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Cpl. Devin Harward, a cavalry scout with 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, greets members of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division July 27 as they tour Fort Riley. The visit provided an opportunity to visit with active-duty Soldiers on Fort Riley and see both the differences and similarities that exist in today's Army and those of years past.

History in the Making

Society of the 1st Infantry Division celebrates 98 years, visits Fort Riley as part of reunion

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis
19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

More than 250 veterans and their families from the Society of the 1st Infantry Division received a tour of Fort Riley and visited with active-duty Soldiers from the division July 27.

The visit coincided with the 98th reunion of the society, which is hosted annually. This year, Kansas City was chosen for the venue due to the proximity to Fort Riley and the fact the division celebrated its 100th anniversary this year.

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K. PAUL LEGRICE | 'BIG RED ONE' VIETNAM VETERAN

can do something great for your country," said Cpl. Devin Harward, a cavalry scout with 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

The group began at the division headquarters, where the veterans received a tour of the headquarters building and Victory Park, located just outside. The tour continued to the Cantigny Dining Facility, where division Soldiers, old and new, mingled, ate and laughed together.

K. Paul LeGrice, a company commander with 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, during Vietnam, was one of many veterans who spoke of their appreciation of the experience.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Pfc. Samantha Carrillo of Company B, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, became the first enlisted female Soldier to graduate from the Urban Mobility Breachers Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. She and four other Soldiers from the "Dagger" brigade graduated June 30.

Division Soldiers stand out

'Dagger' brigade Soldier chinks up Army first, brings needed skills to her team

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Soldiers of the "Dagger" brigade became sharper with the June 30 graduation from the Urban Mobility Breachers Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The five Soldiers are from Company B, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and one of the five, Pfc. Samantha Carrillo, became the first enlisted female to graduate from the course.

The course is usually reserved for Soldiers in the minimum grade of specialist. Carrillo needed a waiver from her unit to attend.

Enroute to her graduation, Carrillo also earned the Sapper Spirit Award, an honor that came from her fellow Soldiers in the class.

The training provided Carrillo and her fellow graduates, as well as Company B, the ability to gain entry into buildings, a skill set essential to Soldiers operating in an urban environment.

According to Capt. Joseph J. Codichini, commander of Co. B, 82nd Eng. Bn. 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.,

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'Big Red One' veteran to be posthumously presented awards

By Chad L. Simon
1ST INFANTRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Soldier's chest and shoulders act as their resume when in dress uniform. Sgt. Keith N. Lacey's resume will be updated posthumously Aug. 5 during a ceremony at Fort Carson, Colorado, for the former 1st Infantry Division Soldier.

Lacey will be awarded 11 citations from his service as a machine gun team member with Company M in the 16th Infantry Regiment of the "Big Red One" from May 1917 through his discharge in July 1919, as well as a Big Red One patch he did not receive upon his

discharge. Most notable, Lacey will receive the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his actions from the German Spring Offensive through the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

According to retired Air Force Lt. Col. Keith N. Lacey II, his father spent 222 active days on the front lines during the five major offensives of the war. In May 1918, Lacey was on the front lines when the Germans launched a gas attack against U.S. forces in an attempt to break the will of the still relatively new troops. Following the attack, medics diagnosed Lacey not with gas exposure, but with chronic bronchitis. He carried on in

a weakened state for 10 months until he was put on temporary duty with the American Expedition Forces University in Beaune Cote D'Or, France, according to his son.

As the war ended, Lacey was not transferred back to the 1st Inf. Div. to share in the grand parades thrown for the victors of The Great War, but was ordered to Camp Sherman, Ohio, for his immediate discharge. Lacey arrived on U.S. soil July 1, 1919, according to his son, and was discharged July 12.

Lacey's son said he feels Camp Sherman was not prepared to discharge a lone sergeant from the 16th Inf. Regt. In turn, the elder Lacey was

given the rank insignia of the 28th Inf. Reg. and no 1st. Inf. Div. patch. He also said his father wanted to get the discharge process over as fast as possible. Because Lacey had no accompanying records with him at the time of his discharge, he was not awarded the medals he earned.

"What is puzzling and very disappointing is that the discharge officer did not sufficiently probe why this 1st Inf. Div. sergeant that had seen more battles than almost all other Soldiers being discharged at Camp Sherman, was by himself," Lacey II said. "Why was this single (noncommissioned officer) with all his combat experience

sent home individually instead of returning with the 1st Inf. Div.?

"The real answer was that this NCO was physically unfit for duty. The answer to this question is much more complicated: because medical science of chemical warfare was woefully inadequate and behind the battlefield experience of the United States WWI Soldiers and Marines."

Due to Lacey's discharge process, he rarely wore his uniform, even though he was active in Memorial Day activities in Fountain, Colorado. He was the only veteran who never

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FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Retired Sgt. Liza Bacon volunteered in the front general area of the Arts and Crafts Center answering phones, assisting customers, cleaning and giving guidance about classes. She is instrumental in making sure customers are being taken care of.

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

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Improving civilian workforce through leadership, skills training

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

The Leader and Workforce Development Program at Fort Riley received a new manager and with her, new ideas to improve the resources available to Installation Management Command employees.

“What the workforce development program is to help IMCOM civilian employees and tenant organizations, as they are often included, develop themselves professionally either by soft skills classes or on demand classes or the Civilian Leader Development program we have on Fort Riley — CLDP — or the Flint Hills

Regional Leadership Program that is through the community,” said Leza Chryssovergis, Leader and Workforce Development Program manager, Department of Human Resources.

Chryssovergis became the program manager in May and has been quick to locate free and online resources to help general schedule employees increase, improve or refresh their work and interpersonal skills.

Within those classes and resources, civilian employees can work on writing skills, communication, effective listening, critical thinking, strategic planning, problem solving and more.

“We’re trying to help them develop their skills to become

better leaders,” Chryssovergis said. “We can all become a leader.”

One of the biggest hurdles the program faces are budget cuts, which have impacted organizations and programs across IMCOM, said Kenneth Steggeman, director of DHR. However, Chryssovergis has been overcoming these issues by putting more focus on free articles, classes, information pieces and more. She also has a library of more than 100 professional books available for check out in her office at 217 Custer Ave., room 113.

“I think it’s a good program,” Steggeman said. “It continues to evolve, especially

as the Army keeps cutting back on the civilian workforce, cutting back on money and the resources available, it makes it more important that we try to provide as much professional development for all of our folks that doesn’t take away from their jobs and still allows them to expand and move up.”

The online classes and resources can be found on the DHR Sharepoint or through the ESPRIT site, which users can access by clicking on the ESPRIT program icon on their computer desktop. Some of the courses available online are for credit, while others are informational only.

Steggeman said the online courses help relieve problems when it comes to getting civilian employees enrolled in classes that may take them out of the office for a week or more, as well as the associated travel costs.

“For employees to find time to go away for two weeks, three weeks, four weeks — it’s a problem, so what we try to do with our CLDP is provide locally some of those kinds of training and we look more and more for the online things with no cost to the employees,” he said.

Since taking over the position, Chryssovergis said she has been motivated to push out as much information about available speakers, classes and resources. She sends out regular emails to as many people as she can and attends regular meetings with handouts to give to everyone in attendance.

“My feeling is this — I know I send out a lot of emails, but there’s so many opportunities and sometimes people are like

‘I don’t know about anything. I don’t know how to develop myself,’ and if I can at least make you aware of that ... then I feel like I’ve won the battle,” she said.

Her biggest support comes from DHR staff and other garrison employees, but she said she has a group of people who closely follow the program on the ESPRIT and Sharepoint pages and notify their peers of what’s available. These people, she said, are the ones who aid her in helping more civilian employees better themselves.

“They’re the people who are really going to get the word out to people,” Chryssovergis said. “The followers are who I am going to lean on to help get the information about what the leader and workforce development program does.”

One of her biggest projects she is trying to tackle is to provide more classes to GS-9 and below, as well as non-appropriated Fund employees — a group she feels does not receive the training and attention they deserve, she said.

“I feel like I have some ideas about how we can help develop our GS-7 through GS-9s or below GS-9s pay grade and NAF employees that I want to go ahead and move forward on because we have a lot of programs for GS-9s and above, but now as much for the lower grades and I feel like if we want to be building our bench, that’s who we need to be focusing on,” Chryssovergis said.

Steggeman said Chryssovergis has gone and above a beyond since taking over the program and has the

right attitude and energy to make it a success.

“I think she’s terrific,” he said. “She’s had a lot of experience in this area before so she brings a broader perspective in what we do and she’s really energetic about going out and trying new things to keep adding to the program.”

Each class, even if it’s on a familiar topic, comes with new speakers or instructors, Chryssovergis said. They offer different perspectives. The most recent class focused on emotional intelligence, a topic which helps people understand how to interact in a professional environment without offending or being offended, develops relationships through understanding another’s learning style and tackles other soft skills. She said no one left the class without taking away something they could use in their career, a feat she attributes to providing speakers with varying perspectives.

“Everybody had something that they were going to be able to implement and that was just eye opening even for me and that’s the power of different perspectives,” she said. “And that’s what we need because a different perspective reaches individuals.”

Even if someone has already taken a class on an upcoming topic, Chryssovergis said she encourages them to take it again.

To learn more about the Leader and Workforce Development Program and resources available or class schedules, visit the DHR or the ESPRIT Sharepoint page.



Leza Chryssovergis, Leader and Workforce Development Program manager, Department of Human Resources, looks for new resources to offer to Installation Management Command employees July 26 at her office in building 217. Behind her is a library of more than 100 professional development books available for check out.

Volunteers recognized for dedication, hard work at Fort Riley

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

Family, friends and leaders of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley gathered at Riley’s Conference Center July 25 to honor and award 52 individuals for their contributions to the post community.

The Volunteer of the Quarter recognition ceremony began with an invocation by Chaplain (Col.) Timothy Walls, installation chaplain, and opening remarks by Brig. Gen. William A. Turner, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley acting senior commander; followed by presentation of awards to the nominees.

“Your efforts truly open doors and offer opportunities to others and children and adults, the folks who are disadvantaged or otherwise might not have the opportunities that are offered because of what you’ve done for us here in this community,” Turner said during his speech.

“For that we are deeply indebted to you,” he said. “You don’t do it for the recognition; you don’t do it for the attention, but you do it from your heart. And you do it because of what it does to benefit others.”

Among the 51 awards presented, there were two special honors given — the Helping Hand Award given to Spc. Everlidys Maldonado from 258th Human Resources Company, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade; and her husband Alex Fils; and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal given to Staff Sgt. Joshua Lichtensteiger from Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division.

Lichtensteiger not only received his MOVSM, but also his first Bronze Star. He has more than 1,000 hours of service where he volunteered as head coach with the girls volleyball team at St. Xavier School, Junction City; assists the Circle A Club, Junction City in the annual Spring Cleanup; and teaches firearm safety, handling and use to the Woman on Target Group for Geary County Fish and Game Association.

“I’m not an awards guy ... but just to be recognize was kind of cool,” Lichtensteiger said. “If I can teach kids the right path through sports, it just makes me feel and have a better day about life.

“Young kids need that little push, so if I can help one kid realize that dropping out of high school or not playing sports keep them out of trouble by playing sports, I felt like I’m accomplishing something and I’m teaching a lesson to my own kids,” he said. “Because my own daughters volunteer as well.”

Maldonado and Fils volunteer together as designated drivers for the Drunk Driving Prevention Program and have accrued more than 1,000 hours over the last three years. They also take time to teach non-licensed Soldiers and family members driving skills and tutor them for the knowledge tests. Each weekend, the couple dedicated their evenings to chauffeuring Soldiers safely home.

“It’s a great way to bond; it’s a great way to stay focused on your goals and keeps you on a positive track because it’s not easy being here in Kansas,” Fils said. “That’s how we choose to spend our time, doing activities together. It strengthens our marriage as well.”

The non-licensed driver education program started with Maldonado when she arrived to Fort Riley. Coming from New York City, she neither drove, nor owned a car. She had to get her husband to teach her how to use a car.

“A lot of people had the same situation and they don’t have anyone to show them how to drive, they just have to figure it out by themselves,” Maldonado said. “So I first started off helping people out in my unit, trying to teach them how to drive ... and then it just took off on its own.”

Today, the volunteer duo tote along a third volunteer with them during the weekends, their 4-month-old baby Riley, named after Fort Riley.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Stephens, senior noncommissioned officer for 1st Infantry Division Artillery; Alissa Turner, wife of Brig. Gen. William A. Turner, deputy commanding general for the 1st Infantry Division; Brig. Gen. Turner; Spc. Everlidys Maldonado from 258th Human Resources Company, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade; her husband Alex Fils; Col. Jay J. McGuire, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. commander and Lt. Col. Brian D. Beiner, outgoing commander of the Army Field Support Battalion; pose for a photo while Maldonado and Fils are presented with the Helping Hands award July 25 at the Volunteer of the Quarter Ceremony at Riley’s Conference Center.





THE FIGHTING FIRST!

Russell Black: A ‘Big Red One’ Soldier



By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

A native of San Diego, Russell Black joined the Army in June 1978. He took his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, earning the military occupational specialty of 11B, infantryman.

Black’s first assignment was to Camp Hovey, South Korea, where he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He served there as a TOW gunner on a quarter-ton jeep from October 1978 to October 1979.

A TOW is a tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided or wireless anti-tank missile system.

Black’s next assignment took him to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as a TOW section leader with 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. Regt., 9th Inf. Div., from November 1979 to November 1981.

His time with the 1st Inf. Div. began with his next assignment. Black was assigned as a TOW section sergeant with 5th Bn. 16th Inf. Regt., 1st Bde, 1st Inf. Div. During this assignment, he also served six months with 1st Bn. 28th Inf. Regt.

“I remained in this company until the Army reflagged the

unit as the 5th Bn., 16th Inf.,” Black said.

The unit was subsequently re-designated to the 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., during a deployment to Germany in support of Exercise Reforger in 1982.

Black was at Fort Riley from 1981 to 1984 then was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, as a company master gunner from 1984 to 1986.

He then went to Vilseck, Germany, where he was assigned to the 7th Combined Arms Training Center, to serve with the Bradley New Equipment Training Team as a Bradley Fighting Vehicle instructor. He served in this capacity 1986 to 1989.

After Germany, Black returned to Fort Riley in the 1st Bn. 16th Inf. Regt., 1st Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., as a squad leader, platoon sergeant and then as a battalion operations noncommissioned officer. The assignment was from 1989 to 1994, and it included a deployment to Operation Desert Storm from December 1990 to May 1991. For his next assignment, Black returned to Camp Hovey where he served as an infantry platoon sergeant. He returned him to Fort Riley and he served as a platoon master gunner

“My unit at Fort Riley was Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Inf.

Div.,” Black said, adding that he was further assigned to G-3 training where he was part of the range safety inspection team working closely with range control. This assignment was from 1995 to 1998.

In July 1998, he retired from the Army as a staff sergeant.

“I stayed in Junction City (Kansas) because my wife’s family is from there,” Black said. “My father-in-law, Sgt. 1st Class Bill Martin, retired from the Army in 1976 and they settled here. We had bought a home and our son was born and raised here and is a graduate of the Junction City High School Class of 2008.”

Black’s education includes a Master’s Degree in Social Work from Washburn University’s graduate school in Topeka, Kansas. He has been interning with Unified School District 475 as a school social worker — a position in which he hopes to serve.

“I am a member of American Legion Post 45,” Black said. “I am a past District Executive for Boy Scouts and I am still actively involved as a volunteer for Boy Scouts.”

His favorite memory with the Big Red One is the homecoming from Desert Storm, Black said.

“The entire community came together to welcome us back home, a memory that is forever etched in my memories,” he said.

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‘Big Red One’ warrant officers celebrate corps’ 99th birthday

Story and photo by Chad L. Simon
1ST INFANTRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Members of the Mid-America Chapter of the United States Army Warrant Officer’s Association celebrated 99 years of history and tradition July 10 with a 5K run, a professional development seminar and a cake-cutting ceremony at Fort Riley.

The day was organized by Chief Warrant Officer 5 Anthony Nistico, quality control section chief, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Nistico is also the interim president of the local chapter.

The celebration started with a 5K run that took the warrant officers, families and friends around Riley’s Conference Center grounds. Then, the warrant officers attended a professional development seminar centered on the history of the warrant officer corps and its future. The day ended with a cake-cutting ceremony that also allowed the warrant officers on post to network with one other.

The anniversary provided the chapter an opportunity to gather as a group in a professional environment that hasn’t happened as often as Nistico said he would have liked.

“Due to our heavy schedule, we have multiple deployments and multiple brigades on different cycles, our chapter has been in a period of going in different directions,” Nistico said. “What I wanted to do was get things going again in our chapter.”

Though Nistico has 29 years of experience as a warrant officer, not all who attended the event did. Warrant Officer



Col. Chris Black, running bib 2274, commander, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, joins warrant officers in a 5K run celebrating the 99th anniversary of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Corps at Riley’s Conference Center July 10 at Fort Riley.

Elida Garza, human resources technician, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., has been part of the corps for just a year. This was her first meeting.

“I think this is the first of many, many warrant officer meetings and events we will be hosting,” Garza said. “It is just amazing. I am excited to know what else we can do as a Warrant Officer Corps.”

During the event, Nistico provided an oral history of the corps. He wanted the Soldiers to be aware of the warrant officer past as the corps continues to change and move to the future.

“What I don’t want my warrant officers to do is not understand the importance of the history of the corps,” Nistico said. “I wanted those guys to appreciate their history, and where they came from. Without understanding where you come from, how can you go into the future? To know where you are going, you have to know where you came from and that is what I was preaching to them.”

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sam Baker III, command

chief warrant officer, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., then gave a presentation about the corps’ future in the warrant officer 2025 strategy.

Nistico feels the Army is expecting the current warrant officers to have a much broader knowledge base in the future.

“The Army doesn’t just look at a warrant officer as a guy that is just going to fly Black Hawks for the next 29 years,” Nistico said. “They no longer look at us that way.

“We have a few (warrant officers) that are actually in command positions now. Because of that, they need to be educated on equal footing with our officer counterparts. They are looking to broaden our warrant officers by getting them civilian education opportunities and broadening education courses.”

Nearly 40 warrant officers participated in the day’s events.

“I wanted them to walk away with a sense of pride,” Nistico said. “I wanted them to walk away with their heads held high and say, ‘Yes, I am a warrant officer and I am the best at what I do.’”

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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.

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

Transition program prepares Soldiers for life after service



Spc. Jarel Chugg | 19th Public Affairs Detachment

Master Sgt. Jason Snell, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Soldier For Life - Transition Assistance program, works with multiple agencies to help get Soldiers trained for jobs that employers are looking for. The SFL TAP is designed to help Soldiers transition from the Army to civilian life and it provides multiple tools for Soldiers to use to make a smooth transition.

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

“There’s a lot of opportunities for veterans out there because employers want veterans because of our leadership values (and) qualities of just being a Soldier.”

MASTER SGT. JASON SNELL | NONCOMMISSIONED

OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SOLDIER FOR LIFE

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT FORT RILEY

Staff Sgt. Dawayne Krepel joined the Army in 1998 as an infantryman; in less than 200 days, he is scheduled to retire after 20 years of service and five tours in Afghanistan.

At 38 years old, Krepel will be leaving the first and only job he has had as an adult. It is a move he has not taken lightly. With help from Fort Riley’s Soldier For Life Transition Assistance Program, Krepel has laid plans to move forward into a second career.

“I started SFL TAP because I knew I was going to retire at 20 years,” Krepel said. “I’ll be 38 when I retire. It’s still young enough to pursue another career ... As soon as I hit the 18-month mark I contacted Master Sgt. (Jason) Snell, the (noncommissioned officer in charge) for SFL TAP and said ‘what do I need to do? I want to get the ball rolling.’ I know I’m going to retire in 2018 so I don’t want to wait to the last minute.”

Expiration-Term of Service is a transition every Soldier must make, regardless of time served or reason for departing. Previously, the Army required Soldiers approaching their ETS date to attend the Army Career and Alumni Program. However, the now-defunct program lacked the same scope and effectiveness of its replacement, SFL TAP.

The program derives from two pieces of legislation, the Vow to Hire Heroes Act passed by Congress Nov. 21, 2011, and Department of Defense instruction 1332.35, which includes regulations on transition assistance for military personnel.

“When the Vow Act was created, the reason was because the unemployment compensation for the Army was half a billion dollars,” said Snell, who works primarily as a liaison between multiple agencies that support SFL TAP and the units on post.

“Because of the success of the program just since 2012, our unemployment compensation is now down below \$175,000,” Snell said. “The Career Skills Program is one of the major factors because the Soldiers are get-

ting trained (and) the employers are training them what they want them to be.”

The program comprises multiple organizations and offices designed to help Soldiers in their transition from the Army to civilian life. In addition to the Career Skills Program, the group boasts counselors in financial readiness, education specialists, veterans’ affairs contractors and the USO’s Pathfinders program.

“You can expand it even further and say the local chambers of commerce, the workforce centers, the mayors all the way up to the governor of Kansas and the secretary of commerce for Kansas,” Snell said. “These are all components of the SFL TAP because they’re all opportunities and network branches for Soldiers to use.”

On average, SFL TAP at Fort Riley processes about 300 Soldiers a month, roughly one fifth of the 1st Inf. Div.’s formation, according to Snell. Unlike previous transition programs, Soldiers who plan to ETS are required to begin the SFL TAP program 18 months before they depart the Army.

“There’s a lot of opportunities for veterans out there, because employers want veterans, because of our leadership values (and) the qualities of just being a Soldier,” Snell said. “Just showing up to work on time is a big deal on the outside. Several times a month we come across a new employer that has no idea how to hire veterans or get in touch with them and we connect those dots, our whole team does.”

For Krepel, the benefit to the new program was apparent from the beginning of his transition process.

“I knew that I was retiring in 2018, I had to find a job to

take care of my family,” Krepel said. “With the skills that I learned in the SFL TAP, and the networking class, I already had my resume in my bag. When I talked to the potential employees or whoever we went to talk to, I had everything there. SFL TAP set me up for that.”

During his time in Afghanistan, Krepel found that interacting with the civilian population was an aspect of his job he enjoyed and wanted to carry over into his next career. After consulting with his wife he determined he should become a police officer and applied for an internship with the Overland Park Police Department. While the internship was intended for military police, he applied anyway and was accepted. Following the internship and approaching his ETS date, Krepel applied and was offered a full-time position with the department.

“I sent them my resume; they were tickled pink about it,” Krepel said. “Now me being an infantryman, I don’t know how to write a resume, that’s not what I do. I shoot, move and communicate, that’s what I do. But SFL TAP ... helped me build my resume ... made my resume stand out.”

After receiving help from SFL TAP, Krepel felt more prepared to take on the next chapter of his professional life, he said.

“The Army is not going to be for everybody and the Army is not going to last forever,” Krepel said. “You can only go so high ... You’re going to have to find something afterwards. It’s helping Soldiers not become homeless, living on the streets, in jail. It’s giving them an avenue of approach where they can successfully transition out of the military into another job. “



Maria Childs | POST

LEFT TO RIGHT: Harry Hardy, supervisory attorney at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and oldest member of the Judge Advocate General Corps; Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley; Col. Jarrett Dunlap Jr., Fort Riley Staff Judge Advocate; and Pvt. Harley Wood, youngest member of the JAG Corps, cut the cake at the celebration of the JAG Corps 242nd birthday July 28. Although the birthday is July 29, members of the OSJA and JAG Corps held a short ceremony to celebrate the day before.

RILEY ROUNDTABLE
What is/was your favorite school lunch food?



"Pizza because they make the best sausage and pepperoni pizza."

ANDREW DEAN
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Son of James and Amanda Dean, Irwin Army Community Hospital



"Pizza because my school makes it in a circle."

VICTORIA HAMMONDS
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Daughter of Sharon Hammonds, Civilian Human Resources Agency



"Turkey sandwich because the combination of turkey meat and bread."

CALEB BURTON
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

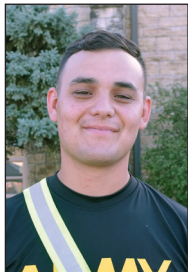
Son of Capt. Tim Burton, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"Lunchables because I like getting the hotdog one and it comes with chocolate."

GRANT BURTON
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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"Pizza – it's just delicious."

PFC. GABRIEL COTA
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

24th Composite Truck Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade

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As of Wednesday, Aug. 2, 390 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

Antiterrorism month reminder to stay on point

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

Not a single person reading this is a stranger to terrorism. Some of you have experienced it firsthand and fought against its perpetrators, while others have had the unfortunate experience to witness terrorism through news reports and videos on their televisions or computers.

In either case, it is undeniable that terrorism is a terrible aspect of our modern lives. In the years since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism has been among the most virulent threats our men and women in uniform face on a daily basis around the world.

But our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines are not alone in that fight, nor should they be. We all have a responsibility to remain vigilant in the face of terrorism all year, but we are especially reminded of that responsibility in August when we recognize Antiterrorism Awareness Month.

This year is the U.S. Army's eighth year to observe Antiter-



Brig. Gen.
William A. Turner

rorism Awareness Month, which focuses on recognizing and reporting suspicious activity, antiterrorism awareness training and information sharing and countering insider threats.

We don't expect our family members and members of the civilian workforce to be experts in thwarting terrorism. That's why we keep it as simple as possible — if you see something, say something. That means keeping an eye out for suspicious individuals or activities and reporting them. Examples

of suspicious activities include surveillance, seeking information, testing security, acquiring supplies and the presence of suspicious individuals in an area they shouldn't be.

Here at Fort Riley and across the Army, the iWATCH program is available for you to report suspicious activities and behaviors. You can learn more about iWATCH and find a variety of other helpful information at www.riley.army.mil/Community/iWATCH.aspx. You can also access the iWATCH report form directly at www.riley.army.mil/Community/iWATCH/Suspicious-Activity-Report. However, you should always call 911 with any emergencies.

Terrorism poses a threat to the Army, both stateside and abroad. Acts of violent extremism undermine the rule of law and the protection of human and civil rights.

Some radicalized individuals become active members in groups and take action within their affiliated group's purview.

Others, (often referred to as "lone wolves") don't have direct connection with a group, but are inspired by a group's rhetoric or group-sponsored violence.

The threat is not limited to a single political, religious, or ideological background. A wide variety of violent extremism movements pose a threat, including white supremacists, eco-terrorists, antigovernment or radical separatist groups. Regardless of its motivation, violent extremism can have devastating effects on civilian and military communities alike (as evidenced by the attacks at Fort Hood and Washington Navy Yard, among others).

All members of the "Big Red One" and Fort Riley community play an important role in combatting terrorism. I thank you for doing your part and encourage you to remain brave, responsible and on point.

Duty First!

Brig. Gen. William A. Turner
1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley
acting senior commander

SAFETY CORNER

Bicycle riding should be safe all year long

By Dawn J. Douglas
FORT RILEY GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Bicycling is one of the best ways to stay physically fit, see the sights, save money on gas and reduce your carbon footprint. More and more bicycle friendly communities are being created to bring greater accessibility and opportunities for riding. Even though National Bike Safety is in the month of May, bicyclists always need to be aware of the hazards of riding, especially in the absence of bicycle lanes and bicycle friendly trails.

ACCIDENT DATA

In 2015, bicycle were associated with more injuries over all age groups than skateboards, trampolines, swimming pools and playground equipment combined. According to Injury Facts 2017, the statistical report on unintentional injuries created by the National Safety Council, 488,123 people were treated in emergency rooms in 2015 after being injured riding a bicycle. The only sport result-

ing in more injuries overall was basketball at 493,011. Football was third at 399,873.

HEAD INJURIES

According to Injury Facts, about 1,100 deaths resulted from cyclists colliding with motor vehicles in 2015. With about 80 million bike riders sharing the road with millions of motorized vehicles, the importance of safety precautions in traffic cannot be overstated. The most vulnerable part of a cyclist body is the head. In fact, cyclists who wear a helmet reduce their risk of head injury by an estimated 60 percent and brain injury by 58 percent. That statistic makes sense when you consider the first body part to fly forward in a collision is usually the head and with nothing but skin and bone to protect the brain, the results can be fatal.

BICYCLE HELMETS

Millions of Americans ride bicycles, but less than half wear bicycle helmets. Helmets must meet federal safety standards and should fit securely.

Helmets that do not fit as intended or are not securely fastened to the rider's head, do not afford the safety that prevents traumatic brain injuries. The United States Army Garrison Fort Riley Safety Office, in partnership with Kansas Safe Kids, provides bicycle helmets at no charge to children and adults. While supplies last, parents can obtain a bicycle helmet and informative brochures on bicycle safety and maintenance at safety promotional events or simply by stopping by the USAG Safety Office.

BASIC SAFETY RULES

In addition, there a few basic rules for bicycle safety:

- Get acquainted with traffic laws; cyclists must follow the same rules as motorists
- Know your bike's capabilities
- Ride single-file in the direction of traffic and watch for opening car doors and other hazards
- Use hand signals when turning and use extra

care at intersections

- Never hitch onto cars
- Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again and over your shoulder
- Wear bright clothing and ride during the day
- If night riding can't be avoided, wear reflective clothing
- Make sure the bike is equipped with reflectors on the rear, front, pedals and spokes
- A horn or bell and a rear-view mirror, as well as a bright headlight, also is recommended

While the weather is warm and the days are longer, bicycling is a great activity to bring family and friends together. Team Riley, remember to hydrate while riding, bring along an ID card when riding and ride, when possible, in well-lit areas for additional safety. For more information on bicycle safety or inquiries concerning bicycle helmets, call the USAG Safety Office, 785-240-0647.



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22 July 2017

MEMORANDUM: To all U.S. Army Installation Management Command garrisons.

SUBJECT: Army Antiterrorism Awareness Month.

Antiterrorism (AT) is everyone's responsibility. Complacency, if present, provides our adversaries with opportunities to attack Soldiers, civilians, contractors, family members and retirees. Recognizing threat indicators and sustaining a strong defensive posture is the best way to prevent terrorist acts and protect Army critical assets.

August is Army Antiterrorism Awareness Month and we are emphasizing it accordingly, but sustaining a strong defensive posture is a year-round activity for every person in every military community. The men and women who work tirelessly throughout the year to protect our communities need our help. We must understand the threats we face and how to best report suspicious activity. Now is the time to refresh your skills by taking the annually-required online AT Level I course located at <https://jkodirect.jten.mil> and to ensure you know your local iWatch reporting procedures.

We have instituted major changes in the way we defend against terrorists over the past year. The Force Protection Condition system has changed, and both the DODI 2000.16 (DOD Antiterrorism Standards) and AR 525-13 (Antiterrorism) have been revised. However, we know terrorists revise and update their methods too. In addition to identifying suspicious activities when we see them, we should also be hyper-vigilant for the cyber threats that surround us every day. Ensure your cybersecurity training is up-to-date, and maintain awareness of the various cyber threats which change on a daily basis.

Your vigilance could mean the difference between catastrophic network failure, or more importantly, between life and death.

Sustain, Support and Defend!

Kenneth R. Dahl
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding



WELCOME HOME



Spc. Jarel Chugg | 19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
After a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan, families and friends rush to their respective Soldier. More than 90 Soldiers assigned to the 41st Engineer Company were welcomed home July 28 at Fort Riley.

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to see Soldiers doing Soldier things.”

Harward and others waited outside the dining facility to welcome the veterans to Fort Riley.

“I think it must be pretty interesting to see how things have changed, improvements that have been made, things that have stayed the same in a lot of cases,” Harward said. “There are still those continuing on their legacy today.”

The group of veterans toured some of Fort Riley’s barracks and motor pools.

One veteran, Sie Moore, who was a sergeant in the Combat Aviation Brigade during Vietnam, visited Fort Riley for the first time. Moore chuckled after seeing the barracks on Fort Riley and commented that if he had known how good things were going to be, he would have stayed in.

Moore said it was just good to meet with the young Soldiers.

“It’s kind of like when you really have a good friend that you miss being around for a while and you reconnect and you have that same camaraderie, it’s like you have always been there,” Moore said. “So, the Soldiers of today, even though they are young and some are young enough to be my grandchildren ... they still carry on a tradition



Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffis | 19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
Kevin West, chief of force integration and historian for 1st Infantry Division, speaks to members of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division July 27 as they tour Victory Park on Fort Riley. The Society held its 98th annual reunion in Kansas City in order to be in close proximity to Fort Riley as the “Big Red One” celebrates its 100th anniversary.

just like I did, because then I was only 19.”

For some veterans, it was a time to catch up with old friends and reminisce about days past.

The Society of the 1st Infantry Division concluded their tour with a visit to the 1st Infantry Division Museum and the U.S. Cavalry Museum, both at Fort Riley.

A VISIT TO FORT RILEY



Suet Lee-Growney | POST
Justin Williamsoa, U.S. Department of State employee and Command and General Staff Officers Course civilian student at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, checks out an M2 .50 caliber machine gun under the supervision of Cpl. Brandon Detrick from Headquarters and Headquarters Company July 25, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. The tactical vehicle and weapons demonstration was held at 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., Motor Pool July 25. The CGSOC interagency students learned about various weaponry used by the 1st Infantry Division. The purpose of the visit was to give the students, who come from various U.S. Federal Agency mid-level positions across the nation, a better understanding of what the Army is like.

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gaining entry into buildings allows his company to accomplish a set of important objectives.

“We want to get in there (buildings) because either the bad guys are in there or we want to keep the bad guys from getting in there,” he said.

Tall buildings give Soldiers a decided advantage in urban warfare, Codichini said. “We want to deny the enemy that position, or we want to take that position from the enemy.”

“Bravo company’s mission is mobility, counter-mobility and survivability, plus reconnaissance for roads, or route reconnaissance,” Codichini said. “What urban mobility folks bring as a result of this training is, when we get into urban environments we are no longer hindered by buildings. Having urban mobility folks helps us get into buildings.”

Breaching can be as simple is using hammers or other hand tools to gain entry, or it can involve explosives, Carrillo said. “We’ll use different kinds of explosives. We were taught how to put them together, how far away we can stand without being injured. So we learned how to get into the building, then clear it of any enemy that’s in there. My goal is to get my team in there to clear the building.”

Codichini said there is no mandate that requires his team to have urban mobility breachers, but Carrillo earned her way into the class, along with four other platoon Soldiers, with top performances at the most recent Danger Focus exercises, Codichini said. “I made a deal with her platoon leader that, if they do well at Danger Focus II, I’ll work to get them into one of these schools as a reward.”

That platoon leader was 1st Lt. Marissa Ferris who, along with

Carrillo’s platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Jones, turned to the task of getting Soldiers ready for the UMBC, including Carrillo.

“She’s always shown aggressive performance at work,” Jones said. “She’s always in the appropriate uniform. She’s very knowledgeable on the stuff we teach her. When it comes to engineering tasks, she shows a progression of getting better. As the days and months go along, ask her any question about just about any engineering task, and she will more than likely be able to answer that question.”

The training was extensive but the goal was worth it, Carrillo said.

“We had been doing a lot of training prior (to the school), so when they told me I had the slot, I was pretty excited,” Carrillo said. “It caught me by surprise, but I was excited.”

Carrillo gives credit to Ferris for helping her.

“My LT (her platoon leader, 1st Lt. Ferris) really helped me a lot to get this course,” Carrillo said. “She was the one who really pushed me. And I did better than I thought I would. I got the Sapper Spirit Award which was given after a class vote.”

As for her parents, her mother was “pretty proud,” Carrillo said. “I am the first female in my family to do any military.”

When she graduated from high school, the El Paso, Texas native went to tell her mother and father she wanted to enlist in the Army.

Her mother was all for it, Carrillo said, “but my father? Not so much. You know, I’m his little girl. But now, they are both really proud and very happy for me.”

Editor’s note: Mrs. Valerie Collins of the Fort Leonard Wood Guidon newspaper, provided information for this story.

AWARDS

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“It is an honor to issue these awards in recognition of Mr. Keith N. Lacey’s faithful and dedicated service to out Nation during a time of great need.”

LT. COL. R. ARRON LUMMER
CHIEF OF THE AWARDS AND DECORATION BRANCH

wore his uniform. At the time, Lacey’s son did not fully understand why his father never donned his uniform at military events or ceremonies.

“After the ceremony I went up to daddy and suggested that he should have worn his WWI uniform and helmet,” the younger Lacey said about an event when he was 12 years old. “He would have fit into the blouse just fine. Curtly and without further explanation he said, ‘No.’

“On that Memorial Day in the 1950s it was rather sad that Sgt. Lacey’s courage and sacrifice during WWI was not recognized. His WWI discharge uniform just did not physically display his valor and the enormous pride that this dedicated, gung-ho, NCO doughboy represented

and felt for our country, the U.S. Army and the 1st Division.”

Lacey’s posthumous award ceremony will take place at Fort Carson’s Elkhorn Conference Center, following requests made by Lacey II to the Army’s Awards and Decorations Branch to obtain more information about the medals and ribbons his father earned during World War I.

“It is an honor to issue these awards in recognition of Mr. Keith N. Lacey’s faithful and dedicated service to our Nation during a time of great need,” wrote Lt. Col. R. Arron Lummer, chief of the Awards and Decorations Branch, in a letter to Lacey II on Oct. 28, 2016.

Lacey died Jan. 22, 1977, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the age of 80.



COURTESY PHOTO
Sgt. Keith N. Lacey, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, poses in the flower garden at his home in Fountain, Colorado, in 1967. Lacey will be awarded 11 citations from his service as a machine gun team member with Company M in the 16th Infantry Regiment of the “Big Red One” from May 1917 through his discharge in July 1919 in a ceremony Aug. 5 at Fort Carson, Colorado.



Hay leases, AG policies manage training areas at Fort Riley

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

Fields and farm lands cover the perimeter of Fort Riley. Among these fields, 1,600 acres are managed by the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division.

The 1,600 acres are categorized as hay leases and firebreaks — Fort Riley has nine firebreak areas — used by local farmers as crop leases.

Jerold Spohn, an agronomist and installation pest management coordinator for the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division at Fort Riley, oversees the agricultural lease program for both cool and warm season leases.

“Cool season hay leases are grasses that grow best in cooler seasons,” he said. “Warm season hay leases are the grasses that grow best in warm weather. That is the basic difference.”

Cool season are typically fescues, narrow-leaved grasses. Warm seasons are native, big and bluestem grasses. Warm season began July 15 while cool season begins during the fall when it becomes cooler, Spohn said. Warm season hay leases and firebreak fields happen all year-long.

Lessees bid on the cool and warm season leases every five years. The bidding process begins in January on the fifth year. By February, each farmer will be notified of their leasehold.

Scott Hoch, hay lease farmer for three years from Alta Vista, Kansas, manages four hay leases around gunnery ranges off Highway 77.

“I go to Kansas City to the Corps of Engineers for the bidding process,” Hoch said. “The bids enters here and the doors are locked until all the bids are in. January the bids open and then by February the farmers would know who was chosen.”

The goal of having farmers managing leases on post is to control fire potential on the installation by keeping grass short.

An additional layer of protection to lessees is iSportsman, a website used by the Conservation Branch of the Environmental Division to keep outdoor recreationalist informed of important topics. Spohn said uses the website to inform lessees as to when they can work on their leasehold.

The website is used as a monitoring device so staff can track when lessees are in the areas and it allows them to contact farmers in case of an emergency that would require them to vacate the leasehold, Spohn said.

Firebreaks are designed to stop fire from continuing outside installation lines of Fort Riley, due to the moisture held within the soil and the vegetation within those areas. The water within the crops slows down fire tremendously, Spohn said.

“The hay and crop lease will always be back to back,” Spohn said. “Once the fire hits the soil it will slow down or stop. That is a large reason all these firebreaks are up against grass to slow these fires down. Because the moisture in the row crops will help.”

The firebreaks, also used as crop leases, include an additional soil management tool of terraces.

“The purpose of terraces is to help direct the water into grassed areas to spread it out to prevent erosion. There are over 1,000 terraces on Fort Riley,” Spohn said. “The terraces and waterways make sure the fields are properly maintained to keep the fields up to farming program requirements.”

Spohn upholds management requirements listed within the Conservation Reimbursable Management Program. Spohn and his team at DPW’s Environmental Division discuss agricultural leases every quarter as a part of CRMP.

“CRMP is a larger management program for the entire Army,” Spohn said. “AG lease, forestry, hunting and fishing are called reimbursable programs. We receive income that we reuse on the installation.”

As it is written in the Agricultural Lease Policy, which is used on Fort Riley for all cool and warm season leases, “...reimbursable agricultural/grazing activities are opportunities for planning and managing the landscape to fit the needs of the mission.”

The firebreaks not only provide food for the wildlife on and around Fort Riley and produce some income to offset the costs of maintaining the fields, but allowing the farmers to maintain the firebreaks saves the installation money.

If DPW were to take care of all of Firebreak One, it would cost about \$100,000 a year in equipment and manpower, Spohn said.

“The income we get from the firebreaks assists in the Natural Resources programs,” Spohn said. “I set aside about 40 percent of the income from the crop leases to go back into maintaining the infrastructure of the firebreaks — the terraces, water breaks and a few access roads.”

Maintaining the infrastructure coincides with the out leasing and harvesting portion of the AG Lease Policy. According to the AG Lease Policy, “out leasing (grazing, hay, etc.) and harvest of natural resource products other than timber, shall be conducted in such a manner to support mission operations, support conservation compliance, and execute natural resources stewardship, e.g. maintain healthy ecosystems and sustain biodiversity.”

“We deal with the troops every day on this, Spohn said. “Our job at DPW Environmental Division is to make sure the troops have the land to train on. It involves us maintaining the resources.”

For more information about the AG Policy or to sign up for future bids on crop leases contact Jerold Spohn of DPW Conservation Branch by email, jerold.w.spohn.civ@mail.mil . Spohn also publishes notices in the regional farm publications when multiple tracts are available.



ABOVE: A swather is one piece of equipment used by local farmers who hold hay leases at Fort Riley to keep the grass short during the warm month season, which began July 15. Hay leases are one of the many programs used by staff of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division to maintain the training areas and prevent wildfires throughout the year.

BELOW: Jerold Spohn, an agronomist and installation pest management coordinator for the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, at Fort Riley, picks up hay that has been cut by a local farmer as part of the warm season hay leases at Fort Riley, which began July 15. Warm seasons are native grasslands, big and bluestem grasses, and hay leases are one program that maintains the training areas of Fort Riley throughout the year.





Chap. [Capt.] Travis Kirkman, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, applies sunscreen to his son, 2-year-old Gideon, during the 242nd Chaplain Corps Anniversary Celebration at Moon Lake July 28. Gideon's brother, 6-year-old Caleb, looks on.

Free spirits

Fort Riley chaplains celebrate 242nd Chaplain Corps anniversary

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

The 242nd Chaplain Corps Anniversary Celebration July 28 at Moon Lake featured chaplains and staff from the Religious Support Office as well as some from 1st Infantry Division units.

INSIDE

Read this week's installment of the Chaplains Corner, Page 11.

The Fort Riley event was part of celebrations across the Army, including one at Arlington National Cemetery, where chaplains gathered to hear the keynote speaker Chap. (Maj. Gen.) Paul K. Hurley, the 24th Chief of Chaplains for the United States Army, and guest speaker retired Chap. (Maj. Gen.)

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Chap. [Col.] Timothy Walls, senior chaplain at Fort Riley's garrison Religious Support Office, provides a few comments at the start of the 242nd Chaplain Corps Anniversary Celebration, July 28 at Moon Lake.

"Skin cancers are a major concern for nearly all service members."

NICHOLAS WALLACE
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
BIOLOGY AT KANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY

Teacher's efforts to assist military

Professor hopes vaccine will combat type of skin cancer

By Sarah Caldwell Hancock
K-STATE NEWS

MANHATTAN — One in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer, and military personnel and their families are affected at a greater rate, according to a Kansas State University researcher who aims to understand whether a vaccine could prevent one type of skin cancer.

Nicholas Wallace, assistant professor of biology, has received a \$510,231 Career Development Award from the U.S. Department of Defense's Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, which support collaborative research to deliver health care solutions for service members, veterans and the public. The grant will help Wallace investigate the role of human papillomavirus, or HPV, in skin cancer. HPV is best known as a sexually transmitted disease that causes cervical cancer in women, but the HPV family includes viruses that infect the skin of a vast majority of people.

Wallace is studying how HPV binds to a particular cellular protein, p300, that then affects the pathways and mechanisms through which cells respond to damage from ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Wallace will also investigate p300-independent factors that inhibit the body's ability to repair damaged DNA.

"Eighty-five to 95 percent of the general population shows evidence of current or past HPV skin infections," Wallace said.

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Hiring fair brings more childcare providers

Officials: Expediting hiring process could help fill need on post

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

Within two hours of opening their doors, the fourth Child and Youth Services Hiring Fair already had more than 40 applicants going through the interview process July 25 at Parent Central.

The number of applicants seen in the first few hours exceeded the number of applicants seen at any of the previous fairs, said Christopher Solano, non-appropriated funds division human resources officer at Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. This surge, Solano said, may be attributed to the recent influx of people from permanent change of stations to Fort Riley. It also relieved concerns that the applicant pool on post could be dwindling.

"Being that this is not our first event, we know there is going to be a time where we simply run out of applicants who are on post because we know the applicants who primarily come to our events are dependents or family members



Valerie Uzzell, wife of Sgt. Christian Uzzell, a Fort Riley Soldier, interviews with Morgan Hanson, school age services assistant director for Child and Youth Services, for a position as a child care provider during the CYS Hiring Fair July 25 at Parent Central. Child and Youth Services is still hiring and job postings can be found on www.usajobs.gov. Search under NAF with the ZIP Code of 66442 to view them.

of even DOD (Department of Defense) civilians," he said. "Knowing that, there's going to be a time where we hit our critical mass and there's just no more, but with the PCS season, I think it's brought in a whole lot more applicants. We've actually had more people show up comparably to the other events ... We're actually expecting this to exceed our previous events."

The programs under CYS are short about 150 employees, said Michelle Durgin, CYS

coordinator. With a waitlist in all age groups, the need for more staff is dire. If they hire the staff they need, they could reopen an existing facility that can hold about 80 children, as well as classrooms in active facilities which have remained unused.

"We know that across the Central Flint Hills Region there is a lack of childcare ... and that's true on Fort Riley where we don't have childcare because we don't have childcare providers, so for us, we're

lacking about 150 people, and that's direct care staff, cooks, administrative personnel," she said. "What we're hoping to do today is find a way to expedite the hiring process by getting the right people in the right room where ... people can apply on site, interview on site and do some of the background checks requirements that are part of the Army process so they can come on board to work quickly."

During the hiring fairs, applicants come prepared with references, resumes, transcripts and identification to go through an expedited hiring process that includes interview and initiation of their background check requirements. At some of the fairs, the fingerprinting process has also been completed.

From the fairs, Durgin said, offers to about 30 applicants are extended pending their background and medical check results. Of those, about 75 percent of them move forward with employment.

In the past, one of the greatest hurdles to employing new staff was the delay from the background checks, she said. However, the expedited process has halved the time required.

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Leisure Travel Center opens up world to Fort Riley

Officials say venue will serve about 200 in single day

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

From tickets to a local play or a two-week-long vacation to Europe, staff at the Leisure Travel Center inside Outdoor Adventure, 5202 Normandy Drive, can help with those and everything in between.

In a single day, the center serves about 200 people, said Sabrina Fry, travel clerk. A majority of those patrons come in to purchase tickets to attractions, theme parks, sporting events and more, added Annabelle Anderson, Leisure Travel Center manager. Patrons also can purchase tickets to VictoryFest without having to pay the online credit card fee.

"Our main purpose really is ticket sales, so that's the

bulk of what we do — local, as well as other areas," Anderson said. "We do theme parks and all those popular tourist destinations."

When a patron is looking for tickets to something they don't carry, she said they will find someone who does — whether that be at another installation or with another organization.

"Typically, if I can't do it, I can find someone who can," she said. "We try to never say 'no.'"

The Leisure Travel Center carries brochures, guides, maps and more from all over Kansas and the world for guests to take for free when they're looking for travel inspiration or information. They also keep up with Kansas cities to find out what events are going on so patrons can always find something new to do or see.

"If people are just trying

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FORT RILEY POST-ITS

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross is having a blood drive Aug. 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Aug. 8 drive is at In Processing, 208 Custer Ave. The Aug. 9 drive is at 1st Infantry Division Headquarters, building 580. Everyone who donates will receive a \$5 Target gift card. To schedule an appointment time, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

PARENT AND CHILD CRAFT CLASS

The Arts and Crafts Center, 6918 Trooper Drive, will have a parent and child craft class Aug. 20 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The craft is mask making for \$5 per person. Classes are divided by age and advanced registration is required. To register or for more information, call 785-239-9205.

FORT RILEY LEISURE TRAVEL

Discount tickets are available for events in the surrounding area as well as major theme park destinations. Upcoming events with discount tickets include: **Great Wolf Lodge - Kansas City Hotel:** Blackout dates apply. Waterpark tickets included for all guests. **B&B Junction City Gem Theater:** \$30 value gift card for \$25 good for movie tickets and concessions. **Kansas City Sprint Center:** Disney on Ice - Dream Big tickets for the Sept. 14 to 17 performances for \$20 to \$33 depending upon show and seats selected. **And much more!**

For more information on tickets and travel packages available through the Leisure Travel Center, call 785-239-5614/4415.

BUTTON MASHERS GAMING TOURNAMENT

The Warrior Zone has a gaming tournament Aug. 5, at 4 p.m. The games featured are “Tekken 7” and “Super Smash Bros.” Entry into the tournament is \$5 per person. The Warrior Zone is open to guests ages 18 and up. For more information, call 785-240-6618.

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.

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 identification card 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.

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.

FALL APPLE DAY PIE SALES

Fall Apple Day Festival is scheduled to take place Sept. 23 and apple pies are for sale. Pre-orders are not required, but pies usually go fast during the festival. To reserve a pie, visit <https://squareup.com/store/HASFR>.

BUILDING CLOSED

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



FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 4
Despicable Me (PG) 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 5
Despicable Me (PG) 2 p.m.
Baby Driver (R) 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 6
Despicable Me (PG) 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 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.

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.

ADVENTURE PARK GRAND OPENING

The Outdoor Adventure and Travel Center will open the new Outdoor Adventure Park to the public Aug. 26 at 12:45 p.m. Free use of park elements will be available all weekend. **Adventure Park Elements include:**
Ropes Course
Zip Line
Paintball Courses
Archery Range
Rock Wall
And more!
The Outdoor Adventure and Travel Center is at 5202 Normandy Drive. For more information, call 785-239-2363.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Fort Riley leads way for women's equality

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

Women's Equality Day is Aug. 26 and, when it comes to women's equality, Fort Riley will go down in history as a trailblazing installation. The first enlisted female to graduate from the Urban Mobility Breachers Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, returned home to Fort Riley recently. Pfc. Samantha Carrillo, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, graduated at the end of June this year. It's my honor to

congratulate her and all others who will follow her lead now and into the future.



Colonel Lawrence

privileges that were available to their male counterparts.

The accomplishments of Pfc. Carrillo are impressive. It's hard to believe that not so long ago — about 100 years — women were treated poorly, not having full rights and

We have come a long way — in America and in the U.S. Army — but as we participate in our annual Women's Equality Day observance, let's not forget there are still gains to be made. Equality is something we need to consciously strive for daily. In our leaner personnel environment, the contributions of every member of our Fort Riley and 1st Infantry Division team are vital.

While the official date for Women's Equality Day is Aug. 26, our local celebration is Aug. 16 at 11:45 a.m. at Riley's Conference Center. The national

observance date was selected to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. Please join us locally as we celebrate our contributions toward equality since then and find ways to build upon past successes toward a truly equal society.

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

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to find something to do for the weekend, we are good for giving you ideas,” Anderson said. “There's so many small towns, museums around here and we have road trip guides, things like that.”

The center is also a full-service travel agency with the ability to build complete vacation packages from scratch, she said, no matter where in the world they want to go.

Clerks can assist in booking hotels, attractions, tours, rental cars, cruises and more at discounted rates. They can also assist with booking flights; however, Anderson said they are not able to get discounts on flights and would use search programs to find the flights that everyone has access to on a home computer.

“We can send you absolutely anywhere,” she said. “People may think we're limited in some way, but we are not. We may not be able to get you discounts on everything, but we will absolutely try.”

While they may not be able to get discounts on flights, they can get discounts on nearly everything else and through the research and booking process, they compare the discounted rates they have available to other promotional rates verifying they are getting their patron the best deal, Anderson said.

“We always check because sometimes the military discount is not the best deal,” she said. “Sometimes it's an early saver promotion that's the better option. We will check everything to determine what is the best (rate). We will go online and some-

times see something else that's better.”

On average, they are able to get 15 percent to 30 percent off for patrons, Anderson said. These discounts are even higher with companies they hold contracts with, such as Walt Disney World and Great Wolf Lodge.

“If it's something we have contracted ... the percentage is much bigger as compared to us looking for a hotel in Chicago,” she said. “It's more likely 15 percent is your typical discount.”

If a patron comes in unsure of everything they want to do for a vacation, the travel clerks are there to help with brochures and booklets, Fry said. When meeting with someone, she said she likes to ask them about their interests and hobbies to help narrow down what attractions they would be interested in. She also factors in time of year to help customize the perfect vacation.

“Where are they going? Their dates? What is it they're looking to do? I try to help them the best I can,” Fry said. “Sometimes customers come in not knowing what they want to do, so it's my job to find out what kinds of things they like to do to include those activities in their package.”

When booking a vacation package through the Leisure Travel Center, they have a refundable, flat rate fee of \$20 as a time and labor cost. A package includes booking two or more items through them for a trip.

Additionally, booking through them provides all the same perks of a travel agent. So



Season Osterfeld | POST Sabrina Fry, front left, and Nicki White, back left, travel clerks at the Leisure Travel Center, assist patrons with ticket purchases and information about Kansas attractions July 28 at the Leisure Travel Center.

if something goes astray before or during the trip, they're there to help, Anderson said.

“That's one of the biggest benefits of having an agent ... somebody's got your back,” she said. “Instead of your having to call American Airlines and sit on hold for three hours, we're

doing that for you ... We're there for you, doing it for you rather than you spending your free time sitting on hold dealing with complications. We're really used to dealing with any military issues that come up — people come down on orders, things like that, cancellations happen — We're there for you to help you get through that kind of process.”

For Anderson and Fry alike, they love hearing about the memories someone created on their vacation and how much fun they had during it.

“Making people's vacation dreams come true — there's nothing better than hearing back from somebody that they had an amazing time and thank you,” Anderson said. “The appreciation that we get, it's real. It's awesome to know we can contribute to a family's vacation and great time they had.”

The Leisure Travel Center is open to all Department of Defense ID holders, including active duty Soldiers, retirees, contractors and more. Certain restrictions do apply. For more information, call 785-239-5614.

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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
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 chapspace@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



Photos by Andy Massanet | POST

Layla Romero, a family life administrative assistant for the Fort Riley Garrison Religious Support Office, helps Eunice Min get ready for a bit of fishing at Moon Lake during the 242nd Chaplain Corps Anniversary Celebration, July 28. Min is the spouse of Chap. (Lt. Col.) Byung Min, also of the RSO. Romero's spouse is Chief Warrant Officer 1 Christopher Romero of the Kansas Army National Guard.

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Matthew A. Zimmerman Jr., the 18th Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Chaplain Corps identity."

Closer to home, the Fort Riley event was less formal and featured a brief talk by Chap. (Col.) Timothy Walls, senior chaplain at Fort Riley, a ceremonial cake-cutting, lunch and games for adults and kids alike.

Also, recognition of a sort went to both the youngest and most senior of the RSO's personnel. Chap. (Maj.) Anthony Kazarnowicz is 67 years young and is the oldest member of the RSO staff, while Pvt. Cindy Romero clocks in at age 20. The pair cut the ceremonial cake.

Yet with the fun came a sense of pride as those in attendance reflected on the rich traditions of the Chaplain Corps since its infancy in 1775.

"I think it's the most rewarding job in the Army," said Staff Sgt. Bert Ashton, garrison non-commissioned officer in charge of operations of the RSO, and a native of Brooklyn, New York. "We are not out front but we are right there in a very critical support role. And every situa-



Chap. (Maj.) Anthony Kazarnowicz spends some time with two-year-old Gideon Kirkman during the 242nd Chaplain Corps Anniversary Celebration at Moon Lake, July 28. Gideon is the son of Chap. (Capt.) Travis Kirkman of 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

tion is different. I love my job and I would not do any other job in the Army."

According to the official website of the U. S. Army Chaplains, the Continental Congress established chaplains as an integral part of the Continental Army July 29, 1775.

The Army Chaplain Corps strives to accomplish the three mission statements as stated by the Army Chaplaincy Strategic Plan:

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2. Assist the commander in ensuring the right of free exercise of religion.
3. Provide spiritual, moral and ethical leadership to the Army.



Lt. Col. Min

Over the years, more than 25,000 chaplains have served in the Army as religious leaders and today more than 2,700 chaplains serve the Army representing 140 different religious organizations.

Army chaplains have served in all of America's major wars

and combat engagements from the colonial era through the present day and nearly 300 Army chaplains have laid down their lives in the line of duty.

"We follow a great legacy of men and women chaplains who have served with honor," said Chap. (Capt.) Ronnie Irwin, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and a native of Brookhaven, Mississippi. "We have served with distinction in bringing God to Soldiers and representing faith to the sons and daughters of America. It's an honor and a privilege to serve as a Chaplain. We take our jobs very seriously and we want to do our best in giving the best religious support possible to our Soldiers."

In providing that support, seven members of the Chaplain Corps have received the Medal of Honor, including Chap. (Capt.) Emil Kapaun. Captured during the Battle of Unsan Nov. 2, 1950, the Pilsen, Kansas, native died in a North Korean prison camp while helping his fellow POW's survive. The Kapaun Chapel at Fort Riley is named after him.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

U.S. Army Chaplain Corps turns 242

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Byung K. Min
DEPUTY GARRISON CHAPLAIN,
FORT RILEY

July 29, 2017, marked the Army Chaplain Corps' 242nd birthday. Since its establishment in 1775, more than 25,000 Army chaplains have served millions of Soldiers and family members across the globe.

Since the beginning of America's history, chaplains have always been present to ensure that the moral and spiritual needs of Soldiers were taken care of.

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But to be successful chaplains do not stand alone in their mission. Religious Affairs Specialists (formerly called Chaplain Assistants) are there to assist and protect the chaplain in any situation. Together, they make up the Unit Ministry Team, which is vital to the success of helping the military community, both Soldiers and their families, maintain a strong spiritual morale.

The teams currently serve in more than 120 countries,

supporting the Army's strategic missions. In any situation Army chaplains and RAs are there to serve their country just as their motto states, "Pro Deo et Patria," when translated means "For God and Country."

About 37 teams are serving here in the community of Fort Riley, striving to help and reach out with a helping hand spiritually whenever and wherever. The Fort Riley religious support center office is at the Victory Chapel across the Fort Riley Commissary.

Rising temps hard on pets, pet owners

By Katie Horner
KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Temperatures are soaring in Kansas, prompting heat advisories and excessive heat warnings for many communities and the potential for heat-related injuries. According to the National Weather Service, heat is one of the leading causes of weather-related deaths in the United States. Heat injuries include heat cramps, heat syncope (fainting), heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat injuries may affect anyone, although children, older adults and pets are particularly susceptible. To avoid heat injuries this summer, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management advises following these safety tips:

- Stay out of the heat as much as possible. Limit outdoor activities until the cooler part of the day.
- Cover your skin with lightweight, light-colored

clothing to reflect heat and sunlight.

- Sunburn reduces your body's ability to dissipate heat, so if you must work outside for an extended period, use sunscreen and drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. Make sure there is someone available to check on you.
- Keep a close eye on children and check on elderly neighbors. Watch for signs of heat-related illness, such as sunburn, dehydration, heat cramps, heavy sweating, weakness, skin that is cold and pale or hot and dry, and high body temperature.
- Call 9-1-1 for suspected heat-related emergencies.

Heatwaves become more dangerous each day they continue. The cumulative effect of the excessive heat on the body leads to more cases of heat-related illness and death. You can save a life by getting someone into an

air-conditioned room for just an hour or two.

KDEM officials suggest having a plan for where your family can go if there is a power outage. Many communities offer cooling centers or consider a trip to the movies, a mall or the library if you know someone who does not have a working air conditioner in their home.

Additional information on what to do regarding extreme heat conditions may be found at www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/index.shtml.

HEAT SAFETY FOR PETS

Our pets can't tell us when they are suffering from the heat, so watch for signs of heat stroke. These signs may include, but are not limited to panting, dehydration, excessive drooling, increased body temperature, production of only small amounts of urine or no urine, muscle tremors, or wobbly, uncoordinated or drunken gait or movement.

To protect your pet from extreme heat:

- Ensure outside pets have water and plenty of shade. Bring pets inside for cooling breaks during the hottest part of the day.
- Check on pets frequently to ensure they aren't suffering from the heat. If you're gone during the day, ask a neighbor to check on them.
- Don't leave your pet in an enclosed vehicle. A car's internal temperature can reach dangerous levels in just a matter of minutes. A car's interior may go from 80 degrees to 99 degrees Fahrenheit in as little as 10 minutes. In 20 minutes, it can reach nearly 110 degrees. After an hour, it's at 123 degrees!

More information on heat safety for pets can be found at www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/pets_safe_heat_wave.html.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Aug. 1 was:
How do I report suspicious activity on or around the installation?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/Community/iWATCH/Suspicious-Activity-Report/

This week's winner is Maggy Gray, whose spouse is Lt. Col. Pete Gray, professor of military science at Kansas State University.

Pictured above are Pete and Maggy Gray.

CONGRATULATIONS MAGGY!

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"People used to wait six to eight weeks," she said. "We're down now to three to four weeks. It's still a process compared to being able to walk in and be hired on the spot, but one of the reasons we have these safe guards is we have to keep these children safe and that's what background checks do."

Durgin said the jobs asked of CYS staff require hard work and a passion for children and she is focused on seeing the right people hired to serve Soldiers and their families. Without proper childcare, Soldiers may be left distracted and concerned about their kid's well-being, which in turn affects their ability to focus on the mission and hinders readiness.

"This is a hard job, but it's very rewarding, but you have to want to do it," she said. "Our kids deserve that. In order for service members to feel secure, they need to know that their children are safe and that only happens if you have the right people doing this job."

Valerie Uzzell, wife of Sgt. Christian Uzzell, a Fort Riley Soldier, was among the many applicants at the fair. She said she had previous child care experience and wanted to get herself into a career she loves and can move with her each time her husband has to PCS.

"I love children and I also want a job that can transfer wherever I live," she said. "The next duty station, if something is available, I could always accept that job."

She said the expedited application and interview process was smooth and easy to get through. She added she hopes others apply to help families within the Fort Riley community.

"Definitely go apply," Uzzell said. "The staff seems amazing here — friendly. It seems like something that will benefit every military family."

Plans for the next hiring fair are in the works. In the meantime, CYS is still hiring and job postings can be found on www.usajobs.gov.



PAN-AM JUNIOR CHAMP

Ariel Okorie, daughter of Master Sgt. Travis Huggard, Division Provost Marshal's Office, stands with an American flag draped over her shoulders in her team USA uniform at the Pan-American Junior Championships in Lima, Peru, heptathlon. Okorie received silver at the games after competing July 22 and 23 in seven different events for the heptathlon, including 100 meter hurdles, shot put, long jump, javelin throw and more. She scored a total of 5,253 points for her performance. To read Okorie's full story, see the July 28 edition of the 1st Infantry Division Post at www.dvidshub.net/publication/678/the-1st-infantry-division-post.



COURTESY PHOTO

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“It’s a common virus, and there are millions of nonmelanoma cancers. Lots of people get both the virus and the cancer.”

When we go out into the sun, our skin sustains damage that our bodies try to repair, Wallace said. If the repair process doesn’t work, normal cells can become cancer cells, sometimes decades after the initial sun damage. Wallace said skin HPVs hinder the repair process, thus making skin cancer more likely.

Because the technology to make a vaccine to protect against any HPV already exists, Wallace has high hopes of expanding that vaccine to protect against HPV-caused skin cancers. Another outcome could be additives to sunscreen that kill the virus.

“HPVs in the skin do a good job of stopping your body from repairing damage from sunlight,” Wallace said. “We have an excellent opportunity

to take a direct preventative approach.”

Wallace hopes his work will help prevent the health problems and stress associated with skin cancer for veterans and their families. He said he reveres military service and is sensitive to the lifelong health challenges members of the armed services face.

“Skin cancers are a major concern for nearly all service members,” Wallace said. “Advancements in the lab often take decades or lifetimes to become new treatment options, but what excites me about this project is its potential to prevent skin cancers much sooner.”

The grant will allow the hire of two graduate students in Wallace’s lab, which is part of the Division of Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences. It will also facilitate mentoring for Wallace by Lou Laimins, chair of the department of microbiology-immunology at the

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and a renowned HPV expert. Chou-Zen Giam, a professor at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, will serve as Wallace’s military advisor for the grant.

Beth Montelone, senior associate vice president for research at Kansas State University, said the university is working to encourage faculty to consider funding opportunities from the Department of Defense.

“This award is a great example of how basic research in a field that is not, at first glance, related to defense can still be very relevant to Department of Defense’s mission and be eligible for its funding,” Montelone said. “The K-State Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is actively working to make more faculty aware of funding opportunities from DOD and to help them understand how to pursue such opportunities.”



FORT RILEY POST TEAM BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

2017-18 Post Varsity Basketball Tryouts
Date : August 7-28 Mon, Wed, Fri starting 1800
Location : King Field House

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

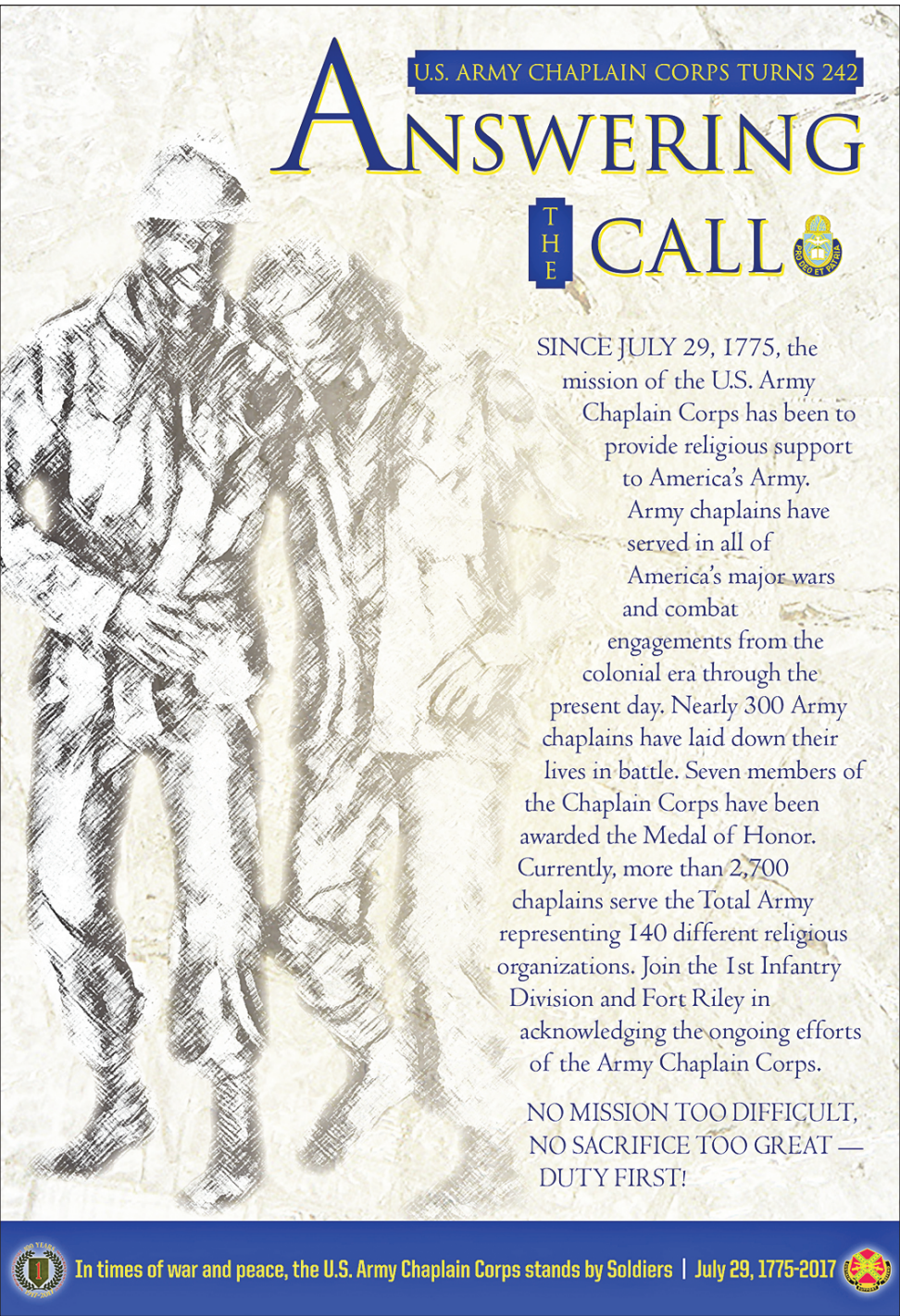
Send it to usarmy.riley.imcom.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil or call 785-239-8854/8135.

RED CROSS YOUTH PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS



Photos by Suet Lee-Growney

LEFT: Dakota Swader, daughter of retired Staff Sgt. Richard M. Swader, sneaks in a quick selfie July 21 with Col. John Melton, commander of Irwin Army Community Hospital, and IACH Command Sgt. Maj. Rebecca Booker right after receiving a certificate of appreciation for participating in the Fort Riley American Red Cross Summer Youth Program 2017. The youth summer volunteers were honored July 21 at IACH for their time and effort at the hospital. All volunteers received a certificate and a limited edition American Red Cross pin. The six-week-long program began June 12 and gave the participating teens between the ages of 14 to 17 hands-on experience in the medical field at the department of their choice. **RIGHT:** David Miller, son of retired Air Force Master Sgt. Gordon Miller, accepts a certificate of appreciation for volunteering at this year's Fort Riley American Red Cross Summer Youth Program. His certificate was presented to him by Melton, Booker and Rebecca Estrella, regional program specialist for American Red Cross.





U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS TURNS 242

ANSWERING THE CALL

SINCE JULY 29, 1775, the mission of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps has been to provide religious support to America's Army. Army chaplains have served in all of America's major wars and combat engagements from the colonial era through the present day. Nearly 300 Army chaplains have laid down their lives in battle. Seven members of the Chaplain Corps have been awarded the Medal of Honor. Currently, more than 2,700 chaplains serve the Total Army representing 140 different religious organizations. Join the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley in acknowledging the ongoing efforts of the Army Chaplain Corps.

NO MISSION TOO DIFFICULT, NO SACRIFICE TOO GREAT — DUTY FIRST!

 In times of war and peace, the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps stands by Soldiers | July 29, 1775-2017 




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North Topeka Arts District



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From boutiques, art, performances, bites to eat and antiques, North Topeka Arts District, also known as NOTO, has it all.

Colorful murals decorate the buildings of the NOTO Arts District and rainbow painted crosswalks provide passage to pedestrians crossing between the shops. The district is filled with street art, live music, performances, sculptures and sidewalk chalk for visitors to create their own masterpieces.

The shops that line the streets of the district satisfy interests for vintage, hard to find, collectible and handcrafted goods.

Restaurants, pubs and breweries are scattered between stores and art galleries.

The NOTO First Friday Arts Walk takes place the first Friday of each month. From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. the district is filled with vendors, stalls and additional shops selling and creating artwork, sharing history and more. More than 3,000 people will visit the district during first Friday, according to www.facebook.com/TopekaFirstFriday. For more information about NOTO First Friday Art Walk, visit their Facebook page or go to artsconnecttopeka.org.

Most businesses in NOTO are open Thursday through Sunday; however some are limited to just two days a month. For more information on the NOTO Arts District, visit www.notoshopping.com.

Down the street from NOTO Arts District is at the Great Overland Station, 701 N. Kansas Ave., a museum and education center that once was a Union Pacific railroad passenger station. The facility, built in 1927, has been remodeled and restored multiple times.

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Visitors can walk through Topeka's railroad history and see the impacts rail made. As they explore the displays, freight trains pass by just feet from the back windows, offering a view of rail still in motion.

Standing across the street from the museum is the All Veterans Memorial surrounded by the Corridor of Flags. Dedicated Sept. 30, 2006, the memorial features a 16-foot flame sculpture and is a tribute to all who served in the American armed forces.

The Great Overland Station is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed the first Wednesday of each month. Admission is \$6 for ages 13 and up, \$2 for ages 3 to 12 and free for ages 2 and under. For more information, visit www.greatoverlandstation.com.



ABOVE LEFT: Colorful murals decorate the buildings of the North Topeka Arts District, also known as NOTO. To celebrate creativity, the NOTO First Friday Arts Walk takes place the first Friday of each month. From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. the district is filled with vendors, stalls and additional shops selling and creating artwork, sharing history and more. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Down the street at 701 N. Kansas Ave. is the Great Overland Station, a museum and education center that once was a Union Pacific railroad passenger station built in 1927. The facility has been remodeled and restored multiple times. Most recently, staff and volunteers have worked to bring it back to as close to its original state as possible, a docent there said.



LEFT: Standing across the street from the Great Overland Station at 701 N. Kansas Ave., is the All Veterans Memorial surrounded by the Corridor of Flags. Dedicated Sept. 30, 2006, the memorial features a 16-foot flame sculpture and is a tribute to all who served in the American armed forces. **RIGHT:** A rainbow painted crosswalk provides passage to pedestrians crossing between the shops of the North Topeka Arts District, also known as NOTO. The district is filled with street art, live music, performances, sculptures and sidewalk chalk for visitors to create their own masterpieces. The shops that line the streets of the district satisfy interests for vintage, hard to find, collectible and handcrafted goods.