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## All Aboard



Locomotive No. 1943, The Spirit, makes its first stop at Fort Riley during Union Pacific Salute to the Military Nov. 6 near the First Territorial Capitol building. Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley's garrison commander, Fort Riley officials, U.S. government officials and Union Pacific employees were among the attendees of the event.

## Locomotive makes first stop at Fort Riley to honor Soldiers



Union Pacific recognized employees during Union Pacific Salute to the Military by giving golden spike replicas to them as a momentum of their hard work Nov. 6. Many Union Pacific employees are retired service members.

Story and photos by Kalene Lozick  
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It was a cold, Kansas autumn morning when Lindsey Douglas, Union Pacific public affairs

officer, took her place behind a podium to greet a crowd of people waiting to learn more about the locomotive behind her.

Douglas addressed the audience during the outdoor "Union Pacific Salute to the Military"

event held near the First Territorial Capitol building at 692 Huebner Road where Locomotive No. 1943, known as The Spirit, made its first military installation stop at Fort Riley Nov. 6.

"The locomotive commemorates more than 150 years of collaboration between Union Pacific and the United States military," Douglas said.

A partnership that also connects Union Pacific to Fort Riley.

"Fort Riley enjoys a long and storied history with the Union Pacific railroad," said Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, as he addressed the crowd of Fort Riley community members, U.S. government officials and Union Pacific employees. "Our histories are intertwined. Rail played a strategic role in the development of this important Army installation, founded in 1853 as Camp Center ... In years since, the partnership has deepened, with rail being an important component in Fort Riley's power projection and capability to deploy."

To commemorate the partnership with the installation, Union Pacific made Fort Riley the locomotive's first military installation stop.

"To specifically honor Union Pacific's partnership with Fort Riley, we choose to make Fort Riley our first military installation to display the 1943," Douglas said.

The Spirit will honor those who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. military with the rolling billboard.

"When we honor an organization, we don't put up aesthetic billboards," Douglas said. "We reach 7,000 communities across 32,000 miles of track in 23 states. We want everyone to know how much we value and respect our honorees."

The locomotive's symbolic graphics and color palette bring branches of military together on one moving locomotive.

"Union Pacific's iconic yellow locomotives date back to the 1930s," she said. "Only 16 times in our history have we deviated from our standard by creating a commemorative paint scheme. This year we salute American's military with a locomotive designed specifically for them. The No. 1943 and the name commemorate the spirit of the Union Pacific. Elements of the design symbolize every branch of the armed forces — Air Force Silver, the former Strategic Air Command nose sash, Coast Guard racing stripe, Navy Battleship gray, camouflage for the Army and the Marines."

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## Installation Management Command director tours Fort Riley

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

Brenda Lee McCullough, director, Installation Management Command-Readiness, visited Fort Riley Nov. 6 to 9 as part of her bi-annual review of the installation.

During her time at the installation, she met with garrison and 1st Infantry Division leadership, toured facilities and spoke with the staff of those locations to develop an understanding of how Fort Riley and its people operate.

"I have 20 garrisons and I like to get out to garrisons and get the on-the-ground perspective because by getting the on-the-ground perspective, I am better informed because I've seen it whenever I'm advocating for their requirements," she said.

McCullough serves as a direct connection between the 20 garrisons that

fall under her and the IMCOM commander Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl. In her position, she serves as an advocate for the installations to assist them with funding and infrastructure needs.

"She saw some good things and she saw some places where we needed help and every installation is a little bit different because we're all not at the same state regarding infrastructure, so I think she left here with an understanding of where we are facilities wise so she can be an advocate for us," said Tim Livsey, Fort Riley garrison deputy commander.

She also learns from her garrisons to share their best practices with others.

"She took a lot of what we gave here and she sees the best from all of her installations, so she took away some things that will be helpful for her at other installations and at the same time allow her to help be an advocate for us as well," Livsey said.

During her visit, she toured facilities like the Outdoor Adventure and Travel Center, the Fort Riley Stray Animal Shelter, the Warrior Zone, Custer Hill Bowling Center and more. Of the facilities she saw, she said she was impressed with the ingenuity of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation to meet needs of the Fort Riley community with limited resources.

"The (Outdoor) Adventure Park is a good news story because, of course, we used to have a golf course here, but the golf course could not make its profitability standards, which means really no one was using it, at least not at the density that was needed in order to turn a profit, so a corporate decision was made to close the golf course and in the meantime, you had all the space, so what



Brenda Lee McCullough, director, Installation Management Command-Readiness, pets a cat at the Fort Riley Stray Animal Facility Nov. 8.

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### FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Sara Pasquantonio was recognized by the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, for tracking all funds coming in and going out of the Family Readiness Group. She is a constant source of help and a very reliable FRG volunteer.

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

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# Fort Riley works with tribes to preserve history

By Season Osterfeld  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

*Editor's Note: This story is part three of a four-part series on the Directorate of Public Works – Environmental Division.*

Before Fort Riley was a post or even a camp, before homesteaders filled the area and began farming, there were the Native American tribes who called the Great Plains their home.

Today, personnel within the Directorate of Public Works – Environmental Division under the Cultural Resources Program work to uncover, preserve and protect the tribes' history at Fort Riley.

Staff communicates with 12 federally recognized tribes on a regular basis, said Theresa De La Garza, historic architect and Cultural Resources Program manager. These tribes include Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; Kaw Nation of Oklahoma; Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas; Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma; the Osage Nation; Otoe-Missouria Tribe; Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma; Ponca Tribes of Oklahoma and Nebraska; Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation; Wichita and affiliated tribes; and Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska.

Originally, the Cultural Resources Program received a list of 23 tribes that could have been through Fort Riley, De La Garza said. By reaching out to representatives at each tribe, staff was able to reduce the number down to the 12 they work with today.

"We reached out to them and let them know where we're at, what kind of resources we have and then ask if they were interested in knowing about anything further or knowing about what impact they may have on those resources," she said. "So that's when we got the 'nope, we're fine' or 'we'll leave it to the tribes that are there to look after them,' so that's how we got down to the 12 tribes we're at now."

Of those 12 tribes, they work most frequently with the Kaw and Pawnee, who were two of the most prominent tribes in the Fort Riley area before being displaced, De La Garza said.

"The Kaw and the Pawnee are the two that we have the closest relationship with and they're the two that would have been here the longest and been the most involved," she said.

This effort to preserve and protect Native American history on Department of Defense lands comes from the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which was amended in 1992. Shortly thereafter, installations across the nation began working with tribes to uncover and restore their history.

"It started with our federal requirements," De La Garza said. "Most installations were doing that in the late 80s, early 90s. It took a while once the federal laws were passed, for the DoD and then the Army to establish their guidelines."

In the years since, multiple agencies have started working together to define, improve and develop these programs. Organizations involved in this effort include the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.

To manage federal lands, especially military installations, and still preserve the history, studies have been conducted between federal agencies and tribes to determine the best solutions.

In May of 2005, to support and reinforce the need for relationships between tribes and Cultural Resource Programs, the Best Practices In Historic Preservation study found, "consultation must occur early in the project planning process, both sides must plan ahead for meetings and be informed of the project scope and effect prior to attempting consultation, the parties must engage in a



COURTESY PHOTO

**Representatives from Fort Riley and one of the 12 Native American tribes that works with the installation shake hands over an agreement solidifying the relationship between post and the tribe in April 2000.**

dialogue predicated on mutual respect and understanding of the priorities of the other and the challenges that each face, having a THPO and an Agency Tribal Liaison involved in the process contributes to success, as does having adequate funding for Tribal parties to travel to meetings, and for Agency and Tribal participants to view the site together.

"On the other hand, reaching a Memorandum of Agreement was rarely seen as the indicator of success," the study expert continues. "Both tribes and agencies agreed that building relationships is the goal of a successful consultation and that funds and time spent in consultation reap ongoing benefits and efficiencies for future projects. Although congenial personalities make consultation pleasant, the process is bigger than an individual interaction and can indeed be institutionalized and replicated over time."

De La Garza said sites they uncover potentially belonging to a Native American tribe are referred to as prehistoric because of the lack of written record keeping.

"A lot of it has to do with the lack of information because it's prehistory and we don't have things written down," she said. "So it's the only thing other than the oral traditions that we have from the tribes themselves and a lot of the artifacts from our installation, they're from the Konza and they don't exist anymore, they were sort of the precursor to the Kaw."

For some tribes, they are categorized as belonging to "post contact" times, meaning Fort Riley existed when they passed through and they had little to no contact with the land. However, they are still kept involved in the communications and findings.

"There's layers of effort," she said of the process in handling a site. "First we survey and that's just to locate archeological sites and so we, scientifically or academically, call (the sites) prehistoric and then the historic, which is subdivided between the homesteaders and military. So once we've located them we come back through with a more involved process and that's the evaluation and those will, depending on what we find, the level of artifacts, what kind of diagnostics, that sort of thing, then it can be eligible for the national register as an archeological site."

To assist them in finding these sites, De La Garza said they consult with tribes, especially the Osage, to teach them signs to look for like plant life, rock formations and more. These consultations also provide them with a breadth of knowledge on culture and customs they otherwise may not know.

"Just like with the homesteads," she said. "If we see an Osage hedge, then that would have been the perimeter of a homestead without even having to look at the records and since we don't have records from the time the area was occupied by tribes."

In some instances, sites of great importance, such as a burial sites, have been located. These areas are kept secret and not available to the public to keep them protected, but each time they are located, staff at Fort Riley notify the tribes.

Artifacts found are cataloged and have their exact location recorded using a GPS. Many are stored in a curated facility at Fort Riley with specialized humidity and temperature control to preserve each one, De La Garza said. When sacred artifacts or remains are found, they are returned to a tribe.

"If it's related to a burial and what we call funerary objects, those have a completely different process," she said. "They're differentiated because they're sacred. Just the generic tool and whatnot, if it's diagnostic or something we find on the surface that could be looted or picked up by somebody, we'll collect those even at the survey level."

"If it's funerary objects or human remains, we notify the tribes and there's a repatriation process and because we have burial sites here."

When undergoing a repatriation process or return of a sacred artifact, the Cultural Resources Program also assists in providing a secluded and secure area for ceremonies the tribes may need to perform.

On a personal level, the staff has also assisted an active duty Soldier who was Native American in undergoing a private ceremony. They located an area that met his needs and provided him the seclusion he required until he was complete, De La Garza said.

"We helped coordinate that so he could have the isolation that he needed in a location that would be beneficial for him," she said.

This relationship between Fort Riley and the tribes is one of mutual benefit, De La Garza said. Federal land is protected, especially military installations because of the controlled access to them. This has assisted in protecting the ancestral homes, burial sites and sacred locations and now, the relationship further works toward keeping them secure and documented.

"For us, it's beneficial because, one, it's all part of that general public trust, but then tribal specifically, a lot of them, back to the days of Civil War, even the Revolutionary War, there were a lot of tribal members that were involved in the efforts, so there's been this (relationship)," she said. "As sort of a respect to the troops that are Native American, to have that level of trust is always good."

Above all else though, preserving history is what matters most, de La Garza said.

"Preserving the history is critical because once it's lost, we can't ever get it back," she said.

# Soldiers to receive hazardous waste training at no cost

By Brandon Steinert  
BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Barton Community College will offer transitioning Fort Riley Soldiers a grant-funded two-week certificate program at no cost to participants. The Hazardous Waste Worker program gives Soldiers credentials to help them find work after their tenure in the Army ends.

The next course is set from Nov. 27 through Dec. 8 at 100 Continental Ave. Grandview Plaza, Kansas.

Classes are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday, covering Occupational Safety and Health Administration - Hazardous Materials Handling, OSHA 10-hour General Industry Safety and Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response culminating in a hands-on hazardous waste handling simulation for the final exam. Students must be physically and mentally able to work in a full

level-A Hazardous Materials ensemble, including a self-contained breathing apparatus.

The training is paid for by a grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The course is geared toward transitioning Soldiers, retirees and family members at no cost.

"This course gets transitioning soldiers HAZMAT qualifications to put them to work in only two weeks, and at no-cost," said Barton's Dean of Fort Riley Technical Education and Military Outreach Training Kurt Teal. "We're doing what we can to help these folks get a solid job so they can continue providing for their families when they leave the military."

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# Become weather prepared with Ready Army, Safety Office

Story and photo by Kalene Lozick  
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“Whether you are a newcomer from New York, north western states or even coming from Florida, pay attention to what is being put out as first messaging in regard to the weather,” said Chris Hallenbeck, Fort Riley emergency manager for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Hallenbeck works directly with Dawn Douglas, safety and occupational health specialist with the garrison safety office, to inform and prepare all of the Fort Riley community about severe weather.

“In Kansas (the weather) changes every day and every week, so find a way to get communication from us, the national weather service and the local news,” Hallenbeck said. “Know where your resources are and know regionally what you need to prepare for.”

Near the Ogden and Manhattan, Kansas, gate and Marshall Army Air Field and Henry Gate there are electronic signs that Douglas and her team will manage when inclement weather approaches.

“So from our perspective when severe weather is expected or likely to hit,” Douglas said. “One of the first things we do is to use our marques (electronic signs) at the three access points — Henry, Ogden and Trooper gate — and we put out weather alerts.”

When inclement weather does approach Fort Riley, snow is not the major issue — it’s ice.

“Snow is not the major factor; it’s typically icy conditions that will hit us,” Hallenbeck said.

These icy conditions cause conditions suitable for power outages.

“What we’ve seen on the installation are isolated power outages,” he said. “Normally what is comes to be — just like in the community — it’s not from down power lines, but could be from animals getting into transformers so it shuts down the power for a little bit.”

When the power is out, families need to be well prepared, especially in the Kansas cold.

“We always try to tell people ‘hey look when the power goes out, you have got to prepare for it,’” Hallenbeck said. “In your house, if you are going to have alternate heat source and the power is out, are you using your gas fireplace? Think about the carbon monoxide. Make sure your detector is working.”

Alternate heat sources are crucial in severe weather, especially when the source does not require electricity to operate, Hallenbeck said.

“If one of your alternate heat sources is a generator, it sounds kind of like a given, don’t have your generator in the garage have the generator outside,” he said as a precaution. “We have had people who have been overcome with the carbon monoxide because they kept a generator enclosed.”

If the power outage occurs at night, the best way to prepare is to have extra blankets, a power source for lighting and food.

“Don’t forget your pets,” Hallenbeck said. “If you are a person with extra medical needs, don’t forget that when you are preparing for the winter season.”

A part of preparedness is making a plan outside of the house. This means knowing where the warming centers are, Hallenbeck said.

“A warming center is a place you can go in the winter for a short-term period,” Hallenbeck said. “It is not an overnight shelter that has life necessity stuff like showering and/or food. It is a place that has power, warmth and if your power will be out for a short period of time you can go there and just sit tight.”

Several warming centers on post are the neighborhood centers found within the housing areas.

“Most of the warming centers are designated as the neighborhood centers (and) the ACS (Army Community Service) building up on the (Custer) hill,” Hallenbeck said. “Riley’s Conference Center is one of the larger ones.”

If the installation experiences a large, long-term power outage longer than five hours, Riley’s Conference Center will be used, he said.

“If it’s a long term power outage,” he said. “Think about your food source, your water sources, heating for your family members, heating for your children and pets.”

For those who travel during the winter months, Hallenbeck and Douglas encourage a vehicle kit in all privately owned vehicles.

“Some of the key things if you’re traveling is tell at least two friends or family members where you are going and what time you’re going to leave,” Hallenbeck said. “It’s just good for somebody to know in case you find yourself stranded.”

All Soldiers who are traveling over the holiday season or anytime, must fill out a Travel Risk Planning System Assessment.

“TRiPS Assessment is no more than a series of questions to make sure that you double checked all the risks of travel,” Douglas said.

The types of questions the assessment asks are: “Will you be driving a privately owned motor vehicle or motorcycle?” It also asks for basic information, vehicle information and the route that will be taken.

“It’ll ask you what time of the day will you be traveling,” Douglas said. “It will ask you what kind of vehicle you have, how far are you going. It’ll give you maps. It’ll tell you when it recommends that you take rest and offer recommendation of cities that are at the vicinity that you can rest at.”

For the POVs and the household, Douglas and Hallenbeck recommend kits that are designed for severe weather.

“We combine our list with the Kansas Department of Transportation to make a list for the car kit,” Hallenbeck said. “Definitely have a car kit. Some people may say I don’t travel a lot, but if you travel out to work long distances you might find yourself on the side of the road. So it’s a good thing to have.”

Douglas’ and her team design POV checklist brochures that provide information on how to properly prepare one’s POV for the winter months.

“Our biggest thing as far as awareness goes is to have a handy little checklist to make sure that you have something in hand that you can look at as you check your vehicle,” Douglas said. “One of the things that we really talk about in our lane of safety is making sure your vehicle has a preparedness kit so that if something does happen and you’re stuck out in the weather, you are able to survive during that time.”

Survival is the main goal for both the safety office and the emergency managers.

From information provided by the Fort Riley garrison command safety office, when



The Army-issued severe weather kit is one of several examples the Ready Army program has to assist people with ideas of what they should include in their emergency kit.

winterizing vehicles the key components are as follows:

- Get your car serviced now: have the entire vehicle checked thoroughly for leaks, bad worn hoses, or other needed parts, repairs and replacements
- Check the car battery voltage
- Check the cooling system: coolant does freeze and expands, therefore the expansion can potentially damage vehicle’s engine block
- Fill the vehicle’s windshield washer reservoir, check windshield wipers and defrosters
- Check tire pressure and make sure the tire is filled to manufacturer’s recommended inflation tire

Household kits are customizable based off your family’s needs, size and where you live, Hallenbeck said.

“Are you going to need blankets?” Hallenbeck asked. “Portable lamps? How are you going to keep your family warm? Long term, do you have to go to a shelter or stay at the house? A lot of the people we’ve found will stay at their house because on average their houses were not freezing, but in the 50s and 60s (degrees Fahrenheit). But we’ve sheltered a few people, so knowing where the shelters are if you had to go.”

The top item emergency kits should have are the portable battery packs because everyone does a lot on their phones.

“Nowadays, that is one of the things I encourage people to have because we want to use our phone and as soon as they go dead (we can’t),” Hallenbeck said.

Items in the kit should reflect the length of power outage.

“It’s more of ‘how am I going to have power?’” he said. “How am I going to have food if I’m going to be here for a long time, lighting — do I have enough flashlights,

enough batteries, communication — am I going to have power if my phone runs out and how am I going to receive information so a charged radio is a good thing to have so it operates on battery and you can charge it or back up.”

For those who need a household, POV kit or work kit, the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Post Exchange near the Fort Riley Commissary sells prepared kits, he said.

“Our AAFES sells a lot of this stuff and any of the large vendors will have them,” Hallenbeck said. “We recommend the prepackaged kits.”

Final stop is an action plan. Hallenbeck and his team will set up a booth at the AAFES with brochures and man power the week before Thanksgiving. Tentatively the booth will be up all week but someone will be available to answer questions Nov. 21 or 22.

“We are planning on a booth a week before Thanksgiving and it will be at AAFES down at the main PX area,” Hallenbeck said. “And we usually just set it up there and will man it for a few hours. It will be set up for a few days unmanned, but all the information will be there for someone to grab them if needed. All of our phone numbers will be there.”

At the booth will be an examples of kits, especially a backpack kit filled with the essentials for three days.

“We have the one we use at our displays which is a backpack kit,” he said. “And it has the main necessities in there — three days of the major necessity — it’s easy to carry, it’s easy if you have children. You can put that on the kid’s back and that’s what they carry.”

For more information about severe weather safety visit the website [www.riley.army.mil/Units/Garrison-Command/Safety/](http://www.riley.army.mil/Units/Garrison-Command/Safety/). For more information about severe weather preparedness visit Ready Army’s booth the week before Thanksgiving or the website [www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/](http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/).



## TRAFFIC REPORT

### ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS

Those with a valid military ID card, or who have an access pass or badge, wanting access to Fort Riley on weekends should use Estes, Ogden, Henry or Trooper gates.

For more information about Fort Riley access procedures, visit [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil).

The access control point hours are:

#### Henry/Trooper/Ogden/Estes:

Open 24/7. Commercial traffic at Estes is required to have an access pass or badge prior to trying to access.

#### 12th Street:

Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, closed weekends and federal holidays. This gate will have inbound commercial vehicle lanes only. Although personally owned vehicles will be allowed access, there is no designated POV lane.

Outbound traffic is not authorized. Badges and passes may be issued to commercial drivers prior to access at the gate.

### Grant:

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

### CAMPBELL HILL ROAD CLOSURE

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.

### HENRY DRIVE BRIDGE

The bridge on Henry Drive over the Kansas River will be reduced to one lane from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. from Nov. 27 to Dec. 8. Traffic will be controlled at both ends of the bridge by signage and temporary traffic lights. Compliance with all construction traffic control signs is mandatory during this period.

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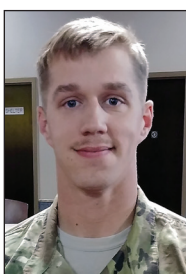


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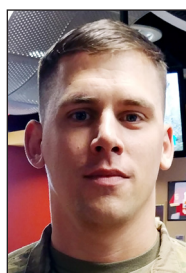
What is your favorite cold weather beverage and why?



"Coffee. I tend to enjoy a cup on my porch while star gazing thinking and about when I ETS (end of term of service)."

**SGT. GRANT MCCOY**  
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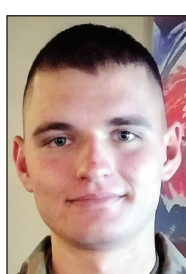
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"Coffee because it warms up the insides."

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KINGSTON, OKLAHOMA

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



"Warm apple cider because it reminds me of fall and winter and makes me feel warm inside."

**KAYLEE SMITH**  
BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Wife of Sgt. Jacob Smith, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"Homemade hot cocoa. Perfect pick me up after shoveling snow."

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### SAFETY CORNER

## Staying food safe during Thanksgiving

By Dawn J. Douglas  
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Team Riley, for many families nothing says "Thanksgiving" like "turkey." This is why preparing the holiday bird correctly can avoid unnecessary discomfort or even worse, a trip to the emergency room. According to the Centers for Disease Control, food-handling errors and inadequate cooking are the most common problems that lead to poultry-associated foodborne disease outbreaks in the United States. Clostridium perfringens, bacteria that grows on food left at room temperature, outbreaks occur most often in November and December, according to Foodsafety.gov and the most common outbreaks are related to food served during the holidays, such as turkey and roast beef. A few tips can prevent foodborne disease and its associated symptoms:

#### CLEAN SURFACES

Tips to remember no matter how you prepare your turkey are to wash your hands thoroughly and often. Clean surfaces regularly as well with a bacteria-killing solution using hot soapy water. Germs that cause food poisoning survive in many places and are easily spread around your kitchen. Washing your hands, cleaning surfaces, cooking utensils, cutting boards etc. often can mitigate the spread of germs.

#### AVOID CROSS CONTAMINATION

Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs from "ready-to-eat" foods. Use a different cutting board and plate for raw meat, poultry and seafood. Make sure to wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly even if the packaging says it was already "pre-washed."

#### KNOW YOUR COOK TIMES

Use a food thermometer to ensure foods are cooked to safe internal temperature:

- 145°F for whole cuts of beef, pork, veal, and lamb, then allow the meat to rest for 3 minutes before carving or eating
- 160°F for ground meats, such as beef and pork
- 165°F for all poultry, including ground chicken and turkey
- 165°F for leftovers and casseroles

#### SAFELY THAW YOUR TURKEY

Thaw turkeys in the refrigerator, in a sink of cold water that is changed every 30 minutes, or in the microwave. Never thaw your turkey by leaving it out on the counter. A frozen turkey is safe indefinitely, but a thawing turkey must defrost at a safe temperature. When the turkey is left out at room temperature for more than two hours, its temperature becomes unsafe as it moves into the danger zone between 40°F and 140°F, where bacteria can grow rapidly.

#### SAFELY HANDLE YOUR TURKEY

Raw poultry can contaminate anything it touches with harmful bacteria. Follow the four steps to food safety — cook, clean, chill and separate — to prevent the spread of bacteria to your food and family.

#### PREPARE STUFFING SAFELY

The Department of Agriculture recommends that stuffing not be prepared ahead. The dry and wet ingredients for stuffing can be prepared ahead of time and chilled. However, do not mix wet and dry ingredients until just before spooning the stuffing mixture into a poultry cavity, in or on other meat, or into a casserole. If stuffing a whole turkey, chicken or other bird, spoon the stuffing in loosely — about 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound. The stuffing should be moist, not dry, because heat destroys bacteria more rapidly in a moist environment.

#### SAFELY STUFF YOUR TURKEY

Cooking stuffing in a casserole dish makes it easy to make sure it is thoroughly cooked. If you put stuffing in the turkey, do so just before cooking. Use a food thermometer to make sure the stuffing's center reaches 165°F. Bacteria can survive in stuffing that has not reached 165°F and may then cause food poisoning.

#### SAFELY COOK YOUR TURKEY

Set the oven temperature to at least 325°F. Place the completely thawed turkey with the breast side up in a roasting pan that is 2 to 2-1/2 inches deep. Cooking times will vary depending on the weight of the turkey. To make sure the turkey has reached a safe internal temperature

of 165°F, check by inserting a food thermometer into the center of the stuffing and the thickest portions of the breast, thigh, and wing joint. Let the turkey stand 20 minutes before removing all stuffing from the cavity and carving the meat. This allows the stuffing to cook a little longer.

#### REFRIGERATE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY

- Keep your refrigerator below 40°F and know when to throw out food.
- Refrigerate perishable food within 2 hours. If outdoor temperature is above 90°F, refrigerate within 1 hour.
- Bacteria can multiply rapidly if left at room temperature or in the "Danger Zone" between 40°F and 140°F. Never leave perishable food out for more than 2 hours.

#### A WORD ABOUT LEFTOVERS

Clostridium perfringens are bacteria that grow in cooked foods left at room temperature. It is the second most common bacterial cause of food poisoning. The major symptoms are vomiting and abdominal cramps within 6 to 24 hours after eating. To avoid these uncomfortable symptoms, follow refrigeration guidelines to prevent this bacteria growth.

Follow this guide for food storage:

- Salads that have a mayonnaise or dairy base should be refrigerated for no more than 3 to 5 days. If not consumed within that time, it should be discarded, not frozen.
- Steaks, chops and roasts should be refrigerated for 3 to 5 days and if frozen, steaks last 6 to 12 months, chops 4 to 6 months and roasts 4 to 12 months.
- If you are going to store a turkey in the refrigerator, it should be eaten in one to two days or a whole chicken or turkey can be frozen for up to 1 year; pieces of turkey or chicken can be frozen for up to 9 months.

Following these tips can prevent gastral intestinal issues and allow you and your family to enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving. Team Riley, for more tips about holiday safety, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley Safety Office at 785-240-0647.

### RECYCLING CENTER

## Missed recycling connections

By Chris Otto  
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Have you ever wondered if you missed a recycling connection? No need to scroll through Craigslist "Missed Connections" looking for the bottle you never recycled or the can that got away. This article will help you recognize those connections before they slip away.

There are many opportunities for recycling that are missed at home because people might not have bins where the recycled materials are used. Most people have recycling bins in their kitchen or garage but never put one in the bathroom. According

to Keep America Beautiful, 47 percent of those who don't recycle bathroom products say it is because they don't have a bin in the bathroom. Many things in the bathroom are recyclable including: shampoo bottles, toilet paper rolls, empty pill bottles, soap boxes, tissue boxes, magazines — for when the phone is charging — and mouthwash bottles. Having a small bin in the bathroom makes it easier to recycle these products. Other helpful places for recycling bins that people often miss include the bedroom, home office and where you open junk mail.

With the holiday season coming up, there will be many opportunities for you to recycle. Cardboard boxes

from online retailers or big box stores are the big items to recycle, but don't forget paper greeting cards, envelopes, holiday catalogues, gift boxes and paper bags. Fort Riley also recycles the white Styrofoam from packaging. If you are hosting a party, place recycling bins where guests can place cans, bottles, and other products. People at parties often throw recyclables away because they can't find the recycling bin.

If you live on Fort Riley, you can put your recyclables in your curbside recycling bin — that is the green one with the yellow lid. Anyone on post can drop materials off at one of the collection points around post at Main and

Custer Hill Post Exchanges, behind the Recycle Center at the intersection of 4th and G Street in Camp Funston and inside most administrative buildings on post. Active Duty units can also turn in materials at the Recycle Center to get Troop Incentive Program funds for their accounts from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

People miss recycling opportunities all the time. Hopefully the tips in this article will help you realize those opportunities before they are gone.

For more information on how to recycle on Fort Riley, call 785-239-2385.

## Remember your commissary for Thanksgiving savings

By Kathy Milley  
DECA CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

FORT LEE, Va. — Thanksgiving is almost here and for most of us that means family, football and an epic meal.

But be advised that turkeys and pies, casseroles and cakes can cause your grocery bill to quickly spiral out of control. Your local commissary can ease the burden.

"If you're in charge of the Thanksgiving spread and have a smaller budget than you would like, you're not alone," said Tracie Russ, the Defense Commissary Agency's sales director. "The good news is that your commissary can help you have an amazing holiday meal on a budget."

With these simple tips and money-saving promotions, your commissary will help you lay out a Thanksgiving spread to be proud of while not busting your budget:

- Make a list and stick to it: The commissary website has lots of holiday recipes. Go to <https://www.commissaries.com/healthy-living/recipes> and click the "Holiday"

category. Use these recipes to help make your grocery list. At the store, don't get distracted by impulse buys that can destroy your budget.

- Shop your pantry: Plan dishes around ingredients you already have on hand.
- Load commissary coupons onto your Commissary Rewards Card before you shop. Don't have a rewards card yet? Pick one up at your local commissary and register it here: [www.commissaries.com/rewards-and-savings/rewards-card](http://www.commissaries.com/rewards-and-savings/rewards-card).
- Check out the savings on your commissary website: Visit [www.commissaries.com/rewards-and-savings/savings-center](http://www.commissaries.com/rewards-and-savings/savings-center) for coupons, sales flyers and featured items.
- Get your turkey free. One of the commissaries' largest promotions is the worldwide "Your Turkey Could Be Free" recipe/coupon booklet. Available in commissaries, this 24-page recipe booklet has coupons valued at more than \$40, and they're good through Dec. 31. The coupons

provide commissary shoppers' significant savings when purchasing holiday meal essentials, with the opportunity to earn a free turkey. Look for these booklets in your local commissary beginning Nov. 1.

- Mix do-it-yourself with store-made foods: From appetizers to apple pies, your commissary can help save you time and money with their prepared foods.
- Buy produce that is in season. Using fruits and veggies that are in season and readily available will save you money. See a list at [snaped.fns.usda.gov/seasonal-produce-guide](http://snaped.fns.usda.gov/seasonal-produce-guide).
- Take advantage of the "Celebrate the Holidays" promotion at your commissary. General Mills' promotion features high value in-store coupons on holiday cooking and baking items.

"The holidays are busy times and can be expensive," Russ said. "Your commissary is the solution for a great Thanksgiving meal on an affordable budget."

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# Masterminds of property: Real Property Office keeper of Fort Riley assets, buildings

By Suet Lee-Growney  
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*Editor's Note: This story is part three of a three-part series on the Directorate of Public Works Master Planning Division.*

"We are actually a branch out of (the) master planning division, like a hub in a spoke wheel," said Paula Fultz, real property accountable officer Directorate of Public Works Real Property Office. "We are in the middle of everything; everything comes off of us. If there were no real property, there would be no master planning, there would be no units, no training."

The real property office is the gatekeeper of all matters on post that have to do with facilities, certain utilities, land and structures, which include current constructions, historical property, new builds, transfers and demolitions. Fultz said her team maintains, conducts inspections and keeps records on those assets.

"We are the official record, so everybody has to match us," she said. "We maintain an inventory record of everything; we manage it for the garrison commander. We have to keep (a) record of every asset we have and the work. We do inspection of all the assets — historical every three years and all the rest every five years ... We maintain records of all the building information. When something is built, it's transferred from whomever built it to the installation. Also we not only take the assets and add them to our inventory; we also are in charge of disposing of other assets that are kind of old."

One of the reasons the staff at the real property office work hard to keep up with managing assets is to ensure that Fort Riley is not trespassed on by outsiders trying to use the real estate without permission, said Fultz. Additionally, they establish proper regulations for maximizing the use of existing assets on post to its users.

"We are kind of like the property manager," Fultz said. "We have to make sure nobody encroaches on the government land and if they do then we have to take an action to have it removed ... (We) make sure that (assets) are being used for what they're constructed for and the space is used wisely."

Jeff Mataruso, DPW master planner, echoed Fultz statement on what the real property office is to his division. He added master planners often turn to Fultz and her team to make decisions, especially when it comes to dealing with assets on the installation.

"It is the one-point source where I go to find information about real property on the installation," Mataruso said. "Real property has their pulse on a lot of real estate actions, especially physical property on the installation — and equipment too, which can sometimes be very confusing between what is equipment and what's real property. So (Fultz) and the real property office is there to help (the master planners) decipher how we interpret the language of real property ... That's where I go to find the first line of data."

## REAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY

All information that passes the real property office is cross-referenced, validated, checked and inventoried for accountability. Fultz said the purpose of real property accountability is to make sure all buildings and assets at Fort Riley are cared for.

"Accountability is important because we have to make sure everything is validated and everything is properly cared for and we have custody for it and safekeeping," she said. "We (have) to have track everything; make sure all the occupants in the facility are the correct occupants, that we show proper documentation and maintain real property and accountable records. So when we have an audit, we are

ensuring the buildings and assets (that) Fort Riley is responsible for."

Every real property asset on post is recorded and tracked using an Army-wide accountability system called General Fund Enterprise Business System. According to Fultz, in addition to the property on the installation, the office also accounts for two satellite sites and six depots around the Midwest.

"We have two satellite sites: one in Manhattan (Kansas) and one in Topeka (Kansas)," she said. "We are also responsible for six depots in Kansas, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois. Fort Riley is the parent installation for those depots."

Fultz said the real property office drives and maintains assets on Fort Riley by managing funds for repairs on its assets and form real estate partnerships with contractors to aid in managing the land.

"We maintain the land," Fultz said. "The reason it's so important is because there is funding provided to the installation for all its assets. So we get funding for that and we make repairs, but we have to manage our assets and we have some partnerships like with Corvias ... Real property has to do (with) the real estate action for the partnership. The National Guard is here, we have a license with them."

The gravity of loss of transparency in terms of real property has dire consequences to the master planning division as a whole. Since the branch deals with funding, Mataruso said failing to account for assets correction could result to loss of funding for new builds, maintenance and more.

"If I don't get real property right, what ends up happening is we can end up losing funding for the installation," he said. "It's kind of the eyes-open of the installation and all funding is based on what kind of assets we have in store with real property."

## SPACE ASSIGNMENT

According to John D. Jones, realty specialist at DPW Real Property Office, space assignment is the allocation of zones and facilities to a user or unit based on its size and intent of use.

"The easiest way to say that is every unit is authorized so much space considering how many people they have, how many vehicles they have and that's how we assign them space," Jones said. "Every time we make a change, or the commanding general decides to change other things, we have to upgrade all the hand receipts, which means our hand receipts go down to battalion commanders. Because it's their footprints, they're responsible for all their motor pools, COFs (central operating facilities), parking lots, everything."

Sometimes, during the transference of asset and space responsibility between incoming and outgoing commanders there can be a break in liability. Jones said he bridges that gap by maintaining constant communication with commanders.

"I talk with commanders all the time and most generally, they understand," he said. "Every time they have a change of command, sometimes I have to go down there and reiterate to the new one because a lot of times they are coming up the ranks and they never had to have anything to do with real property. We can't afford it to fall apart, but it happens."

When a situation arises where there is loss of or damage to an asset, the real property office becomes involved and a proceeding called Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss has to be launched. Fultz said her department would have to determine the severity of the situation based on the findings of the investigation. They go through this system

to ensure the physical security of Fort Riley assets is not compromised.

"The main part of it is every facility is supposed to be secured," Fultz said. "We work with all the tenants and other units on the post, so physical security is one of the things that we work with. If someone loses the key, we don't go out and make one, we have to change out the locks."

Additionally, space assignment also involves contracting the land on the installation to private businesses such as banks, schools, the Post Exchanges, the Commissary and more.

"We make sure (the contractors) follow the regulation," Fultz said. "Sometimes we have to work on some kind of agreement for land to be temporarily used."

Space assignment is also categorizing assets and space on the installation to a category code, which defines the use of the building. The process involves the Real Property Planning and Analysis System. What RPLANS does is identify and sum up the entire infrastructure on Fort Riley for planning purposes. Fultz said there are occasions where there is no clear definition category for the buildings.

"Sometimes there isn't a category that fits the building that we built, and so we have to get something close enough until they come up with something to cover it," she said. "We work with IMCOM to make a request ... and they may change the category code."

Space on the installation can only be used if it were assigned through the proper channels, which involves Fultz's office, based on the building's requirements. She said doing otherwise could result in a violation of fire code.

"We'll find that somebody decided to take the motor pool and build a big office in it, which is not supposed to happen that way," she said. "Then we have problems with the fire department coming to you saying somebody built an office in this building and it's not up to fire code or something like that. We are always in the mix of something that's going on. Space assignment is when sometimes you say 'I want all my Soldiers right here' but sometimes we just can't accommodate them that way because there are footprints cut out based on their requirements."

## REAL ESTATE SUPPORT AND COORDINATION

Real estate support and coordination is the action taken with licenses, liens, right-of-ways, leases or permits, said Mataruso. To handle this, he said the real property office deals with realty specialists from the Corps of Engineers in Kansas City, Missouri, to help administer formal paperwork.

"The realty specialist helps us write the lease language or to permit language for a particular customer on the installation," he said. "Real property is mainly responsible for ensuring the language is interpreted correctly, that it spells out the right things for the lease, how long the lease is, and for the customer, what those requirements may be."

Fultz said this regulation is important because during the times when government needs land that's not on the installation, they can negotiate an agreement on using land off post. Sometimes, this process requires other branches in DPW to be involved.

"A lot of times, we just want to be able to use the land and not purchase it," she said. "We enter into some kind of agreement depending on what is required for the mission. There's a reason why we have to have it, maybe some kind of navigation device has to be put up on the hill or something and the hill doesn't belong to us. So have to enter into an agreement with

someone. We work very close with (the) Corps of Engineers. We have to go through a process where Environmental has to go out and check the land."

There are instances where space off post is needed, but there is no need to purchase more government property. In that case, Fultz said the real property office would engage the help of USACE to enter into an agreement and create a lease or permit to use private property for government use.

"If government doesn't have the land, but needs it (for an) aviation and (a) navigation site or something, we have to do the negotiation for leasing or having a license or permit, depending on what the requirement is or what instrument we use, but this office has to put all that together," she said. "The Corps of Engineers may end up executing it, but nothing goes to them for the land or use of something without it coming to this office ... We have to do the paperwork and send it off. Like I said, we are kind of like the hub."

Using off-post land and getting into an agreement to use that property is an example of real estate support and coordination, but this arrangement works vice versa when a non-military entity want to lease space on the installation. These leases, depending on what they are, are updated every five to 10 years, Fultz said. An example of an institution using land on the installation is the Unified School District 475.

"The school district on Fort Riley is USD 475, they have a lease with us," Fultz said. "They are responsible for their buildings, but we lease the ground they're on. They have to meet the regulations that are required to be on the installation."

The support and coordination of real estate on Fort Riley is so important, said Fultz, because "the government does not want to buy any more land right now." But it is equally important that all the buildings, especially the historical ones, are fully utilized because maximizing use of them can preserve their longevity.

"The reason why we like people coming on the installation is because we have several historical buildings," she said. "And a building of any type will last longer and survive if there's somebody in it or it will deteriorate fast."

Fultz added if they can have someone in the building keeping an eye out for maintenance problems, or even perform daily upkeep such as shutting the windows; it would save them the trouble of inspecting each building often.

"So we like it if there's an opportunity where we can enter into an agreement where somebody can use a building," she said. "We want to make sure our buildings have strong upkeep. If there's a situation where we want to renovate something and it's vacant, we have to still go out and check that building to make sure the water pipes didn't freeze or break or somebody didn't break into it. It takes a lot of people working and we are a small staff."

A small crew staffs the real property office, yet they are one of the top go-to people when it comes to their craft.

"We do quite well for a small office," Fultz said. "Sometimes we are one of the top installations that are called by other installations to find out how we are doing stuff. So we do talk to other installations quite a lot. A lot of times, they call us because Fort Riley has historical (buildings). We have a good reputation and good work ethic. I enjoy working here; it's a lot of work though."

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# Embracing Army life: bond between father, daughter

By Kara Tanner  
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"I felt special knowing my dad was out there helping the world," said Melina Nistico, daughter of Chief Warrant Officer 5 Anthony Nistico.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Anthony Nistico joined the United States Army in April 1988 and has spent the last 29 years serving his country. He joined the military for flight school, has been in aviation his entire career and served during Operations Desert Storm, Joint Endeavor and Iraqi Freedom.

Nistico and his family are currently stationed at Fort Riley, and Melina is a junior at Kansas State University.

Nistico says putting on that uniform for the past 29 years has given him purpose and a sense of mission. Prior to enlisting in the military, he said he wasn't sure what he wanted to do or who he wanted to be.

"Once I joined, it gave me purpose," Nistico said. "You have brothers and sisters next to you in uniform, and you serve for them as well."

Not only has the Army shaped Nistico and his own life, but it has shaped the way he has raised his two children.

"I believe I'm a tough dad. The Army has made me tough," he said.

Nistico said his children live the seven Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage each day.

"I instill those values in my kids, because of who the Army has made me," he said. "It's made me want more for my children."

Nistico said the Army has had a hand in raising both of his children and taught them that they shouldn't settle for mediocrity but for greatness.

"I serve, so that they don't have to," he said. Melina said she remembers spending birthdays and holidays away from her father.

"I remember celebrating my birthday when I was younger with my dad over the webcam," Melina said. "He told my mom what to buy for me, and she bought the presents."

To make Melina feel special on her birthday, Nistico went to the dining hall and got a cupcake and candle.

"She blew into the camera, and I blew the candle out, and she thought she did it," Nistico said. "That was pretty fun."

Melina said it is difficult when a member of any military family is deployed because it disrupts the balance, but their absence from home means something special. It means they are defending the nation and fighting for a bigger cause.

"As a kid I think I understood that this is what my dad had to do because he's a Soldier," Melina said. "I was always a little worried that something could happen, but it's always the best feeling when he comes home."

Melina said one of her fondest memories was her father's return home from Iraq in 2005.

"We had a giant Christmas party, and his whole unit came home," Melina said. "It was the best thing ever because all I wanted that year was for my dad to come home. I'll always remember that."

Nistico said Army deployments have made him a better father and husband and have taught him to appreciate the time he has with his family.

"Deployments have a way of making you appreciate what, and more importantly, who you have," Nistico said.

Melina said the military has truly been a blessing to her and her family.

"Through the military, we have had the ability to travel to all kinds of nations and experience many different cultures," she said. "Those experiences have truly shaped me into who I am today."

Nistico said he can't say enough about the opportunities the Army has given him and his family.

"For me and my family, the Army has allowed us to live a life that most people only dream about," Nistico said. "The things we've seen and experienced we never would have been able to do without the Army."

Nistico will serve out his final years at Fort Riley before his retirement after serving for 31 years as an active-duty member of the military.

"Even after 29 years, I love putting on the uniform every day and knowing that what I do matters," Nistico said.



COURTESY PHOTOS

ABOVE: Chief Warrant Officer 5 Anthony Nistico poses during the beginning of his Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment in January 2005. The 29-year Army veteran also served in Operations Desert Storm and Joint Endeavor. BELOW: The Soldiers of the 236th Medical Evacuation Company pose for a group photo at Camp Udairi in Kuwait. Included in the photo is Chief Warrant Officer 5 Anthony Nistico. Nistico joined the Army in April 1988. He joined the military for flight school, has been in aviation his entire career



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## In nation's capital, ground officially broken for National WWI Memorial



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The official party, including Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark Milley, fourth from the right, breaks ground for the National World War I Memorial at Pershing Park in Washington, D.C., Nov. 9. Construction of the memorial is expected to be completed in a year.

By C. Todd Lopez  
U.S. ARMY

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Descendants of Soldiers and other veterans of World War I will soon be able to visit a national memorial in the nation's capital that commemorates the sacrifices of their great-grandfathers who fought in "the Great War."

An array of politicians, military leaders, veterans and officials from the World War I Centennial Commission officially broke ground for the National World War I Memorial, Nov. 9, at Pershing Park in Washington, D.C.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of U.S. involvement in World War I. It was April 6, 1917, when the United States declared war on Germany. The first American Soldiers would make their way across the Atlantic in June of that year.

The new memorial to those who served in World War I will share a space with an existing memorial dedicated to General of the Armies John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing, who served as commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. The site is a short walk east of the White House.

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley attended the groundbreaking as one of more than a dozen officials. He told those in attendance World War I provided many lessons learned. Along with lessons in strategy, operations, and tactics, the world also learned lessons in politics and government, he said.

"But if there is one lesson most of all to learn, it is the lesson to vow to never let it happen again," Milley said. "The way to prevent war is to maintain your preparedness for war, in the words of George Washington, our first president."

Milley said the pre-WWI Army was made up of fewer than 200,000 Soldiers who were spread across the nation in mostly law enforcement-type roles. To accommodate the needs of conflict in Europe, the Army grew quickly to some 4 million Soldiers. Still, the United States military was unprepared for that conflict.

"A state of unpreparedness led to many casualties in the battles of the Argonne and many others," Milley said.

"So if there is one lesson for us to learn as a nation, it is to be prepared. If you want to sustain the peace, then have large, ready, credible military forces that can do whatever the nation asks it to do in order to ensure this experiment in liberty is passed on to the next generation and the generation after that."

Milley said the new WWI memorial will help Americans today fulfill their duty to remember what has happened in the past, and to honor those who sacrificed.

"As the chief of staff of the U.S. Army, it is my deep honor to be here today and honor those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines that perished in the first world war," Milley said. "It is our duty to remember what they fought for, and why they fought. It is our duty to carry on that legacy and ensure the peace goes on into the future."

### A MEMORIAL THAT RESONATES

Seated next to Milley at the ground-breaking event was Joe Weishaar, the now 27-year-old architect, who at just 25 was chosen to design the memorial.

"For the last two years it has been my privilege and honor to be a part of what I consider one of the most noble undertakings today, and certainly in my own life," Weishaar said. "Rather than design a landmark that is pompous, ostentatious, or bombastic, we find ourselves here, in a small park, on America's main street, tasked with the creation of a memorial to a group of men and women who gave themselves in service and sacrifice without the thought of how or why or when they would be remembered."

It will be Weishaar's architectural design, and the artistry of sculptor Sabin Howard, that will finally provide a memorial to give those WWI veterans the recognition they earned, but never asked for.

"It may be long overdue, but today marks another point in the journey of making sure they are not forgotten," Weishaar said.

Weishaar said it was back in June 2015 that he first saw a notice advertising a design competition for a national WWI memorial to be based in Washington, D.C.

At the time he'd never been to the nation's capital, he said,

and had just assumed such a memorial already existed there.

"We had memorials to the other notable three wars of the 20th century," he said.

After reading that notice announcing the design competition, he said he went online to research WWI, including photos from the war that he found through the National Archives.

"The thing that pulled me in were the faces and the names and the stories of the young men I was looking at," he said. "As somebody who grew up in a quiet corner of Arkansas, I felt these people were kindred spirits. We came from small towns, we were roughly 25 years of age, some even five or six years younger, and we were experiencing the larger world for the first time in our lives. The fact that these were men and women who boldly stepped out into the world to defend countless others only cemented my admiration for them. Deciding to submit a design was one of the easiest choices I've ever had to make in my life."

The centerpiece of the new memorial will feature a large bas relief bronze sculpture that follows a single Soldier through his own personal WWI experience, beginning with that Soldier leaving home, and his daughter handing him his helmet. Other scenes depict the Soldier marching off to war, fighting, and eventually returning home.

Other elements in the memorial will include a pool and green space.

"I wanted to create something that would resonate with people the same way it did when I looked at those photographs," Weishaar said. "That somehow you could reach across time and touch the people of a generation past. Those people were real, they were courageous, and they sacrificed everything for a better future. To everybody who has ever served to protect this nation and to everybody who will visit this memorial, there will now be a new place to be reminded of the past and a new place to say thank you."

The World War I Centennial Commission expects the new memorial to be dedicated Nov. 11, 2018, which is the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I.

## Army veteran chooses 'option C'

By Brittany Reed  
MILITARY PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Kyle Klofstad was given an ultimatum by his mother after high school: either find a full-time job or go to college full-time. He chose "option C" and joined the Army.

Out of all the places he was stationed, Klofstad said his deployment to Afghanistan was his favorite. For the 11 months and 12 days he was there, Klofstad worked route clearance.

He explained this meant driving around finding bombs before those bombs found the service members. Each week, he said, there were a set number of routes he and his men would check for improvised explosive devices.

At the beginning of his deployments, Klofstad said he was a part of a major route clearance mission. He said two platoons would clear the way and meet a third platoon at the target location. The next day, the route was to a secondary location and back to the original first base, which was supposed to be clear. The only problem according to Klofstad —that's not exactly what happened all the time.

He recalled one mission where the platoon arrived at the first pass, but was ambushed. Because of that, the 18-hour mission turned into a 36-hour mission. An IED had seriously injured one Soldier's leg and two Soldiers had major head trauma.

After going through all that, one would wonder why Afghanistan is his favorite station. While there, Klofstad said he appreciated the greater efficiency with which he was able to operate. There was less oversight from his superiors. He said all this meshed better with his personality and who he is.

Now back in the U.S., Klofstad attends Kansas State University and majors in secondary education with the hope to someday teach math.

Since enrolling, he said he has joined the Veteran Student Organization on campus. He said this organization has given him something as simple and meaningful as a quiet place to study. This, Klofstad said, is his safe haven.

Klofstad does have a message for the general public concerning veterans.

"It would be nice if they (the general public) understood that not all veterans are gun-crazy," he said.



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do you with it?," McCullough said. "Our recreators came together and they came up with a great concept that provides wholesome opportunities for entertainment for families, for single Soldiers, for groups because the way it's set up now, there's also an opportunity to do team building activities, so people can use it for org day, as well as just good family time."

David Roudybush, director of DFMWR, said he appreciated having McCullough visit and praise many of the MWR facilities, but what mattered the most to him was having her meet the staff that make everything work.

"We pride ourselves on being innovating and want to showcase our best practices to Army Senior Leadership," he said. "Understanding her perspective and incorporating her feedback will be important when future funding decisions are being made. However, it was not just about showing our facilities and programs; we also wanted Ms. McCullough to meet our employees. The workforce here at Fort Riley is amazing. You can feel their passion for supporting this community. It is important to me that she leave Fort Riley understanding that our successes are not due to a good idea, but because of the dedication and support of our employees."

McCullough said she also enjoyed meeting the personnel who make Fort Riley run and loved the relationship between the garrison and the 1st Infantry Division.

"I like Fort Riley," she said. "It's got a very passionate team. It's obvious in the

relationship that they have with the division that it is a good relationship, it's very solid. It's mutually beneficial in that the garrison has the right focus in supporting the senior commander's requirements while still balancing the IMCOM commander's priorities."

After her visit, McCullough said she had much to take away and share with other installations.

"What I like to see across all my garrisons are opportunities to share best practices that can get at certain challenges or problems that we have across the enterprise. For instance, stray animals are a challenge that's been brought to my attention by several of my garrison commanders. Fort Riley has cracked the code and they've come up with a really good model that is mutually beneficial not only for the installation, but also with the partnerships outside the gate."

Above all else though, she said she was proud to see IMCOM employees passionate about their jobs and assisting service members and their families.

"I think it's the passion of the people," McCullough said. "I think what's really good about Fort Riley and what makes things work so well here is the passion for doing the right things, supporting service members and their families. I see it every day in the way that our IMCOMers treat their customer base, how they come to work, how they execute their job and they always do it with a smile on their face, no matter what the challenges they run into, it's always a good day."



Season Osterfeld | POST

Brenda Lee McCullough, director, Installation Management Command-Readiness, greets a dog at the Fort Riley Stray Animal Facility Nov. 8

# Soldiers work to bring Puerto Rico's power back

Story and photo by Greg Fuderer  
USACE

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The Joint Field Office for the federal government's response to Hurricane Maria is located in the Puerto Rico Convention Center in the Isla Grande section of San Juan. One can see the Navy's hospital ship U.S. Naval Ship Comfort docked in the harbor nearby. The command and control of the nation's Maria recovery effort takes place here.

To the east, 47.5 kilometers away, is the small, hillside community of Las Colas. One takes Route 968, a winding, barely-two lane road, as the final step to get there, passing the Wyndham Rio Mar Tennis Center and Golf Course before approaching the top, near Richie's Cafe. Capt. Tom Hickey, commander of the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) Company D, and 1st Lt. Kieran Davis, his deputy, stand at a small overlook awaiting a visit from Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan, commander of U.S. Army North, who leads the federal government's military response.

Two men work to repair the roof of Richie's Cafe. Red mission tiles, the semi-cylindrical type laid in an alternating convex and concave pattern, lie in a pile against one wall as a dog trots back and forth inspecting their work.

"We're based out of Rhode Island," Hickey says, "but the guys are from all over. Mostly the Northeast, but we have one guy who's from Alaska."

The sound of sirens grows louder as the two motorcycle policemen escorting the general's vehicle approach.

One of Prime Power's responsibilities is to provide commercial-level power to federal relief organizations. Delta Company is unique within the 249th, being the only unit composed entirely of Army Reserve Soldiers. Hickey said 23 Soldiers deployed in response to Hurricane Maria. The five-man advance crew arrived Oct. 8, with the remainder coming to the island Oct. 13. He said it is hard to quantify the work they've done so far.

"One pole may take five minutes, another could take an entire day," he said.

Hickey and Davis estimate they have run about 15 kilometers of power line. They start at the end of the line and work their way back toward the power source. On this day, several utility trucks tuck themselves along the side of the road, men in buckets, winching lines between adjacent poles.

Traffic cones mark the restricted area under the buckets. Safety guards regulate the flow of traffic. Several drivers take the time to say, "Thank you, you guys are doing great work. Thanks for coming here," as they slowly drive past.

"Poles, lines, cross arms and insulators. That's the bulk of our work," Hickey said. "We use porcelain insulators here because it doesn't melt in the heat."

Davis said the repairs to the damage from Maria were more like a complete rebuild.

"Responding to a disaster is completely different from installing a system," Davis said. "You're starting from scratch there. You have plans to follow. Here, it's different. We're trying to restore the system to functionality."

Buchanan described his impression of the situation when he arrived on the island immediately after Hurricane Maria passed. From his helicopter tour of the island, he saw the roads were impassable, impeding efforts to effectively evaluate the situation and to get manpower, equipment and supplies where they were needed.

"We've actually come a long way," Buchanan told Delta Company. "It's just that there's a long way to go."

One of the obstacles to overcome, Buchanan said, is the impression a quick and easy solution to the power grid exists because the U.S. Army is involved.

"We've gotten questions, 'How come we can't fix everything? You're the Army,'" Buchanan said. "But we're not an Army of electricians. We have electricians in the Army, but it's not specialized. We do everything. But the 249th



"Poles, lines, cross arms and insulators; that's the bulk of our work," said Capt. Tom Hickey, commander of the 249th Battalion's Company D. The Soldiers are working tirelessly to bring back power to Puerto Rico after the devastation of Hurricane Maria.

does have electricians. And it's great to have them here, making a difference."

Buchanan said responders face both short-term and long-term challenges after Maria.

"In the short term, it's parts. It was difficult to get things here," he said, referring to the distance supplies have to travel to the island and the limited access at sea ports and airports immediately following Maria.

The greater challenge, Buchanan said, is in the long-term.

"The power grid was outdated to begin with, and it was devastated by the hurricane. That impacts nearly everything else," he said. "Medical facilities, schools, water and sewage, the entire infrastructure is dependent on electricity."

Despite the challenges, or perhaps because of them, Buchanan said there was much satisfaction in being part of the response.

"We're making great contributions, and we're going to be here for a while," he said. "We're helping fellow Americans, and it's great to be a part of that."

Hickey, who served tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, said the Maria response was the most evolving situation he's seen.

"A disaster response is different," Hickey said. "Assessments are constantly changing. It requires different tools, different capabilities of trucks."

Expectations are also different.

"People want their power back once their line is connected," Hickey said. "Homes and businesses have generators that have to be accounted for. We have to ensure no live lines are lying on the ground, things like that, to get the power back on. It's a long process with devastation this widespread."

It also requires a different breed of responder. "These guys are the real pros," he said of the Soldiers in Delta Company. "They do the hard work. It's almost intimidating coming to a company with this level of expertise. My job is more aiming them than leading them."

And their technical expertise may not even be their finest asset, Hickey said. "These men are dedicated. They don't do it for the money. Most of them make six figures easily. They lose money coming here."

Buchanan agreed. "We're going to depend on your dedication to get this accomplished," Buchanan told the Soldiers.



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Fort Riley garrison commander Col. John D. Lawrence, left, and Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, adjutant general of Kansas National Guard and director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, pose at the front of Locomotive No. 1943, The Spirit, during Union Pacific Salute to the Military Nov. 6 near the First Territorial Capitol building.

As the event progressed, Liisa Lawson Stark, the assistant Vice President of Public Affairs and Corporate Relations, commemorated Fort Riley employees who helped with the deployment of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division deployment.

"The efforts that went into moving 2nd Brigade Combat Team ... we were extremely proud to achieve a very aggressive transportation goal of moving eight unit trains in nine days," Stark said. "That is very significant especially when you consider you have to load all the equipment, secure it, tie it down and make sure it is safe to move."

The way Union Pacific commemorated Fort Riley employees who helped on this mission was by giving them a replica of a golden spike.

"This is a replica of the final spike that was driven into the ground at Promontory Summit, Utah," she said. "Back when we completed the first transcontinental system across the United States."

With her final remarks, she recognized the partnership with Fort Riley and how it is an honor to be a part of the deployment efforts of 2nd ABCT.

"The capability of the U.S. Army to deploy is an important aspect of combat readiness," Stark said. "And Union Pacific is extremely proud to partner with Fort Riley in that regard."

With 20 percent of Union Pacific employee workforce having had military service, Union Pacific recognizes the impact active and retired service members have on their organization, she said.

"In addition to the railroad assistance in deployment and training missions, Union Pacific's extremely proud to seek to hire veterans in every capacity they can," Stark said. "The Soldiers built the railroad and really laid the framework for Union Pacific ... And that is really one reason we seek to hire veterans. They understand Union Pacific Railroad, we value the energy, commitment and dedication that they bring to our company."

Having previously served at Fort Riley when he was active duty, Scott Arcuri, supervisory traffic manager and Fort Riley's freight's chief Union Pacific, is able to give back to his home installation and be recognized for his service to not only Fort Riley, but to the Union Pacific as well.

Arcuri was recognized by Stark for his efforts with the Union Pacific for the deployment of 2nd ABCT. He served on Fort Riley twice during his service, so the commemorative locomotive holds a deeper meaning.

"It hits very close to home," Arcuri said. "We have the ability to come onto Fort Riley and to see our brothers and sisters every single day, just like what we did when we were serving ourselves. Makes it all worthwhile."

When asked about the locomotive design, he said it feels great to recognize Soldiers and the sacrifices they make for freedom.



Patti Geistfeld | Fort Riley Public Affairs  
Fort Riley garrison commander Col. John D. Lawrence speaks to an audience during Union Pacific Salute to the Military Nov. 6 near the First Territorial Capitol building. Union Pacific is touring the country with Locomotive No. 1943, The Spirit, which honors the armed forces.



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**Staff Sgt. John Hylander, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, leads the Kansas State University football team onto the field at Bill Snyder Family Stadium Nov. 11 as part of Fort Riley Day at K-State. Hylander was selected to lead the team because he is the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 1st Inf. Div.**

## DIVISION 1 FOOTBALL

### K-State community salutes 'Big Red One' during Fort Riley Day game in Manhattan

By J. Parker Roberts  
 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Flint Hills and 1st Infantry Division communities came together in force Nov. 11 for Kansas State University's annual Fort Riley Day football game at Bill Snyder Family Stadium in Manhattan, Kansas.

Soldiers from Fort Riley were on hand before kickoff to talk with fans and show them the equipment and vehicles they use to accomplish their missions and K-State brought Soldiers onto the field several times during the game.

Staff Sgt. John Hylander, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. and the "Big Red One" Noncommissioned Officer of the Year led the Wildcats onto the field, and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Carter, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. and president of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, joined the team captains for the coin toss.

"It's a big honor to be on the same field as the wonderful K-State Wildcats and Bill



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
**Mitch Lochbihler, 9, greets 1st Infantry Division Soldiers before the game on Fort Riley Day at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on the Kansas State University campus Nov. 11.**



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
**Kansas State University football player Winston Dimel's helmet is adorned with the logo from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and "Big Red One" for the Fort Riley Day game. The football team's helmets also had a special camouflage pattern design for the game.**

"It's a big honor to be on the same field as the wonderful K-State Wildcats and Bill Snyder. It's an incredible experience to get to be out here in front of all these people, get to be so close and meet some of the K-State players."

**STAFF SGT. JOHN HYLANDER | 2ND BATTALION, 70TH ARMOR REGIMENT, 2ND ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST INF. DIV.**

Snyder," K-State's beloved head football coach, Hylander said. "It's an incredible experience to get to be out here in front of all of these people, get to be so close and meet some of the K-State players."

Hylander said the event highlights the unity of Soldiers and civilians and a great opportunity for the football team and Fort Riley to come together.

The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard presented the American flag during the national anthem, and the 1st Inf. Div. Band performed with the K-State marching band during the pregame show and at half-time, which featured a salute to the armed forces and to the division's 100-year legacy.

"It's great to get out here and spend time with the local community that does such a great job of supporting us," said Staff Sgt. Stephen Seefeld, Company C, 101st Brigade Engineer Battalion, 1st ABCT. "It's awesome to be able to come out and support a big team like this, and actually be here amongst the fans and with the team, watch some actual, good football."

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#### INSIDE

Kansas State University's football team named sixth recipient of the Armed Forces Merit Award, PAGE 11.

## Portraits capture love, memories for service members, families

### USO free event continues to bring smiles 9 years later

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

Photographers captured still frames of service members and their families during USO Fort Riley's Portraits of Love, a free event held at Riley's Conference Center Nov. 11.

Michelle Tramantano, Imagine Alliance program director, said the event began nine years ago as a way to give back to Soldiers and their families. They never thought it would expand to what it is today.

"Last year, we acquired some retail locations," Tramantano said. "So Wolfe's (Camera Shop), who is actually partici-

"So it's really awesome to not only do this during the 'Month of the Military Family' but on Veterans Day to honor our veterans."

**CRYSTAL TINKEY | OPERATIONS AND PROGRAM MANAGER, USO FORT RILEY**

pating today, is a photo specialty dealer in Topeka (Kansas). Mike Worswick, who is the owner, he volunteered his time and four photographers from his studio."

The newly developed partnership between Imagine Alliance and Wolfe's Camera Shop came to be when the partnership between USO Fort Riley and Imagine Alliance began seven years ago.

Tramantano said the partnership with the USO allowed the program to grow bigger.

"What families will expect to receive today, they'll have their free, professional portrait taken," said Crystal Tinkey, USO Fort Riley operations and program officer. "They will each receive a code that they can redeem to receive two free 5-by-7 photos, and they will have 100 percent rights to the digital copies of their photos."

Throughout November, USO Fort Riley celebrates "Month of the Military Family." In doing so, Tinkey said

they wanted to give more to the service members and their families.

"So it's really awesome to not only do this during the 'Month of the Military Family' but on Veterans Day to honor our veterans," Tinkey said. "And then have that for families to maybe send to their Soldiers down range, or mom and dad back home. So we are just really glad it came together."

The portraits come at an ideal time with Christmas card season and holidays are right around the corner, said Scott Payne, USO Fort Riley director.

USO Fort Riley's Portraits of Love was booked within four hours of going live. The event had 140 families sign up, Payne said.

See PORTRAITS, page 12



**Randy Roach left, Wolfe's Camera Shop photographer, takes a moment between photographs to talk to the Cole family during USO Fort Riley's Portraits of Love held in Riley's Conference Center on Nov. 11. The event was a way for service members and their families to get a free 15 minutes session with a professional photographer.**

# FORT RILEY POST-ITS

## 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](http://riley.armymwr.com) or call 785-239-2813.

## LIBRARY MOVIE NIGHT

The Fort Riley Post Library will provide a free screening of Boss Baby Nov. 18 at their facility. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m.

They will have free snacks and popcorn during the showing. For more information, call 785-239-5305.

## TURKEY RUN

The American Legion Auxiliary will host their annual Thanksgiving Turkey Run is 10 a.m. Nov. 18 at the Warrior Transition Battalion Clam Shell, building 675.

This event is open to WTB Soldiers and families, Gold Star families and families of deployed Soldiers. For more information, call 785-232-9315.

## PARENT AND CHILD CRAFT CLASS

The Arts and Crafts Center, 6918 Trooper Drive, will have a parent and child craft class Nov. 20 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The craft is a Fall centerpiece.



Classes are divided by age and advanced registration is required. To register or for more information, call 785-239-9205.

## BUBBLE GUPPIES

The Fort Riley MWR is hosting Bubble Guppies at Eyster Pool Nov. 18 between 9 and 10 a.m.

The cost is \$5 per family for 20-minutes of instructional class with a certified water safety instructor and 40-minutes of free social swim time

For more information visit Fort Riley MWR on Facebook or call 785-239-4854.

## GAMING TOURNAMENT

BOSS, the Warrior Zone and Fort Riley MWR will host Button Mashers Gaming Tournaments at the Warrior Zone, 7867 Normandy Drive, Nov. 19 between 2 and 6 p.m.

Super Smash Brothers tournament will begin at 2 p.m., all entries are \$3. The NBA 2018 tournament will begin at 4 p.m., with \$5 entries.

For more information visit [riley.armymwr.com](http://riley.armymwr.com), call 785-240-6618 or follow BOSS & The Warrior Zone on Facebook.

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

The Fort Riley holiday tree lighting is Dec. 1. There will be hot cocoa, hot cider, coffee and cookies. The event will begin 6 p.m. at Ware Parade Field, 500 Huebner Road. Santa Claus will make a special guest appearance.

## CHRISTKINDL HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET

The 9th annual Holiday Craft Market, Dec. 2 with more than 50 vendors selling handmade items, holiday decor and gifts and much more. The event is between 9 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center, 446 Seitz Drive.

## TURKEY FLAG FOOTBALL

The annual Turkey Bowl Flag Football Tournament at Long Fitness Center Nov. 22 between 9 and 5 p.m.

Registration closes Nov. 21 with a max number of team members set at 18 and no more than ten teams can participate.

For more information visit [riley.armymwr.com](http://riley.armymwr.com) or call 785-239-4854.

## FRAMING & MATTING CLASS

The Arts and Crafts Center will have a Framing and matting class Nov. 20 The event is between 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the center, 6918 Trooper Drive.

For more information, call 785-239-9205 or visit [riley.armymwr.com](http://riley.armymwr.com).

## AQUA ZUMBA CLASS

Looking for a new workout? Check out Aqua Zumba at Custer Hill Aquatic Park. Aqua Zumba blends the Zumba philosophy with water resistance for a high-energy, low-impact workout.

Classes are held at 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. View the schedule on the aquatics page at [riley.armymwr.com/us/riley/programs/aquatics](http://riley.armymwr.com/us/riley/programs/aquatics).

The cost is \$3 per class or \$25 for a 10-class pass. For more information, call 785-239-5860.

## FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

**Friday, Nov. 17**  
Boo 2! A Madea Halloween (PG-13) 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 18**  
My Little Pony (PG) 2 p.m.  
Geostorm (PG-13) 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 19**  
Marshall (PG-13) 5 p.m.  
Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing

For more information, call 785-239-9574.

Regular Showing: \$6  
3D Showing: \$8  
First Run: \$8.25  
3D First Run: \$10.25

## BLUE STAR PROGRAM

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



## ARMY MARKETING RESEARCH GROUP

The Army Marketing Research Group is looking for your first-person, GoPro or cellphone video! Video clips are to be posted on social media using #usarmystories.

The winner will be used for an upcoming Army recruiting commercial. All clips must follow operational security requirements.

## FORT RILEY LEISURE TRAVEL

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

Upcoming events with discount tickets include:

**Great Wolf Lodge - Kansas City Hotel:** Blackout dates apply. Waterpark tickets included for all guests.

**B&B Junction City Gem Theater:** \$30 value gift card for \$25 good for movie tickets and concessions.

**Kansas City Sprint Center:** Disney on Ice - Dream Big tickets for the Sept. 14 to 17 performances for \$20 to \$33 depending upon show and seats selected.

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

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Kalene Lozick | POST

**The Cole family — Staff Sgt. Matthew Cole, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, wife Amber Cole and sons Cohen, Carter and Carson Cole — have portraits of their sons taken during USO Fort Riley's Portraits of Love by Wolfe's Camera Shop Nov. 11.**

"I expect 400 to 500 people to come and enjoy and get their photos," Tinkey said.

Among the families who participated were the Cole family — Staff Sgt. Matthew Cole, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, Company C, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, wife Amber Cole and sons Cohen, Carter and Carson Cole.

When asked what it meant to take family photos during Portraits of Love, Matthew smiled.

"I'm excited actually," he said. "We're doing a lot of training right now, so it just so

happens to fall on a weekend when I'm free. So I'm pretty excited."

Amber said their last family photo was when Cohen, the oldest, was 14 months. She added it means a lot to have the opportunity now.

During the 15 minute session, the Cole family took individual children photos, couple photos and multiple family photos.

The partnership between Imagine Alliance, USO Fort Riley and Wolfe's Camera Shop filled a Veterans Day with laughter, smiles and memories waiting to be framed and hung for the families to see.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

# Giving thanks to important things in life

## Thanksgiving a time to reflect, give back, support Army family

By Col. John D. Lawrence  
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

As we prepare to gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, let's take some time to reflect and give thanks for all that has been good in our lives this year and for the abundance of freedoms we enjoy in our country.

Much of what we have to be thankful for during the holidays is due to the selfless service our military men and women provide every day of the year — including Thanksgiving Day. Let's remember those who are deployed this time of year.

November is Military Family Month and we are grateful, too, for the sacrifices military families make to help Soldiers accomplish their missions. Being an Army family comes with many challenges; I'm proud of our family members' commitment, strength and resilience as they rise to meet the varied challenges associated with military service.

For some, the holidays can be difficult since some families are not able to be together for the feast and traditions. This is when we need to take care of each

other — our Army family — and provide support for each other. Nothing helps you get through tough times better than a true friend who shows care, love and empathy.

If you notice someone who's struggling with the added stress of the holidays, be there for them, and remember we have multiple support functions across the installation. Army Community Service and the Chaplains Office are places you can get help — there is no shame in reaching out for help to make it over a rough patch in life, and helping a friend or family member in need is the best way to show you care. It takes strength and courage to recognize that problems are sometimes bigger than we can handle alone.

Of course, we need to also keep safety in mind this time of year. Use sound judgement at all times, no matter what your plans are to celebrate. Remember, you are an important part of the team and we're counting on your safe return.

I'm proud to be a part of the Fort Riley and 1st Infantry Division team and wish you all the best this Thanksgiving. I'm thankful for each and every one of you — Soldiers, civilians, family members, contractors, volunteers and others — for the hard work and support you provide every day of the year to strengthen our Army.

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



Colonel Lawrence

## WORSHIP

### Protestant Services

<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
Sunday Worship.....	1100
<b>Main Post Chapel</b>	239-0834
Traditional Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship.....	1030

### Catholic Services

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

### Jewish Service

For Sabbath Services please contact the Division Chaplain at 240-6268.

### Open Circle Service

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

### Wednesday Family Night

Weekly classes from 1900-2000 at Victory Chapel  
785-239-3359. Watchcare provided for birth-2yrs.

### Club Beyond - Faith Based Youth Program

Grades 6th - 12th, Meets Sundays  
MS Youth-1530-1700 at Morris Hill Chapel  
HS Youth-1830-2000 at Morris Hill Chapel  
785-370-5542

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### AWANA

Meets Sundays, 1400-1600 Victory Chapel  
785-239-0875

### Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

Weekly Tuesday Meeting 0900-1130 & Evenings at 1830-2000 at Victory Chapel  
Childcare Provided.  
For more information email [rileypwoc@gmail.com](mailto:rileypwoc@gmail.com) or Facebook "Fort Riley PWOC"

### Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

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

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## NO DOUGH DINNER DRAWS MORE THAN 600



**ABOVE:** Parents and their children pick out fruit and pour syrup onto their pancakes during No Dough Dinner Nov. 9 at the Culinary Arts Lab. With the assistance of volunteers, the USO Fort Riley hosts No Dough Dinners once a month to provide a free meal to service members and their families. Members from USO Fort Riley estimated more than 600 people attended and enjoyed their meal of pancakes, sausage and fruit. The next No Dough Dinner is Dec. 13. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/USOFtRiley](http://www.facebook.com/USOFtRiley). **RIGHT:** Kyla Thompson, left, wife of Sgt. John Thompson, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, helps her daughter Izzy Thompson, 6, cut and butter her pancakes during No Dough Dinner Nov. 9 at the Culinary Arts Lab.

Season Osterfeld | POST



## TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Nov. 14 was: Where might I find the contact information for the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, a program provided by the Army Community Service?

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 Sabrina Buckrucker, spouse of Staff Sgt. Kevin Alan Buckrucker Jr., of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Pictured above are Sabrina and Kevin Buckrucker, along with their two children.

**CONGRATULATIONS SABRINA!**

## Armed Forces Merit Award goes to K-State football

'Iron Rangers,' team partnership earns national recognition

By K-State News

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State has been named the sixth recipient of the Armed Forces Merit Award, presented by the Football Writers Association of America. The partnership of the Kansas State football team with the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, also called the "Iron Rangers," has created a bond between the university and the Army post at Fort Riley.

Coordinated by the staff at the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl, the Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the FWAA was created in June 2012 "to honor an individual and/or a group with a military background and/or involvement that has an impact within the realm of college football."

Brant Ringler, the Executive Director of the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl, and David Jones, the FWAA's president, announced the selection of the Kansas State football team as the 2017 recipient during a teleconference call in Manhattan Nov. 9. Ringler was also at the Wildcats' game versus West Virginia in Manhattan to officially present the Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the FWAA.

Officials selected Kansas State from a list of 38 nominations for the award. Marine Corps. veteran Steven Rhodes, a defensive end at Middle Tennessee State University, was honored last November as the fifth recipient of Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the FWAA.

Nate Boyer of the University of Texas was named the initial recipient of the award in 2012 followed by Brandon McCoy of the University of North Texas in 2013, Daniel Rodriguez from Clemson University in 2014 and Bret Robertson of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) in 2015. All four individuals were Army veterans before playing college football.

"We are pleased to join with the Football Writers Association of America to honor the Kansas State football program as the sixth recipient of the Armed Forces Merit Award," said Ringler. "We had a list of 38 outstanding nominations for this year's award and it is difficult to honor only one each year when we have individuals and programs that are very deserving of the honor."

Jones echoed Ringler's sentiments along with adding the FWAA is "pleased to team with Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl to recognize Kansas State's involvement with the Iron Rangers at Fort Riley. The FWAA also salutes the other 2017 nominations for their contributions on-and-off the field of play."

A nominee for the Armed Forces Merit Award since 2013, the Kansas State football team has been a finalist for the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl and FWAA recognition the past two years.

The Kansas State relationship with Fort Riley started in 2006 when then Lt. Col. Patrick Frank approached former Wildcat coach Ron Prince about partnering his soldiers with the Kansas State student-athletes. The partnership has continued with legendary Wildcat coach Bill Snyder.

"We are so very honored to receive the 2017 Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the FWAA in recognition of our passionate, long and on-going relationship with Fort Riley and the Big Red One," said Snyder. "We have such great respect for our armed services and the amazing sacrifices they make for all of us and are so fortunate to live in this country. The interaction Sean, I and our players have with the men of Fort Riley has left a lasting impact on our lives."

Kansas State Athletics Director Gene Taylor added, "the partnerships that each of our athletic teams have with Fort Riley, including our football team, are a special and unique component of the experience that we provide all of our student-athletes at our school. Both groups have an immense respect for what each does, and it is a tremendous honor for our student-athletes to build relationships and greater understanding of the work and lifestyles of our service men and women, all whom have sacrificed so much for our country."

In addition to hosting joint workouts, Snyder and his son, associate head coach Sean Snyder, have attended deployment and return ceremonies for the troops at Fort Riley, and they post newsletters from the regiment in the locker room. For each home game, Wildcat team captains carry the Iron Rangers and Big Red One flags out onto the field as two members of the Iron Rangers bring the flags each week and watch the game from the sideline.

"Our guys — and I didn't realize this at first — they carried names and faces of those guys around. When the Fort

Riley troops were over in Afghanistan, the players were looking at the newsletters, and they were concerned about the Soldiers' well-being," Sean Snyder said.

While many college football teams have a military appreciation day with an appearance by the color guard and a section of Soldiers in the stands, K-State takes the tribute game to a higher level. At Kansas State's annual "Fort Riley Day" game, more than 1,000 Soldiers and family members have been treated to a pregame tailgate party with free food and beer and donated tickets.

The school's football team also has attended physical training and spent a day in the life of a Soldier. The Wildcats have recorded numerous videos and written cards to be shared with the unit through their deployments. The Fort Riley troops in return spend personal time with K-State coaching and support staffs.

The partnership between Fort Riley and the football team also has impacted other sports on the Manhattan campus. Each of the university's sports have paired with a designated unit on campus to begin their own partnerships and support systems.

In an extensive 2013 article in the Kansas City Star, titled "K-State athletes and Fort Riley Soldiers join forces," Cindy Hoedel wrote that, "the football partnership helped start a bigger relationship between the university and Fort Riley in 2008. What separates the K-State/Fort Riley partnership from military outreach programs at other universities is support from the top leaders of each institution."

Hoedel's article mentioned a visit to troops in Iraq in 2010 by Kansas State President Kirk Schulz and three faculty members. The group flew by Black Hawk helicopters and traveled by mine-resistant vehicles as they lived in troop housing for five days to see what the Soldiers were experiencing.

"I don't know how many university presidents have flown to Iraq," said former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Richard Myers, a Kansas State alum, current university president and a retired four-star general in the Air Force. "That speaks volumes."

The Star article noted that other universities and colleges near military bases, Louisville, Texas-San Antonio, Syracuse and San Diego State, have approached Kansas State to learn how its military partnership works. Interest is also on the military side.



Fort Riley

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Students of Fort Riley Middle School perform for an audience of their peers, faculty and parents during their Veterans Day assembly Nov. 9 at the school. The assembly, hosted by students of the Advancement via Individual Determination program, began with the color guard from the JROTC.

## Middle school honors veterans

Fort Riley school's students conduct assembly for group

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

Students of Fort Riley Middle School honored veterans across the nation Nov. 9 during a Veterans Day Assembly on the campus.

The assembly, hosted by students of the Advancement via Individual Determination program, began with the color guard from the Junior ROTC at Junction City, Kansas, high school.

Students and parents of the audience played a quiz game where they viewed a photo of a service member and had to guess which Fort Riley Middle School staff or faculty member it was. With each reveal, a roar of applause and cheering would follow.

"Veterans don't get appreciated enough for what they do and what they did, and I think we should start giving more money and attention to them as a whole," said Christian Finely, presenter for the assembly from the AVID program and son of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert Finely Jr., 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

During the assembly, Lt. Col. Richard Ikena, commander of 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., spoke to the audience about the history and importance of Veterans Day.

Ikena said Veterans Day was first Armistice Day, formed in 1981 to honor the veterans of World War I. In 1953, a man from Emporia, Kansas, petitioned to have Armistice changed to Veterans Day to recognize veterans of WWI and WWII. In May of 1954, Veterans Day was approved and took the place of Armistice Day every Nov. 11 after.



The Junction City, Kansas, Junior ROTC presents the colors to an audience of students, parents, faculty and staff during a Veterans Day assembly Nov. 9 at Fort Riley Middle School. Students of the Advancement via Individual Determination program took to the stage to each share their thoughts on Veterans Day and why it's important to recognize it.

"Veterans don't get appreciated enough for what they do and what they did, and I think we should start giving more money and attention to them as a whole."

CHRISTIAN FINELY | PRESENTER FOR THE FORT RILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

### DID YOU KNOW?

- In 1953, a man from Emporia, Kansas, petitioned to have Armistice changed to Veterans Day to recognize veterans of WWI and WWII.

He also spoke to the students about the thought process behind why many veterans chose to serve.

"The internal thought, the internal motivation to serve, at least in my opinion, is to protect the interests of our country," he said. "You don't have to agree or disagree with certain things from a political perspective, but the reality is a veteran, regardless of when you serve — whether a year or three or 30 — raises their right hand to take an oath to our

great country to serve and protect our country."

Students of AVID took to the stage to each share their thoughts on Veterans Day and why it's important to recognize it. Some presented speeches while others read poems. The works they presented were written as part of a class project, said Finely.

"It was really important because we want to remember our parents because they do a lot for us," said Madeline Starr, presenter for the assembly from the AVID program and daughter of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dean Starr, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. "We wanted to thank them."

Each student offered a different view on the day in the 30 seconds to two minutes they were on stage before their peers, teachers and parents. Kale Martin, presenter for the assembly from the AVID

program and son of Christina Martin, a Unified School District 475 employee, spoke about the relationships between parents and their children and how each one can help the other through trying times in military life. He also said he was glad to be a part of something bigger than himself.

"I think it was important because, like in my speech, we talked about how parents can help their kids and how we can help our parents," he said.

But to all the students, the assembly was about recognizing the heroes they live with every day — their parents.

"It's very important to remember because we don't usually focus on veterans," Starr said. "It's usually celebrities and politicians in media, but when Veterans Day rolls around, we learn about real heroes."

### Thanksgiving Menus

Demon Diner	Devil's Den
Nov. 22	Nov. 22
Rotisserie Turkey with Turkey Gravy	Shrimp Cocktail
Seared Duck Breast	Butternut Squash Soup
Steampship Round of Beef with Demi Glaze	Roast Turkey with Turkey Gravy
Baked Ham with Dr Pepper Glaze	Steampship Round of Beef with Au Jus Gravy
Steamed Crab Legs	Baked Ham with Brown Sugar Glaze
Baked Lobster Tails	Butterflied Lobster Tails
Green Bean Casserole with Mushrooms and Onions	Seasoned Crab Legs
Roasted Brussel Sprouts with Bacon Lardons	Candied Sweet Potatoes
Candied Yams	Mashed Potatoes
Combread Dressing	Macaroni and Cheese
Savory Bread and Sausage Stuffing	Corn Bread Dressing
Macaroni and Cheese	Carrots Almondine
Fresh Mashed Potatoes	Bacon Wrapped Asparagus
Collard Greens	Sautéed Asparagus
Asparagus with Almonds	Collard Greens Seasoned w/Hocks
Mashed Potatoes	Buttered Corn on the Cob
Hoome-made Cranberry and Pear Chutney	Assorted cakes, pies and cookies
Jellied Cranberry Sauce	Assorted appetizers and salads
Turkey Gravy	Assorted breads
Cream Gravy	Assorted beverages
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Assorted fruit
Chicken Tortilla Soup	
Creamy Potato Salad	Nov. 23
Vinaigrette Cole Slaw	Shrimp Cocktail
Cranberry Orange Shrimp Cocktail	Roast Turkey with Turkey Gravy
Fresh Fruit Salad	Baked Ham with Brown Sugar Glaze
Full Service Salad Bar	Stuffed Baked Fish
Bread Bar with Compound Butter	Candied Sweet Potatoes
"Big Red One" Dessert	Mashed Potatoes
Holiday Sugar Cookies	Macaroni and Cheese
Cheesecake with Assorted Sauces	Savory Stuffing
German Chocolate Cake with Caramelized Glacé Frosting	Wild Rice
Banana Pudding with Vanilla Wafer Cookies	Sautéed Summer Squash
Yogurt Parfaits	Green Bean Casserole
Jello	Honey Glazed Carrots
Chocolate Truffles	Assorted cakes, pies and cookies
Eggnog Shakes	Assorted breads
Candy Bar	Assorted beverages
Peppermint Milkshakes	Assorted fruit
Pumpkin Ice Cream	
Maple Bourbon Ice Cream	
Assorted pies	

## 'Big Red One' dining facilities will serve Thanksgiving meals

POST STAFF

To celebrate the holiday and show appreciation for all service members of the "Big Red One" family, the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley are offering Thanksgiving meals Nov. 22-23 at two of the post's dining facilities. In addition to serving world-class meals, food service Soldiers at the Devil's Den and Demon Diner dining facilities are competing to win the Commander's Best Thanksgiving Dining Facility Competition.

In keeping with the Army tradition, leaders throughout the "Big Red One" — including Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Inf. Div. general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, 1st Inf. Div. senior noncommissioned officer — will serve Thanksgiving meals to Soldiers.

The Thanksgiving meals are open to all. The standard meal price is \$9.05 with a discounted rate of \$6.80 offered to family members of Soldiers ranked specialist and below.

The Thanksgiving meal at Demon Diner, 694 Huebner Road, Nov. 22 will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include rotisserie turkey, seared duck breast, baked

ham, steamed crab legs, baked lobster tails, green bean casserole, candied yams, savory bread and sausage stuffing, fresh mashed potatoes and collard greens. Desserts will include sugar cookies, cheesecake, German chocolate cake, banana pudding, chocolate truffles, eggnog milkshakes and assorted pies in addition to pumpkin and maple bourbon ice cream.

The Thanksgiving meal at Devil's Den, 7011 Siebert Street, Nov. 22 will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include shrimp



cocktails, roast turkey, steamship round of beef with au jus gravy, butterflied lobster tails, seasoned crab legs, candied sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, carrots almondine, bacon wrapped asparagus, buttered corn on the cob and more. Deserts include assorted cakes, pies and cookies.

Devil's Den will also serve a Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. That menu will include roast turkey, baked ham with brown sugar glaze, stuffed baked fish, mashed potatoes, savory stuffing, sautéed summer squash, honey-glazed carrots and assorted sides and deserts. Devil's Den will remain open for regular weekend and holiday hours Nov. 24-26.

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**Dane Sheldon of Wamego, Kansas, tries on the body armor and other military gear from a 1st Infantry Division Soldier outside of Bill Snyder Family Stadium during Fort Riley Day at Kansas State University Nov. 11.**

During the game, members of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st ABCT, came down to the field to do push-ups with each Wildcat touchdown. The "Iron Rangers" are the unit partner of the K-State football team, and each player wore the unit's logo on their helmet during the game.

"I'm very thankful for the opportunity to come — it's a real honor to be here," said Pvt. Curtis Moore, Co. C, 101st BEB, who was among those Soldiers invited to watch the game.

Moore said the playing of taps before the game was especially significant, as it served to remind fans of the sacrifices made by Soldiers throughout the nation's history.

"I feel wanted here."

**PVT. TALARRYONTE LLOYD**  
 82ND BRIGADE ENGINEER BATTALION, 2ND ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

"It's a good partnership; I feel wanted here," said Pvt. Talarryonte Lloyd, 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd ABCT. "A lot of people have thanked me for my service, and I appreciate it. It's pretty nice."

Lloyd, a combat engineer, said this was his first college football game to attend and, despite the wet weather, he had a great time.

*(Additional reporting by Chad L. Simon, 1st Inf. Div. Public Affairs.)*

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HOME OF THE BIG RED ONE

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Two teams comprised of Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team and Polish teammates vie for the ball during an exhibition basketball game at a gymnasium in Zary, Poland, Nov. 9, in celebration of Polish Independence Day. Both teams were a mix of Soldiers and members of a semi-professional Polish basketball team, which promoted greater cohesion.

## Teaming up with Polish Soldiers

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Wallace Bonner  
2ND ABCT, 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ZAGAN, Poland — Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, played alongside Polish basketball players in an exhibition game in front of an audience of community members in Zary, Poland, Nov. 9 in an early celebration of Poland's Independence Day Nov. 11.

"We have the American and the Polish players integrated on each of the teams; they're here having a great time with some good sportsmanship," said Command Sgt. Maj. Craig A. Copridge, 2nd ABCT's senior noncommissioned officer. "It's a great opportunity for us to come out and be a part of the community."

The 2nd ABCT is deployed to Central Europe in support

of Operation Atlantic Resolve. They are the second iteration of "heel-to-toe" rotations of an armored brigade combat team designed to provide a continuous armored presence in Europe.

The Polish players were all part of a semi-professional basketball team. The teams were mixed to promote cohesion between the Soldiers and the Polish players. While the teams were mixed, one team was coached by two Soldiers and the other by two Polish coaches.

The evening started off with the playing of the American and Polish national anthems and a warm-up period for the players. The game consisted of four 10-minute quarters, with a halftime three-point shooting competition consisting of members of both teams.

"For the junior Soldiers, any time you can do something

outside of work where you can have fun and see how other nations play basketball, it's a great opportunity," Copridge said.

Sgt. Demetri Richardson, a wheeled mechanic with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd ABCT, and basketball team member, enjoyed his time on the court.

"I love Poland," Richardson said. "I love the country, I love the food and I love the basketball games."

This is Richardson's first deployment, and the community involvement wasn't something he anticipated.

"I didn't picture it like this, playing basketball and soccer and all this, but I love sports and I love how we come together to be a team," Richardson said.

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Spc. Dustin Biven | 22ND MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Capt. Kyler Bakhtiari, an infantry officer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division from Fort Riley, is one of roughly 60 U.S. Soldiers participating in the annual Polish Independence Day Run held in Zagan, Poland Nov. 11. Poland Independence Day is celebrated to commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of Poland's Sovereignty as the Second Polish Republic in 1918. The U.S. allies and partners are making strides towards interoperability by continuously training together and implementing innovative solutions to common problems.

## Running for Poland

### US Army Europe: Annual Polish Independence Day Run

By Spc. Andrew McNeil  
22ND MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

ZAGAN, Poland — Spc. Courtney Roth, 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, waves excitedly with one hand while holding a U.S. flag in the other. She sports a Polish-flag themed running shirt as she passes individuals taking pictures while running across a bridge in Zagan, Poland's historic district.

On Nov. 11, she and other Soldiers from the "Big Red One" completed the annual Polish Independence Day 10-kilometer run.

"I feel like this is a unique experience," said Roth, a Cleveland, Ohio, native. She did not join the Army knowing she would be sent to Eastern Europe, but said she has loved her time there.

Among those who energized Roth on the 10K run were more than 2,000 runners, which included Polish and U.S. Soldiers, who ran alongside her in the race.

Roth and other 1st Inf. Div. troops are currently deployed to Europe to support Operation Atlantic Resolve, a demonstration

of continued U.S. dedication to enduring peace and stability in the region that is carried out through training and shared experiences.

"Our mission over here is to build a rapport with our allies here in Europe," said 1st Lt. Daniel Engstrom, 82nd BEB, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. "We serve a critical role in the link between our two countries."

The 10-kilometer run gave Soldiers an opportunity to interact with the local community and allowed them to strengthen the relationship between Poland and the United States.

The run "lets us get out to see and get to know people in the community and send a positive image of Americans," said Cpl. Riley Mix, 82nd BEB. "I think it helps let people know who we are and what we are about."

The U.S. Soldiers who participated in the run demonstrated support of their hosts as Poland celebrated its 99th year of independence as a country. The run takes place every year on Nov. 11.

"My favorite part of the race was the level of community involvement," Roth said.

Such involvement was apparent to Roth during the run.

"Everyone was looking out their windows with their children, with their dogs, just cheering every single person on, high fiving people, everyone was taking photos – it made everyone feel like we were part of something bigger than just a race against a clock," Roth said.

Operation Atlantic Resolve not only shows U.S. allies and partners in Europe the U.S. commitment to the region, it also provides young Soldiers partaking in events like this an opportunity to support the mission at the community level.

"Being here in Poland is amazing," Roth said. "I feel very welcome here."

Roth said many of the U.S. Soldiers who ran in the Polish Independence Day Run felt like a part of the local community. This helps bring a sense of accomplishment towards the mission to those who participated.

The run "brings us together," Roth said. "When we're back home at Fort Riley, we do community events and volunteer work, so it should be no different here, because this is temporarily our home right now."



Spc. Dustin Biven | 22ND MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Spc. Courtney A. Roth, a Cleveland, Ohio, native and a Soldier with 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division Fort Riley, Kansas, runs in the annual Polish Independence Day Run in Zagan, Poland on Nov. 11. Spc. The U.S. and Allies and partners are making strides towards interoperability by continuously training together and implementing innovative solutions to common problems.



Youth cheerleaders from J-Force from Junction City, Kansas learn cheers from Kansas State University's cheerleaders during K-State cheer camp at Fort Riley's King Field House Nov. 8.

## Kids get pep in their step through K-State cheers

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

Young girls and boys attended the ninth annual Kansas State University cheer camp at Fort Riley's King Field House Nov. 8.

The free, single-day cheer camp taught the participants cheers and cheerleading techniques, the participants performed a cheer for their parents at the end of the camp.

"It is a kids' cheer camp we've been holding for nine years now," said Dannielle Ruoff, coach and mascot coach for K-State Cheerleading. "We always do this right around the Fort Riley football game at K-State. What we've done for the last nine years is we've held the camp Tuesday or Wednesday right before the home football game in conjunction with celebrating the service of Fort Riley at K-State."

The partnership began 10 years ago when Ruoff joined the K-State family as head coach.

"When I came here to K-State 10 years ago," she said. "I saw that Fort Riley was so close we had (to have) a community relationship with Fort Riley and I thought what the heck, let's do it. Let's have a kid camp on post during the Fort Riley celebration."

The team broke up into four groups with more than a dozen participants in each. The K-State cheerleaders taught their group a cheer — "go, go Wildcats, go KSU!"

Among the participants was a cheer team dressed in gold and blue with the word "force" on their uniform.

"Their name is J-Force; they're from different schools in Junction City," said Amanda Olsen, mother of two participants. "It's not a part of the school district. Coach just wanted to get a bunch of girls together and get involved. She's been doing it for years."

When asked if her daughters were excited about the camp she said yes because they think the K-State cheerleaders are celebrities.

The team came to Fort Riley as a way to give back to the military community.

"My father served in the Navy," Ruoff said. "So it's nice to be here, especially the week before a home football game."

Sarah Ikena, wife of Lt. Col. Richard Ikena, commander of 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, said her daughter Grace Ikena cheered in the camp. She said her daughter was very excited about the event. Grace never cheered before so this event was an opportunity to learn.

"I just think it is a unique event," Sarah said. "Fort Riley is such a unique installation just because Manhattan and Junction City do such an amazing job supporting the military community."

Ruoff said more than 80 participants attended the event.

As her first year attending, Shelby Bruckerhoff, assistant cheer coach at K-State said she wanted to come this year because this is just a small way to give back to the Fort Riley community.

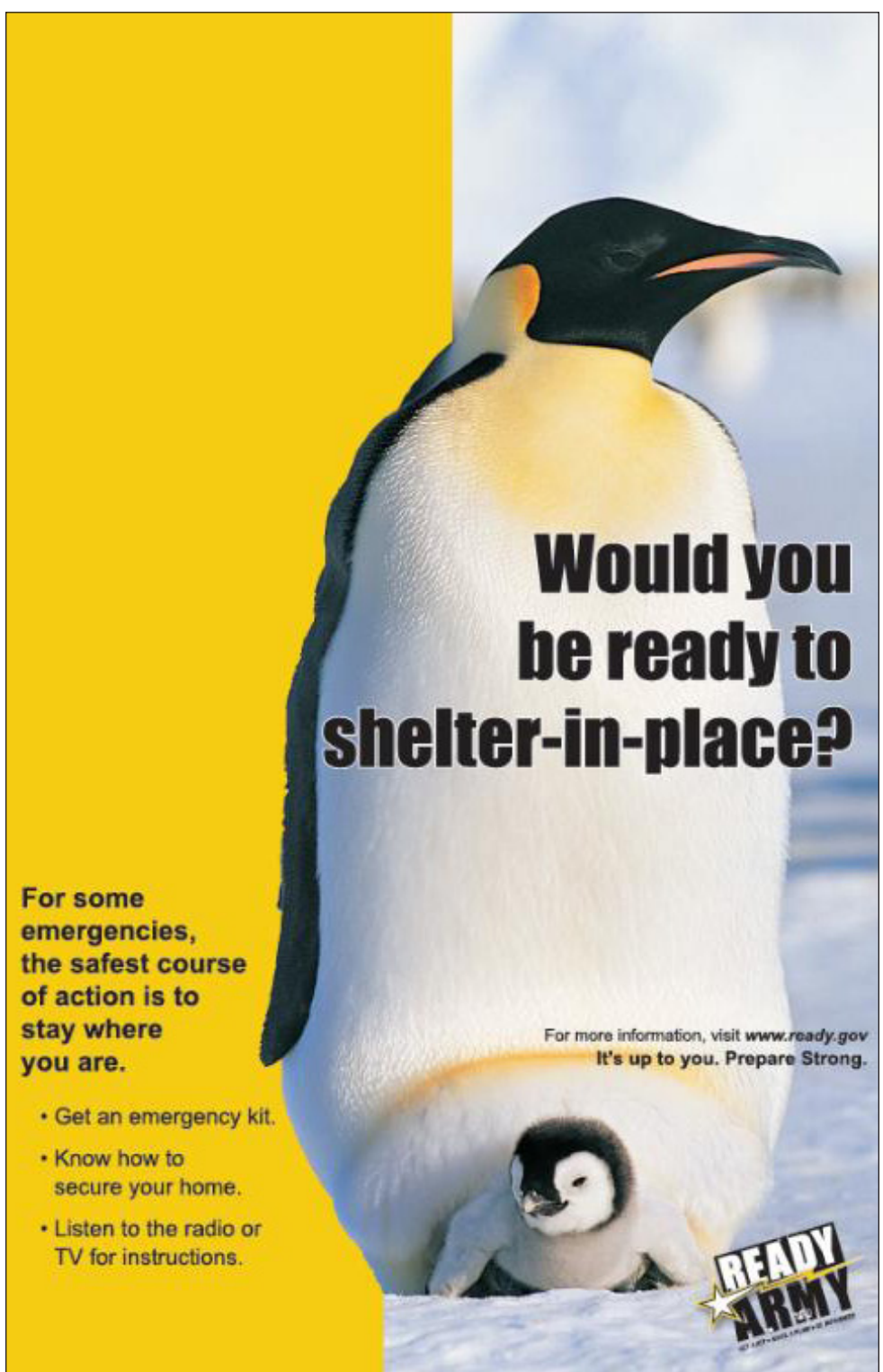
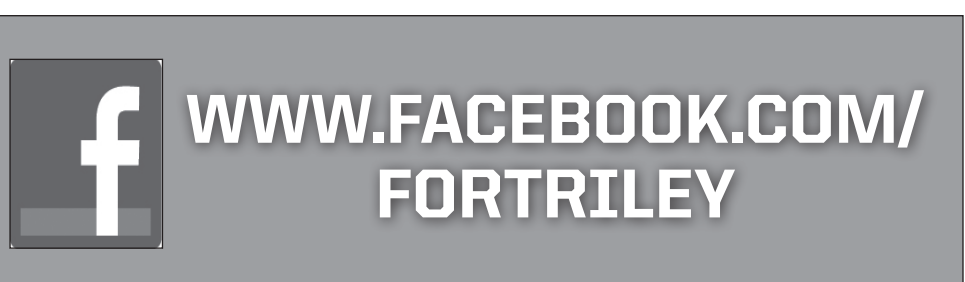
"This is my first year coming out to post," Bruckerhoff said. "I did not come out last year. I wanted to come out this year because it is such a great thing. I really respect what the military does for us. (The camp) is a great way to just say thank you, in a small way, to what (military) families do."

Throughout the night, the young cheerleaders had smiles as they rose their hands, performed kicks recited cheers and some did splits.

"My two girls are really excited for this," Sarah said. "I think it is a great opportunity for them to come out to Fort Riley."

To wrap up the camp, all 80 plus young cheerleaders performed for the parents as they cheered them on.

Although Willie the Wildcat did not make an appearance, the young cheerleaders left with their own wildcat in cheer form — "go, go Wildcats, go KSU!"



## BASKETBALL Continued from page 12

Maj. Rocknee Gardner, 2nd ABCT assistant engineer and basketball team member, was also excited to play with the Polish people in the local community.

"It builds relationships with the Polish and lets the community see us up close and personal," Gardner said.

Gardner also appreciated his time in Poland on a personal level and said it's been a new learning experience.

For many Soldiers, this deployment is different than

others they have experienced, such as in Iraq and Afghanistan. Copridge said that this deployment was different in a good way.

"Never before have I been able to visit the surrounding communities like I have here in Zary, Zagan and all the other places," Copridge said.

"Our 'Big Red One' Soldiers are out here having a great time and will continue to do great things with our Polish allies."



Staff Sgt. Wallace Bonner | 2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team stand with Polish teammates during the playing of the American and Polish national anthems prior to the start of an exhibition basketball game in Zary, Poland, Nov. 9, in celebration of Polish Independence Day.



Staff Sgt. Wallace Bonner | 2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
Spc. Kevin Johnson, human resources specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division signs autographs after an exhibition basketball game in Zary, Poland, Nov. 9, in celebration of Polish Independence Day.



Adonnis Washington, son of Staff Sgt. Mario Flenoury, 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, makes a two pointer free-throw during the Oklahoma City Youth basketball program, "Hoops for Troops" basketball Clinic at the Directorate of Family Morale Wellness and Recreation's Custer Hill Youth Center Nov. 7.

# 'Hoops for Troops' makes slam dunk at Fort Riley

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

The Oklahoma City Youth basketball program brought a "Hoops for Troops" basketball Clinic to the Directorate of Family Morale Wellness and Recreation's Custer Hill Youth Center Nov. 7.

The free event was open to 45 youth in the Fort Riley community to help them develop fundamental skills and build character values in a team environment.

Chris Mullins, recreational programmer and assistant director for DFMWR's Child and Youth Services, said the kids got excited when they heard about the event.

"They wanted to learn the basics," he said "Everything from how to shoot a basketball to teamwork."

The event was inspired by the National Basketball Association's Hoops for Troops week, which occurred at the same time, said Michelle Matthews, OKC Thunder Youth basketball coach.

The event brought fifth graders up to juniors in high

school together under one roof. The level of basketball experience ranged from those who knew very little to those who are playing for their high school team.

"We have guys that have never played basketball at all," Mullins said.

Dwonsano Douglas, son of Sgt. Sierra Douglas 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, signed up for the basketball clinic without knowing a single thing about basketball.

"He never played basketball but he really wanted too," Mullins said. "He asked 'can I go in' (and I said) yeah of course. He just wanted to try something new."

When Douglas was asked how he felt after attending the clinic he smiled and said it felt great.

"The kids are great," Matthews said. "The atmosphere is great. And everyone on base were really, really helpful."

Matthew said it was important to run a youth basketball program at Fort Riley during Hoops for

Troops week because it brings youth together.

"It means everything," Matthews said. "We're so thankful for the support we get from across the region, even outside of Oklahoma. And so it feels good to be able to give back, especially here on base during Hoops for Troop week. So that's awesome for us."

Matthews and a couple of OKC Thunder basketball players taught various drills throughout the program.

The 45 youth were split up into five teams for the first set of drills. The teams lined up at the edge of the court and waited for Matthews to blow the whistle.

The drills consisted of dribbling, free-throws, layups and much more. The evening concluded with OKC Thunder give-a-ways.

After the success of this event, Mullins said he hopes to see more like this one in the future.

"I would like them to do more with our youth center," he said.

Looking ahead, Mullins said he spoke to them about doing the event again next year.



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Soldiers load up on colorful candy at the "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" themed Thanksgiving meal Nov. 23, 2016, at the Cantigny dining facility. FILE PHOTO

## GOBBLE UP THANKSGIVING MEALS

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

Don't feel like cooking a feast or leaving town for Turkey Day? There is no reason to not be able to enjoy a turk-riffic Thanksgiving meal.

On Nov. 22, the day before Thanksgiving, Fort Riley Dining Facilities will have two traditional dinners. Devil's Den DFAC at 7011 Siebert St. will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal, which includes the usual turkey, stuffing, shrimp cocktail, butternut squash soup, baked ham with brown sugar glaze, butterflied lobster tails, seasoned crab legs, collard greens with seasoned hocks, candied sweet potatoes and more.

Demon Diner at 694 Huebner Road will be serving their annual Thanksgiving Meal at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. also Nov. 22. Entrées include rotisserie turkey and gravy, herbed turkey roast, seared duck breast, steamship round of beef with demi-

glaze, baked ham with Dr. Pepper glaze, steamed crab legs and baked lobster tails and a wide variety of accompaniments, salads, self-serves and dessert bar.

For DFAC dinners on Nov. 22 ranks specialists and below along with their family members pay \$6.80 a person. Ranks sergeant and above along with their family members, Department of Defense civilians and contractors pay \$9.05 a person. Meals will be served between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Thanksgiving Day, Devil's Den will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will be traditional turkey day delicacies, stuffed baked fish, assorted sweet and savory desserts, various breads, beverages and fruits. Standard DFAC meal rates apply.

The USO Fort Riley will be open Thanksgiving Day with heavy appetizers, drinks, desserts, movies, football on TV, games and more. They will be open noon to 6 p.m. to celebrate alongside service members and their dependents. For more information, visit [fortriley.uso.org/events/56](http://fortriley.uso.org/events/56).

From 8 to 10 a.m. Nov. 23, Community Servants in Junction City will be hosting a free Thanksgiving Day breakfast at two locations — 402 W. State Ave. and the community center at 1002 W. 12th St. On the menu is fried turkey, smoked ham, farm fresh pork sausage patties, beef sausage links, grits, eggs, cheese from a local creamery, hash browns, pancakes, donuts, coffee, local farm milk, pastries and much more.

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In Manhattan, the Flint Hills Breadbasket Community Food Network will be hosting their Manhattan Community Annual Thanksgiving Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 23 at Old Chicago 2001 Clocktower Place. The event is free of charge and is open to everyone, but donations are welcome to help defray the dinner cost. For more information call 785-537-0730.



FILE PHOTOS  
**LEFT:** A culinary specialists with 1st Infantry Division prepares seafood salad cups for Cantigny dining facility's Thanksgiving meal Nov. 23, 2016, at Fort Riley, Kansas. This year, Devil's Den and Demon DFACs are participating in the Thanksgiving meals. **TOP:** Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, former 1st Infantry Division acting senior commander, serves a plate to a Soldier during a Thanksgiving meal in 2016. Commanders from across the garrison and 1st Inf. Div. assist in serving Thanksgiving meals at the DFACs each year. **BOTTOM:** Soldiers and their families fill the home of Spc. Jeff Straka, Company B, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and his wife Dawn Nov. 24, 2016, for Thanksgiving. Different families and organizations at Fort Riley and in the surrounding communities are hosting Thanksgiving meals for service members.

