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Army chief of staff, senator visit Irwin Army Community Hospital

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley and Sen. Jerry Moran tour new hospital facility, talk Warrior Transition Battalion



Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley, left, talks with Col. John Melton, commander of Irwin Army Community Hospital, about the staff and capabilities of the hospital Aug. 23. Milley, Sen. Jerry Moran and Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, toured IACH to learn more about its success and the staff's abilities to treat and care for Soldiers and their families.

Story and photo by Season Osterfeld
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Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley and Sen. Jerry Moran visited Irwin Army Community Hospital Aug. 23 alongside Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general.

Milley, Moran and Martin toured of the hospital with Col. John Melton, IACH commander. They met Soldiers and staff who gave updates about the status of the hospital since it's opening in October 2016. The tour took them through the pharmacy, labor and delivery and behavioral health departments. It also included discussion about the Warrior Transition Battalion and its proximity to the hospital.

"As folks in this community know it's taken awhile for Irwin Army (Community) Hospital, the new one, to be completed and up and running and we were knocking on the door of everyone at the Pentagon,

but particularly the Army Chief of Staff Gen. Milley, to ask for his help in prodding the process along and getting this hospital open — serving military men and women and their families at Fort Riley," Moran said. "So, one of the things I wanted to do was for Gen. Milley to see the results of his efforts here and at Fort Riley."

This was Moran's fifth visit to IACH and one he wanted to share with Milley to show him the successes of the evidence based design of the facility, he said.

During the tour, Milley asked questions regarding the capabilities and staffing of the hospital, as well as the number of patients seen and their relationship to Fort Riley or the armed forces.

"We want good, exceptionally high-quality care," he said of the hospital to Melton during the tour.

Moran, who is part of the Defense Appropriations Committee, said helping Milley and other Army leaders

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Vietnam era veterans honored during 'Big Red One' welcome-home ceremony

Vietnam veterans celebrated with ceremony, reception as part of 1st Infantry Division's 100 years of service



Veterans and their family members were honored during the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony Aug. 23 on Marshall Army Airfield, part of Victory Week 2017. More than 200 veterans attend the event, meeting with fellow service members from their era and active-duty Soldiers of the "Big Red One."

Story and photo by Chad L. Simon
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As service members return to Fort Riley from deployments today, they are greeted with songs from the 1st Infantry Division Band, excited spouses, family members and lots of welcome-home signs. Some even return to see a newborn child for the first time.

Five decades ago, that was not the homecoming a service member received after returning from Vietnam. At best, a service member quietly returned with no fanfare, but even that was better than the experiences of some returning from fighting in the controversial conflict.

At the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony hosted by the 1st Infantry Division Aug. 23 at Fort Riley's Marshall Army Airfield,

Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, along with many veterans made a short march on the airfield lined by motorcycles and American flags following a color guard, dressed in Vietnam-era Army fatigues. As the hangar doors parted, more than 200 veterans listened to the band playing music, cheering from current "Big Red One" Soldiers, community organizations and several handmade signs welcoming them home.

The 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley made it a mission to give Vietnam veterans of all branches of service the welcome home they earned in Vietnam with a ceremony and reception as part of Victory Week 2017 and the celebration of 100 years of continuous service by the 1st Inf. Div.

Marine veteran Rodney Hilker made the 250-mile trip

from Arapahoe, Nebraska, to Fort Riley with his son and grandson for the reception.

"It is awe enhancing," Hilker said. "I have never been around anything like this since I have been out of the Marine Corps and that has been 46 years. You get an occasional 'thank you,' but for this and all they have done for us and to get us down to a program like this means a lot to me."

"When I came home, we lived in a small community so we didn't have people throw rocks at us or cussing us, but you got home and that was it. This is more of an outreach with a lot of different organizations. It just makes you feel proud."

According to Hilker's son, Tracy, the former Marine originally did not want to make

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VICTORY WEEK 2017



Kalene Lozick | POST

During Victory Fest Aug. 19, Sgt. Njah Kavin of Company F, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division explains his laptop battery operated 1976 MG British England car to, Spc. Austin Hildick, 101 Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. Kavin designed the car to help him cope with reintegration after deployment. His car won first place in People's Choice at Victory Fest.



Suet Lee-Growney | POST

Children from the Fort Riley Child and Youth Services Strong Beginnings program sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during the Victory Fest opening ceremony Aug. 19 at Marshall Army Airfield. The event typically held during Victory Week was to celebrate all things 1st Infantry Division during the "Big Red One's" birthday, June 8. This year the event was held in August to ensure maximum unit participation, serve as a welcome home concert to Soldiers who had recently returned from deployment and farewell to those who are getting ready to deploy.

For more coverage, see Victory Week special section pages 17 through 20

FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



First Lt. Brittany Beim volunteers as a Girl Scout troop leader, mentors 10- through 12-year-old cadets, helps at the local animal shelter and assists in distributing host and holy wine at her local church

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

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Suicide Prevention Month focuses on recognizing stressors

By Season Osterfeld
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September is Suicide Prevention Month at Fort Riley. This year, personnel involved in hosting events and training are focusing on recognizing and helping with stressors that lead to suicide. They are also encouraging people to spread the word about understanding stressors and preventing suicide with the theme #BeThere.

When even one Soldier is lost to suicide, Fort Riley leaders try to understand the reason and learn how to help prevent another person from taking their own life.

“For each one of these deaths, (Maj.) Gen. (Joseph M.) Martin has met with the chain of command from the brigade leadership all the way down to the squad leader,” said David Easterling, Suicide Prevention Program manager. “I’ve had the opportunity to sit in the room and listen as they talk about and try to understand the deaths and the loss of these Soldiers. The emotions written plainly on

the faces. The general’s not there to ‘ah-ha, I got you.’ He’s not there to say, ‘how did you screw up.’ He’s there to understand and learn lessons from the life that was given and the life that was lost. And as we sat there, it was plain to see that the leadership struggled emotionally with the loss of their Soldiers, that they feel that loss, that a brigade commander who did not know this young Soldier who is now gone still struggles with the fact that ‘that’s a loss in my formation,’ and there’s always an emotional response.”

Out of the desire to equip leaders and help them spot some of the warning signs of stressed Soldiers, a new type of awareness training was built.

Sept. 6 and 7, Brandon French, prevention coordinator for the Army Substance Abuse Program, will teach two leaders seminars to company commanders, platoon leaders and more from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. The seminars will focus on understanding the effects of alcohol and the

effects of the legal process on an individual and how they have the potential to lead to suicide, Easterling said. The seminars are a pilot training program developed by French for leadership at Fort Riley.

“If I’m a leader looking at a Soldier going through divorce, I could say, ‘OK, he has this going on, but I don’t see any other issues,’ and this may give them a little more of a ‘Well, they may not have issues yet, but this could lead to them turning to alcohol and then it could lead to this,’ so that’s where I went with the class itself,” French said. “Alcohol as a stressor itself and alcohol has an impact on stress that we already know — how it can reduce our resilience because of the certain physiologically things that go on.

“I’m just a very small piece ... Then I have Maj. (Hana) Rollins from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. She is going to talk after me about some of the life changing events, what she sees when Soldiers come into her office who are facing any sort of life changing action.”

Other on-post agencies have teamed up to increase awareness and the potential for suicide prevention.

The USO Fort Riley and Army Community Service are teaming up Sept. 7 and 21 to offer a free lunch and spin the wheel activity at the USO. The spin the wheel activity, as well as personnel present, will offer tips and information to Soldiers and families alike to help deal with stressors in their lives.

From Sept. 24 to 29, ASAP will hold a training for trainers session to get 24 people qualified in applying and teaching the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. This training, commonly referred to as ASIST, prepares people to intervene when a suicide risk is present. For more information, call Easterling at 785-239-1012.

“Every day is suicide prevention,” Easterling said. “Every day we choose life. Every day is a day to start new and fresh and move forward, but in all the hectic readiness and everything we are doing, we need a moment in time where

we can focus our thoughts and energies and say ‘hey, there are people who are struggling, there are people who are suffering’ ... we need to be willing to help our brothers and sisters not only in the battlefield, but in life.”

For anyone needing assistance, whether to talk or have someone be there for them, several resources are available.

The chaplains of Fort Riley have a hotline answered 24/7 at 785-239-HELP (4357).The calls are answered by a chaplain who can talk on the phone or meet in person.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-TALK (8255). It also has an online chat option at suicidepreventionlifeline.org. Callers may request to speak with someone who specializes in assisting veterans.

All the hospitals in and surrounding Fort Riley, including the Kansas cities of Junction City and Manhattan, have trained and caring professionals ready to aid anyone who needs them.

“We have great hospitals here whether it’s in Junction City, Manhattan or here at Fort Riley,” Easterling said. “We have great people there who really care.”

Other resources available at Fort Riley include:

- Military Family Life Consultants who offer free, confidential counseling.
- Army Substance Abuse Program
- Financial Counselors at Army Community Service and within the units
- Suicide Prevention Program

“Suicide prevention is important,” Easterling said. “It’s important that the community practices more than just going to a class once a year, but that we try to help one another out by doing those kind niceties our moms tried to beat into us as children — opening doors for people, smiling, being kind, helping people change tires on the side of the road, getting involved with the stressors of life when they’re only a stress helps improve the quality of life for the individual and, in return, helps keep them safe from suicide.”

Exchange deputy director visits Fort Riley facilities



Mike Immler, Army and Air Force Exchange Service deputy director, presents Patty Helmig, warehouse receiver, with a coin for her outstanding work at "Big Red One" Express at building 1914 on Custer Hill. During Immler's visit from AAFES headquarters in Dallas, he had the opportunity to see how well BRO Express, a pilot store for a new generation of Expresses, was doing, honor exemplary employees for their service and listen to concerns and challenges from his staff.

Story and photo by Suet Lee-Growney
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Deputy director for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Mike Immler, visited Fort Riley Aug. 21 and 22 to honor AAFES employees for their service and check up on “Big Red One” Express, the pilot concept for a new generation of Expresses.

Immler said the last time he visited Fort Riley was eight years ago and a lot has changed. Recently, AAFES invested about \$600,000 on the flagship BRO Express on Custer Hill in the interior and stock assortment.

“We are going to roll (the new Express concept) out across the rest of our enterprise, which I think we will do; It’s been very successful,” Immler said. “It is the brand new design for our Express ... this is the first one of its kind in our system.”

According to Immler, there are about 3,000 AAFES facilities worldwide, and they will be taking this model and applying it to other military installations. He and Danny Schmidt, central west region vice president of AAFES, said Fort Hood, Texas, will probably be the next place they will implement the new Express concept.

“I don’t think we made a final decision on that yet,”

Immler said. “When you invest \$500,000, you have to rack and stack it against all other projects that we have in our portfolio ... we have to look at where the best return on the investment is.”

At the moment, BRO Express is still being evaluated since it is six months old. But the main purpose for the deputy director’s visit was to honor the AAFES employees. He awarded coins to exemplary associates.

“For me, it’s about recognizing associates,” Immler said. “Letting them know that folks at Dallas, where headquarters are, respect and honor their commitment and dedication to taking care of Soldiers.”

Apart from making sure the facilities are running at proper standards, Immler came to make sure employees are cared for. He said he wanted to hear good ideas, help with challenges of Fort Riley’s AAFES businesses and hoped to share the information with other installations and headquarters, so the organization as a whole might improve.

“I try to be the ears and eyes for folks who don’t get out as much, and so they can channel some of that stuff through me,” he said. “Sometimes the local folks don’t like them to be honest, but I encourage them to speak up and give me their challenges and we can address those and we will make the system better.”

Maria Isabel Berrios Borges, main store manager of the Exchange, hosted Immler during his visit to the main store.

“All (Immler) wants to do was to bring out what can he do for us,” Borges said. “So far he is very impressed with (Fort) Riley; he knew it was a big base, but he didn’t know it was that big.”

Immler’s sincerity earned respect during his visit from many AAFES employees such as Hyon Lemons, BRO Express store manager.

“I think Mr. Immler is a very humble and very generous person,” Lemons said. “We always have a good visit with all our executives, but he was different.”

Immler, who is also a retired colonel and served more than 30 years in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, said he is proud of be part of the BRO family and the installation’s prestigious history.

“Only one percent of us raise our right hand to defend the country, and it’s an honor and privilege to be here to take care of those folks,” Immler said. “Over the last 10 years, we’ve given back almost \$4.4 billion to the military community.”

1st Division Museum renovation revealed



Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, third from right, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, second from left, 1st Inf. Div. senior noncommissioned officer, join Paul Herbert, third from left, executive director of the First Division Museum at Cantigny, and other leaders from the organization as they cut the ribbon on the newly renovated and expanded museum Aug. 26 in Wheaton, Illinois.

Story and photo by J. Parker Roberts
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WHEATON, Ill. — The staff at the 1st Division Museum at Cantigny, just outside Chicago in Wheaton, Illinois, have long made it their mission to preserve, interpret and present to the public the history of the “Big Red One,” the U.S. Army’s first division. Now, following a multimillion-dollar renovation, which saw museum doors close for 10 months, the educational center has reopened with expanded displays and a new exhibit covering the division’s activities from 1970 through today.

Leaders and Soldiers from the 1st Inf. Div. attended the grand reopening ceremony of the 1st Division Museum at Cantigny, Aug. 26. Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, spoke during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“Our division is blessed to have such an amazing facility, and after 100 years of victory, we’re looking forward to the next 100,” Martin said. “I’m blessed to serve as Danger 6 at this time, and it is my honor to be standing before you today at this great event.”

The Commanding General’s Mounted Color Guard presented the American flag at

the ceremony, and Soldiers from the 1st Inf. Div. Artillery treated the crowd to a volley of fire to start the event.

“Over the last year, we’ve celebrated a long and storied history — the impressive heritage of our division,” Martin said. “We recognize the massive sacrifices that the pioneers of this organization have made for our great nation. Our present-day Big Red One Soldiers have been asked to bear a heavy burden though. Many of them have multiple deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations across the world. These brave Soldiers have placed themselves in harm’s way, committing themselves to the defense of the nation.”

The museum now tells the 100 years of Big Red One history in two parts. The existing exhibit, First in War, takes visitors from the division’s earliest days in 1917 through World War I, World War II and Vietnam. This area was expanded and refreshed over the past 10 months and includes artifacts and recreations from the division’s first five decades.

The division’s story continues in the new exhibit, Duty First, which tells the division’s story since Vietnam. The exhibit uses electronic displays featuring Big Red One veterans telling their stories and virtual reality to put visitors

into the boots of a 1st Inf. Div. Soldier.

“The museum we had only told the story up through Vietnam,” said Paul Herbert, executive director of the First Division Museum, discussing what prompted the renovation efforts that began three years ago. “That’s half the division’s history. And the centennial is approaching. So are we going to celebrate the centennial with half the division’s history?”

Herbert said another reason for the expansion was for the Soldiers who have served with the Big Red One since Vietnam.

“Their service needs to be told,” he said. “And they’re at an age where they’re becoming conscious of their status as veterans, conscious of their place in history and it’s important to them.”

Through video displays, visitors to the museum will be able to hear firsthand accounts from Big Red One veterans like Capt. Casey Wolfe, an observer controller/trainer for the U.S. Army Reserves and former commander of the Commanding General’s Mounted Color Guard. Wolfe and other veterans flew to the museum last fall to speak with historians and record the video used in the exhibit.

“It was a surreal experience,” Wolfe said about seeing his role in the exhibit for the first time. “I haven’t talked a lot about Afghanistan with my family — not because I’m trying to hide anything, just not wanting toot my own horn or anything.”

Wolfe said his recording session took longer than expected because he had much to share.

“I made a remark to one of the film people that I talked more about Afghanistan in that afternoon than I had with my family,” he said. “It’s something I’m passionate about, and I want to make sure people who come here in 15 years that may not really know anything about Afghanistan get the right story.”

While serving as a platoon leader for Troop C, 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade

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THE FIGHTING FIRST!

Joe Toles: A ‘Big Red One’ Soldier



THEN
& NOW



By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

A native of Gadsden, Alabama, Joe Toles graduated from Emma Sansom High in May of 2001. The following July, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, attending basic training at Paris Island, South Carolina.

Toles eventually trained as a supply warehouse clerk, and was assigned to Supply Company, 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

“Our unit deployed to OIF (Operation Iraqi Freedom) out of Kuwait,” Toles said. “I departed the Marine Corps in July 2005.”

In September 2006, he enlisted in the Army, and went straight to Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he earned the military occupational specialty of 92Y, Unit Supply Specialist. After AIT his first Army assignment was to Kadena Air Force

Base on Okinawa, Japan, where he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command. Toles served in Japan from December 2006 until December 2008, after which he was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, serving with Charlie Battery, 1st Bn., 7th, 108th ADA Brigade as a supply noncommissioned officer in charge. While at Fort Bragg he and his unit deployed to Bahrain, where he served from January 2009 to March 2011.

“My next assignment took me Fort Gordon, Georgia, where I was assigned to the 35th MP (Military Police) Detachment as the supply NCOIC (noncommissioned officer in charge),” Toles said. “I was there from March 2011 to October 2013.”

His next assignment brought him to Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division, where he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., working in the S-4 logistics shop within

the Administrative Logistics Operations Center.

“I was there from November 2013 until October 2015,” Toles said.

He said he retired from the Army as a sergeant in October 2015.

“Today I am a stay-at-home dad to our 16-month-old daughter,” Toles said. “My wife works for Corvias housing on Fort Riley.”

Initially after retirement, Toles went to Atlanta to attend the Art Institute of Atlanta in pursuit of a career in Music Engineering. However, he returned to Junction City, Kansas, because his then-fiancée Breeana and he were expecting their son. “He is our prince,” Toles said, and he was named Elijah.

“We decided to stay here because the area is not too fast and not too slow and there is not a lot of traffic,” Toles said.

He said his favorite memory was when the commanding general joined his unit for physical training.

“It was very motivating and it showed that our higher chain of command liked interacting with Soldiers at the lower ranks,” he said. “It was a fun session that wasn’t fake.”



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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 personally-owned 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.

Grant:

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

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

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

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

Question and answer for this week:

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

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

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

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'Big Red One' honors regimental lineage during Victory Week



Staff Sgt. Jessica Barnet | 105TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division take part in the Victory Week 2017 Regimental Lineage Ceremony Aug. 21 on the front lawn of division headquarters.

By Sgt. Brandon Jacobs

105TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

All units in the U.S. Army have a rich and diverse history, but only one can say, "We are the first."

In a ceremony held at 1st Infantry Division headquarters at Fort Riley Aug. 20, the division claimed the honor of being the first yet again as they celebrate 100 years of victory during Victory Week.

Soldiers carrying the colors of each unit belonging to the 1st Inf. Div. formed a line behind the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard in the garb of World War I Soldiers, representing the beginning of the lineage of the "Fighting First."

Bowing their heads for the invocation, the audience listened to Chap. (Lt. Col.) Shmuel L. Felzenberg, 1st Inf. Div. deputy chaplain. The prayer emphasized a celebration of the organization coming together to fulfill a mission of national need.

"These units individually may seem to share little in common," Felzenberg said. "They seamlessly have come together time and again in the true national spirit of 'E Pluribus Unum' – creating out of many, one. The unmatched 'Big Red One.'"

A booming report "Old Thunder," a replica of a Revolutionary War-era cannon,

fired by a team led by Sgt. Steven Underwood of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery, signaled the start of the ceremony and the arrival of the official party.

As the official party reached their seats, Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Inf. Div. commanding general, rendered salute to the commander of troops with a 13-round volley from the guns of the DIVARTY salute battery, led by Staff Sgt. Miguel Ramirez.

As the smoke began to clear, the 1st Infantry Division Band played the national anthem and honors.

"The story of America's first division is the story of the nation over the last 100 years," said Sgt. 1st Class Rob Frazier, 1st Inf. Div. Public Affairs operations noncommissioned officer. "It is the story of conflict and peace; of service and sacrifice; of honor and duty; of leadership and victory."

Soldiers carrying the colors of the eight regiments that made up the First American Expeditionary Force during World War I marched to position behind the color guard. As the lineage of World War I was completed, they returned to their place among the line of colors that have been a part of the 1st Inf. Div.

This process repeated with the lineage being read from every major conflict to the present day. Each of the division's regiments was honored and their accomplishments read.

Thunderous applause hailed the end of the reading of the lineage as Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, took the podium.

"This post, this team of teams, knows how to build readiness like no other in the United States, I'll just call it — I guess I'm a little bit biased," Martin said. "There's people out there that want to do harm to the people of this county. So if our Soldiers can deploy somewhere, execute their warfighter competencies to the highest standard as its always done, then whatever region that they were in will be safer. If that region is more stable than I can guarantee you, our supporters, our families, will be safer."

"This is the third time that I have served in this division. That gives you, as someone who's had the honor to do that, understanding of the hard work, sacrifice and commitment to prepare an organization to do what this team of teams has done repeatedly over time."

Victory Week is an annual event that encourages remembrance and esprit de corps for Big Red One Soldiers and supporters.

"Don't ever forget what had been done," Martin said. "It needs to be your rallying call as you move forward, as leaders, as Soldiers, as supporters, as spouses."



RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What was your favorite part of Victory Week?



"Combatives tournament. Exciting real warriors out there. It shows the warriors in 1st Infantry Division."

CURTIS WOOD
FREDERIC, MARYLAND

Operations specialist, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security



"Victory Fest. Because I like Eli Young Band and Charlie Daniels Band and I enjoy to be able to listen to them in a concert and not just on the radio."

SGT. 1ST CLASS MATHEW FUQUA
MOORE, OKLAHOMA

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley



"Getting off work early."

SPC. JORDAN FANT
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

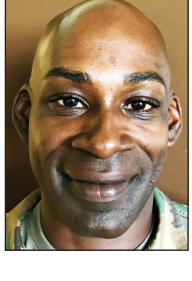
Company A, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"All the fun family activities the Army puts on."

MIRANDA FANT
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Wife of Spc. Jordan Fant, Company A, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"Learning about the rich traditions of the 1st Infantry Division."

SGT. 1ST CLASS MARCUS CARROLL
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Infantry Division Artillery

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SAFETY CORNER

When a teammate is having heart problems, do you know what to do?

By Dawn J. Douglas
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

According to a recent survey conducted by the American Heart Association, about 10,000 cardiac arrest situations occur in the workplace each year, yet only 45 percent of U.S. employers have been trained in first aid, and only 50 percent of workers know where to find an automated external defibrillator.

Would you know what to do if one of your co-workers began experiencing signs of cardiac arrest?

You may be one of the 50 percent of workers who can locate an AED, but what if you work at a location where your co-workers number in the 50 percent who do not? In other words, making sure everyone is aware of CPR and the use of an AED increases Team Riley's preparation and readiness to respond to a co-worker in distress. There are two types of cardiac incidents that require immediate attention, Cardiac arrest and a heart attack. Because the terms are often used interchangeably on medical television shows, it is easy to confuse cardiac arrest with a heart attack. The key difference is that cardiac arrest is an electrical problem, whereas a heart attack is a circulation problem.

Cardiac arrest is triggered by an electrical malfunction in the heart that causes an irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia). With its pumping action disrupted, the heart cannot pump blood to the brain, lungs and other organs. When this happens, within seconds the person can

become unresponsive, and either cease to breathe or gasp for breath. Death can occur within minutes if the person does not receive treatment within a few minutes. In the event of cardiac arrest, knowledge of CPR and an AED can be the difference between life and death.

A heart attack occurs when blood flow to the heart is blocked. A blocked artery prevents oxygen-rich blood from reaching a section of the heart. If the blocked artery is not reopened quickly, the part of the heart normally nourished by that artery begins to die. Most heart attacks do not lead to cardiac arrest, but when cardiac arrest occurs, heart attack is a common cause. Other conditions may also disrupt the heart's rhythm and lead to cardiac arrest besides a heart attack.

Symptoms of a heart attack may be immediate and may include intense discomfort in the chest or other areas of the upper body, shortness of breath, cold sweats, and/or nausea and vomiting. More often, though, symptoms start slowly and persist for hours, days or weeks before a heart attack. Unlike with cardiac arrest, the heart usually does not stop beating during a heart attack. The longer the person goes without treatment, the greater the damage.

Symptoms vary with each person. However, according to the WebMD website, heart attack symptoms in men can be include shortness of breath, nausea and/or vomiting, and back or jaw pain, while the symptoms women experience can include

the aforementioned, plus chest pains or discomfort, pain in the arms and neck or jaw, stomach pain, lightheadedness, sweating, fatigue

Regardless of whether it is a heart attack or cardiac arrest, calling for an emergency responder immediately is critical because every minute matters. The sooner the person can get emergency medical services the better. This is why knowing the signs of both cardiac arrest and a heart attack and having an employee who can offer lifesaving medical care while either en route to a hospital or waiting for EMS is critical.

Another statistic from the study conducted by the AHA is that 73 percent of office employees believed a co-workers would know how to provide first aid in an emergency. This indicates employees may be relying on untrained peers in the event of an emergency. If only 45 percent of employees, according to the AHA survey, know how to use an automated external defibrillator, co-workers have a false sense of security and are operating under a faulty assumption.

However, in the same survey, more than 90 percent of the participants said they would take first aid and CPR/AED training if their employer offered it. Team Riley members are urged to take advantage of free first aid and CPR/AED training when offered to ensure they are equipped to handle emergencies.

This becomes particularly vital when we are being asked to do more with less personnel

and the demands of the job become increasingly stressful. In addition to first aid and CPR/AED training, we are also encouraged to participate in employee wellness opportunities that help us eat more responsibly and exercise.

The Directorate of Emergency Services offers free AED training to civilian employees. Upcoming classes include the following dates: Sept. 26, and Oct. 10 and 26. Classes are held at building 1020 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class size is limited to twelve students. For more information, contact 785-240-6241. These classes are eligible for Soldiers, dependents, Department of the Army civilians and contractors. The classes involve hands-on, practical training in CPR and operation of AED.

In addition, a part of the Annual Safety and Occupational Health Inspection requires that AED located in a facility is checked and collateral duty officers or other appointment personnel must attend CPR/AED training to fulfill their safety obligations.

Do you know where the AED is located within your facility? One of the first steps to preparedness is knowing where the AED is located in your facility and ensuring it is good working order. The next step is training. First Aid and AED training need to become part of a larger culture of safety within workplaces.

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

RECYCLING CENTER

Why recycle?

FORT RILEY RECYCLING CENTER

People can tell you that you should recycle because it is good for the environment. However, some don't know there are many reasons to recycle and many benefits to the environment from recycling. This article will look at some of those reasons and why it is good for Fort Riley when you choose to put recyclable materials in the recycle bin instead of the trash can.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States is the #1 trash producing country in the world where we generate about 40 percent of the world's waste. The average American produces about 3,000 pounds of solid waste per year. However, not all of that is trash, about 75 percent of the solid waste stream could be recycled but only 30 percent is making it to the recycle bin.

In the United States, we throw away about 36 billion aluminum cans each year, according to the Container Recycling Institute. Those cans would have been worth about \$600 million in scrap metal value if they would have been recycled. In addition, each of those cans could have save enough energy by not making a new can to power a TV for 3 hours. If those cans were recycled, they can be back on the shelves with a new product inside within one month instead of taking up landfill space for up to 500 years.

There are also many benefits from recycling cardboard and paper products. The EPA estimates one ton of recycled paper saves 20 trees, 24,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, enough energy to power a home for 6 months and 4 barrels of oil. The demand for recycled paper is also high. Just to produce the Sunday newspapers in the United States, it takes about 500,000 trees. Most of those trees can be spared

when there is enough recycled newspaper to meet that need.

In Fiscal Year 2016, the Fort Riley Recycling Center processed about 55,000 tons of materials and is on track to surpass that amount in Fiscal Year 2017. Every pound of those materials saved taxpayers money that could have been spent on transporting it off post to a transfer station and in tipping fees at the landfill. Instead of wasting tax dollars on throwing those materials away, the installation uses proceeds from selling the materials to purchase boats for the marina, playground equipment, upgrades at the bowling alley and to put money directly in unit Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation accounts.

These are just a few of the reasons why you should recycle. Not only is it the right thing to do for the environment, it saves resources, tax money and benefits everyone on Fort Riley by improving MWR opportunities. If you have any questions on recycling or need more information, call 785-239-2385.

Fort Riley Recycling

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Soldiers find civilian success through technician program



LEFT: Renee Fisher, Director of Maintenance Learning and Development for Ryder Transportation Company, provides remarks at a graduation ceremony Aug. 23 at Barlow Theater. The occasion recognized six Fort Riley Soldiers who received training and employment opportunities from Ryder as they prepare for life after the Army.

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

For six Fort Riley Soldiers, the stress of the transition from military to civilian life has eased considerably, thanks to a training program available on post.

Called the Pathway Home program, it was created through a joint partnership between the Fort Riley Soldier For Life Transition Assistance Program and the Ryder Transportation Company. It transformed the Soldiers, who will be leaving military service

in the fall, into certified diesel technicians and placed each of them in the location of their choice. Dressed in red and black trousers, which is the attire required for their new positions, the group included a mix of seasoned Army retirees and younger Soldiers moving into the civilian workforce after several years wearing Army green. One, Spc. Anna Rosas of 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, was the first female graduate of the program, said Duane Houston, a Ryder instructor who was the primary mentor for the Soldiers. Houston added, while this group was the first class of this

type to graduate from the Fort Riley-based program, it follows a year of success at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. “We helped about 30, where a similar program has helped approximately 30 Soldiers over the past 12 months,” Houston said. Along with Ryder representatives was Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, senior noncommissioned officer for the Fort Riley garrison. He pointed out bonds in the region that have been key. “Fort Riley is lucky because we have a very tight relationship with our community,” Collins said. “And our Soldiers help bring Army values to the civilian workplace.”

Collins added the Soldiers will find working for civilian employers requires the same things the Army does, like discipline, safety and teamwork, all the way down to the proper uniform. The completion of their training culminated in a formal graduation ceremony Aug. 23 at Fort Riley’s Barlow Theater. This kind of opportunity is vital to Soldiers, said Mitchell Foley, Transition Services Specialist for SFLTAP. “Within the first two years of separation, on average, 34 percent of Soldiers end up having to file for unemployment,” Foley said. “Various reasons factor in.

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Commander’s Cup rivalry between married unit commanders

Story and photo by Capt. Rory Mele
105TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Editor’s Note: The following story was written prior to the presentation of the Commander’s Cup Aug. 25 at the end of Victory Week events. “Discretion is the better part of valor,” responded Lt. Col. Jon Meredith, with a reserved smile, when asked Aug. 23 if he had any fighting words he wished to share publicly to his wife, Lt. Col. Ann Meredith. The couple’s respective units — Ann is the battalion commander of Fort Riley’s 97th Military Police Battalion, and Jon commands the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry

Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division — are both competing for the Victory Week 2017 Commander’s Cup and were tied going into the final event Aug. 24, the penultimate day of Victory Week 2017. When later asked the same question, Ann wished only to express her gratitude. “We are happy to be a part of 1st Infantry Division’s Victory Week and if we happen to win it again, we will remain proud to keep that cup in our battalion,” she said. “We are so happy to be a part of this division. We are proud of the relationship. We are very well supported, and we feel like we are a part of the division.”

The 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., held the Commander’s Cup for several years, up until it was taken by the 97th MP Bn., according to Ann. “His battalion has won the cup numerous times before,” Ann said. “They held it in 2015, and then we took it in 2016, and we will obviously win it this year,” she said with confidence. In an interview with Jon, he felt necessary to go on the record to say that while Ann holds the Commander’s Cup that was taken from them in 2016, she cannot take credit for obtaining it at last year’s competition as she was not in command. But that has not

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Lt. Col. Ann Meredith, left, battalion commander of 97th Military Police Battalion, watches combatives Aug. 24, the final Victory Week 2017 event, with her husband Lt. Col. Jon Meredith, battalion commander of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. The battalions were tied on the final day of competition with combatives the deciding factor in which spouse’s unit would win the Commander’s Cup.

Demon Diner cooking up competition



Pfc. Kaleaf Sadler, left, and Spc. Carlos Cruz, food service specialists assigned to Demon Diner on Fort Riley, prepare sauce for creamed beef to be served during breakfast Aug. 24. The Soldiers of Demon Diner culinary team showcased their talents early in the morning as they competed for the 2017 Philip A. Connelly Award.

Story and photos by Sgt. Brandon Jacobs
105TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Nestled in between a group of barracks at Fort Riley sits a small, squat building known locally as the Demon Diner. Here at 4:30 a.m. Aug. 24, a select group of Soldiers report for duty. Each of these men and women forgo the usual Army uniform in favor of a white smock and paper toque, more commonly known as a chef’s hat. These culinary specialists are responsible for providing nourishing and healthy meals to the troops of the 1st Infantry Division. The demands of running a successful dining

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Season Osterfeld | POST
Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, shakes hands with Irwin Army Community Hospital Command Sgt. Maj. Rebecca Booker Aug. 23 in front of the hospital. Sen. Jerry Moran, left, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley, center, and Col. John Melton, back right, IACH commander, also exchanged greetings. Milley, Moran and Martin toured the facility alongside Melton and Booker.

see the value and success of IACH, as well as Fort Riley as a whole, is important for setting an example for other installations to follow.

“As we look at the future here at Fort Riley, we want every person — certainly in the Army, but at the Pentagon — to know the about the value, the importance of the Fort Riley, to see it, to feel it, to know it and to be supporters of Fort Riley,” he said.

He added this was also an opportunity for him to verify IACH had everything needed to provide quality health care to service members and their families, especially as a partnership between a recently opened Veterans Affairs clinic in Junction City, Kansas, and IACH is a work in progress.

Melton said he appreciated the directness of Milley’s questions and their topics as they relayed how important the care of Soldiers and their families and the skill and morale of the staff is to the Army’s top uniformed official.

“I think it’s very important to recognize those that wear and have worn the uniform and special,” Melton said. “To have the Chief of Staff of the Army and Sen. Moran to take time to visit our organization as well as our senior command, their presence was very powerful.”

During the tour, Milley greeted staff and patients alike to ask their thoughts and experiences at IACH.

When meeting two Soldiers from the WTB, he pulled them aside to talk in private.

Martin also talked with patients during the tour and said most people made positive comments about the facility.

“They love it,” he said. “My wife is a patient, I’m a patient, and when you walk in, you see a facility that’s gorgeous, it’s built around healing and it’s got a staff that’s very caring.”

As IACH approaches one year since the new hospital opened, Melton said it has been a time of growth and strength for health care at Fort Riley.

“It’s been a fantastic journey,” he said. “We’ve seen the opportunities being delivered by the facility in providing quality, safe care ... We’re taking full advantage of the evidenced based design of the facility.”

He added he was grateful for the tour not only to show Milley, Martin and Moran the facility, but also to show the leaders, politicians and the American people the facility they helped create.

“What were charged with is first, to enable the readiness of our Soldiers to fight tonight and second, to enhance the resiliency of our families and our community to sustain that readiness of our Soldiers to fight tonight,” Melton said. “That’s why we’re an Army hospital. We empower those that fight our nation’s wars.”

MUSEUM

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J. Parker Roberts | 1ST. INF. DIV
Paul Herbert, executive director of the First Division Museum at Cantigny, talks with leaders from the "Big Red One" and the museum Aug. 26 about a French 75mm artillery piece, the same kind used by 1st Infantry Division Soldiers nearly a century ago to fire the first American shots of World War I. Soldiers and leaders from the 1st Inf. Div. attended the museum's Grand Reopening in Wheaton, Illinois.

Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., Dec. 18, 2011, in Afghanistan, Wolfe was wounded by a roadside bomb. He spent 11 months recovering from severe wounds at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

“I’ve got a two-and-a-half month old daughter,” he said. “My hope is that I can bring her here in 15 years and she can grasp and understand these things; show her my deal, but show her the rest of the exhibit too and also show her the other side of the museum, the World War II side and where her great grandfather was with the division.

“Not a whole lot of people can show off their family history in a museum.”

While the museum tells the story of the Big Red One and its Soldiers, Herbert said there’s a broad lesson it can impart to visitors.

“It’s important that our country understands what we’re still asking our Soldiers to do,” the executive director said.



VIETNAM

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the trip for the ceremony, but Tracy convinced his father and a third generation of the Hilker family, Judah Niemeier, to attend.

"At first, he didn't want to come down here," Tracy said of his father. "He uses a cane and doesn't like crowds so he didn't want to come. I was like, 'I will go with you. I will be there with you so you can enjoy this experience.' Finally he asked me to come. It has been an honor and quite humbling."

Veterans weren't the only people in attendance who appreciated the ceremony. Several wives made the trip to be with their husbands as they were welcomed home. Danna Crenshaw from Mayetta, Kansas, made the trip to be with her husband, Lester, a Navy veteran.

"I think they deserve it," Crenshaw said. "A long time ago he wouldn't even talk about being in Vietnam because it wasn't looked upon as being good. It is really making him feel good now that people are showing their appreciation for what they went through."

Kay Rethman's husband served three years in the Army during Vietnam, spending one year in the southeast Asian country.

"This is just amazing," the Holton, Kansas, resident said. "They deserve this after all this time. It is great to see all these men together and sharing stories, and even with the young servicemen and

women here at Fort Riley. It is a wonderful experience."

Another veteran enjoyed being around fellow Vietnam veterans. Ed Allen, Tipton, Kansas, was an infantry Soldier in the 196th Light Infantry Brigade during his time in Vietnam.

It is kind of the only time to be comfortable," Allen said. "I can't really talk to anyone about Vietnam if they weren't there. We didn't really get any welcome home. They kind of snuck us in during the middle of the night."

Sgt. Bevelyn Kozma, human resource technician, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., welcomed home the veterans by shaking their hands, expressing her gratitude and even sharing a hug with a few of the veterans before the ceremony started.

"I have always recognized the troubles and tribulations the Vietnam veterans have had to overcome, especially not being welcomed home and the feeling of nobody welcoming you home when you come back from deployment," Kozma said. "I thank them because if wasn't for them, I might not be here today. I don't cry much, but I feel like it is eventually going to come out at the end of the day."

Kozma said she enjoyed the feeling of returning to her family following a deployment to Iraq in 2006 and can't imagine the return the Vietnam veterans experienced.

"It has definitely been an eye opener because we have always been welcomed back," Kozma said. "They got kicked or stuff thrown on them. They weren't welcomed home at all. Imagine going overseas and fight for your country, but were never appreciated for that. You lost your comrades, and everybody just doesn't realize that."

Rep. Roger Marshall, a former Army reservist, was also on hand to welcome home the service members.

"The hospitality that Fort Riley extends is always amazing," Marshall said. "I grew up and was maybe 9, 10 or 12 years old when people came back, and my memory is this country turning its back on these veterans. But these veterans never turned their backs on this country. They remained patriotic and I am glad that some of them finally had a welcome-home party. The 1st Infantry Division is making this part of their 100th anniversary as well so I think it is great tradition they have started. Nobody does it better than Fort Riley."

Following the ceremony, veterans and guests were treated to a steak dinner by the All American Beef Battalion. The Pride of the Prairie 4-H Club from Elwood, Nebraska, helped serve the veterans. The club is the recipient of the 2017 Nebraska Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award and chose to spend the money making the trip and volunteering for the veterans.

"I got the idea that it is just a special event to honor Vietnam veterans and we found that some of our 4-H kids have grandfathers that are Vietnam veterans," said Becky Chaney, club leader. "We have five veterans that came on the bus with us, three of whom are grandfathers of our 4-H kids. It has made it really special that we all traveled together."

"I am proud to have the opportunity to bring the Vietnam veterans down here to be part of this special group to honor them for the sacrifices they made 50 years ago. We want them to know how much we appreciate what they did 50 years ago and that they are still appreciated."

Cauy Bennett was one of the grandsons that made the trip with his grandfather, Denny Kenning. Kenning was a combat engineer in the Army and spent a year in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968.

"It is an honor to be here; I am glad he fought for our country and all these Soldiers that put their lives on the line for us so we could have a free country we are living in today," Bennett said. "I think it is awesome. From what I have heard the Vietnam War was the worst. Nobody recognized it, and I think they should recognize it because those Soldiers had to fight in the hardest war."

The ceremony is the third Vietnam welcome home ceremony hosted by the 1st Inf. Div.

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Often the job you get from here is one you probably found online, at places like Indeed or Monster or wherever."

Then the Soldier gets to that first job and decides it isn't what he or she wants, Foley said.

"Or the pay is low," he said.

The average pay for a veteran just entering the civilian world after an Army career, regardless of what he or she did while in uniform, is \$12.25 per hour, Foley said.

Moreover, Foley said, turnover for Soldiers

in the initial jobs they get after separation is high.

"On average, they'll go through five jobs in five years," Foley said. "I started out as a mall cop for \$10.21 an hour. So I went from being a first sergeant to being a mall cop."

With the kind of training and subsequent employment opportunity provided by Ryder, and depending on where they go, the graduating Soldiers can expect to start with a wage of around \$19 per hour, Foley said.

Rachelle Wolford, a career skills program installation administrator for SFLTAP, is the first person Soldiers see when they come into the office for assistance. She agrees that, as that military separation date looms, Soldiers become apprehensive.

"I think there's a worry, a sense of insecurity," Wolford said, and added that many Soldiers are planning to get back to their hometown. But even then, she said, there is apprehension.

They're concerned about being reliant on others (as they

trying to get re-established)," she said. "There's fear of the unknown and many of them went into the Army right out of high school so they've never been in the civilian sector before."

But for these Soldiers at least, that insecurity has been reduced by the Pathway Home program.

In speaking before the gathering, Rosas first thanked her Army leaders and teammates, then admitted "the stress of the transition has been pretty much wiped clean."





COOKING

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Sgt. Brandon Jacobs | 105TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
Staff Sgt. Cordera Fisher, a food service specialist with Demon Diner on Fort Riley, listens to members of the Demon Diner kitchen staff Aug. 24 as they competed to win the Philip A. Connelly Award. The Demon Diner last won the award in 2014.

facility involve long hours in a hot kitchen.

“We’re not really involved in the company,” said Sgt. Willetta Anthony, a culinary specialist at the Demon Diner. “We work weird hours, with holidays and weekends too.”

Despite the odd hours and demands of the job, the Soldiers of Demon Diner work together to accomplish the mission of feeding the troops.

“I enjoy this facility because we have some great noncommissioned officers,” Anthony said. “Even though

we work holidays and through the weekends, they ensure we do get some time off. Our (noncommissioned officers) work extra shifts and split shifts to give their Soldiers time off. It’s very encouraging and lifts morale.”

It is with that high morale this busier-than-normal morning starts. Each of the Soldiers in the kitchen is pushing their skills in preparation for the annual Philip A. Connelly Program.

The program is a partnership between the Department of the Army, the International Food Service Executives Association, the National Restaurant Association and the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation. According to the program’s website, “The Philip A. Connelly program’s goal is to showcase the food service excellence of the culinary

specialists in the presentation of extremely gratifying dining experiences across all Army food service platforms in garrison and field environments.”

“It gives everyone a chance to see what we do culinary wise,” Anthony said. “Most Soldiers only get to see what we do for breakfast, lunch and dinner at the (dining facility). This gives us a chance to show our actual culinary skills with display plates and cakes. It’s almost like five-star dining.”

As well as showcasing the skills of these Soldiers, the program strives to recognize outstanding individuals and organizations in the Army’s culinary world and promotes food safety and nutrition. Through a rigorous schedule of inspections and ratings, each participating organization is evaluated on categories of cleanliness, organization and leadership. The teams are evaluated

both in the field and in their permanent dinning facility.

While the majority of Soldiers know of their cook’s skills from a small sampling in the chow hall, there is a great deal more to the job.

Some, like Spc. Carlos Cruz, a culinary specialist with the “Big Red One” Culinary Arts Team, assists in the preparation of meals for competitions, commanding generals and even the Chief of Staff of the Army.

“We train to compete in the world’s largest culinary arts competition at Fort Lee, Virginia,” Cruz said. “I like being able to show my skills and travel around the world.”

Editor’s Note: At the time of this article, the team was still waiting for results from the field kitchen portion of the competition that took place earlier in the year. According to the Philip A. Connelly Program website, final scores will not be available until early in 2018.



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stopped her from focusing on keeping it this year.

Jon’s battalion held the cup when he took command and Ann explained that “it is a big deal to the 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., to win it — they want it back.”

Each year during Victory Week, the Commander’s Cup goes to the team who wins the most points during sporting events, including flag football, water polo and combatives.

“I told my troops prior to the competition,” Jon said, “you know who holds our cup, don’t you? My wife holds our cup!”

It has been their focus to bring “our trophy back home.”

Both commanders explained strategy is key in this competition and this rivalry has been fun for both.

“We talk about it at home a lot,” Jon said, grinning. “She put up a score card at home to remind me who was winning.”

The score card was taken down Wednesday morning and replaced with a grocery list.

“We are both very competitive,” Jon said. “She will tell you that she is not, but she is, especially when it comes to organizational things, such as her unit, which is an important trait for any Army leader.”

But Ann says she completely agrees with Jon stating she is hyper-competitive and ready for a challenge.

When asked if their two young children had taken sides, both being too young to really know what is going on, Ann walked into the laundry room to discover her children had put on her and her husband’s physical training shirts — the oldest put on her’s, and the youngest had on dad’s.

When hearing that, Jon responded, “of course she would say the more athletic of the two children would choose her side.”

The children aren’t the only ones who have gotten into the mix. The Soldiers are having a lot of fun with it as well and frequently talk about the rivalry and ask who is winning. Their excitement and determination has fueled the rivalry between Ann and Jon.

“It is fun to be the commander that currently has

the cup,” Ann said. “The junior officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted helped coach and run teams. This has been a full team effort across the entire battalion which has been really cool.”

Ann said she hopes the in-house rivalry has made the competition a little more fun and engaging for everybody.

Ann engaged in a lot of propaganda, beginning about two months prior to Victory Week. Wherever she went, the cup went with her. The cup went on two division runs, battalion runs, meetings at division headquarters and even to a virtual teleconference with Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general.

“Additionally,” Ann laughed, “every time another brigade would conduct a brigade run, we would post the cup on the run route with guards on it. My guards would have to salute the brigade colors, so they would have to salute my Soldiers and the cup.”

Both Ann and Jon felt this year’s competition has been fun and fair.

“There is a lot of rivalry, but there is a lot of working together and all of it is fun,” Ann said. “He wants to see me succeed, and if I win this cup he’ll be happy. And the same with me. If we are going to lose it I want to lose it to him, I don’t want anyone else to take it. As long as it’s a fair fight and it’s close, then we can have fun with it.”

This is Jon’s last year in command and last opportunity to compete with Ann for the cup. Consequently, in the future he may be caught between a rock and a hard place on whether to support his wife or former unit.

“What do I do?” asked Jon. “I will obviously be cheering on my wife next year, but at the same time, I will also be providing 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., with as many notes as I have to give them the advantage against her.”

To add some stakes to the competition, the losing spouse has agreed to wear the winner’s battalion PT shirt every morning for a full week during PT. Ann suggested that if she could up the stakes, it would be by raising it to 100 days in honor of the Big Red One’s 100th anniversary.



Hundreds attend eclipse watch party

Coyler Forsyth event provides safe, fun venue for observers

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

More than 500 service members and their families attended the Solar Eclipse Watch Party Aug. 21 at Colyer Forsyth Community building.

Even though Fort Riley was not within the path of totality, the Colyer Forsyth

Community building provided the opportunity to view history with protected lenses at the watch party between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Solar Eclipse Watch Party provided service members and their families a safe place to watch the eclipse. The event remained open after the prime viewing time at 1:04 in the afternoon.

“We had 300 glasses and they were gone by 11:30 a.m. with the event starting at 11 a.m. We had over 500 people today,” said Lizzie Flores,

community manager of Colyer Forsyth Community Center.

In order to receive solar viewing glasses, all in attendance signed a safety form explaining the importance of wearing the glasses. In addition to glasses, the staff of Colyer Forsyth Community Center provided solar eclipse theme snacks and raffles.

“We have Moon Pies and Sun Chips,” Flores said. The raffles are theme base with astronaut food of ice cream and theme candy.”

At the beginning of the event, Mother Nature made the viewing of the eclipse a little iffy.

“I am a little nervous the clouds won’t clear,” said Shelby Craven, wife of Sgt. Timothy Craven, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. “Hopefully it stays clear, because it is supposed to hit us at 1:04 p.m.”

As the event progressed, the clouds gave way to the sun at

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Kaila Pressgrove, daughter of Spc. John Pressgrove of 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, looks onward with her solar viewing glasses at the solar eclipse during the maximum viewing of 1:04 p.m.



Jack Shill, son of Spc. Clinton Shill of 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, climbs his way to the finish line of the family ropes course during the grand opening of the Outdoor Adventure Park Aug. 26. Selected park amenities were open to Fort Riley’s community, service members and their families between 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 26.

learning the ROPES

Outdoor Adventure Park zips open; more than 1,000 attend

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

Grand opening weekend for the Fort Riley’s Outdoor Adventure Park brought more than 1,000 Soldiers and their families out to the free amenities Aug. 26. Due to inclement weather Aug. 27, the Outdoor Adventure Park was closed.

A zipline competition between 1st Infantry Division Chief of Staff Col. Charles Masaracchia and Command Sgt. Maj. James Collins, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley, signified the park’s official opening.

In a last minute competition, Junction City, Kansas, Mayor Phyllis Fitzgerald challenged Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, in a separate zipline race.

“The fact that we are offering this to the community, to our Soldiers, to our family members is incredible,” Masaracchia said. “Garrison has done a fantastic

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Kylee Goodall, daughter of Chief Warrant Officer Jake Goodall of 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, holds form as her dad helps guide arrow to target Aug. 26. The family archery range was one of many free amenities open to Fort Riley’s community, service members and their families for the grand opening of the park between 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 26.

“Combat is a tough thing... It’s not just physical and mental, but their experiences reside deep in their soul.”

GARY LaGRANGE
RETIRED ARMY COLONEL

Nonprofit nurtures ties with military

Retired colonel finds path to farming for vets, outgoing Soldiers

By Annette P. Gomes
WARRIOR CARE AND TRANSITION

Retired Army Col. Gary LaGrange is eager to help Soldiers and Veterans get their hands dirty.

After 28 years in the military, the former Fort Riley, garrison commander became a master beekeeper in Manhattan, with he focuses on helping wounded, ill and injured veterans cultivate their future in the varied fields of agriculture.

LaGrange, along with his daughter Shari LaGrange-Aulich, founded S.A.V.E: Service Member Agricultural Vocation Education Corp., a not-for-profit, full spectrum farm training program with beekeeping as one of the core subjects.

Established in 2013, on approximately 320 acres of land near Manhattan, the program works closely with the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Riley and the Veterans Administration to introduce Soldiers in transition and Veterans to a year-long training and residency internship program where they can learn about Agribusiness. Kansas State University partners with SAVE. The farm was designed by the College of Architecture and the curriculum is the responsibility of the College of Agriculture.

“Combat is a tough thing. As a multi-tour Vietnam veteran, I know what these servicemen and

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Jane MacDougall, wife of Col. Mark MacDougall, chief of nursing officer at Irwin Army Community Hospital, places a sticker on every location where her family has been stationed as part of the exhibit “Duty First: 100 Years of the Big Red One” at the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, Kansas, Aug. 25.

Exhibit at science center highlights centennial of history

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

MANHATTAN – “Happy Birthday Big Red One!” Robert Smith, the Fort Riley museum director, proclaimed as clapping ensued inside the new exhibit at the Flint Hills Discovery Center Aug. 25. Smith and many community leaders gathered for a ribbon

cutting ceremony the night before the exhibit opened to the public Aug. 26.

The exhibit, called “Duty First: 100 Years of the Big Red One” allows visitors to follow five Soldiers who served in the 1st Inf. Div. through their personal stories and experiences. Smith said the idea of the exhibit is so visitors can see history through the eyes of the Soldier.

Smith’s team at Fort Riley is not the only one that contributed to making this happen. Staff from the Flint Hills

Discovery Center, Center of Military History and the Fort Riley Museum Complex worked for two years to accomplish this mission.

“They are the heart and soul of this exhibit,” Smith said as he acknowledged those in attendance who helped construct the exhibit.

“This exhibit took two years to develop and I must say that it was worth every moment,” Smith said. “There were some speed bumps in the road, but once you get upstairs you will all agree it was worth the time and effort.”

Manhattan Mayor Usha Reddi said great detail went into the exhibit noting when she stopped by the night before the ribbon cutting they were replacing a toothbrush with the real artifact.

“People who have been through these wars know the authenticity of it,” she said.

She said the Manhattan community supports more than 12,000 Soldiers and their families. She added when they are stationed at Fort Riley and live here, they become part of

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FORT RILEY POST-ITS

10TH ANNUAL TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Dorothy Bramlage Public Library will host the 10th annual Touch-a-Truck event Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will be at 433 East Chestnut, Junction City, Kansas.

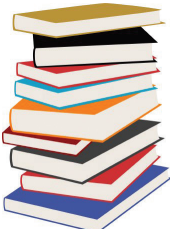
The event is a free. For more information, visit www.jclib.org/.

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 785-239-5305.



WARRIOR CON - MINI NERD CONVENTION

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/rileybossvz 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/frileyresilientspouses 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 NOW OPEN

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

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 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for the 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 785-239-2583.

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 squareup.com/store/HASFR.



FALL APPLE DAY

Fall Apple Day is Sept. 23 at Artillery Parade Field, Tuttle Park and Sturgis Field.

This is a free event open to the public.

Activities will include:

- Obstacle course
- Military working dog demo
- Period re-enactors
- ATV rides
- And more!

For more information, visit www.fortrileyhistoricalso-city.org/apple-day.html.

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, Sept. 1

The Dark Tower (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2

The Dark Tower (PG-13) 2 p.m.

Girls Trip (R) 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3

No showing

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 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.

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 separated 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

Be there for fight against suicide

Seeking help a sign of strength, not a sign of weakness

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

Suicide and the idea of suicide is a thief — one that robs us of peace and answers temporary problems with permanent, unchangeable consequences. But many think about it. Not all are serious, not everyone has a plan, but every thought or mention of the idea needs to be answered with our full attention. You and I, we can help. We just have to be there.

Be there is the theme for the month-long campaign that

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

- You can call the **National Suicide Prevention hotline** at 800-273-8255. You can also call the **Military Crisis Line** at 800-273-8255 and press 1. You can also text to 838255.

should be on our minds every day of the year. Be there. Get them help. Listen. These are things well within our power. We may not be able to provide all the answers to the issues that make someone think they have no other way out. We don't have to have a magic set of words that once spoke, ease all pain. All we have to do is be there.

The loss of any Soldier's life is a tragedy, regardless of cause. In the case of suicide, the Army is committed to providing intervention, prevention and follow-up resources to help overcome difficulties so a person does not see that option as the only path forward.

If you see a buddy struggling to deal with life,

encourage them to seek help. Pay attention to warning signs or stress and respond to those who need help.

There is no shame in needing a little extra help every now and then — most of us go through some tough times. Seeking help is a sign of effectively dealing with problems and is a sign of strength rather than weakness.

Crisis feels different for everybody. A wide range of situations can cause it before, during or after military service. Whatever's got you down — chronic pain, anxiety, depression, sleeplessness, anger, transitioning to civilian life, disturbing memories of your time in service or anything else, help is available.

If you or someone you know indicates they are contemplating suicide, you can get them to Irwin Army Community Hospital for immediate assistance. The National Suicide Prevention hotline is a national network of local crisis centers that operates 24 hours a day seven days a week. You can call them at 800-273-8255. You can also call the Military Crisis Line at 800-273-8255 and press 1. You can also text to 838255. You can get confidential support 24 hours a day seven days a week. It is a free service to military members including National Guard, Reserve and Veterans.

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



Colonel Lawrence

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ideal times providing viewing of the eclipse.

Flores said she saw about 75 to 100 who stayed back at the community center to view the eclipse.

"This is a once in a life-time opportunity," said Spc. Andrew Fontaine, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. "The last full eclipse was about 97 years ago, across the whole U.S. If you don't at least go out and see in cardboard with a pin hole through it, with the glasses you are missing out on a life-time opportunity here."

An event like the solar eclipse provides the opportunity as well to bring the community on Fort

Riley together with a common mission, to view the eclipse.

Flores said having events like this on Fort Riley connects us, the office, to the residents in a different context. "This is a positive environment and hey we are having fun just like you," Flores said.

"I'm glad Fort Riley is doing this," Craven said. "Because where I moved from in Texas they did not do stuff like this. So it is nice they (Fort Riley) are so involved in the community."

To see the next community event at Colyer Forsyth or other community housing on Fort Riley, view their calendar page, riley.coviasmilitaryliving.com/residents/calendar.



Kalene Lozick | POST

Elijah Toles, son of retired Sgt. Joe Toles of 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, plays catch to pass time before the solar eclipse reaches maximum viewing time at 1:04 p.m. Aug. 21. More than 500 service members and their families attended the Solar Eclipse Watch Party at Colyer Forsyth Community building. The staff passed out glasses and had solar system them snacks free to those who attended.

Fort Riley posts updated curfew policy

Policy also addresses supervision, childcare regulations on post

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

As of July 10, Fort Riley has an updated curfew policy for all juveniles aged 17 and younger. “When school is in session the following day, all juveniles who are 17 years old and younger have a curfew from 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.,” said Lt. Jamie Smith, the Fort Riley Police Department civilian liaison officer in charge, of the memorandum for Command Policy 19 — Unattended Child/Youth Supervision and Curfew Policy.

During vacation periods, such as summer break, and days when school is not in session the following day, a different curfew applies for 15 to 17 year olds.

“During the times that school is not in session the following day, juveniles 16 or 17 years old have a curfew from 12:30 a.m. to 5 a.m.,” Smith said. “Juveniles 15 years old and younger who do not have school the following day have a curfew from 11:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.”

According to the policy, juveniles 17 and younger may not travel to or remain on any street, business or facility or come on post through any gate when not

- CHILD & TEEN SUPERVISION – COMMAND POLICY 19**
- Newborns to 2 years old must be under direct monitored care at all times. Periodic checks made be made on a sleeping child. A supervisor under the age of 18 may not exceed at 1 to 1 ratio to watch the child.
 - Children 2 to 4 years old must be under direct monitored care at all times. Periodic checks made be made on a sleeping child. A supervisor under the age of 16 may not exceed a 1 to 1 ratio to supervise the child. A supervisor 16 to 18 years old may not exceed a 1 to 2 ratio.
 - Children 5 to 6 years old may play outside in a safe, designated area as long as they are within visual sight or hearing distance of the supervisor. They may not be left at home alone at any time. A supervisor under the age of 18 may not exceed a ratio of 1 to 2.
 - Children 7 to 9 years old are allowed to explore further, but must notify their supervisor of their location and have access to an adult. They may not be left alone at any time. A supervisor under the age of 18 may not exceed a ratio of 1 to 2.
 - Children 10 to 11 years old may be left unsupervised or under monitored care and must have access to an adult.
 - Children 12 to 14 years old may be left unsupervised or under monitored care and must have access to an adult.
 - Teens 15 and older may be left unsupervised during the day, evening and night.

accompanied by an adult during curfew hours. Additionally, they may not bike, walk, operate a motor vehicle or be outside of their quarters without an adult.

Exceptions may apply and are at the discretion of the Fort Riley Police Department. Exceptions may include traveling from their place of employment, to or from

the store or home from a school function. Families may apply for exemptions at the police department.

“There are exceptions to this policy governed by individual circumstances,” Smith said. “For instance, if a juvenile has employment off the installation or a scheduled school event.”

The policy was developed by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Directorate of Emergency Services.

“The policy is in place to help keep our youth safe,” Smith said. “With guidelines set in place, this encourages awareness in our community and the responsibilities of those involved.”

Included in Command Policy 19 are childcare and supervision regulations. A supervisor is anyone 13 and older in a childcare position, as defined by the policy. Any supervisor under the age of 18 must have immediate access to an adult in the event of an emergency.

Parents and guardians are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children and verifying their teens and kids know and follow the curfew policy. Additionally, if they have a guest under the age of 17, they are responsible for ensuring the guest is educated and follows the curfew.

“If a juvenile is caught violating this policy, the guardian of that juvenile is contacted,” Smith said. “The Fort Riley police will investigate the situation based on the facts and determine the outcome case by case.”

For questions about the Fort Riley curfew policy, visit the Fort Riley Police Department at 219 Custer Avenue or call 785-239-6767.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Aug. 29 was: Where can I find the garrison commander's comments regarding Antiterrorism Awareness Month?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1289347/community-corner-army-iwatch-prorgam-open-to-all/

This week's winner is Jenny Doney, spouse of Sgt. Stephen Doney of the 1st Infantry Division Band.

Pictured above is Jenny Doney.

CONGRATULATIONS JENNY!

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Photo courtesy of Gary LaGrange | SAVE

Staff Sgt. Tim Heiman prepares a beehive component at the Service Member Agricultural Vocation Farm near Manhattan.

women are going though and what they're facing. It's not just physical and mental, but their experiences reside deep in their soul," LaGrange said. "I'm doing this in response to a national need as well. We know that Soldiers sometimes struggle with the transition to civilian life and working on the farm will actually provide them the tools and a new skill set to help them thrive. Sixty three percent of farms of all types in this country are in the last generation and so there is a great need for new and younger farmers," he said.

The training farm offers all types of farming including produce, orchards, row crops, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, horses, poultry and bees. The commercial kitchen was added to teach Soldiers how to process and prepare foods for consumption and sale. Soldiers will live on the farm with their families as they study and apply their learnings over the course of a year. Students are then assigned to a farm and location of their choice.

LaGrange-Aulich is a clinical psychologist and oversees the health and wellness aspect of the Soldiers. She says the program fosters growth and a new life.

"I have a number of friends who are in the military or who are married to someone in the military and so we became aware of the many issues that

DID YOU KNOW?

- **SAVE Service Member Agricultural Vocation Education Corp** is a not-for-profit, full, spectrum farm training program with beekeeping as one of the core subjects. It was established in 2013, and it is on approximately 320 acres of land near Manhattan, Kansas.

“It has been the most calming experience I’ve ever had. I’m able to work with other veterans, and this program has given me a fresh new outlook on life.”

TIM HEIMAN
ARMY STAFF SERGEANT

they deal with. There’s a great deal of emphasis on holistic care of the Soldier here,” LaGrange-Aulich said. “When they get to the farm, you see the brotherhood and camaraderie. They saw war and destruction and now they’re dealing with planting seeds and watching a new life happen,” she said.

With nearly 20 years in the military and many de-

ployments behind him, Army Staff Sgt. Tim Heiman is familiar with the effects of war.

“I lost quite a few Soldiers during those deployments and I always kept my emotions bottled up. It all hit me at one time. I was dealing with some mental health issues and a knee injury that led to suicidal thoughts,” Heiman said.

While the South Dakota native was assigned to Fort Riley’s Warrior Transition Battalion, he was introduced to LaGrange and the SAVE program, shortly thereafter he began working on the farm.

“It has been the most calming experience I’ve ever had. I’m able to work with other Veterans, and this program has given me a fresh new outlook on life.”

Soldiers nearing the transition phase are exposed to 25 different farming types through a program of farm tours. Over 100 days, soldiers and veterans visit many different farms and they receive briefings from all governmental and non-governmental organizations that support farming.

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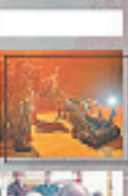



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A new exhibit opened at the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, Kansas. The exhibit not only features 100 years of history of the “Big Red One,” but also has a play area called Camp Funston, where children are encouraged to participate in an obstacle course and make their own Big Red One patch. The exhibit will be on display until Jan. 14, 2018.

the Manhattan community and should be treated as such.

“They live here and they are part of our community, we owe a huge debt to them,” she said. “When you see the exhibit, you’re going to see some heart wrenching stories and I hope it brings us back to a place where we are able to have the quality of life we do and the things we take for granted and the men and women who have sacrificed their lives for it.”

Brig. Gen. William Turner, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley acting senior commander, made the final remarks before the ribbon was cut. He thanked everyone for their attendance and said there was no better way to commemorate the 100th birthday of the Big Red One.

“Big Red One Soldiers like you and I have been defending this great nation since 1917, and to add a personal touch to this I’d like to share with you my first introduction to Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division came in 1980 when my next eldest brother came here on assignment,” he said.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony takes place at the Flint Hills Discovery Center Aug. 25 commemorating the grand opening of the exhibit featuring 100 years of history of the 1st Infantry Division. The exhibit, called “Duty First: 100 Years of the Big Red One,” allows visitors to follow five Soldiers who served in the 1st Inf. Div. through their personal stories and experiences.

Turner visited Fort Riley as a high school junior and then went on to serve in the Army and was stationed here during the 75th birthday of the 1st Inf. Div.

“It was a tremendous experience to be part of it then

and I’m sure never in my right mind did I think I would come back here 25 years later and be part of the 100th year anniversary,” he said with a laugh.

Turner said throughout history many things have

changed, but he acknowledged many things also remained the same.

“It’s simply amazing to think that we wear the same patch that so many who have fought and died in defense of freedom and democracy,” he said, “So what do we have in common? What hasn’t changed? What has persisted throughout the years is the deployments, homecomings, reunions, the mission after mission that had been accomplished, memorials, ceremonies and dedications like the one we are part of today. The common thread through these last 100 years has been the great support of our communities.”

The exhibit not only features history, but also has a play area called Camp Funston, where children are encouraged to participate in an obstacle course and make their own Big Red One patch. The exhibit will be on display until Jan. 14, 2018. For more information about the exhibit, visit www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/.

WARRIOR ZONE TURNS 6



Season Osterfeld | POST
Ryan Leonard, recreation assistant with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, cuts the cake for the 6th anniversary of the Warrior Zone Aug. 26 at the facility. Soldiers and staff alike celebrated the day with cake and a free showing of a pay-per-view boxing match.

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Fort Riley community members complete the family ropes course, which was one of the many free amenities offered to those who partook in the grand opening of the Outdoor Adventure Park Aug. 26.

job with this. I just hope we can everyone out here to support this and experience this.”

At the completion of the zip lining competitions, the various amenities were open to the Fort Riley community for free. In addition to the park features, volunteers of Fort Riley’s Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, food and drinks available for purchase throughout the hours of operation 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug 26. After hours, the park reopened to show the movie “Moana.”

During his opening remarks, David Roudybush, director of DFMWR, welcomed Soldiers, their families and distinguished guests. He said the park is filled with fun opportunities not just for Soldiers, but for the whole family.

“Our main goal is we wanted each of you to be able to come back several weeks in a row and

be able to do something different every time,” Roudybush said.

The ground of the Outdoor Adventure Park was once used as a golf course.

Due to the closing of the original facility, Lawrence and his team at DFMWR turned “all that great outdoor space into an outdoor recreation area that can be used by everyone in our military community, from our Soldiers to young children,” Lawrence said.

“When we were told last year we had to close the golf course, we knew we needed to take the opportunity to turn this lot into an opportunity,” Roudybush said. “This is truly a prime location to provide recreational opportunities for the entire community.”

The park has the following amenities; ziplines, paintball, family ropes course,

low ropes, rock wall, family archery, drone area, driving range and yard games.

Once the park is in full operation, there will be additional amenities such as high ropes-team building, foot golf and golf cart rentals.

Kilee Debita, facility director at the Whitside Fitness Center and Adventure Park coordinator, said this fall, there will be a patio with a fireplace and four different shelter areas for people.

Plans for, Debita said there are batting cages, a remote controlled dirt track course, and a BMX track. They plan to build a staircase to the top of the zipline at the high ropes course, to avoid the cargo net and add a zipline at the end of the driving range out to the family ropes course.

“Whether it’s hauling down a zip line, shooting ar-

rows, climbing a rock wall, building confidence through the challenge of a ropes course, trying your hand at foot golf or flying a drone, you can find fun and adventure right here,” Lawrence said.

Sgt. Gabriel Leal, 526th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Inf. Div., attended the grand opening with his wife and four kids. He said they tried flying drones, bouncy houses and the archery range. His son, Gabriel Leal Jr., liked the drones, “it was pretty awesome,” his son said.

When asked if he would visit the park again Leal said we would definitely come back.

For a full list of amenities, including costs, visit riley.armymwr.com.



Runners take their first strides at the beginning of the Ten-miler running event Aug. 17 at Fort Riley. Approximately 160 runners from units across the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley competed in the event and covered a course that featured about 400 feet of elevation changes.

Ten-Miler champ blisters distance, smokes competitors

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

The Fort Riley Ten-Miler run took place the morning of Aug. 17, with a course that tested approximately 160 runners from units across the installation.

The event led the schedule of Victory Week events that touted the traditions of the 1st Infantry Division and celebrated the Big Red One's centennial.

Results included the overall victory of Capt. Mark Gaudet, commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., with a time of 58 minutes, 55 seconds. He was the only runner to complete the course in less than an hour.

The female competitors were led to the finish by 1st Lt. Sarah Mikkelsen, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regt., 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., who completed the course in 1:16:51.

“It’s an honor to serve with any of the divisions in the Army, but with the 100th anniversary of the Big Red One is obviously a special time to be here. It adds a bit of history and legacy to everything that we’re doing.”

Lt. Col. Ann Meredith | COMMANDER OF THE
97TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION.

A cool Kansas morning at Fort Riley greeted runners from across the 1st Infantry Division and supporting units for the annual Ten-Miler event Aug. 17. Pictured are Capt. Mark Gaudet, center, commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, who took first- with a time of 58 minutes, 55 seconds. Gaudet was the only runner to cover the distance in under an hour. Left is Sgt. David Mutuse, 601st Aviation Support Bn., 1st Combat Aviation Bde, 1st Inf. Div., who placed second- with a time of 1:00:04. Right is 1st Lt. Cody Barger, Bravo Co., 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., who placed third- with a time of 1:03:38. The top three teams, in order, were the 97th Military Police Bn., 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., and Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div.

The team competition was led by the 97th Military Police Battalion, followed by the 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., and Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div.

The event was staged and coordinated by a team from the 97th MP Bn. who were led by 1st Lt. Charles Perretti, executive officer for 977th MP Company.

“Overall I was very impressed by the Soldiers from the 97th MP Battalion,” Perretti said. “We’ve done weeks and weeks of rehearsals, the resourcing of equipment, and we combined that with the efforts of our medical sections and other people on the ground.”

Perretti also pointed out the support of civilian entities like the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Manhattan Running Company who sent a two-person team to time the event.

“To be able to pull all of that together, in one place, at four o’clock in the morning, is an impressive feat,” Perretti said. “And there

were the runners, 160 of them, as well as family members and people who supported them, it’s pretty special.”

In previous years, Perretti said, the Fort Riley Ten-Miler was a qualifying event for the Army Ten-Miler. But since Victory Week was postponed until late August to allow the 1st Inf. Div. Headquarters senior leadership and staff to return from deployment in Iraq, this year’s event will not be a qualifying event.

As a result, “we picked a course that would have the least impact on the post’s ability to function and we wouldn’t have to close a lot of civilian roads and access roads,” Perretti said.

The plotted course featured about 400 feet of elevation changes, Perretti said, “along with some dirt roads and harder paved roads. And these times we’re impressive, especially since a lot of these runners aren’t competitive runners. They just came out and wanted to endure that course for 10 miles.”

For the male Soldiers, second- and third place went to Sgt. David Mutuse, 601st Aviation Support Bn., 1st Combat Aviation Bde, 1st Inf. Div., and 1st Lt. Cody Barger, Bravo Co., 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., respectively. Mutuse finished with a time of 1:00:04, while Barger finished in 1:03:38.

The female second place finisher was Capt. Mary Broderick, executive officer, Company E, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Bn., 1st Avn. Regt., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., and in 3rd place was 1st Lt. Autumn Watson, HHBN, 1st Inf. Div. Broderick logged a time of 1:17:53, while Watson posted a time of 1:20:12.

“It was a great run,” said Lt. Col. Ann Meredith, commander of the 97th MP Bn. “It was a hard run, a very hilly run. The participants were all really motivated. They obviously trained really hard. And with this

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Service members flex their muscles in arm wrestling tournament

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Victor Gardner
1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Celebrating the 100 years of service to the nation, Soldiers across Fort Riley participated in a week-long group of sporting and Soldier training events called Victory Week Aug. 16 through 25.

One of the events kicking off the week was arm wrestling. This event drew 27 competitors from units including the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 97th Military Police Battalion, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., and many others.

“When you look back at all of the wars the 1st Infantry Division has gone through, storming the beaches of Normandy, and seeing what those guys did in the old days and fought for, gives me goosebumps knowing I’m now a part of that history and it makes me proud,” said Sgt. Timothy Wallace, 2nd General Support

Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., a two-time competitor in this event.

The first time Wallace competed for Victory Week was 2015. He made it to the finals that year but tore a muscle competing against a much larger opponent. Wallace said this year’s event was very organized and a step up from previous events.

“This year I absolutely love the fact that the competition was broken down to weight classes,” Wallace said. “The fact that we have professional arm wrestling tables is a major plus and cuts down on possible injuries. The organizers did a great job.”

The organizer of the Arm Wrestling event was 1st Lt. Jamal Blyden, executive officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. Blyden said he couldn’t have made the event a success without the



Sgt. Christiano Dinino, 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, competes against Pfc. Tanner Allen, 97th Military Police Battalion, in the Arm Wrestling contest portion of Victory Week at Fort Riley Aug. 17. This year’s Victory Week celebrates the 100th year of the 1st Inf. Div.

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Soldiers bowl over competition in Victory Week bowling tournament

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

Units across Fort Riley, including 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and 97th Military Police Battalion, competed during the bowling segment of Victory Week. Pfc. Marcus Smith, bowler for 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., worked hard to prepare for the competition. “I love the patience and the physical skill you have,” Smith said. “Unlike baseball and football, you have to be consistent. Consistency is key. Mental game. After a while it becomes all mental.” Smith’s love of bowling began six years ago. He was taught and then coached.

“The six years were for personal and school,” Smith said. “I got the All American National’s Second Place. I’ve won a couple of tournaments in Oregon, my home (state).” To prepare for Victory Week, his team practiced the week prior. With his years of experience, Smith said the “previous frame doesn’t matter. It’s the next frame that counts.” With 140 Soldiers participating in the event, 2nd Lt. Brett Quick, 267th Signal Company, 1st Inf. Div. Sustainment Brigade and officer in charge of the Bowling Event, said preparation was important. “It’s outstanding to see all of the Soldiers that came out to participate in the bowling competition and to see how serious some of these Soldiers are about bowling,”

Quick said. While Quick made sure her job was done as the OIC, the players came to do some serious bowling. “There are several players from several different battalions who come here, I’d estimate about 50 people or so have come with their own bowling balls and their own bowling gear,” Quick said. “Maybe 50 to 70 people I would say have their own equipment.” Although the “First Lightning” battalion came in second place, they achieved a rare feat. They missed first place by 3 pins. “Usually it is a good 10 to 20 pin gap,” Smith said. The team of Soldiers from the 97th MP Bn. won the bowling tournament during the event finals Aug. 22 at Fort Riley’s Custer Hill Bowling Center.



Soldiers participate in the Victory Week Bowling Championship at the Custer Bowling Center on Fort Riley, Kansas, Aug. 22.

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help from the personnel at the Warrior Zone. Blyden went on to say that Victory Week is the one time of the year were Soldiers are able to meet and interact with other units across Fort Riley and have fun. In the end, the 97th Military Police Battalion took away the most medals, five, during the Arm Wrestling competition by winning or placing in the different weight classes. Wallace was also able to advance to the finals and come out with a victory. “It feels good to win this thing after coming in second two years ago,” Wallace says. “I had a good time.”



Sgt. Tamara Thompson | 1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE. PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Spc. Zachary Adams, right, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, fights off the attempted pin of 1st Lt. Michael Stickley, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st ABCT, during the Arm Wrestling competition for Victory Week at Fort Riley Aug. 17. This year’s Victory Week celebrates the 100th year of the 1st Inf. Div.



Sgt. Tamara Thompson | 1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE. PUBLIC AFFAIRS
“Big Red One” and Fort Riley Soldiers who competed and placed in various weight classes during the Arm Wrestling competition during Victory Week at Fort Riley pose for a photo after the competition ended Aug. 17. The 97th Military Police Battalion was the overall winner for the competition with five Soldiers winning or placing in the event during the 100th year anniversary of the division.

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being such a hilly run, I was really impressed with this group of participants.” The thoughts of the history and traditions of the 1st Inf. Div. were never far away. “It’s an honor (to serve alongside the division),”

Meredith said. “It’s an honor to serve with any of the divisions in the Army, but with the 100th anniversary of the Big Red One is obviously a special time to be here. It adds a bit of history and legacy to everything that we’re doing.”

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LEFT: Joined by her nine-month-old son James, Capt. Mary Broderick, executive officer, Company E, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, gets her second-place medal from Lt. Col. Ann Meredith, commander of the 97th Military Police Battalion, after the Fort Riley Ten-Miler Aug. 17. Broderick finished with a time of 1 hour, 17 minutes, 53 seconds. **RIGHT:** First Lt. Autumn Watson, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, gets her third-place medal from Lt. Col. Ann Meredith, commander of the 97th Military Police Battalion, after the Fort Riley Ten-Miler Aug. 17. Watson posted a time of 1:20:12.





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HOME OF THE BIG RED ONE

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By Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Fishermen will gear up to fish Fort Riley and surrounding ponds, lakes and rivers as cooler weather makes way for Rainbow trout season.

Tom Duckworth, lead fish and wildlife biologist of Environmental Division within the Directorate of Public Works, said “Fort Riley has 29 lakes and pond, that we manage and stock for fishermen. Primarily, we stock channel cats.” Of these 29 lakes and ponds, he said the top four fishing destinations are Moon Lake, Funston, Cameron Springs and Breakneck.

Channel catfish are a popular in the state, Duckworth said.

“We also manage some ponds for largemouth bass and we have several sunfish species also in those ponds — we have longhair sunfish, red-haired sunfish, orange-spotted sunfish, green sunfish and some hybrids we have out there.

So there’s a lot of opportunities of here on Fort Riley for anglers to pursue that,” Duckworth said.

In order to fish on Fort Riley, individuals must have a Fort Riley access pass, Fort Riley iSportsman account, Fort Riley Recreation Motor Vehicle Permit, remain in designated open areas and must have a Kansas Fishing License, Fort Riley stays consistent with Kansas Regulations.

The iSportsman website is used for all individuals hunting, fishing or participating in any outdoor recreational activities in training areas on Fort Riley. Individuals must check in and check out daily using the iSportsman website.

The website is the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism tool for managing the state’s outdoor recreation resources and promotes these and other travel destinations in the state. This website is designed to manage what resources are being used by whom and when.

One way in doing so is to manage the creel limit of each fisherman.

“Creel limit goes back to when flag fishermen used to carry a wicker basket, known as their creel. So that is kind of a holdover from those days. The creel limit is the number of fish you could keep in their basket,” Duckworth said.

The creel limit for channel catfish and flathead catfish is five per day.

Once Trout Season begins Nov. 1 through April 15, trout creel limit changes if the fisherman has a permit. With a permit, trout creel limit is five per day. Without a permit, trout creel limit is two per day.

Trout stocking occur in Moon Lake and Cameron Springs.

Fort Riley is not the only area with ponds, lakes and streams ideal for fishing. Two top fishing destinations off post are Milford Lake just outside Junction City and Tuttle Creek Lake in Manhattan.

Milford State Park contains approximately 16,200 surface acres of fishing with a depth of 65 feet.

Species of fish found within the 16,200 surface acres are catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass and wipers, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass.

On KDWP’s website the Milford Reservoir Fish Report is updated more than once a week with content to help fishermen determine what specie has the highest rating, estimated size, what bait, method and location the species was spotted.

Tuttle Creek State Park contains 12,500 surface acres of fishing with a depth of 50 feet.

Similar to Milford, Tuttle Creek offers crappie, white bass, catfish and largemouth bass. However, Tuttle Creek offers Saugeye.

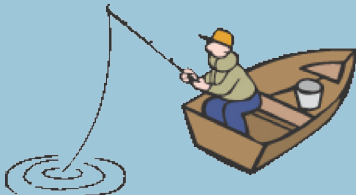
For more information about fishing in Kansas, visit ksoutdoors.com/Fishing. For more information about fishing at Fort Riley, visit fortriley.isportsman.net/.



1: Kids and adults alike enjoy fishing on the shore of Moon Lake during the USO Fishing Derby Aug. 20. Moon Lake has pavilions, bathrooms and playgrounds to help make a day of fishing fun at the lake. Photo by: Season Osterfeld

2: A boy preps his fishing pole with the assistance of a family friend during the USO Fishing Derby Aug. 20 at Moon Lake. This lake is a popular fishing spot at Fort Riley. Photo by: Season Osterfeld

3 and 4: Cameron Springs is one of the four fishing destinations on Fort Riley. Nov. 1 through April 15 this pond along with Moon Lake will be stocked with Trout. Visit fortriley.isportsman.net/ to register to fish on Fort Riley. Photos by: Kalene Lozick





Sgt. Casey Hustin | 19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Lt. Col. Ann Meredith and Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Leasor, the commander and senior noncommissioned officer for Fort Riley's 97th Military Police Battalion, lift up the Commander's Cup the "Guardians" won during Victory Week at the Victory Cup Presentation ceremony Aug. 25 at Cavalry Parade Field. The pair are flanked by Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, left, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, the division's senior noncommissioned officer. The Commander's Cup is awarded each year to the unit that earned the most points in a variety of sporting events during Victory Week, including basketball, combatives, water polo and tug of war.

CUP RUNNETH OVER

Division honors 85 additional service members in Victory Park Ceremony

By Chad L. Simon
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The names of 85 service members were added to those already enshrined in Victory Park, adjacent to the 1st Infantry Division headquarters building on Fort Riley, in an Aug. 22 ceremony, part of this year's Victory Week.

Each year, any new stones are unveiled during a ceremony as part of Victory Week. The number of new stones this year were added as a result of the 1st Inf. Div. formalizing the process for a memorial stone to be added in the hallowed park.

"Every year we recognize those that we have lost," said Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general. "We are making 85 additions to our memorial park today. We didn't lose 85 Soldiers this year. What we have done is to formalize and solidify the guidelines, and the process in which someone is memorialized in this park. After formalizing this policy, we realized some Soldiers not memorialized are now eligible, and we are rectifying that today."

Spc. Cameron Stambaugh of the 978th Military Police Company, Fort Bliss, Texas, is one such Soldier. Stambaugh was attached to the 1st Inf. Div. on July 8, 2012, when a military vehicle he was riding in was hit by an improvised explosive device. The IED killed Stambaugh and five other Soldiers in the vehicle.

Though Stambaugh perished more than five years ago, his father attended the ceremony overlooking the Flint Hills. As he heard the



Spc. Elizabeth Payne | 19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Staff Sgt. Steven Judy, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, speaks with his grandfather, Vietnam veteran Eddie Harrison, Aug. 23 at Fort Riley's Marshall Army Airfield. Harrison and more than 200 other veterans were in attendance for the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony, which gave them the opportunity to experience a warm welcome that they might not have received decades ago.



Capt. Rory Mele | 105TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, addresses Soldiers and families at Victory Park Aug. 22 concerning the 85 names that have been added to the memorial for 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

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Victory Week results (top three) for overall team standings and individual sporting events, **PAGE 18-19.**

'Big Red One's' proud history, bright future shine over course of Victory Week 2017

By J. Parker Roberts and Chad L. Simon
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Service members with the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley were witness to a celebration 100 years in the making as the "Big Red One" hosted Victory Week 2017 Aug. 16-25 on the historic post.

Victory Week is an annual time for sporting events and ceremonies to enhance unit cohesion and morale. This year's Victory Week also served as a celebration of the division's 100th anniversary.

"It's a celebration of 100 years of history, being the first division, the first in many regards," said Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general.

"The message that I've been delivering to Soldiers across the formation is we have an incredible legacy in this division, and now, as teammates in this division, we have to be mindful of that as we move forward. The reputation and the history of this division will continue on, and they're a part of it."

Victory Week is typically observed in June during the division's birthday but, due to several deployments over the summer, was rescheduled this year to allow for maximum participation.

"That's what makes Victory Week special," Martin said, "understanding and celebrating

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For more coverage from **Victory Week 2017** and accompanying events during the period, visit the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Facebook pages at www.facebook.com/1stInfantryDivision/ and www.facebook.com/FortRiley/

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Victory Fest enjoys largest turnout in decade

Eli Young Band, others headline day filled with music, festivities, fireworks

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

"They are going to feel the power," said Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, during the Victory Fest 2017 opening ceremony at Marshall Army Airfield Aug. 19.

"What's the power?" Martin said. "The power is 100 years of service to our nation. This division: the first to go into World War I, the first to go into Africa, Sicily and Europe in World War II; the first to go into Vietnam; the first to go



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A Trooper with the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard fires at a target Aug. 19 during Victory Fest as the team trains for upcoming competitions.

across to breach in Desert Storm; the first to serve in Iraq and who we are — we are the 1st Infantry Division."

The crowd, despite sitting in upper 90-degree weather under the mid afternoon sun, cheered and clapped for Martin.

"Where's the power? The power is 100 years of service to our nation ... and who we are — we are the 1st Infantry Division."

MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH MARTIN
1ST INFANTRY DIVISION AND
FORT RILEY COMMANDING GENERAL

Victory Fest, held during Victory Week, is a daylong event for Soldiers, their families and members of the surrounding community to celebrate the "Big Red One" with various activities such as military tactical vehicle exhi-

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VICTORY CUP RESULTS

OVERALL WINNERS
1ST: 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley
2ND: 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team

BASKETBALL
1ST: 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade
2ND: 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade
3RD: 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade

FOOTBALL
1ST: 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
2ND: 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team

COMBATIVES
1ST: 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley
2ND: 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team

SOFTBALL
1ST: 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
2ND: 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade

SOCCER
1ST: 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
2ND: 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team

TUG-OF-WAR
1ST: 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
2ND: 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade
3RD: 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley

WATER BROLO
1ST: 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
2ND: 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley

TEN-MILER
1ST: 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley
2ND: 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division



Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, far left, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison as the final sporting event during Victory Week 2017. The 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley, won the Combatives Competition



Sgt. Jarrett Allen | 1ST COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Soldiers carry a log during the Mission Essential Fitness competition Aug. 17 during Victory Week 2017 on Fort Riley. The 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, won the Mission Essential Fitness competition.



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Cpl. Tyeako Simpkins, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, completes a successful clean and jerk lift Aug. 18 during the Weightlifting Competition as part of Victory Week 2017. The 97th Military Police Battalion of Fort Riley won the competition.



Spc. Elizabeth Payne | 19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
A Soldier, running with the football, from 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, evades a defender from 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1 ABCT, during the finals of the Flag Football Competition Aug. 22 as part of Victory Week 2017. The 1st Eng. Bn., 1st ABCT, won the game and bragging rights.



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS
A Soldier stationed at Fort Riley swings during a softball game on Aug. 17 as part of Victory Week 2017, hosted by the 1st Infantry Division. The "Diehards" of the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., won the softball tournament played over three days.



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Several Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division battle for the ball in the semifinals of the Water BROLO Competition Aug. 17 at the Custer Hill Aquatics Center during Victory Week 2017. The 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., won the event and placed third overall in the final standings of Victory Week 2017.



Sgt. 1st Class Victor Gardner | 1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE.
First Lt. Michael Stickley, left, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, left, competes against Sgt. Timothy Wallace, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., during the Arm Wrestling Championship for the 180 to 200 pound weight class during Victory Week at Fort Riley Aug. 17.



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

, far right, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley senior noncommissioned officer, stand with the medal winners of the Combatives Competition and the Commander's Cup for the second consecutive year.



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A basketball bounces on the rim before dropping for a basket for the 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, Aug. 21 during the finals of the Basketball Competition of Victory Week 2017. The "Pacesetters" won the competition collection three of the unit's four points during the week.



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

First Lt. Deaven Miller, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, jumps over a barrier during the Danger Dash with his teammate 1st Lt. Cody Parger, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, following close behind Aug. 18, at Fort Riley. The Danger Dash, a Victory Week competition, puts teams of four through a two-mile obstacle course that includes a memory test, sandbag carry, balance beam and hill sprint.



Sgt. Casey Hustin | 19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Pfc. Luis Tapia, left, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, counters a leg kick from 1st Lt. Weston Benson, Headquarters and Headquarter Battalion, 1st Inf. Div., during the preliminary rounds of the Combatives Competition Aug. 18 at Long Fitness Center at Fort Riley. Tapia finished with the silver medal in the 140 pound weight division.



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Soldier, right, with 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, battles to retain possession of the ball Aug. 21 during a final of the Soccer Competition against a Soldier from 2nd Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment, 1st ABCT. The 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., went on to win the match and the competition.



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley took to the grass for the Volleyball Competition Aug. 17 near the former Irwin Army Community Hospital at Fort Riley. The 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., were the volleyball victors.



Staff Sgt. Sean Frazier | DIVARTY

Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Stephens, 1st Infantry Division Artillery senior noncommissioned officer, hits the ball during the Victory Week 2017 Commander and Command Sergeant Major Softball Classic Aug. 18 at Sacco Softball Complex, Fort Riley. The command sergeants major team won the game with a final score of 21-20.

VICTORY CUP RESULTS

BIATHLON

- 1ST: 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team
2ND: 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team

ARM WRESTLING

- 1ST: 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley
2ND: 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade; 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team; 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team

MISSION ESSENTIAL FITNESS

- 1ST: 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team
2ND: 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team

VOLLEYBALL

- 1ST: 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team
2ND: 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Riley

WARRIOR COMPETITION

- 1ST: 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team
2ND: 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team

DANGER DASH

- 1ST: 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
2ND: 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley
3RD: 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team

BOWLING

- 1ST: 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley
2ND: 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team

WEIGHTLIFTING

- 1ST: 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley
2ND: 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
3RD: 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team





Capt. Rory Mele | 105TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
A family member rubs the name of a fallen Soldier onto a piece of paper during a ceremony Aug. 22 at Victory Park.

VICTORY PARK

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name of his son and his friends read during the ceremony, Mitchell Stambaugh was glad he made the trip from his home in Pennsylvania.

“It was honorable and emotional,” the elder Stambaugh said. “I think it is awesome. It is awesome what they did here. I am looking out over the clouds. The scenery is beautiful. I have been to Arlington and this is just as nice of view.”

The ceremony was an opportunity for families to reunite after years of not seeing each other, Stambaugh said.

“I actually broke up more when I heard their names more than my son’s,” Stambaugh said. “We are all family now. I am friends with most of their parents. I got to connect with (Staff Sgt. Ricardo) Seija’s parents. We got to see them one time at Bliss when they had the memorial service there and that is the last we have seen them in five years.”

Stones unveiled during the ceremony honored Soldiers who died while serving with the division overseas between 2006 and 2017.

“It does give you closure,” Stambaugh said. “Memorializing means you will never forget them. I am so glad we came. It

is quite an honor to be here. When I leave here I am going to have a great feeling. I do feel a sense of relief and a sense of closure.”

The addition of the names was spearheaded by Kevin West, chief of force modernization, 1st Inf. Div. It took West nearly 18 months of research to locate more than 80 of the 85 new service members.

“We were pretty consistently adding names of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who had been attached to the division or divisional units and died in theater, but that we were deploying with the brigades and battalions deploying separately from the division, sometimes we weren’t completely accurate on who had attached,” West said. “I noticed a couple of attachments going back to ‘07 and ‘08 that had inadvertently been left off. I don’t think the division knew they should have been on there.”

West was present at the ceremony to witness his work come to fruition.

“I am satisfied,” West said. “It’s the right thing to do. It’s good to be able to recognize the sacrifice of them and their loved ones.”

NO DOUGH DINNER A WINNER



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TOP: Volunteers from USO Fort Riley serve food to service members, their families and Fort Riley community members during the Victory Week 2017 USO No Dough Dinner Aug. 21 at King Field House. Guests enjoyed a free meal of hot dogs, ribs, fresh vegetables, drinks and more and members of the 1st Infantry Division band provided live music. The next No Dough Dinner will be Sept. 28. **BOTTOM:** Elijah Armstrong, right, son of Spc. Seth Armstrong, 287th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, enjoys himself at the USO No Dough Dinner Aug. 21.



Spc. Jarel Chugg | 19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
Lt. Col. Jeff Hambrice, Dental Activity commander, presents the first-place trophy for water polo to a member of the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Aug. 17 at the Custer Hill Aquatic Park on Fort Riley.

CUP

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exactly what we have accomplished in the past — whether we were here or not, the division did it — and now we’re a part of that.”

Victory Week 2017 saw units compete in 16 sporting events, collecting points in an effort to take home the coveted Commander’s Cup. That competition came down to the final event this year, as the 97th Military Police Battalion and 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., were tied going into the Combatives final on Aug. 24.

“We are happy to be a part of 1st Infantry Division’s Victory Week,” said Lt. Col. Ann Meredith, commander of the 97th MP Bn., which won the Combatives tournament and the cup. “We are so happy to be a part of this division. We are proud of the relationship. We are very well supported, and we feel like we are a part of the division.”

Other sports included basketball, football, tug-of-war and water polo.

“It was fun,” said Spc. Willey Diaz, 601st Aviation Sup-

port Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., about Victory Week. “I think it is nice to get away from work and enjoy meeting more people from other companies.”

While Victory Week is a time for celebration, it’s also a time to remember and honor the past. To that end, the 1st Inf. Div. hosted several ceremonies, including a Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony and Victory Park ceremony, where the names of 85 service members who died while serving overseas with the division were enshrined along with others who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.

“It was honorable and emotional,” said Mitchell Stambaugh, whose son, Spc. Cameron Stambaugh of the 978th Military Police Company, died in 2012 while serving with the division in Afghanistan. “It is awesome what they did here. I am looking out over the clouds. The scenery is beautiful. I have been to Arlington and this is just as nice of view.”

The next Victory Week is scheduled to take place Aug. 6 through 10, 2018.

FEST

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hibition, family activities, car shows, concerts and fireworks. Local bands such as Brady Weston Band, Tanner Dirks Band, 1st Inf. Div. Band, Muzizi, Lucas Maddy Band, Bootleg Mercy and Tim Strathman Band performed at the secondary stage.

The headliners on the main stage began at 3:30 p.m. with the USO Show Troupe, followed by Lit, Charlie Daniels Band, The All-American Rejects at sunset, Eli Young Band to close the concert and a 20-minute fireworks finale.

Typically held conjunction with the 1st Inf. Div. birthday June 8, Victory Week was held in August this year to enable maximum participation from units. Heather Wilburn, marketing manager at Fort Riley’s Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said more than 4,500 tickets were distributed; the largest turn out for Victory Fest in a decade.

“It was really perfect timing for us to thank as many Soldiers as possible,” Wilburn said. “We were really excited to be able to offer it at a time when almost all of our Soldiers were home, and in-house — that hasn’t happened in Fort Riley for a really long time. So it kind of served as a welcome home to all the Soldiers coming back from Korea and Central Asia, and also a farewell for the Soldiers, who are getting ready to head out on their next deployment.”

The MWR’s mission is to provide Soldiers and families with resources to thrive. According to Wilburn, an event like Victory Fest falls into the resilience category of the organization’s goal, which is important because of what Soldiers and families go through daily.

“We give the Soldiers and families a chance to come out, have a good time and not have to think about the Army mission,” she said. “They can think about being with their families, being with their friends, just hanging out on a day where there is no stress and no pressure, and being able to hit that release valve.”

That was what happened, as the spectators who stayed until the end of Charlie Daniels Band’s performance can attest to. Toward the end of the 80-year-old country music singer’s performance, Martin got on stage and thanked Daniels and his



Collen McGee | FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, joins the Charlie Daniels Band on the main stage during Victory Fest Aug. 19 at Marshall Army Airfield. The band joined Lit, The All-American Rejects and the Eli Young Band at the all-day music festival.

band members for their performance, but teased the audience by withholding the band’s certificate of appreciation until an encore performance of the singer’s popular hit, “The Devil Went Down To Georgia” was sung.

But Martin didn’t leave the stage. Immediately following the fiddle intro, the commanding general belted the verses to the song. The crowd cheered with smiles across their faces.

Wilburn said it was that kind of reaction from the attendees that made her job worth it.

“My favorite part was seeing happy Soldiers and families; that’s why I do what I do,” Wilburn said. “A lot of the artists took the time to thank our Soldiers and family members for what they do, they did a lot of shout outs, especially Eli Young Band. It think it made (the Soldiers and family) feel the show really was for them. That was super cool.”

THE VOLUNTEER

Jessica Garate is a training specialist at Child and Youth Services. That evening, she was an event volunteer at Victory Fest by the entrance of Marshall Army Airfield. Growing up a military child, she lived in the Fort Riley area multiple

times since she was 12 years old, but this is her first time at an event like Victory Fest.

“I love it and I actually like all the bands,” Garate said. “I actually got to meet and greet (Charlie Daniels and Eli Young Band) and they were down to earth and they kept thanking all of us for our service to the military community.”

But the part of the concert Garate enjoyed the most was not meeting the musicians, it was the sense of accomplishment she felt when she saw all the people she worked with volunteer together.

“I love feeling the sense of community here ... it just shows how big of a community we are,” she said. “I got to talk to staff I don’t normally talk to on a daily basis, so I love it.”

Garate recognized many event attendees because they were parents of the children she works with. She says an occasion like this is beneficial for couples who have children.

“I think it helps the parents because the parents got to have like a date night or maybe a night out,” Garate said. “It’s nice they don’t have to go somewhere else, it’s here in-house.”

THE YOUNG FAMILY

Warrant Officer Michael Horrace, Headquarters and

Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, had just returned from a deployment to Iraq and it was his wife, Liana Horrace’s, first time going through a deployment. Although the two have had the opportunity to do some traveling after they were reunited, they appreciated having an event of this scale so close to them.

“It’s nice to have something convenient, that’s right here,” he said. “We did a lot of traveling, so it would be nice not to go somewhere.”

“We could have a date night of sorts with people you recognize,” Liana said. “It was nice to be around community and the fact that we don’t have to go far to have that was great ... it was low pressure.”

The two enjoyed the fireworks show that they thought rivaled the Fourth of July display in Wamego, Kansas, and stood in line for an hour so Michael could have a turkey leg since he had not had one in a long time. But it was the Charlie Daniels Band performance that hit home for his wife.

“Seeing Charlie Daniels perform ‘The Devil Went Down To Georgia’ was really awesome for me because I grew up in Georgia, and we’d

go down to Stone Mountain (Theme Park) every year, multiple times a year, and they’d have a laser show there,” she said. “That’s probably the biggest song that’s played in the laser show. Everyone gets up, screams to the music; it’s just Georgia to me.”

That performance spoke to Liana because it was a part of her upbringing.

“That was why I loved it so much because it was a part of growing up where I did,” she said. “It was something we always did as a family.”

PART OF ARMY FAMILY

At the military armored fighting vehicle exhibition, retired Lt. Col. Tony Nichols climbed out the top with a smile across his face. It was Nichols’ first time checking out the tanks installed with newer technology since he left the Army in 2013. He was a tankerman and had always worked on tanks until he was a senior officer.

“Because of the war on Iraq, they made some changes in the tank and I didn’t get to see those changes,” Nichols said. “It was the first time I got to see what they had done, up and close and personal. To make it more lethal, more survivable; and it’s just amazing

technology. So I was excited, very excited.”

He and his family live near the Fort Riley area. His wife Janet Nichols is still actively involved with Fort Riley as the military community liaison at the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce.

“I’m happy to be retired next to Fort Riley, they really make you feel like you’re part of the unit even though you are retired,” he said. “I miss being in the Army, but I come here right now during Victory Week, and they pull you in.”

Janet, on the other hand, was one of the community sponsors for Victory Fest. She had the opportunity to participate in the event as part of her job and as a retired spouse.

“What’s neat is when we were part of the Army, it’s kind of hard to tell how the history affects you,” she said. “But once you have the perspective, and you come to enough things, and you learn, you see how you’re just a part of something that’s so much bigger and that is a 100 years old.”

NO SACRIFICE TOO GREAT

“Come here,” said Charlie Daniels, lead singer of Charlie Daniels Band, as he enveloped his arms into a bear hug around Dody Berg, mother of Sgt. 1st Class Forrest Robertson, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Stewart, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2013.

The whole room fell silent while the singer songwriter comforted the grieving mother during the band’s meet and greet session. The meeting was arranged by Fort Riley Survivor Outreach Services.

“We try to do a lot of activities over at Fort Riley since we lost our son,” she said. “My son wanted to meet him, and didn’t get to, so this is on our bucket list.”

According to Wilburn, there is always room for meet-and-greet sessions for Gold Star families. She notes the Bergs are very active in the Fort Riley community, such a participating in Run for the Fallen.

“Dody and Charles are awesome, they’re active in a ton of stuff on post,” she said. “They’re a really neat family.”