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Old hospital demolition moving ahead

Story by Kalene Lozick
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"It was one of the oldest hospitals in the arsenal," said Jeff Mataruso, master planner for the Installation Management Command, Fort Riley, Directorate of Public Works. "Its architecture is old, all the systems are outdated, so they built a new hospital (and) most of the equipment was taken from it. There's still some left, probably in the cavities ... so that is a part of the demolition process."

The demolition process of the old hospital was thought to begin as soon as the new hospital was added to the fiscal year 2008 budget.

"So normally the MILCON (Military Construction) budget is determined six plus years in advance of an actual construction schedule," said B.J. Watson, master planning division chief. "So the budget comes together way in advance of an actual construction schedule. The new hospital was inserted in the FY 2008 budget, MILCON appropriation ... It was inserted into the budget; it became a part of the MILCON budget."

However, the process to demolish the old hospital was removed from the budget due to the Medical Command owning the facility instead of the Installation Management Command.

"Demolition usually occurs on a building that IMCOM owns through ... the facility reduction program," Watson said. "Which is money that is a part of the annual Operation and Maintenance Army budget, typically called the OMA. Some of that budget is set aside each year to pay for demolition of old facilities."

Before receiving approval for demolition, IMC had to itemize old facilities on Fort Riley that stood vacant.

"We identify what those are and then the Army determines which ones have priority," Watson said. "Sometimes we receive funds to take out buildings, but those are the ones that are owned by IMCOM."

During the process of itemizing old buildings, staff at DPW ran into a road block.

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Expert field medical badge candidates practice the low crawl with the at the medical evacuation lane Oct. 16 at the Douthit Gunnery Complex. Prior to the candidates arriving, civilian personnel at Fort Riley worked hard to create each testing lane from scratch, build obstacles and set up a 70-marker land navigation course.

Fort Riley civilians support Expert Field Medical Badge qualification

Douthit Gunnery Complex staff driving force behind prepping for Expert Field Medical Badge testing

Story and photo by Suet Lee-Growney
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Civilians from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, particularly the staff who work at Douthit Gunnery Complex, began preparing months ahead to clear the grounds, build lanes, set up a land navigation course and more, to facilitate the Expert Field Medical Badge qualification held at Fort Riley from Oct. 16 to 26.

The EFMB test is one of the most sought after special skills badges because it is a symbol of excellence in technical and tacti-

cal proficiency within the Army Medical Department, said Steve Crusinberry, DPTMS chief. Attempting to earn the badge requires a high degree on ability and focus. The evaluation is a rigorous test on the candidate's mental and physical skills, and the average passing rate is 17 percent. Candidates rarely ever pass it on their first try and it typically takes them from two to six tries to get it.

Personnel at Douthit began planning and setting up the course for the test four months before the 76 candidates from 1st Infantry Division, eight other states around the

nation and Vincenza, Italy, began their evaluation. Crusinberry said Fort Riley is an ideal location to host the EFMB course because they not only can provide regional training capability to the 1st Inf. Div., but they also support their total Army partners in the National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve.

"Geographically we are perfectly situated, we are right in the middle of everything — right in the middle of everywhere," Crusinberry said. "So to hold an EFMB here, it is efficient, it makes sense, it's great

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Retirees celebrated at Fort Riley event



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Billy Gibson shows off a display flag he received during Retiree Appreciation Day at Riley's Conference Center Oct. 20. Gibson, who served at Fort Riley twice, said it was wonderful to be back.

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The Fort Riley Retiree Council hosted Retiree Appreciation Day at Riley's Conference Center Oct. 20 to honor all who served in the military.

"The retiree appreciation day is held every year in October," said retired Col. C. Kay Hutchinson, spokesperson and chairman of the Fort Riley Retiree Council.

Hutchinson, a Fort Riley retiree, said the event is to invite retirees back to Fort Riley.

The event included various speakers and presentations given by Glenn Suetter, a healthcare and TRICARE expert; Col. John Melton, commander of the Irwin Army Community Hospital; Robert Smith, director of Fort Riley Museum Division, and Pam Maxwell, who spoke about long-term health care and others.

Representatives from the Commissary and Post Exchange attended and there was entertaining and informative presentations about the 1st Infantry Division's 100th anniversary, put on by Dr. Robert Smith said Col. John D. Lawrence, garrison commander. The Military Officers Association of America representative Paul Frost provided a federal legislative update, and the U.S. Army's 're-cruiting for our future.

The day was to honor the men and women who retired from the military. In his words, Lawrence extended thanks to not only those who served, but also the families who supported their Soldier.

"Fort Riley's annual retiree appreciation day is an exceptional event for all of us on post," Lawrence said. "We truly value what you and your families have done, and continue to do, for our community. No

doubt about it, you all are the pillars on which today's military is built. The work you have done during your many years of service lays the foundation for the work being done here today. You are a great example for our Soldiers, and who they should aspire to be to like, and for that we thank you."

After opening remarks, Lawrence introduced the "Big Red One's" newest leader, Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Smith, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley deputy commanding general for support, who spoke on behalf of Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general.

As applause began, Smith stood and took his place at the podium for his remarks to the room of military retirees, members of the Fort Riley Retiree Council and their families.

"We definitely walk on the shoulder of giants as active-duty military and we strive every day to live up to the standards you (military retirees) all set, both as officers and non-commissioned officers," Smith said. "So thank you for what you've done for our country and thank you for what you've done for those of us in uniform. I'm talking to both the retirees, themselves and also to your families and your spouses that are here. So thank you very much."

He asked the retirees and family members where they traveled from to attend the event. Most were from Kansas while a few traveled to Fort Riley from surrounding states like Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Missouri. He asked what wars the Soldiers served in. After every raised hand, there was a roar of applause.

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Colorado Air National Guard train at Fort Riley

Air National Guard's 439th Airlift Wing in Colorado Springs, Colorado practice approaches, landings, take-offs at Fort Riley

Story and photo by Andy Massanet
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Two C-130 Hercules aircraft from the Air National Guard's 439th Airlift Wing in Colorado Springs, Colorado arrived at Fort Riley's forward landing strip for two hours of approaches, landings and take-offs Oct. 17.

They are the latest in an ever-increasing number of both air and ground units to come to the post for readiness training.

According to Air Force Capt. Matthew Zahler, an air mobility liaison officer for the 621st Mobility Support Operations Squadron, who has been stationed at Fort Riley for

the past four years, making U.S. Air Force and Army National Guard units aware of the opportunities for training at Fort Riley has been a gradual process, but the time and effort spent is paying off.

"It's slow going because first of all you've got to let everybody know it's out there and you have to get them to come out," Zahler said. "Then once they do come out and see how good it is (for training) they'll come back on their own. And we've had C-17s from California and Washington state; we've had C-17s from Dover (AFB) in Delaware and McGuire (AFB) in New Jersey. Our

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A C-130 Hercules aircraft from the Air National Guard's 439th Airlift Wing in Colorado Springs, Colorado came to Fort Riley's forward landing strip Oct. 17 for two hours of assault landings, short field landings and dirt qualifications.

FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Amanda Montgomery, Fort Riley Spouses Club, was as recognized as their secretary. She keeps records of all board meetings as well as business conducted at general meetings. She inspires others to get involved and puts her heart into everything she does.

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

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Cooler weather ahead, all Fort Riley buildings will now have their heat turned on

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All buildings on Fort Riley will have their heat turned on as of Oct. 27.

The air-conditioning units were turned off beginning Oct. 10 and the heating systems begin running a few weeks after. The buildings had their boilers turned on based on priority, said Steve Fief, maintenance mechanic supervisor at Operations and Maintenance Division, Directorate of Public Works.

Heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians are split up into groups based on the areas of Fort Riley. These groups decide which building in their area are to have their heat turned on first based on the use of the building and its occupants.

“They know what buildings in their areas that are needed most to be turned on,” Fief said. “We prioritize things around here. (Child Development Centers) are very important and we get those on because that’s the little kids ... barracks are one of the first things because people are living in them.”

Fief and his crew know which buildings are high on the priority list based on 30 years of experience and skills. Buildings of high importance are community buildings like chapels, schools, medical and dental buildings; followed by administration buildings, dining facilities and motor pools. All the buildings will have their air from chillers switched over to the boilers within a limited period.

“We try to move as fast as we can because most of the time we got a pretty good span where it doesn’t get real hot or real cold,” Fief said. “We try to move within a two-week period.”

Buildings owned by contractors such as houses are not part of this switch. In addition to the government buildings, Operations and Maintenance Division make an exception for businesses such as the Commissary. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning crew members respond to those based on demand maintenance orders.

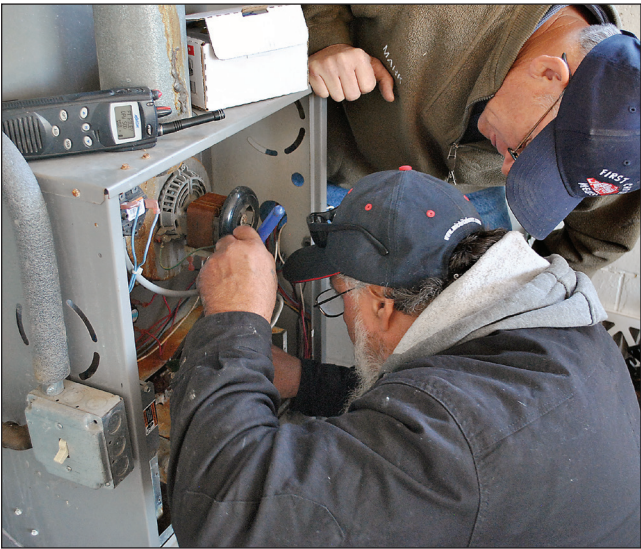
“Anybody that pays for their utilities, we have a lot of people like Burger King, PXs (the Post Exchanges), we try to get to those people

early on,” Fief said. “Pretty much whenever they want it on, we get it on.”

Mike Day, industrial equipment supervisor at Operations and Maintenance Division, DPW, said the process of turning on the boiler for each area of Fort Riley differs. Some units can be done remotely and some require more steps by being physically present at the boiler.

“There are some buildings the control guys can get on (by using) a computer and turn them on,” Day said. “There are certain building that have pumps and valves that need to be turned on, so it’s not a hit-a-switch like you do at home or a thermostat. We’ve got two-pipe systems, we’ve got four-pipe systems. Depending on which is which, it depends on how long it takes the technician to get that building up and going.”

Authorized temperature for the heating season is 60 degrees Fahrenheit for all warehouse areas, motor pool bays, hangars and all shop areas. Office and administration areas are kept at 70 degrees Fahrenheit and unoccupied areas are kept at 45 degrees Fahrenheit.



Mark Roediger, top, heating, ventilation and air conditioning lead at Operations and Maintenance Division, Directorate of Public Works, helps his coworker Tim Schell, industrial equipment mechanic, troubleshoot a furnace issue at one of the businesses on Fort Riley Oct. 24.

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training for our Soldiers. We’ve got the best training capabilities in the Army, in my humble opinion ... the 1st Inf. Div., they are the premier trainers in the U.S. Army today and to be able to support that effort with our facilities is unbelievable for us and it’s a great opportunity.”

The open field chosen for the EFMB test site was a blank slate prior to the Douthit staff terraforming it to suit the combat testing lane standards. Grass had to be mowed, berms had to be dug, pits for smoke screens had to be excavated, more than 70 markers for the land navigation course had to be positioned and obstacles — such as the high and low walls, low crawl made from barbed wire, and more — had to be constructed. But Crusinberry said the personnel at Douthit were not the only civilians who played an instrumental role in the planning, logistics and execution of the test.

“There are a whole lot of civilians and military that is involved, tying this whole thing together ... to make this a success,” he said. “The Training Support Center, Troy Russell (TSC chief) and his team just did a phenomenal job helping the EFMB team with getting enough equipment and getting training devices up there to create realistic training. Tom Black and his Range Operations team were instrumental in helping to lay out the 12-mile road march ... and the Directorate of Emergency Service — more civilians — helping to game warden and make sure that things are safe.”

The concept for the EFMB course is combat testing lanes. There are four main training areas used at Douthit for the course. In each of those training areas, three lanes are created based on skillsets that need to be tested where EFMB candidates would negotiate their tasks. These lanes are created by either mowing across the grassland, clearing out the trees or building out the prairie.

Capt. Jamie Pecha, 1st Inf. Div. preventive medicine officer, is the tactical operations center officer in charge and on the test board, which is the approving authority for the event. She said the Douthit team particularly helped in CTL 3. In this lane, candidates are tasked with performing a medical evacuation through crossing obstacles while carrying a weighted litter. Obstacles built in CTL 3 were a road, a low 3-foot wall, a high 5-foot wall, a barbed wire low clearing and a narrow path.

“To delineate a road in an open field, they had built up berms to show and they made a road,” Pecha said. “Three weeks ago this was an absolutely empty field that was out here and they were able to build all of the obstacles to be able to test these skills. Without it we wouldn’t be able to run the EFMB because you couldn’t test those skills.”

Fort Riley held a couple of EFMB tests in the past, but Pecha said they had moved the locations for several of the lanes this year, so they relied on the civilians to help build those sites up. The land navigation space used for the course had not been assigned for that purpose previously, so her unit had to design a site with functioning coordinates from scratch.

“The civilians went out and helped us place over 70 markers for the land navigation site,” Pecha said. “We drove long stakes into the ground with markers on it, so the civilians helped make the markers

— per our regulation size — and went out and put them all in the ground at the exact spot that had to be with the grid coordinate. That is 70 points and that is no easy feat out there.”

Pecha said the team at Douthit also dug out locations where the cadre facilitating the test can create pyrotechnics that simulate indirect fire, mortar, smoke or anything that makes a loud boom to mimic the real scenario where a wounded Soldier would be evacuated from the battlefield.

“The way we execute those out here is we have the pyrotechnics, but we have to drop them in big holes for safety concerns,” she said. “The civilians came out; they put those safety holes in for us to make sure we can safely execute our training, but the way we needed to for a realistic approach to the training. We are still in a controlled environment, so we are nice and safe, but they helped add that realistic approach to it.”

Douthit not only helped with creating a realistic training facility, but they also provided a reliable and clean environment for the candidates to live for the duration of the course. While participants are not practicing their skills or testing, the gunnery complex provides life support to the candidates and cadre.

“This really is a beautiful complex to be able to run a training like this, especially to have outside units to come into,” Pecha said. “A lot of units come in expecting to be sleeping in tents and not a lot of heat. We have a hardstand bathroom, which means they’re not in Porta Potties like chemical latrines. And we have shower facilities that they can use daily. A lot of training sites do not have that ability. So not only do we have the realistic training, but we also have a nice place for them to come back at night to be able to study, conduct that personal hygiene and get some rest so they’re prepared to train the next day.”

Fred Siebe, manager of Douthit, and his team of six staff members at the gunnery complex continued going back to the training area to ensure each one of the lanes was maintained until the end of the testing period. When the event was done, Siebe and his team tore down the sites so the next unit in need of training can utilize the land. He said he and his team would be saving most the items they built until the next EFMB course is held at Fort Riley.

“We are not really in an active role, but a reactive role right now so if there is any event, we would go out there and assist and do any corrections needed,” Siebe said. “The walls would be removed with a forklift, lifted out and then we will partially disassemble them so we can store those here in one of my maintenance rooms. We will remove all the stakes from the land navigation portion and those will be either given back to the unit or we will end up storing those.”

Crusinberry praised the hard work Douthit staff has achieved to get the EFMB course going.

“The work that (Siebe) and his team put together is just top of the line,” Crusinberry said. “Bottom line, training these medics, what else can we do that’s more important than helping to train Army medics that save the lives of our Soldiers that go into combat. There’s nothing better.”

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biggest customers are usually from Colorado Springs because they are not too far away, and St. Joseph (the 139th Airlift Wing in St. Joseph, Missouri). They (crews from St. Joseph) do a lot more airdrops than anybody else.”

Zahler is one of a number of AMLOs who call the 621st MSOS their home unit. According to the website of the 621st Contingency Response Wing, co-located at Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst, New Jersey, and Travis Air Force Base, California, the 621st MSOS “is comprised of air mobility liaison officers who provide air mobility expertise to brigade, division and corps level commanders for the Army and Marine Corps.”

For the past four years, Zahler has worked to enhance Fort Riley’s profile as a first choice for training tactical aircrews and pilots and, for much of that time, he’s tried to keep Army and Air Force on the same page, including helping the planning timelines agree.

“The Army likes to plan things six months to a year out, and the Air Force likes to plan things two weeks out,” Zahler said. “So I’ve really tried to get Air Force units to commit to coming out either monthly or semi-annually or quarterly or even annually, and try to get those exercises to come here. We’ve had exercises from Little Rock (AFB in Arkansas) so now, every June or July we’ll have four C-130s from Little Rock here for mobility exercises.”

The availability of the FLS means other installations can qualify on tactical dirt runway approaches and landings.

“There are only certain places they can get those qualifications,” said Gary Smith, range liaison officer, Douthit Gunnery Complex, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. “And, Fort Riley being one of them, allows the joint services to work together, which is a good thing for Fort Riley and everybody else involved. Capt. Zahler, who is the AMLO for the division (1st Inf. Div.), has done nothing but build on that and get the word out, telling people about the installation and the assets that are available for others to use, which shows the flexibility that we’ll continue to build on as a team here in the 1st Inf. Div.”

In terms of qualifications for the aircraft from Colorado Springs on Oct. 17, the FLS at Fort Riley allowed for a variety of training.

“For them, they’re getting assault landings, short-field landing dirt qualifications for the pilots, tactical approaches, short field landing dirt qualifications for the pilots, tactical approaches, and they probably did low-level training flights on the way here and they’ll probably do some on the way back (to Colorado),” Zahler said.

There’s plenty of room to build on the capabilities of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley and the partnerships that have been built.

“A major challenge when joining Army and Air Force in joint readiness training, Zahler said, is that “everybody wants to play with everybody else’s toys. Because we have requirements for heavyweight assaults which is actually putting stuff on the plane and landing it, down-loading it and getting on-loads and off-loads for the loadmasters. This time we didn’t have enough time to do that, but what these guys want to do is come back every single month.”

Zahler said his vision for Fort Riley is to be a kind of Joint Readiness Training Center along the lines of what exists now at Fort Polk, Louisiana, “because we’ve got everything we need for it,” he said.

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Attendees of the Retiree Appreciation Day check out booths at Riley’s Conference Center Oct. 20. The event was held as a way of letting military retirees know how important they are to the current active duty force.

Overall Smith focused his remarks on a joint force perspective.

“What I am doing here is to tell you where we are as the Army and as a joint force, kind of what we are facing so there’s no surprise to you,” Smith said. “But I want to do that by telling you how important you still are to the active duty force, so that is my intent by covering this up front.”

Georgia Rucker, retiree service officer for the Fort Riley Retiree Council, said by regulation all installations must have a Retiree Appreciation Day.

“It is our way to give back to our retirees and keep the connection going between the active duty community and the retired community,” she said.

Suetter had information that pertained to the retirees about the TRICARE and healthcare connection. He provided information of the various changes that will take effect Jan. 1, 2018.


Following Suetter was Melton who discussed what resources IACH offers to retirees.

“With this demographic, there are things we can probably do better and make it more convenient for them (the retirees),” Melton said.

Melton and his team informed the attendees on how they can still use the facility for their medical needs.

With each guest speaker, the retirees learned more about the installation’s past, present and future.

“The retiree appreciation day is Fort Riley’s way of showing our appreciation of the sacrifice and service of the retiree population within not only the Flint Hills area, but in the surrounding states,” Lawrence said. “We normally get a large turnout and we provide different services for the retirees as well as update them on changes that could affect them in the future.”




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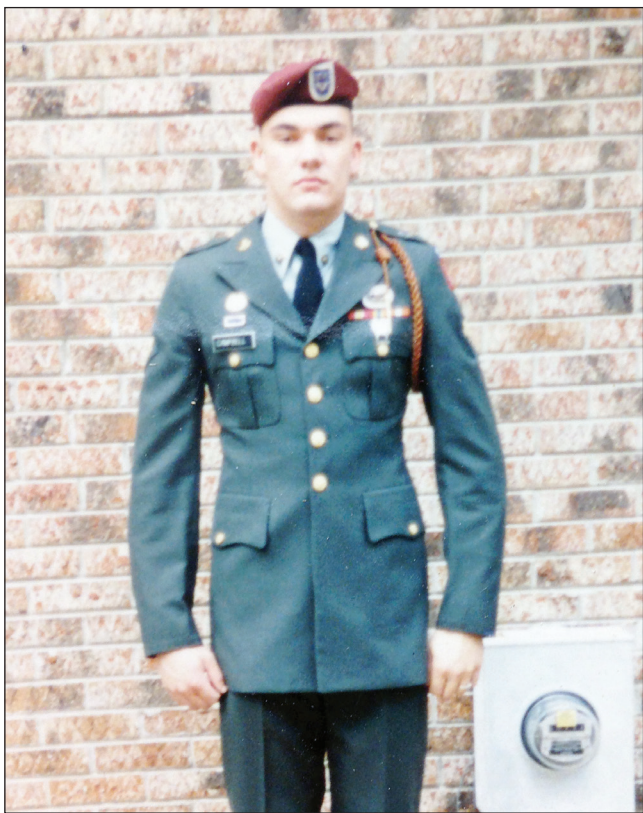
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Thomas Campbell: A 'Big Red One' Soldier



THEN & NOW

By Phyllis Fitzgerald
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Thomas Campbell is originally from Fayetteville, North Carolina. He joined the Army in October 1992 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He went to Fort Lee, Virginia, for Advanced Individual Training as a Military Occupational Specialty 92Y, Unit Supply Specialist. From there Campbell went to Fort Benning, Georgia, for Airborne School before reporting to his first assignment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from April 1993 to November 1995.

His additional assignments were Fort Stewart, Georgia, for two and a half years with 24th Military Intelligence

Battalion, 24th Infantry Division and 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division. Campbell went back to Fort Bragg from 1996 to September 2001 and from there to Camp Red Cloud in South Korea as a supply sergeant for one year. His career then took him back to Fort Bragg once again with assignments as a supply sergeant with three different units from September 2002 to August 2008.

While at Fort Bragg, Campbell deployed to Forward Operating Base Salerno in Afghanistan from January 2007 to April 2008. In August 2008, he attended Recruiting School at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and after two months of training, he was assigned to the recruiting station in Clemson, South Carolina, for two years.

In January 2011, Campbell's "Big Red One" story began when he received an assignment to Fort Riley with the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade as a contracting officer.

"My favorite memory of the Big Red One is getting to go to contracting school and being the acting 1st sergeant for Rear Detachment — taking care of Soldiers until retirement," he said.

In January 2013, he retired as a sergeant first class.

"I am attending college at Barton Community College and I am the manager of AA Self Storage in Junction City, (Kansas)," Campbell said. "I am a member of the American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles 831."

Plowing through snow, ice on Fort Riley roads



The Directorate of Public Works welcomes four new trucks to the fleet. The trucks are fully equipped with salt boxes that will coat roads to protect drivers from slick surfaces during winter months.

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When winter arrives, so does the snowfall at Fort Riley. Shortly thereafter, the road ground team reports to their streets to begin plowing and dropping salt on the roadways.

Kevin Griffin, roads ground supervisor at the Directorate of Public Works, prepares for this year's winter weather with new equipment.

"We had eight combo (trucks) and the rest were salt trucks, no plows," Griffin said. "So we changed it now where we have 15 combos — that has a plow and a salt box — there is no use of having a truck without a salt box, you are wasting time and money ... Now one man can do the job of two trucks."

The older plows were 10-foot wide, Griffin said. With the new blades, the trucks can clear snow over in the shoulder and drop more salt and sand on the roads.

"An ideal blade is 12-foot wide, most of your roads are 12 to 14-feet wide," Griffin said. "You put that blade on the yellow line and I kick it off, I'm off on the shoulder now. So the roads are clear. The smaller blades you couldn't do that.

When you're on the yellow line you're still not on the shoulder. So what it does is save time, time from going around re-loading and plowing. Time is money so that's what we are able to do."

Efficiency is the bottom line with the new blades as there is less manpower and more roads on Fort Riley, he said.

"We are changing out what they've done for years, making it a little more efficient because time is money," Griffin said. "Less people, more road ways than we've ever had before so we have to maximize our equipment. We also went to a smaller truck because the hill roads are narrower. So we went to an 8-foot blade there (on Custer Hill) with a 6-yard box at the end of the trucks. So we have more space and a bigger blade we can plow (with) now."

A box, Griffin said, is a salt box located in the bed of the truck. There is a belt that feeds the salt or sand to the back of a spinner. The spinner is what helps spread out the content to cover the whole width of the road.

Griffin and Randy Shutter, equipment operator, have plowed snow for over a decade. Before working with DPW, both men were enlisted Soldiers.

"We all have prior military and a lot of us have served on this installation," Griffin said.

When it comes to the cost of the blades all items — the truck, box and plow — are managed through a lease.

"If we lease it, say it malfunctions, it's under warranty, they'll fix it and it doesn't cost us a dime," Griffin said. "That's the best way to go. Keep everything on a lease, we don't own it. In 10 to 12 years, you get a new truck you can't beat it."

He explained the larger trucks are on a 10 to 12 year lease, while the pick-ups are on a seven year lease.

As the winter months approach, Griffin and Shutter advise drivers to give the truck drivers space and to drive slowly.

"Any snow storm, even if there is no truck there, just slow down," Griffin said. "We see so many cars in ditches because of spinning the wheels on the little sport cars ... if you don't need to be out don't. Give us time to clear the roads then come on out."

They said they will be out plowing the roads as soon as it starts snowing. Sometimes, Griffin said, they'll treat the roads before the snow if they know there will be ice.

OPERATION WALKING SHIELD TRANSPORTS HOUSES TO TOPEKA



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A crew from Ensor Moving, Inc., lifts a house on jacks at the Warner-Peterson housing area Oct. 20, and prepares to place heavy-duty wheels underneath it. Once the work is complete, the house was transported to the Kickapoo Nation just outside Topeka, Kansas. The transfer of homes, called Operation Walking Shield, continues this fall as two more houses were prepared for transportation Oct. 26. Ten homes from the post's Warner-Peterson housing area were transported in early June. These homes are a part of a continuing effort from a partnership between personnel of the 1st Infantry Division, Corvias Military Living, Fort Riley and the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas. The homes will help alleviate a housing shortage for the tribe.



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TRAFFIC REPORT

ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS

Those with a valid military ID card, or have an access pass or badge, 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:

As of Oct. 16, Grant Gate is open between 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is closed weekends and federal holidays.

CAMPBELL HILL ROAD CLOSURE

As of Oct. 4, Campbell Hill Road is closed north of Huebner Road for repairs.

Traffic will be diverted to the tank trail parallel to Campbell Hill Road.

The repairs will take about one month to complete. Access to the land fill will still be possible during the repairs.

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The legacy Irwin Army Community Hospital awaits plans for demolition. Currently the Directorate of Public Works is working on logistics for the structure to be demolished sometime next year.

“The (old) hospital was not owned by IMCOM it was owned by MEDCOM,” Watson said.

The only way a facility can receive funds to be demolished is through competition against older facilities on Fort Riley.

“We submitted it to IMCOM to compete for Restoration and Modernization funds for that year (2011),” Watson said. “It didn’t happen to compete well, but because we submitted it we needed to prepare it in case money did come.”

After, a partnership began. The staff at IMCOM worked

with the Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, and IACH facility management staff to come up with a set of plans.

“In the meantime we got some guidance from IMCOM that there might be some money available for a key demolition because one of the Army’s overall objectives right now with facilities is to reduce the footprint,” Watson said. “So IMCOM’s guidance was if you have a key or critical facility that is sitting vacant that we don’t need, that could contribute to this, reduce the footprint objective, then go ahead and

present it for funding in that program.”

The partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers to come up with a set of plans has been successful so far.

With the help of a reutilization study in 2011, IMC estimated the cost of the demolition to be around \$3.8 million, Watson said.

“They’ve helped by asking those questions to keep the project scope down to a bare minimum so that we can maximize every dollar to get this thing (old hospital) demoed and taken care of,” Mataruso said.

By proper disposal of material, the demolition of the old hospital will reduce the overall environmental impact.

“That building is structurally sound,” Mataruso said. “It’s got massive columns so how it comes down is also considered too.”

The building has to come down by dismantling it floor by floor or with a wrecking ball, Mataruso said.

As of right now the staff at the Army Corps of Engineers is working on the logistics of how the old hospital will be demolished. The staff at the IMC said the building will be demolished sometime next year.

IRS scams continues

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service warned taxpayers Oct. 13 to remain vigilant to scams as they continue to be reported around the country. Phishing, phone scams and identity theft top the list of items normally reported. However, following hurricanes and other disasters, the IRS urged taxpayers to be on the lookout for schemes stemming from these recent events.

“These scams evolve over time and adjust to reflect events in the news, but they all typically are variations on a familiar theme,” said John Koskinen, IRS Commissioner. “Recognizing these schemes and taking some simple steps can protect taxpayers against these con artists.”

While individuals and businesses deal with the devastation of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria and wildland fires in the West, criminals may take advantage of this situation by creating fake charities to get money or personal information from sympathetic taxpayers. They may also attempt to con victims by impersonating a relief agency or charity that will provide relief. Such fraudulent scams and solicitations for donations may involve contact by telephone, social media, email or in person.

Below are some of the more typical scams the IRS has seen.

EMAIL PHISHING SCAMS

The IRS has recently seen email schemes that target tax professionals, payroll professionals and human resources personnel in addition to individual taxpayers.

In email phishing attempts, criminals pose as a person or organization that taxpayers trust and recognize. They may hack an email account and send mass emails under another person’s name. They may pose as a bank, credit card company, tax software provider or government agency. If a person clicks on the link in these emails, it takes them to fake websites created by fraudsters to appear legitimate but containing phony login pages. These criminals hope victims will take the bait and provide money, passwords, Social Security numbers and other information that can lead to identity theft.

Scam emails and websites also can infect computers with malware without the user knowing it. The malware can give the criminal access to the device, enabling them to access sensitive files or track keyboard strokes, exposing logins and other sensitive information.

The IRS generally does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or



financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS has information online that can help protect taxpayers from email scams.

If a taxpayer receives an unsolicited email that appears to be from either the IRS or a program closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System or EFTPS, report it by sending it to phishing@irs.gov. Learn more by going to the Report Phishing and Online Scams page www.irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/report-phishing.

PHONE SCAMS

The IRS does not call and leave prerecorded, urgent messages asking for a call back. In this tactic, the victim is told if they do not call back, a warrant will be issued for their arrest.

The IRS recently began sending letters to taxpayers whose overdue federal tax accounts are being assigned to one of four private-sector collection agencies. Because of this, taxpayers should be on the lookout for scammers posing as private collection firms. The IRS-authorized firms will only be calling about a tax debt the person has had — and has been aware of — for years. Taxpayers also would have been previously contacted by the IRS about their tax debt. For more information about IRS private debt collection go to www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/private-debt-collection.

HOW TO KNOW IT'S REALLY THE IRS CALLING OR KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR

The IRS initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service. However, there are special circumstances in which the IRS will call or come to a home or business, such as when a taxpayer has an overdue tax bill, to secure a delinquent tax return or delinquent employment tax payment, or to tour a business as part of an audit or during criminal investigations.

Even then, taxpayers will usually first receive several letters — called notices from the IRS in the mail. For more information, visit “How to know it’s really the IRS calling or knocking on your door” go to www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-to-know-its-really-the-irs-calling-or-knocking-on-your-door.

TAX REFUND FRAUD – IDENTITY THEFT

Tax-related identity theft occurs when someone uses a stolen Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund.

In 2015, the IRS joined forces with representatives of the software industry, tax preparation firms, payroll and tax financial product processors and state tax administrators to combat identity-theft refund fraud and protect the nation’s taxpayers. This group — the Security Summit — has held a series of public awareness campaigns directed at taxpayers.

SECURITY REMINDERS FOR TAXPAYERS

The IRS and its Summit partners remind taxpayers they can do their part to help in this effort. Taxpayers and tax professionals should:

- Always use security software with firewall and anti-virus protections. Make sure the security software is always turned on and can automatically update. Encrypt sensitive files such as tax records stored on computers and devices. Use strong passwords.
- Learn to recognize phishing emails, threatening phone calls and texts from thieves posing as legitimate organizations, such as a bank, credit card company and government agencies. Do not click on links or download attachments from unknown or suspicious emails.
- Protect personal data. Don’t routinely carry Social Security cards, and make sure tax records are secure. Treat personal information like cash; don’t leave it lying around.

TRICARE is changing Everything you need to know

TRICARE

With the Jan. 1, 2018 changes to new stateside regions and contractors, you may need to update your payment option to guarantee continued payment of your TRICARE enrollment fees and monthly premiums.

There are currently three TRICARE regions in the United States. In the new year, TRICARE North and TRICARE South will combine to form TRICARE East. TRICARE West will largely remain the same. Humana Military will manage the East region contract. Health Net Federal Services, LLC will manage the West contract.

You will no longer be able to make payments via paper check. Acceptable methods of payment will continue to be allotment, electronic funds transfer, and debit or credit card. If you sign in to your regional contractor’s website to make payments online, this option will also still exist.

IF YOU PAY BY ALLOTMENT DIRECTLY FROM YOUR PAYCHECK

If you currently pay your enrollment fees or premiums by allotment through a Defense Financing and Accounting Service or other Uniformed Services Pay Center, you will not need to update your payment information. Your payments will automatically transfer to the new regional contractor on

Jan. 1, 2018. Unless you cancel your allotment, TRICARE will continue to deduct your enrollment fees and premiums.

IF YOU PAY THROUGH ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER OR VIA DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD

If you live in an area where a new regional contractor will be delivering services, you’ll need to update your payment information to go to your new regional contractor. This applies if you currently pay enrollment fees or premiums by electronic funds transfer from your checking or savings account or via a debit or credit card. Your new regional contractor will contact you with instructions on how to update your payment information.

You must proactively update your payment information to make sure payments start going to your new regional contractor and stop going to your previous regional contractor. This action will help you avoid disenrollment from TRICARE.

THIS IS YOUR BENEFIT! ARE YOU READY?

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RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What is your favorite food to eat in the fall and why?



"In November, the turkey."

BEATRICE BACON
ABILENE, KANSAS

Wife of Retired Staff Sgt. Gary Bacon



"Candied yams with melted marshmallows. We have it every year for Thanksgiving."

MAKENZIE BUYN0
DIXON, KANSAS

Daughter of Staff Sgt. Michael Buyno of 287th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion



"Pumpkin pie. Because it's good and I love pumpkin pie."

ROXANNE RAMIREZ
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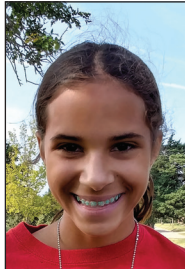
Wife of Spc. Levon Ramirez, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"Pumpkin bread. Pumpkin just reminds me of fall."

BRITTNYE THOMPSON
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE

Wife of 1st Lt. Brett Thompson, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"Stuffing because it tastes good."

ALEEYA WILLIAMS
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Gold Star family member for Sfc. Justin Williams

The end of daylight saving time

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It's been a great ride, basking in that extra hour of daylight since the spring, but sadly, that time is coming to an end. On Nov. 5, most Americans will set their clocks back an hour, as day light saving time ends for the year.

WHEN?

Starting in 2007, DST begins in the United States on the second Sunday in March, when people move their clocks forward an hour at 2 a.m. local standard time — so at 2 a.m. on that day, the clocks will then read 3 a.m. local daylight time. Daylight saving time ends on the first Sunday in November, when clocks are moved back an hour at 2 a.m. local daylight time — so they will then read 1 a.m. local standard time. Thus, Nov. 5, at 2 a.m. DST officially ends.

HOW?

Daylight saving time began in Germany in May 1916 as a way to conserve fuel during World War I. The rest of Europe came onboard shortly thereafter. And in 1918, the United States adopted daylight saving time.

In 1966, Congress enacted the Uniform Time Act, which required any state participating in DST, had to follow a uniform protocol thought the state in which DST would begin on the first Sunday of April and end on the last Sunday in October. It is not a requirement for states to participate in DST, though most do; the exceptions are northeastern Arizona, Hawaii, and the overseas territories of American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

SURVIVE

According to "Everyday Health," less than 10 percent of people suffer from the kind of seasonal affective disorder that's triggered in fall and winter months, which is also known as winter depression. Because our biological clock is very different from the "society clock." Many people may feel a little "down" as winter weather sets in. Less sunlight affects your circadian rhythm, the body's internal clock that governs certain brain wave activity and hormone production. This shift can change mood-related chemicals in a way that can cause depression.

For this reason, even though it may be cold, absorbing real sunlight in the winter months is still very important. Just going outside for ten minutes a day can equate to 10,000 international units of vitamin D, which is an essential vitamin for preventing a variety of diseases. Taking a vitamin D supplement during the winter is also helpful. The recommended daily allowance for vitamin D is 600 IUs a day, but a physician can determine what the best amount of vitamin D is for an individual.

Exercise is the best medicine for fighting the winter blues. Aerobic exercise in the colder months also helps with the time transition. Winter exercising requires planning and proper dress for cold weather. In addition, with reduced sunlight and icy, wet or snow covered roads, making sure the risk associated with exercises in the winter need to be assessed and mitigated. Although many people enjoy exercising outside in the summer months, moving towards inside exercise provides a safe way to continue healthy activity.

Although the winter is perfect for "comfort food" there are some mood boosting foods that might make winter days a little more bearable. One food is pumpkins seeds that are chocked full of zinc. Pumpkin seeds fight off inflammation and are rich in magnesium.

Another mood food is squash. Butternut squash contains magnesium, potassium, and 52 percent of the daily requirement of vitamin C, which helps the immune and central nervous system.

And although there are many other foods and spices that are perfect for winter, cinnamon is one of the best cognitive boosters. Just smelling cinnamon enhances cognitive performance. Cinnamon helps regulate the blood sugar that is connected to anxiety and depression.

SAFETY

Mood is not the only effect of the end of DST. Did you know pedestrians walking around at dusk are nearly three times more likely to be struck and killed by cars in the days following the end of daylight saving time than just before the time change? A study of seven years of nationwide traffic fatalities was conducted at Carnegie Mellon University, calculating the risk per mile walked for pedestrians. The study found that the per-mile risk jumps 186 percent from October to November.

Evidence suggests that time changes increase safety problems both at work and at home. Just being aware of the increased risk of accidents in the period immediately following the time change may help you stay alert. Try to avoid building up a sleep debt in the days before the change.

Finally, the end of the DST is a great time to check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. As the cold sets in and many start up their gas-fired furnaces, fireplaces, portable unit heaters and the like for the first time, carbon monoxide poisoning risks increase significantly. Replace any smoke alarm unit that is older than 10 years. Replace any carbon monoxide alarm unit that is older than 5 years.

Do you have an emergency kit for both your automobile and your home? Such kits can be a lifesaver if you are stuck out in bad weather while driving. They should include items such as warm clothes, blanket, flashlight, batteries, water, non-perishable snacks, shovel, flares, reflective hazard triangle, jumper cables, cat litter or sand for traction, ski hat and gloves. In addition, if you are stuck at home during a significant weather event without power, your kit can help you survive until the event is over or a suitable shelter can be found for both your family and your pets.

Another vital check is your fire extinguisher. When was the last time you checked your kitchen fire extinguisher to see if it needs recharging? Check the small gauge at the top of the extinguisher. If the needle in that gauge is in the green, chances are, the extinguisher is okay. If it is in the red, you need to have the extinguisher recharged.

For more safety tips or general information about the end of DST, contact the Fort Riley, Safety Office, 785-240-0647. Do not forget to visit IMCOM Safety www.imcom.army.mil/Organization/Safety.aspx to download your safety guide for Fall/Winter.

US Postal Service mailing deadlines for packages to military posts abroad

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APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 014-092	Dec. 16	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec. 4	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec. 16	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
APO/FPO/DPO AA ZIP 340	Dec. 16	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIPs 962-99	Dec. 16	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6

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US Soldiers celebrate European Language Day in Poland



Nine U.S. Soldiers from 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, celebrate European Language Day with Polish students at I Liceum Ogólnokształcące, Bolesławiec, Poland, Oct. 16. The Soldiers visited the class as guests so the students may practice English with native speakers. The Soldiers are temporarily stationed at Bolesławiec Camp, Poland, as the 82nd BEB, 2nd 2ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., is currently in Europe to support Atlantic Resolve. Atlantic Resolve is a U.S. endeavor to fulfill NATO commitments by rotating U.S.-based units throughout the European theater and training with NATO Allies and partners.

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7TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

BOLESŁAWIEC, Poland — Soldiers from the 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, celebrated European Language Day with Polish students at I Liceum Ogólnokształcące, Bolesławiec, Poland, Oct. 16.

The 82nd BEB is in Europe to support Operation Atlantic Resolve. Atlantic Resolve is a U.S. endeavor to fulfill NATO commitments by rotating U.S.-based units throughout the European theater and training with NATO Allies and partners.

Nine Soldiers temporarily stationed at Bolesławiec Camp were invited to the school for the students to have an opportunity to practice their English.

Recordings and movie clips were specially prepared for the lessons but do not provide the experience that students gain from meeting speakers of the language, said Bogna Łasica, English teacher at the school.

“It’s completely different when you learn something from a book and read about it, or even see a movie,” Łasica remarked. “When you meet a person, you just interact and it tremendously enhances the teaching and learning.”

Being able to have English speakers creates more discussion for the class and even improves her teaching, she said.

Authentic interactions are difficult and can even be a personal challenge, Łasica noted. What she hoped the students received from the experience is to overcome reservations and develop confidence in themselves.

“This was practice, so maybe next time they meet someone from abroad, they will be more open,” Łasica said. “They will be braver to start a conversation.”

The class began with giving the Soldiers cookies decorated as American flags and lanyards as a small souvenir.

The students conducted a presentation, introducing the Soldiers to Poland and some of its history. Topics covered in the presentation were the founding of Bolesławiec, 20th century history in Poland and the Polish school system.

In return, one by one, Soldiers greeted the students by sharing their name, indicating their home state on a U.S. map, hobbies and future beyond the Army.

Second Lt. Ethan Nichols, battalion adjutant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82nd BEB, ended the presentation with including the unit’s history and experience in Europe.

Formed into a giant circle around the room with inner and outer rings, students spoke with each other and the Soldiers in English on a given

subject. After several minutes passed, the inner ring rotated to another person and a new topic is provided. Conversation topics included pets, the last holiday celebrated, favorite foods and favorite TV programs.

After several rotations, the circle was then reformed into smaller sections. This enabled the students to have a group conversation with no guided topic.

Exchanges like these events allow Soldiers to get onto a common level with the people, said Pfc. Israeli Colon, a medic with HHC, 82nd BEB. He said going to places like schools and the town square to experience the culture’s food and music creates a genuine experience and impression.

He took an immediate interest in the Polish language and practices with the Polish medics he works with, Colon said.

Learning the new language helps in communicating with the patients and the medics, Colon said.

Although he is still learning, Colon said his effort and eagerness to learn is what receives the most attention. Colon said he considers the opportunity to learn the language in its authentic environment an opportunity too good to miss.

“We’re a guest in their country,” Colon remarked. “We’re pushing toward reassuring our allies and developing that trust. We have to take that step forward. They’ve already given us entry here, we should make the best of it and show we’re willing to go above and beyond what we need to in order to develop that relationship with them.”

Nichols said he was surprised by the level of interest displayed by the Soldiers in interacting with Polish people.

For Nichols, community interaction is a heavy emphasis both in personal life and in work. He was involved with the Boy Scouts of America and believes in small community organizations.

Involvement is about meeting others and getting interested in the right activities, Nichols said. While in Poland, he said the Soldiers can interact with the community, get involved and create a level of familiarity with the townspeople.

“For any mission success, you have to have the support of the people,” Nichols said. “Whether it’s the public of the region that you’re in or the public back home.” The students have asked to schedule a tour around Bolesławiec for the Soldiers, both to share their town and its history and to practice English again.

“We’re hoping to make it a routine event because it boosts the morale of our Soldiers and it keeps us involved in the community,” Nichols said. “We’re constantly learning about the region that we’re in through these interactions.”

Providing green energy

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

A vital player in the efforts to pare down Fort Riley’s energy consumption is Corvias, the contractor that manages the post’s 3,827 private residences, including approximately 2,100 homes constructed since 2007.

With that many individual units, the Corvias staff works to both provide energy efficient dwellings and foster awareness in the benefits of energy conservation, said Clayton Boyer, operations director for Corvias at Fort Riley.

“In addition to the 2,100 new construction homes, Corvias has renovated approximately 1,300 additional homes installing energy efficient appliances and performing heating, ventilation and air conditioning system upgrades to include installation of storm windows on many of the historic homes on main post,” Boyer said.

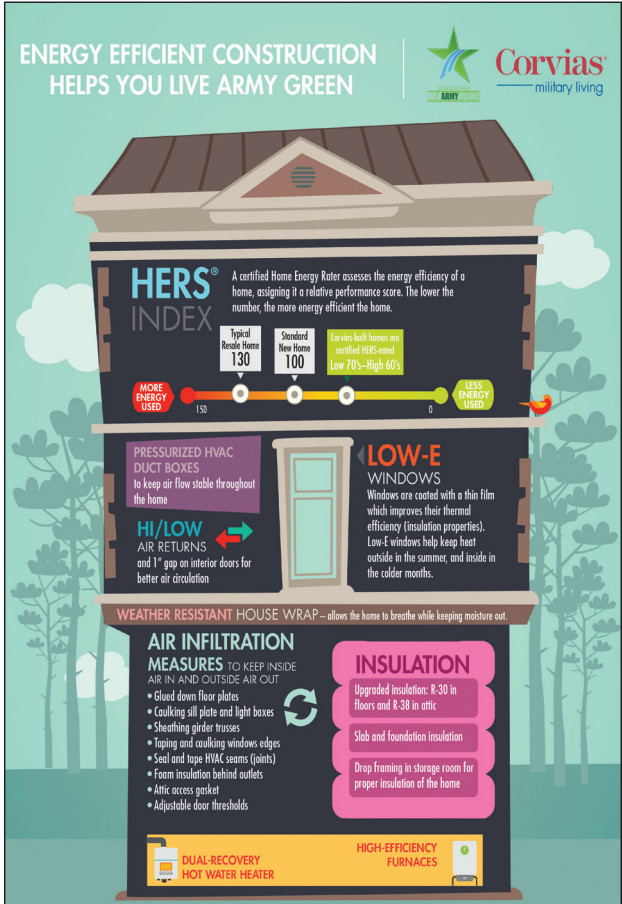
According to Dan McCallister of the Utilities and Energy branch, Directorate of Public Works, private residences together make up roughly 30 percent of on-post energy use.

Looked at another way, however, a seemingly small thing like leaving a light bulb on needlessly can add up, especially if that use is multiplied 3,827 times.

Mike Witmer, chief of utilities and energy branch, operations and maintenance, Directorate of Public Works, uses the example of a single compact fluorescent light bulb — used to replace many traditional incandescent light bulbs — left on needlessly 24 hours a day in the garage or a closet for a full year.

If the bulb uses 15 watts of power and that use extends over that period of time, 131 kilowatt hours will have been used. That is approximately \$10.24 of electricity.

“Now, if every home did that it would be \$39,200 of electricity over a one-year period,” Witmer said, adding, “a CFL light bulb is a very, very small user of electricity compared to air conditioning, refrigerators, computers, game systems, televisions etc. but it still would cost \$39,000 per year. Changing the thermostat setting one degree will change your energy consumption 2.5 percent. Simply turning off a



computer for an hour each day when not it use would save \$9 per computer for each hour the computer is turned off.”

Corvias uses two ways to encourage energy austerity. First, through the Live Army Green program and its website riley.corviasmilitaryliving.com/residents/live-army-green-program, residents learn of the high priority the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Department of the Army place on energy conservation.

The website provides a way for Soldiers and their families who live in Corvias Military Living homes to track their energy consumption and “reward Soldiers for their successful contribution to the conservation effort,” the website says.

To help Corvias and military residents at Fort Riley do that, Corvias has contracted with YES — Yardi Energy Solutions to provide billing and energy monitoring services.

“YES energy is our third party utility billing service which helps implement and manage the Live Army Green program on the majority of on post family homes,” Boyer said. “The program ultimately encourages residents to conserve energy, offering credits to those residents that fall

under the consumption baseline on a monthly basis for a respective billing profile.”

According to the Corvias Fort Riley website, “it monitors electricity and natural gas usage in Fort Riley’s family housing. The company also calculates monthly baselines, processes utility payments and issues rebates ... each resident of privatized housing currently in the program (renovated or newer construction homes) will receive a utility consumption baseline determined by the average usage of similar homes.”

Part of the method is to establish an average baseline automatically accounted for by the utility portion of basic allowance for housing.

The website goes on to say, that “residents who consume less than the baseline will be rewarded for their conservation efforts ... residents who consume more than the baseline will be responsible for the difference between their consumption and the baseline.

Thus, through the Live Army Green program and the use of YES Energy, Corvias has provided incentives to Soldiers to work toward the conservation of resources at Fort Riley.

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VETERANS WEEK ACTIVITIES



NOVEMBER 3 Matt Mason Concert and ESU Student Veterans Association Fundraiser

The door proceeds from this special concert at Bourbon Cowboy will be donated to the ESU Student Veterans Association. Additionally, the SVA will host a silent auction that same evening with donations from area merchants including gift baskets, t-shirts, and gift certificates.

Silent Auction 7pm - 10pm
Matt Mason - 10pm - 1am
Door donation to benefit the ESU Student Veterans Association



NOVEMBER 4 Irreverent Warriors Silkie Hike

The Emporia Chapter of Irreverent Warriors will host their second annual Silkies Hike on November 4. IW, founded in 2015, brings together veterans using humor and camaraderie to heal the mental wounds of war. Often referred to as a modern day VFW, the organization hosts Silkies Hikes throughout the United States. Veterans from throughout the Kansas region come together for a 22K hike; the distance is intentional to bring awareness to veteran suicide - estimated at 22 veterans a day.

Hike departs from the Veterans Memorial Park at 9am

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Col. Rory Crooks, 1st Infantry Division Artillery commander, speaks to the “Big Red One” fires community Oct. 23 about the historical significance of 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, firing the first American rounds during World War I at the 1st Bn., 6th FA Regt., memorial on Fort Riley. This marked the 100th anniversary of those first rounds fired by American Soldiers in WWI. Also, the Big Red One fires community — all Soldiers and Airmen on Fort Riley who conduct or support artillery operations — came together to conduct a history run to commemorate this historical event and honor those who have served before them.

Rise in vehicular damages on government fleet

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

There has been an increase in minor damages on government vehicles at Fort Riley this year.

The number of minor damages, which are not labeled as accidents, spiked from 21 cases in fiscal year 2016 to 28 cases for FY2017. Rick Hearron, director of the safety office at U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley, said these incidents are considered near misses and not accidents because the costs of each case is below the threshold of \$5,000. An Army accident is classified as damage to government property from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for a Class E accident and \$20,000 to \$50,000 to be classified as a Class D.

“We just experienced an uptake in our near misses for this year,” Hearron said. “A near miss would be pulling out of a parking area striking another vehicle and damage to those vehicles is less than \$5,000. There is no classification, that’s why we call them a near miss.”

Although these damages are not technically considered accidents, Hearron said there is still monetary loss to the government. He and his team conduct an investigation on the cases reported and concluded most of these occurrences could have been avoided by drivers having better perception of time and space in regards to their surroundings.

“Seventy five percent of our incidents is mainly due to



Scratches on the back of a government vehicle like this are classified as a near miss and not a full accident. There has been a significant rise in near misses on government vehicles on Fort Riley in the last fiscal year. The U.S. Army Garrison Safety Office conducted an investigation and concluded that they are caused by lack of situational awareness of the driver.

lack of situation awareness,” he said. “That’s no more than the driver not being aware of his or her surroundings. We’ve had seven collisions with objects, eight collisions with a fixed object, five vehicles going forward and colliding with a parked vehicle, three collision while vehicle was backing and that would have been with a fixed facility or a parked vehicle. As I looked at the incident reports, you can prevent the majority of them.”

Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, said these accidents are caused by improper safety operating procedures and the lack of doing preventative maintenance checks and services.

“We are not taking the proper time and care to first inspect all our vehicles and go through proper PMCS before

we get into the vehicle and operate,” Lawrence said. “The other reason or concern I believe is because people inherently are trying to do the right thing and trying to get quickly from one side of post to another to complete a work order request or to deliver something for an organization that needs it, and in that haste, they take shortcuts. Shortcuts not meaning in terms of driving up this road because it’s shorter distance, but shortcuts in what they’re supposed to be doing before they operate a military vehicle and then in their care of driving that vehicle because they are in a hurry.”

Since the workforce is busier than before, vehicle operators taking shortcuts are a detriment to not only themselves, but also to the vehicles. However, Lawrence said there are

several ways these near misses can be reduced.

“We have a very robust safety program here and we require for accidents that the operators attend a remedial driver’s training,” Lawrence said. “The other one is supervisors enforcing that PMCS are completed prior and after operation of the vehicle. Developing dispatch procedures because that means a supervisor is actively engaged in what his or her employees are doing.”

The lack of proper rest can also lead to negligence while operating vehicles. Some drivers, particularly the ones who operate snow ploughs and sanding machines in the winter, work in 12-hour shifts.

“We have to make sure our employees are alert and physically capable to operate that vehicle they are using,” he said. “We need to make sure we have an adequate sleep plan ... What we do there is we have a sleeping area in DPW (Directorate of Public Works) where the operators can operate the vehicles for a certain amount of time period. What we don’t want to do is overstress them to a point where they are exhausted and they can no longer safely operate a vehicle.”

Although the cost of near misses are low, they can add up especially with the increase of these damages in the past year. But at the end of the day, Lawrence said minimizing harm is what matters most.

“Safety is our number one concern and we want to minimize the loss or damage to government vehicles, which in turn saves taxpayer dollars,” he said.

New Installation Readiness board to weigh risks

By David Vergun
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — The acting secretary of the Army recently authorized formation of an Installation Readiness Board of Directors that will examine and prioritize installation readiness programs and funding, said J. Randall Robinson.

The board will be responsible for, among other things, making decisions such as which of the 23 percent of Army-wide poor or failing facilities should be renovated, and which installation programs will be kept or jettisoned.

Robinson, the acting assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, spoke earlier this month at the Association of the U.S. Army’s Annual Meeting and Exposition. He said board decisions will be directly linked to “warfighter readiness, not wants and needs.”

The new board will be chaired by the vice chief of staff of the Army, as well as the assistant secretaries of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment and Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Voting members will be Army four-star generals.

Decisions by the board will take into account stakeholder input and information gathered through collaboration with academia and industry, Robinson said. The board will

also take into account inputs from U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

In the coming months, for instance, TRADOC will host the “Installations of the Future Mad Scientist Conference,” he said, where military experts, as well as representatives from academia and industry will be encouraged to weigh in on installation readiness.

INSTALLATION VULNERABILITIES

One factor likely to weigh heavily on the minds of those making decisions about Army installations is facility security. Robinson said it can no longer be taken for granted that where Soldiers work and live is 100 percent secure.

“Installations are no longer a safe haven — they are part of multi-domain battle’s strategic support area and are constantly under attack, even today,” he said, referring to cyberattacks, as well as insider threats.

Robinson noted that Russian drones over Ukraine, for instance, were able to exploit vulnerabilities at military bases there, and the same could happen to the U.S. Army’s own military bases.

“What happens when the Army’s ability to project combat power is disrupted by attacks, both physical and

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cyber, against our installations, our transportation and communication infrastructure, and the communities in which they sit?” he asked, adding that technology provides both opportunity and threats.

Robinson said personnel must guard against social media posts that may put families and Soldiers at risk, hacked computer systems that may impede the flow of critical operational information, power disruptions that affect infrastructure, and even contaminated water supplies that could result in units being unable to deploy due to sickness.

RESILIENT POWER PROJECTION PLATFORMS

Lt. Gen. Gwen Bingham, assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, said that along with addressing vulnerabilities from threats, installations of the future must be energy secure and resilient.

To do that, “we must leverage artificial intelligence, big

data analytics, and smart-city research,” she said, along with developing partnerships with community organizations.

Army Directive 2017-07 establishes the “requirement to secure critical missions on our installations by providing necessary energy and water for a minimum of 14 days,” she noted.

As a result, the Army is implementing policies and initiating projects that “add reliable, diverse and redundant energy sources to our installations. We also work to improve our current infrastructure condition, ensuring the lines and equipment on our sites reliably distribute energy where we need it most,” she said.

Bingham provided some examples of energy successes that are underway now in the Army.

At Fort Hood, Texas, for instance, there’s a 65-megawatt wind and solar project that’s providing lower electricity costs, she said. That project saves the Army approximately \$2 million per year. It is expected to reduce

costs by over \$100 million over the 30-year contract term.

At U.S. Army Garrison Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, a 50 MW biofuel project will provide Field Station Kunia and Wheeler Army Airfield with secure energy generation during emergencies, she said, noting that the facility will be above the tsunami strike zone.

At Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, a 10 MW solar project will include the Army’s first commercially available battery-energy storage system, she said.

Finally, Bingham said that the Army has awarded a total of \$2.6 billion in energy savings and performance contracts and utility energy services contracts.

These contracts include third-party financing and reduce energy, water and operating costs, address maintenance backlogs, and repair or replace aged and failing equipment. Bingham said the Army pays back private partners, over time, with savings generated by energy and water project upgrades.

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Five-year-old Claire Guyton, front, and her younger sister Jessie, 3, daughters of Sgt. Andrew Guyton, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, walk the planks over shark infested waters during Fallapalooza Oct. 20 at the Colyer-Forsyth Neighborhood Center. Other activities include a sail boat race, cannonball toss, swinging ship ride, funhouse and more.

An argh-venture for all

Families thrill to pirate-themed festivities of Fallapalooza

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

A bounty of fun was found by on-post residents who sailed their way to Fallapalooza at the Colyer-Forsyth Neighborhood Center Oct. 20.

Hosted by Corvias, the free event open to residents of post housing is the company's annual way of giving back to their tenants, said Clay Boyer, operations director for Corvias.

"Fallapalooza is our biggest resident activity of the year," he said. "It's a great time for all the residents to come out and enjoy ... Kids are dressed in their costumes. We have food, we have games. It's really just for the enjoyment of the residents as our way of saying thank you and how much we appreciate them living with us."

Dressed as ninjas, clowns, superheroes, princesses, insects and more, kids sprinted through the lawn from game to game, each with a pirate theme. Some dug for buried treasure in sand pits, others raced ships in gutters or tested their strength in a cannonball toss and the bravest of those walked the plank over shark-infested waters.

Kimberly Laing, wife of Sgt. Casey Laing, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Regiment,



A Corvias employee dressed as a mermaid rests on a coral reef inside the scare-free funhouse during Fallapalooza Oct. 20 at the Colyer-Forsyth Neighborhood Center. The center was transformed into piers, beaches and under the ocean locations for their pirate-themed funhouse.



Kids and adults alike, some dressed in Halloween costumes, enjoy a swinging ship ride during Fallapalooza Oct. 20. Hosted by Corvias, the free event open to residents of post housing is the company's annual way of giving back to their tenants, said Clay Boyer, operations director for Corvias.

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, attended with her daughter and son in costume. Her daughter chose to be Rapunzel from the movie "Tangled," so she dressed as Mother Gothel and her son dozed in his stroller dressed as Pascal the chameleon.

"I dress up every year," she said. "Whatever my daughter wants to be, we go with it. She did Rapunzel so we did Mother Gothel and Pascal the chameleon."

Laing said she appreciated events like this because they are free and close to home, which makes it easy to access for everyone. She also said she liked watching all the children enjoy themselves while she talked with other parents.

"It's good because it's free and it's easy to go to," she said.

Each year, Corvias' Resident Activities Committee brainstorms ideas and comes up with a theme for Fallapalooza.

Not only were the games and swinging ship ride themed after pirates, but Corvias employees also dressed in costume and transformed the neighborhood center into a scare-free funhouse containing a pier, beach, coral reef complete with mermaids and pirate ship.

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IF YOU GO ...

- **WHAT:** 21st annual Ghost Tours, sponsored by the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley
- **WHEN:** 4 to about 7 p.m. Oct. 29 (tours beginning every 20 minutes)
- **WHERE:** Mile-long route around Historic Main Post
- **COST:** Free to public

Ghost tours to include 11 stops

Public gets invite to experience ghostly tales about Fort Riley

By Mary C. White
K-STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT

MANHATTAN, Kan. — On Oct. 29, Fort Riley opens its gates for the 21st annual Ghost Tours. The event is family friendly and free to the public. Tours will begin at 4 p.m. and release every 20 minutes following until 7 p.m.

In 2016, about 1,600 people attended the event and organizers are hoping to exceed 2,000 this year. Although the event is free, a donation of \$5 per person will put you first in line for the next tour.

The tours, organized by the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley, will make 11 stops. The route is about a mile long and goes around the Historic Main Post, taking around one hour to complete. Tour groups do not enter any houses and it is stroller friendly.

According to Tricia Verschage, this year's ghostess and member of HASFR, residents of the homes will tell ghost stories at each stop on the tour. There will be no intention to scare, but there may be some people dressed in historic garb.

Verschage lived on Fort Riley's post for 22 years of her husband's 29 years of active duty and has been involved with HASFR since their return to post in 2007.

"My favorite (part about being the ghostess) is when I open up my email, and there is a new story," Verschage said. "Fort Riley's history is a large part of the ghost tours."

There are books of ghostly encounters available for purchase at the event. For Verschage, these books have become pleasure reading and can be found on her nightstand. She said she became the ghostess because she likes to hang out with ghosts. Verschage believes

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Gift the Gown event provides gifts that keep on giving

Donations arm military spouses, dependents with necessary attire

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

Eva Torrez, wife of Staff Sgt. Joshua Torrez, Company G, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and her friend Aaron Laughlin, wife of Spc. Brent Laughlin, Co. G, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, held on to the clear bags containing their newly acquired gowns. They listened as to Jane Brookshire, Army Family Team Building, Master Resilience Training and Army

PAYING IT FORWARD

- About 97 gowns went to a new home during Gift the Gown, a USO Fort Riley-organized event.

Family Action Plan program manager for Army Community Service, gave them a few tips on where to find accessories to go with their dress.

Laughlin attended Gift the Gown, a USO Fort Riley-organized event, two years ago and decided to invite her friend Torrez with her this time.

"It's my first time and she just told me about it like an hour ago," Torrez said, which caused Laughlin to burst into laughter. "I think it's good because we can give (the gown) back and another person can use them. And then it just keeps going, and going and going."

The two took advantage of the free event and Laughlin said even though they did not have a specific occasion coming up, there will be many opportunities to wear their dress.

"It's amazing for people to donate dresses and give the opportunity for someone else to come and pick one out and wear to a ball or fancy event or anything like that," Laughlin said. "We'll have plenty of balls coming up soon."

Laughlin and Torrez waited for about two hours for their turn to pick out a free dress. The event is organized for military spouses and dependents

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AARON LAUGHLIN
MILITARY SPOUSE

to get a formal dress and accessories such as shoes, purses, shawls, jackets costume jewelry and more, at no cost to them.

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Courtney Banks, left, wife of Pfc. Jacob Banks, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, gets some help from Vera Gaer, USO Fort Riley volunteer, at the Gift the Gown event Oct. 21 at the USO. Banks, who said she has never attended a military ball before, ended leaving with a free periwinkle blue sateen gown.

FORT RILEY HAUNTINGS

GLORUN
Twinkle like the stars in the night sky at the GloRun Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. hosted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.
For more information visit riley.armymwr.com or call 785-239-2813.

NEIGHBORHOOD TRICK OR TREATING
Homes across Fort Riley will welcome trick-or-treaters Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Look for homes with porch lights on indicating they are participating in trick or treating.
Sirens will sound at the start and finish of trick or treating times in the neighborhoods.

HALLOWEEN SPLASH SATURDAY
Things are getting eerie at Splash Saturday Oct. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Eyster Pool, 6940 Warren Road.
Enjoy a special Halloween edition of the event with a free mini pumpkin for the first 150 youth to attend.
Scale the aquatic climbing wall and tackle the inflatable obstacle course.
Admission is \$1.50 for Department of Defense ID holders ages 3 to 12, \$3 for DoD ID holders ages 13 and up and free for ages 2 and under.
For more information, call 785-239-4854.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL
The Forsyth Express at 2597 Trooper Drive is hosting a Halloween Festival from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 28.
Enjoy a Halloween-themed cake walk, face painting, photo booth and more.
For more information, call 785-784-2993/4900.

HALLOWEEN AT THE LIBRARY
Calling all witches, vampires, ghosts and ghouls to the Fort Riley Post Library at 5306 Hood Drive.
Come celebrate Halloween Oct. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. with free games, crafts and snacks. Don't forget a costume!
For more information, call 785-239-5305.

HORROR MOVIE MARATHON
In for a fright? The Outdoor Adventure and Travel Center is hosting a Horror Movie Marathon Oct. 28. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the first movie starts at 7 p.m.
As the night goes on, the movies become more terrifying.
Admission is \$10 per person or \$35 for a group of four. Group admission includes one large popcorn. Concessions will be available for purchase.
Dress as a hero or villain from a horror movie and participate in the costume contest during the first intermission.
For more information, call 785-239-2807.

1930S COSTUME PARTY
Dress to impress at the "Big Red One" Express 1930s Costume Party Oct. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 6914 Warren Road.
Enjoy cocktail tastings and a costume contest with prize drawings every 30 minutes.
For more information, call 785-784-3712.

GHOST TOURS
Interested in learning the ghoulish legends of Fort Riley?
The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley is hosting their free annual Ghost Tours on historic main post Oct. 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. The tour will take visitors in groups to different homes and buildings to hear tales of the hauntings within them. Volunteer actors will play the role of some of the ghosts as tour groups pass by.
Tours are first come, first serve and open to the public. Fast passes may be purchased at the event for \$5 per person.
For more information, visit www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT
Decorate your trunk into a hauntingly good masterpiece.
The annual Trunk or Treat hosted by members of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Commissary parking lot at 2310 Trooper Drive.
Trick-or-treaters can travel from vehicle to vehicle collecting goodies.
A costume contest will be held at 6 p.m. Prizes will also be awarded to the best decorated trunks.
To register your vehicle or for more information, call 785-239-2677.

FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE
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Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing
For more information, call 785-239-9574.
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3D First Run: \$10.25

TRICK OR TREATING AT THE PX
The Main Post Exchange at 2210 Trooper Drive and shops inside are welcoming Trick-or-Treaters Oct. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. The PX is also hosting a plastic brick building contest.
For more information, call 785-784-4430.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY
Don't lose your head to a zombie, toss a bowling ball instead during the Halloween Costume Party Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at Custer Hill Bowling Center, 7485 Normandy Drive.
Enjoy \$2 games of bowling and \$2 shoe rentals, as well as goody bags, festive food and more.
For more information, call 785-239-4366.

DFMWR HIRING EVENT
The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting a hiring event Oct. 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Riley's Conference Center.
On-the-spot interviews will take place for recreation aids for the fitness centers and food and beverage attendants for other MWR facilities like the Warrior Zone, Custer Hill Bowling Center and more.
Applicants should dress professionally and bring their federal resume, two references, high school/GED or college transcripts, social security card and birth certificate or passport.
For more information, call 785-239-2325.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Safe Halloween depends on teamwork

Don't let your family's holiday fun turn into tragedy

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

We're just a few days away from Fort Riley being inundated with little ghosts and goblins roaming our neighborhood streets looking for treats. There will also be parties, pumpkin patches, haunted houses and more throughout the Flint Hills Region for Halloween. It's the

beginning of the fall season and a time to play it safe no matter how we choose to celebrate.

Not only do I encourage you to take every precaution while taking your young ones trick or treating, but I also ask that you be responsible this weekend and on Halloween night. One option is to volunteer. If you aren't handing out candy and have no personal beliefs against the holiday, con-



Colonel Lawrence

MORE ONLINE
• For more safety information, visit the **USAG Safety Office** at www.riley.army.mil/Units/Garrison-Command/Safety/

sider spending your time helping out with events like the BOSS/USO "Trunk or Treat." Partnerships like this are what make our community special — we can accomplish more by working together as one.
Teamwork works for safety, too. Please use extreme caution

when driving through housing areas on Halloween night. Ensure kids' costumes are bright colors or well-lit and their faces aren't covered by masks that block their vision. Use sidewalks and crosswalks while trick-or-treating. And inspect all candy before eating it. In short, let's all watch out for each other so we can enjoy a safe, happy, fun Halloween.

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Sunday Worship	1030
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Tami Walsh, drug testing technician for the Army Substance Abuse Program, releases her bowling ball down the lane during the annual Strike Out Against Domestic Violence bowling tournament Oct. 19 at Custer Hill Bowling Center. As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, staff of the Family Advocacy Program at Army Community Service hosted the tournament and invited personnel across the installation to participate.

Tourney rolls domestic violence into gutter

Team-building event spares no effort to get word out against abuse

Story and photo by Season Osterfeld
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“Domestic violence has a wide impact on the individuals, the children, the community. You can’t take care of it, change it, protect victims, educate would-be perpetrators without everybody working together.”

TOIANE TAYLOR | MANAGER, FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Tongues wagged and pins fell during the annual Strike Out Against Domestic Violence bowling tournament Oct. 19 at Custer Hill Bowling Center. As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, staff of the Family Advocacy Program at Army Community Service hosted the tournament and invited personnel across the installation to participate. “This is one of the team building activities that we do during the month of October for all of the different agencies that link together to provide supportive services to Soldiers and their families,” said Toiane Taylor, FAP manager. “This is intense work and we like to use them as an opportunity to spend a little time away

from the work environment in support of the work that we do, which is trying to prevent different stressors and behaviors that can take away from the healthiness of their families here and just to encourage each other and continue to strengthen our bond with one another with a little competition.” This year, five teams competed from FAP, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Child and Youth Services, Army Substance Abuse Program and the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program. Each team consisted of four people and the team scoring the highest number of points got to claim victory. The games were staggered

and the results were emailed to FAP staff to be tallied, so teams could play during a time that worked best for their schedule, Taylor said. Christine Hurt, drug testing technician for ASAP, said this is her third year participating. Each year ASAP sends a team with matching shirts to compete. “We do it every year and we usually win,” Hurt said. “That’s how we roll ... We’ve got to keep that tradition.” Hurt’s opinion was not overzealous either her team took first place in the tournament. While a bowling tournament may seem like an odd way to promote awareness about domestic violence, Taylor said it’s an outlet for stress relief and team building that helps

prevent possible domestic abuse. “I like being able to spend time with our teammates in a non-crisis oriented moment,” she said. “It’s very important when you do this work to take good care of yourself, so this team building effort is also one of those opportunities to take good care of ourselves.” The tournament was also about reminding everyone participating of their role in preventing and putting an end to domestic violence. “Domestic violence has a wide impact on the individuals, the children, the community,” Taylor said. “You can’t take care of it, change it, protect victims, educate would-be perpetrators without everybody working together.”

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Oct. 24 was: Where can I find information about the location of the Operation Santa Claus ribbon cutting on Nov. 2 at 10 a.m.?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Calendar/ModuleID/634/ItemID/477/mct/EventDetails/

This week’s winner is Kristie Tirado, spouse of Sgt. Joseph Tirado, Company G, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

Pictured above are Kristie and Joseph Tirado.

CONGRATULATIONS KRISTIE!

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FILE PHOTO

A volunteer from the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley portrays the “Woman in Chains” ghost, who has been reported roaming Artillery Parade Field, during the 2016 HASFR Ghost Tours. On Oct. 29, Fort Riley will open its gates for the 21st annual Ghost Tours.

there are spirits everywhere, and you must keep an open mind to encounter them. As a part of HASFR, Verschage gives private group tours year round. These tours are available for a donation of \$40, which goes toward the HASFR scholarship fund. “I enjoy sharing (the residents’) stories,” she said. Some of the stories include hearing horses charging and stopping in front of the Custer House, or seeing them, but never both. Another story includes seeing

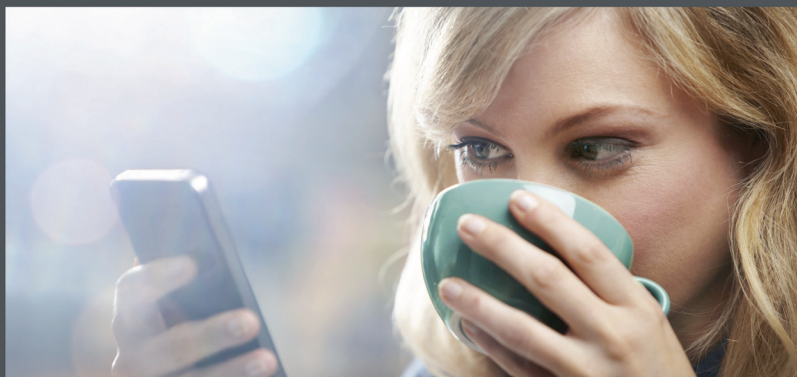
a faceless doll rocking in a chair by itself and a bedspread being messed up after countless times of making it. The Ghost Tours also welcome volunteers from Fort Riley and the surrounding community. They have 13 tour guides and Junction City Junior Reserve Officer Training Core members also volunteer to be a part of the night. They serve as crossing guards on streets and follow each tour group with a lantern so no one is left behind.

RECYCLING EFFORTS



Suet Lee-Grownney | POST

Third- and fourth-grade students from Morris Hill and Seitz elementary schools raise their hands to answer a conservation question during a science, technology, engineering and mathematics field trip to the Fort Riley Recycling Center Oct. 18. During their trip, they toured the recycling facility, took a recycling quiz and were educated on the effects of erosion using an erosion table with the help from a Geary County Conservation District representative from Junction City, Kansas. Marlies Gipson, fourth-grade teacher at Seitz, said it is crucial her students learn the importance of recycling at a young age so they can “take care of our world” when they become adults.



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A GATHERING OF CUB SCOUTS

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ABOVE: Cub Scouts from Fort Riley's Pack 3660 and Boy Scouts from Troop 41 in Junction City, Kansas gathered at the post's Carr Hall to reach out through social media to their counterparts around the world. Inga Klusa-Currit, far right, local scout leader and a community chair for Coronado Area Council in Salina, Kansas, works at a table at Carr Hall to help Scouts log into Skype and speak to scouts from other countries. **RIGHT:** Vanessa Roche, left, spouse of Sgt. James Roche, Company D, 2nd General Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division helps her son, Merrick Busby, to log onto to Skype and speak to scouts from other countries.

BELOW: Staff Sgt. Ricardo Lopez of 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division works with his two sons, Miguel, left, and Mark, right, log into Skype and speak to scouts from other countries.

Kansas governor issues proclamation

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*There is an old Scottish prayer that goes:
From ghoulies and ghosties
And long-leggedy beasties
And things that go bump in the night,
Good Lord, deliver us!*

During October, the traditional month for ghosties and ghoulies, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management is placing a special

emphasis on reminding the public to be prepared for such things, including zombies. To that end, Gov. Sam Brownback signed a proclamation Oct. 19, designating October as Zombie Preparedness Month.

"It's just a fun way to remind people of the need to be prepared," said Devan Tucking, section chief, KDEM Response and Recovery Services. "The idea is by preparing to face a zombie apocalypse, you will be prepared to face tornadoes,

floods, blizzards and a host of real-world emergencies."

Tucking said preparedness includes making an emergency go-kit for your home and car that has enough food, water, and other essentials to allow you to survive on your own for a minimum of three days. She also advised people to make a home emergency plan and to practice it.

"Give everyone in the family something to do as part of the plan, even children," said

Tucking. "If everyone knows their role when an emergency hits, it helps keep everyone calm and better prepared to deal with the situation."

She also reminded people not to forget their pets when preparing.

"You family pet is going to need food, water and shelter, too, so make an emergency go-kit for them, as well, and assign someone to make sure they are accounted for if an emergency does strike."

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Fort Riley contractors earn awards

By Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

"When thinking of a single person that supports the contracting effort in a most positive manner, Mr. Todd Dies stands out as most worthy," said Bill Bunting, director of resource management Fort Riley garrison.

The 923 Contracting Battalion along with the Mission and Installation Contracting Command-Fort Riley announced the 418th Contracting Support Brigade recognized three individuals with a few fiscal year end awards Oct. 5 during the town hall meeting.

The mission statement for the 923 Contracting Battalion and MICC-Fort Riley, as defined by their website, "provides contracting support to the warfighter, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley to enable global readiness through tailored and innovative business advice solutions."

James (Todd) Dies, chief financial operations, resource management for the Fort Riley garrison, was nominated by Bunting and received the Outstanding Contracting Outreach Award.

Lt. Col. Mary Olufunmi Drayton, commander and director for 923 CBN and MICC-Fort Riley, recognized Dies for "his dedication and support that he provides from the Resource Management side of contracting."

"It was just an honor to be recognized for this award from our local MICC, (and) then to find out that (I) won at the brigade level too, made it even more special," Dies said.

Dies said he worked with MICC personnel since going live in General Fund Enterprise Business System and the Standard Procurement System, Purchasing Request Process in FY 2011.

"We have worked hard in trying to understand all the ins and outs ... together as a team," Dies said. "The joint effort has led to us to a better understanding of both systems of GFEBS/PD2 (Procurement Desktop Defense) and knowing what causes issues and how to prevent them."

The GFEBS is the software the Army uses for budgeting and a software that has caused installations to stumble.

"In 2011 when GFEBS first went live, our installation along with every other installation, stumbled through the processes on how to work with this new system," Bunting said. "Mr. Dies approached our office in order to develop the processes that our installation would follow when creating a Purchase Request, submitting a Purchase Request to MICC, releasing a contract or contract modification in PD2 and closing of awards and modifications."

In short, Dies has solved Purchase Request problems for the Fort Riley garrison MICC office.

"So if I was to sum up this award, it is just a validation between our two different offices (and) commands working together and trying to do things right the first time," Dies said. "It takes a lot of personnel to make this happen, so to me it was an honor and is very much appreciated that the MICC took the time to nominate me."

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GOWNS

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Twelve-year-old Anna McVay, left, and her mother Tracy McVay, wife of Sgt. Maj. Will McVay, Warrior Transition Battalion, try on dresses together at the fall Gift the Gown event at USO Fort Riley Oct. 21. At the event was a representative from Army Community Services helping participants with military ball etiquette queries.

Sarah Rawitch, USO programming intern from Kansas State University, was the coordinator in charge of this fall's event. She said this is the biggest Gift the Gown event to date.

"We have done (Gift the Gown) a few times in the past but not to this scale," Rawitch said. "This is the largest one we've ever done. We've been posting pictures up online of our dresses and advertising (the event)."

There were more than 100 dresses showcased. Interested participants signed in and waited for their turn to head back to look at the free dresses and accessories. Since there were only five fitting rooms, and about 87 people were in attendance, the wait was long, but worth it because the cost of dressing up for an event can rapidly increase, said Crystal Tinkey, Fort Riley USO center operations and programs manager.

"What's a little bit different this time is we have a significant amount more of shoes, accessories, purses, shawls and jackets," Tinkey said. "I know sometime you'll spend a few hundred dollars on dresses, and then you'll spend \$50 to \$100 on shoes, and maybe \$50 to \$100 more on accessories, and then getting your makeup done, so it adds up quickly."

About 97 of the gowns went to a new home during the event.

All the items offered at the event were donations by not only the Fort Riley community, but also from communities



A military dependent examines a dress during the annual free event Gift the Gown hosted by USO Fort Riley Oct. 21 at the center. The event was a way for people to donate their gently used dresses, shoes and accessories and give another the opportunity to receive the same items for free.

surrounding the area. Tinkey said she hopes at the next Gift the Gown, the USO will be able to offer free workshops on how to get hair and makeup done inexpensively. This was something they tried to pull off this year, but it didn't quite work out.

"We tried very hard to have a representative here to talk about hair and makeup tips and tricks," Tinkey said. "Regretfully a few folks that we reached out to were not available, so we hope to be able to add that component in the future, to be able to have someone on hand to teach easy tips and tricks where spouses or military kids can do their hair and makeup on their own."

Despite not being able to offer hair and makeup advice, the USO was able to have Brookshire at the event to offer counsel on military ball etiquette.

"I am teaching what is called 'A Night Out at the Ball,'" Brookshire said. "We teach military protocol and etiquette to spouses. This is a tailored one that is just about balls. So that they know the program of events, what to expect, what to wear, what the etiquette is, so that they know before hand and they can relax and have fun, so they know what's coming instead of stressing out about it."

Brookshire said the Army is big with customs and deeply seated meanings behind their

traditions. She said she and her team enjoy educating people on these traditions to spread awareness.

"A lot of people really love that about the military that they have such strong old deep rooted traditions," she said. "We do (etiquette classes) with Gift the Gown every year and we also do it with for any unit that wants us to come out. We educate them so that people are able to relax and know what's happening and more people want to go (to balls) because people understand the tradition, and why it's there and what to do. And then it's no longer something that they fear ... because they understand it."

FALLAPALOOZA

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Nine-year-old Audrey Bougasser, daughter of Sgt. Sean Bougasser, Company A, Warrior Transition Battalion, blows on the sails of her boat to help it along in a gutter boat race during Fallapalooza Oct. 20 at the Colyer-Forsyth Neighborhood Center. Other games includes a buried treasure dig, hook toss and an inflatable bounce house.



A life size pirate ship built by Corvias employees sits inside the scare-free funhouse during Fallapalooza Oct. 20 at the Colyer-Forsyth Neighborhood Center. The pirate ship was built inside the gym of the Colyer-Forsyth Neighborhood Center.

"We closed down the gym for about a week and a half," said Boyer. "We constructed basically a full size pirate ship in there ... And then the other neighborhood center rooms we closed down for about two days in order to get everything installed and ready to go."

One of the masterminds behind designing the funhouse was Michelle Mclean, Corvias construction services administrator. She said they started the design plans for the funhouse in January after reviewing different movies and using them as inspiration.

"We tried to bring as much of that to life as we could so the families could enjoy it and we could along with them," Mclean said.

She estimated more than 1,500 residents attended the event and said she was happy she got to enjoy it with them.

"We're just thrilled that we have the opportunity to present an event like this to our residents," Mclean said.

Boyer echoed her sentiments and said all their hard work paid off the moment they saw the excitement in the eyes of kids and adults alike.

"I really enjoy seeing the families have a great time," he said. "To see the looks on their faces when we have the mermaids inside and then pirates. When you see the look in the kids eyes — the wonder — when they walk around the corner and see the ship — it's just good to see them enjoy themselves."



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Nine-year-old Hannah Malmquist, daughter of John Malmquist, community director for Club Beyond at Fort Riley, places a completed shoebox gift on the Operation Christmas Child donation table Oct. 20 at Victory Chapel. Community members fill shoeboxes with items to be shipped to children in need in third world countries, John said. The boxes are delivered to the children in late December.

Shoeboxes support children in need

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

“It’s an amazing way to show your family that other people around the world are important, have value,” said John Malmquist, community director for Club Beyond at Fort Riley. “It’s a way to love others.”

The Religious Services Office and Club Beyond, which is the chapel youth program at Fort Riley, as well as partner organizations, have teamed up to create a collection point for Operation Christmas Child. This is the second year they have participated in the event through a combined effort.

“Operation Christmas Child is a way to share the love of God with children around the world in third world countries,” Malmquist said. “They gather up shoeboxes from all over the United States filled with toys and pictures and letters to the respective child and they distribute those where they need to go. It’s a real practical way to share the love of God for those in need.”

Community members fill shoeboxes with items to be shipped to children in need in third world countries, Malmquist said. The boxes are delivered to the children in late December. Fort Riley’s collection point is located inside the main

doors of Victory Chapel at 2560 Trooper Drive.

While the official collection dates are Nov. 13 to 20, Malmquist said Fort Riley’s collection point would accept donations from Nov. 6 to 12, while churches in the surrounding communities will take the boxes during the official dates. This creates an extended donation period for those wishing to participate.

“In the past, we’ve had several people who missed the deadline,” he said. “We start before then so if someone brings their box in late, we can still get it there.”

This year, Malmquist said he hopes to collect 1,000 boxes from the Fort Riley community.

“Our goal is to reach 1,000 shoe boxes this year,” he said. “Last year our goal was 300 and the Fort Riley community was gracious and provided over 750 shoe boxes, which was just amazing.”

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 135 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 150 countries and territories. According to its website, in 2016 they collected enough shoeboxes for 12 million children.

To prepare a shoebox gift, participants may visit Victory Chapel to pick up a box or supply their own cardboard or plastic shoebox with a lid. If the participant would like to wrap

the box, they should wrap the lid and box separately, so the box may be easily inspected by customs agents. Malmquist said he and his family purchase plastic shoeboxes because they can be reused by the recipient for some time after.

“We like to not use a cardboard shoebox, but we go and we use plastic bins that are about the same size and that way the child has something to carry water they can actually wash with,” he said.

After selecting a shoebox, participants should mark the box with the age and gender of the child the gift is for. Then it’s up to them to fill the gift with toys, such as a deflated soccer ball with a pump, stuffed animal, marbles, puzzles and more. Other items like washcloths, soap, toothbrush, combs, hair ribbons, pencils, sandals and age-appropriate clothing items may also be packed into the box.

Items with expiration dates should not be included in the box as customs agents will remove the items and delay delivery, Malmquist said.

“Do not include candy, food of any kind or toothpaste and the reason being is because toothpaste has an expiration date on it and some of the customs officials in other countries are using that as a reason to go through all the boxes and hold up the distribution,” he said.

Malmquist said other items, like military or war themed toys, such as toy guns, knives and grenades should not be packed. Additionally, toys that require batteries should not be included as the children may be unable to replace them.

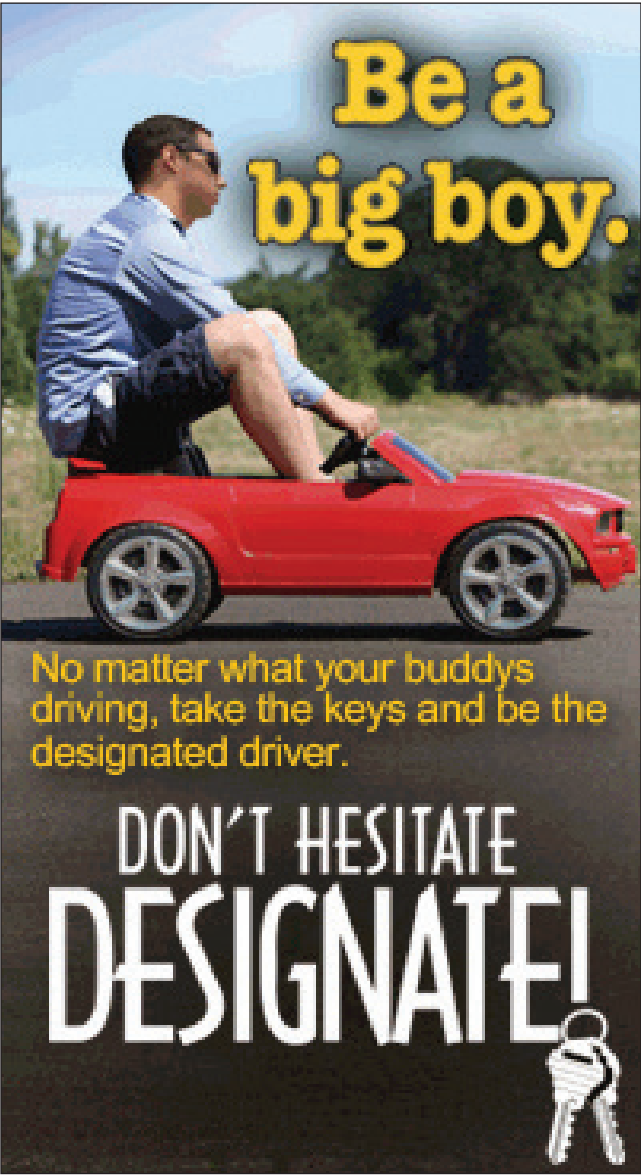
Once the boxes are collected, they travel to a distribution center before being divided up and making their way to the country of a child in need. According to the website, this is the first year they are offering a tracking service for the boxes. For a \$9 donation, participants can print and attach a label to their box to see where it travels to.

Nine-year-old Hannah Malmquist said she has already packed 10 boxes with her mother. She said she enjoys being able to bring a smile to another child’s face, even when she cannot see it herself.

“I think it’s a really good program because it makes me feel really good giving away gifts to children and families in need and it’s also just really nice to do it,” she said.

Some items for the shoeboxes, including toys, sandals, school supplies and more, may be picked up at Victory Chapel for free, Malmquist said.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, including suggested items to pack and how to pack a shoebox, visit the website www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child.





Haunted Houses



Haunted houses are opening up for Halloween in the areas surrounding Fort Riley to give all the shivers, shrieks and frights anyone could need. From zombies to mad scientists, each one has something scary to offer.

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ABOVE: Costumed actors roam the haunted houses and fields dressed as werewolves, clowns and more across the state of Kansas for Halloween. **BELOW:** Inside many of the haunted houses surrounding Fort Riley are scenes sure to give even the bravest of souls the fright of their life.



COURTESY PHOTOS

ABOVE: Even Dracula makes an appearance at some of the haunted houses and haunted cornfields popping up around Fort Riley for Halloween. **BELOW:** Protect your brains from the terrifying undead epidemic at mad scientist Dr. Von Monschture's Zombie Toxin Haunted House at 417 North Franklin St., Junction City.



By Suet Lee-Growney
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Halloween is just around the corner and 'tis the season to get a scare at a spooky thrill or more — if you dare.

Nightmare Haunted Trail lies a few blocks beyond the protection of Fort Riley gates in Ogden. The event is open from 7 to 11 p.m., Oct. 27 and 28 at the corner of South Elm Street and Sixth Street. The cost to participate is nonperishable food items to benefit the Ogden Food Pantry.

Special horror guests at The Nightmare are Michael Myers from "Halloween," Jason Vorhees from "Friday the 13th" series, Freddy Krueger from "A Nightmare on Elm Street" and more.

Protect your brains from the terrifying undead epidemic at mad scientist Dr. Von Monschture's Zombie Toxin Haunted House at 417 North Franklin St., Junction City. Located in 9,000 square feet of space, the frightening attraction is one of the most lavishly detailed haunted houses in Kansas, according to Kansas Haunted Houses website.

Tickets are sold at the site for \$17 for a regular pass, \$23 for a speed pass and \$15 a person when passes are purchased in bulk of 10 or more. They are open from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 27 and 28, and from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Halloween.

Danger lurks at every turn in El Dorado's Haunted Cannery Spook House and Lunatic Asylum located at Walter's Pumpkin Patch 10001 Northwest U.S. Highway 77. Willing visitors will first be led into the grounds on a hay wagon at night through the cornfields, a low-water bridge and then a four-story grain elevator.

At the end of the hay wagon ride is the Lunatic Asylum, which is a creepy maze, and the Haunted Cannery, which is a house filled with horrifying music, clowns, chainsaws, zombies, spiders, vampires, werewolves and many other frights.

Tickets are available at the door or <http://thehauntedcannery.com>. General admission is \$20, which includes the hay wagon ride, the Haunted Cannery and the Lunatic Asylum. Combination pack is \$30 for the basic attractions of the general admission, plus admission to the kid-friendly flashlight corn maze at Walter's Pumpkin Patch.

Brave souls can purchase the R.I.P fast pass for \$40, which includes the combination package, a thrilling Hell-Bound Ambulance ride to the asylum and spook house and a claustrophobic closed-lid casket ride — limited to two corpses per casket — at the R.I.P. Mortuary. Group tickets for 10 or more people are only available online. The haunting is available from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., Oct. 27 and 28.