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A Soldier flings a grappling hook at a forward target during the Expert Field Medical Badge Oct. 26 at Fort Riley's Barlow Theater. Soldiers competed in a six-day competition to try to earn their badge.

## Race for Medical Badge

### Fort Riley Soldiers earn Expert Field Medical Badge

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

A dozen medical field Soldiers were awarded the Expert Field Medical Badge Oct. 26 at Fort Riley's Barlow Theater after completing the grueling six-day competition.

More than 75 candidates arrived at Fort Riley from throughout the world on Oct. 15 to start a week of standardization training. From Oct. 21 to 26, the candidates attempted to pass several events ranging from day and night land navigation to accessing, treating and evacuating a wounded Soldier in a hostile environment.

Soldiers attempting to earn the coveted badge ranged from privates and noncommissioned officers to officers.

"To me, it is really important to show my junior Soldiers that I still know what I am doing," said Sgt. 1st Class Noel Hunter, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division. "I still own my task, I can still stay on top, but I am also willing to put myself out there to learn new things and challenge myself."

Although Hunter was not able to earn her EFMB this time, she said she volunteered to take the course to improve herself and take part in the EFMB tradition. This was her first attempt.

"It is not a required task," Hunter said. "It is a 'volunteer, I want to do it.' It is more tradition and historical value more so than it is a requirement."



Sgt. 1st Class Lucas White, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, lays in the prone position and continues further assessment for enemy troops as he looks over his M-4 carbine rifle after completing a simulated danger area Oct. 19, as part of standardization week of the Expert Field Medical Badge competition held on Fort Riley from Oct. 16 to 26.

Hunter said being exposed to such exercise is crucial to a Soldier in or working with the Medical Department Activity.

"This is one of the more realistic trainings that we do get as a medic. This does put us in those

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COURTESY

A group of about 30 transitioning Soldiers receive a tour of McPherson, Kansas, Oct. 26. The Soldiers were invited to McPherson for a hiring event and to learn about job opportunities, salaries, housing and quality of life matters in the city.

## Transitioning Soldiers discover Kansas jobs

By Season Osterfeld  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

About 30 transitioning Soldiers traveled to McPherson, Kansas, for a hiring event Oct. 26 as part of the Kansas Employment Exploration Program from the Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program at Fort Riley.

The trip to McPherson introduced the Soldiers to employers and city leaders to talk about job opportunities, salaries and the quality of life available there for them as an option of where they can settle after leaving the military.

Glennwood McLaurin, a SFLTAP service manager, said he developed the KEEP pro-

gram and started reaching out to cities across Kansas to try and show Soldiers they don't need to leave the state to find somewhere to settle down.

"What we're trying to do is give transitioning Soldiers the opportunities to see what employment opportunities exist in the state of Kansas," he said. "About 80 percent of our transitioning Soldiers do not stay in the state of Kansas and the reason, there are many reasons for it, but the number one reason is high salary jobs."

The McPherson trip was the second KEEP event they have done, McLaurin said. The first

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Matt All, from Lawrence, Kansas, and member of Leadership Kansas, fires the weapons on a simulated military vehicle during a tour of the Mission Training Complex Oct. 25. About 45 members of Leadership Kansas visited Fort Riley to develop a greater understanding of how Soldiers train and how the installation impacts the state of Kansas.

## Kansas leaders get hands-on tour

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

About 45 members from all walks of life visited Fort Riley Oct. 25 as part of a Leadership Kansas tour of the installation.

The group, who are all enrolled in the Leadership Kansas program, have been visiting different towns in Kansas since their session began in April. Fort Riley was their last stop before the program concluded at the end of October, said Liz Sosa, staff of the Leadership Kansas program.

"We identify 40 leaders from across the state and

immerse them in emerging issues and topics that impact the state while traveling to various geographic locations to see those topics in action," she said.

Jeff Poe, from Overland Park, Kansas, and member of Leadership Kansas, said he believes the program tries to keep the group as diverse as possible.

"Leadership Kansas is a group of identified people from around the state," he said. "I think it's intentional that we are diverse in our jobs, in our ages, in our gender, in our backgrounds,

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### FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Sgt. T Davin Williams, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, is a motivated individual who volunteers his time to assist Soldiers and civilians through the USO. His service with USO provided Soldiers and their families a place to relax.

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

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# Soldiers build readiness



Sgt. Aric Colgart, sniper, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, demonstrates a proper firing position on the M110 Semi-Automatic Sniper System at Fort Riley Oct. 24. Colgart and his team trained on the rifles on the unknown distance range to increase their readiness.

Story and photo by Sgt. Derrik Tribbey  
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, trained on various ranges across Fort Riley Oct. 23 to 27 to enhance readiness throughout the “Devil” brigade.

Throughout the five days of training, Soldiers trained on multiple weapon systems, including various sniper rifles.

Even in heavy winds, Sgt. Aric Colgart, a sniper with 3rd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st ABCT, held his team to a standard, firing at multiple targets at unknown distances.

“This training is really important for readiness,” Colgart said. “You never know how far you will have to engage the enemy.”

He said they are ready to fight anywhere. “Anything can happen at any time,” Colgart said. “You never know what can happen in the world.”

Pvt. Henry White, cavalry scout, 3rd Bn., 66th Armor Regt., said as a force they must know how to properly use the sniper rifle in order to act effectively under fire in a combat scenario.

“It’s good to be on your toes and aware of your surroundings at all times,” White said. “You have to be proficient in your job. The more ready you are the more prepared you are.”

Not too far from the sniper training range, Soldiers from the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st ABCT, were training on the M249 squad automatic weapon.

“We are getting better and more proficient on our weapon systems,” said Spc. David Macias, intelligence analyst, 1st Eng. Bn.

“Accomplishing the mission starts with training,” said Spc. Dana Chapman, geospatial intelligence imagery analyst, 1st Eng. Bn. “You never know where you’re going to be in your Army career. It may come down to if you are in a firefight and someone goes down, who is going to step up and take that guy’s place?”

Familiarization of the weapon is crucial for readiness, Macias said.

“I had never qualified on the M249 prior to today,” Macias said. “Having noncommissioned officers here helping is making me better. We are building readiness in case anything happens throughout the world. I am ready to fight.”

# Transitioning service members leave ready through workshop



The USO Readiness Workshop conducts mock interviews for transitioning service members Oct. 27 as a USO Pathfinders course. The event provided a resume and cover letter workshop.

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

The USO Pathfinders sponsored and organized the USO Readiness Workshop for transitioning Soldiers at the Fort Riley USO Oct. 27. The event was structured to equip Soldiers for the civilian workforce and to transfer their skills from the Army to civilian jobs.

“The morning is all about preparation, writing your resume, how to do cover letters — if they are necessary, why or why not — how to utilize a tool such as LinkedIn for your benefit,” said Crystal Bryant-Kearns, site manager for USO Pathfinders.

After lunch, the Soldiers underwent mock interviews with local companies.

“We break for lunch about 11:30 a.m. and then after lunch we do mock interviews,” she said. “And then we have a LinkedIn class that we do with them, specifically on how to create a LinkedIn profile and how to use the profile in recruiting, opening, networking with people who are already with the companies they want to work with.”

The program is supported by approximately 44,000 nonprofit organizations that assist veterans, Bryant-Kearns said.

“Our approach is holistic,” she said. “We don’t just focus on employment, we focus on financial readiness, family strength and wellness, volunteerism, legal assistance and housing. So no matter where they go, globally, we will resource map their region and find the best fit resources for their needs.”

The staff of USO Pathfinders understand transitioning out of the Army can be a struggle, in

fact the scouts have experienced the transition first-hand.

“A lot of Soldiers get out and they think they don’t have any skills,” said Vance Zimmer, scout of USO Pathfinders. “They do, they have a lot of skills. Whether that’s leadership, organizational skills, work ethics, things like that. Just putting that into civilian terms.”

The skills Soldiers have are transferable to the civilian workforce. These skills are known as soft skills, which are defined as personal attributes that enable someone to interact effectively and harmoniously with other people, said Bryant-Kearns. These soft skills make Soldiers marketable in the civilian workforce.

“Like Vance said, those soft skills that are naturally innate to service members, the civilian sector is seeking those,” Bryant-Kearns said. “The general workforce population, doesn’t always possess those soft skills such as leadership, determination, focusing on the mission of the company, sharing the core values that they value — such as integrity, responsibility, showing up on time — these are all things that we hear from companies that are our clients who say wow they are awesome.”

The USO Readiness Workshop assisted in resume and cover letter writing as a response to Soldiers struggling in transferring their skills without the use of Army language. Zimmer said translating Army language into civilian language is the biggest struggle Soldiers face.

“I would think the biggest thing is translating your military experiences or knowledge into the civilian terminology,” he said. “When you get out of the Army, the civilian sector doesn’t understand the military lingo. So it’s just relating that for the civilians to understand that.”

Spc. Matthew Jardine, Company D, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, experienced the overuse of Army language in a mock interview.

“For instance my interviewer, she repeatedly harped on me to use language that she understands,” Jardine said. “She was not in the military, so she instantly picked up stuff that is natural for me to say to other Soldiers. She told me that doesn’t work.”

Bryant-Kearns said she sees Soldiers come into USO Pathfinders stressed and full of anxiety. The courses the program offers help the transitioning Soldiers step out into the real world with confidence.

“We see a lot of guys and gals come in and they’re so stressed and anxious about their transition,” Bryant-Kearns said. “Once we talk to them and break it down, and help them develop a plan, the anxiety leave their faces.”

Spc. Zane Willett, Co. D, 1st Eng. Bn, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., attended the USO Readiness Workshop and said the event is one every Soldier should get into.

As a program that offers various classes to transitioning Soldiers and their families, Soldiers leave the classroom with various tools.

To register for a class with USO Pathfinders, Soldiers can register at [rp6.org/register](http://rp6.org/register).

“They can stop by our office anytime,” Bryant-Kearns said. “We are located at 212 Custer Ave. down on Historic Main Post, below Soldier For Life. In addition to that, they can call our office, 785-492-5710 any time we are happy to register for our workshops or our programs. Our programs are very personalized.”

# Fort Riley pays it forward

By Kalene Lozick  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The annual Combined Federal Campaign started Oct. 23 and runs through Jan. 12, 2018. Fort Riley will recognize the campaign during the Fort Riley Town Hall meeting Nov. 2 at 12:30 p.m. at Riley’s Conference Center.

“The mission of the CFC is to support and promote philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost efficient and effective in providing all Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all,” said an informational training pack for unit representatives from CFC.

Clint Strutt, program manager of Financial Readiness at Army Community Service, said the campaign solicits donations from all federal employees once a year. This includes service members and civilians.

Last year’s campaign raised \$167 million nationally and supported more than 20,000 charities. This year, the operation structure of CFC has changed. For those who participate, 100 percent of all donations will go directly to the charity of their choice without administration fees.

Last year, 8 percent of the overall amount donated went toward the fee of administrating the campaign. This year the campaign removes the administrating fee.

“All the donations will go directly to the charity with no administrating fee taken out, whatsoever,” Strutt said.

With the modernized facelift, the CFC also changed how to submit pledges.

“It used to be you could donate through MyPay — you could just go out to MyPay and set up a contribution — now all the contributions (are managed) by the Give Back Foundation,” Strutt said.

The link to submit pledges for the 2017 to 2018 CFC is [www.opm.gov/ShowSomeLoveCFC](http://www.opm.gov/ShowSomeLoveCFC).

Unlike the 2016 campaign, the campaign will not accept cash for pledges this year.

“In years past we have been able to accept cash for pledges, this year we are not,” Strutt said. “Because there are no mechanisms to accept cash.”

This means all pledges can be removed from a federal employee’s payroll.

“The payroll deductions will begin Feb. 1, 2018,” Strutt said. “So we have to have those pledges put in to the system by the 12th of January to meet the cut off.”

There are eight local charities, including the Fort Riley Child and Youth Services, local charity code of 88300; Drunk Driving Prevention Program, code of 98134; Food Pantry of Geary County, Kansas, code of 16778; Junction City, Kansas, Caring Place, code of 38702; Casa of the Kansas 8th Judicial District, code of 66847; Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan, Kansas, code of 47691; Konza United Way, code of 30163, and Crisis Center, Inc., code of 41766.

There are thousands of other national and international charities to choose from too.

“You can search for all the different charities,” Strutt said. “Say I want to have \$100 come out of my paycheck. I want 50 percent to go here and the other 50 percent to go there. It comes out automatically and gets sent to your preferred charities.”

This concept makes it easy for the money to go directly to the charity of the pledger’s choice. It is understood pledgers may differ on their interest. The ability to select charities allows all to campaign together.

“A lot of time when someone has been asked the reason why they didn’t give, the number one reason is they were never asked,” Strutt said. “Please consider this me asking you, if you are reading this article. There are tons of places out there that need your contribution, we’ve seen devastating hurricanes when it comes to Puerto Rico and Texas this year. There are hundreds of different places that can really use some help this year. So feel free to go out and contribute this year.”

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## Terry Goddard: A 'Big Red One' Soldier



# THEN & NOW

By Phyllis Fitzgerald  
SPECIAL TO THE POST

A native of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Terry Goddard began his 24-year Army career in July 1982. He received basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, then went to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, for Advanced Individual Training. Goddard earned the military occupational specialty of 63H, Tracked Vehicle Mechanic.

After the completion of training his first assignment took him to Bindlach, Germany, where he joined the 614th Maintenance Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

In January 1985, Goddard was re-assigned to the 31st Maintenance Company at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California.

"We supported the observer-controllers in maintaining their vehicles," he said. "I was here (at NTC) for 18 months."

His next assignment took him to Bamberg, Germany, where he was assigned to the 125th Support

Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. He served there from October 1986 to November 1991.

"Additionally, during this assignment, we deployed to Desert Storm from December 1990 to May 1991," Goddard said.

From that assignment he came to Fort Riley, where he joined Company B, 101st Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, as a member of the Maintenance Support Team. He served there from November 1991 to April 1998, at which time Goddard was re-assigned to Company C, 702nd Main Support Battalion, Division Support Command, 2nd Inf. Div. at Camp Casey, South Korea, for a one-year tour of duty.

After Korea, Goddard returned to Fort Riley and Co. B, 101st Maint. Support Bn., 1st Bde., 1st Inf. Div., and the MST.

"During this assignment at Fort Riley we deployed to Iraq in August 2003 to October 2004 for 14 months," Goddard said. "I was a motor sergeant for the battalion headquarters. We were located at

Habbaniyah Air Base where we supported the brigade headquarters and provided logistical support and fuel to the 101st Airborne Division and the Marines."

Goddard and his unit returned to Fort Riley in July 2006 and he retired from the Army as a sergeant first class after 24 years.

"Since being retired I have worked at Foot Locker and have been a contractor on Fort Riley," Goddard said. "I currently work as a welder in Longford, Kansas. I used my GI Bill for training and education to get started in welding."

Goddard stayed in the area because he bought a home and likes the small town atmosphere, as well as the fact the traffic is lighter than in larger communities.

"My favorite memory revolves around being assigned to Fort Riley for so long that I got to know a lot of the community and civilians that worked on Fort Riley," Goddard said. "I am a scrounger and when someone is in need of something I usually can locate what they need."

## Volunteers put service above self, are recognized at ceremony

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

More than 60 Fort Riley Soldiers, family members and civilians were recognized for contributing more than 5,500 hours of their time during the Volunteer of the Quarter Ceremony Oct. 24 at Riley's Conference Center.

As the ceremony began, Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, asked the volunteers to stand to show the crowded venue how many were present. He then asked those who there to support them to stand — a grouping of people that doubled the volunteers present rose. He said this was representative of how grateful people were for the time the volunteers gave.

"We're an all-volunteer force," Martin said to the attendees. "We are one in 300 amongst the population of the United States who swears an oath to an idea to support and defend the constitution of the United States. That makes this community special, well, you say, 'well, the Soldiers swear an oath,' but if you're a spouse of a Soldier, who have volunteered to commit yourself to someone who has committed themselves to this profession and that allegiance to that oath and that idea and it is not easy busy. It involved deployments, preparing for deployments and making sure that we take care of each other and we do both of those."

"And it's a demanding job, some would say that takes all your time and yet, tonight, we're here recognizing Soldiers, spouses, dependents and some civilians who have taken time beyond the incredible demands of what our profession and supporting a Soldier whose engaged in that profession, taking time to do extra things for the community, for their fellow Soldier, for their fellow family members or whatever the cause was — taking extra time to do that. It's volunteers who are volunteering for even more."

Volunteers were honored by leaders of the Fort Riley garrison; 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.; 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div.; 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade; 97th Military Police Battalion; 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.; 1st Infantry Division Artillery and the Warrior Transition Battalion.

Jamie Simpson, wife of Staff Sgt. Kevin Simpson, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., has completed more than 500 volunteer hours.

She said volunteering with her Family Readiness Group and Fort Riley and the previous installation she lived at was a way for her to build friendships and connections in new areas so she didn't feel alone.

"When my husband first joined the Army, we moved 18 hours away from home — no family, nothing — so I initially started

volunteering with the FRG to be a part of the family and outreach, and get to know people and know my surroundings and networking," she said. "Then I fell in love with it."

After her time volunteering, she said it helped her to adjust and now she looks forward to greeting new spouses at Fort Riley and making them feel like they're a part of the community.

"I love to help people," Simpson said. "I get a joy out of seeing others happy."

During the ceremony, Martin acknowledged that some people may have

ulterior motives than wanting to help others by volunteering, but he said those motives don't matter. What matters is they are volunteering and they are giving up their time in service to others.

"They're giving time to somebody else other than themselves," he said.

For those interested in volunteer opportunities at Fort Riley or in the surrounding communities, contact Becky Willis, Army Volunteer Corps Program manager, at 785-239-4593



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sam Baker, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and his wife and daughter, Christine and Emmie Baker, hold up their certificates during the Volunteer of the Quarter Ceremony Oct. 24 at Riley's Conference Center. The family was recognized for their volunteer work with the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley, as well as with other groups and organizations.

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**CAMPBELL HILL ROAD CLOSURE**

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.

**COMMANDING GENERALS MOUNTED COLOR GUARD VISITS CHIEFS**



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
Members of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, 1st Infantry Division, stand at the 50-yard line Oct. 30 at Arrowhead Head Stadium, Kansas City, Missouri. The CGMCG presented the colors during the national anthem as part of Salute to Service night prior to the Kansas City Chiefs vs. Denver Broncos matchup. The CGMCG wore their doughboy uniforms as a way to recognize the division's 100 years of continuous service and America's first unit involved in World War I. More than 100 other uniformed service members participated during Salute to Service night hosted by the KC Chiefs.

**'Welcome Home' veterans save money with online purchases**

Story by Kalene Lozick  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

"After years of work with the (Post) Exchange and Congress, it was finally approved through Congress and the Department of Defense that authorized veterans can shop online," said Robin M. Ayling, general manager for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Fort Riley and McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kansas.

The policy change, which begins Nov. 11, is called "Welcome Home." The change invites the 20,000 plus honorably discharged veterans living in the immediate area around Fort Riley, and the thousands more surrounding other installations, to purchase items on the Post Exchange website, [shopmyexchange.com](http://shopmyexchange.com), Ayling said.

In a press release, AAFES said this policy extends online shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans.

That way dollars spent with AAFES benefits the lives of Soldiers, Airmen and their families by improving the quality of life for families through the company's dividend policy, the press release said.

"The base within (a) 75-mile radius of the zip code that shops online gets credit for those sales and that increases dividends," Ayling said. "Dividends are how much money the exchange gives back to each base that they're at, based on sales."

In 2016, AAFES stores at Fort Riley gave back approximately \$1.2 million, Ayling said.

Ayling said she expects the numbers to change a little during 2017 with the newly added customer base.

"My goal is to give back about \$200,000 to \$250,000 (more) back to the base," she said. "I'm basing that on the Veterans going online shopping because with our deployments that we have at (Fort) Riley, our brick and mortar sales have dropped a lot."

Brick and mortar are sales in stores, Ayling said. As of right now, she said she sees more traffic in stores than online.

With the new customer base, she said she hopes to see more traffic online as veterans take advantage of the savings.

"If they do take advantage of this, not only is this a plus for the veteran with savings they'll receive," Ayling said. "But it is also a plus for the base because the dividends will increase and going back to the base and that'll allow the base to do more things for the quality of life."

The dividends program has always been a thing for AAFES to improve the quality of life for active service members, but reaching out to veterans to support this cause is new.

The press release by AAFES said, "Consistent with each exchange's dividend policy, increased earnings as a result of VOSB (Veteran-owned Small Business) is expected to generate tens of millions of dollars in increased annual dividends to Quality-of-Life programs for the military community including contingency

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operations, Army Child Development Centers, youth services and fitness centers, Outdoor Recreation, combat uniforms, overseas school lunches and more."

What spurred the Welcome Home event was by the CEO and director of AAFES Tom Shull.

"Tom Shull is the CEO of the Exchange," Ayling said. "He is a Veteran. He always thought that if you served honorably, then you should be recognized for it."

Quoted from the press release, Shull recognizes veterans for the sacrifices made.

"There are many generations of service members who have not been properly recognized for their sacrifices," Shull said. "The veteran's online shopping benefit acknowledges their service and welcomes them home."

For veteran's to verify the eligibility to shop AAFES online, visit [vetverify.org](http://vetverify.org). The website will need the last four digits of the veteran's social security number, date of birth and last name to compare against the records available by the Defense Manpower Data and other government organizations to confirm honorably discharged status.

**Irwin Army Community Hospital simulations improve patient safety**



Col. Charles "Rod" Pattan, right, deputy commander for clinical services at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, evaluates an obstetrical team's communication amongst each other at the conclusion of a training scenario. He was among the master trainers who ran medical simulations to apply and develop Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety at Irwin Army Community Hospital Sept. 12 -15.

Story and photo by Jorge Gomez  
IACH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Capt. LeeAnna Daniel had to get the patient's blood pressure under control. But the patient was going into labor and getting frantic to push.

As an obstetrical nurse, Daniel knew a blood pressure of 170/100 placed the laboring mom in a high risk for serious or fatal complication.

The attending physician seemed aware of the high blood pressure, but her efforts were focused on the patient's

urge to deliver. To Daniel, delivering the baby now before controlling mom's blood pressure didn't make sense.

"Doctor, don't forget her blood pressure is high, we need to get that under control," Daniel said to the physician.

Who was Daniel to tell an experienced and respected physician what to do? If the physician were a higher ranking officer, would that have prevented Daniel? If the anesthesiologist sided with the physician's direction, would the team suppress Daniel's concern?

Hierarchical forces, cultural values and, sometimes, even personalities keep a well-meaning medical team from taking the right course of action. At the heart of most medical errors according to Phyllis Toor is a lack of communication.

"When I was a patient safety manager, I would do a roll up of all the safety reports to look for common causes. Time after time, the cause of medical errors was a lack of communication," Toor said. "A doctor would ask for Benadryl 25 and the typical response was, 'I've got it,' only to provide the wrong medicine or dose. TeamSTEPPS teach us to respond with, 'I am getting Benadryl 25.'"

Toor is the program director for TeamSTEPPS, which stands for Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety. The program is part of the U.S. Army Medical Command. She oversees the implementation of TeamSTEPPS across all Army health readiness platforms.

On Sept. 12 through 15, Toor and other TeamSTEPPS trainers visited with the staff of Irwin Army Community Hospital to carry out simulation-based training.

"We invited the TeamSTEPPS trainers so our staff can learn how to develop scenario-based simulation training," said Col. John Melton, Irwin Army Community Hospital commander. "The MEDCOM team is helping us to adopt best practices for rehearsing critical communication skills."

Even though he is not a clinician, Melton said he attained Master

TeamSTEPPS Trainer status in 2012 due to his confidence in the program to standardize the delivery of healthcare.

He compares the format and structure of TeamSTEPPS to a 9 Line Medical Evacuation, a method for calling in a combat injury under duress. It is designed to reduce error in communication.

"A 9 Line is an effective way to accurately report a combat injury in the midst of a stressful and hectic situation," Melton said. "Similarly, TeamSTEPPS creates a structure for healthcare personnel to communicate in any situation."

Dominant personalities sometimes get in the way of communication — they appear to be the only ones who know what is going on. But TeamSTEPPS creates checks and balances to empower every individual in the operating room. The system validates everyone's input and upholds a shared understanding among all as the norm.

"Everyone on the team can speak up to say they don't understand. The worst thing that could happen is the doctor thinking one thing, the nurse thinking another, and the two assuming they are thinking the same thing," said Col. Charles "Rod" Pattan, the Deputy Commander for Clinical Services at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Pattan was among the master trainers who ran simulations. He would observe nurses like Daniel and test her nerve in challenging a physician.

During the simulated high-stakes scenario, Daniel said she was able to voice her concerns even if it undermined the physician or the majority of the team.

"With TeamSTEPPS I have the power to say, 'I am still not comfortable and I need you guys to explain why you think this is going to be safe,'" she said. "No matter what's going or who's in the room, you should be able to say 'Stop for second, I am so lost, I need understand what's going on.'"

The hands-on training was a first for IACH. Although all team members take a class version of TeamSTEPPS, simulation training has never been part of the curriculum until now.

"It's like trying to learn how to fire a rifle from a slide deck and never going to the range," said Amanda Gagnon, IACH Patient Safety Manager. "Going through the simulation creates the practice that individuals need to intervene in a real-life situation."

Part of the simulation training also prepared 24 master trainers who can run the simulations, evaluate the team members, and identify opportunities for improvement.

"IACH has been teaching TeamSTEPPS for many years but the fact that we are taking it to the next level demonstrates our leadership's commitment to delivering quality and safe care," Gagnon said.

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## Winter holiday hazards to watch out for

By Alex Bender  
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Team Riley, the winter holiday season is upon us and now is the time to start planning for adding festive touches to the interior and exterior of your home. But, before you stock up on lights, tinsel and those festive decorations and adornments, the Fort Riley Garrison Safety Office wants you to be aware of some of the dangers holiday season and decorating can bring.

Although we find holiday decorating to be a fun and festive activity, it can also be quite hazardous and may result in injuries. Everyone should be able to enjoy this time of year and not spend time recovering from a preventable injury or visit the hospital for a devastating fall or burn.

### THE STATISTICS

Current estimates from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission show 15,000 people are injured during holiday decorating and visited emergency rooms during November and December because of holiday decorating. Injuries from falls were the most common, accounting for 34 percent of holiday decorating-related emergency room visits. Lacerations made up 11 percent of visits and back strains made up 10 percent.

### THE REGULATIONS

In accordance with Fort Riley regulation 420-4 paragraph 12-3(f) seasonal decorations wired for illumination will be constructed of noncombustible materials only and will bear an approval label, such as the Underwriters Label. Such decoration will not be provided with any type switch between the convenience outlet and the device and shall be plugged in only during such time as a responsible adult is present on the premises. Decorations other than noncombustible types such as Christmas trees are prohibited within 10 feet of any exit.

### THE DANGERS

National Fire Protection Agency reported U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 210 home structure fires per year that began with Christmas trees in 2010 to 2014. These caused an annual average of six civilian deaths, 16 civilian injuries and \$16.2 million in direct property damage.

Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are much more likely to be deadly than most fires. Almost two of every five — 38 percent — home Christmas tree fires started in the living room, family room or den. All of the fatalities and three-quarters of the injuries resulted from fires started in this area. Seven percent were chimney or flue fires.

Do you want to prevent a holiday decorating-related injury this year? Check these tips below:

### CHRISTMAS TREES

- Many artificial trees are fire resistant. If you buy one, look for a statement specifying this protection and read warning label.
- A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember:
  - A fresh tree is green.
  - Fresh trees have needles that are hard to pull from branches.
  - When bent between your fingers, fresh needles flex and do not break.
  - The end of the trunk of a fresh tree is sticky with resin.
  - When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other sources of heat.
- Remember, heated rooms can dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards.
- Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose a fresh end to help with water absorption. Trim away branches as necessary to set tree trunk in the base of a sturdy, water-holding stand with wide spread feet. Keep the stand filled with water throughout the holiday season.
- Place the tree out of the way of traffic, do not block doorways and be sure to check water level daily.

### LADDERS

- Heed the warning labels on ladders and always face the ladder whether climbing or dismounting. Never overreach while on a ladder climb down and move the ladder.

- If you are using an extension ladder ensure when you lean the ladder against a vertical wall, the footing of the ladder must be 1 foot away from the wall for every 4 feet of ladder height. For example, a ladder height set at 20 feet high, so the base of the ladder distance is 5 feet from the wall. If you climb the roof then you must have the ladder extend 3 feet above the highest point and be anchored to prevent the ladder from accidentally shifting or falling while you are climbing or descending.

### LIGHTS

- Indoors or out, use only lights that have been tested for safe indoor or outdoor use. You can identify this by the safety label located on the lights from the Underwriters Laboratory, Intertek or the Canadian Standards Association.
- Underwriters Laboratory uses a red holographic label to identify indoor and outdoor approved lights and the green holographic label identify outdoor use only lights.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets, do not attempt to repair them.
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house, walls or other firm support to protect from wind and weather damage.
- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire.
- The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights and any person touching a branch could be electrocuted. To avoid this danger, use colored spotlights above or beside a tree, never fastened onto it.

### SNOW

Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. To avoid injury, read container labels and follow manufacturer's instructions carefully.

For more information on holiday safety, contact the Fort Riley Garrison Safety Office at 785 240-0647.

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# Soldier becomes part of history

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

When the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team cased its colors for the final time in June 2015, Sgt. Brehna Woods, a combat medic, had the opportunity to go to most any unit in the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley. Woods chose to join the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard.

The Waldorf, Maryland, native had never been on a farm or interacted with horses, let alone ridden one, but her love for animals and a need for a medic at the CGMCG made the choice a natural one.

"When I got offered the position down here, it was the best of both worlds," Woods said. "I get to work with horses, and still keep my job as a medic. I did my trial period and I have been on the team for about two-and-a-half years."

Like anyone not familiar with horses, the hardest part for the self-described city girl in joining the CGMCG was actually being able to ride.

"I am a hard worker and I can do all the dirty work all day," Wood said. "I am fine with that, but riding the horse itself and understanding what it meant to get a seat and be comfortable and have your body move with the horse was my biggest challenge."

"I just practiced and practiced. Hours and hours and all the training was how I accomplished it. I can't even count all the times I have fallen in the dirt. You just get back up and keep practicing."

The first 30 days a new member is on the team is referred to as "brown shirt time." Woods had plenty of time to practice and to become familiar with the horses during her brown shirt time on the team.

"You learn about the saddle and all the about the horses, how to work with them and of course the basics of riding," Woods said. "You learn how to do the fencing work. We have our own leather shop, so you learn the basics to everything on the team. It is your learning period for everything, not just riding horses or mucking stalls."

After completing the probationary time, Woods earned her "red shirt" and became a trooper. Her personality made transition and becoming a team member very seamless and uneventful, said Sgt. Reginashea Thomas, CGMCG supply noncommissioned officer.

"She is such a hard worker," Thomas said. "I don't think she complained once when she was a brown shirt. She is very, very caring. Even if you said something to make her mad, the next day if you looked hurt or upset, she would pull you aside and ask if you were OK. I have seen her do that with many of the Soldiers down here."

As the team travels throughout the U.S., the members form a bond much like that of a platoon

or squad. They consistently joke and rib each other during or about the long trips.

"We were headed on a trip to Texas," Thomas said. "I remember her saying it would suck so bad if something happened to one of the trucks right now. Five minutes later one of the back tires locked up on our truck."

"We ended up having to take it to a shop and get it fixed. I looked at her and I was like "this is all your fault." We didn't get to where we were going until like 2 or 3 in the morning. We were so tired. It was so bad, but it was hilarious at the same time."

The team of approximately 20 Soldiers represents the 1st Infantry Division throughout the nation and the world. The team represents the "Big Red One" annually in the Chicago Memorial Day parade and at smaller venues called demonstration shows throughout the region.

"Going to France (73rd D-Day anniversary) had the biggest impact on me," Woods said. "I liked learning all the history that we don't learn here. You can read a book, but we got to actually meet veterans that were there when it happened. We got hear their stories firsthand. We got to actually be there in the location where it actually happened. That had the biggest impact. It put everything into perspective of what happened."

Woods and the CGMCG also got the nod to represent the division at the 58th Presidential Inaugural Parade in January in Washington, D.C., less than a 30-mile drive from her hometown. She said it was an experience of a lifetime that she will never forget.

"It was awesome that we got to do the parade," Woods said. "It was a whole new ball park. All the eyes are on you. Being in the parade, you are on center stage, so it was pretty awesome."

"I lived there my whole life, and I had not been to an inauguration. It is like being there for the first time, you see everything differently. It is something you never expect to happen, especially in the Army. You would never expect to get into something that big."

Though Woods is looking forward to her next duty station with the 709th Military Police Battalion in Grafenwoehr, Germany, she said she will miss the horses and pastures of Fort Riley.

"The hardest thing will be waking up every day knowing my job is totally different," Woods said. "I will be back to the regular Army. It won't be that I get to come in every morning and ride a horse. Even just driving up to the gate, Rudy (4 year old, American Quarter Horse) gets all happy and he starts to lick you. That is definitely going to be one of the hardest things. I won't get to be around all these horses that I have a bond with."



Sgt. Brehna Woods navigates a serpentine course with a saber as she rides Chico, a 14 year old American Quarter Horse, during a demonstration in Hays, Kansas, July 1.

# Soldier wins 'Big Red One' Career Counselor of the Year



Staff Sgt. Brittany Armstrong gives a speech after winning the 1st Infantry Division Career Counselor of the Year award Oct. 4 at Fort Riley. The speech was a reflection of all the hard work and dedication she put into not only winning but developing further as a career counselor.

Story and photo by Spc. Walter Carroll  
1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Staff Sgt. Brittany Armstrong, a career counselor with Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, recently won the 1st Infantry Division Career Counselor of the Year competition. Conducted as a two-day event Oct. 3 and 4, Armstrong put in hard work to not only prepare for, but also to win the competition.

Armstrong has been in the Army for 10 years and became a career counselor in December 2016.

"I was selected to go to retention school in 2014," Armstrong said. "I come to find out that Soldiers, mostly new Soldiers, always try to base the Army off their first duty station. Me being in the duty positions I experienced, I know there's always more to the picture that they're not seeing. I found that in being the company retention (noncommissioned officer) I was able to talk to these Soldiers and give them more information and give them a different perspective."

After gaining experience as a retention NCO, Armstrong decided to drop her packet to become a career counselor. Her journey, which led to her becoming the "Big Red One" Career Counselor of the Year, began at the brigade level, Armstrong said.

"You get recommended by your brigade to attend

the board for the division," she said.

The board is composed of a 50-question written exam with 40 active components and 10 reserve components, as well as an Army Physical Fitness Test, which led to the board procedures.

"I studied — I studied policies, I studied regulations," Armstrong said. "We have a Career Counselor of the Year study guide; I started with that to get an idea of what type of questions they would be asking."

Sgt. 1st Class Sixto Santana, the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade senior career counselor, has worked Armstrong for about a year.

"I think it was the way she presented herself to the board members," Santana said. "She was very knowledgeable, she knew the regulations, and not only the regulations, but ... situational questions, such as how do you handle a situation to help the Soldier the best way possible to take care of the Soldiers and their families but also to meet the needs of the Army as well."

Armstrong will represent the "Big Red One" at the III Corps level of competition Nov. 15 and 16.

"She's very passionate in what she does as a career counselor," Santana said.

Becoming a Career Counselor of the Year did not come easy for Armstrong.

"It is challenging and rewarding at the same time because I've only been in the

field for less than a year and getting out there in front of my seniors with the knowledge that I have, it's very challenging because you want to know the right answers," Armstrong said. "Obviously they've been in the field a whole lot longer than you have and you don't want to make them look bad, you just want to do your best and prove to them that you know and you are continuing to learn."

The Career Counselor of the Year competition was facilitated by the 1st Inf. Div. Retention Office.

"Another reason why I decided to pursue the Career Counselor of the Year board was, one, I knew that it would help me and I would learn a lot from reading the policies," she said. "The more you understand your regulations and policies, the better that you'll become as a career counselor. Two, I take pride in my unit and I wanted everybody to see that I wanted to represent the brigade and the Special Troops Battalion, because I am the Special Troops Battalion career counselor and I wanted to put our name out there in a positive way."

Although Armstrong was the winner, she remained humble about her victory.

"I didn't feel like I was there to compete," Armstrong said. "I was there to allow the division to select a career counselor to represent them at III Corps because we are a team."

Armstrong will continue her path by representing the division at III Corps.

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# Lafayette High School JROTC cadets visit Fort Riley



Students with the Lafayette High School JROTC in St. Joseph, Missouri, observe the day in the life of a Soldier with the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Riley Oct. 25. During the visit, the cadets participated in physical fitness training and visited the Fort Riley museums.

Story and photo Sgt. Derrik Tribbey  
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

About 75 students and staff members with the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Lafayette High School in St. Joseph, Missouri, visited Fort Riley Oct. 25.

During their visit they experienced the day in the life of a Soldier and visited the Fort Riley museums.

The day started with the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, hosting the students for physical fitness training.

"I didn't expect to run that much," said Cadet Sgt. 1st Class Isiah Downing, a senior with Lafayette High School JROTC. "I'm glad that I pushed through it. It was nice. I think we did about two miles."

Following the morning physical fitness session, the students ate breakfast at the Devil's Den dining facility. Then, the "Diehard" Soldiers showed the students the day in the life of a Soldier in six stations showcasing the engineer's capabilities.

"I personally want to be a mechanical engineer," Downing said. "I'm here to see these big machines. This is right up my alley."

The six stations also included displays of weapons, fighting vehicles, logistical support, medics, supplies, human resources, radios and intelligence.

Sgt. Cameron Reed, human resources non-commissioned officer, 1st Eng. Bn., spoke with the cadets about his role in the unit.

"Hopefully they get a perspective of what we bring to the table," Reed said. "No matter where they are, they will know how to utilize us."

Reed said that the students should study hard in order to be the best they can be.

The day concluded with a tour of the Fort Riley museums.

"I love history," said Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Arnold, a senior with Lafayette High School JROTC. "Getting to learn about Fort Riley and all the wars is great."

"The whole thing is a great experience for young cadets."

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trip he and Soldiers traveled to Emporia, Kansas, and it was such a success, he knew they needed to have another.

"We went to Emporia, Kansas, and they got a chance to talk to all the employers of the city," he said. "The employers took them on a tour of the city so they could look at the different jobs there, the schools and just life and living in Emporia and it went pretty good."

When he put out their newsletter to partner organizations and cities, McLaurin said McPherson jumped at the chance to be next.

Manufacturing is a big part of McPherson's economy and they presently have a surplus of jobs, but not enough people to fill them, he said. The city saw

transitioning Soldiers as a possible option to fill the positions they have. Thus, the networking event, presentations and tour of several manufacturing facilities was organized to show Soldiers there's more to Kansas than just Fort Riley.

"They all want to hire transitioning Soldiers, but transitioning Soldiers just don't know what's out there," McLaurin said. Sgt. Jamaal Glinsey, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, attended the event.

"I'm staying in Kansas, so I wanted to see what my options are," he said.

With a son still in high school, Glinsey said he wanted to stay around Fort

Riley, but didn't mind if he had to move some for a job.

Although he liked the hiring event, he said the jobs available in McPherson were not right for him. However, he plans to continue attending more of these events to see additional cities.

"It was OK," he said. "I enjoyed it. It definitely gave me some more ideas."

McLaurin said he currently is working with other Kansas cities to plan another hiring event. Some of the cities he is in talks with are Wichita and Garden City.

He added spouses are also welcome to attend these hiring events, but they must supply their own transportation.



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Glennwood McLaurin, Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program service manager, speaks to a group of about 30 transitioning Soldiers who traveled to McPherson, Kansas, for a hiring event Oct. 26. Representatives from McPherson introduced the Soldiers to job opportunities, salaries, housing and quality of life matters of the city to try to encourage some to move there.

## Fort Riley - Central Kansas Chapter



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# Soldiers affected by recent hurricanes are open to funds



Spc. Hamiel Irizarry | PRANG-PAO

**Citizen-Soldiers of the Puerto Rico Army National Guard continue delivering supplies, food and water to impacted areas of the island and to its citizens after Hurricane Maria's devastation alongside FEMA volunteers. In this case, the town of Dominguito in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.**

By C. Todd Lopez  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Nine weeks ago, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas — the first of three devastating storms this year to wreak havoc on the

United States and its territories. Since then, Army Emergency Relief has been ready to help Soldiers affected by those storms.

“AER is there to help Soldiers and their families,” said C. Eldon Mullis, the deputy director and chief operating officer of Army

Emergency Relief. “They need to come to us and tell us what their need is. We want to make sure there is a valid need, and if we can help, we certainly want to do that.”

According to a document released by AER earlier this

month, financial assistance is available to qualified recipients affected by those three hurricanes to, among other things, purchase immediate-need items such as food, clothing and shelter; replace essential furniture; fund replacement of damaged or destroyed automobiles; conduct minor home repairs and purchase generators.

“Since our founding in 1942, whenever and wherever AER is needed, we are there, which is particularly important when Soldiers are facing the financial burden of recovering from the devastating impact of natural disasters, such as the recent hurricanes and wildfires,” said retired Lt. Gen. Raymond Mason, the director of AER. “AER is all about taking care of the Army team.”

Mullis said many recipients of AER had also asked for assistance in advance of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma so they could evacuate to Texas, Georgia and Florida.

“Evacuation was the biggest piece, in Texas, Georgia and Florida,” he said.

But after those storms passed, the requests for assistance changed.

“After the hurricanes, what we are seeing is requests for help for things like covering costs for immediate needs until insurance and FEMA claims can be filed,” he said. “If they need help with a down payment on another car, because theirs is flooded, we can help with that.”

Army Emergency Relief can assist up to \$4,000, for instance, if the cost to repair a flood-damaged vehicle exceeds the value of the vehicle.

Already, Mullis said, AER has provided \$380,000 worth of assistance to 540 qualified recipients in Texas, Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico. But he said he thinks more people can be helped in those areas — if only they’d come forward.

“I would hope that everybody who is eligible and has a valid need would come by and ask for help,” he said. “We want to be there for them. Call your AER officer, speak with the staff there, tell them what you need assistance for and if the need is there, they will cut a check.”

Eligible recipients of AER assistance include active duty Soldiers and their Families, retired Soldiers and National

Guard and Reserve Soldiers on Title 10 orders for more than 30 days.

As a result of the recent spate of natural disasters, including all three hurricanes and the wildfires in the U.S. Northwest and California, eligibility for AER funding has also been extended to National Guard Soldiers who have been called up by their state to assist in natural disaster relief. That includes the many Soldiers in the Puerto Rico National Guard who are assisting there with Hurricane Maria relief and who may have themselves been affected by that storm.

Mullis invited those Soldiers to visit the Army Emergency Relief office located at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. Soldiers can also contact the Primary AER officer there at 787-600-9026, he said, to seek assistance.

“Please come,” he said. “We want to give out money to help those in need.”

Soldiers at Fort Riley seeking AER information or assistance can contact the Financial Assistance Program at 785-239-9435.

## LEADERS Continued from page 1



Season Osterfeld | POST

**LEFT: LeTiffany Obozele, of Topeka, Kansas, and member of Leadership Kansas, tries her hand at driving a simulated military vehicle during a tour of the Mission Training Complex Oct. 25. About 45 members of Leadership Kansas visited Fort Riley to develop a greater understand of how Soldiers train and how the installation impacts the state of Kansas.**

certainly with the intention being that we are representing our entire state.”

When the group first arrived at Fort Riley, they were taken to the Mission Training Complex and greeted by Col. Richard R. Coffman, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding officer for maneuver, for a brief presentation on Fort Riley and the 1st Inf. Div., followed by a questions and answers session.

Coffman spoke to them about what training is like for Soldiers at Fort Riley, as well as their economic impact on Kansas, relationship with the surrounding communities and the importance of the civilian personnel who work on the installation.

“Our Soldiers and our family members have embraced this state and they want to

stay here,” he said to the group as he spoke of the large veteran and retiree population around Fort Riley.

As the tour continued, the group tried their hands at several different simulators used by service members at the facility.

Poe said he enjoyed the simulators and wished they had more time to try them out.

“I’ve always been impressed by the military, so anytime I get to be close, I’m very thankful to be a part of it,” he said. “I’m really impressed by the scale and organization (of Fort Riley).”

Sosa added the Fort Riley visit was an important part of the program because it exposed the members to something more than the local Kansas population.

“It’s a great opportunity to expose them (the) arm of the military,” she said. “We do visit Fort Leavenworth when we’re in the Kansas City metro area, but this really gives them a hands-on experience of what it’s like to see how their Army folks is trained.”

Casey Houghton, training and admin services coordinator for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, echoed Sosa’s sentiments and said it showed the members how the military affects their communities.

“Fort Riley is an integral part of this community, not only for the Flint Hills, but the entire state of Kansas,” he said. It’s important for representatives from all over the state to come here and see what it is that we do ... Not only do they go back to their communities and they talk about how good the Army is and how good Fort Riley is for the community, but you never know who they’re

going to be talking to that has a more direct influence on the future of Fort Riley.”

When asked if he thought the group was having a good time in one of the simulators, he smiled.

“I’d say yes considering I have to yell over all this machine gun fire,” Houghton said.

Referring to the program overall, Poe said these tours and visits were important to developing his and the other members’ understanding of the state they live in.

“I think without opportunities like this, most of us get stuck in routines where we just wouldn’t otherwise visit certain parts of the state,” he said. “This is a very intentional program in which we get to see all parts of the state and economic drivers of the state ... I probably got to learn both of some of the successes of different parts of the state that I wasn’t aware of, as well as difficulties in different parts of the state.”



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situations that we will be in when we are in a tactical environment. We are tired, we have limited food rations and we are living in harsher conditions than if we went on a normal field exercise.”

Sgt. Shawn Volckmann, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., earned his EFMB during the competition, his fifth attempt. He was also recognized for having the highest score on the written test.

“When I fail at something, I want to go back and achieve it,” Volckmann said. “I believe in failing because we are humans and we fail at things. We aren’t perfect, but I had a hunger to come back and get it. I hate failing, I hate it. I had to keep coming out and going for it.”



Chad L. Simon | 1st Inf. Div. Public Affairs  
 Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Smith, left, 1st Infantry Division, deputy commanding general for support, awards 2nd Lt. Timu Saari, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat, 1st Inf. Div., the Army Achievement Medal at Barlow Theater at Fort Riley, Kansas, Oct. 26.

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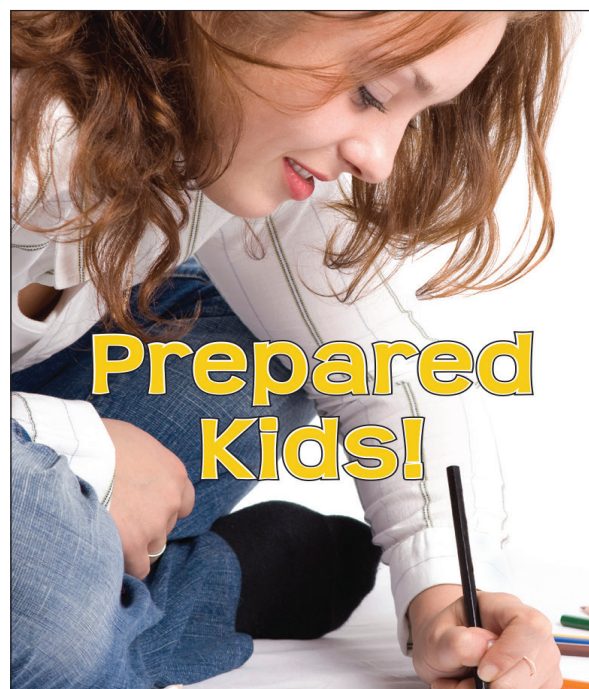
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Kids rummage through a cauldron to pick a piece of candy during Trunk or Treat Oct. 31 in the Commissary parking lot. More than 1,000 kids did their trick-or-treating at the event, which provided a small, controlled environment for families to enjoy the holiday.

## MORE INFORMATION

- To learn more about the buildings on post, the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley offers free guided tours. To schedule a tour, visit [www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org/tours.html](http://www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org/tours.html).

## INSIDE

- Read about the Halloween bash held Oct. 28 at Custer Hill Bowling Alley, [PAGE 15](#)

## Ghost tours not for faint of heart

Annual event paints picture of Fort Riley's haunted history

By Kalene Lozick  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

"Follow me if you dare to the first of several haunted stops this evening," said Maggy Gray, one of the pie queens of the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley and tour guide for the 21st annual HASFR Ghost Tour.

HASFR conducted their annual Ghost Tours at Fort Riley in the evening of Oct. 29 for all those brave enough to learn the haunting past of Fort Riley.

The walking tour covered about one mile around the Cavalry Parade Field on Historic Main Post.

The tour brought hundreds of souls to the Trolley Station, multiple quarters within the historic main post neighborhood, Custer House, King Field House, Old Theater, the Cavalry Parade Field, barracks near the Parade Field and concluded at the Old Commissary, now known as Polk Hall.

"The residents that lived here (Quarters 18A) from 2011 to 2014 have many stories from their stay here on post," Gray said. "Most of them revolve around the time of the father's deployment. On Sept. 25, 2011, the father deployed and, that night, the two young boys that shared a bedroom, woke up to find the small stuffed Daddy Doll with a picture of their father in it, moving its arm up and down as if waving and then shaking."

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# a BOSS event



## Kids find Halloween treats, not tricks, in trunks at Fort Riley

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

An early Halloween day snow did not stop more than a thousand trick-or-treaters from attending the annual Trunk or Treat Oct. 31 in the Commissary parking lot.

This year Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers teamed up with USO Fort Riley to see the event was a success.

"Trunk or Treat is an alternative to the door-to-door knocking trick or treat, said Spc. Delano Vankuren, president of BOSS. It is a safer way to do that and a way to build cohesion within the community."

This year marks the fifth year BOSS has hosted the event, he said. The partnership with the USO came about when they discovered during a meeting they both were hosting a trunk or treat and decided to merge them.

"We came up with an idea ... we would just partner together to make this year one of the best we've ever had," Vankuren said.

## Volunteers INSIDE

dressed in costumes talked with families and played with children as they waited in line to make their stops at more than 25 vehicles. A few of the volunteers dressed as villains chased one another about and had mock battles with kids.

"It's great," said Army Reserve Spc. Aivyn Lopez, 450th Movement Control Battalion, 561st Regional Support Group, 451st Sustainment Command (Ex-

- Halloween came twice this year as the Fort Riley Post Library held their free Halloween party Oct. 28 and greeted families with trick or treat bags filled with goodies, [PAGE 13](#)

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## NEIGHBORHOOD CANDY PATROL



Photos by Suet Lee-Growney | POST

LEFT: Kids and their parents stroll past the many houses in Historic Main Post trick or treating during the post-wide neighborhood Halloween event Oct. 31. Every year, families on post and the surrounding communities of Fort Riley hit the roads right after the tornado sirens go off on Halloween to mark the start of trick or treating. RIGHT: Trick-or-treaters beeline the spookiest house on Fleetwood Court in the Warner-Peterson neighborhood during the annual Halloween treat or treat event Oct. 31. Trick or treaters began knocking on doors or ringing doorbells at 6 p.m. after the tornado sirens went off to mark the start of the event. More images from this year's Halloween events can be found on [PAGE 16](#).

## Costumed runners aglow for candy parade, 5K race courses

Prize giveaways, dance contests accompany fourth year of GLO Run on post

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

As night took over Fort Riley and cold temperatures took hold, more than 75 people took their mark, got set and ran or played their way through a candy parade or 5K run during the GLO Run Oct. 27 that began at Sacco Softball Complex.

This year is the fourth year the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation have hosted the GLO Run, said Ashanti Ellis-Corbin, facility director for Robinson

"It's (GLO Run) one of our most exciting events because it's the only nighttime run that we have on Fort Riley, so it's really cool."

ASHANTI ELLIS-CORBIN  
FACILITY DIRECTOR,  
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Fitness Center and race director. Although it is not an annual run, she said she hopes to see it become one as people enjoy donning their costumes, neon clothing and glow sticks for the race.

"This is our fourth year that we have done the GLO Run," she said. "It's one of our most exciting events because it's the only nighttime run that we have on Fort Riley, so it's really cool."

Two courses were available this year and both began at the same time. The candy parade was about 1.4 miles long and included multiple candy stations kids and adults alike could stop at for treats. The 5-kilometer course, which is roughly 3 miles, took participants from Sacco Softball Complex around Moon Lake and back.

Prior to the race, there were dance contests, prize giveaways, a warm-up Zumba session, soccer goals, basketball and more for everyone to enjoy.

Master Sgt. Leticia Carvalho, Headquarters and Headquarters Company,

See GLO, page 13



Costumed runners dance before the start of the GLO Run Oct. 27 that began at Sacco Softball Complex. There were two routes for the run. One was a 1.4-mile candy parade for children and the other was a 5 kilometer run around Moon Lake.



# FORT RILEY POST-ITS



### COSMIC BOWLING

Custer Hill Bowling Center offers bowling in neon party lights 6 p.m., Nov. 3 and 4. Each lane holds up to six bowlers for one low hourly rate of \$17 per lane. Shoe rentals are \$2. For more information call 785-239-4366

### CYS PARENT CENTRAL SATURDAY HOURS

The Forsyth Express at 2597 Trooper Drive is hosting a Halloween Festival from 1 to 3 p.m., Nov. 4. Enjoy a Halloween-themed cake walk, face painting, photo booth and more. For more information, call 785-784-2993/4900.

### LIBRARY THANKSGIVING PARTY

The Post Library will be hosting a Thanksgiving-themed party at 1 p.m., Nov. 4, 5306 Hood Dr. Stop by for a fun, educational turkey presentation. Activities available include turkey decorating, snacks, hot apple cider and hot cocoa. The cost is free and for more information, call 785-239-5305.

### BUTTON MASHERS GAMING TOURNAMENT

Warrior Zone will be hosting another "Super Smash Bros" tournament 2 p.m., Nov. 4 at 7867 Normandy Drives. The cost is \$3 for the early bird tournament at 2 p.m. and \$5 for feature tournament at 4 p.m. For more information visit riley.armymwr.com or call 785-240-6618

### PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Child and Youth Services is providing childcare from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Nov. 4, 6620 Normandy Dr., services will be provided to kids through fifth grade. There is a flat fee of \$20 a child, or deployment hours benefits can be used. Advance registration is required, and for more information call 785-239-9885.

### TOYLAND GRAND OPENING

The grand opening of Toyland in the Main Post Exchange is noon on Nov. 4. At 1 p.m. there will be a special guest appearance by Mrs. Claus. For more information call 785-784-2026.



### GOBBLE WOBBLE

Feast on Thanksgiving food throughout the course of a 2K fun run on 12:30 p.m., Nov. 18. Organized by Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, participation is open to all. Advance registration costs \$12, online and at Leisure Travel Services. Onsite registration costs \$15, and starts at 11:30 a.m. the day of the event. All paid participants receive a finisher medal. Children 4 and under enter for free, but will not receive food or a medal. For more information visit riley.armymwr.com or call 785-239-2813.



### COCKTAILS & CANVASES

Hang out and paint while sipping at Riley's Conference Center 7 p.m., Nov. 4. Seats sell out quickly and advance purchase is recommended. The cost is \$25 a person and includes supplies, professional instruction and a beverage ticket. For more information and to sign up call 785-784-1000.

### FRAMING AND MATTING CLASS

Learn how to select mats, cut them, chop frames, assemble the frame and mat and cut glass in this one-night class at the Arts and Crafts center 6 p.m., Nov. 6, 6918 Trooper Drive. This class is a prerequisite to using the matting and framing area. All materials are provided. Advance registration is required and it costs \$10 a person. For more information call 785-239-9205.

### TACO TUESDAY

Let's taco bout getting some grub for lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 7, at Riley's Conference Hearing. The all-you-can-eat meal includes choice of meat, hard and soft shell tacos, salsa bar, rice, beans, salad bar and dessert. The buffet costs \$9.95, which includes a drink. Salad bar is only \$5.95. For more information 785-784-1000.

### FREE MOVIE SCREENING

Barlow Theater will have a free screening of the movie "Daddy's Home 2" Nov. 4, 2 p.m. Tickets can be picked up at any of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Food Courts. Tickets are first come, first serve. Having a ticket does not guarantee a seat. For more information call 785-239-9574

### FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

**Friday, Nov. 3**  
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Blade Runner 2049 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, Nov. 5**  
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### BLUE STAR PROGRAM

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



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**Kansas City Sprint Center:** Disney on Ice - Dream Big tickets for the Sept. 14 to 17 performances for \$20 to \$33 depending upon show and seats selected.  
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For more information on tickets and travel packages available through the Leisure Travel Center, call 785-239-5614/4415.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

# Honoring legacy of Native Americans

By Col. John D. Lawrence  
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

"Standing Together" is the theme for this year's National Native American Heritage Month, which runs until Nov. 30. I can think of no better way to describe the camaraderie between all backgrounds in our United States Army — we all stand together with a shared vision, mission and goals. Native Americans have provided crucial service to our country during war and peacetime.



Colonel Lawrence

Seminole and Sioux. In November 2013, code talkers from 566 tribes were honored with Congressional Silver Medals, and leaders from the tribes' 33 nations received Congressional Gold Medals.

Historically, Native Americans have had the highest record of military service per capita when compared to other ethnic groups. The reasons are deeply rooted in traditional cultural values that align with service to the country — a proud warrior tradition, strength, honor, pride, devotion and wisdom. Diversity in our military keeps us flexible and allows us to learn from each other through our different cultural backgrounds, making us stronger — together.

Fort Riley continues to honor the culture of our local Native Americans by protecting and preserving sacred areas on post. The Nov. 17 edition of the 1st Infantry Division Post will feature a story about how we honor the native culture and areas entrusted to our care. We'll also have a Native American Heritage Month observance at Riley's Conference Center Nov. 11 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please join us to honor the cultures and traditions of our Native American service members, civilians and family members.

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## A CHILI COOK-OFF WINNER

Soldiers of the 97th Military Police Battalion taste-test the chili submitted to the 97th MP Bn. Soldiers and family members chili cook-off Oct. 27 over lunch hours. The first place winner was Sgt. Sergio Bermudez, 97th MP Bn.

Kalene Lozick | POST

## WORSHIP

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<b>Victory Chapel</b>	239-0834
Contemporary Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship.....	1100
Children's Church.....	1115-1215
<b>Morris Hill Chapel</b>	239-2799
Gospel Protestant Service	
Sunday School.....	0900
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Traditional Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship.....	1030

### Catholic Services

<b>Victory Chapel</b>	239-0834
Sunday Mass.....	0845
Sunday Catechism.....	1000
<b>Saint Mary's Chapel</b>	239-0834
Saturday's Vigil Mass.....	1630
Sunday Mass.....	1200
Mid-day Mass— Mon., Wed., & Fri.....	1200
Tuesday & Thursday Mass.....	1800
<b>IACH Chapel</b>	239-7872
Mid-day Mass— Tue. & Thur. ....	1200

### Buddhist Service

<b>Normandy Chapel</b>	239-2665
Sunday .....	1430
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### Open Circle Service

<b>Kapaun Chapel</b>	239-4818
Fort Riley Open Circle— SWC	
1st & 3rd Friday monthly.....	1800

### Wednesday Night Family Night

Weekly light dinner and fellowship at 1800, followed by 1845 classes at Victory Chapel 785-239-3359

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# MEAT AND TOURS



Mothers and children talk during the Halloween Library Party Oct. 28 at the Fort Riley Post Library. Kids were encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to the party to give them another day of pretend play other than when they're out trick or treating.

## Costume fun at the library

Costumes, crafts take center stage at Halloween event

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

Halloween came twice this year as the Fort Riley Post Library held their free Halloween party Oct. 28 and greeted families with trick-or-treat bags filled with goodies.

"It gives the kids a chance to come out, show us their costumes — we've had some awesome costumes this year," said Terri Seaman, contract manager at the Fort Riley Post Library, who was dressed as a vampire countess. "We had a T-rex just a little bit ago. He was awesome ... Some of these costumes are just amazing."

After receiving their treat bag from Seaman and a youth helper of hers, attendees clamored their way to the crafts table to make a mummy face or spider web art project. Others lined up to toss a bean pack into a colorful pumpkin filled with candy and small toys. If their bean bag made it into the pumpkin, they received the goodies inside.

Toward the back of the building, parents and children alike talked or played



Four-year-old Brayson, left, receives help coloring his spider web craft from his dad Sgt. Scott Schwering, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, during the Halloween Library Party Oct. 28 at the Fort Riley Post Library.

"We had a T-rex just a little bit ago. He was awesome ... Some of these costumes are just amazing."

TERRI SEAMAN | CONTRACT MANAGER,  
FORT RILEY POST LIBRARY

while snacking on cookies and sipping on goosebumps punch — complete with worms in it.

Eleven-year-old Azia Hartley, daughter of Sgt. Rondell Hartley, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, who was dressed as a skeleton bride, attended with her two siblings and her parents.

She said she and her siblings love Halloween, so she was happy to be at the party, but it was the goosebumps punch that really won her over.

"It's amazing — especially this punch," Hartley said. "I like this punch. This is my third cup."

A moment later, Hartley pouted as she realized her more recent cup of punch lacked the

### READ ALL ABOUT IT

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gummi worm swimming about in it, but her younger sister arrived to distract her.

"She's just here for the candy," Hartley said of her sister. She added she was glad to be there with her siblings because she likes playing with them.

Originally, the library planned a party to celebrate fall earlier in the month of October, however, scheduling issues caused them to push things back and change to a Halloween party, Seaman said.

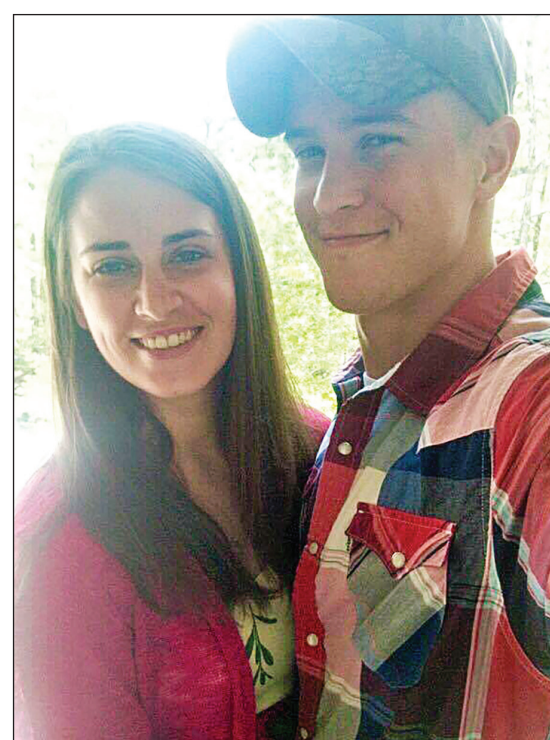
"We just adapted," she said. "We always have a plan B and sometimes even a C and a D because we never know. Things like this happen."

Although the change was short notice, Seaman said the party was still great, citing the laughter and packed full library as proof.

"When we get a chance to have a party, we try to make it as fun as we can," she said.

The next free library party is a Thanksgiving Party Nov. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. The library is at 5306 Hood Drive.

### TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Oct. 31 was: How can I find out about the Employment Readiness Program and the many other services offered by Army Community Service at Fort Riley?

Answer: [www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family-Services/Army-Community-Service/](http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family-Services/Army-Community-Service/)

This week's winner is Amanda Ocker, spouse of 2nd Lt. Garrett Ocker, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Pictured above are Amanda and Garrett Ocker.

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### I SPOT TREATS



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Soldiers and families with 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division decorate their trunks for the battalion's Trunk or Treat Oct. 27 at the unit's parking lot to celebrate Halloween. Other festivities included a Haunted House that was open to Soldiers and families.

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Runners and walkers alike take off from the start line for the GLO Run Oct. 27 that began at Sacco Softball Complex. Some donned costumes, while others were head to toe in glow sticks for the night time fun run.

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and her husband Michael Carvalho, also a veteran, attended the race with their 10-year-old daughter.

"She really wanted to come out here, but all her glow stuff on and get ready for Halloween," Leticia said.

Although it was cold and their other children remained at home, they both said the race was a fun way to bring families and communities closer.

"I think it's good for the community — getting everyone together," Leticia said.

Michael added the race was also a healthy alternative to other popular Friday night activities.

"Especially on a Friday evening, instead of going out to a bar, do this," he said.

Eight-year-old Paynter Laub, son of Sgt. Aaron Laub, 287th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, is no stranger to 5Ks. The GLO Run marked

the eighth one he'd participated in, he said.

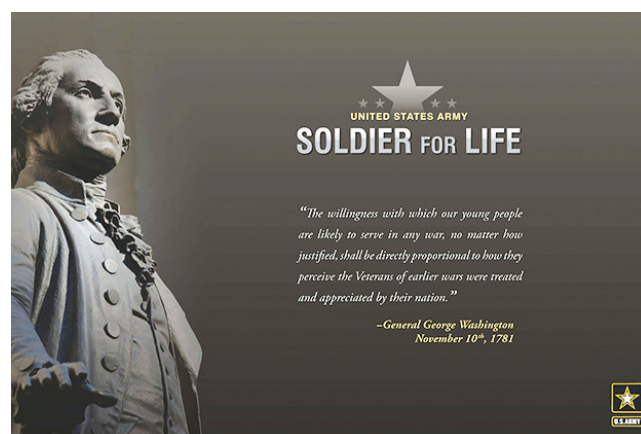
"I like to run and in a 5K you do a lot of running," he said of why he participated in the race. "It's like something to get you places faster than just walking and when I started running, I really liked it."

Laub said he is working his way to competing in a half marathon soon, but for now he enjoys the fun runs available to him. He said he liked running in the GLO Run because it was at night.

"You can be in the dark and have lots of glow sticks and stuff," Laub said.

As the racers crossed the finish line, they were greeted by the live DJ, multi colored lights, photo booths and raffle drawings. Ellis-Corbin said the night was a success, noting how many people — both adults and kids — turned up costumed and ready to run despite the freezing wind.

"When you can get your kids out, having fun and getting them running — that's the best part," she said.



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# Joy of cooking with dragons, Klingons

Exhibit at K-State features cookbooks from science fiction

By Roger Adams  
K-STATE NEWS

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A new exhibit at Kansas State University knows how to cook up some scares for Halloween and fun for the months to follow.

“The Joy of Cooking Dragons: Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Cookbooks” opened Oct. 31 in the fifth-floor gallery at the university’s Hale Library. The exhibit showcases a wide selection of cookbooks from the world-famous cookery collection of the university’s Richard L. D. & Marjorie J. Morse Department of Special Collections.

“The Joy of Cooking Dragons” introduces visitors to the fascinating world of “mealplay” — a term coined for this exhibit. As a relatively new genre, most of the cookbooks displayed are from the last 30 years and include materials from such popular franchises as “The Walking Dead,” “Game of Thrones,” “Harry Potter” books and “Star Trek,” among many others.

“Mealplay” is very serious business to a much larger audience than you might expect,” said Roger Adams, curator of the exhibit. “As you explore this exhibit, you will see very creative cookbooks

that draw their inspiration from films, television programs and novels.”

Adams said some of these materials are purely for fun, while others are very serious in their approach to help fans of a particular genre recreate fictional foods from very real foods.

Adams, associate professor of rare books and an authority on food and drink in popular culture, said he was inspired to create this exhibit several years ago after reading an article in a science fiction newsletter about cosplayers who were recreating a Klingon banquet. Klingons — a warrior race from the “Star Trek” franchise — are known for enjoying bloodwine, targ — which they also keep as pets — and gagh — a delicacy made from serpent worms and best enjoyed while still alive.

“The real challenge to these ‘mealplayers’ is that they’re making edible dishes based on inedible props, which have to look good for the camera,” Adams said. “And for foods gleaned from books, some of these dishes are never described in any great detail, so the cooks get quite creative.”

“The Joy of Cooking Dragons” is on display until March 17, 2018. The exhibit is free and open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the Morse Department of Special Collections at 785-532-7456.

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London Tubb, left, son of Sgt. Kyle McCloud, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, poses for a photo after receiving candy from staff of IHG Hotels during Trunk or Treat Oct. 31 in the Commissary parking lot. Tubb's homemade costume was a box robot.

peditionary), 79th Sustainment Support Command, as she waited in line with her daughter. “Everyone can share together — I think that’s the best part.”

About 20 of the vehicles came from Hell’s Finest Heathens, a motorcycle club invited to participate, said Vankuren.

Gabby Brogan, a member of Hell’s Finest Heathens, stood beside her vehicle handing out candy to kids and complimenting their costumes. She said this was her first time participating in the event.

“I think it’s awesome to have a safe place for the kids to come out and get a whole lot of candy,” she said of the event.

Due to the cold, kids remained bundled up in coats and wrapped in blankets, but that didn’t stop little dinosaur tails, masks, tiaras and more from peeking out from underneath their layers — the telltale signs that the Halloween spirit kept them determined to push forward and collect their candy.

Alannah Benoit, wife of Sgt. William Benoit, 101st Brigade Support Battalion,

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, said it was because of the cold weather her family opted to attend instead of traveling door to door for sweets and goodies as everything was contained to one area.

“It actually seemed a lot better to do this than take the kids trick or treating with the weather,” she said.

About 90 minutes before the event wrapped up, a costume contest was held and the trunks of the vehicles were judged to determine the three best decorated.

“We also have a friendly competition for the three best trunks,” Vankuren said. “A panel between the sponsors, USO and myself will judge the trunks to see which we think are the best.”

Other Fort Riley organizations involved include Child and Youth Services, the Leisure Travel Center, IHG Hotels. Many individual community members also participated in the event.

“Despite the cold, people are coming out, they’re having a good time,” Vankuren said. “And that’s what matters — the families are having a good time.”

# Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman to present Landon Lecture

General's talk first of series for 2017-18 school year at K-State

By Beth Bohn  
K-STATE NEWS

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will deliver the first Landon Lecture of the 2017-18 school year at Kansas State University.

Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. will speak at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 27 in Forum Hall at the K-State Student Union. This Landon Lecture is free and students, faculty, staff and the public are welcome.

“As a military-inclusive institution with a long history of

serving the educational needs of our military members and veterans, as well as their families, and with the strong partnerships we have with both Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth, we look forward to bringing the nation’s highest-ranking military officer to campus for a Landon Lecture,” said Jackie Hartman, the university’s



Gen. Dunford Jr.

## IF YOU GO ...

- **WHAT:** Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. will give a free and open-to-the-public Landon Lecture
- **WHEN:** 10:30 a.m. Nov. 27
- **WHERE:** Forum Hall at the Kansas State University Student Union

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. became the 19th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Oct. 1, 2015.

chief of staff, director of community relations and chair of the Landon Lecture Series.

Dunford became the 19th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Oct. 1, 2015. He serves as the principal military adviser to the president, secretary of defense and National Security Council.

Before becoming chairman, Dunford was the 36th commandant of the Marine Corps. He also served as assistant commandant of the Marines from 2010 to 2012

and was commander of the International Security Assistance Force and United States Forces-Afghanistan from February 2013 to August 2014.

A graduate of Saint Michael’s College, Dunford was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1977 and has been an infantry officer at all levels. His service includes command of the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, and command of the 5th Marine Regiment during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served as the assistant division commander of the 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps director of operations and Marine Corps deputy commandant for plans, policies and operations. In addition, he commanded I

Marine Expeditionary Force and was commander of Marine Forces U.S. Central Command.

With the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Dunford has served as executive assistant to the vice chairman of the Joint Staff; chief of the Global and Multilateral Affairs Division and vice director of operations on the Joint Staff.

He is a master’s degree graduate in government from Georgetown University and in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Dunford also is a graduate of U.S. Army Ranger School, Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School and the U.S. Army War College.

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**Maggy Gray, one of the pie queens of the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley, acts as tour guide for the 21st annual HASFR Ghost Tour Oct. 29 where attendees heard about Fort Riley's haunting past.**



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**Among the stops during the 21st annual Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley Ghost Tours Oct. 29 was the old Trolley Station where people heard about the hauntings of Susan Fox.**

Eyes were staring at Gray when she told the group the story of when Daddy Dolls were brought to life at Quarters 18A.

"After that night, all three Daddy Dolls were removed from the house," said Gray as she continued the ghost story. "The following month, the battalion Family Readiness Group took a private ghost tour and afterward, all returned to the house for refreshments. After all of the guests had left, the oldest boy woke up several times in the night to tell his mother that he was scared, but not what he was scared of."

The tour consisted of various firsthand account stories told by different people. The Daddy Dolls story, in particular, was experienced by HASFR Ghostess Tricia Verschage and her children.

"This is my hometown, I was born and raised here," Verschage said. "My family came here in the 1850s to actually settle Fort Riley when it was Camp Center, so we stayed in the community. I grew up in this area on Fort Riley so I've seen and encountered a lot of the ghosts myself. Especially the ones in 18 because I was actually the person (who) gave the Daddy Dolls to the kids. That was my commander that had deployed, I worked for him. And I was the tour guide who gave the private tour to the FRG."

Gray continued the story of 18A after Verschage's comments. The son heard a noise in the bathroom, which kept him awake at night.

"The last time he woke his mother was at 4:30 in the morning," Gray said. "The mother heard something fall that sounded like plastic. Thinking it was a cup in the bathroom that had fallen, she got up to investigate and discovered a plastic hanger laying on the ground that had not been there the night before."

Verschage said the ghost only made noise because they just want to be heard.

"Their stories just want to be told," she said. "They just want someone to remember they were here and that they are still here."

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**TRICIA VERSCHAGE  
HASFR GHOSTESS**

As Gray continued the Quarters 18A story, children sat on the lawn in front of her to listen to the conclusion of the ghost story.

"Looking in the closet, there was another hanger on the floor that had not been there when she had gone to bed," Gray said. "When she asked the kids the next day if they had been in her closet, the answer was no."

On the way to the next stop on the tour, Gray said she is the current resident for 18A. The added connection to the stories make it surreal.

"I didn't want to know any of the stories until after I moved," said Gray with a laugh. "Now it has forced me to hear stuff. I wanted to hear them all, but not be a resident when I hear them."

During the tour, one family was asked how they felt about the event. The son responded positively.

"I like it," said Trystin Brown, son of Trisha Brown, Manhattan resident. "The stories are interesting to me."

Brown said he particularly enjoyed the ghost stories and learned a lot about Fort Riley.

The HASFR Ghost tours are more than just a spooky Halloween fun event, it is a live action history lesson.

"It's not only spooky stories, but it's a history lesson," Gray said. "Fort Riley is very unique ... The haunted happenings are unique to Fort Riley."

To learn more about the buildings on Fort Riley, HASFR offers free guided tours. To schedule a tour visit [www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org/tours.html](http://www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org/tours.html).



**Easton McDonald, left, 2, son of Spc. Rodney McDonald, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and his siblings Blake, 8 and Ryleigh, 4, play rubber bowling together at the tailgate zone during the Halloween costume party at Custer Hill Bowling Alley Oct. 28. All kids who dressed up at the event were invited to participate in the best costume contest after and the prizes were Morale, Welfare and Recreation gift certificates.**

## Halloween bash at Custer Hill Bowling Alley

**Live DJ, childrens' costume contest help amp up fun at party**

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

Custer Hill Bowling Center threw a Halloween edition costume party Oct. 28.

Andrea Ruiz, assistant business manager at the bowling alley, said apart from the specials attendees received at the costume party for bowling and the newly opened and still growing tailgate zone, there was also a DJ to amp up the fun.

"We're just going to listen to music and have fun," she said. "Our tailgate area is more or less yard games brought indoors. We have something that is called 'fowling,' which is a combination of football and bowling. We also have cornhole, we have a giant Jenga set, we have a rubber bowling set for kids to use just to kind of learn their steps up to bowling and also have a ring toss game. Eventually we will get to add a new game in each month."

For children who attended dressed in Halloween outfits, there was a best costume competition. Ruiz said the contest was divided into two categories and the staff at Custer Hill would then vote on the best dressed kid.



**Kids ages 5 years old and younger dressed in Halloween costumes wait with their parents for the best-dressed winner to be announced during the Custer Hill Bowling Alley costume party Oct. 28. The prize was shared between siblings Traesin Wright, 5, son of Spc. Dylan Waide, 258th Human Resources Company, 1st Inf. Div. Sustainment Brigade; who dressed as Branch from 'Trolls,' and his sister Mahlea Waide, 2, who dressed as Poppy from the same movie.**

"We're going to judge based on age groups 5 and younger and then 6 and older and just have two contests that way and give out (gift) certificates," Ruiz said.

Among the kids who vied for best costume were Spc. Rodney McDonald, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; children, Blake, 8; Ryleigh, 4, and Easton, 2. McDonald's wife, Jessica, said she attend the function after seeing an advertisement about it.

"I read about the event in the newspaper that came out yesterday and my husband had been before during in-processing, but we hadn't brought the kids," Julie said. "(The kids) like bowling back home in North Carolina and we thought we'd bring them out for the Halloween event tonight."

The McDonalds have only been stationed at Fort Riley a little over a month and Julie said she has been very impressed with how much goes on around post. They decided to go with the complete bowl-

ing package offered that evening so they could enjoy the tailgate zone, and added she's excited about what the tailgate zone will continue to offer in the future.

"Every weekend they always have something to go and do," she said. "I'm very impressed. This is a very large space, that's what I told my husband. And (the bowling alley staff) said they were working on getting laser tag right here in this area, I think that's a fabulous idea. My 8-year-old has been begging me to play laser tag ever since we got here. I've heard there's not really a good one, unless you drive to Topeka (Kansas). So to have one right here on post, I think would be a fantastic idea."

Jessica said she enjoyed that the Halloween event at the bowling alley was family friendly, especially for her family of five.

"We have a 2-year-old, a 4-year-old and an 8-year-old, so being able to take them somewhere they all can do something and be entertained is important," she said. "And the price is good for a family of five. Just to rent a lane for \$15 an hour is budget friendly."

Jessica's eldest son said though he hadn't had the chance to bowl yet, he has enjoyed the other activities available for him.

"I like that we can practice (rubber) bowling and Jenga," Blake said.

## Pets of the Week

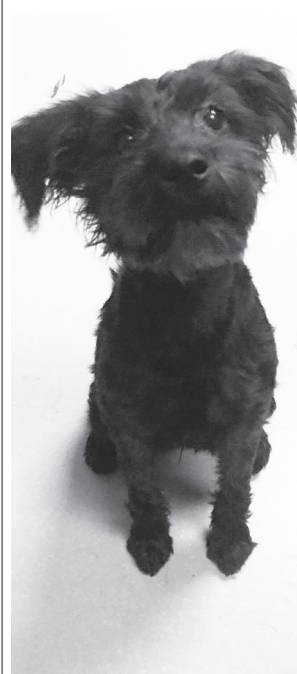
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Sisters Annelise Spratt, left, 5, and Glory Spratt, 7, daughters of Sgt. 1st Class Terry Spratt, Company C, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, participate in the coloring table at the Forsyth Express Halloween Festival Oct. 28. Kids who attended in costume received free hot chocolate. Other activities available at the family friendly event were face painting, photobooth, mask decorating, a chance to explore a fire truck from the Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services, a Halloween-themed cake walk and more.



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Elane Lundy, 4, left, daughter of Cpl. Michael Lundy, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and her sister Isabella, 8, stand in line sharing a hot chocolate while waiting to get their faces painted at the Forsyth Express Halloween Festival Oct. 28.

**HALLOWEEN-ERA FESTIVITIES**



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Shawn Fultz, left, sales representative for a beer distributor, shares a joke with Madina Iskhakova, merchandiser for the Exchange, during the Prohibition Ends At Last Halloween Party at the "Big Red One" Express Oct. 28. During the party, attendees were treated to 1930s libations such as Gin Rickeys, Bee's Knees and highballs. Iskhakova was in charge of making Shirley Temples, a non-alcoholic Prohibition-era treat.

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ABOVE: An employee of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Main Post Exchange hands out candy to a trick-or-treaters resting in their stroller Oct. 31. Stores within the PX mall welcomed trick-or-treaters with candy and small toys throughout the evening of Halloween. The PX also hosted a plastic building brick contest and gave out free wine samples to parents escorting their kids from shop to shop. RIGHT: An employee dressed as a rabbit hands out candy to a trick-or-treater in a winter fairy costume Oct. 31 at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Main Post Exchange Mall. Most employees handing out candy were also dressed for the holiday.



Photos by Season Osterfeld | POST



Gabriel Quash, left, 5, takes a leap off the edge of the pool into his father's, Maj. Jason Quash, HSC, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, at the open swim event Splash Saturday at Eyster Pool Oct. 28. Splash Saturdays is an open swim event for families to use the indoor pool at Fort Riley to bond and play in the water. The next Splash Saturdays are Nov. 11, 16 and Dec. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information call 785-239-4854.

**Pool opens up select Saturdays**

Fort Riley families get chance to swim, bond at Eyster facility

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

Parents and their kiddos bonded swimmingly at the first Splash Saturday event of the season at Fort Riley Eyster Pool Oct. 28.

Hannah McGurk, lead lifeguard at Eyster Pool, said since the event fell on the weekend before Halloween, everyone who attended was encouraged to dress up in costume. Additionally, the first 150 attendees would have an opportunity to paint mini pumpkins.

"The whole pool is open for (all participants) to do an open swim or free swim," McGurk said. "Since it's Halloween weekend, we told them they're allowed to wear their costumes."

Other than that, McGurk said this special Halloween Edition Splash Saturday will be just like the other Splash Saturdays where families will be allowed to come between 1 to 4 p.m. to play with their kids and use the pool facilities such as the slides and inflatable obstacle course.

McGurk said the Aquatics Program heard there was a need from families who are looking for something enjoyable to do during the weekends, so they answered that call by hosting Splash Saturdays.

"(Families) wanted more time for open swim and more time for families to go out and enjoy something together on



A skeletal lifeguard at Fort Riley Eyster Pool keeps a watchful eye on all who dare swim in its waters during the first Splash Saturday of the season Oct. 28. The event was a Halloween special and the first 150 brave attendees got to paint a mini pumpkin for free.

the weekends," she said. "And so that's mainly why we do it. It is bonding for the families to have together, as well as being able to use the facilities that are on base that are open and available for them."

Sgt. John Fabry, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and his family just moved to Fort Riley from Germany on the day of the event. John's wife, Julie, said they have been living in the hotel behind the Eyster pool for the past few days and kept seeing the signs for Splash Saturday — as well as from many other Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation event signs — so she decided to sign her family up for the event.

"I love how polite people are and it seems like there's a lot of activities for the families," Julie said.

Julie said she was impressed with Fort Riley so far and the

amount of family-friendly activities at the post has exceeded her expectations.

"I thought there was going to be tornados and nothing to do," she said. "So far I've loved (Splash Saturday) and there seem to be a lot to do on post."

John and Julie's 11-year-old son, Jonathan, climbed out of the pool to echo his mother's sentiments about Fort Riley and Splash Saturday. He had been swimming for an hour by then.

"Well, I love it," Jonathan said, panting and trying to catch his breath from playing in the water. "I love the water slides. I love the little playground."

The next Splash Saturdays are Nov. 11, 16 and Dec. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. It is free for kids under 2 years old, \$1.50 for Department of Defense ID holders ages 3 through 12 years, \$3 for DOD ID holders above the age of 13 and \$5 for guests. For more information, call Eyster pool at 785-239-4854.

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## WAKEFIELD



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Wakefield is a small town in Clay County about 20 miles from Fort Riley. The city had a population of less than 1,000 people according to 2014 U.S. census data.



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Wakefield is northwest of Fort Riley in Clay County nestled by Milford Lake. The city is known as a “Gateway to the Wetlands.”

Due to its close proximity to Milford Lake, the town is known for its recreational opportunities. Wakefield is a part of the Wakefield Recreation Association, which is an all-volunteer organization sponsored by the town.

The mission of WRA is to provide a foundation where children — grades kindergarten to eighth — can build their skills in soccer, basketball and baseball.

Wakefield offers a variety of city organizations that support this foundation.

As a town that holds an interest in recreational activities, the city of Wakefield has camping, fishing and hunting amenities.

One such location is Clay County Park at 201 2nd St., which also holds annual events and festivals.

The park has nightly rates for tents set at \$10. There are also weekly and monthly rates available. For more information about Clay County Park, visit [www.facebook.com/Clay-County-Park-477389578975464/](http://www.facebook.com/Clay-County-Park-477389578975464/)

The camping opportunities can be

viewed online at [www.claycountykansas.org/government/clay-county-park](http://www.claycountykansas.org/government/clay-county-park).

Fishing amenities are available at Milford Lake, which, to some, is a fisherman's paradise. There are boat ramps and local businesses that sell bait and fulfill other fishing needs.

If a hunting getaway is desired, Wakefield has 600 acres of public wetlands and more than 11,000 acres of public hunting grounds.

For those who enjoy museums, the city is home to Wakefield Museum at the intersection of Fourth and Hickory Streets. The museum is a stroll down history lane as one learns the background of the town and the surrounding areas.

The Republican Valley Farm Museum features a variety of antique farming equipment, tractors and more for visitors to view and learn about. For more information about the museum, call 785-461-5516 or visit [www.wakefieldmuseum.com](http://www.wakefieldmuseum.com).

With more than 1,000 species of exotic and woody plants at the Kansas Landscape Arboretum, there are bird-viewing sites, nature trails and more. For more information, call 785-461-5760.

For more information about Wakefield, visit their website [wakefieldks.com/main/](http://wakefieldks.com/main/).



COURTESY PHOTOS

**TOP LEFT:** The aerial photo of Wakefield depicts a small town. As a town neighboring Milford Lake, it has a variety of aquatic activities. **TOP RIGHT:** Wakefield is located northwest of Fort Riley and is home to Kansas Landscape Arboretum, home to more than 1,000 species of exotic plants. **BELOW:** Wakefield is a town with plenty to do. The town is in close proximity to water activities and also has 11,000 acres of public hunting grounds.

