



THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION POST



Fort Riley's 97th Military Police Battalion and 10th Air Support Operations Squadron participate in the 35th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run June 1 to raise awareness for Special Olympics Kansas. Every year, law enforcement officers from more than 97 agencies all over Kansas participate in this event. Runners took over at Ogden Gate when they received the torch from Riley County Police Department, and then passed the flame on to Junction City Police Department at Grant Gate.

Fort Riley hosts portion of 35th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run

Story and photo by Suet Lee-Growney
1ST INF. DIV. POST

More than 400 Soldiers and civilians from Fort Riley participated in the 35th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run June 1 organized by staff and volunteers of Special Olympics Kansas. The purpose of the run is to raise awareness and money to benefit the Special Olympics athletes. Kansas law enforcement officers serve as Guardians of the Flame. They ensure the Flame of Hope, which is passed through 52 counties from more than 97 law enforcement agencies in the state, is delivered to the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics held in Maize, Kansas.

The Flame of Hope was passed from Riley County Police Department to 97th Military Battalion at the Ogden Gate. From there, companies in the 97th MP Bn., 10th

"It's really motivating, especially when you get toward the end and you get to see the people you were doing it for, and you just get to see their faces. They're excited, you're excited — makes you feel great."

SPC. CYDNEY MCHENRY

287TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY, 97TH MP BATTALION

Air Support Operations Squadron and members of the Directorate of Emergency Services took turns running a portion of the 6-mile route all the way to Grant Gate where Junction City Police Department carried on the flame. During the torch run, the public stepped out of their vehicles and work to encourage the officers as they ran.

According to the Special Olympics website, the torch run of this magnitude is

the largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for the organization.

The Fort Riley run was led by Lt. Col. Ann Meredith, commander of 97th MP Bn., and a special team of Army physical fitness test high scorers of the battalion. Among the special team was Spc. Ike Horn.

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Sgt. Michael C. Roach | 19TH PAD
Members of the "Big Red One" Brass Band play "Killing Me Softly" as arranged by the Youngblood Brass Band during their Spring Concert Series "The History of the Division" at the C.L. Hoover Opera House May 25 in Junction City, Kansas.

1st Infantry Division Band celebrates 100 years of music

Story and photos by Sgt. Michael C. Roach
19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

The 1st Infantry Division Band held the finale of their Spring Concert Series "The History of the Division" at the C.L. Hoover Opera House in Junction City, Kansas, May 25.

"We usually use Junction City as our culminating event and with this concert we are telling the history of the division over the last 100 years," said Spc. Brad Smith, Army musician with the 1st Inf. Div. Band.

Smith served as one of four members on a committee that planned the event.

The concert combined the talents of the 1st Inf. Div. Band and members of the Junction City Community Band into a collaborative effort that covered a variety of musical styles by compartmentalizing the different eras of "Big Red One" history. Complete with a selection of historical and referential photographs displayed behind the concert band comprising both groups, the show moved over the last century by referencing the conflicts that shaped the nation as well as the division.

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'Shifting mosaic' mitigates declining butterfly population



COURTESY PHOTO

Fort Riley contains approximately 67,000 acres of native tallgrass prairie. This native Kansas landscape offers an ideal habitat for regal fritillary butterflies.

By Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Due to declining habitat, the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Services began reviewing the status of regal fritillary butterflies "as a potential candidate for listing under the endangered species act in September 2015."

The concern with Fort Riley is if regal fritillary and monarch butterflies were to be listed, Fort Riley could see training restrictions on units and field exercises, said Shawn Stratton, supervisory fish and wildlife biologist for the Directorate of Public Works Conservation branch.

"So when we found out about that, we decided right away to work with the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit at Kansas State University about

doing a study on Fort Riley," Stratton said. "(The study would not) only benefit Fort Riley, but other military installations who also have this butterfly."

Kelsey McCullough became a fish and wildlife biologist technician through an internship for the DPW Conservation branch in February 2017. This position gave her the opportunity to continue her research as a graduate studying biology at Kansas State University.

McCullough continued her research when she became an intern at DPW through the Internship/Research Participation program, managed by Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education in December 2016.

McCullough's research focuses on the "rapid, range-wide declines and persistent threats

to existing populations from habitat loss and mismanagement," according to the abstract from McCullough's thesis.

"Fort Riley has this really strong portion of tallgrass prairie that is still intact," McCullough said.

According to the Fort Riley Conservation branch Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Fort Riley has approximately 67,000 acres of native prairie. The plan was designed to sustain the grassland and the training mission.

According to The Nature Conservancy, less than 4 percent of the original tallgrass prairie remains.

Stratton said Fort Riley is an excellent place for the regal fritillary butterfly.

"The regal fritillary thrives on tallgrass prairie and prairie

violets in particular, as their host plant," he said.

McCullough said regal fritillary and monarchs butterflies are pollinators, much like bees.

"It becomes concerning when we begin to lose more pollinators," she said. "Regals and monarchs seem to be pollinators that are declining, so we would like to mitigate that."

Based on her research, McCullough found patch burning in concert with haying is a likely viable long-term management strategy for the regal. On Fort Riley prescribed burns are conducted routinely around training areas.

"We have these training areas where the burns are happening in a shifting mosaic," McCullough said. "This training area may

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CELEBRATING 242 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE NATION



June 14 marks the 242nd birthday of the Army. At Fort Riley, there will be a cake-cutting ceremony June 14 in Building 580, Division Headquarters, to celebrate the milestone.

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Aerial spraying conducted to clear ‘target points’ for troops

By Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

A controlled aerial spraying project took place May 28 to remove taller broadleaf weeds from Range 18 and the Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex at Fort Riley.

A contract pilot flying an Air Tracker Model 802 from Heinen Brothers Agra Services based out of Seneca, Kansas, completed the project. The bi-annual project is conducted to clear unwanted plants from targets for troops who are qualifying on tank gunnery ranges.

Jerold Spohn, an agronomist and installation pest management coordinator for the Directorate of Public Works, Conservation Branch and Environmental Division at Fort Riley, said they are looking to “control taller broadleaf weeds, in particular giant ragweed and a variety of sunflowers.”

The goal of controlling taller broadleaf weeds is “we want to

assure the targets are clear of tall weeds that would obscure visibility of the target, so we treat in the late spring before the plants we are targeting grow too large,” Spohn said.

Giant ragweed and sunflowers are native species occurring in disturbed areas. Seedlings tend to pop-up late spring and as they grow, these species grow right in the line of sight for Soldiers trying to qualify.

“We want to make sure these Soldiers can get qualified to do their jobs,” Spohn said. “That is a large reason we do this to keep the target points clear. Our goal is to control 90 percent of those (giant ragweed and sunflowers).”

Due to Soldiers qualifying on the ranges, the ground is considered dubbed; meaning non-explosive ordnance is present in the range.

“Therefore, we cannot go in with ground equipment,” Spohn said. “We cannot

maintain the area with regular equipment. So using aerial spraying is the safest and most efficient way to do the work.”

According to data provided by the pilot, he was able to complete all two ranges in less than eight hours; spraying approximately 500 acres per hour.

The pilot has twenty plus years in agricultural aerial spraying, holds a certificate in pesticide applicator for the area.

The pilot applies the chemical to the giant ragweed and sunflowers in a “back-to-back pattern,” Spohn said.

“The chemicals we use are fairly low toxicity to the environment,” Spohn said. “Both chemicals have been around for a combined 90 years.”

In the chemical mix two additives are included — drift control agent and spray sticker. As defined by the training packet for aerial spraying, a drift control agent makes the

droplets heavier, making the droplets fall in a more direct motion, reducing spread. Spray sticker helps the droplets stick to the surface and spread evenly across.

“The biggest thing we do is to try and support our troops, regardless of what type treatment we are working on,” Spohn said. “As we move forward we will continue to support our troops anyway we can, while doing it in an environmentally friendly way.”

Over the next week, Spohn will begin surveying for sericea lespedeza; an invasive species that grows along the Kansas River in woodlands. This spraying will be conducted in September.

“We have to comply with the State of Kansas Noxious Weed law, so we treat sericea lespedeza, a State of Kansas listed noxious weed, in the early fall when the plants are most susceptible to the herbicide we use,” Spohn said.



COURTESY PHOTO

A contract pilot flying an Air Tracker Model 802 plane from Heinen Brothers Agra Services completed the Directorate of Public Works, Conservation Branch and Environmental Division at Fort Riley’s bi-annual aerial spraying May 28 over Range 18 and Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex to remove giant ragweed and sunflowers from gunnery targets.

Truck mishap brings out best of emergency services personnel

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

A large truck carrying debris from demolition on post tipped over onto June 2 inside the roundabout at Huebner Road and Williston Point Road, prompting responses from agencies of the Directorate of Emergency Services, Emergency Medical Technicians, the 97th Military Police Battalion and the Directorate of Public Works.

The incident left a quantity of materials at the middle of the circle and hydraulic fluid leaking from the vehicle requiring mitigation by personnel from Fire Station 3 — the home of the Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services hazardous materials station, Battalion Chief Wesley Hill of FRFES said.

Besides Station 3, the incident brought personnel from Fire Stations 4 and 1, Hill said.

“The personnel from Fire Station 4 were actually the first to see it and react,” Hill said. “They didn’t even come through a 911 call. They saw it and responded and they were the ones that initiated the initial alarm.”

The first order of business on this or any such incident, Hill said, is care for the injured.

The driver in the truck had already exited as first responders were beginning to arrive, Hill said, adding that “EMS and Police Department, they all responded (to help the injured) and we found that he had sustained minor to no injuries and was treated at the scene.”

It was then that on-site personnel noticed the leaking hydraulic fluid. According to Jeffrey Fuller, the environmental protection specialist for DPW who, as spill coordinator, was in charge of handling efforts to control the hydraulic leak, the team’s work begins once personnel from the FRFES and police have looked after injuries and secured the area.

Fuller said members of FRFES are always the first responders for incidents like this.

“They are in complete control of the incident ... until they determine there is no longer a human health hazard at which point the site will be turned over to spill response personnel from the Environmental Division of Public Works to ensure that any chemicals that were released

are cleaned in accordance with EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and KDHA (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) guidelines,” he said.

Crews had already began putting down absorbent materials and taking steps to confine the spill, Hill said, adding the on-board system contained about 40 gallons of hydraulic fluid.

“They started damming and diking and building up a kind of berm to contain the spill so that it didn’t get into our drainage system,” Hill said.

The crew also applied a putty at the site of the leak.

“That slowed the leak down to a minimal drip,” Hill said. “So that minimized the amount of fluid on the ground.”

“There are many types of putty and other devices that can be used to stop a leak depending on what type chemical and what type of container it is in,” Fuller said. “There are belly bands, plugs and putty that could be used, but you always have to consider what type chemical you are trying to contain, a steel plug or vinyl belly band wouldn’t work well for a corrosive material. Most of the



Clean-up commences as crews from Directorate of Public Works remove debris from the roadway at the roundabout at Huebner Road and Williston Point Road June 2. The clean-up was required after a large truck carrying debris from demolition on-post tipped over onto its side. The incident also prompted responses from agencies of the Directorate of Emergency Services, Emergency Medical Technicians and the 97th Military Police Battalion.

putty available for purchase is for specific chemicals like fuel, oil or corrosives.”

Once Fuller’s team donned protective gear, they worked to remove the fluid that was left in the truck’s system.

“That prevented the fluid from leaking out of the system once the truck was uprighted,” Hill said.

As far as mitigating spills of chemicals, this incident was not unusual, Fuller said.

“A majority of the spills on Fort Riley are on asphalt or cement surfaces so we will use dry-sweep and absorbent materials that collect the material,” Fuller said.

If it is puddled they attempt to collect it in containers,” he said.

“KDHE allows us to dispose of the absorbents in a landfill as long as they are not saturated, if they are saturated they are turned in to me and I wring them out before they are disposed of and the chemical — fuel, oil, hydraulic fluid, corrosives, etc. — are separated and properly disposed of.”



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THE FIGHTING FIRST!

William Henry Jones Jr: A ‘Big Red One’ Soldier



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By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

A native of Killeen, Texas, and an Army veteran who served the nation 24 years, William Henry “Hank” Jones Jr. enlisted in November 1985.

He took both his basic training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, earning the military occupational specialty of 11B, Infantryman.

After completion of training Jones went to airborne school also at Fort Benning, followed by the Ranger Indoctrination Program where he was introduced to the Ranger Program.

“I made it through the program and was assigned to the 2nd Ranger Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington, from 1986 to 1990,” Jones said. “While at this assignment I met my wife, who was an Army medic.”

While at Fort Lewis, Jones re-enlisted and was assigned to the Long-Range Surveillance Detachment of the 312th Military Intelligence Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. While there, Jones and his comrades deployed to Desert Storm and conducted LRSD operations to gather intelligence.

Once his service in Iraq concluded Jones and his spouse were selected for recruiter school and they went to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, for training. After recruiter training both were assigned to Omaha, Nebraska, to the 5th Recruiting Battalion that was headquartered out of Des Moines, Iowa.

“We were at two different recruiting stations,” Jones said. “During this assignment, my wife retired from the Army and I continued recruiting until 1997 when I was reassigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.”

Jones was assigned to Charlie Company, 525th Parachute Infan-

try Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, where, he said, “I went back to jumping out of airplanes.”

It was during this assignment Jones made a career change and became a retention noncommissioned officer and served as the battalion re-enlistment NCO. After being in this position for about four months, Jones was offered a position as a counselor and went to training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After training he was assigned to Korea, serving from 1988 to 1989 as the re-enlistment NCO at Camp Red Cloud.

His assignment to Fort Riley and the 1st Inf. Div. in 1999 came about when he traded assignments with another Soldier. He was assigned to work in the retention office.

“The counselors were assigned to the 24th Inf. Div., but attached to the 1st Inf. Div. brigades,” Jones said.

Jones deployed again to Iraq with the 24th Inf. Div. He served as retention NCO and was selected by the brigade commander to be part of his security detail because of Jones’s experience as an Army Ranger.

Upon his return, he was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Inf. Div. Retention Office to oversee retention.

“I was going to retire in 2004, but we had gotten a new sergeant major,” Jones said. “His name was Ronnie Williams and he convinced me to stay.”

In 2005, Jones was promoted to master sergeant. While working with, Sgt. Maj. Williams in the 1st Inf. Div. Retention Office, the Big Red One became the top division in the Army for retention.

Jones retired as a master sergeant in June 2009.

“I wanted to go back to Texas, but my family wanted to stay in Junction City (Kansas),” Jones said. “I have three sons, two of which had graduated from Junction City High School. My wife and one of the sons were going to K-State at the time.”

Jones’s third son graduated from high school in 2011.

“I am glad that we stayed because Junction City is a small town and the people are friendly,” Jones said. “I also have a lot of friends in the area and it would be hard to walk away from them. I have made some lifelong friends that I deployed with that also live here.”

Today, Jones is a Department of the Army Civilian and works in the casualty assistance office as the benefits coordinator. He is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8773 and is a lifetime member of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division.

“When I am not working, I ride my 2015 Harley Road Glide,” Jones said. “I am a member of the Rolling Hills Golf course and play golf there often with my friends. I love to hang out with my wife, kids and grandkids.”

As for what Jones treasures the most from his time with the Big Red One, he remembers Sgt. Maj. Williams.

“My favorite memory is when I met Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Williams because I was ready to retire but after talking to him, he was a breath of fresh air and brought new life in the retention program on Fort Riley,” Jones said. “He had a saying and it was “focus (on) taking care of Soldiers and the mission will care of itself.”

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

TRAFFIC REPORT

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.

Grant:

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

Four Corners:

Closed indefinitely to all vehicle traffic.

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.

HUEBNER ROAD CLOSURE

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 Road. 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 has Strategic Workforce Planning contributed to “New Beginnings?”

A: The Department is committed to implementing effective means of recruiting, compensating, and incentivizing the workforce in order to shape an effective workforce for today and into the future. The sound use of workforce incentives depends on a foundation that includes strategic planning for the organization and its workforce to ensure that incentives are used effectively to meet recruitment and retention needs. The Department continues to focus on its strategic workforce planning efforts, now fully integrating more than 600 occupations, including crafts and trades occupations, covering approximately 735,000 employees into a Functional Community construct based on similar job and occupational families.

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

JOINT AIR DELIVERY TEST AND EVALUATION UNIT AND ‘DURABLE’ SOLDIERS WORK TOGETHER FOR DEPLOYMENT



Sgt. Tamara Thompson | 1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Joint Air Delivery Test and Evaluation Unit of the Royal Air Force loads equipment onto a British registered C-17 with Soldiers from 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade May 26 at Salina Regional Airport, Salina, Kansas. Working within a North Atlantic Treaty Operation, the JADTEU from the United Kingdom provides air portability assurance to deliver American equipment to support the United States Army. This operation is part of ongoing interoperability between the two nations.

TRICARE Dental Program management changes

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

On May 1 the TRICARE Dental Program changed management companies from MetLife, Inc., to United Concordia, Inc.

Beneficiaries do not need to take any action and should see little to no change in their coverage.

“The only things that’s changed is who now pays the doctor,” said Lt. Col. Jeff Hambrice, Dental Activity commander.

Under United Concordia, the program maximum rate they will pay increased from \$1,300 to \$1,500, sealants are considered a free and preventative treatment, so the 20 percent cost share has been removed and the auto enrollment age from family members has been dropped from 4 years old to 1, according to an article published by TRICARE staff. Some beneficiaries will also see a decrease in their premiums.

While some dental providers will no longer accept TDP plans under the management of United Concordia and beneficiaries may need to find a new dentist, a majority of providers within a 30-mile radius of Fort Riley have elected to continue accepting TDP, Hambrice said.

“We did a print out of the practices,” he said. “We went into the (TRICARE) website ... and put in our local area with a 20 or 30 mile radius and we came up with approximately 30 or

40 practices — doctors — that were in the area and we called up each and every one of them and we asked them the question ‘do you plan on remaining on the TRICARE plan after the change from MetLife to United Concordia?’ and 85 percent of them said they were going to remain on it.”

Hambrice encourages all beneficiaries to call their provider and verify they will continue accepting TDP under the management of United Concordia. Confirming they will continue to accept TDP for the foreseeable future is also important as the change is new and other providers may drop off in the coming months, he added. However, he believes most providers will continue to accept TDP.

“In this area, the U.S. Army is a huge employer, so you have a lot of folks that will be on the dentistry plan, so they (providers) want to be on it for that reason,” he said.

Beneficiaries may also verify if their provider is still accepting the program by going to www.uccitdp.com/find-a-dentist. However, the website may have a delay in being updated, so Hambrice said he strongly encourages people to call their provider instead of relying solely on the website.

For more information on the TRICARE Dental Program, including how to enroll, benefits and locating a provider, visit <https://tricare.mil/tdp>.

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RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What's something important to pack when traveling?



"Cell phone chargers. My phone dies too often and they're too expensive to replace."

MIRANDA SANCHES
LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

Wife of Staff Sgt. Jose Sanches, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"We try to pack stuff to entertain the kids so they don't bother us with 'are we there yet?'"

BERISHA ETHERIDGE
FORT POLK, LOUISIANA

Wife of Sgt. 1st Class Leslie Etheridge, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"Money because if you don't have something, money can get you what you forgot."

1ST SGT. CHRIS COX
PRUNEDALE, CALIFORNIA

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"All your important personal belongings – like something your parents got for you."

JULIANA ZUBIARTE

Daughter of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joshua Zubiarte, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade



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Daughter of 1st Lt. Jeremy Clarno, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

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FATALITY-FREE DAYS

334

As of Wednesday, June 7, 334 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 the Army's 242 years of mission readiness

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

In five days, the nation's greatest and oldest branch of service will turn 242 years old. The Army has been on the battlefield since the Revolutionary War, and has stood the test of time. It has proved over and over again, through 242 years of combat and other contingency missions, that it is ready and willing to sacrifice for this country.

Though the Army is proud of those 242 years of hard work and dedication, this year it is reflecting on its history from a hundred years ago. Specifically, the Army is commemorating World War I's centennial — and rightly so.

More than four million U.S. Soldiers served during the Great



Brig. Gen.
Patrick D. Frank

War, and no division is more aware of this than the nation's First Division, as we just celebrated our 100th anniversary June 8. The First World War was the genesis of the modern Army. Divisions were created, armored forces appeared on the battlefield and more and more posts

were built to train and support these forces. During WWI, our Army saw itself enter the world stage as a coalition power, a facet of our service that resonates loudly to this day. As a matter of fact, our division headquarters is deployed to Iraq in support of a coalition resolved to eliminate ISIS from Iraq.

Over the past 242 years, the Army has endured and triumphed thanks to the combined effort of active, National Guard and Reserve service members, along with our Department of the Army civilians — all working together to defend freedom at home and abroad. This is the Total Army Force. The 1st Inf. Div. is setting the example for the Total Force concept, deploying to Iraq with Guardsmen, Reservists and civilians as integral

members of our team. We also train with locally and regionally aligned units, strengthening our ability to fight and win wherever we are called. We've worked together for 242 years and that is never going to change. Every June 14 is a celebration of the total Army team.

As we cut a cake and commemorate our service's birthday, take time to reflect on what those 242 years mean to you. You are part of that history, and you should be proud. To serve in this nation's military is a privilege; to serve in the U.S. Army is an honor.

Here's to the Army and another 242 years!

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SAFETY CORNER

Fort Riley community reaches fatality-free milestone

By Dawn J. Douglas
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

On June 6, Fort Riley marked the 333rd day the post had experienced no fatalities involving personally owned vehicles.

This milestone has been realized at Fort Riley in spite of the 55 accidents the Army has experienced with 60 Soldier fatalities during the same period.

What is Fort Riley doing differently to reach its set goal of eliminating personally owned vehicle accident fatalities and preserving the most vital resource of America's Fighting First? While there are many variables, approaching accident prevention from a Lean perspective may reveal the answer. Applying a management system philosophy to accident reduction may seem a little far out in left field, but understanding the importance in being Lean in everything we do to reach our fullest potential has resulted in reducing avoidable risks and saving lives.

What is Lean and how does it work in the realm of safety? In short, it is a process of solving problems in order to bridge gaps and make production more efficient. Lean is cyclic and the intent is to set goals, test processes, evaluate outcomes, analyze, learn and implement ways to improve. In this process, businesses increase productivity and affect their bottom line. In safety, risk management is also a cyclic process that looks for areas of continuous improvement: identify hazards; access hazards; develop controls and make risk decisions; implement controls; supervise and evaluate. This process aides in developing appropriate training, reporting and interpreting trending data in order to communicate identified risks and arm Team Riley. With the knowledge on how to eliminate those risks, and make appropriate risk decisions at the critical, deliberate and strategic levels 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley executes the Army Safety Program.

How have we "leaned" in on accident prevention? Identifying the parallels in risk management that we can correlate to Lean

processes reveal the answer:

Set goals.

The strategic plan for the Army implies that Soldiers should embed safety into every operation whether they are on mission or engaged in personal endeavors. The ultimate goal is to manage the risks in life by being safe. Although the Army does not propose a finite set of goals on safety every year, the standards for safe operations outlined in regulations, policy letters and standard operating procedures communicate the intent that Soldiers are to be informed and accountable for risk decisions made on and off the battlefield.

Test processes.

Goals provide a view of what we would like to achieve, but ensuring that mechanisms are in place to ensure resources are maximized to prevent accidents and injuries require the investment of the total team. Leaders play their part by ensuring that Soldiers are properly trained in safe POV operations, conducting safety briefings and oak-tree counseling and periodically checking to determine if Soldiers are properly licensed, mentored and making good personal risk decisions. Soldiers engage in making sure their vehicles are inspected and in good working condition, following the guidance provided by leadership and assuming responsibilities for their own risk decisions, as well as, supporting their battle buddies. Law enforcement confirms the standards are being applied consistently and issue warnings and penalties when indiscipline occurs.

Evaluate outcomes.

Unfortunately, the best way to evaluate outcomes is looking not only at areas of success, but also areas where correct processes did not prevent a fatality. This is the case when we look at the last POV fatality that occurred on July 7, 2016. A 20-year-old Soldier died of injuries from a motorcycle crash when his bike left the road and struck a telephone pole. Investigation revealed the Soldier was wearing a helmet, had completed the required motorcycle training a month prior and the Soldier passed a

safety check ride prior to his leave. It appears the Soldiers did all the right things, yet the outcome was not a favorable one.

Analyze.

Applying in-depth analysis to determine the root cause of accidents and incidents, to include near misses, allows leaders, Soldiers and law enforcement to look at accidents from a variety of angles in order to develop more efficient processes: Did the Soldier have enough driving experience? Was the Soldier speeding, complacent or exercised some other indiscipline? Did the Soldier recently return from a deployment? Were there environmental factors such as road conditions, precipitation, low visibility that contributed to the accident? Was the driver distracted or impaired in any way? Drilling down and peeling back the "onion" to reveal areas of improvement is key in analysis and critical in developing training and policies to help achieve more favorable outcomes.

Learn.

Using the analysis to identify best practices, as well as, ineffective processes is instrumental in continuously improving Army training. The Progressive Motorcycle Program is the result of the Army learning from accidents and injuries and applying an educational philosophy. It is designed to consistently keep motorcycle operators training current and sustain or enrich skills. The program consists of Basic/Experienced Rider Course, Military Sportbike/Advanced Rider Course, Motorcycle Refresher Training and sustainment training. The program requires all riders prior to operating a motorcycle complete BRC or State-approved curriculum for motorcycle operator's safety training. Based on the type of motorcycle owned and operated, Soldiers must complete ERC/BRC-II or MSRC/ARC within 12 months of completing BRC. The MRT is required for any motorcycle licensed and endorsed Soldier owning a motorcycle, returning from a deployment greater than 180 days, and

must be completed prior to operating their motorcycle on a public or private street or highway with exception of riding to or from training. Finally, within five years of completing ERC/BRC-II or the MSRC/ARC, or five years of inactivity, acquisition of a new or change of motorcycle, Soldiers are required to complete sustainment training.

Improve.

Establishing standards and applying the best training model is not enough to prevent fatal accident and injuries. The "want-to" factor must be present as well. Operators of POVs must look to improve their driving skills through defensive driving courses and maintaining keen situational awareness. It is not enough to say, "We made it 333 days without a POV incident so there must not be anything else we need to do to continue the success." Leaning in on accident prevention means we are constantly searching for new areas of improvement: better roads, gaining more experience, engaging in training opportunities, updating risk assessments, listening to good ideas and learning from mistakes.

In the eight years we have been tracking Fort Riley's days without a POV fatality, we have only achieved 333 days and beyond twice. Meaning we've had to reset the day to 0 more than we've had an opportunity to celebrate the milestone.

Resetting the day to zero is a sobering reminder that there is more work to be done. Seeing each day advance also teaches us a valuable lesson about leaning. We have to have a plan in place in order to sustain growth and achieve improvement. Safety is everyone's responsibility and the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley prove daily that it is a team effort to achieve 333 without a POV fatality. Let's continue to lean in so that we can reach 444, 555 and beyond and ensure no Soldier's life ends as a result of a preventable POV accident.

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Protecting Soldiers, families through proper use of operations security

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

A family is on vacation, enjoying the fresh air, warm sun and crystal clear ocean waters. From time to time, they update their friends and family with pictures and posts about their week at the beach. With each post, someone else they didn't intend to notify of their trip is viewing and reading. This person knows how long they're away and their home is empty. When the family returns from their trip, they find their home ransacked and burglarized.

This is one example of real scenarios described by the Interagency Operations Security Support Staff when people do not use social network sites smartly and safely.

Social networking and media sites and applications like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Flickr, Snapchat and more have become a staple in most people's lives. They can be used as tools to connect friends and families, share photos, exchange information, market products and so forth. However, they have also become a gold mine for adversaries — like terrorists, criminals and spies — to gather information and use that information to cause damage from identity theft to terrorist attacks, the Interagency Operations Security Support Staff said.

To protect service members as they are deploying and redeploying, Pat Burch, anti-terrorism officer at Fort Riley, advises to post nothing on social media past "I'm coming home soon" or "I'm excited my spouse returns too" and so forth. Travel schedules, dates, times and locations should never be posted.

"These are the things we don't want to put out there — travel schedules, itineraries," he said. "The biggest things are deployment and redeployment."

In that same vein, Burch recommends keeping all posts and conversations online ambiguous, especially with people one has never met in person. Although, he recommends never friending or allowing anyone one does not know in person.

"I want you to think about when you are online is, one, if you don't have a physical relationship prior to a physical relationship, you need to be very, very careful," he said. "After that ... when you do post, learn to be ambiguous. It's okay to say 'hey, I'm doing great. Kids are fine. Family is doing great.' That's all fine, but try not to say 'Johnny, who is 8, is going to school.' Or you want to avoid 'Oh, my husband is having a tough time with this aircraft.'"

Posting the names and ages of children should always be avoided, as well as where they go to school or

have clubs and activities, Burch said. Other information, such as place of employment, one's own birthday, address, contact information and so forth should also be excluded for social networking sites or restricted to friends only.

With all information, videos and posts made, one's privacy settings should be checked to verify everything is set to friends/followers only or other, with the settings customized. Never post anything publicly, he said.

"The other golden rule is making sure you know how to do the privacy settings correctly," Burch said.

Most social networking sites, like Facebook, are in the business of selling the information users provide to advertises, Burch said.

"Most people don't realize that the way Facebook makes their money is through micro and macro marketing," he said. "People need to be aware of, in the civilian world, everything you do is now being tracked."

For example, if someone posts they are interested in going on a cruise, that information may be sold to third parties and that person will begin seeing advertisements for cruises marketed directly to them. This same strategy is used by adversaries to gather the information they need, Burch said.

"That's kind of how our adversaries work," he said. "Things that you put

out there, they're following and that's how they pull stuff up from your social media sites and your dating profiles. Facebook isn't directly sending it to a threat, but they're looking it up if you don't set your privacy settings correctly. The threat is the third party who will pull up that information."

Disabling geotagging on cellphones and cameras before posting a photo, as well as when uploading a general text post is important to one's own security, too, Burch said. While tagging a post with a location may be fun or convenient to helping friends meet up, it's also a way for an adversary to know exactly where one is at any given time.

"We want to avoid the geotagging problem when you post the picture," he said. "Suddenly a threat comes along and extracts that location from the picture and knows exactly where it was taken."

Applying OPSEC properly extends past securely maintain one's own account too. It's important to educate friends and family members on what is and is not safe to post online, especially regarding service member deployments and redeployments, Burch said.

In one scenario, he described a spouse learning when her service member was returning home, she called her mother-in-law to let her know and her mother-in-law posted

the information online, making it available to a possible threat looking to do something nefarious.

"Watch your friends and family's social media because sometimes you're doing everything right and then it's somebody else who puts something out on there about you," Burch said. "You have to look two to three layers out from you to watch what they're putting out there."

These same precautions apply to Family Readiness Groups' pages and groups, he said. Even when a group is private, someone may still gain access to it by hacking, spoofing a member's account or creating a new account in a current member's name.

"Once it's out there, it's out there, so that's the importance of getting everything right from the beginning," Burch said. "We want to make sure our Soldiers, our service members, get home safely and protect the installations our families are living on ... You have to always assume everything can be hacked, everything can be spoofed."

While applying OPSEC to personal social network accounts may seem extreme, one can never be certain of who is really watching or reading, he said.

"Once you hit the send button, once you post it, you'll never get it back."

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The DMPO offices observe the Garrison Resiliency Day Off schedule, in addition to all Federal Holidays, and will be closed the following days for the rest of the fiscal year: June 9, June 12; July 3, July 4; July 21, Aug. 4, Aug. 14; Sept. 1, Sept. 4, Sept.15, and Sept. 29.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Notice of Availability: Fort Riley Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report. The Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works posted the annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on the internet. Fort Riley, like

other public water suppliers, is required to provide this information based on Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. The CCR provides information on the type and name of the water source; information on contaminants including a mandatory monitoring list; information on detected regulated and/or unregulated contaminants; any violations associated with monitoring and reporting; and additional health information for immunocompromised individuals. Information about CCRs can be obtained from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). Copies also can be obtained by contacting the Water Quality Protection Regulations Manager at (785) 239-8491. The direct link is:

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Special Emphasis Program committee forms at Fort Riley

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

“This is all part of our policy to be proactive,” said Jeffery Greer, Special Emphasis and Disability Program manager. “If you’re very proactive and you have sensing sessions and you work on special emphasis issues, you can prevent issues before they happen and this is part of that process in getting ahead of the complaints.”

The formation and beginning sessions of the Special Emphasis Program Committee at Fort Riley is underway to assist the civilian workforce, whether they’re an applicant or current employee, with overcoming a variety of needs before they become an issue, Greer said.

“The Special Emphasis Program Committee is the Fort Riley committee created to work towards implementing the Army’s purpose and goals for the Special Emphasis Program at the installation-level,” said Eric L. Carter, the installation labor counselor and attorney-advisor,

Administrative and Civil Law Division of the Fort Riley Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and member of the committee. “Specifically, the committee will focus on the overall employment, career development and advancement opportunities for both applicants and employees at Fort Riley.”

The program is required by Army Regulation 690-12 and under the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The committee looks to evaluate and remove what are known as triggers and barriers for the entire workforce, but special attention is placed on key groups, such as the disabled veteran, Hispanic populations and other Title VII groups, Greer said.

“We consider all of those groups, but we don’t limit ourselves to only those groups,” he said. “We want to enhance the entire workforce. We try to find what we call triggers and barriers. Triggers are, when we look at the data, are like red flags — here’s an area that’s showing up as an issue, so you look at that area and see what the issue is with hiring and employment.”

Through the program, 12 percent of the workforce is required to be disabled and 2 percent of that number need to belong to a group called targeted disability, which includes blindness, loss of limb, autism and post-traumatic stress syndrome, among others, Greer said. The Fort Riley workforce has successfully met and exceeded that number for several years because of the large veteran population in the area. Likewise, through the Hispanic initiatives, there is a percentage requirement for the workforce as well, however, the Special Emphasis Program should not be confused with Affirmative Action because of these requirements. An applicant or employee is still required to meet the merit and qualifications needed to be employed.

“We have to maintain the merit system,” he said. “You can’t hire someone unless they’re qualified, so we try to bring people up if they’re not qualified or aware of our program, like K-State

graduates, if they aren’t aware of the opportunity, so we try to interface with local universities and groups to let them know there are opportunities.”

Committee members look at ways to assist applicants and employees in improving their skills, receiving training, networking, eliminating discrimination within the workforce and more to assist everyone in maximizing their chances of being hired, promoted and so forth, Greer said. These areas where assistance may be lacking are also referred to as barriers for some of the workforce.

“Hopefully, the Fort Riley community will benefit from the committee identifying and eliminating any barriers to recruitment, retention and career enhancement which may be created by unlawful employment discrimination,” Carter said.

By identifying and eliminating barriers and triggers, committee members believe the workforce will see an increase in productivity, job satisfaction,

better decision making, new ideas and a stable, upward mobile workforce, Greer said.

“There’s been a number of studies, both in the civilian world and the government, and when you have a diverse workforce, you get much more satisfaction among the employees and productivity actually goes up,” he said.

Within the committee, there are a number of core organizations required to provide a representative, including Equal Employment Opportunity, OSJA, Irwin Army Community Hospital, the Labor Union and Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, among others.

In an example of what initiatives the committee may work on, Carter said he foresees more action in assisting employees and others with disabilities to enable easier access to and around Fort Riley, as well as while performing their tasks and jobs.

“One key area in which I anticipate the committee will focus is removing any

barriers to access by employees and members of the public with disabilities,” he said.

“A complex area of federal labor and employment law is ensuring that qualified individuals with a disability are reasonably accommodated, as appropriate, to ensure that they can fulfill the duties of any position for which they encumber. I believe one area the committee may focus is in seeing what, if any, barriers to employment may exist for both applicants and employees with disabilities in the workplace while ensuring the accommodation process in place is adequately addressing those individuals.”

While the name “Special Emphasis Program” may imply a narrow focus, Greer said it’s all of Fort Riley’s workforce that matters to them.

“We’re responsible for all of the groups,” he said. “It’s called Special Emphasis, but we’re trying to work with the entire workforce. We’re trying to improve the quality for all of the workforce.”



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“We’ve had a good relationship with the Junction City Community Band and we have a great relationship with the opera house,” said Spc. Amanda DiClerico, an Army musician with the 1st Inf. Div. Band who also sat on the committee to organize the event. “It’s just nice to work with them and have us here.”

Musical Performance Teams from the 1st Inf. Div. Band were each assigned an era. The band’s woodwind quintet played a tribute to World War I. The jazz combo took on big band style music for World War II. The brass quintet performed renditions of “House of the Rising Sun” by The Animals and “Carry on My Wayward Son” by Kansas to encapsulate the Vietnam War, and concluded with “99 Luftballons” by Nena to signify the climax of Cold War tensions. The Big Red One brass band performed “Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)” by Eurythmics and “Killing Me Softly” as arranged by the Youngblood Brass Band to highlight the Gulf War to present day.

Junction City Mayor Phyllis Fitzgerald took the time to say

a few words to the audience before the conclusion of the performance.

“My name is Phyllis Fitzgerald, I’m the mayor of Junction City and I am also a Big Red One Soldier,” she said, before thanking the band, members of the 1st Inf. Div. currently deployed and the audience members for attending the event and supporting the community. Fitzgerald served as an intelligence analyst officer for the 1st Inf. Div. during Operation Desert Storm.

Planning for the Spring Concert Series began in January when it was decided that a committee of four junior members of the unit would form to decide the nature of the program and gain experience in producing such an event. The responsibility ultimately fell to DiClerico, Smith, Sgt. Stephen Doney and Sgt. Steven Wagner. The group was given some basic guidelines but decided on the theme and organized the event on their own.

“It has been a great opportunity to see how everything goes on behind the

scenes,” DiClerico said. “We have two (specialists) and two (sergeants) and we’ve pretty much taken the helm and split ourselves into different lanes and tried to coordinate everything.”

Four concerts were planned for the Spring Concert Series. The band played Concordia and Wamego, Kansas, and were slotted to play Manhattan, Kansas; an event which was canceled due to weather.

“It’s their show,” said 1st Sgt. Terrina Anderson, 1st Inf. Div. Band’s senior noncommissioned officer and acting commander. “(It’s) fantastic from my perspective. It went really well.”

The committee of Soldiers responsible for the event used their previous professional experience to help guide them in producing the concert.

“I was a teacher before, and we put on performances so that (experience) helped,” Smith said. “DiClerico has done a lot of professional musician stuff also, so that’s helped. Sgt. Wagner has done some performing on the professional side before the Army so that helped and Sgt. Doney was a teacher also.”



Sgt. Michael C. Roach | 19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

The 1st Infantry Division Band plays alongside members of the Junction City Community Band during their Spring Concert Series “The History of the Division” at the C.L. Hoover Opera House May 25 in Junction City, Kansas. The concert showcased the history of the division over the last 100 years.

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“(The special team) are all pieces of the unit and we selected them to come carry the colors and torch with us,” Horn said. “We love being within the community and helping out.”

Meredith said the torch run is great because it brings awareness to the Special Olympics, which is a phenomenal event and organization.

“I think it’s a great partnership between local law enforcement and the Special Olympics all together,” Meredith said. “It benefits the athletes participating and that’s what we are here to support.”

“We are very excited to do (this) and we are honored to carry the torch,” she said.

Luke Schulte, vice president of development and the torch run, hopes by carrying the torch through Fort Riley, the military police officers and the public will now equate the flames to the Special Olympics.

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LUKE SCHULTE | VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND THE TORCH RUN

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Spc. Cydney McHenry, 287th Military Police Company, 97th MP Bn., said everyone who participated in the run pushed each other to do well because they were doing it for a good cause

“This is my second torch run so I already know what to expect,” McHenry said. “I was telling everybody about it trying to get them pumped up and we had a good time.”

“It’s really motivating, especially when you get toward the end and you get to see the people you were doing it for, and you just get to see their faces. They’re excited; you’re excited — makes you feel great.”

McHenry stressed the importance of always doing her best in an events like this because she never knows who’s watching her.

“You never know who you’re motivating when you’re out there doing stuff,” she said. “I know (the run) is inspirational to me, and I know it is to others as well.”



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Lt. Col. Ann Meredith, commander of 97th Military Police Battalion, offers words of gratefulness and encouragement to the athletes of Special Olympics Kansas during the 35th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run June 1. Law enforcement officers who participate in the run serve as Guardians of the Flame when they carry the Flame of Hope to raise awareness for the event.

BUTTERFLY

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be burned this year, while next year it's not. It creates a diversity of species required for regal fritillary."

Stratton said in the tallgrass prairie, prescribed fire is a huge deal because that is how tall-grass prairie remains the tall-grass prairie.

"What we want to maintain at Fort Riley is the prairie because it gives the military the ability to train and on different environments as well," Stratton said. "To be able to have that diversity at Fort Riley is a great thing."

Prescribed fires also help mitigate the host plant for regals.

According to McCullough's thesis their preferred larval host plant for the Midwest is prairie violet.

"Fire will promote the violets, milkweeds and coneflow-ers, things as adults they are using as a nectar source," she said.

A study done at Fort Indi-antown Gap National Guard Training Center on regal frit-illary butterflies, found that "habitat is created and main-

tained by repeated, frequent soil disturbance, patchy fires and stewardship efforts that create diverse grassland dominated by native herbaceous vegetation."

The study found that the light tank track vehicle training actually promoted their host plant. So that light disturbance of the soil was good for prairie violets, McCullough said.

"One exciting thing I found from my graduate research is larva can survive fire, which is the biggest misconception found in regal fritillary litera-ture," McCullough said.

Stratton said previous stud-ies have stated prescribed burns are bad for the species.

"We've found out this is not necessarily the case at all," Stratton said. "McCullough was able to prove this with her study out here (at Fort Riley), larva is figuring out a way to survive fall or spring prescribed fires."

Based on McCullough's study, "55 percent of the larvae I found were alive, in fields that have been recently charred in the spring of my study."

One of the great things about military installations is we have great habitat avail-able, Stratton said.

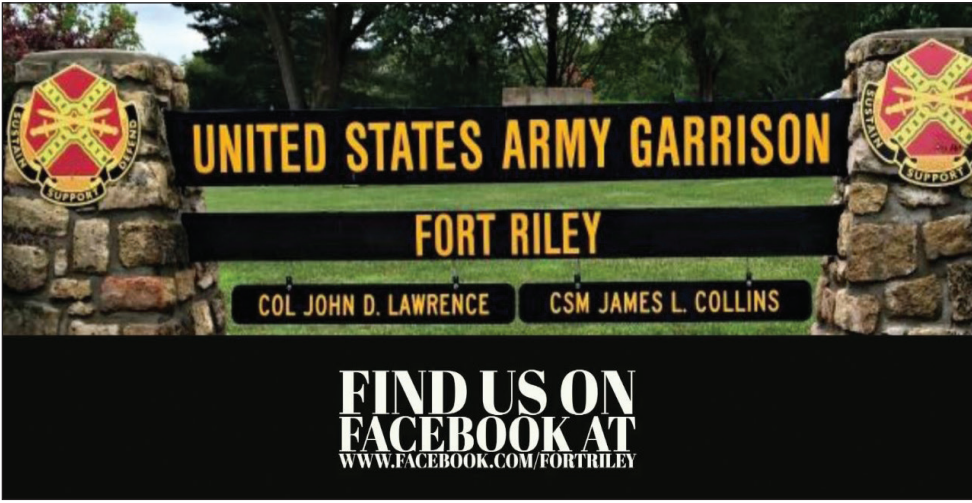
"For Fort Riley in par-ticular, we have these vast amounts of grasslands acres that are basically just grass-land habitat," Stratton said. "Regal fritillary and mon-archs need that grassland to thrive. On Fort Riley we maintain it through our pre-scribe fire programs that we initiate each year."

McCullough said she is thrilled to continue the re-search that helps conserve and maintain the military mission at Fort Riley.

"They're pretty spectac-ular butterflies to see floating around doing their thing," McCullough said. "It would be a shame to lose these re-sources. With that I am pretty honored to be out here as an intern working with species like this — to continue re-search to help conserve the species first are foremost, then maintain the military mission out here on Fort Riley."



COURTESY PHOTO
Female regal fritillary nectaring on a thistle, a flowering plant, found on Fort Riley. The courtesy photo was taken by Kelsey McCullough, fish and wildlife biologist technician of the Directorate of Public Works Conservation branch, as part of her research project at Fort Riley.



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- 1-1:50 p.m. GPC Overview for GPC Supervisors
- 2-2:50 p.m. COR Overview for COR Supervisors

JUN 29

- 10-10:50 a.m. Independent Government Cost Estimate
- 11-11:50 a.m. Market Research
- 1-1:50 p.m. Field Ordering Officer (FOO's)
- 2-2:50 p.m. Contracting Ethics for COR's, FOO's and GPC cardholders

JUN 30

- 10-10:50 a.m. PWS/SOW/PRS
- 11-11:50 a.m. Quality Assurance
- 1-1:50 p.m. Contracting Officer's Representatives Tracking Tool
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‘Big Red One’ Soldier, Native American honors D-Day sacrifice

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Alexis Schultz
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

SAINT LAURENT SUR MER, FRANCE — One of the few surviving American Indian World War II combat veterans, retired Master Sgt. Charles Norman Shay returned to the country he helped liberate to attend a memorial dedication in his honor June 5.

“As one of the few surviving American Indian combat veterans who participated in the liberation of France, I speak here not only for myself but also on behalf of my comrades from Turtle Island,” Shay said, citing the Native American name for North America.

Shay, a Penobscot Indian from Maine, was only 19 years old when he struggled ashore Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, as a platoon medic serving in Company F, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment. The 16th Inf. Regt. was one of three combat regiments in the 1st Infantry Division that spearheaded the assault on D-Day.

“On the evening of June 5, 1944, I was aboard the Henrico heading across the Channel, when I had a surprise visit from a Penobscot Indian warrior named Melvin Neptune,” Shay recalled. “He didn’t trouble me with his combat experience, nor did he offer me advice. Instead, we talked about home because he knew I had never been in combat... all hell was about to break loose on me.”

“Only two of us appear to have survived the war without being wounded,” Shay continued. “We were lucky. Call it what you want, fate, destiny, angels, spirits or God. All I know is that my mother prayed for me.”



Maj. Gen. Timothy McGuire, deputy commanding general for U.S. Army Europe, and Charles Shay, a Native American D-Day veteran who participated in the liberation of France, shake hands at the Charles Shay Memorial in Saint Laurent sur Mer, France, June 5. This ceremony commemorates the 73rd anniversary of D-Day, the largest multi-national amphibious landing and operational military airdrop in history, and highlights the U.S.’ steadfast commitment to European allies and partners. Overall, approximately 400 U.S. service members from units in Europe and the U.S. participated in ceremonial D-Day events from May 31 to June 7.

He said his mother prayed fervently for his other three brothers serving in World War II as well — two in the U.S. Navy and one in the Army Air Corps as a B-17 gunner.

“There were mothers across Turtle Island praying for their brave sons,” Shay said. “My heart breaks for those women who were never able to welcome their sons home again.”

According to Dutch Anthropologist Dr. Harald E.L. Prins, 175 Native Americans landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day — but only 55 have been identified. The memorial dedication to Shay and his Native American comrades is part of an ongoing effort to recognize the Native American contributions to WWII.

“This is the reason why we decided together with the Mayor of Saint Laurent sur Mer and city council to honor the Native Americans who landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day,” Shay said.

The memorial unveiled in the June 5 ceremony is aptly named the “Turtle Monument” after the ancestral home of Shay and his fellow Native Americans. It is the first time that this site has been recognized as part of a D-Day commemoration.

“Every Soldier who landed on this beach was a hero,” Shay declared, who also went on to serve in the Korean War. “There is now a plaque commemorating Indian Soldiers who left Turtle Island to help liberate our ancient French allies. We will not forget their sacrifices.”

D-Day veterans describe ‘total chaos’

By Sean Kimmons
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — When the ramp to his World War II landing craft slammed down onto Utah Beach, then-Cpl. Herman Zeitchik jumped out and dashed across the sand as deadly rounds were shot out from fortified bunkers.

With the amphibious assault underway in the early morning of June 6, 1944, Zeitchik and other 4th Infantry Division Soldiers — who were part of the first wave of troops to land — desperately tried to find safe passage through the German-occupied beach.

“When the front of these landing crafts went down, we just took off,” said Zeitchik, now 93 years old. “We couldn’t see where to fire. We just had to get off the beach and try to find the rest of the unit.”

Along a 50-mile stretch of coastline in northern France, more than 160,000 Allied troops stormed Utah Beach and four other beaches that day to gain a foothold in continental Europe. By the end of the D-Day invasion, over 9,000 of those Allied troops were either dead or wounded — the majority of them Americans.

While several in his unit were casualties, Zeitchik and others survived to push on into enemy territory and liberate Paris.

“There were so many of us coming ashore. I was just lucky,” he said Tuesday, before attending a remembrance ceremony at the World War II Memorial here that commemorated the 73rd anniversary of D-Day.

Known as the largest-ever seaborne invasion, more than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft were used in the massive operation,

which would turn the tide against Nazi Germany forces entrenched across Europe.

“I don’t know that we could have ever done a better job of recreating what happened on this historic day back in 1944,” said Lt. Gen. Gary Cheek, director of the Army Staff.

Speaking at the ceremony, Cheek said the heroics witnessed on D-Day helped pave the way for an Allied victory in Europe, while also giving Americans freedom for years to come.

“They stormed these beaches so we might stand here free and prosperous,” he said. “They were steadfast and loyal to the mission at hand and met their rendezvous with destiny head-on, and they were successful.”

Then-Pvt. Arnald Gabriel recalled wading through the cold ocean water after his landing craft failed to make it all the way to Omaha Beach. “The water, believe it or not, in June was awfully cold and that with the combination of fear, it was quite an experience,” he said.

A machine gunner with the 29th Infantry Division, Gabriel described how the chaotic scene unfolded.

“With the Air Force overhead, the Navy shelling (enemy positions), the enemy firing at you and we’re firing at them, it was just total chaos,” he said.

“Nobody landed where they were supposed to,” he added. “I landed way over to the left flank and ended up with the 1st (Infantry) Division. It took me a day to get back and find the 29th Division. It was that kind of chaos.”

After storming Omaha Beach, helping liberate parts of France and earning two Bronze Stars with the Army, Gabriel later joined the Air

Force as a band director. Before the war he was in his high school band and he always wanted to get back into music, he said.

Music provided him comfort and kept his mind from dwelling too long on the memories of D-Day and other combat missions.

“The way I overcame my post-traumatic stress was to keep so busy that I had no time to look back,” he said before the ceremony.

Shortly after the war, he said, it was a lieutenant that gave him the advice about keeping busy. It came at a time when he was struggling to deal with his thoughts of what happened that fateful day.

“It’s OK to look back, but just don’t stare,” said Gabriel, who retired as an Air Force colonel after serving 36 years. “What great advice that was. By keeping busy, you don’t have time to look back.”

Gabriel, who celebrated his 92nd birthday last week, stood at a podium Tuesday and led a band of high school musicians who played patriotic songs during the ceremony.

As a veteran, Gabriel still participates in 25 musical performances each year, and has vowed to return to the memorial to conduct a band again.

“I’m going to do the 75th and the 80th (D-Day anniversary) when I’m 100 years old,” he said, smiling. “I love it. It’s great therapy; it really is.”

Performing at these events in front of audiences isn’t just about him, though. It’s for those who never made it home, he said.

“I remember them every day of my life,” he said. “They’re at the podium with me. I’m up there because of them.”

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A lantern floats across Moon Lake after being placed in the water by Chap. (Capt.) Christopher Mohr May 29 during the lantern floating ceremony.

Keeping the flames of memory alive

Loved ones remembered with lantern floating ceremony



Lanterns were used during a lantern floating ceremony at Moon Lake May 29 to remember loved ones who have passed away or could not be physically with Soldiers and family members at Fort Riley.

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

The light from the lantern glowed as it floated off the shore of Moon Lake as the sun set behind the trees May 29. The lantern, one of many, was used during a lantern floating ceremony to remember loved ones who have passed away or could not be physically with Soldiers and family members at Fort Riley.

For the past two years, Chap. (Capt.) Christopher Mohr has hosted the interfaith ceremony for people on post to have a new way to remember loved ones.

"The lanterns are a way to remember those who are no longer in our lives, for whatever reason," he said. "Usually this is people we want to remember because they have passed on, however, given the military context, where everyone moves and you may not get to say goodbye to your friends, the easiest way we could give people a way to say goodbye is by putting something like this together."

Prior to the ceremony, participants used markers to illustrate on the paper used to create the lantern the people they were remembering. This included people's names and letters written to them as well as pictures of the American flag.

"It helps us offer the community a way to remember those who they can remember, but this is a different way

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Singing, performing with Pizzazz! quartet

Story and photo by Suet Lee-Growney
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Pizzazz! an a capella quartet will be competing in the Sweet Adelines International competition at Las Vegas Oct. 10 through 15.

The all-female a capella group recently won the regional Spirit of the Midwest competition in Topeka, Kansas, with their rendition of "Jasmine Blues" and "The Nightingale Sang in Barkley Square." Winners of 20 regions all over the world and 10 wild card teams will sing to win in Las Vegas.

Kelly Petersen, wife of Lt. Col. Erik Peterson, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, is the newest member of the quartet. Petersen sings tenor and has been with the group since December 2016.

"We sing mostly 30s and 40s music," Petersen said.

The Sweet Adelines singers focus primarily on barbershop quartet style of music. However, in recent years and with the popularity of movies such as the "Pitch Perfect" series, pop music choices has been on a rise at a capella competitions.

Petersen met the other members of the group, Susan Ives, lead; Janice Mohr, baritone; and Donna Kready, bass; through Topeka Unlimited Chorus five years ago while her husband was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas prior to Fort Riley.

"I used to drive an hour west," Petersen said.

She said after they found out they were going to be stationed at Fort Riley, she was ecstatic to know she could stay with the group.

"They're great people and it was the right fit," she said.

Pizzazz! get together at least once a week to rehearse for the upcoming competition. They practice show tunes and learn

new songs. Ives said, they will probably sing the same set of songs for the semifinals.

"For the finals, there will be an entertainment package with talking," Ives said. Pizzazz! will have to perform to not only showcase their vocal prowess and showmanship, but also their abilities to win the crowd over with some interaction with each other.

The members of the quartet have an amazing relationship. While, some groups rely on a strong leader, Pizzazz! members are all leaders in their own way.

"There's a lot of respect," Ives said. "It's very collaborative as we are all in leadership in the (Topeka Unlimited) chorus ... We gel pretty well."

Ives added since they are leads in their vocal groups, it was only natural they came together to form an active quartet to compete in the Sweet Adelines International competitions.

"It's an incredible outlet," Petersen said.

She first got involved in Sweet Adelines in 2009 with a group called Lawton Harmony while her husband was stationed in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. "(Sweet Adelines community) is like an extension of my family and network."

"You meet people," Kready said.

The quartet have a lot of fun and have many opportunities to travel all over the world to sing.

"Because you're part of Sweet Adelines sisterhood anywhere in the world," she said.

Petersen will be moving for a permanent change of station soon to Fort Benning, Georgia, but she is not too stressed out about leaving her beloved a capella quartet because she's already made contact with a Sweet Adelines group there.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Kelly Petersen, wife of Lt. Col. Erik Peterson from Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, tenor; Susan Ives, lead; Donna Kready, Bass; and Janice Mohr, baritone; sing "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered" during a practice session June 3.

Summer Reading Program keeps kids on top of school, life

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

From less than a year old into their teens, children of service members started the Summer Reading Program off with a party at the Fort Riley Post Library June 3.

Kids and parents alike celebrated the start of the program with lunch, a bounce house, dunk tank and reading.

The program, which runs from Memorial Day to the first week of August, keeps kids reading during their summer vacation so they can continue to improve their skills in a fun, social manner, said Terri Seaman, contract manager for the Fort Riley Post Library.

"The Summer Reading Program is a chance for the kids to go read during the summer so they don't lose

the skills that they got during the school year," she said. "It gives them a chance to earn points and then at the end of the year they can earn prizes. We also have a big party at the end of the summer for those who qualify. They have to do 45 points."

To earn points, children can attend Storytime every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the library, go to any of the library parties during the summer or maintain a log of the time they spend reading, earning points per every minute, Seaman said.

Charles Whalen III, 13, son of Sgt. Charles Whalen II, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, said he has been participating in summer reading programs since his father enlisted.

He said he already enjoys reading, so the program provides him rewards

through prizes and parties for something he loves.

He said he has expanded his vocabulary through reading and believes other kids can also benefit intellectually from it.

"It gets them started and prepared for later on in school where they'll have to analyze things," he said. "If they already read books and analyze them in their head on their own, it'll be easier for them in school."

One of the youngest participants in the program is 2-month-old Lillian who will be reading with her mother Calli Nickerson, wife of Pfc. Brian Nickerson, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

Nickerson said she enrolled her daughter to

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Nathaniel Griffis, left, son of Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis, 19th Public Affairs Detachment, reads a book alongside his brother Ethan, center, and sister, Lorilie, Griffis who share a book June 3 during the start of the Summer Reading Program at the Fort Riley Post Library. Children and teens who participate in the program earn points for every minute they read and library party or story time they attend. Upon earning 45 points, they qualify to win prizes at the end of the program.

FORT RILEY POST-ITS

CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES HIRING EVENT
A CYS Hiring Event will be held June 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CYS Parent Central, 6620 Normandy Drive.
Applicants should dress professionally and bring their federal resume, three references, high school/GED or college transcripts, social security card and birth certificate or passport.
For more information, see page 15 of this newspaper or call 785-239-2325.

CARS & COFFEE
Cars & Coffee is held every third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Warrior Zone. Participants can enjoy \$2 grande size coffees, 50 cent waffles and pancakes, yard games and get the chance to be named the Car of the Month. The event is free to attend and open to the public.
For more information, call 785-240-6618.

WOODSHOP SAFETY CLASS
A Woodshop Safety Class is scheduled to take place June 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the 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.



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.

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.

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.



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 has a salad bar option for \$5.95.
For more information, call 785-284-1000.

FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER MOVIE SCHEDULE
Friday, June 9
Snatched (R) 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 10
King Arthur: Legend Of The Sword (PG-13) 2 p.m.
Snatched (R) 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 11
Snatched (R) 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.

WATER SHUT OFF AT THE DOG PARK
The water at the dog park has been shut off indefinitely due to erosion and flooding issues.
Visitors will need to come prepared with their own water when enjoying the park.

POST LIBRARY BEGINS SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Children can sign up to be in the Post Library's Summer Reading program until July 1. Children and teens receive points to earn prizes for every minute they read during their summer break. The program ends the first week of August.
For more information, call 785-239-5305.

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.



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 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.



COMMUNITY CORNER

Days of summer demand effort toward safety

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

One of the most dangerous times for off-duty accidents is the “critical days of summer” between Memorial Day and Labor Day. This is the period we should put in a little extra effort to keep ourselves, our families, buddies and pets safe.
If there's one thing that's true about Kansas summers — heat happens. While it makes

for great conditions for outdoor fun, it's also a time to remember some basic safety concerns. Here are a few reminders on how to do that:

- When spending time outside, protect your skin and eyes from the sun's ultraviolet rays.
- While grilling, always follow the grill manufacturer's instructions and proper food safety procedures.
- Summertime brings out the bikes. Remember to wear a helmet and follow safety rules, whether you're on a motorized or pedal-powered bike.

- Independence Day celebrations and outdoor parties are fun, when enjoyed safely. Drink alcoholic beverages responsibly and never let anyone drink then drive.
- Know the signs of heat-related distress for people and pets. The inside of your car — even with the windows cracked — can reach unsafe temperatures. Children and pets die each year from being left in vehicles. Visit www.avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/pets-in-vehicles.aspx for a visual representation of

how hot a car's interior can get in a short amount of time.

- Drink cool water and dress appropriately for the activities you're enjoying.

Every Soldier, civilian and family member contributes to the success of our organization at Fort Riley — enjoy the summer safely so we can continue the outstanding work we do day in and day out for the Army.

— To comment on this article or to suggest a topic for Community Corner, visit my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fortrileycg.



Colonel Lawrence



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WORSHIP	
Protestant Services	
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 Youths-1530-1700 at Morris Hill Chapel
HS Youth-1830-2000 at Morris Hill Chapel 785-370-5542
Club Beyond is a Non-Federal Entity and is not part of the DoD or any of it's components and it has no government status.

AWANA
Meets Sundays, 1500-1700 Victory Chapel 785-239-0875

Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)
Weekly Tuesday Meeting 0900-1130 & Evenings at 1830-2000 at Victory Chapel Childcare Provided.
For more information email rlcspwoc@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"

Check for schedule over Training Holiday weekends

Real Estate Workshop teaches people about home buying process



Staff Sgt. Mike Faria, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, talks and shakes hands with Lance Custer, real estate and property management broker from Coldwell Banker, during the Real Estate Workshop June 1 at Riley's Conference Center.

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

More than 50 Soldiers, their families and Fort Riley community members learned the pros and cons of homeownership and the home buying process during a Real Estate Workshop June 1 at Riley's Conference Center.

The workshop, hosted by staff of the Housing Services Office, had presentations from representatives of Armed Forces Bank, Financial Readiness Program at Army Community Service and a real estate and property management broker from Coldwell Banker.

"The intent is to help Soldiers, their families, Army civilians and Fort Riley community members with the intricacies of real estate," said Tim Morgan, Housing Services Office specialist. "Everything from the basics of buying to the more advanced stuff like ownership strategies, different types of loans and different concepts like that. It just helps give them the tools they need to make effective real estate decisions."

Each presenter offered information in their areas of expertise. Topics such as mortgage interest rates and several home loan types instead of only the Veterans Administration loan were discussed, as well as costs people do not consider when purchasing a home like home inspectors, radon inspections, insurance, warranties, septic tank inspections and closing costs.

"What these guys have is years of experience in the field doing this stuff," Morgan said. "They bring in that experience and that understanding of the process. Instead of just another regular guy that works at the Housing Office trying to tell them about this when I'm not in this field every day like they are."

Some presenters also talked about generating wealth through real estate to include owning rental properties or selling a home. Also discussed was the importance of watching the market and knowing the right and wrong time to buy or sell.

"We did the workshop format where we walk through everything," Morgan said. "It's not just

the quick presentation format. We have more question and answer sessions."

Throughout the presentations, attendees were encouraged to ask questions and share their own experiences for the benefit of everyone involved. They also received handouts of mock cost forms to assist them in determining how much they could afford, ideal loan types for them, possible gains or losses in selling a home and calculate closing costs.

"Those who did ask questions brought up some interesting points that I certainly didn't think of, so I'm sure someone else could certainly learn from it as well," said Sgt. Matthew Luna, 73rd Military Police Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion.

Luna said he attended the workshop to learn more about the home buying process because, while he is not shopping for a home yet, he wants to make sure he is prepared for home buying in his future.

"There's a lot of fantastic information and being single my entire adult life has been in the barracks and you don't see the argument between whether to rent or to buy (when you live in the barracks) and the different kinds of loan," he said. "I honestly didn't know anything about that and there was a lot of interesting mathematical information that a lot of the instructors pointed out that I will certainly be using in the future."

In the past, staff of the Housing Services Office held a quarterly Home Buying Seminar, but found attendance to be low. Morgan said he hopes future workshops will have more attendance because of the wider array of topics discussed and the interactivity involved. If interest continues and operations allow, future Real Estate Workshops will be held semiannually.

Based off of sign ups and attendance for this workshop, Morgan said he anticipates future workshops to grow.

"We didn't ask anybody to come," he said. "These people are here on their own accord ... These are people who are here because they're interested."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Army's birthday, Chaplain Corps role in support

By Chap. (Capt.) Kevin Coulter

The Army of the United States of America was formed June 14, 1775 by the Continental Congress. The first battles of the Revolution took place in April of 1775 at Lexington and Concord between British troops and Massachusetts militia. Congress authorized a standing army to defend the united Colonies, desiring to raise ten companies of Soldiers. They believed that the fighting was just beginning, and that an army was needed.

They were exactly right. Days were hectic and unsure.

However, this fledgling group of fighters continued through the Revolutionary War and won

freedom from Great Britain. For the last 242 years, the United States Army has stood as the greatest fighting force in the world.

One month and a half later after the formation of the Army, the United States Chaplaincy was born. On July 29, 1775, clergymen and ministers began serving the American troops.

Why did this happen? Because a need existed. Army chaplains provide and perform religious support as well as advise their commanders on matters of morale and the divine. Through war and during times of peace, the Chaplain Corps stands alongside the brave men and women who

protect our freedoms and defend our Nation.

As an Army Chaplain, I believe that the birthday of our Nation's Army is important for two reasons. First, it shows us the blessings and the protection of God over our military and over our country. While there have been periods of war and doubt over the last 242 years, the United States has carried on and prospered for the cause of freedom.

The Lord has been very good to us. I wonder if those in the Continental Congress ever considered that the decisions they made concerning the Army would extend into 2017.



Chap. (Capt.) Kevin Coulter

Secondly, I feel that it is a tremendous privilege to serve the United States of America by being a chaplain. While there are obvious differences to our modern Army and the troops that General George Washington first led, some things remain the same. Our love for freedom, our desire to protect those who cannot defend themselves, and our sense of honor will endure.

It is a wonderful thing to minister to our brave fighting

men and women who serve so that these ideals can exist. I respect the Army greatly, and I am thankful for all that our Soldiers do for this great nation.

The birth of the United States Army and the origin of the United States Chaplain Corps are separated by only a few days in history. However, they have been, and will continue to be, intertwined with each other. As long as there are Soldiers, there will be chaplains. I am thankful to God for His blessing upon our country, and I am truly humbled and honored to serve as an Army chaplain. So this Army birthday, be thankful for our Soldiers, our nation and our God. God bless you.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of June 6 was : "Where can I find a list of events planned as part of the 100th anniversary of the 1st Infantry Division?"

Answer: go to www.riley.army.mil/100thAnniversary/

This week's trivia winner is Andrea Frazier, spouse of Sgt. 1st Class Allen W. Frazier, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team.

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'Durable' brigade continues community partnership through Color Guard

Story and photo by Sgt. Tamara Thompson
1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A color guard from the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade took part in the Manhattan High School graduation ceremony May 21 at Kansas State University's Fred Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kansas.

The 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. is a community partner with Manhattan High School, and the unit takes part in ceremonies like this as well as other events throughout the year.

The color guard presented the U.S. and Kansas state colors at the start of the ceremony and for the national anthem.

Events like this are an opportunity to support the community and showcase the professionalism of the brigade, said Staff Sgt. Yehrut Aung, a team member of the color guard assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. This is Aung's third event this year, but he said it is still early and there will likely be more to come.

Support for events like this are not just limited to Manhattan High School.

"During the 2016-17 school (year), over 200 military-connected students attended Manhattan High School," said Sandra Johnson, school liaison officer for Fort Riley. "The USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden school district had approximately 900 military-connected students this school year."

Several units on Fort Riley work with schools in the Adopt A School Program, which assists in supporting children's intellectual, physical and emotional growth, Johnson said. The 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. assists with nine schools in the area.

Other activities the units may support are school dances, assisting at sporting events and mentoring students. According to Johnson, some of the more popular events are reading to students, participating in career day and eating lunch with the students. It is not just the students that benefit from having the service members around, she said; Soldiers also get a chance to take a break from the day to day life of military work during their monthly visits.

Through the partnership, schools get to return the favor and help support military events such as Military Family Appreciation Night and sending cards and goody boxes to deployed service members.



A Color Guard from the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade participated in the Manhattan High School 2017 graduation ceremony May 21 at Kansas State University's Fred Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kansas.

ENGRAVING CELEBRATION FOR 100 YEARS OF 'BIG RED ONE'



LEFT: A man waits to have a bottle engraved at the Big Red One Express May 30. RIGHT: Bottles of Jack Daniels engraved with 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley imagery sit on a shelf at the Big Red One Express May 30. In honor of the 100th birthday of the 1st Infantry Division, patrons of the BRO Express could receive a free engraving celebrating Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division with any purchase of a Jack Daniels barrel, Gentlemen Jack or Woodford Reserve. Pre-engraved bottles were also available for purchase during the event.

Summer Lunch Program for Kids and Teens

The USD 475 Summer Lunch Program is June 5 through June 30 at Seitz and Washington Elementary.

Lunch is offered June 5 through July 28 at the 12th Street Community Center.

Lunch is free for kids ages 1 to 18 Monday to Friday from noon to 1:00 p.m.

For more information, go to usd475.org.

CHIEFS OF THE SIMULATED RANGE

Representatives from the Kansas City Chief's football team toured Fort Riley June 2. They had the opportunity to experience shooting weapons at the Training Support Center and to meet with Soldiers at the Warrior Zone and Main Post Exchange.

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Chap. (Capt.) Christopher Mohr places his lantern into Moon Lake May 29 during the lantern floating ceremony. Prior to the ceremony, participants used markers to illustrate on the paper used to create the lantern the people they were remembering. This included people's names and letters written to them as well as pictures of the American flag.

READING

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provide her with socialization opportunities and assist in her development.

“It teaches kids not only how to socialize, but also that reading is important and it’s not just lame or boring,” she said of the program.

Although decades have passed, many books remain number one on kids’ reading lists for the summer, Seaman said.

“For the younger kids, we’re seeing a lot of Clifford the Big Red Dog and Curious George and these are the same books that we read when we were kids,” she said. “The middle schoolers are reading a lot of Fancy Nancy books. Once we get into the early teens, the Manja books are moving off the shelves like crazy.”

The Summer Reading Program is more than just

getting kids to read, it’s about making reading fun because it’s a vital skill to help them through life as a whole, Seaman said.





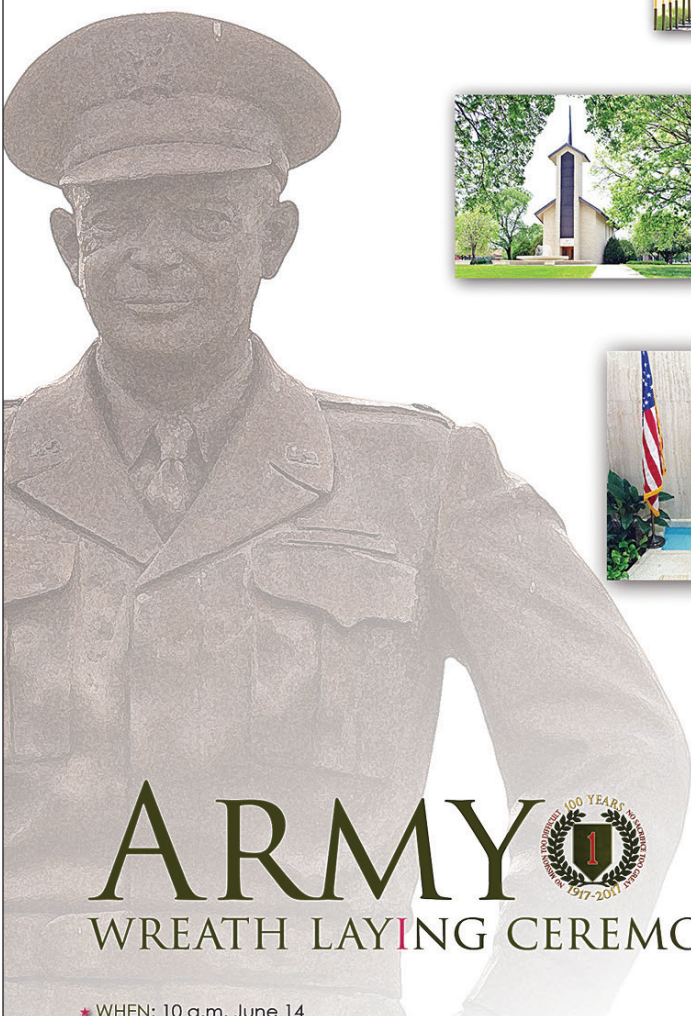
“Reading is life,” she said. “Everything you’re going to do from the time you enter pre-school until the time you die, you have to be able to read. When you’re in school, you’re reading for school. When you’re an adult, you’re reading for jobs. Once you retire, you’re reading for fun. It’s a skill that, in our society, you just can’t do without the ability to read. You will be completely left out of 90 percent of social interactions if you can’t read.”

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program will continue until July 1. For more information, visit the post library or call at 785-239-5305.



Season Osterfeld | POST

Children and pre-teens read together during the Summer Reading Program start party June 3 at the Fort Riley Post Library. The program, which runs from Memorial Day to the first week of August, keeps kids reading during their summer vacation so they can continue to improve their skills in a fun, social manner, said Terri Seaman, contract manager for the Fort Riley Post Library.



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Making the Cut



Fort Riley Soldiers begin running 10 miles to compete for a spot on the Ten-Miler team June 3 at King Field House. Staff of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the qualifying run as a separate event this year because the usual event is scheduled during Victory Week,

Soldiers run to qualify for Fort Riley Ten-Miler team

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

Fort Riley Soldiers competed for a spot on the Ten-Miler team June 3 at King Field House. Staff of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the qualifying run as a separate event this year because the usual event is scheduled during Victory Week, which has been pushed back to August for the 100th anniversary of the “Big Red One.” The race route was from the parking lot to the Ogden Gate and then back for a total of 10 miles.

Reed Scott, sports program coordinator for DFMWR, said this is one of two qualifying events.

“We usually have two qualifying events for Soldiers to qualify for the Ten-Miler team,” he said. “This year since Victory Week has been pushed back to August, we need people to qualify sooner than that for the team.”

The second event is the Prairie Run scheduled for July 22. It is a family-friendly environment because staff offers three separate runs — a 10-mile, 5-mile and 2-mile race.

“It’s still a serious run for the runners, but it’s a little bit more of a fun event,” he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Darryl Jewell, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, was the first runner to cross the finish line during this qualifier with a time of 58 minutes and 34 seconds. He

expects to be the team coach this year, but recalled last year when he had that role and then deployed instead.

“Everything has been so chaotic for these guys — either they are going somewhere or they are preparing to go somewhere,” he said. “They’re time is extremely limited. They still have to dedicate time to family and young guys have to dedicate time to self-development which leaves them very little time to train. Getting these guys excused by their chain of command in the morning during PT hours will be ideal for them.”

Jewell said it is important to him to be part of the Ten-Miler team because he enjoys competing and is now on his fifth year of his comeback. When he began training again, he weighed 230 pounds and was walking with a cane, and is now ranked number two in the Masters Half-Marathon.

“It’s a world-class running event,” he said of the Army Ten-Miler. “I love the professional atmosphere and it reminds me of the important races I used to run back in the 80s and 90s. Now being at the age of 49, I have new goals obviously is to win the Army Ten-Miler title for the Masters.”


Soldiers who qualify for the Ten-Miler team will be announced after the Prairie Run in July. The Army Ten-Miler is scheduled to take place Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C.

To sign up for the Prairie Run, visit riley.armymwr.com.



Sgt. 1st Class Darryl Jewell, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, crosses the finish line of the Ten-Miler Qualifier June 3 at King Field House.

DIVISION TEAMS UP WITH BRIGADE



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Brig. Gen. Patrick Frank, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley acting senior commander, threw out the first pitch at the Junction City Brigade Baseball home opening game June 3 at Junction City’s Rathert Stadium. Before the game between the Brigade and the Rossville Rattlers, Frank spoke with members of the team and addressed the crowd, thanking them for their support of the “Big Red One.”



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Local Wineries

Story and photos by Suet Lee-Growney
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Robert Louis Stevenson once said, “Wine is bottled poetry.”

Wine enthusiasts can identify with similar sentiments when they taste the local wine and bask in the views of the wineries around the Fort Riley area.

Wineries with the most stunning views of the cascading greenery of the Flint Hills are Liquid Art Winery and Estate located at 1745 Wildcat Creek Road, Manhattan, Kansas, and Prairie Fire Kansas Winery and Vineyard located at 20250 Hudson Ranch Road, Paxico, Kansas

The 10-acre, and soon to be 20-acre, property of Liquid Art is owned by David and Danielle Tegtmeier. The husband-and-wife duo focuses on primarily premium dry wines and the chemistry of winemaking. Their most popular wines are the robust Red Blend and crisp Seyval Blanc.

Perhaps the most outstanding thing about the wine at Liquid Art is that David Tegtmeier is a seventh generation Kansas farmer who has had a formal education in the art and science of winemaking. He has degrees in enology and viticulture. Liquid Art's Seyval Blanc features grapes from David Tegtmeier's first vineyard when he was only 15 years old.

Prairie Fire is hidden just off Interstate 70 in 60 acres of picturesque Kansas landscape. The owner, Bob DesRuisseaux, encourages visitors to take a stroll in their meticulously manicured vineyard and walk around the property through a walking trail atop one of high points of the ranch

Prairie Fire prides themselves for producing wine from only 100 percent Kansas grown

grapes, which is unusual since it is common to bring in grapes from the coastal parts of the United States. Their best-selling wine is their red medium-bodied Chambourcin, which is also the most widely planted grape in the state.

For a wine tasting experience that isn't the usual sip and swirl out in the open, Oz Winery located at 417 Lincoln Ave., Wamego, Kansas offers a slightly different experience with a literary twist.

The city of Wamego doesn't need a formal introduction for its Land of Oz notoriety, but the winery goes beyond celebrating the Oz culture. The label art and names that pay homage to the story are clever and beautifully designed. If anyone should be interested in collecting them, label plaques are available for sale. Some of their most popular wines include Squished Witch, a fruity, semi-sweet Ives Noir; and Flying Monkey, a jammy Zinfandel with a peppery finish.

Wyldeewood Cellars is a family-owned and multi-award winning winery and vineyard. They are the only establishment in Kansas winemaking business to have two international professional wine tasting judges on staff, John Brewers the co-founder of the winery and his nephew Shawn Ramos.

The driving idea behind creating award winning wine is combining the old and new ways of elderberry winemaking. Wyldeewood Cellars are a little different that the other wineries in a way that they are known for their sweeter wines.

Wyldeewood Cellars is available at multiple locations around Kansas and the nearest tasting room is located at 32633 Grapewine Road, Paxico, Kansas. Brewers said the key to their good wine is for him to always remember wine is food and people always want to eat food they would enjoy.



“Where’s Toto” is a merlot and zinfandel blend wine by Oz Winery in Wamego. All the artwork for the different wines are available for purchase on a label plaque.



ABOVE: Apart from wine, Liquid Art Winery and Estate in Manhattan also makes their own cider. Most of the ciders are available year long, but some of the flavors are seasonal. BOTTOM LEFT: Oz Winery is located in Wamego and offers a large variety of red, white, sparkling, blush and dessert wines with Land of Oz themed artwork and clever names. Wine enthusiast are able to sign up for either a quarterly or monthly subscription with their wine club membership. BOTTOM RIGHT: Bob DesRuisseaux shows the young grapes in his vineyard at Prairie Fire Kansas Winery and Vineyard. The 60-acre ranch is located in Paxico and offers a view of the rolling hills.

