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1. Charlie Daniels offers a hug to Dody Berg, mother of Sgt. 1st Class Forrest Robertson, from Fort Stewart's Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2013. Berg and her husband Charles Berg met the country music legend Aug.

19 at Victory Fest 2017 through Fort Riley Survivor Outreach Services. 2. Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, addresses the Victory Fest 2017 crowd Aug. 19 at Marshall Army Airfield. 3. Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, the 1st Infantry Division senior noncommissioned officer, and Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, thanks members of Eli Young Band by presenting them with a certificate of appreciation at Victory Fest 2017, Aug. 19 at Marshall Army Airfield. The country music group was the final act to perform at the concert that evening. The celebration that weekend ended with a fireworks show. 4. Hundreds gather for Victory Fest's opening ceremony Aug. 19. The crowd waits as they recognize the 100th birthday of the "Big Red One" before listening to the stars perform.

Controlled burns preserve Kansas prairie, reduce fire hazards

By Season Osterfeld 1ST INF. DIV. POST

The season for controlled burns began Aug. 11 at Fort Riley. From August 2017 to May 2018 about 35,000 acres of land will be burned by the Directorate of Public Works -Environmental Division and Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services staff as part of conservation, noxious weed and fire hazard control programs.

burning on Fort Riley includes maintenance of open space for military training, reduction of and suppression of woody plant encroachment onto the prairie, maintenance of wildlife resting fuel reduction, which is just re-

Stratton, supervisory biologist, hazard out in the winter," he DPW - Environmental Division, citing information from source Management Plan.

tion encroachment and grassland clearing to replicate burns lands naturally, said Mark Neely, wildland fire manager, "The goals of prescribed DPW-Environmental embedweeks and months, the burns will shift to fire hazard reducwildfire potential, reduction tion and training area clearing.

"Later on into the year, we start moving into the hazard

and breeding cover and sericea moving a bunch of the grasses lespedeza control," said Shawn out there that could pose a fire

The controlled burns will the Integrated Natural Re- occur across the installation, Neely said, however, the Fort Burns focus on noxious Riley should see little impact weed control, woody vegeta- from them. Only one road closure may occur when a burn north of Irwin Army Comthat would occur in prairie munity Hospital occurs and it will affect either Caisson Hill Road or Williston Point Road. To reduce inconveniences this ded in FRFES. In the coming may cause, DPW and FRFES staff are looking to conduct the burn during a time when fewer people are on the installation, such as on a resiliency day off.

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Andy Massanet | FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Capt. Glen Whitaker of the Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services monitors a portion of an annual prescribed burn conducted at Fort Riley training Area 39 March 10, 2016.

FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Sgt. Evral Graham, 97th Military Police Battalion, volunteers with the Drunk Driving Prevention Program and provides safe rides for Soldiers to and from local communities.

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

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'Dagger' brigade's Shadow platoon hits milestone ahead of deadline

By 2nd Lt. Taylor Caldwell 82ND BRIGADE ENGINEER BATTALION, 2ND ABCT

The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team's unmanned serial systems platoon, known as commander, 82nd BEB. the Shadow platoon, had a lot to vehicles landed July 25.

in a single year.

"This is a really big deal and you will be able to brag about this for the rest of your career," said Lt. Col. Jesse Curry,

be proud of when one of their against the clock, looking to RQ-7 Shadow unmanned aerial achieve the 500-hour mark two months ahead of the Soldiers of Company fiscal year end because they D, 82nd Brigade Engineer were set to begin pack-out Battalion, 2nd ABCT, flew their operations a week later for



Staff Sgt. Wallace Bonner | 2ND ABCT

Spc. Austin Schnelting, unmanned aerial system operator and maintainer, Company D, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, guides an RQ-7 Shadow UAS off the UAS air field at Fort Riley while Spc. Beau Freeman, unmanned aerial systems operator and maintainer, Company D, guides him July 25. The landing marked the 500th flight hour for the Shadow Platoon, a standard met two months ahead of schedule in preparation for the brigade's deployment to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

Shadows more than 500 hours their fall deployment to central Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

"In May 2017, we looked at the timeline between that date and our scheduled pack out," said 1st Lt. Colten The platoon was in a race Kennedy, Shadow platoon leader. "We saw that 500 flight hours was an obtainable goal, and knowing that, we focused on getting as many flight hours as we could."

> The accelerated operations were both challenging and rewarding for the platoon, Kennedy said.

"A lot of benefits came from that push," he said. "I'm a new platoon leader, so it forced me to do a deep dive."

The Shadow provides reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition and force protection for brigades in near-real-time, day or night and even during limited adverse weather conditions, according to information provided by the U.S. Army.

"We also had other new personnel in my platoon," Kennedy said. "This push allowed us to synchronize a little bit faster as a team, as we learned and trained on the systems."

The platoon consists mainly of Soldiers that operate the Shadow and those that perform its maintenance.

"I knew it was going to be long hours and hard work to meet the goal, but we definitely

Staff Sgt. Wallace Bonner | 2ND ABCT

Pvt. Conner Eldred, unmanned aerial system operator and maintainer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Linder, unmanned aerial systems crew chief, and Spc. Beau Freeman, unmanned aircraft system operator and maintainer, all of Company D, 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, prepare an RQ-7 Shadow unmanned aerial vehicle for transport off the Custer Hill Tactical UAS site after it landed on Fort Riley July 25. The landing marked the 500th flight hour for the Shadow platoon, a standard met two months ahead of schedule in preparation for the brigade's deployment to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

stuck it out," said Sgt. Phillip operator. "It's an honor to part motion video of the battle 500-hour goal."

platoon underlined their achievement by highlighting the important role

Kruger, the platoon's senior the brigade commander full- in Europe. deep fight."

the Shadow plays for the brigade. of their training and operations said.

"The shadow provides for their upcoming deployment

"A lot of blood sweat and of a unit to actually reach the space," Kennedy said. "It tears went into this, and I helps the brigade commander definitely think we can help further make decisions about the our Allies and partners in Europe by sharing some of Kruger emphasized the value the lessons we've learned," he

Partnership brewing for recreation organizations in the Flint Hills

By Maria Childs 1ST INF. DIV. POST

Manhattan Parks and Recreation visited Fort Riley Aug. 16 as part of an Army initiative called the Army Community Partnership Program.

Fort Riley was one of Army installations selected in fiscal year 2017 to host a series of program workshops facilitated by Army-funded partnership experts. The partnership workshops were strongly supported by community partners to include the City of Manhattan.

The Garrison Plans, Analysis and Integration Office has been working on formalizing partnerships in partnerships beneficial reduce operating costs.

Michelle coordinator, said previously had an established them toward growing that partnership.

be doing more of," she said. have." "As we were going through partnership opportunities, of recreation at Manhattan the issue is one-third of our Parks and Recreation, said population live on post, the visit was very helpful in impressive facilities," he said. so two-thirds of service members and their families live off post. We're trying to find ways we can help them build a sense of community in the communities they live in without losing sight of the fact that they are military families.'

Durgin said this was a targeted attempt to show staff from Manhattan's recreation division what facilities and programs are available at Fort Riley.

"They are interested in partnership opportunities," she said. "They have a different perspective and they needed to understand that there are ways to facilitate on-post access without sacrificing security as long as it was coordinated."

During the visit, the staff members saw the Forsyth East Child Development Center, Whitside Fitness Center, Auto Skill Center, Eyster Pool, Custer Hill Aquatic Park and received a tour of the Adventure Park.



COURTESY PHOTO

Matt Enoch, left, acting chief of the community recreation division of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, speaks to members of the Manhattan, Kansas, Parks and Recreation department during a tour of Custer Hill Aquatic Park Aug. 16.

the Flint Hills area as part of of the community recreation and DFMWR for future this program. The vision is to division of the Directorate events. of Family and Morale, "I really enjoyed every Welfare and Recreation, said aspect of it," he said "I liked initiate and develop mutually of Family and Morale, between local commands and he hopes Manhattan's staff the opportunity to see the their communities, improve walked away with a different facilities that are available on mission readiness, enhance view of military installations post because I wasn't aware of community partnerships and because of the programs a lot of those and what kinds they saw being offered. The of programs and services were Durgin, partnership opportunity offered at those facilities ... I Child and Youth Services allows DFMWR to improve think it helped me get a better they existing programs.

partnership with Manhattan thing is that it expands the by MWR and CYS ... It Parks and Recreation, scope of what you are able was enlightening to see how but this initiative pushed to provide," he said. "If partnering with Manhattan helps us get one more military "It pushed us a little more kid involved in sports, then the patrons they serve." to really try to think outside it is worth it ... It's all about the box about what we could improving programs you of the visit included seeing

Randi Clifford, director

Matt Enoch, acting chief trying to partner with CYS

understanding of what the "The most important services are that are provided programs are set up there, what kinds of services are offered and how they are delivered to

> For him, the highlights Whitside Fitness Center and the Outdoor Adventure Park, which is set to open Aug. 25.

"Those were some



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Dylan McGuire: A 'Big Red One' Soldier



By Phyllis Fitzgerald SPECIAL TO THE POST

A native of Olivet, Michigan, Dylan McGuire enlisted in the Army in April 2014. He attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and earned the military occupational specialty of 19D, Cavalry Scout.

During his three year career, which lasted until his honorable discharge this month, McGuire's only assignment was at Fort Riley, where he was

2015, during this same assignment, McGuire became the platoon's radio telephone operator.

"In November 2015 until July 2016 we deployed to Camp Buehring in Kuwait," McGuire said. "We did a lot of training with Coalition Forces; gunnery; and reconnaissance field problems."

After discharge, McGuire enrolled at Kansas State University and is studying to earn a bachelor's degree in Lake, which supports the Milford State Park and Nature Center, and enjoy camping at Milford Lake with their two German shepherds.

"My favorite memory with the 1st Infantry Division would be NTC (National Training Center) 2015," McGuire said. "We were a recently reactivated unit and we were the only cavalry scout platoon in the Battalion. We all worked together to figure out our role and job. At the beginning of our rotation we were given a broad mission. We ended up getting way out of the support range of our battalion and survived on what rations we had for almost a week. We bedded down that first morning in a small valley and set up some small OPs (Observation Posts) to get a look at the area."

At first light, McGuire said they realized they had gotten behind the enemy.

"We began to observe an enemy armor platoon that was also bedded down near our location. We were able to 'destroy' all of them. "We went on to be considered the Most Combat Effective Platoons out of the brigade for that rotation."



assigned to Headquarters Headquarters Company, 70th Armor Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat team, 1st Infantry Division.

"I was mainly a dismounted team leader. We dismounted from HMMWV's and Bradley's during missions to conduct various forms of reconnaissance such as, Route Recon, Recon, Zone Recon, Screen Lines and Observation Posts," McGuire said.

Park Management and Conservation.

McGuire and his spouse Kaitlyn decided to stay in Junction City, Kansas, "because we like the area and what the community has to offer," he said. "My wife Kaitlin established herself in the community and works at the Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce. We also bought a home two years ago in town."

Dylan and Kaitlyn are both board members of the Friends of Milford

Cultural Resource Program connects San Diego family to Fort Riley

Story and photos by Kalene

Lozick 1ST INF. DIV. POST

A couple from San Diego, California, stumbled across family photographs dating back to March 1919 connecting the Mallon family to a Fort Riley

farmstead. The Cultural Resource Program of Fort Riley was contacted by the couple, Jennifer Mallon Muehlbach and husband, retired between the Muehlbachs, who U.S. Navy Capt. Don Muehlbach, a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School at Camp Pendleton, to schedule a visit with Fiona Price on Fort Riley to see

the farmstead Aug. 16. Fiona Price, an archeologist, collections manager and Native American Coordinator for the CRP within the Environmental Division of the Directorate of Public Works said a homestead, farmstead or ranch is anything older than 50 years, in archaeol-

ogy standards, and can be an archaeological site.

Fort Riley has 400 to 500 farmsteads on the installation, Price said. Public participation in this program is encouraged.

'We really do enjoy helping people out because it is good for us to be able to assist people in looking into their genealogy especially if it is connected to Fort Riley," Price said.

With the cross collaboration had common ancestors to the couple who once lived on Fort Riley, Price and her team were able to discover archaeological site 14RY2123.

They learned Fort Riley was home to three common ancestors to Jennifer. These three are Robert Curry Mallon, Capt. George H. Mallon and John Mallon.

According to the Hall of Valor, George was a 1918 World War I Medal of Honor award recipient. He was born in Ogden, Kansas.

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FIONA PRICE

ARCHEOLOGIST, COLLECTION MANAGER AND NATIVE AMERICAN COORDINATOR FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION OF THE DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS

To recognize George for his service in Company E, 132nd Infantry and 33nd Division in the U.S. Army, Fort Riley named a street after him — Mallon Road — located before the Fort Riley Ogden

Mallon Road leads the way to what would have been the farm-

stead of John in 1909. The first of two lots contained 320 acres, featuring the school of the Lower Seven Mile and a one room school house, lo-

cated in the north east section of the site. John also owned an 80 acre lot where the farmstead site

would be Found. The site north of John's farmstead sat an 80-acre lot, belonging to Robert.

Property data on John and Robert was gathered by survey plat maps ranging in date from 1857, 1879, 1909 and 1947.

Before Jennifer's mother, Zelma Coy Mallon, died she wrote the names of individuals present in a photo taken in March 1919. In addition to names, Zelma wrote notes about the homestead. One stated Robert built the homestead for his wife Emma Louise Stephens Mallon in 1914.

"My mom passed away five years ago, so I retired," Jennifer said. "I started getting her photo albums and she has literally 100 photo albums filled with years of family photos. All of them are identifiable. I feel like I am here for my mother."

With the help of her mother and the notes she wrote, Jennifer said she was able to identify Emma Louise Stephens and Robert Curry as her great grandparents.

The farmsteads of John and Robert Mallon were absorbed Fort Riley during the expansion of the installation in 1947. With the expansion, a tank trail road was installed on John's homestead.



Jennifer Mallon Muehlbach and husband, retired U.S. Navy Capt. Don Muehlbach, a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School at Camp Pendleton show a family photo to Fiona Price, an archeologist, collections manager and Native American Coordinator for the Cultural Resource Program within the Environmental Division of the Directorate of Public Works Aug. 16 before touring the once family farmstead.

Even though the site experienced disturbance in the 1940s, Price and the Archaeological team from CRP found several artifacts from John Mallon's farmstead, on the 80-acre lot.

In order to gather artifacts the shovel tests "a total of 113 historic artifacts were collected ... including ceramics, glass and metal," according to the archaeological investigations within the research report.

"I think these are the cooler items," Price said. "A part of a dish, a base of a dish, a crock, an end of a spoon, a metal disk, belt buckle and buttons. All items are only pieces of the home goods used by the Mallon family.

If interested in viewing a from a site, the archaeologist farmstead that belonged to completed 50 shovel tests. From relatives, contact Price from CRP at fiona.k.price.civ@ mail.mil. All relatives must have Fort Riley roots and must have some knowledge of where their ancestor lived on the



The Mallon Family photo depicting Robert Curry Mallon six of 10 children and George Mallon's multiple relatives. The photo was taken in March 1919. Jennifer's mother identified each individual, which became valuable information in identifying the family tree. Her mother, Zelma Coy Mallon, died at 95 but kept a genealogical book that was printed for Jennifer and her brothers.

TRAFFIC REPORT

ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS

Those wanting access to Fort Riley on weekends 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 personallyowned vehicles will be allowed access, there

is no designated POV lane. Outbound traffic is not authorized. Badges and passes may be issued to commercial drivers prior to access at the gate.

Open from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

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 began 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.

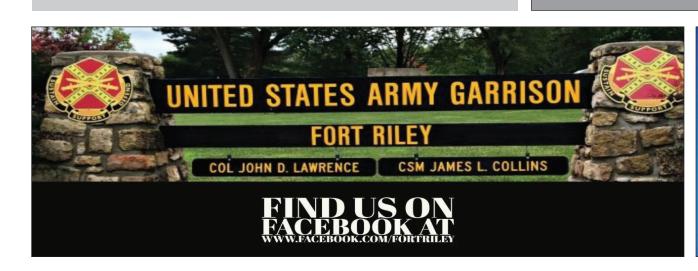
Question and answer for this week:

Q: What documentation is needed when an organization is integrated with another organization during the rating cycle?

A: If reorganization occurs during the rating cycle, it is important to review the reporting structure for changes in the rating official and employee relationships. Also, a review of duties may be necessary to determine if changes to the Performance Plan need to be made. Remember, if changes to the performance elements and standards are made, employee input is highly encouraged and all changes must be communicated to the employee. When both the supervisor and the duties are different and the employee has performed their elements and standards for a minimum of 90 days, a rating of record may need to be established for the outgoing performance plan and a new performance plan established.

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

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RILEY ROUNDTABLE

Who is your favorite cartoon character and why?



"Mickey Mouse because he is funny and he is in a game I like too."

EMMA PERRY FORT RILEY, KANSAS

Daughter of Capt. Thomas Perry, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division



"Speedy Gonzales because it reminds me of my childhood."

STEVE BALDERRAMA SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security operations



"Raven from 'Teen Titans Go!' because I just like her."

ALYXZANDRA GARGOLES FORT RILEY, KANSAS

Daughter of Staff Sgt. Maryann Espiritu, Company E, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division



"Peter Griffin. I'm a big fan of dry humor and he's got a lot of dry humor."

SPC. TERRANCE HOPPER SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA

601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry



"Moana (she's) just a strong female character."

SGT. OLGA USOVA RAHOBOTH, DELAWARE

172nd Hazard Response Company

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SAFETY CORNER

Traffic safety should be priority for all drivers on roads

By Dawn J. Douglas GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Did you know that nearly every possession we own, and almost all of the food we eat, are brought to our local store or warehouse by truck? The chances are high that you have ridden a bus between cities or as part of a group to a national park or other attraction. Large trucks and buses, also known as commercial motor vehicles, play a critical role in helping move our nation's economy and transporting our equipment, goods and people.

There are more large trucks and buses on the road today than ever before. In fact, there are nearly 12 million commercial vehicles registered to operate on America's roadways.

You probably had an experience in passing a slow-moving truck, or being sandwiched in by two trucks or maybe even a few close half to death.

It's easy to think of all vehicles on the road simply as cars of varying sizes. However, in reality, trucks and buses are much more difficult to maneuver and have massive blind spots. Awareness of these differences and some simple adjustments in driving behavior can help all drivers keep the roads as safe as possible.

For example, many

A tractor-trailer loaded with distance increases even more accurately. freight, safe-rated tires, and when a commercial vehicle close behind a truck that is properly adjusted brakes, has a heavy load or there are clear, dry roadway requires a ice or rain. A fully loaded up. Remember, most trailers minimum of 290 feet to come truck traveling under good are 8 1/2 feet wide and can to a complete stop. Mindful conditions at highway speeds completely hide objects that when sharing the road with A car should never suddenly try to pass behind the truck, large trucks. In 8 out of 10 fatal cut in front of a truck as it you enter a blindspot – a 'nocrashes between cars and large reduces the truck's allowable zone — for you and the truck trucks, the occupants of the safe stopping distance. passenger vehicles are killed.

BLIND SPOTS

A commercial driver has limited visibility on all four make sharp turns or maneuver sides because of large blind spots around the front, back and sides of the vehicle. Other drivers and road users should strive to stay out of these "No Zones". Limited visibility calls for extra caution in passing and being passed by large trucks and buses.

calls with one that scared you users should be particularly careful to stay out of the blind spots when a truck is turning, backing up, or changing lanes. Large commercial vehicles also need a longer following distance so commercial drivers can see the vehicles behind them. If you can't see the truck driver in his or her side mirrors, the truck driver can't see you.

STOPPING DISTANCE

The stopping time and road users don't realize the distance for a truck or bus up, it sometimes must 240-0647.

LIMITED **MANEUVERABILITY**

longer length and larger size.

Extra care is needed restrictions, such as in work zones, truck stops, and service stations. Pay particular attention when trucks are right lane. A truck initially moves left to create enough turning space. A crash may result if a vehicle tries to pass the truck on the right.

OTHER CONDITIONS

around a large vehicle that's backing up.

significance of mass and size are much greater than those temporarily block the street when it comes to traffic safety. of smaller vehicles. Stopping to maneuver its trailer preparing to back up or is traveling at 55 mph on a road conditions like snow, in the process of backing of this, it is important to be requires a distance of almost suddenly come between them attentive and drive defensively two football fields to stop. and a loading area. So if you

PASSING

Another 'no-zone' is the Trucks and buses can't area right in front of trucks.

One of the biggest as easily as cars due to their mistakes you can make is to cut in too soon and slow down after passing a big in places where trucks or truck. Because of their size buses are dealing with space and weight, trucks need a much greater distance to stop than cars. If you don't give them enough space, you run the risk of being hit Other vehicles and road turning right so you don't from behind. So be sure to get caught in the "right turn maintain a consistent speed squeeze." A large truck cannot when passing and don't pull easily turn right from the in front of the truck unless you can see the entire front of the truck in your rear-view mirror.

As we share the road with commercial vehicles, it's important to know the dangers and limitations Use caution when driving of commercial vehicles on our highways. For more information, contact the When a truck is backing USAG, Safety Office, 785-

Recycling benefits more than just environment

FORT RILEY RECYCLING **PROGRAM**

Did you know you can earn money for vour Unit's Morale, Welfare and Recreation account by recycling? The Fort Riley Recycle Program pays back units who recycle. When a unit brings white or would like to participate, mixed colors paper, contact the MWR's point newspapers, aluminum, of contact for Unit Funds steel cans, glass, number at 785-239-3796. Unit 1 to 7 plastic types, toner MWR accounts may be cartridges or white plastic established for battalion foam, such as takeout level or equivalent units. containers and Styrofoam plates, to the recycle center at Camp Funston, they receive 50 percent of the units who recycle the most in each of four size classes can receive up to \$2,000 in extra awards each quarter.

Proceeds from the program are used to fund Awards where units with

the best compliance records also receive money in their MWR accounts. Those funds can help transform the hotdogs at your unit's next organizational day into steak or shrimp depending on how much you recycle.

If your unit does not have an account and

Cardboard accepted at the recycle center, but does not count toward the TIP the gross value of those awards. However, units recyclables. In addition, are still encouraged to turn in any cardboard for recycling. proceeds are still used to help fund the Recycling and Environmental Compliance awards. For more information Environmental Compliance about the program, call 785-239-2385.

Fort Riley Recycling

Recycling is Easy on Fort Riley! Check below before you throw: Curbside Recycling is available in the Family Housing Areas – residents just need to place their recyclables in the designated curbside recycling bin and leave the bin by the curb on trash collection days - no need to sort recyclable materials!

- Check out the list of materials accepted at the recycle center on the back of this guide!
- 24-Hour Drop Off Points G Street - Next to Recycle Center
 - PX Mini-Mall (by Burger King)
- Separate paper and cardboard from other materials
 - If your office does not have one, Call 239-2094
 Place materials in bags or bins provided by the recycle
 - center and leave in designated drop off point & we
 - Bins must be lined with plastic trash bags provided by the customer
- Bulk pickup available upon request for large quantities of material. *Not for military housing

Upgrade Your Next Organizational Day - you could have steak instead of hot dogs! Units who recycle receive \$\$\$ in their MWR Account accounts - call 239-2385 for more information





Visit the Recycle Center at Bldg. 1980, 4th and G Street in Camp Funston - 785-239-2094

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Irwin Army Community Hospital is **Your** Hospital

You demand a Completely Satisfactory experience.

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As of Wednesday, Aug. 23, 411 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.

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For information, call CYS Parent Central at (785) 239-9885

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SOLDIERS COMPETE FOR COMMANDER'S CUP



Fort Riley and 1st Infantry Division Soldiers competed in a variety of sports including flag football, basketball and soccer from Aug. 16 through 25 as part of Victory Week and the celebration of the division's 100th anniversary. One unit will be named a champion and be awarded the Commander's Cup Aug. 25. Victory Week is usually held in June because the division's birthday is June 8, but was postponed to August so all units would be home.

For full coverage of the events during this time, see the Sept. 1 issue of the 1st Infantry Division Post newspaper. For more photos, visit www.flickr.com/photos/firstinfantrydivision.





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"We don't usually have road closures," he said. "There's a couple that may affect either Williston Point Road or Caisson (Hill) Road ... Most of our fires either occur north of Vinton School Road ... and then there's another large majority, but most of that is east of Caisson."

When conducting controlled burns, FRFES and DPW examine the directions smoke may travel to mitigate and reduce the impact on people in the area, Neely said.

"We do our best with smoke management," he said. "We look where our plumes would go. We look at ventilation rate, which is how good of dispersal we get for the smoke. We look at downwind receptors to make sure it's not going to hit nursing homes, schools or hospitals, anything like that or airports. We try to do our best on minimizing smoke impact, but it is out there."

He added Fort Riley is not the only community to conduct controlled burns during the August to May window.

"We're not the only ones in Kansas, so many times when they see smoke, they think Fort Riley, but no, it's other towns and communities too," Neely said.

Fort Riley has been conducting controlled burns since the 1980s; however, in the last decade, DPW and FRFRES have doubled down

to increase the program and their personnel training and qualifications, he said.

"We've really increased our qualifications, our abilities," Neely said. "Because of the program's success, others come to us ... we're a very successful program because we do burn a lot."

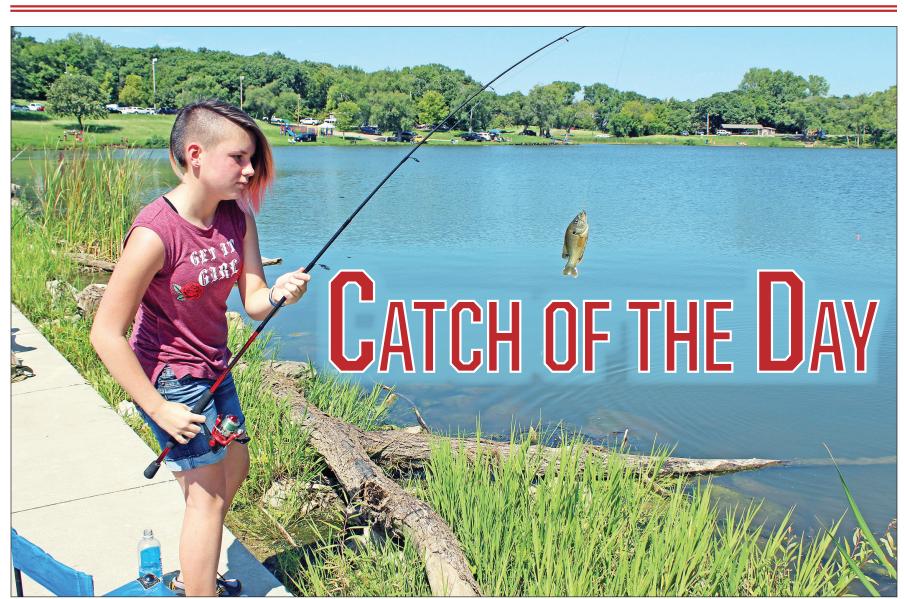
Those involved in the controlled burns receive certifications through the National Wildlife Coordinating Group. Their certifications take years to complete and require both classroom and hands on experience, he said.

"You just can't take a class, you've got to do certain tasks signed off by the right individuals and then go before a committee," Neely said.

Each year, FRFES and DPW improve their strategies and programs for habitat conservation, training area safety and fire hazard reductions, Stratton said.

"Fort Riley's goal is to integrate prescribed burning, hayfield cutting, mechanical control, herbicide application and land rehabilitation actions to sustain the training mission, enhance Soldier safety, maintain, enhance or reclaim native prairie, reverse or control undesirable invasive plants and provide suitable habitat for the potential natural fauna typically associated with tallgrass prairie," he said.





Dylan Williams, 11, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class James Davis, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, reels in a fish Aug. 20 during the annual USO Fishing Derby at Moon Lake. One-hundred kids and teens 5 to 15 years old participated and friends and family members were also encouraged to attend, bringing the total number of people enjoying the sunshine, lake and fishing to more than 500, said Scott Payne, USO Fort Riley director.

Kids, teens reel in new memories at USO Fort Riley Fishing Derby

ne-hundred kids and teens 5 to 15 years old participated in the annual USO Fort Riley Fishing Derby Aug. 20 at Moon Lake. As part of Victory Week 2017 events, USO staff

hosted the derby and provided a free fishing rod, reel and tackle kit to those signed up. They also served a free lunch to everyone in attendance.

Friends and family members were also encouraged to attend, bringing the total number of people enjoying the sunshine, lake and fishing to more than 500, said Scott Payne, USO Fort Riley director.

"It's bringing families together," he said. "We do that for (No Dough) dinner and this is another avenue we take during Victory Week."

Other organizations like the Corps of Engineers, Army Community Service, Fort Riley Game Wardens and the Fort Riley Outdoorsman Group were in attendance to teach kids how to set up their pole, attach bait and lure, cast and more. Many of them walked about the lake, talking and playing with families.

Spc. John Pressgrove, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, sat on the shoreline watching his wife and 8-year-old twins fish. He said they have been fishing for about three years now.

When he asked his daughter why she liked to fish, she said, "I like to catch stuff, but not muck."

Although his son has never caught anything, Pressgrove said he still asks to come out and fish. He added he is glad for events like these as they bring families closer together.





"I think that post wide events of this nature are very important for morale, to get them out of the house, to experience what is available on post," Pressgrove said.

Xavier Knox, 8, son of Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Knox, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div., grinned as he held up a catfish he caught. Although shy, Knox said he enjoys fishing because

he likes luring in and catching the fish. It's something he plans to continue for years to come, and while he does not like to eat the fish he catches, his dad does he said while wrinkling his

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Perched upon rocks with her family, Dylan Williams, 11, daughter of Sgt. First Class James Davis, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., cast her line into the water and waited. Her younger sister, Scarlet, cast her line out, reeled it in and cast it out again, repeating the process.

"It's a good thing to get kids outside," Dylan said of

Although she does not care for the taste of fish, she said she enjoys catching and releasing the fish back in

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Xavier Knox, 8, right, son of Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Knox, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, poses with his catfish alongside family friend Bobby Greathouse Aug. 20 during the annual USO Fishing Derby at Moon Lake. As part of Victory Week events, USO staff hosted the derby and provided a free fishing rod, reel and tackle kit to those signed up.

'Work left to be done' for women's rights

Women's Equality Day event chance to highlight highs, lows

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

In honor of Women's Equality Day, Soldiers of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Division, held an observance Aug. 16 at Riley's Conference Center. The center was decorated in signs, giving the history of Women's Equality Day, women's rights and sharing the stories of women throughout the armed services.

Although Women's Equality Day is Aug. 26, Soldiers and Fort Riley community members recognized the day earlier with a performance by the 1st Infantry Division Band and a poem read by Sgt. 1st Class Antoinette Moorman, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., A presentation from guest speaker Darlene Washington,



Darlene Washington, retired sergeant first class and ombudsman for Regional Health Command-Center, speaks to an audience of Soldiers and civilians during the Women's Equality Day observance Aug. 16 at Riley's Conference Center. Women's Equality Day celebrates the 19th amendment being certified as law Aug. 18, 1920.

retired sergeant first class ombudsman for Regional Health Command-Center, was the hear of the observance.

"It took generations of fearless women who advocated to secure a woman's right to vote," said Staff Sgt. Jonah Bishop, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., during the observance introduction.

"On Women's Equality Day, we honor these courageous heroes, celebrate how far they have come in the decades since and acknowledge the work still left to be done."

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DID YOU KNOW?

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proclamation and continued to be recognized every year by the U.S. president, Washington said.

"On Aug. 26, 1920, after years of advocating to break down the barriers that stood between them and the ballot box, American women won the right to vote," Bishop said. "On the front lines of pickets and protests, champions from every part of the country banded together to expand this fundamental freedom to women."

Washington said during her presentation it may be hard for people today to imagine half the population being unable to vote, which is why it is so

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Safety office to host car seat check lane Aug. 31

Proper installation, age-appropriate seats on checklists

By Maria Childs 1ST INF. DIV. POST

Motor vehicles injuries are the leading cause of unintentional deaths to children in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Many of these deaths can be prevented through education from professionals trained in car seat safety.

The Fort Riley Garrison Safety Office is scheduled to host a car seat check lane from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug.31 at Rally Point.

During this check lane, Rod Cruz, car seat safety technician at Fort Riley, and

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about car seat safety or to get a seat inspected, call 785-239-3391.

his team will be checking seats to make sure they are not only properly installed, but also the seat matches the age, height and weight of the child as well as making sure there is not active recalls on any car seats.

"Before the four-day weekend, we want to make sure that some of the car seats parents will be using for their children are properly installed," he said. "We also want to pass along to the parents we do an inspection to make sure it is the proper car seat for the age of the children."

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FORT RILEY POST-ITS

WARRIOR ZONE 6TH ANNIVERSARY

The Warrior Zone will celebrate its sixth birthday with a cake cutting at 6 p.m. and free showing of a pay-per-view wrestling match Aug. 26 at the facility, 7867 Normandy

The party is open to ages 18 and up only. For more information, call 785-240-6618.

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

The Fort Riley Post Library will have a Back to School Party Sept. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Enjoy snacks and activities, then settle in with a book.

For more information, call 785-



The Warrior Zone will host its annual Warrior Con Sept. 16 from 1 to 9 p.m.

Come dressed in cosplay as your favorite character, participate in boffer sword construction and battles, watch

anime or check out some of latest comic book hero movies. Other events also include role play game campaigns,

playing card tournaments and fighting game tournaments. Admission is \$1 per person. Warrior Con is open to ages 18 and up only.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ rileybosswz or call 785-240-6618.

RESILIENT SPOUSE ACADEMY

Take part in a four-day class Sept. 18 to 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. that provides spouses the tools and support they need to face everyday challenges in their lives and the lives of those around them.

Training includes Applied Suicide Intervention Training, understand and responding to domestic violence and more.

The class is free and held at Army Community Service, 7264 Normandy Drive.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ ftrileyresilientspouses or call 785-239-9974/9435.

PARENT AND CHILD CRAFT CLASS

The Arts and Crafts Center, 6918 Trooper Drive, will have a parent and child craft class Sept. 17 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The craft is canvas

painting for \$15 per person. Classes are divided by age and

advanced registration is required. To register or for more information, call 785-239-9205.

ADVENTURE PARK GRAND OPENING

The Outdoor Adventure and Travel Center will open the new Outdoor Adventure Park to the public Aug. 26

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.

FALLEN HERO RUN

Honor the fallen service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation during the Fallen Hero Run Sept. 9 at Riley's Conference Center.

Registration for the 2-mile run is free and will begin at 8 a.m. Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. and the run will begin at 9:11 a.m. Strollers and patriotic items, including flags and guidons, are allowed. For mor information, call 785-

FALL APPLE DAY PIE SALES

Fall Apple Day Festival is scheduled for Sept. 23 and apple pies are for sale. Pre-orders are not required, but pies go fast during the festival.

To reserve a pie, visit https:// squareup.com/store/HASFR.

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 check lane will be Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rally Point.

For more information, call 785-239-3391.

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.

FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 25 Girls Trip (R) 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 26

The Emoji Movie (PG) 2 p.m.

Atomic Blond (R) 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27

Dunkirk (PG-13) 5 p.m.

Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing

For more information, call 785-239-9574.

Regular Showing: \$6 3D Showing: \$8

First Run: \$8.25

3D First Run: \$10.25

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

And much more!

depending upon show and seats selected.

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

MILITARY SPOUSE NETWORKING EVENT

USO Fort Riley will host a Military Spouse Networking Event Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This program is for spouses to connect with each other and to engage with local employers and organizations. Advance registration is required. To register, visit www.facebook.com/events/344094686024755.

For more information, call 785-240-5328.

BLUE STAR **PROGRAM**

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers the Blue Star



Program to family members who are geographically seperated from their service member. The benefits are also open to Gold Star families and Soldiers in the Warrior Transition Battalion. Discounts and events are available to those enrolled in the program. For information about eligibility, call 785-239-2172 or email bluestar@rileymwr.com.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Army iWatch program open to all

Individuals must do part in assisting with security

By Col. John D. Lawrence FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

s Antiterrorism Awareness Month draws to a close, don't let up on your vigilance. The

potential for threats continues vear-round. During the past month, we've reiterated the U.S. Army's iWatch program and

Colonel Lawrence I'm going to

something, say something. Army iWatch is designed

to help protect people and

emphasize it once again — if you see

MORE INFORMATION

• If you have questions about iWatch or Antiterrorism Level 1 training, call 785-239-

neighborhoods. If we keep our eyes and ears tuned in for unusual activity where we live and work, we can keep each other and our communities safe from terrorist activity. Be observant and become involved in the safety of your community. It all comes down to maintaining an at-

Report any suspicious activity to our military police or through the iWatch program. There are many resources you can use, including:

titude of "safe and not sorry."

- Fort Riley iWatch at 785-240-WARN (240-9276)
- Military police at 785-239-MPMP (239-6767)
- iWatch report form at www.riley.army.mil/Com-

munity/iWATCH/Suspicious-Activity-Report

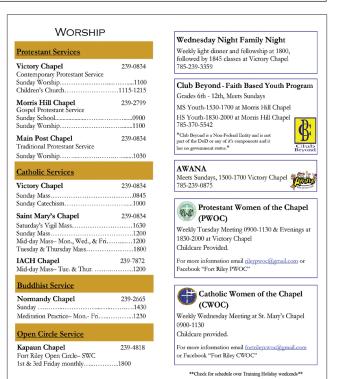
- iWatch e-mail usarmy. riley.imcom-central.list. iwatch@mail.mil
- iSalute at 1-800-CALL-SPY
- iSalute report form at www.inscom.army.mil/ isalute

All information gathered through these outlets is confidential, will be carefully assessed and investigated if necessary.

If you have questions about iWatch or Anti-terrorism Level 1 training, call 785-239-6303.

Each of us is a sensor and could be the difference between calm and catastrophe. Maybe it's a suspicious email, or a person who doesn't act like he or she belongs in a particular location. Maybe it's nothing; maybe it's not. Terrorists select targets that offer the most opportunity for success. Don't be an easy target — on the installation or off.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION



J. Parker Roberts | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS Manhattan Mayor Usha Reddi, left, presents a 100th Anniversary Proclamation to Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, in honor of the division's 100 years of victory Aug. 15 at City Hall. Martin accepted the proclamation beside his wife, Leann, and spoke to those assembled for the City Council meeting.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Aug. 22 was: Where in Manhattan can you find a new 1st Infantry Division exhibit beginning this weekend?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/News/Article-Display/ Article/1257740/big-red-one-history-displayedflint-hills-discovery-center-gets-assist-with-div/

This week's winner is Hannah Newberry, spouse of 1st Lt. Jonathan Newberry, Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Pictured above is Hannah Newberry.

CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH!

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important to reflect upon the past and see how far the nation has come.

"It's hard to imagine that women, not to mention people of color, could not participate in one of the most basic freedoms we've come to have — the right to vote," she said. "Thank goodness yesteryear is not today."

The day marks not only women's earning the right to vote, but other strides toward equality for men and women alike, whether in the workplace, at home or shopping in a store for basic essentials. However, there are still more steps to take, Washington said.

"Women's equality has improved with time ... but women's right to vote didn't come easy, just like drastic social change doesn't come easy," she said.

"We must remember today that, although we have come a long way toward equality, there's still much work to be done."

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DARLENE WASHINGTON OMBUDSMAN, REGIONAL HEALTH COMMAND-CENTER

As the observance came to a close, Col. Ronald Black, commander of 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., presented Washington with a Big Red One and thanked her for her contribution.

"This really is an important day to remember and reflect and to never forget the trials and tribulations women have gone through in the history of our country," he said.



Season Osterfeld | POST Col. Ronald Black, left, commander of 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, Infantry Division, presents a Big Red One to Darlene Washington, retired sergeant first class and ombudsman for Regional Health Command-Center, as an award for her service as guest speaker during the Women's Equality Day observance Aug. 16 at Riley's Conference Center.

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TACO Tuesday

Chicken or Beef Hard or Soft Shell Salsa Bar Rice & Beans





Salad Bar only for just \$5.95

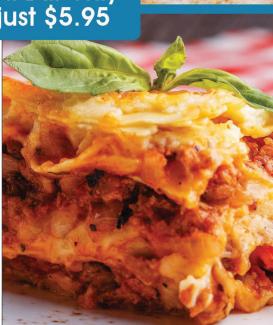
PASTA Wednesday

Pasta Main Dish Green Beans Focaccia Greek Salad

Information: 785.784.1000







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Although the timing of the event lines up with Fort Riley Soldier's four-day weekend, the event is open to the public. Every member of the Safety Office is certified to inspect car seats through Safe Kids Worldwide.

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, 73 percent of car seats are not used or installed correctly, which can result in serious injury. Correctly used car seats can reduce the risk of death as much as 71 percent.

Cruz said the event is all about education to the parents.

"During the course of our check, we have found out there is a lot of misuse of the car seat, from when they install it, it is either loose or not going through the right belt path," he said.

This includes talking to parents about where they bought the car seat.

"We know car seats are

to buy from yard sales and get secondhand car seats, we have no way of knowing if those car seats have been in an accident," he said.

Cruz said there will be replacement car seats available if the technicians deem it necessary to replace the car seat for safety concerns.

For more information about car seat safety or to get a seat inspected, call 785-239-3391.



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Outdoor Adventure Park to open |

Fort Riley facility to offer free activities opening weekend

By Season Osterfeld 1ST INF. DIV. POST

The Fort Riley Outdoor Adventure Park will have its grand opening Aug. 26 at noon at 5202 Normandy Drive.

Aug. 26 and 27 all activities will be free to patrons to celebrate the opening weekend. Visitors can try their hand at the kid-friendly family ropes course, climb their way to the top of the high ropes course and ride the zip line down, take on their friends in the paintball course, tackle the rockwall and more.

"I'm excited," said Kilee Debita, coordinator for the Outdoor Adventure Park grand opening. "There's been a lot of hard work put into this to make it come to life, so I'm excited to see how people

Other activities include a driving range, archery areas and low elements team building course.

As the sun sets on opening day, staff will play a family-friendly movie outdoors.

Following the opening weekend, the park will be open Saturdays and Sundays. Guests may purchase an all-day wrist band for \$25 for access to every activity or purchase tickets to individual activities for \$7 per activity per person. Monday through Friday is open to registrations only for \$150 for the first hour and \$100 for each additional hour

Families and friends are welcome to split up and participate in whatever activity they choose independent of each other; however, paintball is open to ages 13 and older only and children 48 to 60 inches tall must be accompanied by an adult on the ropes courses. Children shorter than 48 inches may not use the ropes course.

Harnesses for the ropes courses require a minimum weight of 40 pounds and can support a maximum weight of 250 pounds. The rockwall harness requires a minimum weight of 35 pounds.

Debita said the Outdoor Adventure Park is unique to Fort Riley. Other installations may have something similar, but do not include all Fort Riley has to offer "There's a couple that have just the ropes courses, but I don't know of any with a whole adventure park," she said.

Additional activities are coming in the future, Debita said. Other activities to come include an outdoor patio with fire pit, disk golf, foot golf, a dirt bike track, batting cages and more.

"It's something new and different here on Fort Riley," she said. "It gives them a chance to get outside as a family and be active." For more information, call

785-239-2326 or visit riley. armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation.

Check out the Travel and Fun section of this newspaper for photos and more about the Fort Riley Outdoor Adventure Park.

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the water. She added all kids and teens should get outside and find an activity they love.

For Payne, the event was a reminder of his time in the Army and the time he spent with his family before he retired. He brought his own children to the fishing derby two years ago.

"I think it's great," he said.
"My kids have been out here
in the past when I was in the
service. The first time my kids

went fishing, we participated in this event."

When registration opened, USO staff knew the slots would fill quickly and some Soldiers had not yet returned from deployment, so they set aside 20 slots to give those Soldiers the chance to return and register their children for the derby, Payne said.

For more information about USO Fort Riley events, visit www.facebook.com/USOFtRiley.







Boaters!

- Know your boat and know the rules of the road. Take a safe boating course.
 - Check your boat for all required safety equipment.
 - Consider the size of your boat, the number of passengers and the amount of extra equipment that will be on board.
 - Don't overload the boat!
 - If you will be in a power boat, check your electrical system and fuel system for gas fumes.
 - Follow manufacturer's suggested procedures before starting
 - Wear your life jacket don't just carry one on board.
- Leave your alcohol behind. Work to increase your safety, not increase your risks.
- Check the weather forecast.
- File a float plan with a member of your family or friend.

Swimmers!

Since most drowning victims had no intention of being in water and since most people drown within 10 to 30 feet of safety, it is important that you and your family learn to swim. Please remember to:

- Never rely on toys such as inner tubes and water wings to stay affoat.
- Don't take chances, by overestimating your swimming skills.
- Swim only in designated swimming areas.

• Never swim alone.

Divers!

Never dive into lakes and rivers; the results can be tragic. Every year, diving accidents result in more than 8,000 people suffering paralyzing spinal cord injuries and another 5,000 dying before they reach the hospital. All too often, hidden dangers lurk beneath the surface of the water, including rock outcrops or shallow water.

Cold water survival!

Your life may depend on a better understanding of cold water. Many suspected drowning

- victims actually die from cold exposure or hypothermia.

 Don't discard clothing after falling into the water.
- Don't discard crothing after failing into the water.Wear your life jacket. This helps hold heat in the core areas of your body.

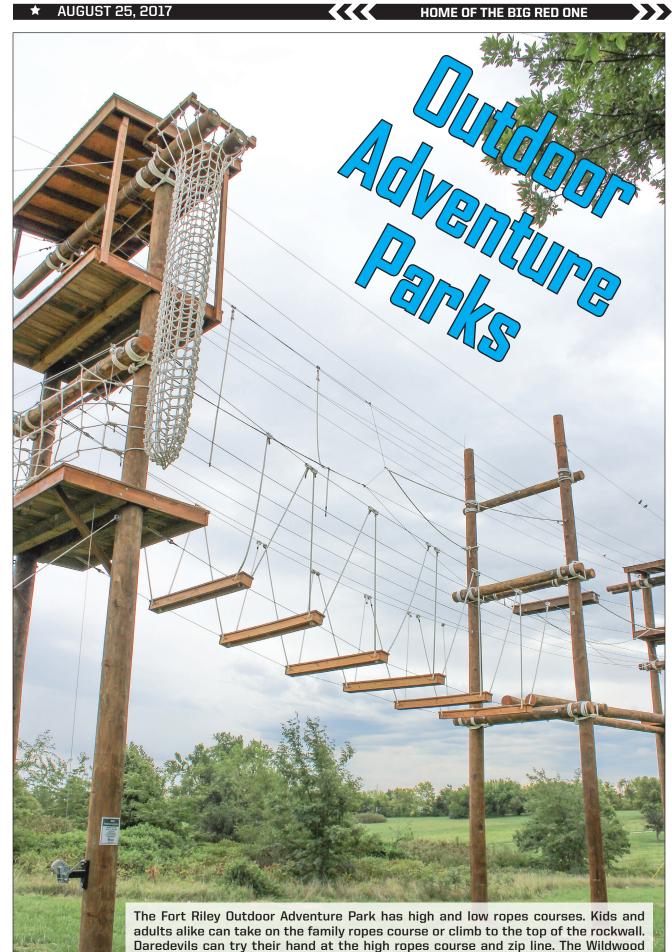


To find out more about the National Water Safety Program, visit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/National-Water-Safety Program/, or contact the Cor Northewestern Division at 816-389-2000 or the Fort Riley Garrison Safety Office at 785-240-0647.

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next week's Travel & Fun in Kansas – Fishing Spots

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A family friendly low ropes course is available at the Fort Riley Outdoor Adventure Park. Height and weight restrictions do apply to the ropes course. Participants must be at least 48 inches in height and 40 pounds. Children between 48 and 60 inches tall must be accompanied by an adult.

Outdoor Adventure Park at 375 Johnson Road, Manhattan, Kansas, has seven zip

lines and the Go Ape Tree Top Adventure nestled within a public park at 7331

Oakwood Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, has several zip lines as well.



The high ropes course at Fort Riley Outdoor Adventure Park has a zip line at the end with two lines so people can race one another to the end. At Go Ape Tree Top Adventure nestled within a public park at 7331 Oakwood Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, the longest zip line is 475 feet long.

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

Ready for adventure? Soar through the tree tops, conquer your fears, take on obstacles and scale to new heights at adventure parks in Kansas and Missouri.

The Fort Riley Outdoor Adventure Park opens Aug. 26. The grand opening day and Aug. 27 are free to all visitors.

The park at 5202 Normandy Drive, has the largest array of activities compared to other area adventure parks. There's something for just about anyone there. Kids and adults alike can take on the family ropes course or climb to the top of the rockwall. Daredevils can try their hand at the high ropes course and zip line.

Looking to improve your swing? There's also a golf driving range. Other activities include youth and regular archery ranges, and a paintball course with tree and brush cover. More is still planned to come to the Fort Riley Outdoor Adventure Park including for batting cages, a dirt bike track, foot golf and disk gold as possibilities.

Height and weight restrictions do apply to the ropes course. Participants must be at least 48 inches in height and 40 pounds. A maximum weight of 250 pounds also applies. For the rockwall, the minimum weight is 35 pounds. Children between 48- and 60-inches tall must be accompanied by an adult.

through Monday Friday the park is open for reservations unlimited access to every activity and cost \$150 for the first hour and \$100 for every hour after that. Saturdays and Sundays there are no reservations required. On weekends, visitors can purchase a wristband for \$25 for unlimited access to all activities or purchase a ticket to a specific activity

For more information, 785-239-2326 or riley.armymwr. com/programs/outdoorrecreation.

In nearby Manhattan is the Wildwood Outdoor Adventure Park, Johnson Road, that's open

March to December. The park features seven zip lines and a free fall area. The longest line is 1,400 feet. There is a moderate hike between each line, so visitors should dress appropriately to include sturdy, closed-toed shoes and it is required long hair be tied back. Participants must be between 50 and 275 lbs.

Reservations required to visit Wildwood Outdoor Adventure Park. A minimum of four people and a maximum of 12 is required to make a reservation. The first two lines are \$25 per person and take about 30 minutes to complete. Four lines are \$45 per person and take about 90 minutes to complete. All seven lines are \$65 per person and take between two to two-andhalf hours to complete.

Reservations Thursday to Sunday may be booked online at www. wildwoodadventurepark. com. Reservation's made Monday to Wednesday must be made via phone at 785-477-9543.

In Kansas Missouri, is Go Ape Tree Top Adventure nestled within a public park at 7331 Oakwood Drive.

The park has five sections of obstacles and 39 unique crossings through the forest canopy for two to three hours of exploration. The longest zip line is 475 feet and the course is 2,532 feet long.

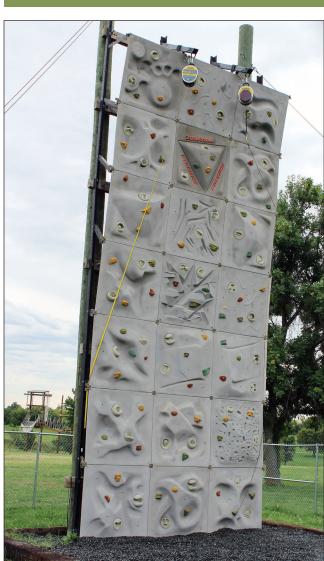
Obstacles and courses include a Tarzan swing, flying carpet, zip lines, rail track and more.

Below the course are public hiking trails, so non-participants can watch their friends and family tackle the obstacles for free from the ground.

Ages 16 and up are \$58 er person and ages 10 to 15 are \$38 per person. Children under the age of 10 cannot participate. All participants must be at least 4 foot 7 inches in height and a maximum weight of 258 lbs. One adult participant is required for every two youth ages 10 to 15. Sixteen and 17 year olds may participate with a signed wavier by a parent or guardian.

Visitors should bring change for parking.

For more information, visit goape.com.



A rockwall is one of several activities available at the Fort Riley Outdoor Adventure Park. The park at 5202 Normandy Drive, has the largest array of activities compared to other adventure parks in the area.