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Fort Riley leaders, partners break ground on energy saving contract

Story and photo by Maria Childs
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A 22-year partnership between Fort Riley, Southland Energy, Installation Management Command and the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Alabama, was re-affirmed at the Energy Savings Performance Contract groundbreaking ceremony June 13 at Ware Parade Field.

This first phase of a multi-phased ESPC project at Fort Riley will provide \$37,721,463 in facility improvements across 280 buildings. These improvements will be paid for from the \$2,447,496 in annual cost savings generated and will achieve more than \$92 million in savings over a 22-year period.

According to Mike Witmer, utility and energy branch chief for the Directorate of Public Works, the goal of the contract is to meet the congressionally mandated energy reduction goal of 25 percent by 2025. The project guarantees Fort Riley \$2.4 million savings per year which equates to a 14.8 percent reduction of energy and 10 percent reduction in water consumption.

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Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, delivers his remarks at the Energy Savings Performance Contract groundbreaking ceremony June 13 at Ware Parade Field. According to Lawrence, because the construction phase of the project is scheduled to be completed by January 2019, it allows Fort Riley to meet federal mandates for a 25 percent reduction from 2015 energy consumption levels – six years ahead of schedule.

BEST WARRIOR



Tim Hipps | IMCOM Public Affairs

Spc. Lillian Lewis, a chaplain assistant of Morris Hill Chapel with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United State Army Garrison Fort Riley, works through the patrol lanes portion of the 2017 Best Warrior Competition on June 12 at Camp Bullis, Texas. Lewis was named the Army Installation Management Command's 2017 Soldier of the Year.

Fort Riley service member named Soldier of the Year at annual competition

By Tim Hipps
U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION
MANAGEMENT COMMAND

Editor's note: Some information for this story was obtained by Andy Massanet, 1st Inf. Div. Post newspaper.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Spc. Lillian Lewis, a chaplain's assistant of Morris Hill Chapel with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United State Army Garrison Fort Riley, is the Army Installation Management Command's 2017 Soldier of the Year.

She shared the spotlight with Staff Sgt. Brendan Hagens from Wiesbaden, Germany, who took home Noncommissioned Officer of the Year honors for the second straight year.

The competition took place at Camp Bullis, a 27,990-acre Army training area in Bexar County, just northwest of San Antonio, Texas. Three days and nights of Best Warrior Competition in the Texas summer heat were followed by a Command Sergeants

“I'm trying to be the best person possible — for the Army's sake and for my sake. Going forward, it helps me not only learn more about the Army, since I've only been in for two years, but it also helps me learn more about myself and what I can put myself through.”

SPC. LILLIAN LEWIS

CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT AT FORT RILEY

Major Board. The winners were announced during an awards ceremony June 15 at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre.

Lewis, a native of Marissa, Illinois, was urged to apply for the competition by Command Sergeant Maj. James Collins, senior noncommissioned officer for Fort Riley and president of the Soldier of the Month Board. “He felt that I would do well,” Lewis said.

Once Lewis was approved she had to up her game physically. Aside from her

ordinary physical training routine, she said, “I trained with company commander, Capt. (Robert) Deppa.”

Deppa is the commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Fort Riley. According to Deppa, he and 1st Sgt. Jason Hasby created a training plan used from late January to the IMCOM best warrior competition that Lewis eventually won.

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Garrison commander begins service initiative

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Installation Management Command Service Culture Initiative was launched by Fort Riley leaders including Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, during a special address to the civilian workforce June 16 at Riley's Conference Center.

Lawrence said the initiative is a long-term plan built upon the fundamental premise that excellence in customer service is a byproduct of how we treat IMCOM professionals. If they are satisfied, enthusiastic and well cared for; they will pass on and convey this positive attitude toward the Soldiers and families we support and to their coworkers.

“There's two big things about this you have to understand — the first is my pledge to you,” he said. “The leaderships pledge to you to make sure you get the training you need and you are successful in going up the chain. The second is our pledge to the customer.”

Lawrence has held four town halls over the past several months to give the workforce hints about the initiative, but during this meeting, he focused specifically on educating them on the changes that would be implemented as part of the initiative.

“One of the things that I am huge on is communication and how communication gets across our workforce so everyone knows what's going on and why it's going on,” Lawrence said. “I want to walk you through some of these changes and you're going to see for us at Fort Riley, there is not a whole lot of changes.”

Part of the initiative is resources have been reduced at the installation level. As a result, some of the services that have been offered over the past 15 years while the nation has been at conflict will no longer be offered.

“It's because we can no longer fund these programs because we are short personnel and we are short money,” he said. “Everyone understands

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'Devil' brigade Soldiers return from deployment in South Korea

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

Family and friends were on hand to welcome home the first wave of Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, June 12 at Camp Funston.

The ‘Devil’ brigade deployed to South Korea in October 2016 as part of a regular rotation of forces in support of the Republic of Korea — U.S. alliance under the 2nd Infantry Division. For the last nine months, 1st ABCT has trained closely with their South Korean counterparts in order to

“They were forward deployed to support our South Korean allies against the constant threat posed by North Korea. When the enemy looks across the DMZ (demilitarized zone) and sees the Devil brigade with its M1 tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, Paladin artillery systems and 4,000 well-trained Soldiers; what the North Koreans see is American deterrence.”

BRIG. GEN. PATRICK D. FRANK

1ST INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORT RILEY ACTING SENIOR COMMANDER

deter North Korean aggression and provide security to the Korean peninsula.

“Soldiers from across the 1st Inf. Div. were fired up last

Thursday on the 8th of June as the division celebrated our 100th year of service,” said Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley

acting senior commander, during his speech at the redeployment ceremony. “But tonight,

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Capt. Ed Alvarado | 19THPAD

More than 300 Soldiers assigned to the “Devil” brigade return to Fort Riley June 18, following a nine-month deployment to South Korea. Friends, family and fellow Soldiers were on hand to welcome the Soldiers home.

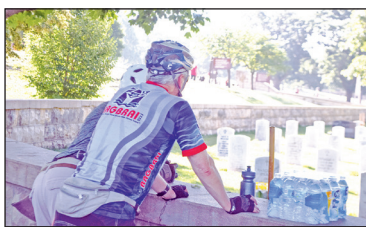
FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Sgt. Bobby Lewis, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, volunteers as a unit designated driver on weekends in his off duty time.

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

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Hiring event takes steps to provide staff for Child, Youth Services

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

Need met need at a Fort Riley Childcare Provider Hiring Event June 13 at Parent Central 6620 Normandy Drive at Fort Riley.

Nearly 30 qualified applicants secured positions as childcare providers with the Child and Youth Services, part of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

As a result, CYS will receive much-needed staffing who will eventually help mitigate shortages which have caused temporary suspension of some CYS services.

Applicants for all levels of child and youth programs were drawn to the event, conducted in coordination with Chris Solano, a human resources officer at Fort Riley’s Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

“We’ve had great turnout today,” Solano said. “In the first 30 minutes alone we’ve had 18 applicants come in. The largest number we’ve had before today was 40 and that was over the entire event.”

That event, Solano said, was held May 15. Of the 40 applicants in that event, 34 were interviewed and 33 were hired.

The May 15 record still stands, but this event yielded 30 interviews and 29 tentative job offers — 25 of which were to military spouses or dependents — all of who accepted, according to an information paper submitted

by Solano June 14 to Fort Riley Garrison Commander John D. Lawrence.

In addition, the paper said, all selected applicants completed required fingerprinting on site and all are scheduled with occupational health.

The additional staffing will help CYS provide much needed programming according to Wendy Winston, program operations specialist for CYS.

“We’ve conducted these hiring fairs over the past few months in the hopes of bringing new people on board,” Winston said. “We are extremely short staffed at this point in our (child care) centers so, to make sure we have the people that we need, we collaborated with CPAC to see if this fair was the right thing to do. The past few ones have been very successful and we are hoping that each time, each month, we can get more and more people to apply.”

Winston added the hiring events are particularly helpful to military spouses new to the post who are looking for gainful employment.

“Summer is PCS (permanent change of station) season, so this is a great opportunity for military spouses to come in,” she said. “Many times, when they are new to a station, they don’t know where to go or what to do, so we are hoping that with enough marketing we can get them up here and give them something to do.”

That would give new hires a starting wage of \$11.48 per hour in the entry-level position, Solano said, adding “the usual

progression for new hires would be through three levels: entry, skilled and target.”

Two subsequent promotions and pay increases are possible once training is completed, Solano said. The next step from the entry level is the “skilled” level which commands \$12.53 an hour, followed by the “target” position, which pays \$14.08 per hour.

“They are not competitive promotions,” Solano said. “That means once (assistants) are fully qualified, they will be promoted to the next level.”

The new staffing will help CYS keep some of the services available to military parents. For example, Winston said, “as of July 3 we had to temporarily suspend hourly care services due to the shortages that we have,” she said. “Summertime being a slower time we decided to do that now, rather than during the school year. But we are hoping that, come this fall, we can open those services back up to our families. That being said, though, we still offer parents’ night out where parents can use five hours of care to go and do something with their spouses or just to get some down time. It also allows them to use their deployment benefits they are entitled to.”

All suspended services will be reinstated once staffing becomes available, Winston said.

For more information about programs offered to parents by CYS, call 785-239-9885. For more information about future hiring events, call 785-239-2325.



Chris Solano, a human resources officer at Fort Riley’s Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, answers a question for an applicant at a Fort Riley Child care Provider Hiring Event June 13 at Parent Central 6620 Normandy Drive at Fort Riley. The event yielded 30 interviews and 29 tentative job offers - 25 of which were to military spouses or dependents – all of which were accepted.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

HOURLY CARE SERVICES UPDATE

- Effective July 3, Child and Youth Services staff are temporarily suspending hourly care services due to staffing shortages. They will restore these services as soon as staffing levels rise enough to provide safe, quality care.
- Hourly care is still available through Family Child Care.
- Additionally, CYS maintains a certified babysitter list that can be used during the summer as students are out of school.
- Contact Parent Central Services for more information at 785-239-9885.

YOUTH CENTER UPDATE

- Starting June 3, the Youth Center will not be open on Saturdays due to staffing shortages.
- The Youth Center will be open Monday to Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 1 to 11 p.m. while middle schoolers and teens are out of school.

Logistics Readiness Center Railhead crew operates as army of two

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

When driving past the rail tracks in Camp Funston, it’s not unlikely to see a red locomotive pulling cars along the tracks for several hours a day and multiple weeks at a time.

Logistics Readiness Center Railhead staff John Reardon, locomotive engineer and Phil Melton, brakeman and switchman, are a two-man team who ensure the equipment brigades use and need make it safely to their training installation or port destination for each deployment.

As a brigade is preparing for a deployment or training rotation, they will provide a list of the equipment they intend to ship via rail. From there, Reardon and Melton will submit a request into the rail system for the number and types of cars they will need to transport each piece of equipment. However, when the cars arrive, they are often in a random order, creating the next step of the team’s job.

“We submit a car request into the big railroad system and they’ll pull the cars that we need and send them to us as a big empty train, but they don’t necessarily sort them,” Melton said.

To expedite the railhead loading and unloading procedure, as well as assist Soldiers with locating their equipment quickly at their destination, the team requires equipment to be loaded by type, keeping the same items together, Reardon said. However, not all cars have the same weight and width capacity, so when they arrive, the team will spend about four weeks sorting the cars along six tracks to organize them by type. To complete the sorting process, the team uses one of the three red locomotives, called switch engines, which

have three engines and 4300 horsepower. These locomotives are designed to reduce emissions and fuel consumption by using only the minimum number of engines it needs to function, meaning the engine may have one of three engines active when doing minimal tasks or two active for moderate tasks and so forth.

“We might have six tracks where we might be sorting out cars,” Melton said. “We get them set up so we can have all M1 (Abrams) tanks drive down in one section, so that they’re not trying to figure out what equipment to load.”

For a brigade traveling to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, the team will sort an average of 400 cars, Melton said, but during an overseas deployment, they may sort 700 to 900 cars.

Once the sorting process is complete, the cars are moved to the docks to await loading. Each train the team builds after the sorting process has an average of 65 cars on it to avoid over straining the engine and due to rail restrictions.

Throughout the sorting process, Melton and Reardon must remain vigilant. Situational awareness and communication are key because with a single rail car weighing an average of 30 tons empty, one misstep could lead to death, Melton said.

“You have to go back and forth and the train is not a very quick moving piece because when anything goes wrong, it’s catastrophic. It’s heavy. If something goes wrong with me on the ground, more than likely my life is done, so we have to communicate very well,” he said.

With the cars waiting at the docks to be loaded, Reardon and Melton change the roles into those of carmen.

“We work together as a rail crew,” Reardon said. “We switch the cars out that come in and meld that trains as they go out and when we’re not out here building trains, moving cars around, we’re doing the railhead procedures.”

In this new position, the team provides guidance and technical oversight to Soldiers who load their equipment onto the cars. This includes teaching proper tie and chain down procedures to the Soldiers, as well as conducting inspections, Melton said.

“We take off our engineer and brakeman’s hats and start to become what we call carmen,” he said. “We will identify issues with the chain down, how they’re chained down, how many chains are required ... We go through and do a final inspection and then we have Union Pacific come in and they do a final inspection to accept the train.”

Prior to loading or unloading at the railhead and sorting cars, the team also gives railhead training to brigades, preparing the rail teams for what to expect and how to execute it. They can provide the training in a matter of hours because of their experience, Reardon said.

“When we’re not training rail, we give the units rail classes to the lead teams and we assist with the unit movement officer’s rail and load planning,” Melton said.

The team also conducts formal monthly inspections of the rail tracks and informal inspections each time they drive past.

On a few occasions, Melton and Reardon have traveled to other installations to assist them with the railhead procedures as railhead crews become fewer in number. The experience at the other installations and working with the other crews gives the team insight of different techniques and procedures



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they might want to execute at Fort Riley as well, Reardon said.

“It helps us widen our experience and knowledge base,” he said. “When you work here, you’re in your comfort zone, but when you go someplace else, you’re out of your comfort zone and you might learn some stuff you can bring back here to make it better.”

These experiences, combined with their own regular training not only keep their skill sharp and procedures moving smoothly, it also keeps them safe and alive.

“If we don’t keep our skills sharp and fresh, he kills me or I kill him,” Melton said. “It’s a survival thing. When you get complacent out here, you’re asking to end it. When we’re sorting, we’re training. When we’re training, we’re sorting.”

Melton and Reardon are both retired Army and said they chose to work at Fort Riley to continue working with Soldiers.

“It gives me insight into how our Army’s developing and transitioning to more modern and combat effective roles,” Melton said.

However, it’s more than just being around the Soldiers that keeps them content with their careers. They each said they enjoy working together.

“One of the most rewarding parts of this jobs are the people I’ve gotten to meet, including Phil,” Reardon said.

Despite being a team of two, Melton and Reardon see each rail operation is done efficiently and safely.

“It’s me and him, the army of two,” Melton said.

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Orville Nelson: A Vietnam Veteran



By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

A native of White City, Kansas, Orville Nelson enlisted in the Army to serve in the Kansas National Guard in September 1966. He received his basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, receiving the military occupational specialty of Combat Engineer.

After training, Nelson returned to Council Grove, Kansas. As a member of the Kansas National Guard he participated in weekend and annual training.

In 1969, Nelson and his unit were activated to go to Vietnam.

“We had to go to Fort Carson, Colorado for training on how to conduct water crossings with our bridges,” Nelson said. “We did this training for 10 months. At the end of the training, they split our company up and sent us to different units. The reason why we went to different (units) versus our entire company deploying together was because too many of us came from the same geographical area.”

In May of that year, Nelson was sent to Camp Eagle and assigned to the 326th Engineers, 101st Airborne Division.

“Our mission was demolition and clearing of roads,” he said. “One mission that we were part of was clearing LZ’s (landing zones) in the A Sau Valley.”

There, Nelson said, five Cobra helicopters were deployed to protect Soldiers and blow the top off a hillside to make a landing zone for future operations.

“Three of the Cobras would blow the hillside,” Nelson said. “We would repel in from the Iroquois Helicopter to finish the clearing while two Cobras would provide security.”

While in Vietnam Nelson and his unit worked side by side with Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division cleaning up mines and blowing up buildings.

In November 1969, Nelson’s unit was deactivated and he returned back to the United States.

“I flew back to California and, because my obligation was up, I was discharged and went back home to Kansas,” Nelson said.

He initially went back to White City because his spouse, Angela, also from White City, was there. Orville and Angela met and were married prior to his service in Vietnam. They spent the next 48 years together.

They moved to Junction City, Kansas, where he worked for three years with the Kansas Survey Department, surveying roads and highways, then worked for four to five years in the plumbing and construction industries.

In 1979, Nelson purchased a bar, The Devil’s Tail, which he still owns today. He also owns Nelson’s Liquor which opened in 2002. He has two sons, Rick Nelson and David Nelson, and one daughter, Tammy Paquette.

A favorite memory Nelson has was working alongside the 1st Inf. Div. in Vietnam.

Aside from working as a businessman, Nelson was one of the individuals

responsible for the State of Kansas Official Vietnam Memorial in Heritage Park, Junction City.

“Myself, along with (fellow Army Veterans) Jim Atkins and Chip Mathis, wanted to have a memorial for the Soldiers that did not make it home or are still Missing In Action today that everyone can go to and pay respects,” he said.

In July 1985, a tree was planted in Uptown City Park (Heritage Park) by a group of Vietnam Veterans, but Nelson decided that “this was not enough.”

On that day, Nelson, along with Atkins and Mathis, began the project that would ultimately become the Kansas Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park.

Two years later, city officials approved the location of the memorial in Uptown City Park later renamed to Heritage Park pending the raising of funds.

Many helped with the fundraising efforts, Nelson said, including The American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, boot drives, t-shirts and hat sales, hog roasts and auctions, but that was still not enough.

“When Peter Coors of Adolf Coors Company and the Kansas Coors distributor led by then local distributor Jerry Frakes heard of the project, they endorsed it and donated the remaining funds from their profits for the memorial completion.”

The Kansas Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial at Heritage Park was dedicated July 4, 1987.

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Department of Defense launches blended retirement system calculator

By Lisa Fernando
DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA
ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — With the launch of the new Blended Retirement System, service members may wonder how to compare their retirement benefits with the existing legacy system. To help with this, the Defense Department has launched a comparison calculator for eligible service members to analyze their estimated retirement benefits under both the legacy system and the Blended Retirement System.

The tool walks members through five screens, allowing users to adjust 12 data fields and compare benefit scenarios under both systems, according to Air Force Maj. Michael Odle, the Defense Department’s assistant director of military compensation policy.

The calculator is aimed at helping eligible members make the best decision about whether to remain in the current retirement plan, known as the High-3 System, or opt into the Blended Retirement System, which goes into effect Jan. 1, 2018, he said.

Eligible service members have until Dec. 31, 2018, to enroll in the new system. Military members who enter service on or after Jan. 1,

2018, will automatically be enrolled in the BRS.

The tool is meant to provide flexibility so that members can compare estimated benefits under a variety of situations, said Steve Galing, the lead analyst in the Defense Military Personnel Policy Analytical Directorate.

Service members are advised to consult with a financial professional, he said.

“This is a personal decision,” he added. “There are a lot of various resources available to our members, but ultimately it is up to the member.”

DOD-ENDORSED CALCULATOR

The calculator is a comprehensive tool designed to take into account the unique financial situations of all who serve — active duty, National Guard members and reservists, Odle said. It is designed to be used in conjunction with the mandatory BRS opt-in course.

This comparison calculator is the only comparison tool endorsed by DOD, he added.

The opt-in BRS course is available with a common access card through Joint Knowledge Online, or through a service’s learning management system.

Additionally, an optional training course for the calculator will be available in the next few weeks, Odle said.

EXPLORING OPTIONS UNDER CALCULATOR

If users hover over underlined text in the calculator, an information box will pop up that will highlight further information on that particular topic, Odle explained. More information is available through the links in the “more info” section under each page of the calculator.

After a user inputs all the information in the 12 data fields, the calculator will generate a results page. Service members are encouraged to go through the process several times to see how their projected benefits change under various situations, Odle said.

The comparison calculator does not take into account optional Thrift Savings Plan service member contributions under the legacy retirement plan, and it does not account for optional monthly automatic Treasury Direct Government Savings Bonds purchased under the legacy plan, he explained.

All currently-serving members are grandfathered under their legacy retirement plans. Active component service members with fewer than 12 years of service as of Dec. 31, 2017, and reservists in a pay status with fewer than 4,320 retirement points as of Dec. 31, 2017, are covered under the existing system, but are eligible to opt into the Blended Retirement System.

HISTORY LESSON



Maria Childs | POST

Soldiers of the 97th Military Police Battalion at Fort Riley hosted a Noncommissioned Officer to Senior Leaders and K-State Battle Analyst event June 16. Battalion NCOs briefed senior leaders of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley as well as K-State professors about different conflicts in the Army’s history.



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New Beginnings for appraisal program

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

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

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

Question and answer for this week:

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

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

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

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 routes to travel through the neighborhood.

ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS CHANGING

Hours of operation at two of Fort Riley's access control points will change in July. Starting July 10 at 2 p.m., hours of the Grant Street gate will be 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed weekends and federal holidays. Following July 8 operation, hours of 12th Street gate will be 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday only, closed weekends and federal holidays. The final Saturday of operation for the 12th Street gate is July 8.

The changes are necessary to maintain Soldiers' readiness for future training and deployment requirements.

Four additional access control points – Estes, Henry, Ogden and Trooper – remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information about visiting Fort Riley, go to www.riley.army.mil/ and click on the yellow "Accessing Fort Riley" tab on the right-hand side of the page. Questions about visiting Fort Riley can be answered by the Directorate of Emergency Services security branch; call 785-239-3138 or 785-239-2982.

Contracting command symposium aims to broaden contractor support

BY MISSION AND INSTALLATION CONTRACTING COMMAND

More than 30 people representing varied industries throughout Kansas took part in a business symposium conducted by the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Fort Riley June 7.

The symposium served to provide businesses with information and points of contacts within the different agencies who can assist small businesses entering into government contracts as well as upcoming procurement opportunities at Fort Riley.

"We try to hold these symposiums about twice a year so businesses can get an idea if they can provide Fort Riley with the support that is needed by the various contracts that Fort Riley solicits throughout the year," said Sgt. 1st Class Dontrell Brown, a contract specialist at MICC-Fort Riley.

Teri Taylor from the Small Business Administration's office in Wichita spoke to those in attendance about the role of the SBA, the different socio-economic categories with which small businesses can affiliate, and assistance the SBA can provide to small businesses.

Scott Knapp from Wichita State University and Kristi Dunn from the economic development agency GO Topeka explained the assistance available through the Kansas procurement technical assistance centers in Wichita and Topeka for Kansas small businesses seeking procurement opportunities with not only Fort Riley but also the government as a whole.

"The PTAC is an extremely important tool for small businesses who are interested in government contracts" said Anthony Tiroch, director of MICC-Fort Riley. "The MICC-Fort Riley office obligates about \$60 million a year, depending on congressional budgets, through a variety of contracts, and about 70 percent of the dollars spent are awarded to small businesses.



Sgt. 1st Class Dontrell Brown | MICC
Larry Graham briefs upcoming procurement opportunities to industry representatives attending a business symposium June 7 at Fort Riley, Kansas. Graham is a contracting officer with the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Fort Riley.

"Organizations such as the SBA and PTAC provide small businesses with a wealth of information and assistance at no cost to the business, which in turn benefits the government as a whole as it increases competition in our solicitations," Tiroch added.

Larry Graham, a contracting officer at Fort Riley, highlighted the MICC's role when it came to supporting military installations by contracting for supplies, services and construction, and provided details to the audience about different procurement opportunities Fort Riley has in the coming year.

"The success of the symposium really depends on getting the word out to these businesses," Graham said. "Contracts that Fort Riley solicits throughout the year support Soldiers and their families on the installation, and the more businesses that attend can greatly assist in that support."

Keith Schwanke, the installation division chief at MICC-Fort Riley, discussed the need for a development of emergency procurement plans when disasters strike northeast Kansas. He explained that disasters are usually not isolated to one installation, town or city, and that resources needed to

handle these situations become regionally based. He told participants that developing procedures on how to contract during regionally based disasters is critical, but the most important factor is being able to identify those firms that can provide the necessary resources during disasters.

The Fort Riley contracting office is one of 31 subordinate activities making up the MICC. The MICC is made up of about 1,500 military and civilian members across the United States and Puerto Rico who are responsible for contracting goods and services in support of Soldiers' readiness. The MICC is also responsible for readying trained contracting units for the operating force and contingency environment when called upon. Headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, MICC contracts are vital in feeding more than 200,000 Soldiers every day, providing many daily base operations support services at installations, preparing more than 100,000 conventional force members annually, training more than 500,000 students each year, and maintaining more than 14.4 million acres of land and 170,000 structures.


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**MICC Training Objective**

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

The end state is for Fort Riley organizations and the 1st Infantry Division to utilize the MICC as a force enabler, providing responsible contracting solutions and oversight.

Register for the entire event or individual classes as needed.

Register for training by June 26.
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JUN 28

- 10-10:50 a.m. Operational Contract Support for BN/BDE/DIV OCS Staff
- 11-11:50 a.m. Acquisition Planning-Process Overview-SAT Supply Procurement Program(S2P2)
- 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
- 2-2:50 p.m. CPARS

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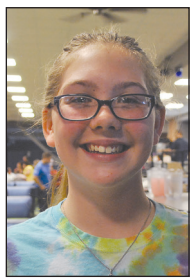
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"Physical Education. I'm real outdoorsy. I love physical fitness."

STAFF SGT. DAWAYNE KREPEL
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

Executive enlisted assistant to the deputy commanding general, 1st Infantry Division



"English and Language Arts. I just like reading and writing."

KATHERYN KREPEL
HOPE, KANSAS

Daughter of Staff Sgt. DaWayne Krepel, executive enlisted assistant to the deputy commanding general, 1st Infantry Division



"Science. It was Marine Biology and I like marine life."

CAMEO BLUNTSTONE
TUCSON, ARIZONA

wife of Spc. Tyler Bluntstone, 24th Composite Truck Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade



"History. My grandpa was in the 82nd Airborne Division in World War II and I enjoyed learning about the war and what he experienced."

MAJ. MICHAEL WELLOCK
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"Home economics because I liked cooking."

SPC. JUSTIN CEFALU
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

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FATALITY-FREE DAYS

348

As of Wednesday, June 21, 348 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 historic heroes at Vietnam welcome home ceremony

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

The 1st Infantry Division was one of the first two divisions called on to serve the United States in the Vietnam War, with the advance party landing at Qui Nhon 52 years ago on June 23, 1965.

The "Big Red One" fought main-force Viet Cong and regular North Vietnamese Army forces for nearly five years in the jungles northwest of Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City. While there, we suppressed enemy infiltration on Highway 13 and cleared enemy forces from their posts in the Iron Triangle.

Despite our victories, the Big Red One saw thousands of casualties in the war, including our 39th commanding general, Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware, who was killed in action on Sept. 13, 1968, when his helicopter was shot down by enemy fire near Loc Ninh.



Brig. Gen.
Patrick D. Frank

In every conflict, the Army asks much of its Soldiers — to go into harm's way, face uncommon challenges and sometimes give their lives so that others may breathe free. Today, when our Soldiers return to Fort Riley from places like Iraq, Afghanistan and South Korea, they're given a well-earned hero's welcome.

It's sad to say this wasn't always the case. While they're un-

doubtedly heroes to us today, Vietnam veterans came home to a nation divided on how the government was employing our combat troops. To say that their returns weren't celebrated enthusiastically is putting it mildly. But the Army and the 1st Inf. Div. are working to change that.

Since 2015 — the 50th anniversary of the start of the war — installations across the country have been conducting Vietnam veteran welcome home ceremonies. These are opportunities for veterans to receive the same kind of energetic and emotional receptions that our Soldiers see today, and it's a chance for the public to thank these brave, responsible and on-point Soldiers for their outstanding service.

Our third Vietnam veterans welcome home ceremony will be Aug. 23 during Victory Week. This will be a joint ceremony, featuring both Vietnam

veterans and current members of the 1st Inf. Div. who have recently returned home.

The ceremony is open to all veterans, and you can RSVP to 1st Lt. Stephanie Preetkett at 785-240-3866 or by email at rileywelcomehome@gmail.com. Please plan to arrive at the ceremony location, building 837 on Marshall Army Airfield near the Henry Gate, by 2:30 p.m. that day. We also ask that members of the Central Flint Hills community come out to support our Soldiers past and present at the ceremony, which will begin at 3 p.m.

All of our veterans deserve more than we can ever give them, but the Vietnam veterans welcome home ceremony is a start. I hope to see you there.

Duty First!

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

SAFETY CORNER

Secondary drowning can happen hours after water exposure

By Dawn J. Douglas
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Team Riley, did you know once your child is done swimming or playing in the water, the risk of drowning is NOT over? "Dry" and "secondary" drowning can happen hours after your little one has dried off and moved on to other things. Dry drowning occurs when a person's lungs become unable to extract oxygen from the air, due primarily to muscular paralysis. Although dry drowning can happen to adults, it's more common in kids because of their small size. The idea that your child could "drown" on dry land is admittedly terrifying, and makes many parents feel helpless. But these rare incidents can be prevented. Get the facts you need to help keep your kids as safe as possible in and out of the water.

With dry drowning, water never reaches the lungs. Instead, breathing in water causes your child's vocal cords to spasm and close up after he's already left the pool, ocean, or lake. That shuts

off his airways, making it hard to breathe. Secondary drowning happens a little bit differently. Your child's airways open up, letting water into his lungs, where it builds up, causing a condition called pulmonary edema. The result is the same: trouble breathing. Symptoms of dry drowning usually happen right after any incident in the water. Secondary drowning generally starts later, within one to 24 hours of the incident.

Both Dry and Secondary Drowning are rare. They make up only 1 or 2 percent of all drowning incidents, says pediatrician James Orlowski, MD, of Florida Hospital Tampa. However, it's still a life threatening scenario, and one parents should be aware of if you are going to be spending time at the pool, ocean or lake this summer.

Dry drowning and secondary drowning have the same symptoms. They include:

- Persistent coughing or choking associated with increased work of breathing needs to be evaluated

- Rapid shallow breathing, nostril flaring, or where you can see between the child's ribs or the gap above their collarbone when they breathe, means they're working harder to breathe than normal, says Dr. Denny. This is a sign that you should seek medical help immediately.
- Your kid was just excitedly playing in the pool, and now she's fatigued? It could mean not enough oxygen is getting into to her blood. Don't put her to bed until her doctor gives you the go-ahead.
- Your child could show signs of forgetfulness or change in behavior. Similarly, a dip in oxygen level could cause your child to feel sick or woozy.
- Vomiting is a sign of stress from the body as a result of the inflammation and sometimes a lack of oxygen, also from persistent coughing and gagging

In addition to these, your child may also have changes in behavior such as irritability or

a drop in energy levels, which could mean the brain isn't getting enough oxygen.

If your child has any signs of dry drowning or secondary drowning, seek medical attention. Any problems that develop are usually treatable if caught early.

Prevention is the same for dry drowning and secondary drowning as it is for any other kind of drowning:

- Kids who are comfortable and skilled at moving around in the water are less likely to go under and take in water. Around age 4 is a good time to start swim lessons.
- Monitor kids closely in and around the water, and enforce pool safety rules.
- Children should wear floatation devices on boats; pools should have four-sided fencing around them; and you should never leave standing water where a child could get into it.

For more information contact the Garrison Safety Office at 785-240-0647.

Drinking water consumer report available to the public

Notice of Availability: Fort Riley Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report: The Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works posted the annual Consumer Confidence Report 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: www.riley.army.mil/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=rW42K1qMXB0%3d&tabid=193&portalid=0&mid=1092

Fort Riley May US district court results, martials released

MAY U.S. DISTRICT COURT RESULTS

United States District Court at Fort Riley is part of the United States Federal Court system for the District of Kansas. The Court handles all traffic tickets issued to Soldiers and civilians that occur on Fort Riley and all criminal cases against civilians.

May 4, 2017

Cassandra N. Phillips from Kansas City, Missouri, pled guilty to attempted criminal trespass. District Court sentence: \$5 special assessment.

Breshonda K. Glynn from Fort Riley pled guilty to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$5 special assessment.

Chad K. Fitzpatrick from Chapman, Kansas, pled guilty to criminal use of a financial card. District Court sentence: One year supervised probation, Pay Restitution in the amount of \$17,757.68 and \$25 special assessment.

May 18, 2017

Jessica L. Hogan from Salem, Oregon, pled guilty to Disorderly Conduct. District Court sentence: \$100 fine and \$5 special assessment.

Anjelita N. Pritikin from Fort Riley pled guilty to Disorderly Conduct. District Court sentence: \$100 fine and \$5 special assessment.

MAY COURTS-MARTIAL RESULTS

May 1, at a Special Court Martial convened at Fort Riley, Spc. Kristopher D. Folsom, United States Army, was convicted by military judge, pursuant to his plea, of one specification of other sexual misconduct in violation of Article 120c, Uniform Code of Military Justice. The military judge sentenced the accused to be reduced to the grade of private, E-1, to be confined for 45 days and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-

Conduct Discharge. A pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

May 25, at a General Court Martial convened at Fort Riley, Spc Ryan J. Gerischer, United States Army, was convicted by a special court-martial, military judge, of one specification of sale, loss, damage, destruction or wrongful disposition of military property of the United States in violation of Article 108, UCMJ, one specification of false official statement in violation of Article 107, UCMJ, one specification of conspiracy in violation of Article 81, and one specification of general Article in violation of Article 134. The military judge sentenced the accused to be reduced to the grade of private, E-1, to perform hard labor without confinement for 30 days and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

The next USAG Resilience Day Off is

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Reservists assist Public Works with projects as part of annual training

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Reservists of the 733rd Engineer Facility Detachment from New Century, Kansas, completed their two-week annual training June 17 at Fort Riley. Members of the unit were working alongside employees from the Directorate of Public Works to meet their training objective, which included learning about support facility engineering.

Jeff Williamson, director of the Directorate of Public Works, said he was approached by the executive officer of the unit months ago about coming here to complete the training. One of the unit's missions is to be the DPW in a third-world immature theatre and they go in and run a base camp.

"They've got engineers and they do a lot of the work necessary to sustain a base camp or an immature theater where they could fall in on a base that is taken over and run the operation," he said. "They asked if they could come this summer. They have a habitual relationship coming to Fort Riley but this is the first time they have been working in my engineer department."

Lt. Col. Dave Tollenaar, commander of the 733rd Eng. Facility Detachment, said they completed a variety of tasks including the assessment of manholes and quality assurance.

"The makeup of our unit is primarily engineers but we would also have architects," he said. "We try to rely on civilians that have engineering and architectural licenses to get them to join the team. If we can take those skills we have on the outside and in the civilian world, and bring those to the Reserve, it works out pretty good."

Tollenaar said the training they received while at Fort Riley was valuable because it was exactly what they would do in a deployed environment.

"It's a training tool for us to be able to come here and



COURTESY PHOTO
Capt. Kristofer Johnson, of the 733rd Engineer Facility Detachment from New Century, Kansas, conducts an inspection of plaster in building 310 at Fort Riley during his unit's annual training, which was completed June 17.

have everything set up," he said. "The skill sets are already here that we are looking to piggyback off of. It's a win-win for both."

Maj. Oscar Schneegans, executive officer for the unit, said his last active-duty assignment was at Fort Riley working under DPW so he was very familiar with the organization and training he was completing. When the unit's annual training plan fell through, he reached out to the department to see if it was something they could support.

"Part of what was really valuable for us was a lot of our personnel are engineers in the civilian world but a lot of us don't work in construction or facility management, while we were here we got a chance to work on what we would downrange in a real world scenario only in a place where

we have a support structure around us that can help us understand the process better," he said. "It was valuable for them because we took on tasks that were time consuming that they don't necessarily have time for. For example, we did labor interviews for them."

Williamson said it is his hope that partnerships like this one can continue because it allows him to complete projects and tasks that otherwise would be left incomplete.

"Using Dave and his team and other types of effective tools, we can narrow the gap and we can provide customers here on Fort Riley a better product so Dave and his team helped us a lot," he said. "This makes Fort Riley a hub for these detachments to get real life experience. I give them stuff I gotta get done."

Hiring freeze melts, makes way for jobs

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

Staff of the Junction City Workforce Center hosted Michele Castillo, human resource assistant from Fort Riley's Army and Air Force Exchange Service for a job fair June 12 to recruit approximately 30 new hires.

With the recent federal hiring freeze lifted Castillo began looking for employees to fill the various openings across Fort Riley.

As defined by their website, AAFES remains a team of dedicated people committed to increasing the value of the Exchange benefit while continuing to give back to the military community.

Fort Riley's Exchange team of employees consist of 80 percent military service members and their dependents; the spouses and their children.

As upcoming permanent change of stations begin processing and the federal hiring freeze lifted, Castillo and her team are looking to fill various positions.

"We are recruiting for a lot of positions we have at the Exchange because we have a big (permanent change of station) move and the hiring freeze has been lifted," Castillo said.

This includes everything from food service workers to cashiers, supervisory position and more.

"In those positions we have custodial, cashiers, senior store associates, foremen, actual supervisors for our stores and rolling store employees in our 24-hour express stores," Castillo said.

The Exchange is trying to hire to prevent being stretched thin, Castillo said.

The job fair was hosted by the staff of the workforce center.

"We provide free of charge anything to help seekers improve their application package," Jo Brunner, workforce services supervisor from KANSASWORKS, Junction City Workforce center office.

The partnership with the JCWC is to "have a more stable base with civilians living here in Junction City, which is why we partner with KANSASWORKS to try and draw candidates from other areas," Castillo said.

In partnership with KANSASWORKS, Castillo conducted at least five on-site interviews and assisted applicants with online applications during the job fair.

For anyone interested in a job at the Exchange visit www.applyatmyexchange.com.



Michele Castillo, Human Resource assistant for Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Fort Riley and McConnell Air Force Base, reviews applicants applying to fill the 30 open positions at Fort Riley's Exchange

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‘Dagger’ brigade’s electronic warfare Soldiers prove concept in battle

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

During their recent rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, consolidated their cyber electromagnetic activities’ electronic warfare Soldiers into a front-line force that engaged the opposition on a less-traditional battlefield.

“Everyone thinks that it is Jedi mind tricks,” said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Connolly, 2nd ABCT’s CEMA noncommissioned officer in charge. “Everyone is so used to shooting a bullet and seeing it hit a target, or shooting rounds and seeing stuff get blown up. People don’t really understand the cyber or EW fight until they’re being jammed on everything.”

The EW Soldiers locate enemy transmissions on the electromagnetic spectrum and use what they find to determine, among other things, the location of the enemy.

“A lot of stuff nowadays has some type of emitter from cell phones to wireless mice ... no one can see it,” Connolly said. “Our target is stuff like that on the (electromagnetic) spectrum such as communications, data links like Wi-Fi, anything like that is what we are here to target in order to facilitate the commanders on the field.”

The role that Connolly and his Soldiers played at NTC in April and May was a new opportunity for them, he said. Traditionally electronic warfare personnel have been designated to battalion and brigade operations shops as planners, rather than hands-on professionals on the front lines. However, 2nd ABCT embraced the changing role of electronic warfare. By building on what other units have been doing across the Army, the Dagger brigade was able to use these personnel in concert with maneuver elements.

“It’s definitely a whole new concept for the Army — putting electronic

warfare specialists on the front lines — but, they actually did it way back in the 80s and in Vietnam too,” Connolly said.

While previous incarnations of EW involved intercepting enemy communications, the current legacy has been building on that endeavor.

“We set up into three different teams,” Connolly said. “Two electronic warfare support teams ... which pretty much monitor indicators and warnings so if something comes up we can warn people around us. Then we had one electronic attack team, which those guys would be my jammers on the ground if I needed it. Which we did use them to jam, same thing with our two enabler teams.”

In addition to simply jamming an enemy signal, modern EW Soldiers with the right equipment are capable of much more, he said. When dealing with unmanned aircraft systems, the team has a host of options that include downing the aircraft, or even requiring it to return to a designated landing area.

“We were able to do a lot of new stuff and it pretty much shaped the battlefield a whole lot more against the OPFOR (opposing force),” Connolly said, “just because they were so used to using their UAS to be able to call for fire all the time on all the units. No one could do anything about it. But we were able to do it, we were able to shut down 60 percent of their UAS missions.”

Taking away a large part of the OPFOR’s surveillance made for fewer battalion and brigade jumps, saving time and energy throughout the unit.

“Once we intercept it, we figure out if it allowed for jamming or not,” he said.

Following the intercept and determination, the rest of the training became notional as the EW teams didn’t want to potentially destroy the expensive UAS systems.

The teams found themselves capable of stopping additional threats

and hampering the OPFOR on the ground as well.

“It’s not just UAS; we found a few observation points we called for fire on,” Connolly said.

Having been spread across the brigade up until the rotation, there were some tactical hiccups within the teams that required some effort before cohesion was built, according to Connolly. However, by the end of the rotation, EW Soldiers from multiple battalions were working together as one solidified asset.

“One thing that I’ve noticed with all of the EW NCOs, as soon as we heard that we were consolidating for NTC, we all wanted it to succeed,” he said. “Not just for the consolidation part afterwards, but we actually got to go do our jobs so a lot of the EW NCOs were extremely motivated.”

The EW Soldiers who work closely with planning operations to provide support also saw the benefit of having teams in the field.

“It is better for them to be in the field where they can actually do their job, like triangulating signals,” said Staff Sgt. Kyle Nussbaumer, 2nd ABCT CEMA spectrum manager. “If they were at the TOC (tactical operations center) location they wouldn’t be able to do that. (It allowed for) quicker, more accurate reporting.”

Communication between the spectrum manager and the EW teams helped expedite the process of elimination when attempting to detect enemy threats.

“Anybody could be out there with let’s say a spectrum analyzer and see a bunch of lines but not know exactly what it is,” said Sgt. Albert Manglona, electronic warfare NCO. “I was on both sides, for the first couple of days I was with the teams and I was with the TOC. From the TOC’s perspective it is good that they were out because, it gives the TOC a better understanding of what is out there. Having them (EW



COURTESY PHOTO

The newly formed Cyber Electromagnetic Activities section of 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, poses for a photo during decisive action rotation 17-06 at the National Training Center on Fort Irwin, California, in May. The section was comprised of electronic warfare noncommissioned officers from multiple battalions within “Dagger” brigade.

teams) relay back whatever information they pick up or basically whatever they detect. Rather than just hearing it from unit’s who (might) not necessarily know what they are looking at.”

Ultimately the EW consolidation proved fruitful for Dagger brigade, which has decided to keep EW Soldiers from across the formation consolidated.

We “proved the concept of consolidation,” Nussbaumer said. “I think the command teams now have a better understanding of how valuable EW is. It’s a lot easier for them now that they know how it works and what asset it brings to the table, they’re more willing to give up their EW NCOs for consolidation so that it better supports the team as a whole.”

Staying consolidated will also have benefits to the EW Soldiers with both their tactical and technical skills as well as their careers, Connolly said.

“Now I have EWOs (electronic warfare noncommissioned officers) surrounded by EWOs so whenever we do training we can bounce ideas off of each other,” Connolly said. “You try and do training at the battalion level when you’re the only EWO or there’s only two, you don’t get much discussion.”

Looking forward, members of the newly consolidated EW teams are planning to further prove themselves during Dagger brigade’s upcoming Europe rotation and capitalize on their success at NTC.

“It was a big eye opener for the entire brigade to see what we can do when we are all consolidated,” Manglona said. “Before it was just word of mouth, someone was saying it was best that we put everyone together, but after NTC it proved that it was beneficial.”

Online program to help military survivors of sexual abuse, assault

DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department launched an online and mobile educational program June 12 to help individuals begin to recover, heal and build resiliency after a sexual assault.

The self-guided program, called, “Building Hope and Resiliency: Addressing the Effects of Sexual Assault,” can be completed at the user’s pace and features information about coping mechanisms, practical relaxation exercises, definitions, links to resources and referrals for ongoing support.

Research shows that some service members, including cadets and midshipmen, have experienced sexual abuse or sexual assault prior to joining the military. According to the DOD fiscal year 2016 Annual Report on

Sexual Assault in the Military, approximately ten percent, or 556 reports, of total service member victim reports involved incidents that occurred prior to military service.

SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE, ASSAULT

In order to support these individuals, the DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, via a contract with the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network, developed and deployed this anonymous, self-guided educational program on the Safe Helpline.

The program’s development was directed by the secretary of defense in 2015 in order to meet the needs of the DOD community, including cadets and midshipman, who may have been

victims of sexual abuse or assault prior to entering military service.

Recognizing the impact that trauma can have on an individual, this program is part of a comprehensive effort to enhance individual and collective resilience and improve readiness across the department. Users can take a brief, optional self-assessment to gauge the effectiveness of current coping strategies and if they may benefit from additional support and resources.

“Knowing there is a significant link between childhood sexual victimization and adulthood sexual re-victimization and health problems, we wanted to help service members who experienced sexual assault prior to joining the military learn about topics like healthy relationships and coping strategies, and identify whether they

would benefit from additional support and resources,” said Bette Inch, senior victim assistance advisor at SAPRO.

“Being able to access this tool anonymously and from the privacy of your own room through the SHL is key for many service members,” Inch added.

INNOVATIVE TOOLS

As SAPRO and RAINN continue to seek ways to support survivors, innovative tools like Building Hope offer a safe, convenient and private way to empower individuals in their healing journey.

Members of the DOD community who have been affected by sexual assault can access confidential, anonymous support 24/7, through the DOD Safe Helpline at safehelpline.org/ or by calling 877-995-5247.

Users can learn about and anonymously access the online program both on a computer and on a mobile device. To access the program, a user can visit the Building Hope page on the Safe Helpline website, safehelpline.org/building-hope-and-resiliency.

Users can also access the online program directly through the Safe Helpline app page titled, “Building Hope” in the “Learn” section of the app. To learn more about the Safe Helpline app and how to download it to your mobile device, visit www.safehelpline.org/about-mobile.

For local assistance, contact the Fort Riley Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program representative at 785-239-2277 or 3379.

Mattis asks Congress for stable budgets, end to sequestration

By Jim Garamone
DOD NEWS DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis launched a full-throated attack on looming across-the-board spending cuts June 12 during a budget hearing on Capitol Hill, saying, “no enemy in the field has done more to harm the combat readiness of our military than sequestration.”

The sequestration provision of the Budget Control Act of 2011 imposes across-the-board spending cuts if Congress and the White House cannot agree on more targeted cuts.

Testifying before the House Armed Services Committee about the president’s fiscal year 2018 defense budget request, Mattis also addressed the erosion of American military dominance in a time of increased uncertainty and dangers.

The proposed fiscal 2018 budget calls for a \$639.1 billion topline. This breaks down to \$574.5 billion for the Defense Department’s base budget requirements and \$64.6 billion for overseas contingency operations.

‘NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY’

The American military remains the strongest force on the face of the Earth, but “there is no room for complacency, and we have no God-given right to victory on the battlefield,” Mattis said. “Each generation of Americans, from the halls of Congress to the battlefields, earn victory through commitment and sacrifice.”

Sequestration was designed to be so injurious to the military that it would force Congress to compromise so

its imposition would not be necessary. It remains in effect unless Congress changes the law. Mattis noted that in nine of the past 10 years, Congress has enacted 30 separate continuing resolutions to fund DOD, adding that this inhibits readiness, innovation and modernization.

“We need bipartisan support for this budget request,” the secretary told the committee. “In the past, by failing to pass a budget on time or eliminate the threat of sequestration, Congress sidelined itself from its active constitutional oversight role. Continuing resolutions coupled with sequestration blocked new programs, prevented service growth, stalled industry initiative and placed troops at greater risk. Despite the tremendous efforts of this committee, Congress as a whole has met the present challenge with lassitude, not leadership.”

Previous defense secretaries, he noted, have warned Congress of the erosion of capabilities sequestration would bring. It is only thanks to the troops themselves, he said, that the problems are not greater.

The secretary urged the committee and other members of Congress to “fully fund our request, which requires an increase to the defense budget caps” and to pass a fiscal 2018 defense budget in a timely manner “to avoid yet another harmful continuing resolution” and to “eliminate the threat of future sequestration cuts so we can provide a stable budgetary planning horizon.”

CONCURRENT FACTORS

Congress must take into account external factors that influence budget deliberations, Mattis said. The first is that

the United States military has been at war for 16 years — the longest period in the nation’s history. “America’s long war has placed a heavy burden on men and women in uniform and their families,” he said.

The second concurrent force acting on the department is a worsening global situation, the secretary told the House panel. “We must look reality in the eye; Russia and China are seeking veto power over the economic, diplomatic and security decisions on their periphery,” he said. “North Korea’s reckless rhetoric and provocative actions could continue despite United Nations censure and sanctions, while Iran remains the largest long-term challenge to Mideast stability. All the while, terrorist groups murder the innocent and threaten peace in many regions and target us.”

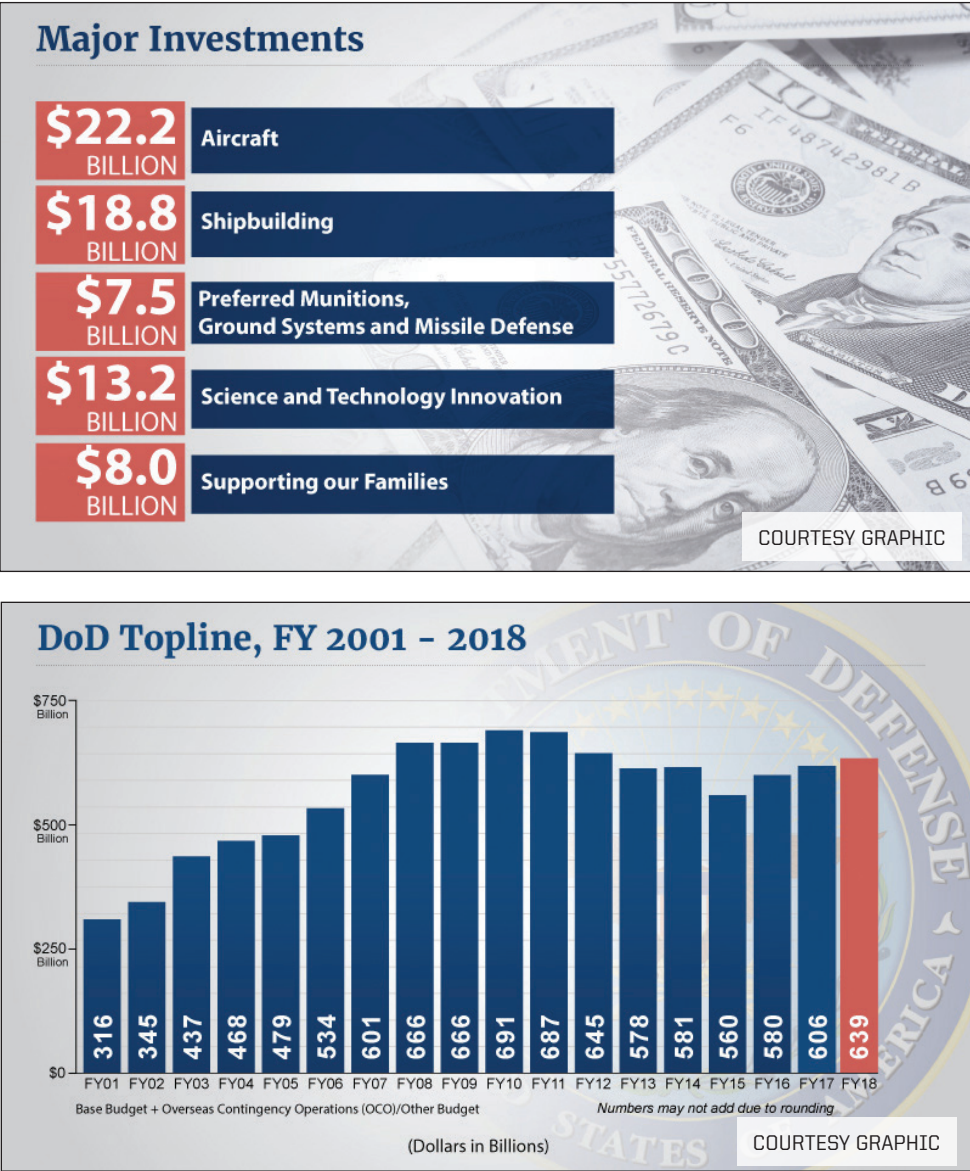
A third force acting on DOD are adversaries contesting U.S. military capabilities. Since the end of the Cold War, the United States had uncontested superiority in every military domain or realm, the secretary said. “Today, every operating domain ... is contested,” he said.

Technological change is another force acting on the department. This mandates new investment, innovative approaches and new program starts — something denied under continuing resolutions, Mattis said.

All these forces require a stable budget and increased funding “to provide for the protection of our citizens and for the survival of our freedoms,” he said.

FIVE PRIORITIES

The secretary said the fiscal 2018 budget reflects five priorities, the first being to



continue to improve warfighter readiness.

The second priority is to increase the capacity and lethality of military capabilities.

The third priority is to reform the way DOD does business, and he promised the lawmakers the department would accomplish a clean audit. He also called on Congress to support DOD’s request to conduct another round of base closures and

realignments, saying this could save up to \$2 billion a year.

The fourth priority is to keep faith with service members and their families.

“Talented people are the department’s most valuable asset, but we must constantly balance these requirements against other investments critical to readiness, equipment and modernization to ensure the military is the most capable warfighting force in the world,” he said. “Investment in military

compensation, blended retirement, the Military Health System and family programs are essential to fielding the talent we need to sustain our competitive advantage on the battlefield.”

Support for the overseas contingency operations is the fifth priority of the budget, the secretary said. These funds focus on operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, as well as bumping up U.S. capabilities in Europe.



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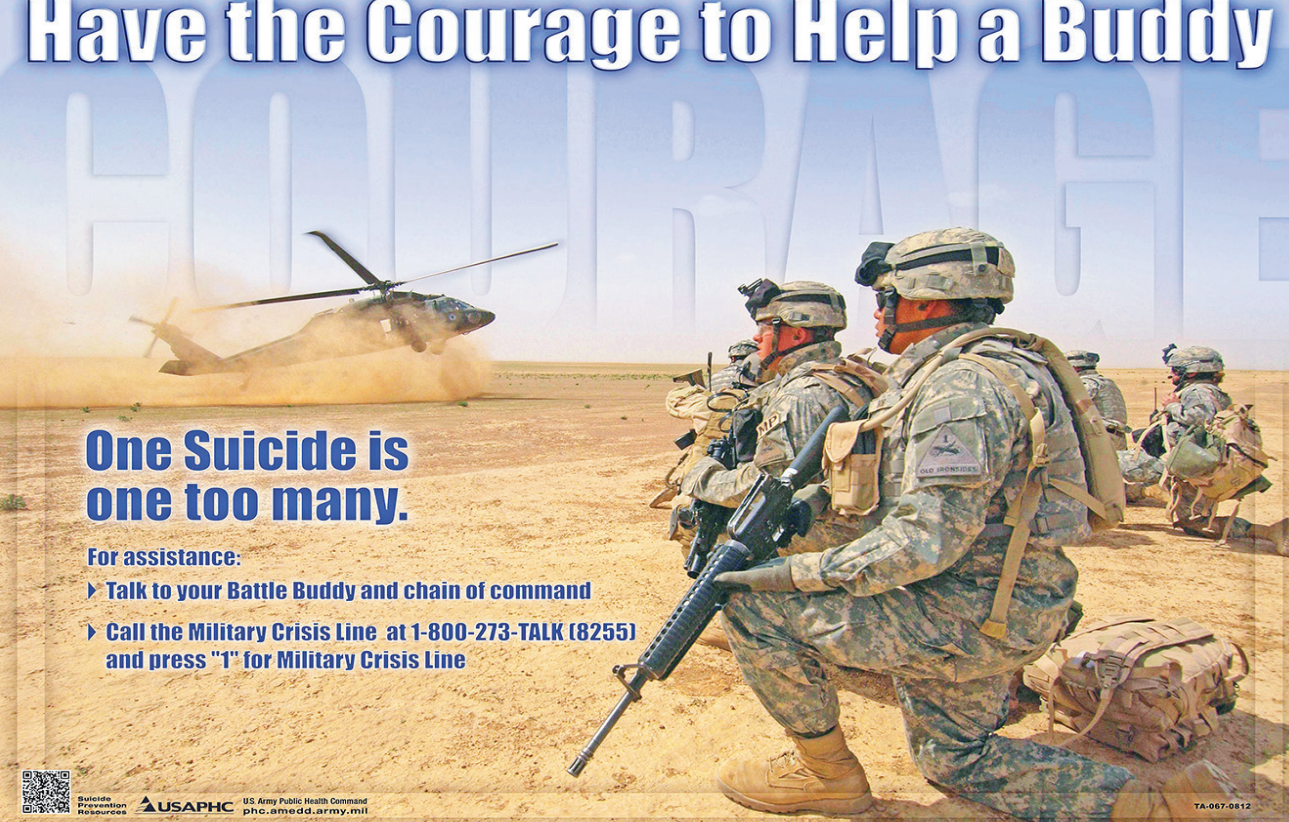
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In 2015, America's 55 poison centers received 2.2 million calls for help. Nearly 50 percent of all poison exposures involve children younger than six years old. That means half of all poisonings are due to young children eating or inhaling a product such as medicine or household cleaning products. These poisonings are largely preventable. Knowing which products are dangerous can prevent child poisoning.

First, find the common household poisons you keep in your home. These include:

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- Medicines and vitamins
- Pesticides
- Hand sanitizers
- Small button batteries

Next, create safe storage habits. Keep items in their original, labeled containers and kept out of sight, out of reach or locked up.

"Families should also be aware of dangerous substances and medications in homes where children are cared for such as a grandparents' or a baby sitters house" according to Terry Adirim, M.D., a pediatric emergency physician who is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in Health Affairs.

Arm yourself against poisoning by learning more about toxic household products. Be sure to keep the national phone number for Poison Help, 1-800-222-1222, posted in your home and on your cell phone. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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The project will provide new airfield lighting, new street lighting, new LED interior lighting, central chilled water plant upgrades, heating, ventilation and air conditioning and control upgrades and water consumption reduction measures.

Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, said this project was initiated in September 2014.

"It was then and remains Fort Riley's objective to minimize energy consumption, costs, and reliance on non-renewable energy resources while meeting all operational mission requirements and providing quality working and living conditions," he said. "With the energy savings performance contract now signed, Fort Riley residents, Soldiers, civilians, and U.S. taxpayers will reap additional benefits. This ESPC is paid for through energy and operational savings, which allows Fort Riley to maximize our Public Works budget without increasing cost to taxpayers."

Lawrence said because the construction phase of the project is scheduled to be completed by January 2019, it allows Fort Riley to meet federal mandates for a 25 percent reduction from 2015 energy consumption levels — six years ahead of schedule.

"The 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley are committed to energy security and sustainability ... I am extremely proud that Fort Riley can be part of such a worthwhile endeavor," he said.

Albert Marin, programs director for the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center, said the Army has made it a priority to protect the environment to preserve valuable resources for future generations and also to ensure the land, water and air space that needed to sustain military readiness is available.

"Fort Riley has and continues to be a leading contributor to change in the energy sector," he said. "The ESPC we are gathered to celebrate allows your installation to reach the congressionally mandated 20 percent energy reduction goal from 2015 consumption levels six years ahead of schedule."

He said this particular ESPC is also unique because it doesn't just focus



LEFT TO RIGHT: Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, United States Army Garrison Fort Riley; Albert Marin, programs director for the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center; Joseph Cvetas, executive vice president for Southland Industries; Sandy Walker, Fort Riley Public Works; Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, turn ceremonial dirt during a groundbreaking ceremony June 13 at Fort Riley. The ceremony highlighted the award of an energy savings performance contract to Southland Energy and commemorated the start of the construction phase.

on a single energy or water reduction measure.

"It does not focus on a single energy conservation measure, in fact, it takes several ECMs, or energy conservation measures, and bundles them into a single project," he said. "This project is important for many reasons. First off, it gains Fort Riley energy security, resiliency and sustainability which are all crucial to future mission accomplishments. Partnering with industry is our new normal so the installation and Southland Industries willingness to partner for this project is indicative of the installation, Army and nation's business strategy. Saving energy and being great protectors of our environments not only benefits us but also benefits our nation and its future generations."

Marin said Southland Industries is one of the many partners of the Army to meet the congressionally mandated energy reduction goal.

Joseph Cvetas, executive vice president for Southland Industries, said the goals for the project are simple. They include safety, minimizing any disruption to the daily operations of the installation and achieving the targeted energy and operational savings to keep Fort Riley the best place to live and train for service members.

"Developing an energy savings performance contract of this magnitude is no easy undertaking," he said. "For the past year, we have collaborated with the Fort Riley Public Works team, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Army Installation Management Command to design this project. In order to be successful, we need a strong partnership with all stakeholders ... this project has that strong support from the DPW team. This project will bring much needed infrastructure improvements and increase operational efficiencies."



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those are critical aspects of things we do. Readiness is not going to stop ... readiness is the key focus here.”

Lawrence emphasized every dollar spent must be maximized. For example, the Directorate of Public Works just solidified an energy savings performance contract that will have no up-front cost for the government and in the end, the savings generated from the energy conservation measures will pay for the contract itself.

“I am not paying them,” he said “What is going to happen is the cost savings we take over the next 20 years will pay back that project.”

Lawrence said partnership activity such as the ESPC is the future of the Army because it maximizes the budgets of the directorates at the installation level.

“We do not have the resources anymore,” he said. “Even in this time of change, IMCOM professionals will continue to provide unique and special contributions to the Army because what you do, no one else can do. You are the continuity for the people like me who are here for one year or two.”

During the meeting, Lawrence alongside Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley, and Tim Livsey, deputy to the garrison commander, signed the leadership pledge of the initiative. The emphasis of the leadership pledge, Lawrence said, is taking care of customers begins with taking care of our most valuable asset — our IMCOM Professionals. Installation Management Command leaders will provide team members the same concern, respect and caring attitude we expect them to share with our customers — Soldiers, families, civilians and retirees.

“We need to understand our roles and responsibilities,” he added. “As a visible reminder to the leaders and employees, we’re going to sign this and then as you see things going you can remind us because our goal here is to provide effective leadership and I can’t do that without your support.”



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Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley, sign the leadership pledge of the Service Culture Initiative at Lawrence's special address to the workforce June 16. Lawrence said the initiative is a long-term plan built upon the fundamental premise that excellence in customer service is a byproduct of how we treat IMCOM professionals.

Livsey spoke about what these changes mean to the Fort Riley workforce. He said they would begin to see new branding that will be consistent across all Army installations, new on-boarding processes and standardization of email signature blocks. Recognition is the one area where Fort Riley was the leading example across the Army.

“Our awards (Standard Operating Procedure) was sent across the Army and they’re using our products,” Livsey said. “I think we’re doing well in that regard, but we can always do better.”

Following the leadership pledge, members of the ESPRIT team and American Federation of Government Employees signed the pledge to customers at Fort Riley. Lawrence encouraged the whole garrison workforce to sign the large pledge at the back of the room on their way back to work.

“We are all in this together and that is the key,” he said.

“As you leave today, there is another customer pledge on your way out and I hope you sign that as well. We want to tell IMCOM not only are we the best installation but we have full support.”

Lawrence said Fort Riley has been recognized as an outstanding installation, which means there are annual conferences being held here and new Soldiers getting assigned. He commended the garrison workforce for being the continuity that supports Soldiers and families of the 1st Infantry Division. He said the people who are the most familiar with the installation are the civilian employees who have spent years working here.

“We are very successful at Fort Riley, and that has to do with you,” he said. “Your care, your commitment and what you’re doing already is the same thing ... as people become more familiar with Fort Riley, more good things will happen here.”

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Tim Hipps | IMCOM Public Affairs

Spc. Lillian Lewis, a chaplain assistant of Morris Hill Chapel with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United State Army Garrison Fort Riley, used superior physical conditioning to battle through high heat and humidity at the 2017 Best Warrior Competition on June 12 at Camp Bullis, Texas. Her performance earned her Soldier of the Year honors.

“In terms of the train up I prioritized physical fitness because to stay engaged mentally you can’t get fatigued physically,” Deppa said. “In terms of physical priorities we gave a lot of attention to making everyone a better functional athlete and build strength from the ground up. This involved a lot of military movement. We used tire flips, plyometrics, sprints, buddy carries and so forth. We incorporated events like evacuating a casualty during PT (physical training), with penalties for not making time standards, to give a realistic sense of the physical challenges of the competition.”

Lewis was one of many Soldiers involved with this training program, Deppa said. Training together with fellow Soldiers helped Lewis stay motivated.

“It was a great experience working with the Soldiers every day,” Deppa said. “They all put in a ton of effort and I believe that really pushed Spc. Lewis to get better.”

During the four-day competition, Soldiers from IMCOM and Army North competed in physical fitness tests, written exams, urban warfare simulations, warrior tasks and battle drills, including

a 12-mile ruck march, which began at 3:35 a.m.

But the toughest part of the competition was not the demands of the competition, it was the demands of the weather.

“The weather in Texas was absolutely more intense than here in Kansas,” Lewis said. “It’s just an intense heat and humidity we don’t have here.”

In an interview with the IMCOM Public Affairs, Lewis said “I’m trying to be the best person possible — for the Army’s sake and for my sake. Going forward, it helps me not only to learn more about the Army, since I’ve only been in for two years, but it also helps me learn more about myself and what I can put myself through.”

Lewis gives credit to two groups of people for her successes thus far.

“I want to thank my command and my family,” Lewis said. “They’ve given me the encouragement and strength to continue.”

If her military duties and responsibilities will allow it, she said she’d like to give herself a shot to repeat at the next Best Warrior Competition.

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15,500 Soldiers of the Big Red One are fired up because they're welcoming home the 305 Devil brigade Soldiers standing before us who have been on point for the nation deployed for nine months to Korea."

While deployed, 1st ABCT split across three installations on the Korea peninsula and trained to conduct non-combat evacuation operations, counter weapons of mass destruction, air assault operations and decisive action. The unit maintained a high state of readiness to "Fight Tonight," should deterrence fail. Nearly all training events were joint-force efforts conducted alongside the brigade's South Korean army counterparts.

"These Soldiers are proud members of Devil brigade combat team," Frank said. "They belong to one of the most combat-

ready brigades in the entire Army. They were forward deployed to support our South Korean allies against the constant threat posed by North Korea. When the enemy looks across the DMZ and sees the Devil brigade with its M1 tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, Paladin artillery systems and 4,000 well-trained tough U.S. Soldiers; what the North Koreans see is American deterrence."

The remainder of 1st ABCT Soldiers are scheduled to redeploy in the coming weeks.

This "is the 100th anniversary of the 1st. Inf. Div., the nation's most storied division," Frank said. "These Soldiers who are up front have each written their own chapter in 11D history. They have lived the division motto – No Mission too Difficult; No Sacrifice too Great; Duty First!"



Capt. Ed Alvarado | 19TH PAD

A Soldier reunited with a loved one June 18 following a nine-month deployment to South Korea. Friends, family and fellow Soldiers were on hand to welcome the more than 300 Soldiers home. While deployed, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team split across three installations on the Korean peninsula and trained to conduct non-combat evacuation operations, counter weapons of mass destruction, air assault operations and decisive action.

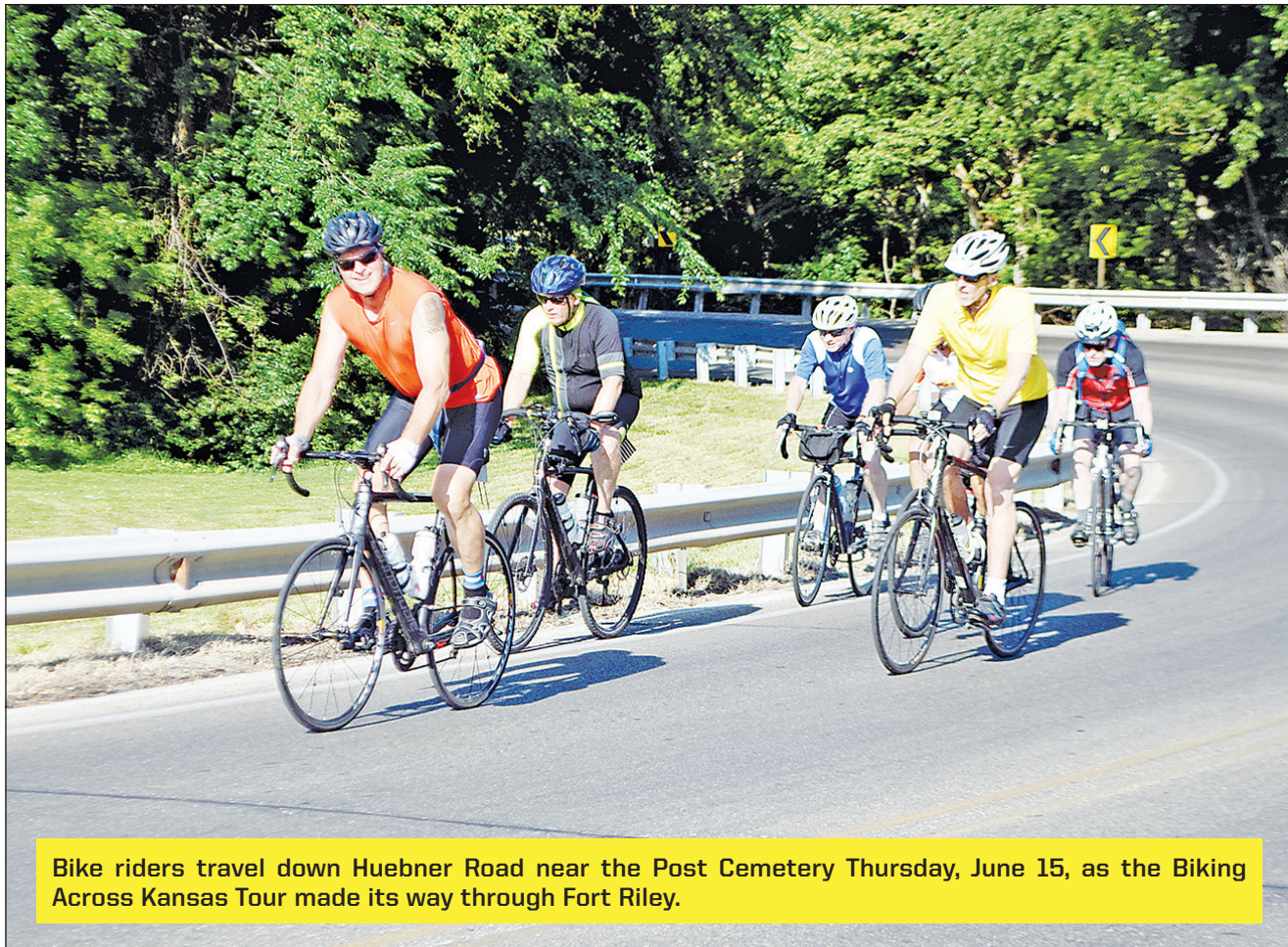


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ABOVE: More than 300 Soldiers assigned to the "Devil" brigade return to Fort Riley June 18, following a nine-month deployment to South Korea. Friends, family and fellow Soldiers were on hand to welcome the Soldiers home.

BELOW: Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley acting senior commander, delivers his remarks at the redeployment ceremony June 16. The 'Devil' brigade deployed to South Korea in October 2016 as part of a regular rotation of forces in support of the Republic of Korea – U.S. alliance under the 2nd Infantry Division. For the last nine months, 1st ABCT has trained closely with their South Korean counterparts in order to deter North Korean aggression and provide security to the Korean peninsula.





Bike riders travel down Huebner Road near the Post Cemetery Thursday, June 15, as the Biking Across Kansas Tour made its way through Fort Riley.

BAK in the saddle again

Riders on 43rd annual Biking Across Kansas Tour take time to soak in historical sites at Fort Riley

Story and photos
by Derek Smith
1ST INF. DIV. POST

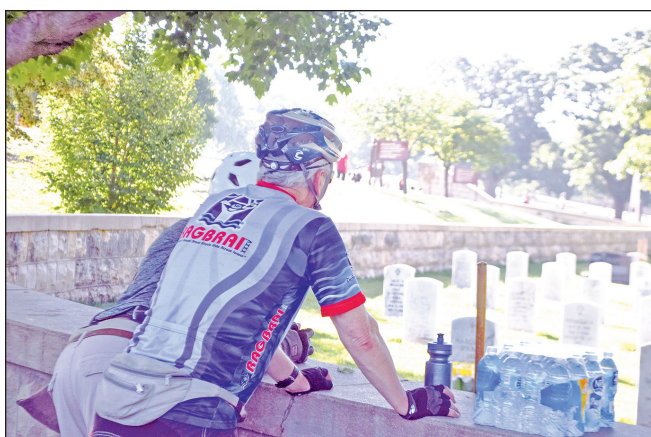
Fort Riley is an important stop for anyone looking to know more about Kansas history or the history of the United States, so the 43rd annual Biking Across Kansas tour made its way through post June 15.

The tour is an eight-day, 522-mile ride that travels across Kansas from the Colorado to Missouri borders.

Riders on the route were given the opportunity to examine some historical stops Fort Riley provides, whether it be the Post Cemetery, the Cavalry Museum or many others.

“Going through Fort Riley is just the icing on the cake this week,” said Stefanie Weaver, executive director of Biking Across Kansas, Inc. “Of course, we have the First Territorial Capitol here on Fort Riley and all the history with the ‘Big Red One,’ the Custer House, the Cavalry Museum ... it’s just incredible to be able to pass through and to really show Kansas history (and) national history to our riders, not only to those from Kansas, but also those that are not from Kansas.”

According to Weaver, riders range in age from 9 to 90 on the 2017 route. She said 75



Bike riders take a water break along the route and look into the Post Cemetery Thursday, June 15 as the Biking Across Kansas Tour made its way through Fort Riley.

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percent of the riders in 2017 were from Kansas, representing 125 cities and 62 counties from across the state. The other 25 percent represent 29 other states.

The tour also often brings with it multiple generations of families.

Gina Delamaide, of Wichita, has been riding in Biking Across Kansas since 1985, and though she hasn’t made it every year, she’s made most of them.

“We’ve made it a family trip, so we’ve taken our daughters along and they’ve learned how to cycle with groups and learned about their state,” Delamaide said.

She got to know the man who would eventually be her husband on BAK, then, as their family grew, they brought each of their daughters along with them.

One of their daughters, Danielle, turned 25 this year and made her 21st trip on BAK in 2017.

Danielle rode the whole way along the route for the first time when she was 15, but Thursday was her first time seeing Fort Riley.

“I’ve never been (on Fort Riley), or if I have been I don’t remember, so I thought ‘why not? We should come see it today,’” Danielle said.

Gina had been through Fort Riley one other time on BAK,

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DONATIONS ACCEPTED

- Cocktail dresses and ball gowns are accepted for donation to USO Fort Riley all year long whenever the center is open. For more information about **Gift the Gown** or to donate, call 785-240-5326.

Dress to impress without the stress

Gift the Gown program allows old hangers-on to become new gifts

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Amber Faloona, wife of Capt. Brian Faloona, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, shuffled through racks upon racks of ball gowns and cocktails pulling many out to admire them before settling upon a deep, burgundy colored dress that brought out the subtle red coloring in her dark brown hair.

Faloona was one of several women to visit the Gift the Gown event May 17 at USO Fort Riley.

At the event, service members and their families browsed racks of more than 200 dresses sectioned by size in hopes of finding the perfect dress for their next formal occasion. Once they found one they liked, they could try it on and admire themselves in the mirrors surrounding the makeshift dressing room. If it turned out to be the one, it was theirs to take home for free regardless of rank.

“Gift the Gown is a program where we will collect new, sometimes gently used ball gowns or cocktail party attire for our military service members or family members, so it doesn’t necessarily have to be a spouse, so it can be for a child,” said Crystal Tinkey, center operations and program manager for USO Fort Riley. “It can be used for military balls, high school proms, homecomings and we try to schedule the events as best we can. We do it twice a year — in the spring and in the fall and any of those I have listed can come shop for a gown.”

Gift the Gown was originally started several years ago by two military spouses who wanted to find a way to give new life to old gowns and help take away the financial stress and burden that often accompanies shopping for formal events, Tinkey said. When it came time for the spouses to move on with their

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Patrons make healthier choices at annual lifestyles festival

Festival offers options suitable for everyone to improve lifestyle

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

The sidewalks and mall of the Fort Riley Commissary and Main Post Exchange were filled with games, exercises, booths and more May 16 and 17 during the annual Healthy Lifestyles Festival.

Working together, staffs of Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency organized the festival to promote better dietary choices, fitness and mental health for the Fort Riley community.

“We do this every year,” said Nina Schlicht, computer operator for the Main Post PX and one of the event coordinators. “We work with DeCA, we coordinate with them for anything healthy, lifestyle related.”

Representatives from the Army Wellness Center, Irwin Army Community Hospital, the Fort Riley Garrison Safety Office, Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, as well as several others set up booths to offer information, games, prizes, mini safety classes and more.

Staff from Veterinary Services also were present and conducting adoptions

on cats and dogs available at the shelter.

The overall idea of the festival was to provide a broad range of services and options suitable for everyone to improve their own lifestyle, Ayub Spencer, Fort Riley Main Post PX manager, said.

“We contribute to mental health, therapy,” he said. “As broad as that or as basic as the dance game out there.”

While adults participated in fire extinguisher operation lessons or took a yoga or Zumba class on the grass between the two stores, kids shot nerf guns and played with bean bag toss games. Children and adults alike also spun a prize wheel with everyone a winner taking home items like a \$25 Commissary gift card.

By incorporating fun activities with the information provided, staff hoped to show people how easy it is to make better lifestyle choices, Tina Groves, assistant Commissary officer and coordinator for the event, said.

“It’s about people making better, healthier choices for a better quality of life,” she said.

While the festival was two days of fun for staff and patrons alike, Schlicht said it also let new residents to the area learn what services are available to them.

“They’re fun,” she said. “It gets people out. For the new people who just moved here, this is an opportunity for them to see what we can do for them and other services at Fort Riley.”



Alexander Erb, 9, son of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Peter Erb, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, fires a foam dart gun at targets during the Healthy Life Styles Festival June 16 at the Commissary. The festival promoted better dietary choices, fitness and mental health for the Fort Riley community.

FORT RILEY POST-ITS

USO FORT RILEY EVENTS No Dough Dinner

USO Fort Riley and the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard are partnering to host a family fun night with a tactics demonstration. The event will be at the CGMCG outdoor practice arena on Marshall Avenue June 29 at 5 p.m. Staff will be barbecuing hamburgers, hot dogs and will have more food options. For more information, call 785-240-5326.



WET AND WILD FUN DAY

The Fort Riley Library is having a wet and wild fun day June 24 at the library, 5306 Hood Drive. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel, and staff will supply sprinklers, sloshballs, hydroblaster and a water slide. For more information, call 785-239-5305.

CUSTER HILL AQUATIC PARK OPEN

The outdoor pool at Custer Hill is open for the season after undergoing renovations to include a lazy river, zero entry, slides and more.

Custer Hill Aquatic Park is open seven days a week from 1 to 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for those with a Department of Defense ID, \$3 for ages 3 to 5, \$8 for guests with a DOD ID and free for ages 2 and under with a paid adult admission.

For more information, call 785-239-4854 or visit riley.armymwr.com.

Aquatic Park Grand Opening Party

To celebrate, staff will hold a grand opening Splish Splash Beach Bash June 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The grand opening is free.

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.

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.

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.

10-5-2 PRAIRIE RUN

Staff of the Directorate of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation are hosting the 10-5-2 Prairie run July 22 from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. with three different courses to choose from: 2 miles, 5 miles and 10 miles. The 10-mile race is a qualifier for the Fort Riley Army Ten-Miler team. Only active-duty Soldiers can qualify for the team. Strollers, pets and headphones are prohibited during this event.

Advance registration is available. Cost is \$15 through July 5 and includes a T-Shirt. On-site registration will be available the day of the event at 5 a.m. Cost will be \$20 and includes a water bottle.

For more information call 785-239-2915 or visit www.riley.armymwr.mil.



FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

Friday, June 23

Pirates Of The Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 24

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul (PG) 2 p.m.
Alien: Covenant (R) 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 25

Pirates Of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales (PG-13) 5 p.m.

Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing
For more information call 785-239-9574.

Regular Showing: \$6

3D Showing: \$8

First Run: \$8.25

3D First Run: \$10.25

For more information call 785-239-9574.

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.

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.



HEALTHY HOME CLASS

The Department of Public Health hosts a class for on-post families to maintain a sanitary and safe environment inside their home the second and fourth Friday of every month at 9 a.m. in the Public Health Classroom.

For more information, call 785-239-7323.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Make sure you use time wisely

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

Summer officially started. The longest day of the year is already behind us. Though you won't notice it for a while, the days from here on out will get shorter and the nights will get longer.

It's still early in the summer and there is time to create some good memories to carry us through rough times. Value what time you have and don't waste it on pursuits that won't sustain you when times are hard. When you are young — it seems you have forever to get started with things such as promotions, your future or completing projects. Don't procrastinate — time will pass more quickly than you think. There are many ways to add value to your life, but some recommendations are self-improvement, learning and time spent building

relationships with family and friends.

If you read the stories of the 100th anniversary "Big Red One" Soldiers in the newspaper, many of the veterans didn't plan to stay around long when they came into the Army, but many of them ended up making it a career. So, you should work toward promotions and opportunities as if you will make it a career. When you decide to leave the Army, the knowledge and leadership gained will serve you in your next endeavor.

Use time to build yourself and your team, use it to build bridges between you and the people you work with.

Learning something new — whether it is the pursuit of a college degree or just learning a new skill — can be invaluable. You never know when the knowledge may be useful. Learning keeps the mind sharp and sometimes you need to try out new skills to find your real passion for your life's work.

Time with family and friends builds memories and improves your outlook on

life. No matter where you serve in the military — the location is only as good as the effort you put into participating in the local area. Use your time to take advantage of opportunities on and off post.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation plans many things to do right here on post. For example, the opening of the remodeled Custer Hill Aquatic Park. There are also many activities off post where you can meet local residents and participate in Kansas activities.

For information for off-post activities, check the "Get Outside the Gate" feature at www.riley.army.mil/Community/Fort-Riley-Community-Partnership/

Just don't let time slip away. Time is that one thing you can't save and you can't go out and make more of it so make an effort to participate actively in life.

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



Colonel Lawrence



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FORT RILEY

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
Sunday1430
Meditation Practice— Mon.- Fri.....1230

Open Circle Service

Kapaun Chapel 239-4818
Fort Riley Open Circle— SWC
1st & 3rd Friday monthly.....1800

Wednesday Night Family Night

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

Club Beyond - Faith Based Youth Program

Grades 6th - 12th, Meets Sundays
MS Youth-1530-1700 at Morris Hill Chapel
HS Youth-1830-2000 at Morris Hill Chapel 785-370-5542

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 rileypwoc@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

KANSASWORKS assists Fort Riley

Group secures jobs, training for retired, active-duty Soldiers

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The KANSASWORKS staff from the Junction City and Manhattan Workforce Centers, in partnership with the USO Fort Riley and the Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program, have been assisting active-duty and retiring service members with job searching and much more.

Yasmin Pena Bruno, veteran employment representative for KANSASWORKS, is on post everyday trying to find new ways to help service members and their spouses find jobs in the state. She said she is available to talk about

resumes, cover letters, mock interviews, unemployment benefits and offers workshops. Pena Bruno assists transitioning service members, spouses and incoming families prepare to apply for career opportunities in Kansas, and she gives resumes to her co-worker Michael Paz-Torres who matches them to employer's job openings and provides the resumes to the employers.

"They can come in, make an account, search for jobs in the Kansas area and we sit down and have a chat about what they are looking for," she said. "I find out what they are looking for. If they have a resume, I give them tips ... I also do cover letters and review the interview process before providing their resumes to employers."

While the staff of workforce centers offer the same services, Pena Bruno is available on Post

to Soldiers and their family members at no cost.

"Our focus here at Fort Riley is veterans, active-duty service members and their dependents who are looking for a job," she said. "The workforce center and I provide exactly the same services."

In doing so, Pena Bruno visits with teams from SFL-TAP and USO Fort Riley's RP/6 transition program. Ideally, service members would seek this service about 18 months before transitioning to civilian life, but Pena Bruno said she also checks up with them about a year after the transition.

"The sooner the better — this is a long process," she said. "It takes a lot of searching and networking."

Every Friday, Pena Bruno or another staff person from KANSASWORKS is at the

USO Fort Riley RP/6 program, which is located in the basement of 212 Custer Ave.

The USO schedules appointments for KANSASWORKS staff to meet with transitioning service members and their spouses to work with them one-on-one providing work readiness services.

Pena Bruno's schedule varies by day. Mondays and Wednesdays she is scheduled to be at 212 Custer Ave. in the SFL-TAP office. Tuesdays and Thursdays she is scheduled to be at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, 674 Warrior Rd. Fridays she or another KANSASWORKS staff member is at the USO office, 212 Custer Ave.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Pena Bruno, email yasmin.penabruno@ks.gov or call 785-240-4167/3971.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of June 20 was: What year did the 1st Infantry Division first make Fort Riley its home?

Answers: www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/History/

This week's winner is Danielle Toothman from Junction City. Her husband was stationed at Fort Riley a few years ago, separating from the service in 2013, and now works on post as a human resources specialist.

Pictured above is Danielle Toothman.

CONGRATULATIONS DANIELLE!

SPARING NO EXPENSE ON FATHER'S DAY



Season Osterfeld | POST

Five-year-old James rolls a bowling ball with the help of his father Spc. Timothy Herren, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, May 18 at Father's Day Bowling at Custer Hill Bowling Center. Each lane was packed with families celebrating fathers and grandfathers alike on the holiday. Dad's bowled with the kids and enjoyed pizza while spending an afternoon together.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Maintaining our healthy relationships

By Chaplain (CPT) Chris Weinrich
1-16 IN BN, 1ABCT, 1ID

"What greater thing is there for two human souls to feel that they are joined ... to strengthen each other ... to be at one with each other in silent unspeakable memories." — *George Eliot*

My heart and soul longs for unspeakable memories with my family. As my family and I reach the conclusion of a deployment, we recall the precious memories of redeployment. We communicate with different types of social media and communication outlets, but the most powerful example of reaching our loved ones comes with physical reunification.

Our military family experiences deployments and times away in the field. It's a tough and challenging lifestyle for our Soldiers and their families. Yet, we cling to the moments of coming home, communicating, and sending little reminders of our love. What do you and your loved ones do to communicate with one another? These methods of communication and reintegration with our loved ones build our hope



John Jacobsen

and resiliency to mature our relationships. We need hope. We need strength and stability in our relationships. I love the Scriptural passage from the book of Isaiah stating,

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. — *Isaiah 40:31, New International Version*

This passage brings hope, strength, and stability into our lives. When we reunite with our loved ones, we also have many resources to help sustain our marriages and lives. We have a loving God, Chaplains, Military and Family Life Consultants, Army Community Service,

and multiple other resources to help shape our lives. One of my favorite resources in our military family is our Fort Riley chapel community. It provides hope, strength, and stability. Throughout the years, the incredible Soldiers and families that attend the chapel services gives my family the ability to grow spiritually and appreciate the military lifestyle. Come out to a local chapel service and get connected.

As you experience these cherished moments of "silent unspeakable memories" with your spouse, remember the hope, strength and stability from our loving God and the joy we receive from our loved ones.

Welcome home! Pro Deo Et Patria

AQUATIC PARK NOW OPEN



Patti Geistfeld | POST

Addie, left, and Riley Kredon, both of daughters Lt. Col. Jack Kredon, commander of 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, play water basketball the first day Custer Hill Aquatic Park opened, June 21. Staff are celebrating the grand opening with the Splash Splash Beach Bash June 30. Ceremonies begin with a ribbon cutting at 9 a.m. and the facility opens at 9:30 a.m. More festivities begin at 11:30 a.m., including free admission, free food, giveaways and drawings, music and more, while supplies last. In the meantime, the park is open Monday through Sunday 1 to 7 p.m.



Derek Knight | POST

Danielle Delamaide, right, and her mother Gina travel down Huebner Road near the Post Cemetery Thursday, June 15 as the Biking Across Kansas Tour made its way through Fort Riley.

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but came back this year hoping to introduce it to her daughter and see more for herself.

"I just like the history and like to see the sites that the route offers," Gina said.

The Delamaide family story might be thought to be unique, but according to Weaver, it's far from uncommon for riders to come back for more.

"You must be absolutely crazy to want to bike across Kansas," Weaver said. "I say that, but we have a wonderful time. Sixty-five percent of our riders are repeat riders. Year after year we come back because not only do we love Kansas, we love bicycling, but we love our BAK family and we love the people that we meet along the way."

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DRAWING A CONCLUSION



Season Osterfeld | POST

Seven-year-old Michelle Rodriguez, daughter of Sgt. Erick Rodriguez, a Fort Riley Soldier, works on a canvas painting of a cat during a Parent and Child Arts and Crafts class May 18 at the Arts and Crafts Center. Staff at the Arts and Crafts Center provide several craft classes and services, such as framing, engraving and a woodshop. For more information about the services and classes at the Arts and Crafts Center, call 785-239-9205 or visit riley.armymwr.com.



Season Osterfeld | POST

Amber Faloona, wife of Capt. Brian Faloona, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, shifts through a rack of dresses looking for one she loves May 17 during Gift the Gown at USO Fort Riley.

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service member to a new duty station, they transferred the program to the staff and volunteers at USO Fort Riley.

“There were some military spouses that were here at Fort Riley that independently started this program,” she said. “They did it for the community at large and they were both leaving at the same time and didn’t want the program to go away, so they chose the USO and requested ‘would we take over the program, would we take the dresses that they had and keep the program alive?’ So it was transferred to us.”

During the events, Tinkey said anywhere from 30 to 50 people will come through to browse through the dresses with about 70 percent of them finding a dress they love.

Faloona was one of those women. The burgundy dress, although listed as the wrong size for her, fit her well with only a few alterations needed. She said she can sew and hoped to modify the dress to suit her own sense of style and size, but did love it as is.

“I think it’s really good quality,” she said of her dress. “It’s older, I can tell, but it’s a Jessica McClintock and that’s not cheap. I’m going to alter it, maybe upcycle it to tailor it to me.”

She added she appreciated having Gift the Gown available because it takes away the expense of a gown and helps keep each event fresh for her.

“It’s great because when you go to so many balls and events, you like variety, you don’t always need it, but it’s great to have it and not spend so much money because ball gowns are expensive,” she said.

For Tinkey and other USO Fort Riley staff and volunteers, it’s a chance for them to be a part of something special in someone else’s life.

“The military balls and formal events are such special occasions and to be able to help our service members and their families — to be able to help take some of the stress off, take some of the stress away, it’s enjoyable to know that we at the USO, we’re a part of that, we’re a part of making that event special,” she said.

The next Gift the Gown event is scheduled for October.

Special Needs Rodeo on its way

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Staff of the Exceptional Family Member Program at Fort Riley Army Community Service and the Junction City Rodeo committee are partnering up to host the 20th annual Special Needs Rodeo from 10 a.m. to noon July 15 at the Junction City 4-H Center, 1107 Spring Valley Road.

Laurie McCauley, Exceptional Family Member Program Manager at ACS, said the rodeo is designed for children with varying special needs to enjoy rodeo events appropriate to their individual needs. Children are escorted to each of the events by a cowboy or cowgirl then they will experience what it is like to be a cowboy.

“We have special needs children and their siblings

from Fort Riley and the surrounding community participating,” she said. “This is an event where the whole family engages and becomes involved. The Special Needs Rodeo consists of hand rocked bareback riding, bull riding, steer roping and an arena ride with the Rodeo Queen candidate.”

The event requires advance registration by June 30. Families can register by calling ACS at 785-239-9435.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT FIDO

Heading to the grocery store this week? Update your pet's emergency kit by adding extra pet food and water to your grocery list.

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TORNADO SAFETY

DEFINING A TORNADO

Tornadoes can occur at any time of day or night and at any time of year. A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground. Tornadoes are capable of completely destroying well-made structures, uprooting trees and hurling objects through the air like deadly missiles.



PREPARING FOR A TORNADO

- Develop a plan of action.
- Pick a tornado safe room in your home.
- Have frequent drills.
- Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone.
- Listen to radio and television for information.
- Sign up for Fort Riley AtHOCtext messaging alerts.
- If planning a trip outdoors, listen to forecasts.



SURVIVING A TORNADO

Always remember “DUCK.”

- D OWN TO THE LOWEST LEVEL
- U NDER SOMETHING STURDY
- C OVER YOUR HEAD
- K EEP IN THE SHELTER UNTIL THE STORM HAS PASSED

- Go to lowest level of the building, stay away from windows.
- If caught outdoors, seek shelter immediately.
- Get out of automobile and get into a sturdy structure or ditch.
- Or, buckle your seat belt and get below window level of your vehicle.

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LOCAL BREWERIES

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

There are several local breweries in the Flint Hills region that offer hand-crafted beers within a short drive of Fort Riley.

The Little Apple Brewing Company has called Manhattan home for 22 years and counting. The secret is pure passion for the trade, according to the owners.

Kelly Loub, co-owner of the brewery with her husband Russ Loub, said “We are known for our hand-crafted beers on premise but we also have a broad range of wines, liquor and cocktails. We are not your typical brew pub. We are broad on the culinary sides as well.”

On the brew side, Little Apple Brewing Company officially changed brewers as of June 11.

“I am really excited about having Shawn here — he is a really wonderful addition, who is taking over for Brandon,” Loub said.

Shawn Howard is a former Soldier. He began home brewing in 2012 after returning home from a tour in Afghanistan.

“Once I got back, I found out you can brew at home and I thought it was the craziest thing. I gave it a few more shots and started improving. I started to get my hands on everything to read — just learning everything I could,” Howard said.

The Little Apply Brewing Company offers “flag ships” hanging near the bar. They showcase both beers on tap and seasonal options. These signs are shaped as cows.

“These are the Bison Brown Ale, Riley’s Red Ale, Wildcat Wheat, Prairie Pale Ale and XX Black Angus Stout, which is on nitro makes it really creamy, frothy head, like a pillow on top,” Howard said. “The other cows are our seasonal brews. These are Bodacious Blueberry Blonde, Biere de Garde and Black and Tan.”

The brewery is also known for several events, Loub said.

Events range from Oktoberfest, typically during the first week in October, Blessing of the

Taps, where a Catholic Priest is invited to bless the taps on St. Patrick’s Day, and several dinners throughout the year, called “pop-up dinners.”

For more information, visit www.littleapplebrewery.com.

If a road-trip is in preferred, head up to Washington for Kansas Territory Brewing Company.

Brad Portenier, owner of Bradford Built and Kansas Territory Brewery provides a history lesson of the craft. His goal is to give thanks to Kansas for every beer has a story.

“I came up with Kansas Territory because it is ours, made right here in Kansas,” Portenier said. “A lot of people want to move to the U.S. We, Kansas, are smack dab in the middle. We have no excuse to not make something happen. We are in the land of opportunities, so enjoy it.”

One way Portenier enjoys Kansas’ Territory is through his beer.

“A lot of deep history here,” he said. “This history is seen in each one of our labels, like our Aeroplane Pale Ale, which is a loose representation of Clyde Cessna’s first plane. Kansas produces more personal aircraft than anywhere in the world. That is a big deal.”

Another big deal to Portenier is to give back to service members.

“I’ve never joined so I would like to be connected somehow,” he said. “It would just be cool to contribute. I have an inactive service member who came up with the idea of distributing Kansas Territory beer to the military.”

Portenier is in the process of filling out the paperwork to start distributing it to the military, perhaps to Fort Riley.

Brewing in Washington is a financial struggle for Portenier and his team, but it’s “not about the money.” Portenier has chosen to stay in this town because of his passion for his beer, the people of Washington and the heart to give back.

His motto is, “if you brew it, they will come.”

For more information check out their website, www.kansasterritorybrewingco.com.



TOP LEFT: Little Apple Brewing Company's beers on tap are featured as “flagships.” The “flagships” range from those on tap and seasonal beers. **ABOVE:** Tallgrass Tap House is located in the Downtown District of Manhattan. Tallgrass features a rooftop bar, great for groups. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Washington homes the Kansas Territory Brewing Company by owners Brad and Donna Portenier. Brad’s mission for the brewery is to give back to the territory the business was founded on. **BELOW:** All beer is made on-site within the fermentation process. Depending on the beer, Kansas Territory Brewery uses a unique fermentation process by adding honey or corn.

