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Spc. Ike Matthews, motor transportation mechanic, 24th Composite Truck Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, conducts a preventive maintenance and services check Aug. 30 on a Palletized Load System truck at Fort Riley. Matthews and about 175 other Soldiers with the 24th CTC were among thousands throughout the armed forces preparing to offer defense support of civil authorities following the destruction caused by Tropical Storm Harvey. The 24th CTC initially deployed to the area Sept. 2, but was ordered by U.S. Army Forces Command to return to Fort Riley Sept. 4.

# Harvey hits home

## Soldiers continue massive relief effort for flooded Houston

By Spc. Dustin D. Biven  
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DETACHMENT

KATY, Texas — In response to Hurricane Harvey, the Army has deployed more than 700 wheeled vehicles and more than 90 helicopters. These assets are invaluable, but it is the people who fill the more than 16,000 uniforms aiding in the recovery who are making the difference to those in need.

This included Soldiers from the 24th Composite Truck Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade. They were among thousands throughout the armed forces preparing to offer defense support of civil authorities following the destruction caused by Tropical Storm Harvey. The 24th CTC initially deployed to the area Sept. 2, but was ordered by

U.S. Army Forces Command to return to Fort Riley Sept. 4.

Since the relief effort began, soldiers have saved 6,000 people in Texas and Louisiana and have rescued hundreds of pets.

“We are very proud to do this. It means so much,” said Lt. Col. Matthew Masias, a commander and pilot in the Texas Army National Guard. “Every time we get a mission, we know we are doing something good for people, and we know what we

are doing is helping people in need out.”

Masias has conducted several missions with his crew to deliver life-supporting supplies to affected communities.

### MAJOR HUB

Houston Executive Airport here, just outside of Houston, has become a major hub for Hurricane Harvey relief

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## Training event returns to Fort Riley

### Officials train to better serve military forces

By Season Osterfeld  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

More than 300 housing officials from Department of Defense and privatized housing at military installations worldwide gathered for the annual Housing the Force training event at Fort Riley Aug. 28 to 31.

Representatives from Housing Service Offices; Residential Communities Initiatives, which handle privatized housing on installations; Privatized Army Lodging; Army Family Housing; and others attended the training. This year was the second time Fort Riley hosted Housing the Force.

“Housing the Force is an annual training event that the Army tries to do to bring housing professionals together to share best practices, learn new policy, engage with their peers and counterparts at different installations to see how they do business and try to ultimately improve how we do business and taking care of our Soldiers and providing a service for the housing needs of service members and their families,” said Steve Milton, asset and housing manager for Fort Riley HSO.

During the training event, representatives attended classes and question and answer sessions with a housing leadership panel to discuss topics like budgets, adjustments in basic housing allowances for service members, manpower challenges, the energy conservation program, the waterfall program and more.

“We’re offering about 72 courses over a four day period,” said Connie Glenn, chief of the Installation Management Command Housing Branch.

Part of the success of Housing the Force comes from representatives sharing their problems, solutions and experiences with one another, Milton and Glenn both said.

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# ‘Dagger’ brigade trains on Fort Riley prior to deployment



Pvt. Bryce Potter, forward observer, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat team, 1st Infantry Division, demonstrates the use of the Lightweight Laser Designator Rangefinder July 27 during Fire Support Team Certification at Observation Point B.

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Wallace Bonner  
2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, have been training and exercising their ability to shoot, move and communicate prior to their deployment to Europe.

Artillery Soldiers from across the brigade combined to coordinate artillery fires from 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt.’s, M109-A6 self-propelled Paladin Howitzers for Gunnery Table VI at Fort Riley July 24 to 28.

The artillery unit’s gunnery training is a multiple-stage process where

Paladin crews demonstrate their ability to effectively use their equipment from the individual level to the collective level where the unit fires multiple weapon systems simultaneously to engage targets. Gunnery Table VI focused on weapon systems crew and teamwork skills.

A lot of responsibility is placed on young Soldiers in the operation of the Paladin in 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt. Pfc. Steven Bush, Battery A, is a gunner on one of the Paladins. He is responsible for entering the directional data that guides where the Paladin fires. He also helps teach and cross-train other members of the crew.

Bush said he appreciates the opportunity to carry greater

responsibility as a Soldier, and the impact it has had in his life.

“I’ve definitely grown as a person,” Bush said. “It’s improved my resiliency, quickened my thought processes and built me physically and mentally.”

Fire support forward observers throughout the brigade, considered the eyes of the Howitzer units, also took advantage of the training opportunity to hone their skills and complete their certification requirements. They focused on sustaining and demonstrating all the skills necessary to identify targets for the artillery units and adjust their fires for maximum effect.

The fire support team members who are typically assigned to the brigade’s

maneuver battalions benefited from the opportunity to test their skills as well.

“Certification reiterated everything learned in school and reminded Soldiers of things they may have forgotten,” said Pvt. Bryce Potter, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd ABCT. “It keeps Soldiers’ progress moving forward.”

Each Paladin weighs 27.5 tons and can travel up to 35 mph, according to the manufacturer, BAE Systems.

“Whenever you get the time to train on your skills, it’s important. It’s crucial to take these opportunities, said Capt. Brian Campbell, fire support officer, 5th Sqdn., 4th

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### FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Spc. Justin Gallahar, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, volunteers with Cub Scout Pack 660. He attends events to take photos and helps with clean up after the events.

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

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THE FIGHTING FIRST!

# Steve Milton: A ‘Big Red One’ Soldier



By Phyllis Fitzgerald  
SPECIAL TO THE POST

A native of Middletown, Ohio, Steven Milton enlisted into the National Guard in January 1986. He received both his basic training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and earned the military occupational specialty of 12B, combat engineer. While serving in the guard he was a student at Miami of Ohio University.

In January 1988, Milton joined the active-duty Army, and was first assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado, as a combat engineer and was the assistant brigade engineer commander driver.

In January 1990, Milton was re-assigned to Camp Indian in South Korea, where he served as a team leader and armorer. From there, in January 1991, Milton went to Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he served in an S-2 military intelligence office for the 5th Infantry Division. While there he was promoted to sergeant.

In September 1991, in a move associated with base closure and realignment efforts, the 5th Inf. Div. relocated to Fort Hood, Texas. Milton served at Fort Hood from September 1991 to September 1993.

While at Fort Hood, Milton was inducted into the prestigious Audie Murphy Club and promoted to staff sergeant. He was also a team leader and squad leader.

From September 1993 to January 1999, Milton served at successive assignments to Fort Stewart, Georgia; Fort Jackson, South Carolina; and Camp Hovey in Korea. It was during this time he attained the rank of sergeant first class.

In 2001, Milton was assigned to Fort Riley where he served with “A” Co., 1st Engineer Battalion, 24th Inf. Div., as a platoon sergeant. In 2002, the 24th Inf. Div. was re-flagged to 1st Inf. Div.

In 2003, Milton and his unit deployed to Operation

Iraqi Freedom as “C” Co. “Cold Steel,” 1st Eng. Bn., 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

“Our company was at Camp Junction City which was right outside of Ar Ramadi,” Milton said. “We had platoons fighting out of Camp Junction City and out of Fallujah.”

During this deployment, Milton, as a sergeant first class, was selected as the first sergeant for the “Cold Steel” company and promoted to master sergeant. He spent the ensuing 30 months as a first sergeant.

In December 2006, he moved to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Eng. Bn., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. and became the S-3 operations noncommissioned officer in charge.

Milton and his unit served in Iraq from January to December 2007. Working out of Camp Spiker, the mission of Milton and his teammates was to locate and defeat all individual explosive devices for the Multi-National Division - North between Baghdad and Mosul.

He returned to Fort Riley and, in April 2008, retired from the Army as a master sergeant and first sergeant.

As a civilian Milton worked as a project manager for several projects at Fort Riley and in 2009 was hired to start the Unaccompanied Housing branch, commonly referred to as First Sergeant Barracks Program.

Then, in 2014, he was hired as the Chief of the Housing Division for the 1st Inf. Div., a position he holds today.

“We stayed in Junction City (Kansas) because we fell in love with Kansas, the Flint Hills region and the people,” Milton said. “We have all the amenities of the big cities without all the hustle and bustle. “We bought and run a horse ranch and my wife has a great job.”

Milton’s favorite memory involves serving in Iraq as a first sergeant. During the up-

rising in Ramadi and Fallujah from April 6 to 10, 2004, he and his commander rotated going out with the platoons. In order to give members of those platoons a break, Milton and his commander would take their position.

“On one of these missions, we were on alert as the 2nd Quick Reaction Force and were called out the gate to assist a Marine platoon that had come under a heavy firefight and was pinned down with multiple casualties,” Milton said. “Our mission was to place our platoon between the Marine platoon that was pinned down and the enemy force. The 1st QRF that had went out the gate had gotten ambushed and the leadership had gotten killed.”

At the end of the night, after the battle finished, Milton and his team dropped off enemy prisoners of war. At that time, the driver of the vehicle Milton was in told his story.

“As the driver, six months with the unit, his job was to scan his sector and look for enemy,” Milton said. “He was scared to death; he thought he was going to die.”

As the driver, who was a private first class, scanned around and looked back, he saw shooting and other units engaging enemy targets.

“He said he watched me pause, take a drag off my cigar, then keep engaging,” Milton said. “He told me that was the point he realized he was going to be OK. That gave him strength and encouragement to continue on knowing that his first sergeant was in the fight with him.”

For Milton, the most valuable lesson learned about leadership came from that private first class.

“What I learned from this young Soldier that night was: as a leader you have to be the calm in the storm as you never know who is watching and how your actions, or lack thereof, will affect someone else. Remain calm in the storm, lead from the front, and always lead by example.”

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# ‘Durable’ Soldier prepares for Army Best Warrior Competition

By Sgt. 1st Class Victor Gardner  
1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Cpl. Kristen Gray, finance clerk, 9th Financial Management Services Unit, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, is preparing for the biggest challenge of her military career: the Army Best Warrior Competition held at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, from Sept. 30 through Oct. 12.

Gray is one of 10 Soldiers across the Army who has mastered several layers of competition throughout the year to qualify for this event.

Gray officially began her journey in April when

she competed in the Army South Soldier of the Year Competition. Over the past year the corporal has competed in seven boards, beginning at the Battalion Soldier of the Month level. She said her desire to compete came from her love of physical challenges and her aspiration to hone her Soldier skills to become tactically proficient.

“Throughout my life, I have been lucky enough to have a great number of inspirational female role models,” Gray said. “The first of whom is my sister, Leann Gray. Other strong, confident women in the military, in athletic arenas and in other fields have inspired me to push beyond expectations and never

allow others to put a limit on what I can accomplish.”

The military has demonstrated faith and confidence in females to now take on more roles in combat arms,” Gray said. For that reason, “I want to take advantage of these opportunities to grow as an individual, to challenge myself, and to also be a positive example for the millions of young girls in this country who have ever been told that they couldn’t do something because of their gender.”

Making it this far in a rigorous competition such the Army’s Best Warrior Competition does not happen without help. Sgt. Sean Jin, formerly of the 9th FMSU, was her first mentor for competitive boards.

“When I met Sgt. Jin, I realized that we both overcame obstacles and faced similar setbacks in our professional life,” Gray said. “What I admired so much about Sgt. Jin was his exhaustive desire to better himself and his unrelenting will. Sgt. Jin was recently accepted to earn his medical degree through the Army and his resolve to never give up on his dream paid off, motivating me even further to push myself, set high goals and never give up on them.”

Currently, Gray is on mission in Honduras assigned to the J-8 Finance team, but continues to prepare for the final



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Cpl. Kristen Gray, finance clerk, 9th Financial Management Services Unit, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, listens to instruction prior to starting a qualifying event for an Army Warrior competition May 11. Gray is one of 10 Army-wide personnel who qualified to compete at the Army Best Warrior Competition.**



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Cpl. Kristen Gray, finance clerk, 9th Financial Management Services Unit, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, climbs a rope May 11 during an optical challenge for a qualifying Army Warrior competition. Gray is one of 10 Army-wide personnel who qualified to compete at the Army Best Warrior Competition.**




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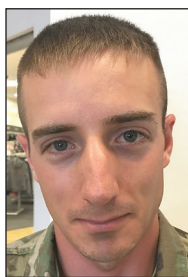






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If you could change your age forever, what age would you choose and why?



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**SGT. JACOB RAINOSEK**  
**HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

Troop B, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment,  
1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st  
Infantry Division



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**STAFF SGT. JASMINE IACOLINO**  
**SALEM, OREGON**

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**NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA**

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**RYAN WHITE**  
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### FATALITY-FREE DAYS

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As of Wednesday, Sept. 6, 425 days have passed since the last vehicular fatality at Fort Riley. Safe driving doesn't happen by accident. For more information about safety, call the Garrison Safety Office at 785-239-0514.

### SAFETY CORNER

## September is National Preparedness Month

By Dawn J. Douglas  
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

You've probably heard of the four pillars of the Ready Army Program: "Be informed. Make a plan. Build a kit. Get Involved."

These highlight the importance of being prepared for significant weather events. We have all watched the devastation of Hurricane Harvey on the national news and recognize the astronomical impact that severe weather can have on the infrastructure of a city. Power outages, gas explosions, chemical fires, flooding, hazardous materials, displacement, food shortages are just a few examples of the hazardous situation that occur in the wake of a national disaster.

Preparedness means more than just anticipation. Preparedness is anticipation with intention. We have to be intentional in our preparedness to survive hazardous conditions to protect not only lives, but property as well. This is why knowing the regional dangers such as the times of year tornados and severe storms are likely to strike is important. For example, did you know Kansas has two tornado seasons? The first season begins in early May and ends in late June, and the second season starts in November. Being informed about the potential dangers of any severe weather crisis is vital to understanding how to plan appropriately.

### MAKE A PLAN

When disaster strikes there will already be a sense of heightened fear and uncertainty. This is why having a well-practiced plan can save precious time and ultimately preserve life and property. Knowing the type of disasters is only one part of preparedness. Establishing a plan that will identify how alerts and warning will be received; where to shelter in the event of a severe weather event; what is the safest evacuation route and other alternate routes to exit the home or office quickly; and how to communicate with family, co-workers and other significant person before, during and after a severe weather event are critical to proper planning.

Another consideration must be how to tailor a plan that considers the needs of the household. Are there pets, small children, elderly persons, persons with limited mobility or in need of special medications or care? The website, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), provides templates, .pdf and other instrumental tools for making an effective emergency family plan. These tools include wallet-sized emergency communication cards, establishing a financial first aid kit, pet owners guides, guides for protecting critical documents and valuable and guides that will you help you document and insure your property.

Once a viable plan is established, it must be practiced over and over until everyone in the family is comfortable with executing their part of the plan. The plan should be reviewed periodically to account for changes such as changes in contact information, additions

to the household or any other changes not covered in the original plan.

### BUILD A KIT

The plan also directs how to build the kit. There will always be basic supplies such as blankets, weather radios, food, matches, potable water, flashlights, batteries, first aid kit, basic tools, gloves and garbage bags. However, individualized plans may require items such as prescription medications, infant formula, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene items, games for children, contact lenses and solution, important documents like bank account numbers, insurance documents, other forms of identification, eating utensils, car charger for a cell phone and other personal items specific to the plan's needs. It is also important check the kit periodically for expired items. A kit should be prepared for home, work and vehicle in case you are stranded.

### SAFETY SKILLS

While preparedness is important there are also safety skills that will aid in survival during a disaster. One of the most basic skills is first aid and CPR. During a disaster injuries may occur from falling debris, being struck by or struck against objects or experiencing cold weather injuries such as hypothermia.

Another important skill is learning how to properly use a fire extinguisher. At a minimum each person should have access to an ABC type fire extinguish at home, work and in the vehicle. Using a fire extinguisher properly can clear a path and get distressed persons to safety in the event of a gas or electrical fire due to a severe storm, flood or power outage.

The emergency plan should provide instructions for how to shut off utilities safely. Natural gas leaks and explosions are responsible for a significant number of fires following disasters. It is vital that all household members know how to shut off natural gas. Because there are different gas shut-off procedures for different gas meter configurations, it is important to contact your local gas company for any guidance on preparations and response regarding gas appliances and gas service to your home.

If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and get everyone out quickly. Turn off the gas, using the outside main valve, if you can, and call the gas company from a neighbor's home.

Caution: If you turn off the gas for any reason, a qualified professional must turn it back on. Never attempt to turn the gas back on yourself.

Water is another utility that must be shut off during a disaster. Water quickly becomes a precious resource following many disasters. It is vital that all household members learn how to shut off the water at the main house valve.

Before an emergency happens, locate the shut-off valve for the water line that enters your house and label this valve with a tag for easy identification. Make sure all household members know where it is located.

Make sure this valve can be completely shut off. Your valve may be rusted open or it may only partially close. If so, replace it.

Cracked lines may pollute the water supply to your house. It is wise to shut off your water until you hear from authorities that it is safe for drinking.

Another danger is electricity. Electrical sparks have the potential of igniting natural gas if it is leaking. It is wise to teach all responsible household members where and how to shut off the electricity. Placing the location of the electrical circuit box is important to the plan, in addition to instructions to shut off individual circuits before shutting off the main circuit.

### SHELTERING IN PLACE

Finally, taking appropriate shelter is critical in times of disaster. Sheltering is appropriate when conditions require you to seek protection in your home, place of employment or other location when disaster strikes. Sheltering outside the hazard area could include staying with friends and relatives, seeking commercial lodging or staying in a mass care facility operated by disaster relief groups. However, there may be situations, depending on your circumstances and the nature of the disaster, when it's simply best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside by "sheltering in place". If you are required to "shelter in place," there are some safety precautions to consider:

- Lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers.
- Turn off fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems.
- Take your emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.
- Go into an interior room with few windows, if possible.
- Seal all windows, doors and air vents with 2-4 mil. thick plastic sheeting and duct tape. Consider measuring and cutting the sheeting in advance to save time.
- Cut the plastic sheeting several inches wider than the openings and label each sheet.
- Duct tape plastic at corners first and then tape down all edges.

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to seal gaps so that you create a barrier between yourself and any contamination.

Local authorities may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, you should watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet often for official news and instructions as they become available.

Stay alert to local forecast and weather conditions by using one of the many weather apps available or contact the Fort Riley Emergency Operations Center at 785-239-2222. For more information, contact the Garrison Safety Office at 785-240-0647.

### RECYCLING CENTER

## Life of cans: tale of two cans

By Chris Otto  
FORT RILEY RECYLING CENTER

destined to sit for the next 500 or more years.

The second can, we will call Al, was thrown in the green bin with the yellow lid. He sat in that can with plastic bottles, glass jars, cardboard, steel lids and paper. Later that week a large truck picked him up and took him to the Fort Riley Recycle Center. There he was scooped up and placed in a large sorting machine.

He first found himself riding up a large conveyer belt and the cardboard with whom he made friends kept going while all the other materials fell through the spaces by the conveyer belts. The materials then found their way into a large machine that broke the glass bottles and jars he had just been with and the glass pieces started falling through the bottom of the machine.

As the materials passed by a large magnet, all the other

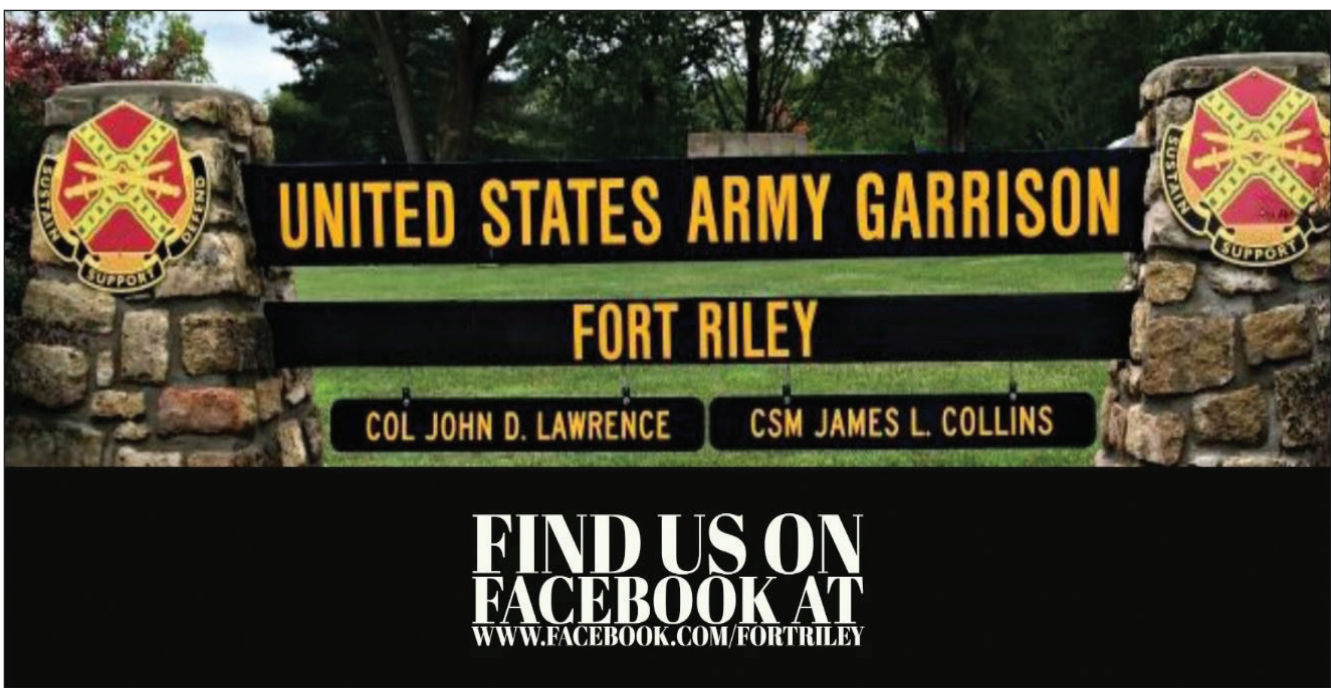
metals started sticking to it. Blasts of air came in to blow out the plastic bottles and the remaining materials. Al found himself passing by rare earth magnets that made he feel a magnetic charge.

Finally, when Al got to the end of the machine another magnet repelled the charge he just picked up and made him jump into a bin full of other cans just like him. Al and the other cans then found themselves in a bailer where they were bailed tight and taken to storage with bales full of other aluminum cans. They stayed there until the Recycle Center sold them and a large truck came, picked them up and took them to a mill. There they were processed and turned into pure aluminum.

Later that day, they were loaded onto another truck and taken to a factory. The next thing Al knew, he was part of

an aluminum baseball bat and found his way to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Main Post Exchange back on Fort Riley where he was purchased by the same kid who once drank a cold beverage from him. This time, however, he was used to hit a little round ball over the fence at Sacco Softball Complex when the kid's family was at an organizational day. He later learned the family got to eat grilled steaks instead of hotdogs because the unit was able to upgrade their org day with money they got from the Recycle Center.

Help your cans be like Al and not Lanny and maybe your kid can hit a homerun while your unit feasts on steaks paid for with their MWR funds. For questions on how you can help your cans be like Al, or how your unit can get recycling funds to upgrade your next org day, call 785-239-2385.



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# Child development center exceeds standards, passes accreditation

Story and photo by Season Osterfeld  
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The 1st Division Child Development Center at 4012 1st Division Road passed its most recent accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children with flying colors.

The results of the June evaluation came in to the CDC in late August and revealed the facility and staff received a score of 100 percent on nine of the 10 areas they were evaluated on. The remaining area scored greater than 90 percent. The 10 areas NAEYC evaluates includes things like observing staff interacting with the children, examinations of the facility, review of the paperwork and more. For observable standards, the NAEYC requires a score of 70 percent or higher to pass. For paperwork, a score of 80 percent or higher is required to pass.

“That’s one of the best reports I’ve ever seen,” said Michelle Durgin, coordinator for Child and Youth Services, of the results.

The CDC is evaluated every five years by the NAEYC. It was first accredited in 2012. Additionally, it receives an annual evaluation internally from Department of Defense organizations, said Cheryl Greathouse, CYS administrator.

“They validate that we are providing quality care,” she said. “It is important to us to have that validation because it tells us we are doing everything to support military families and those who support the mission.”



An attendant cares for children at the 1st Division Child Development Center Aug. 25. The 1st Division Child Development Center at 4012 1st Division Road exceeded the standards on its most recent accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. It was evaluated in 10 areas and received scores of 100 percent on nine of those. The remaining area received a score greater than 90 percent.

Vivian Acridge, director of 1st Division CDC, said their success came from teamwork and a passion for proving the best care to the children entrusted to them.

“We work as a team, of course,” she said. “It’s not just me. I did my part and my team and the classrooms (did theirs) because that’s the most important thing, providing quality care ... It should be like that every time. Nothing changing. We should be rocking it every time.”

The 1st Division CDC has about 50 staff and more

than 180 kids aged newborn to 5 years old enrolled at the facility, Greathouse said.

Acridge said she learns the name of every child enrolled at her facility, as do her staff — it’s part of the process of providing quality care. During their evaluation, she said the staff followed their routines and provided the same care they do every day.

“We didn’t really try to just meet the standard, we try to exceed them,” she said of her staff’s performance every day.

Staff at the CDC go above and beyond for the families they interact with, Durgin said.

“I’ve been in CYS for 16 years and 1st Division, the program that was accredited, is one of the best CDCs I’ve ever seen and I’ve been around the world,” she said. “It’s one of those centers that when you walk through the door, it’s warm and inviting. It’s what a CDC is supposed to be and it was validated by outside eyes.”

After the accreditation was completed, Acridge said she was proud of her staff and glad to work with each of them.

“I’m very, very happy to be part of this team,” she said. “We all support each other. We have ups and downs, but in the end, we all made it.”

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# New policy guidance for veterans' discharge upgrade requests

By Lisa Ferdinando  
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WASHINGTON — The Defense Department released guidance Aug. 28 to clarify the liberal consideration given to veterans who request upgrades of their discharge saying they had mental health conditions or were victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment.

The new guidance clarifies the liberal consideration policy includes conditions resulting from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, sexual assault or sexual harassment, said Air Force Lt. Col. Reggie Yager, the acting director of legal policy in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

The policy is meant to ease the burden on veterans and give them a reasonable opportunity to establish the extenuating circumstances of their discharge, Yager said.

Cases involving invisible wounds such as PTSD or other mental health conditions, whether from combat or sexual assault, are some of the most complex and difficult cases to review, he said.

## LIBERAL CONSIDERATION FOR INVISIBLE WOUND IMPACTS

Mental health conditions, including those from PTSD, sexual assault and sexual harassment, affect veterans in many different ways, Yager said. "Liberal consideration, in our view, is the right balance to ensure we are making

fact-based decisions while also giving appropriate leeway to the challenges posed by these invisible wounds," he said.

It is unknown how many veterans could be affected, he explained, because the veterans most likely affected are those who did not disclose a sexual assault or sexual harassment during service or their PTSD or other mental health condition was not diagnosed during their time in the military.

The Defense Department issued the liberal consideration policy in 2014. Today's clarification is available on the Defense Department's website.

## COMMITTED TO HELPING VETERANS

Veterans from any era can seek an upgrade to their discharge or ask for reconsideration under the clarification, Yager said.

"The department is committed to helping veterans and taking care of our veterans regardless of whether they currently serve or if they've served decades ago," he said.

Requests for upgrades are reviewed by military department discharge review boards or boards for correction of military records.

To find the forms to request an upgrade, veterans discharged less than 15 years ago can go to the website for the board for their specific service. Veterans who were discharged more than 15 years ago need to go to the board for correction of military records for their service, he said. Veteran service organizations and military service organizations can provide

assistance, Yager said, pointing out that legal counsel is not needed to request the upgrade.

## LINK BETWEEN CONDITION AND UPGRADE

Veterans seeking a discharge upgrade need to give the board evidence of a diagnosis or provide examples of evidence to establish the mental health condition or show evidence that they experienced an event such as sexual assault or sexual harassment that affected their behavior in a significant way, Yager said. They also need to explain how the condition caused the basis for their discharge.

The boards consider the severity of the behavior that led to the discharge, Yager said, noting that not every discharge warrants an upgrade.

The review boards will consider four points.

- Whether the veteran had a condition or experience that may excuse or mitigate the discharge
- If the condition existed or experience occurred during military service
- If the condition or experience excuses or mitigates the discharge; and
- If the condition or experience outweighs the discharge.

The review takes up to a year on average and a veteran who is denied an upgrade can appeal to the board for correction of military records, he said. A surviving spouse, next of kin or other legal representative can also file an appeal on behalf of a veteran who has died or is incompetent.

## HURRICANE Continued from page 1

efforts. Military aircraft are continuously coming and going. Missions include rescue, supply distribution or troop transportation.

Maj. Scott S. Davis, a flight physical assistant assigned to the Texas Army National Guard's 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, participated in multiple supply drops, including a Sept. 1 food and water drop-off in Sour Lake, Texas.

"Watching these pilots, crew chiefs and maintenance crews work hard to get much needed supplies to those most in need has been one of the highlights of my career," Davis said.

Aviation missions from Houston Executive Airport have been running continuously since Aug. 31. Transport by aircraft has been effective and efficient, with a demanding schedule for pilots and crews.

"The moment we saw people were in need, we answered their call. In situations like this, it's not Texans helping Texas or Louisianans helping Louisiana. We have people from all over coming to help, so it's really Americans helping Americans, and it's amazing."

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"We're on 24-hour operations now, flying day and night," said Pvt. Robert Paul, an infantryman in the Texas Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, who was called up to support the relief operations. "We're just getting started. There are plenty out there who need our help."

Thousands of people along the Gulf Coast suffered from

Hurricane Harvey. The efforts to relieve those in need include contributions from service members from all over the country.

"The moment we saw that people were in need, we answered their call. In situations like this, it's not Texans helping Texas, or Louisianans helping Louisiana," Masias said. "We have people from all over coming to help, so it's really Americans helping Americans, and it's amazing."



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## HOUSING

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“Housing managers are really generous with their knowledge,” Glenn said. “They’re really willing to share their experience so when housing professional goes up and says ‘I have this problem with this kind of scenario or I don’t know if this is allowed,’ another person may have experienced that and said ‘this is how we handle it.’”

Officials from across the Department of Defense were also brought in to offer their perspectives on common housing challenges and solutions.

“This year we invited my counterparts in the Air Force, Navy and the Marines and the Reserves just to see how they operate to try and take up some of the lessons that they’ve learned from their own manpower challenges and how their programs have evolved because they’re in the same business we are,” Glenn said.

During the second day, Paul Cramer, deputy assistance secretary of the Army (Installations, Housing and Partnerships) at the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy and Environment), spoke to the audience briefly to discuss upcoming challenges and praise the representatives for the hard work they put into everything they do. He said this year the final house of the original 21-year RCI program was complete and now it was time to focus on reinvestment and evaluation of struggling areas and installations to move forward.

“We don’t know what’s coming on the next horizon, so we always have to be ready, so keep the fight and do what’s needed in order to progress the cause of family housing of the garrison and services,” he said.

A key area he spoke on was the waterfall program, a program that allows nonactive duty or military affiliated individuals to live in housing on installations so RCI partners do not have homes sitting empty. Fort Riley is not yet using the waterfall program, but nearly every other installation is to some capacity, Cramer said. He encouraged housing professionals to



Lizzie Flores, right, community manager of Colyer Forsyth Community Center, talks with housing officials from Army installations around the world during a tour of the Colyer Forsyth Community Center Aug. 29. Housing officials received tours of homes, barracks and other housing at Fort Riley during the four-day Housing the Force training event.

teach their garrison leadership about the precautions put in place for the waterfall program to ensure the safety of service members and their families.

“It’s got a series of checks and balances on tenants who wish to live (on post),” he said while discussing the thorough background checks the tenants go through.

Cramer also praised Fort Riley for its participation in Operation Walking Shield in which several homes no longer used on post were donated to the Kickapoo Nation of Kansas to assist them with their housing needs.

Throughout the week, team building trips to Seitz Regional Training Campus and bus tours of housing available at Fort Riley gave officials time out of the classroom.

At Seitz, officials tackled some of the simulation training Soldiers at Fort Riley go through on a regular basis to help them step into a service member’s shoes and understand more about their lives, Glenn said.

“When we go to Seitz, it gives housing managers an

opportunity to kind of take a step or two in Soldier’s boots and explain kind of in their own environment when they’re coming to housing office with questions or needs and they’re a little dirty and a little tired and a little irritated that their office environment is slightly different than our office environment, so it grows a little bit of empathy,” she said.

This year’s bus tour differed greatly from the windshield tour hosted by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at Fort Riley. Participants were brought to the historical Custer House, Quarters 4, a model home from Corvias — Fort Riley’s RCI partner — and toured a barracks where they could talk with Soldiers residing there about their day-to-day living and the 1st Sergeant’s Barrack Program.

Housing provides the stability Soldiers need in order to maintain moral and readiness, said Brig. Gen. William A. Turner, 1st Infantry Division deputy commander. Finding a home is one of the first things a

Soldier does when they receive orders to a new installation and knowing their family has a roof over their head when they’re deployed helps keep them from being distracted.

“You are the continuity,” said Col. John Lawrence, United States Army Garrison Fort Riley commander, to the audience of housing professionals. “This suit and this job, I’ll switch out in another year. I’ve only been here year, so I have two years to try and figure this all out, but what I do have is I have housing professionals that lead me through it and that is imperative because you’re the ones that are going to foster relationships, you’re the ones that are going to build teams with ACSIM, with your housing partners — in our case Corvias — you’re the ones who are going to move the program forward and what it takes, it takes engaged leadership, not only on the green suit side, but also on the (Department of the Army) civilian side because your leadership is what takes the program to the next level.”

## GUNNERY

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Cav. Regt. “We’re ready to go. The unit is well-trained and motivated.”

Campbell said he was also excited about the opportunity his team will have to exercise those skills while working with ally and partner nations in the upcoming deployment to Europe.

“Other countries have different cultures, armies and ways to fight,” Campbell said. “Knowledge isn’t something we put in the property book,

but it’s something we can share with our allies.”

The “Dagger” brigade will deploy to central Europe in the fall in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. It is a nine-month rotation where it will conduct numerous bilateral and multinational training events and exercises with NATO Allies and partner nations to develop readiness, interoperability and combat proficiency within their formations.



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Furry family members of Soldiers and their families get their paws wet at Fort Riley's annual Pool PAW-ty at Custer Hill Aquatic Park Sept. 4. About 40 dogs had the opportunity to play and socialize at the party. The event was a joint effort between the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Fort Riley Pets stray animal park.

## PAW-ty fur two

### Four-legged swimmers beat summertime heat

Story and photos by Suet Lee-Growney  
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Canines chased one another, jumped off the edge of the pool to retrieve toys, splashed around in the shallows, doggy paddled in the water to cool off and some, who were not fond of getting their paws wet, played in the grass at the annual dog pool party at Custer Hill Aquatic Park Sept. 4.

Every year, just before the main pool on post closes, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation - Sports, Fitness and Aquatics department opens its waters for dogs to swim and play off-leash. More than 30 dogs attended the event along with their humans.

"This probably is the most fun, entertaining event that we have — that I work — not just with pools, but throughout MWR," said Hedy Noveroske, DFMWR aquatics program manager. "It's a



Two dogs run through the shallow part of the pool while playing fetch at Custer Hill Aquatic Park during the annual pets event Pool PAW-ty Sept. 4. The event is typically held during Labor Day weekend to make the end of pool season on post.

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"This probably is the most fun, entertaining event that we have — that I work — not just with pools, but throughout MWR. It's a fantastic way to end the season, especially with the new aquatic facility."

HEDY NOVEROSKE | MANAGER, DFMWR AQUATICS PROGRAM

## Army warns of charitable schemes

Officials: Scams often arise in association with natural disasters

U.S. ARMY CID

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is cautioning the Army community to be on the lookout for charitable schemes and scams associated with "disaster fraud" donations.

With these scams, criminals will use manmade or natural catastrophes, such as the recent damage and flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey, to get individuals to donate to charities claiming to support affected victims. Some of these organizations are fraudulent, or misleading at best because they do not have the infrastructure to support the affected disaster area.

Disasters also can lead to an increase in fraudulent fundraisers, monetary and charitable donations scams, and scammers will use various methods to seek "charitable donations." According to CID officials, "scammers exploit those wishing to assist people in need by soliciting fictitious charitable donations, making phone calls, sending fraudulent emails or creating phony websites to solicit contributions or personal information resulting in identity theft."

"Do not respond to unsolicited email (spam), links or attachments from these fake groups because in addition to stealing your identity, these links may also contain computer viruses and/or hijack your computer files for ransom," CID agents warn.

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## Discarded objects receive new life

Beach Museum of Art to showcase work of artist Sayaka Ganz

K-STATE NEWS

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Artist Sayaka Ganz transforms discarded plastic objects into sculptures brimming with energy. She hopes her creations will inspire viewers to rethink the way society uses and discards material objects.

Ganz's work will be featured in the exhibition "Reclaimed Creations: Sayaka Ganz," which runs Sept. 5 to Dec. 19 in the Marion Pelton Gallery at Kansas State University's Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, <http://beach.k-state.edu/>.

The sculptures of birds, animals and marine life included in the exhibition incorporate discarded plastic objects such as kitchen utensils and clothes hangers. Ganz's aim is to impart new life to such items by transforming them into wildlife forms.

"I get my inspiration from nature and from the movement that we find in nature," said Ganz, who describes her reuse of found materials as "3-D impressionism."

Her recycled objects appear like brush strokes, looking separated up close, but unified at a distance.

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## Annual hunt kicks off dove season with a bang

Eighth year Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group puts on event

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

Dove season started with a bang as more than a dozen hunters attended Fort Riley's 8th Annual Dove Hunt Sept. 1. The event was sponsored by the Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group.

The dove hunt was open to all who are Kansas state hunting license holders, purchased a Harvest Information Program permit, Fort Riley hunting permit and registered their gun at the Visitors Control Center at the Henry Gate.

"This hunt orients people to what is available out on Fort Riley for hunting and fishing," said Ollie Hunter, volunteer instructor from FROG. "It introduces folks to dove hunting, which many of the folks have never done before."

The FROG promotes hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities on Fort Riley. It is administered



Jacob Hirschey and his father, Lt. Col. Greg Hirschey of 71st Ordnance Group, Explosive Ordnance Disposal stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, scope for doves on the horizon before taking a shot during Fort Riley's 8th Annual Dove Hunt Sept. 1. The Hirschneys left the hunt with four doves in hand. The group of 12 hunters at field 48 left with a combined 37 doves.

by Shawn Stratton, fish and wildlife biologist for the Directorate of Public Works conservation branch.

During the briefs, Hunter reminded those in attendance of the legal hours to hunt dove and informed those of the National Rifle Association 10 commandments.

"Legal hunt hours for dove are slightly different than most other game in the state of Kansas," he said. "(They are) 30 minutes before sunrise and through sunset, not 30 minutes after sunset."

Before the group was released to their guides for

convoy briefs, Stratton and Chris Wood, game warden, gave their brief to the group.

As a requirement to hunt and fish on Fort Riley, all individuals must have an iSportsman account and specific permits.

"You can buy (them) right on the iSportsman account now," Stratton said.

### INSIDE

• The Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group will host a youth deer hunt during the installation's youth season. The hunt will take place Oct. 6 through 9 at Fort Riley, PAGE 11.

"You cannot buy (them) through the state of Kansas anymore."

All hunters and fishermen must check in and out of the account once per day for safety, and to keep track of their catches.

"If you have a Fort Riley iSportsman account, we ask that you check in for today," Stratton said.

Fort Riley's iSportsman account assists in managing natural resources on the installation.

At conclusion to the briefs, both groups begin their procession to their designated fields for the evening's dove hunt.

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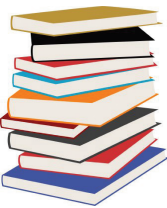
# FORT RILEY POST-ITS

## 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 back to school bingo.

For more information, call 785-239-5305.



## 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 more information, call 785-239-2583.

## 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/rileybosswz](http://www.facebook.com/rileybosswz) or call 785-240-6618.

## RESILIENT SPOUSE ACADEMY

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

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

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

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/frileyresilientspouses](http://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.

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The Outdoor Adventure and Travel Center is at 5202 Normandy Drive. For more information, call 785-239-2363.

## 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/](http://www.jclib.org/).

## 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](http://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-ciety.org/apple-day.html](http://www.fortrileyhistoricalso-ciety.org/apple-day.html).

## 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 engage with local employers and organizations. Advance registration is required. To register, visit [www.facebook.com/events/344094686024755](http://www.facebook.com/events/344094686024755).

For more information, call 785-240-5328.

## FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

### Friday, Sept. 8

Annabelle: Creation (R) 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 9

The Emoji Movie (PG) 2 p.m.

The Glass Castle (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Sunday, Sept. 10

Wind River (R) 5 p.m.

Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing

For more information, call 785-239-9574.

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3D First Run: \$10.25

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Discount tickets are available for events in the surrounding area as well as major theme park destinations.

Upcoming events with discount tickets include:

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**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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:bluestar@rileymwr.com).



## COMMUNITY CORNER

# Patriot Day a reminder of America's resilience

By Col. John D. Lawrence  
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

Starting next week, we enter a time of remembrance for the lives lost during one of the most devastating attacks on American soil in our history. September 11, 2001, was a beautiful morning in New York City when people around the world watched as events unfolded that changed more than the skyline of the city. This was followed by an attack on the leadership center of our nation's defense — the Pentagon. Brave travelers sacrificed themselves to bring down a third plane in a Pennsylvania field to avoid another attack that was thought to be headed to Washington, D.C. These attacks changed the lifestyle of Americans, the Army and the world.

## A NATION'S REMINDER

- Each year, **Patriot Day** is observed on Sept. 11 as a "National Day of Service and Remembrance" for the lives lost in the 9/11 attacks.

But, just as we've seen Houston and other areas challenged and tested over the past weeks, the destruction and devastation of Sept. 11, 2001, proved that Americans are resilient and will come together and help each other when difficulties arise. Even though the world changed on 9/11, Americans were determined to not live in fear. Instead, this loss, as profound as it was, did not break us. We became stronger. Instead of being condemned to a future of fear, thousands of citizens signed up for military service to meet the challenge. The pride and patriotism of Americans created a spirit of service in our hearts.

Each year, Patriot Day is observed on Sept. 11 as a "National Day of Service and Remembrance" for the lives lost in the 9/11 attacks. Locally, we'll have the 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony at 10 a.m. at Fort Riley's Global War on Terrorism monument. There also will be a 2-mile Fallen Hero Run Sept. 9 that starts at 9:11 a.m. at Riley's Conference Center. Both events are open to the public.

The sight of the World Trade Center towers burning will always serve as a signal. When the smoke rises, Americans pull together, mourn and then take the fight to the enemy as needed. This 9/11, join me as we pause to remember our fallen and take time to remember those who stand beside us today.

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



Colonel Lawrence

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<b>Morris Hill Chapel</b>	239-2799
Gospel Protestant Service	
Sunday School.....	0900
Sunday Worship.....	1100
<b>Main Post Chapel</b>	239-0834
Traditional Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship.....	1030
Catholic Services	
<b>Victory Chapel</b>	239-0834
Sunday Mass.....	0845
Sunday Catechism.....	1000
<b>Saint Mary's Chapel</b>	239-0834
Saturday's Vigil Mass.....	1630
Sunday Mass.....	1200
Mid-day Mass— Mon., Wed., & Fri.....	1200
Tuesday & Thursday Mass.....	1800
<b>IACH Chapel</b>	239-7872
Mid-day Mass— Tue. & Thur. ....	1200
Buddhist Service	
<b>Normandy Chapel</b>	239-2665
Sunday .....	1430
Meditation Practice— Mon.- Fri.....	1230
Open Circle Service	
<b>Kapaun Chapel</b>	239-4818
Fort Riley Open Circle— SWC	
1st & 3rd Friday monthly.....	1800

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\*Club Beyond is a Non-Federal Entity and is not part of the DoD or any of it's components and it has no government status.\*

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For more information email [rileypwoc@gmail.com](mailto:rileypwoc@gmail.com) or Facebook "Fort Riley PWOC"

### Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

Weekly Wednesday Meeting at St. Mary's Chapel 0900-1130  
Childcare provided.

For more information email [fortrileycwoc@gmail.com](mailto:fortrileycwoc@gmail.com) or Facebook "Fort Riley CWOC"

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# Brains behind Victory Fest '17

Recreation specialist directs efforts toward inspiring community

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

Taylor Ferrarin, the architect behind the largest concert of the decade held at Fort Riley, Victory Fest 2017, where more than 4,500 attended, is a recreation specialist with the special events team at Fort Riley Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. But Victory Fest 2017 isn't the only thing she's had her hand in.

Ferrarin graduated from Northern Arizona University with a degree in recreation management. She has been with Fort Riley DFMWR for almost three years and had brief stint with Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Child and Youth Services in sports and fitness prior to relocating here.

Although Ferrarin went to school for planning, organizing and administering recreation and sporting events, doing so for the military community was not something she wanted to pursue out of the blue. She decided it was the right fit for her only after doing a college internship with the Coast Guard MWR program in Miami.

"After I did that experience, I was like, 'man, this is absolutely what I want to do for the rest of my life — this is so awesome,'" she said. "Now I'm here and I'm still loving it."

Community programs such as the Christkindl Market and Fall Apple Day Festival are a couple of event examples Ferrarin organizes, but her favorite event thus far was in July 2015. It was an evening where Soldiers and families got to do all sorts of outdoor activities from hiking to fishing, and several tactile activities for children such as crafts, yard games and kite flying.

"My favorite part of the job is the joy that the Soldiers and family members get (from) what we do."

TAYLOR FERRARIN | RECREATION SPECIALIST,  
FORT RILEY DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY AND MORALE,  
WELFARE AND RECREATION

"I think the coolest program that we have done, since I've been here, was the Night at Moon Lake," Ferrarin said. "It was a really fun event and it was something we hadn't done before ... That night we showed 'A Bug's Life' — that was an awesome throwback to watch that."

Executing large and successful events does not come without challenges, a feat Ferrarin is not a stranger to. The recent Victory Fest concert was perhaps the most demanding project ever landed on Ferrarin's lap, according to Dori Farrow, chief, administration and operations, DFMWR.

"She was very stressed, but she did it," Farrow said. "She had a lot of challenges. She really had to find people to work the concert, assign people certain jobs — it was just really very challenging for her. I really admire the way that she stepped up to the plate and took on the challenge, and I know she learned an awful lot."

The hardest part of Victory Fest for Ferrarin was having to collaborate and stay on top of many moving parts of the planning process.

"I definitely learned a lot with Victory Fest because we don't typically work so many different units for an event," she said. "So coordinating with all these different Soldiers, and figuring all that out, and all the directorates in the garrison, it was definitely challenging, but I know a lot more than I did before."

Despite being faced with obstacles during the progress

of Victory Fest, Farrow said Ferrarin overcame them with professionalism.

"The couple of times I've seen, she was within breaking point, but she remained calm most of the time — very quiet," Farrow said. "You know, how some people do, they just kind of freak out when they get stressed out. (Ferrarin) was always cool, calm and collected ... I just felt fortunate that she took on this challenge and she succeeded."

And at the end of Victory Fest, Ferrarin was satisfied with the help and hard work everyone contributed to make her brainchild a success.

"It was amazing," Ferrarin said. "That was amazing to see all the hard work you've put into something like that, and all the coordination, and all the people from the garrison that put in all the hard work getting to see people enjoy that event was just amazing."

That positive and grateful outlook is what drives Ferrarin tirelessly to keep putting on events for the Army community. She finds inspiration in seeing people enjoy themselves.

"My favorite part of the job is the joy that the Soldiers and family members get (from) what we do," she said. "When you see that what you've spent your time doing has had a positive effect on somebody, it's just an amazing feeling."

It was difficult to get Ferrarin to speak about her accomplishments because she does not like talking about herself.

"I hate talking about myself

so much," Ferrarin said as she tried to shy away from personal questions. Farrow, who has gotten close to Ferrarin since the two started working in the same building together a year ago, said she is humble and kind.

"She's probably one the nicest people ever," Farrow said. "She's quiet — very, very quiet — and takes her job seriously ... If somebody needed help, she's there. Even though she's got a full plate, somehow she manages and does it with a smile on her face."

Professionally, Farrow said Ferrarin is a dedicated employee. It was a 17-hour workday for most staff and volunteers at the Victory Fest, but Ferrarin was working for more than 20 hours that day.

"Personally, I think that MWR is very lucky to have her — how she's really stepped up to the challenge with the Victory Fest," Farrow said. "Because nobody knows what it's like to put on a concert, we'd never had a big concert like this ever on Fort Riley. So this is the biggest one that we had ever done. And for her to take on this challenge, it's pretty amazing. All the little details, it was just so overwhelming."

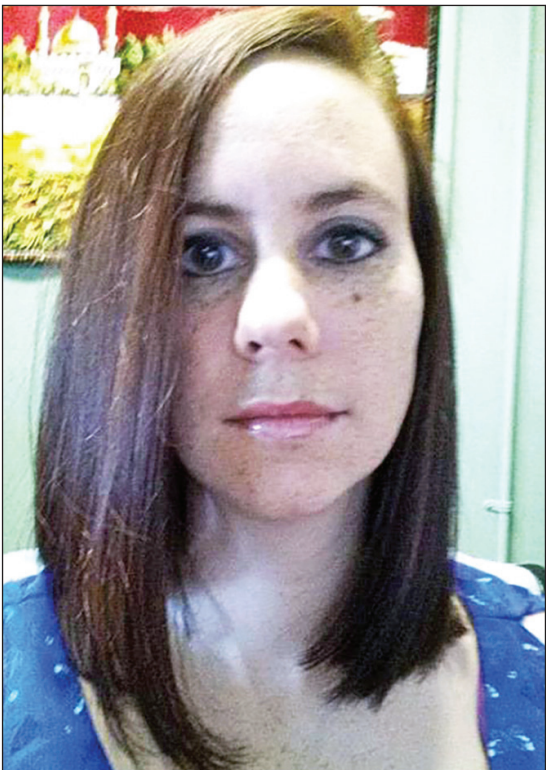
Ferrarin doesn't let her age or her shyness restrict her from future aspirations. She sees herself as a special events coordinator.

"I'd like to get out and do different aspects of recreation and go to maybe different installations," Ferrarin said. "Maybe outside of the country."

However, currently Ferrarin — a Phoenix native — is content in her life here in Kansas.

"I do like Fort Riley ... everybody in Kansas is so nice, that's definitely a big part of it," she said. "I can't say I'm a fan of the weather. I think there's a lot to do if you're willing to look for things to do. It's a fun place."

## TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Sept. 5 was:  
Who is scheduled to give remarks at the 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony, 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11?

Answer: [www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Calendar/Mo69duleID/634/ItemID/473/mctl/EventDetails/](http://www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Calendar/Mo69duleID/634/ItemID/473/mctl/EventDetails/)

This week's winner is Casey Cross, spouse of Staff Sgt. Kody Cross, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. Casey works at Irwin Army Community Hospital with the Medical Evaluation Board.

Pictured above is Casey Cross.

CONGRATULATIONS CASEY!

# First-time youth deer hunters wanted

Fort Riley group to host hunt from Oct. 6 through Oct. 9

1ST INF. POST

The Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group will host a youth deer hunt during the installation's youth season. The hunt will take place Oct. 6 through 9 at Fort Riley, said Mark

Dombrowski, a volunteer for the FROG.

Experienced deer hunters from the group will guide the first-time hunters, who must be 9 to 15 years of age, though those age restrictions may be waived based on experience.

A range orientation will be held 5 p.m. Oct. 6 at Range 4.

Youths will have to display proper marksmanship and safety prior to any hunting and

must have a deer permit for Unit 8.

They are encouraged to bring their own firearms, shells and hunter orange cap or vest if available. A limited number of firearms, shells and hunter orange will be available for those who have none.

No hunting experience is needed. Guides will assist youths in learning about white-tail deer, conservation and hunting. They also will assist

in cleaning deer at the end of the hunt if successful. Guides will arrange for transportation to and from the hunting area. Children of deployed parents will also receive priority.

For more information please email the FROG at [fortrileyoutdoorsmengroup@yahoo.com](mailto:fortrileyoutdoorsmengroup@yahoo.com) for an application. All hunts will be based on the number of volunteers available during the hunt. Application deadline is Sept. 29.



Kalene Lozick | POST

Jacob Hirschey, son of Lt. Col. Greg Hirschey of 71st Ordnance Group, Explosive Ordnance Disposal stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, holds form as he lines up his rifle for a shot during Fort Riley's 8th Annual Dove Hunt Sept. 1. The group of 12 hunters at field 48 left with a combined 37 doves.

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Terry Young, retired command sergeant major, shared his voice on the hunt.

"To get out early September on a cloudy day, 70 degree weather couldn't be a better way to kick off dove season," Young said. "I just want to get out and have companionship with some of my buddies to kick it off right."

Fort Riley's 8th Annual Dove Hunt is designed for families as well. Many father and son pairs attended the Labor Day weekend hunt.

Lt. Col. Greg Hirschey, deputy commander of 71st Explosive Ordnance Group

at Fort Carson, Colorado, and his son Jacob Hirschey, a Fort Riley Trap and Skeet camp graduate, made the effort to come out to Fort Riley for the hunt.

On his four day pass, Greg visited his family in Manhattan for the Labor Day weekend.

"I went to Ollie's Trap and Skeet camp, so I got a lot better with shooting in the air," Jacob said. With the first round out of his shotgun, Jacob shot down his first dove of the season. "This is my first time dove hunting," he said. "If it wasn't for (the camp), I probably wouldn't have seen it."

Between 4:45 p.m. and sunset, the Hirscheys father and son team shot four doves. Among all 12 avid hunters in the convoy for field 48, the group shot a total of 37 doves, setting personal records for some members of the group.

Dove season is between Sept. 1 to Nov. 29.

To sign up for future hunts on Fort Riley, email [fortrileyoutdoorsmengroup@yahoo.com](mailto:fortrileyoutdoorsmengroup@yahoo.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/FROOutdoorsmenGroup](http://www.facebook.com/FROOutdoorsmenGroup). If interested in joining a future Trap and Skeet camp call DPW at 785-239-9058 for more information.



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- Department of Homeland Security / FEMA Fraud Hotline: 800-323-8603; [www.oig.dhs.gov](http://www.oig.dhs.gov)
- Federal Trade Commission: [www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#6panel1-1](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#6panel1-1)

**State resources**

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- [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0074-giving-charity](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0074-giving-charity)
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- FTC Consumer information release: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2017/08/wise-giving-wake-hurricane-harvey>
- Directory of national charities: <http://give.org/charity-reviews/national>

**Editor’s note:** Some information contained in this advisory is courtesy of the FBI, the National Center for Disaster Fraud and the National White Collar Crime Center.

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The scammers will also focus on getting their victims to become emotionally invested to help those in need. Special Agents from CID recommend people who want to give do research before donating. Ask questions about the charity or organization, which includes basic information such as their name, address, telephone number, and if the charity is registered. Also request proof that a contribution is tax deductible or if the organization is tax exempt. Be cautious of out-of-state organizations, especially if their address is a post office box.

Officials also urge would-be givers to ensure monies are donated to trustworthy organizations and to make contributions directly to known and verified organizations rather than relying on a third party to do so.

Experts also advise that copycat websites are very active during natural disasters. Copycat websites will have links that will appear authentic to similar known web addresses. It’s the same for some social media platforms. An increased use of social media platforms using copycat websites and accounts of

trusted organizations will be used to display devastating and emotional images combined with a link in an effort to get you to donate to those in need.

If you decide to donate, go directly to the organization’s website and do not donate using a link that has been sent via email or social media, CID advises. Be sure to check the organization’s verification. Most sites use a check mark behind the name to let you know that you are on or viewing a verified account.

Additionally, some crowdfunding and fundraising websites and accounts may not be used for the intended purpose of helping disaster victims, so beware of solicitations from these sites posing as legitimate and fake organizations. It is important to verify all organizations before donating.

If you think you’ve been the victim of a charity scam, you can file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

For more information on CID or to report a felony-level crime or provide information concerning a crime, contact your local CID Office or the Military Police or visit [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil).

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“My work is about perceiving harmony, even in situations that appear chaotic from the inside,” Ganz said. “When observing my sculptures up close, one might see gaps, holes and items being held on only by small points; step away, however, and the sculptures reveal the harmony created when the objects are aligned to the same general — but not identical — direction. Similarly, it is important to gain perspective by stepping back from current problems and look at the larger picture. Then one can perceive the beauty and patterns that exist.”

A resident of Indiana, Ganz grew up living in Japan, Brazil and Hong Kong. She has a Master of Fine Arts in sculpture from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Her work has been displayed at the Hermann Geiger Foundation in Cecina, Italy and the Isle Gallery on the Isle of Man. Her commissions include a series of four marine life sculptures at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California, and an underwater scene of a whale and various schools of fish in the atrium of the Exploration Tower at Port Canaveral, Florida.

Ganz also has lectured widely and taught design and drawing courses at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. She is the subject of the video “Sayaka Ganz: Danz Della Natura,” produced by the Hermann Geiger Foundation and available online at <https://player.vimeo.com/video/62684324>.

The tour of “Sayaka Ganz: Reclaimed Creations” is produced by David J. Wagner LLC, and David J. Wagner, Ph.D., curator and tour director.

The Beach Museum of Art’s exhibition of “Reclaimed Creations” is made possible in part by a grant from the Caroline Peine Charitable Foundation/The Manhattan Fund, Bank of America NA, trustee.

**IF YOU GO**

- An artist talk by **Sayaka Ganz** will be at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, 14th Street and Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas.

The Beach Museum of Art is offering several public activities related to the “Sayaka Ganz: Reclaimed Creations” exhibition; all events are free and take place at the museum:

- Recycled Art Welcome Back Night for K-State students is scheduled for 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7. Students are invited to create sculptures from recycled materials for a temporary display in the museum. Activities, door prizes and refreshments will be available.
- The museum will host the K-State Family Day Open House on Sustainability, with a Recycled Art Workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Special guests from the university’s Office of Sustainability, landscape architecture and regional & community planning department, natural resources and environmental sciences program, and K-State Research and Extension will be on hand.
- An artist talk by Ganz will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. She will discuss the environmental concerns that motivate her to incorporate discarded plastic objects in her wildlife sculptures. A reception will follow.

The Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, 14th Street and Anderson Avenue, is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and free parking is available adjacent to the museum.



Suet Lee-Growney | POST

Kittens from Fort Riley Pets stray animal park wait to be adopted during the annual pet event **Pool PAW-ty** at Custer Hill Aquatic Park Sept. 4. This is the first year the shelter on post, which now falls under the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, is partnering with the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics department.

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fantastic way to end the season, especially with the new aquatic facility.”

Unlike previous years, there are several new activities on program this year: opportunities to adopt kittens and a dog with the new shelter on post, an opportunity for dogs to play catch by jumping off the board or edge, whichever they are more comfortable with; and a doggy costume contest for small, medium and large breeds; which were judged by staff of Fort Riley Pets, an MWR stray facility on post.

This is the first year the shelter is partnering with the aquatics department.

“MWR is really stressing on partnership, whether it’s internal within the post or external outside of the community, and with the type of event that this was, this was definitely a good way to partner up with the animal shelter to see if we can help them out,” Noveroske said. “Great advertisement for them. It’s a fantastic beginning relationship for us.”

Nicole Storm, lead and coordinator at the animal shelter, said the goal of their

partnership at that pool party was raise awareness on the stray facility.

“We certainly need to get our name out because a lot of people don’t know there’s a shelter on post,” Storm said. “We are not with vet services anymore ... we are on 224 Custer Ave.”

Coral Vega, wife of Spc. Oneil Vega, Company D, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, attended the party with her 3-year-old shih tzu, Daisy. Daisy won the small breed costume contest with her rendition of a mermaid.

“We brought her today so she can enjoy the summer pool before it closed,” Vega said. “I’ve been wanting to take her a pool.

The Vegas have lived in Fort Riley for a little over a year. Prior to moving to the Midwest, they lived in Florida where Daisy had the opportunity to play at a pool more often.

“I think this is a great activity and they should at least have this once a month,” Vega said. “I think it gives her a chance to interact with other dogs and do some exercise.”

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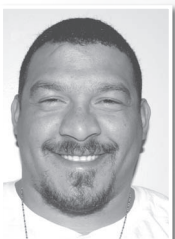
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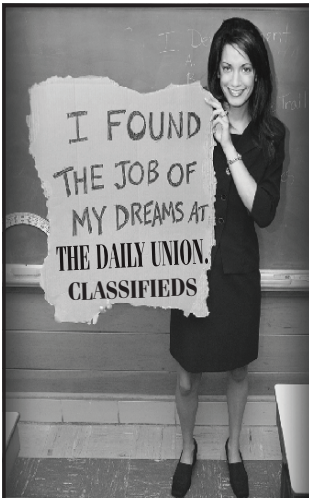
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9	8	7	1	4	2	3	5	6
3	2	1	5	7	6	8	9	4
5	6	4	3	8	9	2	7	1
1	5	2	8	6	7	4	3	9
7	9	8	2	3	4	6	1	5
4	3	6	9	5	1	7	8	2
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**LEFT:** A bee and butterfly collect pollen from a sunflower at Britt's Garden Acres. Britt's Garden Acres at 1000 S. Scenic Drive in Manhattan has grown a field of sunflowers open to visitors for the first time. **RIGHT:** Grinter Farms in Lawrence at 24154 Stillwell Road has been planting fields of sunflowers since the 1970s. This year they have 40 acres open for visitors to see free of charge. The sunflower field is open to visitors day and night.

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

As fall starts to creep in and days grow shorter, there's still time to spend hours surrounded by golden petals from the sun — specifically, sunflowers.

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In Manhattan, Britt's Garden Acres at 1000 S. Scenic Drive has grown a field of sunflowers open to visitors for the first time. Guests should stop by the farm store to get

directions to the field. Admission is \$3 per person for ages 3 and up. Visitors may also cut and keep a sunflower for \$1 per flower.

A portable restroom is available at the field, but there are no trashcans. Visitors need to take all trash they produce with them.

Britt's Garden Acres is open Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Accommodations for visitors to come earlier or later can be made by calling them at 785-539-1901. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/brittsfarm](http://www.facebook.com/brittsfarm).

Since the 1970s, Grinter Farms has been planting fields of sunflowers, 40 acres this year, for visitors to see free of charge. Located in Lawrence at 24154 Stillwell Road, the sunflower field is open to visitors day and night. Parking is in a dirt lot and along a dirt

road, so visitors should be mindful of mud, traffic and rocks.

Two red donation tubes are placed at the end of the field for visitors to offer donations of their choosing to help support the field. Likewise, if someone cuts a flower to take home, payment of \$1 for the flower should be placed into the tubes.

The farm has a small store, Sunflower General, with baked goods, jellies and more. The store is open Saturday and Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grinter Farms is a popular spot to view sunflowers. It is recommended to go in the morning or later afternoon of a weekday to avoid crowds. No restroom is available. For more information, visit <http://kansastravel.org/lawrence/grinterssunflowerfarm.htm> or [www.facebook.com/GrinterFarms](http://www.facebook.com/GrinterFarms).

If a journey to western Kansas is in the near future, stop by the city of Goodland. Dubbed the "Sunflower City of the Sunflower State" by residents and visitors, farmers there have 50,000 acres of sunflower fields. For miles upon miles is a sea of golden heads visitors can drink in.

The sunflowers are grown for food products, bird seed, sunflower oil and more. Visitors should take note these fields are someone's livelihood and to not cut flowers from them. They are for viewing only. No restrooms or trash bins are available, so plan accordingly.

Looking to stay on Fort Riley? Patches of wild sunflowers are popping up all around the installation along hiking trails, fishing ponds, lakes and more. Families don't need to venture far to have their day brightened by dozens of sunflowers.



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