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BACK TO FORT RILEY



Maj. Rocknee Gardner, engineer operations officer, 1st Infantry Division, reunites with his family during a welcome home ceremony July 14 at Fort Riley. More than 150 Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. returned home from a 9-month tour in Iraq.

'Big Red One' uncases colors

By 1st Inf. Div. Public Affairs

More than 150 1st Infantry Division Soldiers from the division's headquarters element returned to waiting friends, family and Soldiers during a redeployment ceremony at Fort Riley, Kansas, July 14 following a nine-month deployment to Iraq.

The Soldiers served as the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command – Operation Inherent Resolve. Their primary mission was to assist and advise Iraqi military forces in their battle against ISIS, particularly in Mosul.

The 1st Inf. Div. took command of CJFLCC-OIR on Nov. 17, 2016, one month after the Iraqi military forces started their offensive to regain control of Mosul.

During the deployment, the 1st Inf. Div. and its coalition partners provided more than 1,500 airstrikes targeting nearly 10,000 targets, approximately 350 of which were vehicle born improvised explosive devices.

In addition to supporting the Iraqi military forces, the 1st Inf.

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Division commanding general relinquishes authority in Iraq

By Sgt. Derrik Tribbey
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAGHDAD — The 1st Infantry Division transferred authority of the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command – Operation Inherent Resolve to the 1st Armored Division July 12.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, relinquished authority and handed over command of CJFLCC-OIR to Maj. Gen. Robert White, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss commanding general.

During the 1st Inf. Div.'s time of command support, their mission was to advise and assist the Iraqi military in their fight to defeat ISIS.

"Never before has a Coalition supported another state with this level of resources and enablers to achieve success in this manner," Martin said.

Since the 1st Inf. Div. assumed command of CJFLCC-OIR from the 101st Airborne Division Nov. 17, 2016, the Coalition has provided more than

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'BIG RED ONE' LEADS DURING BASTILLE DAY



Chief Mass Communication Specialist Michael McNabb | U.S. NAVY

TOP LEFT: Almost 200 U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen assigned to units in Europe and the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley march down the Avenue des Champs-Élysées from the Arc de Triomphe to the Place de la Concorde during the Military Parade on Bastille Day. A historic first, the U.S. led the parade as the country of honor this year in commemoration of the centennial of U.S. entry into World War I and the long-standing partnership between France and the U.S.

BOTTOM LEFT: The U.S. formation marching in the Military Parade on Bastille Day in Paris, France, July 14 is reviewed as part of the final rehearsal. This year, the U.S. led the parade as the country of honor in commemoration of the centennial of U.S. entry into World War I.

BOTTOM RIGHT: In step with a color guard donning World War I-era uniforms, U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen assigned to units in Europe and the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley stand in ranks before the start of the Military Parade on Bastille Day.



FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Pfc. Yuanchen Zhang, Dental Command, volunteered to take photos of Cub Scout Pack 660 events and capture specific moments during award ceremonies. He likes to volunteer his time during pack events. He also helps with set up and clean up.

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

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Area development plan initiated for historic district



Participants of the Area Development Plan Practicum give an outbrief to Tim Livsey, deputy garrison commander, June 30 about the plan going forward to preserve the buildings in the Historic Main Post district at Fort Riley. The practicum participants came up with a 20-year development plan after analyzing the district, developing a specific vision and goals, and developing a plan for possible future projects to meet the goals.

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

A 20-year development plan is being established for the historic Main Post district at Fort Riley. Stakeholders from the garrison, division and partners held an Area Development Plan Practicum June 26 through 30 to collaborate on the plan going forward.

BJ Watson, chief of the master planning division of the Directorate of Public Works, said the group worked together to analyze the district, develop a specific vision and goals, and to develop a plan for possible future projects to meet the goals.

“Using the stakeholders input, DPW worked with the facilitating consultant to then develop a zoning plan that will be used to regulate development and evaluate proposed projects in the future,” he said. “The entire process more closely matches city planning done in the private sector and produces plans that are more flexible to changing requirements and conditions.”

Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, was present for the first day of the practicum. He said the main goal is to maintain the character and integrity of this district and with that, several challenges arise.

“We have to look at the different things, come together and determine how to maintain these buildings and how we continue to maintain them and then prioritize the upkeep,” Lawrence said. “If you take a historic building and leave it vacant, it will end up being taken down. If a historic home is left vacant for a year, it’s got all kinds of problems because nothing is being run.”

The facilitating consultant for this project is Michael Baker Jr. Inc. - AECOM Joint Venture, and is contracted by Installation Management

Command through the US Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District.

Through this contract, Watson said the vision plan for the entire installation was developed in 2013 along with an area specific plan for Camp Funston. The Custer Hill plan was developed in 2015. The Marshall Army Airfield plan in 2016. The Department of Defense adopted a new process in 2012 that required installations develop plans that comply by October 2018.

“Each of the five planning sessions has taken a week of concentrated effort for a group of up to 30 stakeholders,” he said. “The consultant team then develops products behind the scenes for six months. Then the DPW Master Planning team presents these products to the leadership for final approval and acceptance. The DPW Master Planning Division has a team of four to five personnel whose primary job is to develop and maintain the plan. This staff also uses the plan to develop project documentation to meet the goals of the plans. The master plan is the first step to eventually constructing and new building, road or utility.”

Watson said the master plan aims to improve the infrastructure and make Fort Riley a better place to live, work, train and deploy from.

“It enables planners and leaders to make good decisions about projects and puts the community in the best possible position to receive and use limited funding for the most benefit,” he said.

The practicum ended with an outbrief to the deputy garrison commander, Tim Livsey, and participants presented the results of the analysis they conducted as well as alternatives they came up with. The consultant is scheduled to develop a draft plan in 90 days with an estimated final report around Dec. 2017.

Open wells pose safety hazard

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Fort Riley Garrison Safety Office, the Environmental Division of the Directorate of Public Works and Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security are working together to cap or fill 50 open ground wells found scattered throughout the ranges and training areas.

When Fort Riley was a new installation, settlers came to the area and established homesteads. With time, the installation grew and the homesteads faded, eventually becoming the ranges and training areas Soldiers use today. However, not all traces of the homesteads were eliminated as some foundations, rock walls and ground wells still remain.

Ollie Hunter, volunteer instructor for the Fort Riley Outdoorsman Group, was out hunting when he discovered a well with a 100-foot drop. He notified the safety office through the iSportsman webpage, fortriley.isportsman.net, using the training area hazards report section.

Upon investigation of the well, additional wells were discovered, said Ron Clasberry, deputy garrison safety manager, Fort Riley Garrison Safety Office.

Due to the depth and location of these wells, they were declared a danger and quickly capped with concrete slabs and reinforced by treated lumber by ranger personnel from DPTMS, said Rick Bomia, Range Operations Officer, DPTMS.

“We contacted range control, which is Rick Bomia,

and we had him and his guys fix that (one),” Clasberry said.

Realizing the wells may be more prolific, Clasberry said he reached out to the Environmental Division of DPW for help in locating additional wells. From there, a work group consisting of the Environmental Division, DPTMS and the safety office formed to locate, assess and handle the wells.

“After further digging, we decided to put a workgroup together ... with the goal of trying to find out about how many wells were on the installation and DPW were very knowledgeable about them,” he said.

By working together, they were able to discover the Environmental Division had maps with the locations of 120 open wells in the training areas, Clasberry said. From there, they split into teams to scour the area and investigate the wells — 50 were discovered that posed hazards and needed to be capped or filled.

“What led us to the wells is when you see the homesteads, approximately 80 feet from that, we’d walk around the area, and then we’d see that well,” he said. “A majority of the wells — they weren’t in an open area. They’re in a heavily wooded area.”

Once the wells that posed hazards were located, they were sorted into a Risk Assessment Code with RAC 1 indicating the greatest likeness it could be encountered and RAC 3 posing the least, Clasberry said.

“The small amount of wells and cisterns that were located in the more open areas posed a safety hazard to our Soldiers, (Department of the

Army) civilians and our local hunters,” Bomia said. “Some of the larger cisterns could cause damage to vehicles. Our speed to mitigate the open wells and cisterns was based on the safety aspect first and foremost.”

The determination of whether or not a well would be capped or filled was decided by the Environmental Division as the staff weighed the effects to the water flowing in the well, if any, Clasberry said.

The wells varied in depth with many being between 40 and 100 feet, which posed a serious injury or loss of life risk should someone fall in, he said.

“There’d of been a possibility that somebody would have been walking out — a hunter, troops — would have fallen in that hole,” Clasberry said. “We’re talking about 100 feet for some of them.”

The most dangerous of the wells, which were in open areas where people were likely to be, have been capped or filled. The remaining wells, which are mostly in heavily wooded areas, are in the process of being capped and filled.

Any hazards encountered on the range, training and maneuver areas should be reported using the iSportsman webpage. Hazards include anything that can do damage to the individual who located them, others or property and equipment.

“The DPTMS range folks are very good at responding to and cleaning up any sort of hazards,” Clasberry said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Rick Bomia, range operations officer, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security operates a Bobcat to fill an open cistern with nearby dirt on the training and maneuver areas of Fort Riley July 11. Ground wells and cisterns have been found across the ranges and training areas, some as deep as 100 feet, and are now in the process of being capped or filled.

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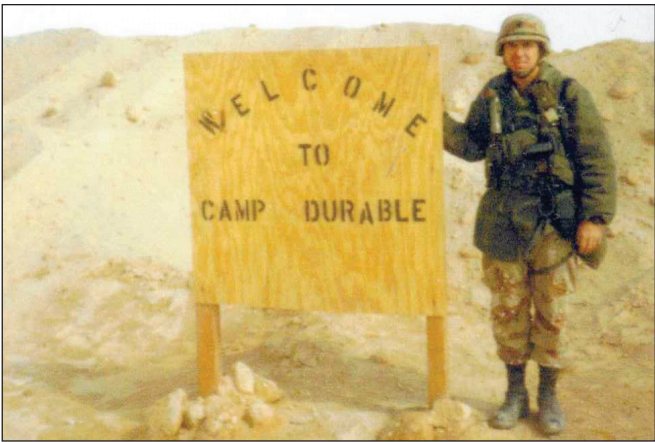


THE FIGHTING FIRST!

Larry Githerman: A ‘Big Red One’ Soldier

By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

A native of Carrollton, Kentucky, Larry Githerman entered Army service through the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps at Eastern Kentucky University. After four years at EKU, he graduated and was commissioned a second lieutenant.



THEN & NOW



After graduation and commissioning, Githerman was assigned to the Army’s Armor Branch. He attended the Basic Armor and Junior Officer Maintenance Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

After training, Githerman received his first assignment to Fort Knox where he was a brigade executive officer from December 1972 to December 1976. From there he left to attend the Armor Officer Advanced Course from December 1976 to July 1977.

Githerman’s next assignment was with an armored cavalry regiment in Fulda, Germany.

“We conducted border surveillance along the border,” he said. “I made captain during this assignment.”

He departed in August 1980 for Fort Knox where he served an instructor at the Armor School Maintenance Department as well as a company commander. While at Fort Knox, Githerman made the Major’s list.

His next assignment took Githerman to the University of Missouri at Kansas City where he was an ROTC instructor for three years.

In 1987, he departed for a one-year tour to South Korea where he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division as the division maintenance officer and supply and services officer.

Githerman’s sixth assignment, which he received in 1988, was his first to Fort Riley. He was assigned to serve as executive officer for 201st Forward Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Inf. Div.

“I came out on the LTC (lieutenant colonel) list during this assignment and became an ordnance officer,” he said.

In 1989, Githerman became the executive officer for the Division Support Command under Col. Robert Shadley.

“I helped take the DISCOM to Desert Storm where we built TAA (tactical assembly area) Roosevelt and, as the division moved, we followed behind shoving supplies forward by ground and air,” Githerman said.

Both he and his unit returned to Fort Riley in 1991 and he remained the executive officer of DISCOM until 1992 when he was assigned to be Commander of the 16th Ordnance Battalion at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He served in this capacity for two years.

From 1994 to 1995, Githerman was assigned to the Personnel Command at the Hoffman Building and served as ordnance and chemical assignment officer where he handled colonel assignments.

From 1995 to 1997 he was a student with the War College Fellowship program at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, at which time he worked on Strategic Planning and Studies, and participated in the annual Prairie Warrior culmination exercise for the Military Officers attending Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies program.

“I was the chief of staff of the Prairie Warrior Planning Group and I made colonel as soon as I arrived at Fort Leavenworth,” Githerman said.

After this assignment, he spent 18 months at the Pentagon in the office of the Department of the Army, deputy chief of staff-logistics as a maintenance policy division chief.

He returned to Fort Riley in 1998, at which time he served as assistant division commander

for support, 24th 1st Inf. Div. Githerman served in this capacity until he retired as a colonel in June 2002. His career spanned 30 years.

He became Director of Logistics, which is now called the Logistics Readiness Center, a position he has held for the past 15 years.

“My wife Kris and I stayed in Junction City because we really like Fort Riley,” Githerman said. “I like being around Soldiers and it is a great way to make a difference working as a civilian with Soldiers.”

The Githerman family includes two daughters, two grandsons and a granddaughter.

“I am also a member of AUSA (Association of the United States Army); Society of the Big Red One and Elks,” he said.

Among his favorite memories are the people in the area.

“Whether military or civilian, (they) are my greatest memory,” he said. “I recall a lot of events but I feel very fortunate to have served in the 1st Infantry Division, the people are the reason. A second memory would be in 1990 when Saddam invaded Kuwait we were in Germany doing a reconnaissance mission because at the time our focus was on the Cold War adversaries. Then four months later we were standing in the deserts of the Middle East. The ability of the 1st Infantry Division and the Soldiers to adapt to a different enemy and environment is commendable. The leadership and the caliber of Soldiers was proven during Desert Storm and today. My last memory is when we came back from Desert Storm. I returned on May 15, which was the 20th Wedding Anniversary of Kris and I and this year we celebrate 46 years.”

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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:

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 closed weekends and federal holidays. This gate will have inbound commercial vehicle lanes only. Although personally owned vehicles will be allowed access, there is no 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 2 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

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 have changed. Until further notice, the Grant Street gate will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed weekends and federal holidays. Hours of 12th Street gate will be 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday only, closed weekends and federal holidays.

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.

TROOPER DRIVE ROAD WORK

Night road work will be performed on Trooper Drive starting at Rifle Range Road to Apennines Drive from 6 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. The work begins Aug. 7 and is expected to continue until Sept. 29.

Irwin Army Community Hospital hosts seminar on time-critical emergencies



A cardiologist with Stormont Vail Health in Topeka presents on the identification and treatment of a potential massive heart attack. Dr. Seshu Rao shares his insights June 16 at a professional development event hosted at Irwin Army Community Hospital in conjunction with Stormont Vail Health and the Health Innovations Network of Kansas.

Story and photo by Jorge Gomez
IACH PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Minutes can make a difference in the successful treatment of heart attacks, stroke or trauma.

That was an important message given as health care providers and nurses from across the Flint Hills region gathered at Irwin Army Community Hospital June 16 to hear the latest information regarding treatments for these critical diagnoses.

The seminar, sponsored by Stormont-Vail Health in Topeka, Kansas, Life Star and the Health Innovations Network Kansas provided an opportunity for the Network and Stormont-Vail Health to provide lifesaving education to the 21 network member facilities with a focus on rural critical access hospitals in the Fort Riley area. IACH is an affiliate HINK member.

Dr. Seshu Rao, a cardiologist with Stormont Vail, presented on the identification and treatment of a massive heart attack, where one of the heart's major arteries is blocked. He provided examples of patients who presented symptoms of chest pain or shortness of breath and how their

electrocardiograms indicated a life-threatening situation.

The challenge lies in identifying a potential heart attack. Heart attacks may be preceded by abnormalities that can be seen on an electrocardiogram but requires careful analysis of the waveforms. Rao illustrated sample cases to share his findings with healthcare workers, specifically for those in emergency departments.

"Time is muscle," Rao said, "the sooner you treat the better the effectiveness of treatment."

Rao emphasized to err on the side of caution and to treat a developing heart attack with clot-busting drugs. Early treatment makes a difference especially to rural residents. Getting the blocked artery re-opened within specific time frames can affect the likelihood of recovery.

Other topics at the seminar included the recognition and management of infection, the assessment of a stroke patient and the latest treatments of traumatic brain injuries.

Col. John Melton, IACH commander, told attendees this was the first of many educational events IACH plans to offer regional partners.

"We have in this forum an opportunity to address regional

healthcare challenges," Melton said. "We can collaborate and establish partnerships that improve the care and services we deliver to patients."

In the last 12 months IACH has engaged 21 organizations to streamline the delivery of care between hospitals; and to improve the educational opportunities of providers and nurses resulting from networking activities.

Hosting the seminar at IACH and Fort Riley presented an opportunity for HINK and Stormont Vail to extend their reach to area and rural communities. Stormont Vail has an interest in educating community hospitals about time-critical diagnosis with the latest information.

"We will continue to leverage our location in the region where rural health centers and community hospitals can gather for professional development and the latest clinical practice guidelines," Melton said.

HINK is a coalition of 21 hospitals in eastern Kansas dedicated to building strategic relationships in order to provide quality, cost-effective health care services to Kansas communities.

New Beginnings for appraisal program

1ST INF. DIV. POST STAFF REPORT

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

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

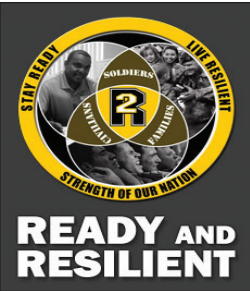
To find out more information, the staff of the 1st Infantry Division Post will publish it as it rolls out and from the frequently asked questions addressed by the team at the DOD Civilian Personnel Advisory Service.

Question and answer for this week:

Q: How has Strategic Workforce Planning contributed to "New Beginnings?"

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

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



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Conference focuses on evolving world of simulation training

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

The world of warfighter simulation training is ever-evolving and recent changes were at the heart of a Hub and Spoke Conference at Fort Riley’s Mission Training Complex July 11 through 13.

The conference was the occasion for the implementation of a Multi-Resolution Federation-Brigade system, a newly enhanced portion of the Army Mission System Command, which provides relevant and integrated training environments for Soldiers from the individual levels to battalions, brigades and divisions across a wide spectrum of capabilities — infantry, artillery, armor and cavalry.

The title of the conference, Hub and Spoke, refers to the arrangement of integrated training complexes in the United States.

According to Randy Ruhl, chief of the Mission Training Complex at Fort Hood, Texas, the hub and spoke concept is the Army approved concept for mission command training.

“We at Fort Hood are a hub for III Corps and we have spokes at Forts Riley, (Fort) Carson (Colorado), Fort Bliss (Texas) and Fort Sill (Oklahoma),” Ruhl said. “The hubs provide centralized contract management, resource management and we are responsible for the training standardization of mission command training across III Corps.”

Small government staffs of five or six Army civilians at each installation oversee the work of approximately 300 contractors, Ruhl said. “So we are government-owned, contract-operated mission training complexes.”

Other hubs, Ruhl said, include XVIII Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the U.S. Army-Pacific in Hawaii, and the U.S. Army-Europe in Grafenwöhr, Germany.

However, he said, “the one at III Corps is by far the largest and the busiest.”

Not coincidentally, Fort Hood is home of the Army’s III Corps. The 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley is part of III Corps which is, in turn, a major formation of the U.S. Forces Command. Other III Corps units include the 1st Cavalry Div. at Fort Hood, the 1st Armored Div. at Fort Bliss, the 4th Inf. Div. at Fort Carson and the 75th Field Artillery Brigade, at Fort Sill, as well

as other units. Thus, the role of Fort Hood’s MTC as the hub in the region is evident.

“It (the hub and spoke concept) is still expensive, but it’s far more cost-effective than (equipping units and sending them into the field),” Ruhl said.

The key to the success of MRF-B and hub and spoke concept, according to Anthony Dokes, modeling and simulation chief for the Fort Riley MTC, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, is “integrated architecture.”

“The AMSC is always evolving,” Dokes said, adding that, even now, as the Army continually adapts to external threats to the nation and changes its emphasis from counter-insurgency fighting to more conventional confrontations, the AMSC is ready to change too.

Dokes also pointed out AMSC uses real-time classified data to build training scenarios that are relevant to Soldiers both on the ground and in the air, as well as leaders directing the missions.

What does all this mean for the warriors training to fight and win?

According to Patrick Lynch, the lead for gaming for Milvets Systems Technology, one of the contractors who implements and manages the system, it means they can occupy computer terminals that present engagement scenarios integrated by the AMSC.

“Based on what they see, Soldiers in forward observer positions can communicate with other assets to call for support,” Lynch said.

The set-up itself, he said, “has been around for about eight years or so, but it gets upgraded all the time. This MRF-B system is really just another piece of the system, but it has been super enhanced. We can train in totally integrated environments.”

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF SYSTEM INTEGRATION?

According to Ruhl, command post staffs are given information that comes from a variety of sources — units that are training live in the field with the HITS and MILES technology, which uses lasers to register action in the field, simulations and gaming and virtual trainer information.

All are combined or integrated into one comprehensive scenario that prepares Soldiers



Patrick Lynch, the lead for gaming for MILVETS Systems Technology, one of the contractors at Fort Riley that implements and manages the Army Mission System Command, demonstrates a Soldier’s station at the Mission Training Complex. The AMSC includes the upgraded Multi-Resolution Federation-Brigade (MRF-B) system highlighted at the Hub and Spoke Conference at Fort Riley’s Mission Training Complex July 11 through 13.

and leadership for possible upcoming conflicts.

It is this same system that helps the 1st Infantry Division Soldiers and visiting units conduct Danger Focus exercises familiar at Fort Riley, Ruhl said.

“We can build exercises where the commander and the staffs really feel they are in theater and they’re are going through the same stressors, the same issues they are going to have while they are deployed,” he said. “We can simulate and stimulate their systems to replicate all of that. So when they complete an exercise, they are wrung-out mentally and physically just like they went through a couple of weeks of real deployment training.”

Ruhl said during Danger Focus command post staffs are constructively fed simulations and they use gaming and virtual trainers also.

“So they can have a brigade, live, a brigade constructive and a brigade in the virtual world,” he said.

Constructive means commanders will see icons on screens and actions are taken using those screen icons. They are not live, nor are they part of the gaming or virtual world.

The integration goes from the commanders of divisions and corps to the individual infantryman on the ground.

“All the individual warrior skills can be evaluated,” said Buddy Hamilton, computer based instructor for MILVETS Systems Technology, and former noncommissioned officer in the Army’s Infantry. “We can find out where they are strong and where they are weak. We can evaluate one person or a crew, and we can evaluate a single vehicle or multiple vehicles. The system’s potential is really untapped. That’s the best way to put it.”

Recycling summit addresses common problems in housing community

By Maria Childs
1ST INF. DIV. POST

A recycling summit was hosted by Chris Otto, recycle and solid waste coordinator for the Directorate of Public Works - Environmental Division, July 12 to address the common issues in the Fort Riley housing areas regarding recycling.

Staff of DPW and Corvias, the on-post housing contractor, brainstormed ways to make recycling easier for residents on post and how to increase the amount of recyclable material as well as decrease the amount of contamination in recycling bins.

Unacceptable material includes used diapers, old tires, medical waste and concertina wire.

Otto said it is not uncommon for residents to place these unacceptable materials in their recycling bins. To properly dispose of these materials, residents should contact the Environmental Division for guidance by calling 785-239-2385.

At the summit, Otto and his team identified several reasons for this including lack of awareness to what products the recycling center will take.

“We can all work together to increase recycling and reduce the contamination,” he said. “We explored a lot of ideas. We are waiting for Corvias to give us input on what we can do.”

About 40 percent of all the materials collected at the Recycling Center are trash. The staff at the center uses a sorting machine that identifies the different materials and places it in respective containers to make them easier to haul off. By placing trash in recycling bins, staff must stop and spend about one-third of their time hand sorting contaminants before running the machine.

“We looked at what is preventing people from recycling,” Otto said. “And we looked at the motivators because things are different here than off post.”

If residents were charged by the pound on trash they dispose of, they would be more likely to recycle to reduce the amount of trash they must pay for and thus save money, as is the case in some off post communities, he said.

Otto said it is a luxury residents have curbside recycling available to them through Corvias. He wants to help educate people about the importance of recycling and sorting contaminants from recyclable material so they do not lose this privilege.

“We are looking for what we can do to make recycling easier for people on post, to increase our recycling and cut down the amount of contamination they get at the recycling center,” he said.

The recycling center accepts paper products like newspapers and cereal boxes, aluminum, plastic and glass, as well as products made of plastic foam — such as takeout containers — electronic waste, wood pallets and cooking oil.

Not all of the products can be disposed of in curbside recycling. Certain items like cooking oil must be disposed of at the Recycling Center building 1980 in Camp Funston or at the 24-hour dropoff sites at the Main Exchange or Post Exchange Mini Mall.

The Environmental Waste Management Center, located down the street from the recycling center, accepts used fuel, used oil, scrap metal, yard leaves, grass clippings and other household hazardous waste products.

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Soldiers, Airmen exercise partnership at Fort Riley

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

“The U.S. military’s strategic advantage is, in part, its ability to overcome the logistics difficulties inherent in projecting forces forward ... The joint force is better served and, more importantly, more ready when the Army can synchronize force projection to deploy our forces effectively, efficiently, and quickly.”
— Gen. Gustave “Gus” Perna, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command

A joint mobility exercise June 10 through 13 involving Soldiers from Companies D and F, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and Airmen of the 61st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, aimed to do that.

The exercise took place at Marshall Army Airfield and included Army assets and the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft the Air Force uses to insert forces into austere locations in actual missions.

According to planning documents for the exercise, Airmen used the opportunity to prepare for deploying aircrew in support of Army operations at overseas locations.

For the Army’s part, Soldiers looked to use sharpen skills using forklifts and other equipment in loading and unloading mission essential equipment such as the tactical air traffic control systems.

Capt. David Talarico, commander of Co. F, said communication between the services was a key training point. Something as mundane as differences in hand signals used by the two services is critical during a real mission,

one in which he said could require his team to follow on the heels of expeditionary forces such as Army infantry units or even a Marine unit.

“This was an opportunity for Soldiers of both Delta and Fox companies to see the differences in hand signals that are used from what we are used to with the Army and what the Air Force uses with their loadmasters,” he said. “So it gives them the opportunity to adjust and learn.”

These events are for asking the questions that mitigate uncertainty, Talarico said.

“It was successful last night (June 10) when one of (the CAB’s) forklift operators actually did stop because he wasn’t sure of the sign of what she (the USAF loadmaster) was giving,” he said. “So we were able to explain to him, ‘hey this is what’s going on. The signals are different and it’s not what you’re used to, but this is what they are looking for when they say that.’” Capt. Kyle Ditonto added, what was done at MAAF was what is done in an actual mission. “I would say that what we are doing (with this exercise) closely resembles what we do in a tactical environment,” he said. “These are the basic operations we need to operate. And, as Capt. Talarico talked about, our loading teams have to be able to communicate properly with the aircrews. And that’s the case whether we are working with C-130s or C-17s (a much larger aircraft). We want to make sure that each team’s intent is being met, that safety is priority, and that we aren’t damaging equipment.” Overall, the exercise went well, Talarico said. “We did pretty well last night. We got several loads put in the aircraft. They (the 61st AS) got good training value for the trainees they brought with them.”



A tactical air traffic control system is loaded onto an aircraft during a joint mobility exercise June 10 through 13 involving Soldiers from D and F Companies, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and Airmen of the 61st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.



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Div. oversaw the training of 100,000 Iraqi Security Force members by more than 9,000 coalition partner forces from more than 20 countries.

In the days leading up to a transfer of authority and relinquishing command of CJFLCC-OIR to the 1st Armored Division out of Fort Bliss, Texas, July 12, the Iraqi government officially announced the defeat of ISIS in Mosul.

“I think it is a very fulfilling emotion,” said Brig. Gen. William Turner, 1st Inf. Div. acting senior commander. “To be able to have a part and to help in the liberation of Mosul, and to be able to restore stability to that area. To be able to allow their citizens to return to their

homes and some sense of normalcy has been very gratifying to us.”

Following the deployment the “Big Red One” Soldiers looked forward to reuniting with their families at long awaited ceremony on the premier military installation in the Flint Hills Region.

“It feels awesome,” said Spc. Logan Allen, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division. “My family has been a great support group as well as my (noncommissioned officers) all the way through the deployment. Getting to come back and see them again, and enjoy a celebration for a successful mission feels pretty good.”

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Sgt. Von Marie Donato | U.S. ARMY

Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, left, commanding general for 1st Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, senior noncommissioned officer for 1st Inf. Div, case their division colors during the transfer of authority ceremony for the Combined Forces Land Component Command - Operation Inherent Resolve in Baghdad, Iraq, July 12. The 1st Inf. Div. transferred authority to the 1st Armored Division after a nine-month deployment in support of CJFLCC-OIR.

1,500 airstrikes targeting nearly 10,000 targets, approximately 350 of which were vehicle-born improvised explosive devices.

“You have all worked tirelessly to set the conditions for successive operations to rid the country of ISIS and their ruthless and tyrannical ideology,” White said. “Joe, your team’s efforts in particular have been keenly instrumental.”

Another part of their mission was to train the ISF. Since January 2015, more than 100,000 Iraqis have been trained by Coalition partners in locations like Taji, Besmaya, and Al Asad.

All of this was done with the help of nearly 9,000 service members from 23 nations.

“We all came from different backgrounds, with different beliefs, ethnic roots and cultural nuances,” Martin said. “However, we all came together as one team, all fused together, seamlessly, to create a cohesive team.”

The “team of teams,” as described by Martin, aided the ISF in liberating Iraq’s second-largest city, Mosul. There, the ISF fought in a tough urban terrain, until eventually surrounding ISIS in the old

city where the ISF finished the fight.

The battle for Mosul started Oct. 17, 2016, a month before the 1st Inf. Div. took command. On Jan. 25, the eastern half of Mosul was secured from ISIS forces. On Feb. 19, the Coalition concentrated their efforts on the western half of the city, completing their mission to liberate Mosul on July 10.

“Our shared commitment allowed us to support our Iraqi partners in the most significant military operation known to modern man,” Martin said. “It united us as we took a stance against an enemy of unparalleled evil. This evil will not triumph.”

The liberation of Mosul coincided with the TOA ceremony. The liberation of Mosul and the ceremony marked the end of the “Fighting First’s” second tour to Iraq. They were the first division to lead CJFLCC-OIR in 2014.

During this recent deployment, the 1st Inf. Div. celebrated their centennial. They are the U.S. Army’s longest-tenured division, serving the nation since its activation in support of World War I in 1917.

“Just like in 1917, when we were introduced on the battlefield as the first American division to see combat in the World War I, the actions of those Soldiers defined how American divisions, regiments and enabling battalions would be employed,” Martin said.

A century later, the 1st Inf. Div., in command of CJFLCC-OIR, partnered with the government of Iraq and the ISF, which includes the Iraqi army, the Iraqi air force, the Counter Terrorism Service, the federal police and the Kurdish Peshmerga.

“Today, we find ourselves on the cutting edge of another military revolution and a dynamic shift in capability,” Martin said. “This headquarters performed its mission as a fully integrated and unified force.”

CJFLCC’s mission extends beyond military operations. It also includes the full range of the Coalition’s national power, including diplomatic, informational, economic, law enforcement and other aspects of national power – all in an effort to eliminate ISIS and help provide security to the people of Iraq.

NEW SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Spc. Jarel Chugg | 19th PAD

Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, center, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, transfers the 1st Inf. Div. chaplain's stole to Chap. (Lt. Col.) Shmuel L. Felzenberg during a change of stole ceremony July 17 at 1st Inf. Div. headquarters. The stole was transferred from Chap. (Lt. Col.) Peter E. Johnson, who served as the previous division chaplain. The change of stole ceremony is used to transfer the role of a unit's spiritual leadership between incoming and outgoing chaplains of a unit.

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‘Durable’ brigade Soldiers participate in Saber Strike

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

Soldiers assigned to the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade have been working in support of Saber Strike from May to June in the Baltic region conducting a joint training mission.

The 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. was responsible for the reception, staging and movement operations while in Lithuania. The 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. staged all of the deploying allied and partner nations to designated exercise locations, said Capt. Kenneth Cummings, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde.

The main objective of this year’s Saber Strike NATO exercise was to enhance the Forward Presence Battle Groups. The exercise stressed the focus on interoperability with Allies and regional partners and improving joint operational capability in a variety of missions. The eFP Battle Groups stationed in Lithuania is part of the commitment by the U.S. and NATO Allies and Partners to deter aggression throughout Europe, Cummings said.

Saber Strike is an ongoing U.S. Army Europe-led cooperative training effort focused on Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. This year’s participants in the exercise include Belgium,

Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and the United Kingdom. The vast and diverse array of countries added to the exercise in more than just a cultural exchange. It provided an opportunity for all countries to conduct interoperability training, share different ways of doing this and continued to build upon the strong NATO foundation, Cummings said.

For one Soldier, Spc. Matthew Fletcher, HHC, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., the mission had a more personal meaning. He said he used some of the time to rediscover his roots during his time in Lithuania.

“I was able to learn about the culture and some of the history,” Fletcher said.

Fletcher got the opportunity to eat with some of the Lithuanian soldiers and they introduced to him some of the local dishes.

“Working with NATO Forces and establishing friendships was what I liked the most,” he said. “And the food was awesome.”

It was not all a cultural lesson for Fletcher, as he provided communications for Klaipeda, the port city, and performed communication maintenance. During this multinational event, he was taught from his Lithuanian counterparts more about the capabilities of his own equipment and theirs.

“It was good to get out there and compare how we things,” Fletcher said.



Members of the Joint Air Delivery Test and Evaluation Unit of the Royal Air Force and Soldiers from 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade load U.S. equipment in preparation for Saber Strike in Lithuania July 14.

During the exercise, some of the training included fueler training, medical training and laundry/shower services exchange. Training was not only done with American allies, but also with the Minnesota Army National Guard. The medical training conducted with the Croatian forces was well received by the Sustainment Brigade Soldiers said Cummings.

This training experience was extremely special for Spc.

Samuel McCord, of HHC, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. He said this was his first time traveling out of the country while serving in the Army.

McCord was able to work with the NATO Force Integration Unit in Lithuania, which include conducting research on the region and briefing the command team and VIPs about situational changes and significant activity that occurred during the exercise.

“I learned about the region and the people and possible scenarios that could happen,” McCord said.

While being in the Baltic region, McCord described his experience as fun and stressed the importance of maintaining a U.S. presence in the region to ensure the countries have the opportunity to grow and continue to stabilize.

Saber Strike demonstrates the United States’ continued commitment to the security

and sovereignty of our allies. There is a common interest among the U.S., its NATO allies, and partners to assert a Europe that is whole, at peace, and prosperous. Future Saber Strike missions will continue strengthen partner capabilities and foster trust. The combined training improves interoperability with NATO allies and regional partners and fosters good will and open communications, Cummings said.

‘Devil’ brigade Soldiers welcome new commander

By Staff Sgt. Warren W. Wright Jr.
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

More than 1,000 Soldiers from across the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, stood on the Cavalry Parade Field and welcomed their new commander during a change of command ceremony July 12.

The ceremony marked the beginning of command for Col. Charles S. Armstrong following his previous assignment as the command center director for the North American Aerospace Defense Command and the U.S. Northern Command.

“This is an important day for the 1st Inf. Div., and more so for the ‘Devil’ brigade, because it signifies the end of an era, with Col. Tim Hayden at the helm, and the advent of the next (era) led by Col. Chuck Armstrong,” said Brig. Gen. William A. Turner, the 1st Inf. Div. acting senior commander. “Col. Chuck Armstrong is absolutely the right man to lead the fine men and women of the 1st brigade to victory.”

The ceremony also officially marked the end of command for Col. Timothy C. Hayden, who served as the Devil brigade’s commander since June 2015.

“To be at this place in time, at our place in history, serving and commanding in the Fighting First in our centennial year, and being able to say that my name’s Hayden and I’m a Big Red One Soldier, is just awesome,” Hayden said. “I’m proud and humbled to do so.”

During his time in command, Hayden led his Soldiers on an extensive train-up that included the brigade’s vigorous Danger Focus exercise before taking the unit to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, for a monthlong exercise that prepared the brigade for their nine-month rotation in South Korea.

While deployed, Hayden successfully led the brigade on multiple joint and combined exercises with multiple

military units from both the U.S. and South Korea, greatly increasing the readiness of forces south of the Korean Demilitarized Zone in defense of the Korean peninsula.

“While there, we trained daily to hone readiness and live by the motto of ‘Fight Tonight,’” Hayden said. “I have no doubt in my mind that each and every Devil Soldier is ready to do that, and more.”

While bidding farewell to his Soldiers on the field, Hayden took the time to thank the families and the local community for their support of the brigade and its Soldiers.

“You are just the most incredible community in the world,” he said. “Your honest, midwestern love of nation and support to our troops have given us the greatest gift — a place we can call home.”

The change of command comes just a couple of weeks after the entire brigade returned from their Korean deployment. The ceremony also gave Hayden the opportunity to uncuse the brigade’s colors, symbolizing the official end of the unit’s Korea mission.

Hayden officially relinquished command of the brigade as he passed on the unit’s colors to Turner who then passed the colors on to Armstrong, signifying the start of Armstrong’s command.

“(I) look forward to serving alongside you as we continue to train and remain ready to accomplish any mission, anywhere, at any time,” Armstrong said. “I remain resolute in my conviction that together we will be able to ensure that the legacy of excellence, earned by those who came before use, will continue under our watch.”

The ceremony concluded with a pass and review of the Devil brigade Soldiers followed by a cavalry charge on horseback by Soldiers from the Commanding General’s Mounted Color Guard dressed in period cavalry uniforms, honoring the post’s cavalry history.



Spc. Elizabeth Payne | 19th PAD
Col. Timothy C. Hayden, right, the outgoing commander of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Brig. Gen. William A. Turner, left, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley acting senior commander, and Col. Charles S. Armstrong, the incoming commander of the 1st ABCT, conduct an inspection of the troops during a change of command ceremony at the Cavalry Parade Field July 12.

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Through highs, lows, police vigilance keeps Fort Riley safe



Lt. Casey Sparks, watch commander with the Fort Riley Police Department, radios in a license plate number to a vehicle he has pulled over for speeding July 13 at the Ogden, Kansas, gate. During his patrol, Sparks checks in with the military police stationed at the gates, responds to calls, handles traffic violations, scours the area for anything outside the ordinary and more.

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

Lt. Casey Sparks, watch commander with the Fort Riley Police Department, likes to keep the windows rolled down on his patrol car to hear the community around him. He said it lets him hear what he cannot see from the road.

During his patrol, he visits the gates to check in on the military police performing overwatch. He verifies all is well, finds out if they need anything and jokes with them a bit, trying to keep them in good spirits.

“I usually go around and check in on all the gates,” he said, “If one of my guys is on a call, I’ll go out and check on them.”

He’s been an officer for 24 years now, 12 of which he has spent at Fort Riley. In that time, he has learned what to look for to prevent or intervene, a skill he cannot quite describe to another, something he describes as an instinct or, “you know it when you see it.”

“If you drive around your area enough, you know what’s supposed to be there and what’s not supposed to be there,” he said. “People that just look out of place, or damage, like if a window is broken out of a car, most cars don’t have broken windows, so that’s something worth looking into.”

He has also learned to try and make every encounter with someone a positive one, regardless of the circumstance.

“When you have an encounter with somebody, it could be the worst day of their life,” he said. “To you, it’s something you encounter every day, but to them it’s the worst day of their life and if you could make a positive impact on anybody, whether you’re arresting them or giving them a ticket, and treat them how you want to be treated, that’s a positive ... You treat everybody with dignity and respect and if it’s a positive encounter, OK. If everyone goes home happy and safe, that’s a positive encounter.”

On July 13, he’d just finished talking with the MPs on overwatch at the 12th Street Gate at Camp Funston. He drove down the road, making his way toward the Ogden, Kansas, Gate when a call came in over the radio. A suicide note was found on a Soldier’s barracks room door. After a brief exchange with the dispatcher and other police through the radio, he switched the lights and sirens on. He accelerated the vehicle, rapidly speeding up from the 35 mph he was doing and only slowing for sharp turns and cautionary glances at traffic lights. Shortly before arriving at the barracks, he silenced the sirens to avoiding tipping the Soldier off of his arrival.

As a group, he and several other officers and MPs entered the Soldier’s room, finding him

missing. A search began. The Soldier’s vehicle was still in the parking lot and phone calls to friends, family members, and the neighboring Junction City, Kansas, Police Department tell them he may not have left the installation.

Military Police search the Warrior Zone, a favorite hangout spot of the Soldier, his girlfriend said, as well as neighboring facilities.

Sparks drove out of the area, scanning sidewalks and remaining in communication with fellow police — no one has located the Soldier yet. Suddenly, Sparks jerks his vehicle to the side of the road, rapidly throwing it in park and leapt out.

“What are you doing?” he called out to a Soldier passing by. “Get over here.”

The Soldier obeys, meeting him near the patrol car and Sparks announces over the radio he’s located the missing Soldier — unharmed and safe — about 45 minutes after the initial call came through.

After the Soldier is returned to his unit, Sparks resumed his regular patrol, scanning the area, making contact with people who appear out of place and giving a few warnings to people caught speeding.

“I feel tired now,” he said. “From all that adrenaline.”

The rush to locate the Soldier had him at a high, but once it was over, it brought him to an energy low. He said his days are filled with bursts of adrenaline followed by lows once the situation is handled — it’s something that will happen multiple times in a single shift.

When responding to calls, he said his general approach is the same, but as he arrives at the scene, his demeanor changes. He keeps his eyes open and treats everything as if it’s the first time he’s encountered it. This helps him avoid missing important details and reduces the risk to him and those present.

“Each (response to a) call is basically the same, but it’s unique in each of its own aspects,” Sparks said. “You have certain ways you want to approach the house ... Try and keep an open mind with everything and don’t get tunnel vision because I’ve had cases where you get called there for a theft and you end up discovering child abuse.”

For all of his calls, he said active listening skills are crucial, as is being able to read between the lines to determine if the problem is really what the person is relaying to him or if there is something deeper behind it.

“People sometimes just want to be heard,” Sparks said. “They want somebody to hear their problem.”

At the end of his shift, he goes home knowing he has continued to work toward his goal, “to help people,” Sparks said.



I love exposing the children to animals and trying new stuff, meeting new people and being around other people.

DAYNI PADILLA | MILITARY SPOUSE



Frank the Belgian Draft Horse receives from touches and giggles from Maddox Dash Feider, 19 months, son of 1st Sgt. Pete Feider, Warrior Transition Battalion, at the Special Needs Rodeo in Junction City 4-H Center, July 15. The event was organized by staff and volunteers of the Exceptional Family Member Program at Army Community Services Fort Riley, Junction City Rodeo Association and the Junction City Breakfast Optimist Club.

UNBRIDLED FUN

Special Needs Rodeo shows kids 'cowboy way'

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

Family and friends of special needs children gathered at Junction City 4-H Center to participate in Fort Riley Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program Special Needs Rodeo July 15.

The event was a collaboration between the EFMP in Fort Riley, Junction City Rodeo Association and Junction City Breakfast Optimist Club. Escorted by their own cowboy or cowgirl, the children who attended enjoyed a ride with a Rodeo Queen candidate, rode bucking bulls and lassoed steers Saturday morning.

The bulls were not animals, but hay bales fashioned into bulls. These pretend bulls were then rocked back and forth gently by event volunteers. The lasso steers were stacks of hay bales with fake heads.

Laurie McCauley, EFMP manager, said the goal was to recognize the special needs of the program's family members.

"Siblings are able to participate and that's what we want," McCauley said. "It's an opportunity for families to kind of network and talk with one another."

She added an event of this nature and magnitude allows military families to get a taste of the local culture and get up close with horses. The special needs rodeo shows EFMP families they are not alone.

Daryl Blocker, president of the JCRA, has been collaborating with McCauley for several years. Blocker has been president of the organization for 12 years, but involved in the association for 14.

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Right: Jose Padilla and his younger brother Joel, sons of 1st Sgt. Jose Padilla, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, shares a gentle touch with a horse at the Special Needs Rodeo in Junction City July 15. The brothers are enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program at Army Community Services on Fort Riley.

A TEAM EFFORT

The Fort Riley Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program Special Needs Rodeo, July 15, was a collaboration between the EFMP in Fort Riley, Junction City Rodeo Association and Junction City Breakfast Optimist Club.

MORE ONLINE

- **Exceptional Family Member Program:** <http://iach.amedd.army.mil/efmp.html>
- **Junction City Rodeo Association:** www.facebook.com/JUNCTION-CITY-RODEO-ASSOCIATION-295402663214/
- **Junction City Breakfast Optimist Club:** www.optimist.org/ClubDetail.cfm?club=37105



Artifacts that belong to Maj. Gen. Terry Allen Sr., commander of the 1st Infantry Division during the invasion of North Africa and Sicily in World War II, will be part of a 2,800 square foot exhibit opening Aug. 25 at the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, Kansas.

'Big Red One' history displayed

Flint Hills Discovery Center gets assist with division exhibition

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

In about a month, the complete history of the "Big Red One" will be on display at the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, Kansas.

Robert Smith, director of the Fort Riley museum division, has been partnering with staff of the FHDC to create the exhibit, which will fill the 2,800 square foot second floor of the center. He put in transfer requests for artifacts, which were granted by military museums from across the country.

"This project has been in the works for about a year and a half," Smith said. "One of my goals is to work with other institutions like the Eisenhower Library, the Beech Museum of Art and the Flint Hills Discovery Center. We're out to hit the widest audience to tell the Army and the 1st Infantry Division's story."

This will be the third time Smith and his team have partnered with the FHDC for an exhibit. The 100th anniversary exhibit will include profiles of six Soldiers throughout the history of the division including the Soldier who fired the first American artillery round during World War I and a former commanding general.

"We're going to highlight some brand-new artifacts that we just received," he said.

Smith said through the Center of Military History, museum directors can request a transfer of artifacts that are not on display at another military museum. Through this connection, Smith was able to obtain Maj. Gen. Terry Allen's dog tags, combat helmet, pistol belts and his major general's flag.

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Kids see science in action at Fort Riley

Manhattan STARBASE students get early look at military careers

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

More than 30 fourth- to sixth-grade students with the Department of Defense STARBASE Manhattan, Kansas, Young Engineers Academy toured facilities on Marshall Army Airfield July 14.

The students toured the Gray Eagle unmanned aerial

system hangar and observed robotics used by Explosives Ordnance Disposal technicians. After a quick lunch, the children toured the Air Traffic Control Tower and tried out the UH-60 Black Hawk and CH-47 Chinook flight simulators.

Volunteers and teachers traveling with the students hope to increase their interest in science, technology, engineers and mathematics, as well as show them different careers in those fields available in the military, said Becky Catlin, director of Manhattan STARBASE, formerly known as Science and Technology

Academies Reinforcing Basic Aviation and Space Exploration.

"They're exploring careers in the military and in engineering," she said. "We are the Young Engineers Academy and it's a summer outreach program. STARBASE is a Department of Defense outreach program and during the school year, we have a national curriculum that we follow, but during the summer, we have outreach program."

The weeklong outreach program Young Engineers Academy is one of several outreach programs available

in the summer. Each program and STARBASE as a whole is designed to show kids potential futures in the STEM fields before others can influence them and steer them away from those subjects, Catlin said.

"It's an age where students are still trying to find their niche of where they'd might like to like to maybe go some day without outside influence and we're trying to spark an interest in them," she said.

This year was the third year STARBASE students toured Fort Riley facilities, Catlin said.

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Fourth- to sixth-grade students enrolled in the Department of Defense STARBASE Manhattan, Kansas, Young Engineers Academy crowd around one of the flight simulators at Marshall Army Airfield to watch their peers pilot July 14. More than 30 students toured facilities on Fort Riley to learn more about engineering, robotics and careers in those fields available through the military.

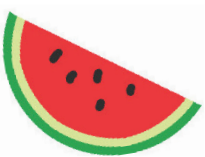
FORT RILEY POST-ITS

POST LIBRARY WATERMELON SOCIAL

Enjoy fresh watermelon during the Watermelon Social July 22 at the Fort Riley Post Library.

The free event will also have lemonade, a bounce house, outdoor games and more.

For more information, call 785-239-5305.



10-5-2 PRAIRIE RUN

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts the 10-5-2 Prairie Run July 22 from 6 to 9 a.m. with three courses to choose from: 2, 5 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.

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.



COMMUNITY LIFE SOFTBALL LEAGUE

A co-ed softball league is open to all Department of Defense ID 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.

For more information, call 785-239-2813.



INFORMATIONAL EDUCATION FAIR

Fort Riley Education Services is hosting an informational education fair Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center, 446 Seitz Drive.

Meet with representatives from national colleges and Flint Hills regional colleges and universities. Representatives will provide information about the classes and programs they have available.

The fair is open to service members, their dependents, veterans, retirees, all Department of Defense ID holders and community members.

For more information, call 785-239-6481.

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 each. A minimum purchase of 25 tickets is required.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit victoryfest2017.com.



RILEY'S CONFERENCE CENTER LUNCH

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. There is also a salad bar option for \$5.95.

For more information, call 785-784-1000.

USO NO DOUGH DINNER

USO Fort Riley is hosting a No Dough Dinner July 31 at The Culinary Lab, 251 Cameron Avenue from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The No Dough Dinner is a free dinner to active-duty military and their families.

Build your own taco bar and enjoy the air conditioning during this hot summer. Reservations are suggested for planning purposes.

For more information, call 785-240-5326

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK LANE

Certified child passenger seat technicians will teach how to ensure your child is riding safely. Technicians can assist with installations and inspections.

No appointment is needed and parents are encouraged to bring their children. The checklane will be Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rally Point.

For more information, call 785-239-3391.



FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

Friday, July 21
Wonder Woman (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 22
Cars 3 (G) 2 p.m.
The Book of Henry (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 23
The Beguiled (R) 5 p.m.

Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing

For more information, call 785-239-9574.

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



AQUA ZUMBA CLASS

Looking for a new workout? Check out Aqua Zumba at Custer Hill Aquatic Park. Aqua Zumba blends the Zumba philosophy with water resistance for a high-energy, low-impact workout.

Classes are held at 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. View the schedule on the aquatics page at riley.armymwr.com/us/riley/programs/aquatics.

The cost is \$3 per class or \$25 for a 10-class pass.

For more information, call 785-239-5860.

AUSTIN BLUES BBQ OPENING

Austin Blues BBQ will host a grand opening celebration July 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the BRO Express, building 6914. There will be a ribbon cutting, barbecue eating contest, bean bag toss and much more.



SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY

Corvias will host a Solar Eclipse Viewing Part Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Colyer Forsyth Community Center, 22900 Hitching Post Road. Viewing glasses and free snacks will be available.

The event is free and open to all Corvias on-post residents. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No pets are allowed.

BUILDING CLOSED

Building 210 on Custer Avenue is now closed. All Directorate of Human Resources offices from that building are now in buildings 215 and 217.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Cool down when dealing with stress, anger

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

As we enter the “Dog Days of Summer,” keeping your cool is more important than ever. I’m not only talking about preventing heat-related injuries, I’m also talking about handling anger well.

Military life can get frustrating at times and it may seem hard to control, but everyone needs to find an outlet to relieve the buildup of stress. Anger and stress are normal human emotions — but there are constructive and productive ways to relieve, minimize and even prevent stress.

The most important thing to understand about anger is

that there’s a difference between feeling anger and expressing anger. You can’t always control when you’re going to feel angry, but you can control how you handle it.

Most of us express anger in three ways — we hold it in, let it all out or become defensive. The healthiest way to express anger is to be assertive, not aggressive. People who have a problem with anger usually don’t know how to express it in appropriate and constructive ways.

If you feel angry much of the time, become angry over

small daily inconveniences, remain angry for extended periods or your anger is harming your work or home relationships, you need to seek resources to learn coping skills for anger and stress levels. When you do, you’ll find that you’re better at solving problems, and your interactions with those around you are more positive and satisfying, actually helping to reduce future stress or anger.

You may need help to identify the triggers and learn coping skills. Thankfully, there are a number of great resources at your fingertips right here at Fort Riley — Army Community Service, chaplains and behavioral health services. If you prefer to do some research online, militaryonesource.mil has articles on

anger and stress management. Also, the Department of Veterans Affairs has an online training course available for anger and irritability management skills at www.veterantraining.va.gov/aims/index.asp.

Reducing stress and anger helps us focus on the important things in life and makes us more mission ready. Recognizing stressors, finding ways to react or control those stressors, is the first step to staying cool this summer ... and yearround.

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



Colonel Lawrence



Jose Padilla, son of 1st Sgt. Jose Padilla, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, pets one of the horses at the Special Needs Rodeo July 15 in Junction City.

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“It gives (the kids) an opportunity to see what we do on a daily basis,” Blocker said. “It gives them the cowboy way of life.”

Some of the participants have never been around horses or rodeos.

Blocker said he hopes the families who attended the event enjoyed themselves despite the sweltering weather, though he said cowboys

are used to working in the scorching summer heat.

“We provide them hamburgers, hotdogs, they get toys, a rope and ride horses,” he said.

Dayni Padilla, wife of 1st Sgt. Jose Padilla, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and her family have just moved to Fort Riley and two of her sons, Jose

and Joel, are in the program. She said EFMP is extremely beneficial because it not only benefits her children with special needs, but it gets everyone else in the family involved.

“I love exposing the children to animals and trying new stuff, meeting new people and being around other people,” Padilla said.

“In other states, (Jose) actually volunteered in the animal

shelter starting at 9 years old,” Padilla said. “So he’s always been in touch with animals and we’d like to keep up with that everywhere we go.”

Padilla added the EFMP staff is great at reaching out and having these special activities to share as a family.

“I really appreciate it; and every time I move, I always make sure I know the faces and introduce myself,” she said.

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WORSHIP

Protestant Services

Victory Chapel	239-0834
Contemporary Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship.....	1100
Children's Church.....	1115-1215
Morris Hill Chapel	239-2799
Gospel Protestant Service	
Sunday School.....	0900
Sunday Worship.....	1100
Main Post Chapel	239-0834
Traditional Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship.....	1030

Catholic Services

Victory Chapel	239-0834
Sunday Mass.....	0845
Sunday Catechism.....	1000
Saint Mary's Chapel	239-0834
Saturday's Vigil Mass.....	1630
Sunday Mass.....	1200
Mid-day Mass- Mon., Wed., & Fri.....	1200
Tuesday & Thursday Mass.....	1800
IACH Chapel	239-7872
Mid-day Mass- Tue. & Thur.	1200

Buddhist Service

Normandy Chapel	239-2665
Sunday	1430
Meditation Practice- Mon- Fri.....	1230

Open Circle Service

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

Wednesday Night Family Night

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

Club Beyond - Faith Based Youth Program

Grades 6th - 12th, Meets Sundays

MS Youth-1530-1700 at Morris Hill Chapel

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

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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

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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



Capt. Michael Pagano, left, a dentist with Dental Command, and Maricel Gibson, right, dental assistant, perform a routine exam on Sgt. Haksung Noh, DENTAC, at Dental Clinic 4 July 11. The American Red Cross and Fort Riley dental clinics have teamed up to offer a free dental assistant training program, which is currently accepting applications through July 31.

Free training at post dental clinics

Fort Riley, Red Cross career training runs Sept. 11 to March

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

The American Red Cross and Fort Riley dental clinics have teamed up to offer a free dental assistant training program. The program will begin Sept. 11 and run through March 2018. Students receive 800 hours of training, 80 of which will be in a classroom and 720 will be hands-on experience working alongside dentists and specialists. “The dental program is a free training program that allows active-duty members, veterans and those who have

“The dental program is a free training program that allows active-duty members, veterans and those who have a DOD (Department of Defense) ID to be able to participate in this program.”

REBECCA ESTRELLA | REGIONAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST, RED CROSS AT FORT RILEY

a DOD (Department of Defense) ID to be able to participate in this program,” said Rebecca Estrella, regional programs specialist for the American Red Cross at Fort Riley. “It’s six months long and they are able to get hands-on training to become a dental assistant.” Students will attend class eight hours a day Monday through Friday and work with dentists in clinics across the installation, said Capt. Michael Pagano, DENTAC.

As Fort Riley has multiple dental clinics and varying specialists within them, students will receive diverse training they could not get in a dental program elsewhere, he said. Additionally, as the program is free, it can save them anywhere from \$8,000 to \$15,000 in tuition. “It’s a huge value that we’re going to be providing,” Pagano said. Following their completion of the program, students will be eligible to apply for

jobs at on-post dental clinics and at offices in the surrounding communities. The training also can lead to a career “they can take with them wherever they go,” Estrella said. Maricel Gibson, dental assistant at Dental Clinic 4, went through the program and said the experience she had was far greater than anything that can be found outside the military. “I loved it,” she said. “You get such a diversity of views and experiences, you’ll never get bored.” Space is limited for the class. To apply to the program, pick up an application at Grimes Hall, 510 Huebner Road; Dental Clinic 4, 4010 1st Division Road; or email Estrella at rebecca.estrella2@red-cross.org. Applications must be submitted by July 31 at 5:30 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of July 18 was: Where can I learn about this year’s 10-5-2 Prairie Run and how to register?

Answers: www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Calendar/ModuleID/634/ItemID/445/mct/EventDetails/

This week’s winner is Rachel Davis, whose spouse is Sgt. 1st Class James Davis, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Pictured above are Rachel and James Davis.

CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL!

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“They are such important pieces to history of the division,” he said. During the exhibit, there will be a children’s obstacle course available that will be interactive with the World War I era division mascot, Rags. “He actually learned to salute,” said Capt. Robert Cogen, who works with Smith at the museum. “Because of the high pitch he could hear shells coming in before the impact so in the trenches he would drop down and that’s how the Soldiers knew there was incoming fire, they saw Rags.” According to Susan Adams, the director of the FHDC, Rags will be a key component in the children’s area. “He’s going to walk kids through the obstacle course and encourages them to go over a wall and go on the balance beam to simulate what Soldiers would do to get ready for war,” she said. “It’s something for kids to get engaged in and the Rags component makes it more fun and interactive.” The exhibit is expected to open Aug. 26 and will be on display until Jan. 14. For more information, visit www.flint-hillsdiscovery.org.

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“We have such a great partnership with Fort Riley and we love coming here,” she said. “They’ve enjoyed all of it. Several have said, ‘oh, I’d like to have a job like that.’” Kamper Schlereth, son of Staff Sgt. James Schlereth, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, said he loves engineering and enjoyed the robotics, but the flight simulators were his favorite part of the tour. Schlereth, Colton Skaggs, whose mother is in the Air Force, said he also loved the simulators and robotics, but his favorite part of the tour was seeing “the tower where they control the movements of the aircraft — the takeoff and the flight.” Skaggs said this was his first time participating in a STARBASE program, but he was enjoying it.

“STARBASE is actually really great for anyone who wants to learn about robotics, engineering — anything that has to do with engineering or the Department of Defense in general,” he said. The STARBASE program is free and open to military and civilian children, Catlin said, to give every child the opportunity to advance. “In our nation, we want to be leading and guiding the pathway of new discoveries, and science, technology and math will get us that,” she said. As the tour concluded for the day, the kids laughed and loudly spoke of their experiences, some exaggerating the drama of their time on the flight simulators, others bragging about how long they stayed in the air and some boasting how quickly they crashed.





Season Osterfeld | POST Colton Skaggs, whose mother is in the Air Force, pilots one of the flight simulators at Marshall Army Airfield July 14. Skaggs, along with thirty-three other fourth to sixth grade students was enrolled in Department of Defense STARBASE Manhattan, Kansas, Young Engineers Academy one-week long summer outreach program and who toured Fort Riley.

Overall, the tour was a huge success with the students and she looks forward to bringing another group back next year, Catlin said.

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Suet Lee-Growney | POST

ABOVE: Jordyn McGraw, 4, daughter of Spc. Brandon McGraw, Company E, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, tries her hardest to finish her chocolate ice cream during the National Ice Cream Day ice cream eating competition at Custer Hill Bowling Alley July 15. ABOVE RIGHT: Jackson McGraw, 3, Jordyn's younger brother, savors his cotton candy flavored ice cream during the ice cream eating competition at Custer Hill Bowling Center. RIGHT: Angelina Browning, 14, daughter of Staff Sgt. Julie Browning, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, ditches the spoon for her hands as a more efficient method of consuming ice cream during the ice cream eating competition.

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Farmers Markets



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

Vendors display vibrant produce during the Downtown Farmers Market every Saturday morning in Manhattan. Manhattan's weekday market is in CiCo Park in the gravel parking area off Kimball Avenue. It is open every Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. and from April to the end of October. During the winter months from November to April, the CiCo Park farmers market operates inside Pottorf Hall at 1710 Avery Ave.

Lettuce turnip the beet this summer with local produce from farmers markets in the area.

For those unfamiliar with the farmers market concept, it is a market where farmers can sell their goods directly to consumers without the intersection of the middle person or distributor.

During the warmer months of June through September, the Geary Community Hospital Farmers Market in Junction City opens every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Geary Community Hospital front parking lot. Booth set up begins at 3:30 p.m. on market days and vendors are knowledgeable on their products.

In addition to the local offerings sold at the booths, cooking demonstrations by Geary County Extension are presented on a monthly basis. Unlike some other markets, it does not offer non-food items such as crafts, manufactured goods or live animals. Junction City's farmers market accepts Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Electronic Benefit Transfer benefits through Live Well Geary County.

One of the oldest farmers market in the Kansas is in Manhattan. The Downtown Farmers Market of Manhattan offers tasty treats, local produce, artisanal crafts, homegrown meat, fresh flowers, herbs and more. They, too, offer SNAP and EBT incentives and accept

Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program coupons.

In the summer months, there are two market days in different parts of town. The larger exposition is Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. from April 15 through the end of October. It is located at Third and Leavenworth Street across from the Dillard's parking lot.

Manhattan's weekday market is in CiCo Park in the gravel parking area off Kimball Avenue. It is open every Wednesday at 4 to 7 p.m. and available only from April to the end of October. During the winter months from November to April, the CiCo Park farmers market operates inside Pottorf Hall at 1710 Avery Ave.

If a drive west of Interstate 70 is already in the works, Abilene Farmers Market and Salina Farmers Market are worth a visit. The Abilene market is available from May to October and is opened twice a week on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 to 11 a.m. It is about 30 miles from Fort Riley at the Abilene Civic Center at the corner of East First Street and South Buckeye Avenue.

The Salina Farmers Market has a plethora of fruits, vegetables, beef, chicken, pork, lamb, eggs, herbs, soaps and baked goods offered in a fun environment. There is also live music during market hours. Located at 460 S Ohio St., the market is only open Saturdays from 7:30 to 11 a.m. from May until the second weekend of October.



FILE PHOTO
Farm-fresh garden produce is the order of the day at any of the Farmers Markets in this region of Kansas. One of the oldest Kansas farmers markets is in Manhattan. The Downtown Farmers Market of Manhattan offers tasty treats, local produce, artisanal crafts, homegrown meat, fresh flowers, herbs and more. During the summer months, there is a market on Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a weekday market is in CiCo Park in the gravel parking area off Kimball Avenue.

FILE PHOTO
Vendors display a variety of farm-fresh produce and homemade products at the Manhattan Downtown Farmers Market. In the summer months, there are two market days in different parts of town. The larger market is Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. from April to the end of October. It is located at Third and Leavenworth Street. They offer Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Electronic Benefit Transfer incentives and accept Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program coupons.



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Spc. Shell, a Fort Riley box turtle, checks out homemade cookies at the Abilene Farmers Market. The Abilene market is available from May to October and is opened twice a week on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 to 11 a.m. It is held at the Abilene Civic Center at the corner of East First Street and South Buckeye Avenue.