are strong and resilient.”

The concept of pluralism within the Army Chaplain Corps means all religions are supported by the service’s spiritual leaders. No religion or religious organizations are endorsed by the Army.

Spc. James Glover, a nutrition care specialist with Alpha Company, 47th Combat Support Hospital, is one Soldier who Shabazz has reached to help. Glover said he worriedly asked Shabazz at the start of counseling, “You’re Muslim and I’m Christian; does that matter?”

It did not.

Glover said he sometimes forgets Shabazz is Muslim because he doesn’t push his religion. They found common ground in Army values and the drive to be successful.

“He helped me realize that I can do a lot of things, regardless of how hard they are,” he said. “I just have to actually try and do what I have to do.”

Showing care and compassion while helping service members succeed is Shabazz’s specialty, according to Sgt. Maj. Elian Strachan, the chief chaplain assistant at I Corps. He’s known Shabazz since the two were stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, in 2014.

“When you think about what a chaplain should be, that’s exactly what he brings,” Strachan said. “Every problem, every issue anybody has — he makes time for them. He makes them feel like they are the only person alive right then and there.”

During Shabazz’s career, he’s traveled the world as a professional military religious adviser, leader and ethics instructor. Strachan said he excels at showing people how to get along regardless of their denomination.

“Being mindful of the Islamic perspective does not make you weak; it actually makes you stronger,” he said. “That doesn’t mean a person is not a good Christian.”

The world view Shabazz brings, coupled with his experience as a noncommissioned officer, give him a skillset rarely found in the Army Chaplain Corps. He also has the unique ability to identify and address the spiritual needs facing Islamic Soldiers today.

Still, Shabazz said he expects some resistance when people see the crescent moon, a symbol of Islam, and doubt his ability to serve those of other faiths.

“The transformative power of loving people, to me, it crosses all so-called faith issues,” he said. “That’s what’s most important to me. I approach every situation with that attitude and with that respect.”

Post photos, including many that haven’t been printed, are on Flickr!

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“Regardless of your path, you have followed in the footsteps of World War II predecessors.”

BRIG. GEN. PATRICK D. FRANK | 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORT RILEY ACTING SENIOR COMMANDER



Staff Sgt. Sinalemoana T. Osa, right, is congratulated by Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, Fort Riley and 1st Infantry Division acting senior commander, during the Fort Riley Education Services Commencement Exercise May 25 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan. Osa graduated with a Bachelor of Science in psychology.

THE NEXT GREATEST 'GENERATION'

Fort Riley Combined Graduation Class of 2017 receives highest praise from division's acting senior commander

Story and photos by Alix Kunkle
1ST INF. DIV. POST

MANHATTAN, Kan. — In 1998, journalist Tom Brokaw wrote “The Greatest Generation,” a book profiling World War II Soldiers who grew up in the Great Depression and also made a positive impact upon returning from the warfront.

CLASS OF 2017

Fort Riley's Combined Graduation Class of 2017 included more than 350 Soldiers, family members and civilian personnel graduating from nearly 20 colleges and universities across the country.

Nearly 20 years after Brokaw published that book, Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley acting senior commander, labeled members of the Fort Riley Combined Graduation Class of 2017 as the “The Next Greatest Generation.”

“Regardless of your path, you have followed in the footsteps of your World War II predecessors,” Frank told the class of 2017 at the Fort Ri-

ley Education Services Commencement Ceremony May 25 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan.

More than 350 Soldiers, family members and civilian personnel were recognized for graduating from nearly 20 colleges and universities across the country.



Master Sgt. Darryl B. Williams, right, celebrates with Wallace Meyer Jr., director, Entrepreneurship Program, University of Kansas, after Williams received his degree during the Fort Riley Education Services Commencement Exercise May 25 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan. Williams graduated with a Certificate in Entrepreneurship.

The ceremony has grown year after year, as Frank said this year's event outgrew last year's facility in Junction City.

“The goal ... is to move this to the K-State football stadium,” he joked.

The student speaker was Malissa Owens, spouse of

retired Staff Sgt. Don Owens, who graduated from Central Texas College with an Associate of Arts in general studies.

For Owens, May 25 was the culmination of a journey that began in 1998.

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Soldiers and their families enjoy a meal as they celebrate USO Fort Riley's birthday May 25 for the USO Fort Riley No Dough Dinner. The meal was served by active service members who are volunteers from BOSS.

USO Fort Riley turns year older

Celebrates 7 years of addressing service members' needs

Story and photo by Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Volunteers from USO Fort Riley and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers served a meal to approximately 409 service members and their families May 25 during the No Dough Dinner celebrating the seventh birthday of USO Fort Riley.

USO Fort Riley staff and volunteers opened their doors May 2010 with the mission to “strengthen America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation.”

Crystal Tinkey, center operations and program manager for USO Fort Riley, and retired Army Maj. Scott Payne, USO Fort Riley director, said the success of the organization involves dedication, heart and partnership from volunteers of the community and Soldiers from the BOSS.

One BOSS volunteer, Pfc. Bethany Tinsley of 165th Movement Control Team, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, loves serving her community.

“I heard about volunteering through a friend,” Tinsley said. “She told me about it and thought I love volunteering, so this is a way to better myself and the community.”

The success of USO Fort Riley is because of a community-wide partnership.

“Fort Riley is different in a positive way. We (USO Fort Riley) partner with MWR, ACS and Garrison to understand the needs of the service members at Fort Riley,” Payne said.

One need identified by the community was computer access and capabilities.

“Our new computer lab expanded by more than double what we have. We went from 9 to 20; there was a need so we responded.”

The constant communication with garrison headquarters is crucial. Payne said. This partnership helps provide current information of specific needs requested by service members and their families.

USO Fort Riley staff and volunteers understand service members and their families will undergo dynamic and life changing events, Tinkey said.

Therefore USO staff and volunteers “will adapt what we do based on the needs of our service members and their families, she said. “Their needs change, we are going to change along with them and adapt along with them.”

For more information about USO Fort Riley, their mission and to view the calendar of event, visit their website at fortriley.uso.org or follow the organization's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/USOFtRiley.

Military child tops among National Merit finalists

Bolen is county's high scorer for national scholarship program

By Suet Lee-Growney
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Junction City High School junior Zachary Bolen, son of Col. Thomas Bolen, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, has been selected to be recognized as the National Merit Scholarship Program High Scorer for Geary County Schools Unified School District 475.

When Bolen took his preliminary SAT test this year,

which is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program, he met all the requirements to enter the scholarship competition. Out of 1.5 million program entrants, Bolen is one of the top 50,000 top scorers in the country.

From the 50,000 competitors, top scorers from each state totaling 16,000 people will be selected as National



Zachary Bolen

Merit Program Semifinalists. These students will then proceed to compete for 7,400 Merit Scholarships in 2018 by sending in their letters of recommendation, personal essays and transcripts.

Melissa Sharp, JCHS principal, said Bolen is enrolled in an extremely rigorous high school curriculum to prepare him for the next step: being a semifinalist.

“(Bolen) is a very involved student, boasting memberships in forensics, Blue Jay Nation, cross country, track, junior committee and Scholar's Bowl,” Sharpe said. “I know he will transfer this work ethic into his adult life.”

Bolen said the inspiration

to push himself to participate and do well are from Bolen's parents and teammates from his sporting activities.

“(My parents) never force me to do anything, but they're always supportive if I say I want to do something,” Bolen said. “They would go as far as they can to make sure that happens, they never turned me down from anything ... if (my friends and teammates) want to do something, we push against each other until we get it done.”

Rebecca Steiger has been Bolen's cross country coach for the last two years and his AP biology teacher and knows him well.

“His perseverance as an athlete taught him the same

skill set needed to be successful in the AP biology curriculum,” Steiger said. “It is a class that doesn't not have clear black-and-white answers. His strength then is to think outside the box and to engage his curiosity to learn.”

Socially, Steiger said Bolen is joyful and funny with his friends. He takes most things in stride. However, when he is called upon to be serious, he steps up to the plate.

“This makes him a leader because his curiosity is infectious to his classmates and pushes all to think and hypothesize and ultimately learn more,” she said. “His

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FORT RILEY POST-ITS

POST LIBRARY BEGINS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Children can sign up to be part of the Post Library's Summer Reading program until July 29. There will be a library party celebrating the program June 3 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 785-239-5305.

WOODSHOP SAFETY CLASS

A Woodshop Safety Class is scheduled to take place June 12 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Fort Riley Arts & Crafts.

Attendees will learn power tool safety and general woodshop procedures as well as the basic operation of each piece of machinery within the shop. Patrons are required to take this class before using the shop.

Classes are taught by volunteers. Advance registration is required. Cost of attendance is \$10.

For more information, call 785-239-9205.



PARENT AND CHILD CRAFT CLASS

Staff at the Arts and Crafts Center, 6918 Trooper Drive, have a parent and child craft class June 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The craft is a canvas painting for \$10 per person.

Classes are divided by age and advanced registration is required. To register or for more information, call 785-239-9205.



FATHER'S DAY CRAFTS AT THE USO

Staff and volunteers of USO Fort Riley are teaming up with the Arts and Crafts Center to offer do-it-yourself crafts for Father's Day. Stop by anytime from June 9 through June 17 to complete the craft.

For more information, call 785-240-5326 or visit the organization's Facebook page.



VICTORY FEST 2017 TICKETS ON SALE

Victory Fest is Aug. 19 at Marshall Army Airfield and tickets are now available.

Individual General Admission starts at \$25 for Department of Defense ID holders, students and veterans. Non-affiliated civilian tickets start at \$35. Children 4 and under are free.

Four ticket general admission packs start at \$85 for Department of Defense ID holders, students and veterans. Non-affiliated civilian tickets start at \$125.

Platinum access individual tickets, which include all day access, covered seating, meals and more, are \$100 for ages 5 and up.

General admission group tickets are \$20 a ticket. A minimum purchase of 25 tickets is required.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit victoryfest2017.com.



FATHER'S DAY BOWLING

Dads bowl one free game with each paid child's game at Custer Hill Bowling Center June 18 from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 785-239-4366.



RILEY'S CONFERENCE CENTER SERVES LUNCH

Staff of Riley's Conference Center is now serving a lunch buffet every Tuesday and Wednesday. Each Tuesday, they serve tacos from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$9.95. Each Wednesday, they serve pasta from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$9.95. Both days a salad bar option for \$5.95.

For more information, call 785-284-1000.

HEART SAVER CLASSES

A CPR class will be held at Fire Station Headquarters, 1020 Huebner Road, June 28 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students will practice on mannequins. Classes have 12 spots available and are open to service members, dependents, contractors and Department of the Army civilians. To register, contact Assistant Fire Chief Richard Watson at 785-240-6241 or email him at Richard.e.watson1.civ@mail.mil.

FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER MOVIE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 2
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 3
Born in China (G) 2 p.m.
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 4
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13) 5 p.m.

Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing

For more information call 785-239-9574.

Regular Showing: \$6
3D Showing: \$8
First Run: \$8.25
3D First Run: \$10.25

For more information call 785-239-9574.

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:

Great Wolf Lodge - Kansas City Hotel: Blackout dates apply. Waterpark tickets included for all guests.

B&B Junction City Gem Theater: \$30 value gift card for \$25 good for movie tickets and concessions.

Salina - Rolling Hills Zoo and Museum: adults \$10, children \$5 and seniors \$9.

COMMUNITY LIFE SOFTBALL LEAGUE

A co-ed softball league is open to all Department of Defense identification card holders 18 years and older beginning Aug. 2. Fourteen players are allowed per team and games are played on Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$200 per team. Registration ends July 27. Coaches meetings will be held prior to the league July 6 and July 13 at the Sacco Sports Complex.

For more information, call 785-239-2813.



DEMON DINER DRIVE THRU AND GRAB AND GO

Demon Diner Building 694, Drive Thru and Grab and Go area started May 1. Breakfast hours are 7:30 to 9 a.m. and lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Limited menu options will be available, including sandwich of the day and mainline meal of the day. Standard Meal Rates apply, \$3.45 for breakfast and lunch \$5.55 or Meal Card Holders can present their entitlements card.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Summertime at Fort Riley time of celebration

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

It's an exciting time to be at Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division!

As the "Big Red One" — the Army's oldest continuously serving division — celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, Fort Riley is proud of its place in history, too, going back to its establishment in 1853.

The 1st Infantry Division was officially organized in New York June 8, 1917. The divi-

sion was first to fight in World War I, World War II and Vietnam and the first to return to Iraq in 2014 to aid Iraqi security forces against ISIS during Operation Inherent Resolve. To honor this storied history, Soldiers with the division have participated in events at various locations across the country this year.

The big celebration locally will be Victory Week, where Soldiers participate in athletic competitions and enjoy visits from past division leaders to honor the division's past and encourage continued esprit de corps. There will also be a welcome home ceremony to honor Vietnam veterans and a historic division review cer-

emony. Learn more about these events and the 1st Inf.Div.'s history at www.riley.army.mil/100thAnniversary.

There will be a number of other activities, events and celebrations this year, including a history run and a special Victory with Honors event June 8 (the day the division was founded); birthday cake cutting ceremonies June 14 for the Army's 242nd birthday; Victory Week Aug. 16 to 25; and Victory Fest, a full-day concert festival open to the public Aug. 19.

During Victory Fest, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy live music — by artists like the Eli Young Band, Charlie Daniels Band, Lit, The All-American Rejects, the 1st Inf. Div. Band

and several local bands. The event also includes the USO Show Troupe, food vendors, activities for children, a bike and car show and fireworks. Tickets are on sale now; visit www.victoryfest2017.com for details.

Please join the Fort Riley and Flint Hills community as we celebrate the legacy of the 1st Inf. Div. and say "here's to another 100 years of firsts!" Remember, these are your Soldiers and this is your Army. Let's celebrate together!

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



Colonel Lawrence

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Victory Chapel	239-0834
Contemporary Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship.....	1100
Children's Church.....	1115-1215
Morris Hill Chapel	239-2799
Gospel Protestant Service	
Sunday School.....	0900
Sunday Worship.....	1100
Main Post Chapel	239-0834
Traditional Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship.....	1030
Catholic Services	
Victory Chapel	239-0834
Sunday Mass.....	0845
Sunday Catechism.....	1000
Saint Mary's Chapel	239-0834
Saturday's Vigil Mass.....	1630
Sunday Mass.....	1200
Mid-day Mass— Mon., Wed., & Fri.....	1200
Tuesday & Thursday Mass.....	1800
IACH Chapel	239-7872
Mid-day Mass— Tue. & Thur.....	1200
Buddhist Service	
Normandy Chapel	239-2665
Sunday.....	1430
Meditation Practice— Mon.- Fri.....	1230
Open Circle Service	
Kapaun Chapel	239-4818
Fort Riley Open Circle— SWC	
1st & 3rd Friday monthly.....	1800

Wednesday Night Family Night

Weekly light dinner and fellowship at 1800, followed by 1845 classes at Victory Chapel 785-239-3359

Club Beyond - Faith Based Youth Program

Grades 6th - 12th, Meets Sundays

MS Youth-1530-1700 at Morris Hill Chapel

HS Youth-1830-2000 at Morris Hill Chapel 785-370-5542

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Meets Sundays, 1500-1700 Victory Chapel 785-239-3359

Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

Weekly Tuesday Meeting 0900-1130 & Evenings at 1830-2000 at Victory Chapel

Childcare Provided.

For more information email nkypwoc@gmail.com or Facebook "Fort Riley PWOC"

Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

Weekly Wednesday Meeting at St. Mary's Chapel 0900-1130

Childcare provided.

For more information email fortrileycwoc@gmail.com or Facebook "Fort Riley CWOC"

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(12-week campaign, beginning March 1, 2017, is extended two weeks until May 30, 2017.)

Soldiers Helping Soldiers

In 2015, AER worldwide provided \$62.3 million in zero-interest loans, grants and scholarships to 42,743 Soldiers and family members, retirees, widows and orphans. During that same time period, Fort Riley provided more than \$1.125 million in assistance and processed nearly 1,000 separate cases.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Remembering many through story of one

By Chap. (Maj.) Thomas A. Brooks
1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY CHAPLAIN

Remember — Memorial Day is a time to remember the ordinary and extraordinary heroes who died fulfilling the call of our nation to war.

Thousands upon thousands of stories remain untold — yet how much more will all of us benefit from pausing to remember the specific journey of one of the fallen?

Col. John W. Keith Jr. is such a man. This Army officer gives us much to ponder, from the heroic to the tragic.

In many ways, his life and death provide the pattern for the Korean War itself — at first, undulating and chaotic advances and retreats across vast swaths of the Korean peninsula. Subsequently, stalemate and stagnation. This entire situation lingers with the ongoing tension of that which is unresolved.

During this period, Keith served as a lieutenant colonel. Within the first 10 months of the war he bravely and aggressively fought the enemy, distinguishing himself as a commander in battle.

In another campaign, he defended against overwhelming odds to the bitter end of his own capture, interrogation, malnutrition, abuse and disease. He died at the end of April 1951. His remains trapped and unrecovered in North Korea.

Despite the lack of remains, this past Memorial Day weekend Col. Keith, promoted posthumously, received full military honors. Of immediate family, only his son John and his daughter Marilyn remain. Marilyn was only three years old when she lost her father.

Though faded in the memories of many Americans, the Korean War was gritty, brutal and tragic. It presented a mixture of severe defeats and significant



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A photo of Col. John W. Keith Jr., an American flag and a wreath of flowers above a grave site marker at Mount Hope Cemetery in Topeka, Kansas, May 26. Several Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division participated in the ceremony honoring Keith, who was captured during the Korean War and presumed to have died in a concentration camp near Pyongyang, North Korea.

victories. It resulted in freedom for the South and unrelenting oppression for the North. The North Koreans crossed the dividing line — the 38th parallel — and invaded South Korea June 25, 1950. Within a few months, they overran the majority of South Korea, leaving only a small portion in the southeast now known as the Pusan Perimeter.

Woven within this big picture of initial actions of the Korean War, Keith, as commanding officer of the 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, displayed heroism we would all do well to reflect upon. His award citation for his second Bronze Star details his actions: He “distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 1 September 1950 in the vicinity of Yongsan, Korea. On this date enemy forces had penetrated the defensive lines of the infantry regiment which his battalion was supporting. Despite the danger of having his positions overrun, he kept his battalion in position and delivered a continuous barrage of fire which caused severe casualties upon the enemy. When enemy small arms fire finally forced the withdrawal of the battalion he, with complete disregard for his own safety, supervised the displacement of the batteries. He continually exposed himself to enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire throughout the day and displaced his batteries at the last possible moment. The continuity and volume of fire that was made possible by the actions of Colonel Keith slowed the advance of the enemy forces until the infantry could reorganize and reestablish a final line of resistance.

This senior commander did not shy away from putting it all on the line to resist the enemy and serve his nation. This is a leader who forgot himself and gave undivided focus upon the fulfillment of the mission that we, the American people, gave to him.

Place yourself in his shoes. Listen to the overwhelming sounds of the battle. Take in the sights of multitudes of enemy soldiers, of the wounded and dead and of the wearied yet determined faces of American Soldiers in his care.

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‘Big Red One’ Soldiers pay tribute to fallen

Division contingent honors prisoner of war killed in Korea

Story and photo by Chad L. Simon
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TOPEKA, Kan. — Several Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division were on hand to honor Col. John W. Keith Jr. during a ceremony to start the Memorial Day holiday May 26 at the Mount Hope Cemetery.

Capt. Travis Kirkman, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., chaplain, officiated the ceremony honoring Keith who died in a concentration camp in Pyongyang, North Korea, in

1951 after being captured and interrogated.

“It was a definite honor,” Kirkman said. “It is quite unique to do one that was so long overdue ... I think there is a lot of meaning and significance leading up to Memorial Day to be able to honor Col. Keith in this way, and have so many generations represented. It is very distinct and that much more of an honor to do it this time of the year.”

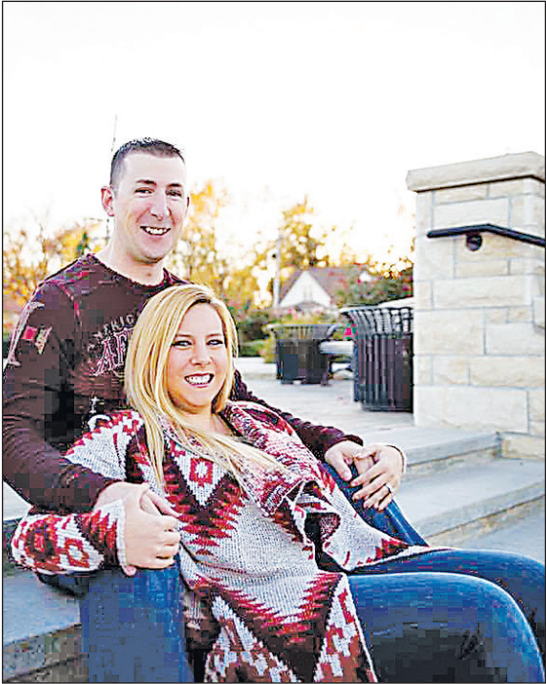
Members of the 541st Funeral Honor Team, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. Sustainment Brigade, performed a rifle volley and presented the American flag to members of the Keith family.

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Col. Ryan Maender, right, 1st Infantry Division, operations officer, presents an American flag to John W. Keith III during a ceremony honoring Col. John W. Keith Jr. at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Topeka on Friday, May 26. Keith Jr. commanded the 15th Field Artillery Battalion in 1951 during the Korean War when he and his unit were captured. He is presumed to have died in a concentration camp near Pyongyang, North Korea.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of May 30 was:
When is the upcoming Vacation Bible School hosted at Victory Chapel on Fort Riley?

Answers: www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Calendar/ModuleID/634/ItemID/447/mct/EventDetails/

This week's winner is Jasminn Kuuipo, whose husband is Staff Sgt. Christopher Homuth, who is assigned to 230th Financial Management Support Detachment, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade.

Pictured above are Christopher and Jasminn Homuth.

CONGRATULATIONS JASMINN!

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sport and academia are not divorced of each other. Instead, they nurture and develop each other.”

Beyond actively participating in school activities, Bolen interns for Datta Saugata, who holds a doctorate and is a professor in the Geology Department at Kansas State University. He assists graduate students with their projects, helps write grants and aids Saugata in his research on the contamination of rice in the Ganges Delta in India.

“He’s really taken me under his wing and taught me how to be a researcher, how to work in a lab — do everything I need to do to be in that field,” Bolen said.

Bolen is interested in pursuing a degree in nuclear physics. He hasn’t decided where he wants to attend college, but he plans on serving in either the Army

or Navy after getting his education.

“My grandpa is (a) nuclear engineer,” Bolen said. “If I do go into either the West Point or Naval Academy, they’ve got the best programs in the world for that. If you want to be a nuclear physicist, that’s where you should go, so you could be serving the nation and being on the cutting edge of technology ... it also definitely has a connection to the space industry, which I would love to be in.”

Bolen’s mother, Lauren, is very proud of her son’s achievements. She said he works hard and enjoys the challenge.

“I’m so excited for him; anything is possible,” Lauren said. “He is very self-motivated, driven, curious and he’s interested — I love it — there’s nothing that doesn’t interest him.”



BOSS BARBECUE



Photo courtesy of MWR
Fort Riley Soldiers joined in the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers barbecue May 25 between the old and new hospital on Historic Main Post. The event was sponsored by Cox Bros. BBQ from Manhattan, Kansas.

CAR SEAT ASSISTANCE



Photo courtesy of Garrison Safety Office
Members of the Garrison Safety Office hosted a car seat checklane May 25 at Rally Point. There are courtesy, certified car seat installers who work for the GSO and Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services to provide guidance for specific car seats as well as education on how to properly install the seat. The installers check for recalls, inspect the seat for damage and determine the type of system available for installation. The installer will install the seat first, and then will direct the owner on how to install it. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Richard Watson at 785-240-6241 or Rod Cruz at 785-239-0514.

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“I took one class at a time, as family and my time would permit,” she said.

She was on track to graduate in the summer of 2015. In fact, she said, she remembers attending “the first day of my last two classes” June 6, 2015.

Then, June 8, 2015, she was involved in a car accident. Doctors worried if she would be able to walk again. But she did, and she later spoke to representatives at Central Texas, who “took the time to take care of me.” The Fort Riley Education Center also helped make sure she

could attend classes and finish her degree.

Now, Owens will be pursuing her Bachelor’s in psychology through Upper Iowa University. She encouraged the rest of the graduating class to live through the words of Winston Churchill.

“Never, never, never give up,” she said.

Frank also noticed Owens’ determination and drive to receive her degree.

“Malissa, you are my real hero,” he said.

But the ceremony wasn’t merely about the graduates. Shir-

ley Avant-Ferguson, Education Services Officer with Fort Riley Education Services, recognized all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, spouses, siblings and children in attendance.

“Each of you are directly responsible for getting your graduate here today,” she said.

Frank ended his remarks by recognizing the achievements of all 357 members of the class of 2017.

“Graduates, you have lived the 1st Infantry Division motto — No mission too difficult. No sacrifice too great. Duty First,” he said.

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Over the next several months the war continued. For Keith and his men, it came to a head with the Battle of Hoengsong, Feb. 11 to 13, 1951. Four Communist Chinese Forces divisions and two North Korean divisions swarmed vastly outnumbered U.S. and South Korean units. Not highlighted at the time for political reasons, the result was nothing short of a massacre. Hundreds of American infantry and artillery Soldiers were killed. The unit under Keith’s command, the 15th Field Artillery Battalion had more than 200 killed in action.

These Soldiers faced superior numbers, constant mortar fire and relentless rifle shots from high ridges on either side of the valley. They defended aggressively and desperately — raining, while they could, massive amounts of fire upon the enemy — and providing ongoing resistance, even to the point of hand-to-hand combat.

In the end, they were entirely cut off and many were killed or captured.

Weeks later, U.S. Marines entered the area, now a virtual graveyard with dead bodies, literally frozen, strewn about where they had fallen. In the official investigative report of the battle, it was determined that Keith and other leaders of the 15th FA Bn. displayed “strong, courageous and aggressive” leadership. Sgt. Charles Long with the 38th Infantry Regiment, a forward observer for mortars, valiantly kept back the enemy with his rifle and grenades. His last words requested 40 rounds to be placed on his own position to kill the enemy soldiers gathering there. Long was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. His actions illustrate both the desperate nature of the battle and the acts of bravery demonstrated by many U.S. Soldiers.

Crushed by impossible odds, Keith and others captured were not at the end of their story. In many ways, their real pain and suffering were only

beginning. These prisoners were agonizingly marched through severe terrain and weather. Key prisoners like Keith were mercilessly interrogated and mistreated. Keith, malnourished and likely suffering from pneumonia, died at the end of April 1951 at an interrogation center near Pyongyang. To this day, the North Koreans have impeded efforts to survey the area for remains.

Just like the Korean War itself, family members are suspended, still waiting for the discovery of his remains. One can only strive to imagine the unending decades waiting for closure. Absent that, the family proceeded to allow full military honors to be given this Memorial Day weekend at Mount Hope Cemetery in Topeka, Kansas.

We too should honor his service and the sacrifice of other service members and their families. For many of us, the Korean War seems vague and distant. I can promise you that it daily remains for affected family members, some of whom are burdened with additional issues such as unrecovered remains.

Keith made a difference to his family, to the Soldiers he fought alongside and to his nation. As John Donne wrote, “no man is an island, entire of itself.”

Keith’s actions ripple forward into our present time. However, it is our responsibility to remember.

Actively remembering such service members and their actions will do much for us. It will inspire gratitude. More significantly for many service members, it should provoke careful consideration of the lessons of history and the unspeakable costs of war.

We depend on the American people to carefully weigh the pros and cons of any decision to go to war, knowing enough of history and human nature and to judiciously make decisions to go or not go accordingly.

In this broken world, the correct course of action will frequently be unclear and the results mixed. Nonetheless, the

gravity of the decision should press heavily upon us.

The Korean War eventually shifted from fast-moving battle lines with raging war over vast swaths of Korean territory to that of stalemate. Ultimately, it became suspended in 1953 with an armistice. So technically, the war has never ended and we will never quite know whether or when a hot war will re-break again, inflaming and engulfing the peninsula in another grim and tragic nightmare. The results of the Korean War are mixed but worthy. Our South Korean alliance and friendship is enduring and of great value.

Keith’s record in Korea displays bravery and astute leadership. It ended in captivity and death. Like the war itself that is held in an armistice, the status of his remains is unresolved. Though many are hoping and working for an unforeseen breakthrough, the search continues without end in sight. This lack of recovery inhibits the sort of closure we would all want for our loved ones.

Thank you, Col. John W. Keith Jr., for your exemplary service and sacrifice for your country. You did what your country asked, and you did it without regard for yourself. We thank your family as well for enduring loss and the prolonged agony.

Forgive us for not thinking more of the fact that the war continues for your family and other families like yours who lack the ability to lay their service member’s remains to a dignified and final rest. We afresh remember that you have borne a disproportionate share of the burden. We can hardly begin to imagine your journey of almost seven decades and with our best efforts can only scratch the surface of what you have endured.

As American citizens, may each of us go forward from this Memorial Day with renewed gratitude, perspective and wisdom for decisions faced as a republic which profoundly impact service members and their loved ones.

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“It is an honorable event, honoring a fallen comrade,” said Staff Sgt. Allan Froa, 541st Funeral Honor Team, noncommissioned officer in charge. “This is our 42nd funeral we have done (since January) and it doesn’t get any easier. It really makes you think hard about it.”

Several generations of the Keith family were on hand for the ceremony, including his

oldest son, John W. Keith III, and daughter, Marylyn Homan.

“I think it was absolutely fantastic,” Keith III said. “It is closure for me and my sister.”

Lt. Col. Keith commanded the 15th Field Artillery Battalion in February 1951 when his unit was surrounded by Chinese and North Korean troops. Keith was captured and marched to a prisoner of war camp outside of Pyongyang.

He died in the camp and was promoted posthumously to the rank of colonel.

His remains have never been positively identified. The remains of several hundred service members were returned to the United States following the war and buried at the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. It is unknown if Keith’s remains are among those returned to Hawaii.



Travel & Fun in Kansas



Spc. Shell wants you to check out next week's Travel & Fun in Kansas - Local wineries

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HOME OF THE BIG RED ONE

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Downtown Salina features an array of boutiques and small businesses ready to meet visitors' shopping and eating needs. The area is centered on Iron and Santa Fe Avenues.



Sculptures from various artists decorate downtown Salina, showing off the artistic side of the city. Each May, the sculptures decorating the area are changed out in early April the next year as part of Sculpture Tour Salina. Artists from across the country submit their work to be reviewed by a jury and placed up for awards. The sculptures are also for sale. For more information on Sculpture Tour Salina or to learn more about the artwork featured in the area, visit salinadowntown.com or go to sculpturetoursalina.com.

Ernest James Zydeco, from Kansas City, Missouri, shares joy through traditional zydeco music that originated in southwest Louisiana during the Smoky Hills River Festival in Oakdale Park, 730 Oakdale Drive. The festival is June 8 to 11. More than 20 bands and musicians will perform on the four stages from a range of genres including rock 'n' roll, bluegrass, country, blues and more. A music jam concert starts things off June 8.



The Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts, 151 S. Santa Fe, is the home stage for the Salina Symphony and Salina Youth Symphony. Other events, such as concerts, comedies, dances and children's shows, are performed on its stage. To see upcoming events or purchase tickets, visit salinasymphony.org.



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

Just shy of an hour from Fort Riley is a city of arts, culture, recreation, wildlife, fairs and fun.

Salina was founded in 1858 as a trade hub and with the addition of railroads and industrial growth, the city grew and developed to include theaters, artwork, sports and more while still holding true to its agricultural trading roots.

Artists, patrons and fans of arts and culture flock to Salina each June for the Smoky Hills River Festival in Oakdale Park, 730 Oakdale Drive. The festival is June 8 to 11. A music jam concert starts things off at 6 p.m. June 8, gates open at 4 p.m. From there, the festival is open Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 20 bands and musicians will perform on the four stages from a range of genres including rock 'n' roll, bluegrass, country, blues and more.

Artwork is a strong staple of the festival with more than 20 set-in-nature art installations decorating the areas around the shows. There are also two juried shows that test nearly 130 artists in their skills using their preferred mediums including wood, ceramics, sculpture, painting, photography, fiber and jewelry.

Children and teens can challenge and explore their own artistic abilities in Artyopolis with building block creations, face painting, craft projects and more.

When it's time to eat, the festival has its own food row with more than 30 vendors selling classic fair foods and other tasty creations.

Admission to the fair is \$15 per person at the gate for ages 12 and up. Ages 11 and under are free. Buttons, which serve as admission tickets, may be purchased in advance until June 6 for \$10 per person for ages 12 and up. Near Fort Riley, locations to purchase the buttons include Dillon's grocery stores in Junction City and Manhattan and Casey's convenience stores in Abilene.

For more information about the Smoky Hills River Festival, including locations to purchase advance buttons, visit riverfestival.com

Downtown Salina features an array of boutiques and small businesses ready to meet visitors' shopping and eating needs. The area is centered on Iron Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue. Each May, the sculptures decorating the area are changed out as part of Sculpture Tour Salina. For more information on downtown Salina, visit salinadowntown.com or go to sculpturetoursalina.com to learn more about the artwork featured in the area.

Artwork is not only found outdoors

in Salina, multiple centers and theatres can be found throughout the city.

The Salina Art Center, 242 S. Santa Fe, has many exhibitions of contemporary art and related activities, as well as an arts education and artists in residence program. For more information about the Salina Art Center, visit salinaartcenter.org.

Salina Community Theatre had its 55th season in 2016. Performances ranging from dramas to comedies and onto music and mystery productions are available throughout the year. To see a schedule of performances or purchase tickets, visit salinatheatre.com.

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If a day of play is what's needed when away from home, Salina has several parks and recreation spots sure to meet everyone's needs.

The Rolling Hills Zoo, 625 N. Hedville Road, is 145 acres of Kansas prairie with 65 acres transformed into exhibits and a museum. Animals from around the world can be viewed throughout the zoo. The museum allows guests to walk around the globe, viewing and learning about species native to each region they encounter. A restaurant is also available at the zoo when hunger strikes. Rolling Hills Zoo is open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$13.95 for adults, \$12.95 for seniors age 65 and up, \$7 for ages 3 to 13 and ages 2 and under are free. For more information, visit www.rollinghillzoo.org.

Several parks in the city feature more than grass and shaded scenery with a playground for kids. Bill Burke Park, 1501 W. Crawford St., has six soccer fields, eight baseball/softball diamonds, fishing areas, picnic shelters, walk and running paths and a playground.

Kenwood Park, 812 Kenwood Park Drive, is home to the Salina County Livestock and Expo Center, Bicentennial Center and Kenwood Cove Aquatics Park, which opened May 27 for the season. The aquatics park has pools, slides, rides and more. It is open Monday to Saturday 12:30 to 7 p.m. and Sunday 12:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for ages 3 to 17, \$5.50 for ages 18 to 61 and \$2.50 to ages 62 and older. Children under 2 are free. For more information about the aquatics park, visit www.kenwoodcove.com.

To learn about other parks in Salina, some of which also feature memorials and botanical gardens, go to visitsalina.org.



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