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Little Apple regional leaders gain better understanding of Fort Riley

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About 25 leaders from businesses and organizations around Manhattan, Kansas, toured Fort Riley Jan. 12, to learn more about the facilities and training that goes on at Fort Riley.

This annual tour is held for neighboring communities to gather a better understanding of Fort Riley's integrated training environment.

One of the stops during the tour was the Training Support Center where they met Timothy Livsey, Fort Riley deputy garrison commander. They received a briefing on topics like the complexities of the training environment and the capabilities offered at Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division, garrison organization, the economic impact

of Fort Riley to the neighboring communities, garrison partners and community support, educational partnerships — to name a few.

One of the most prominent advantages both Fort Riley and Manhattan gain from each other is the intellectual capital. Livsey said having a large university nearby is a very distinctive thing about Fort Riley.

"How do you put a price tag on the intellectual value that's going to bring in the school systems and the volunteer programs?" he said. "We are the only large installation in continental United States that has a (university) within 15 minutes from the gates ... they invest in us as we invest in them ... the intellect of this region is very high and believe me, people know that; they know it in the Army, they know it in the state. So (it's a) mecca for intellectual growth ... and that's good for the businesses and economy."

Another topic touched upon was the periodic booms heard by not only the Fort Riley community, but the residents who live in the Manhattan area as well. Livsey said "the noise" might seem louder today than years ago, but it is less frequently heard thanks to training simulators.

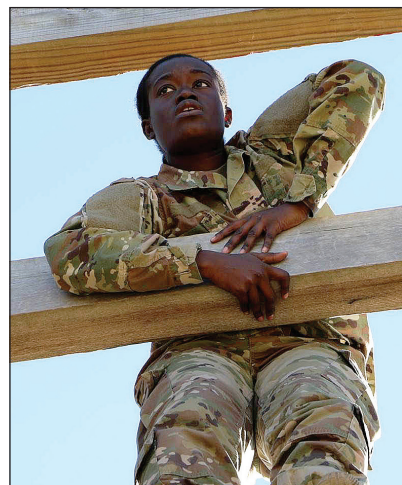
"Years ago we didn't have these simulators, so the noise was fairly constant — every night," he said. "Today, that's not true. There are simulations, so you don't hear the noise. And when we get to a certain level of training, then we have to go out and make noise."

Present at the tour was Bill Raymann, chief of training of the Directorate of Plans, Mobilization, Training and Security. He said showing regional leaders how the 1st Inf. Div. conducts field

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Timothy Livsey, Fort Riley deputy garrison commander, briefs the regional leaders of businesses and organization from Manhattan, Kansas, during their tour on post Jan. 12. This annual tour is held for neighboring communities to gather a better understanding of Fort Riley's Integrated Training environment.



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Pfc. Yaa Agyemang, financial clerk, 9th Financial Management Sustainment Unit, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, maneuvers through the "confidence climb" on the air assault confidence course during the 2017 Special Troops Battalion, Sustainment Brigade Solider of the Year competition Nov. 15, 2017, at Fort Riley.

Soldier from Ghana never gives up on mission

By Sgt. 1st Class Victor Gardner
1ST INF. DIV. SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Pfc. Yaa Agyemang, finance clerk, 9th Financial Management Support Unit, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, arrived at Fort Riley knowing that her mission would be to help take care of Soldiers financial concerns. Agyemang and her family originate from the West African nation of Ghana and settled in Decatur, Georgia, in 2008 when she was 10 years old.

Upon Agyemang's family gaining their citizenship, she and her sister began the process of getting naturalized. She later renounced Ghanaian citizenship to become an American citizen. Agyemang said she felt a little different about having to leave Ghana totally behind.

"It was part of the process in order for me to get my citizenship," Agyemang said. "At first because I was younger, it kind of made me feel like I wasn't African anymore. I guess it was just really about the paperwork."

Moving to the U.S. was a life-altering experience for Agyemang.

"It was very scary for me," Agyemang said. "First of all, you have to take a test

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GENERAL'S VISIT



Pfc. Tiara Allen, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, shows Brig. Gen. Douglas McBride, commander, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, how the automations system works at her station in the Supply Support Activity warehouse at Fort Riley. Dec. 13, 2017. McBride visited the SSA to learn how the 541st CSSB operates and supports its clients.

Soldiers demonstrate readiness during general's recent visit

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

Brig. Gen. Douglas McBride, commander the 13th Expeditionary Sustainment, visited the Soldiers of 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, Dec. 1 to see the "Pacesetters" meeting their mission and supporting their clients.

A sustainment unit provides support needed to front-line troops. The equipment, and all forms of sustenance, comes from a warehouse all the way to those troops by way of units like the 541st CSSB. Warrant Officer Shirita Long, 541st CSSB accountable officer, guided McBride through every section as members of her team briefed him.

McBride said he was thoroughly impressed with the knowledge and processes that are in place.

Long said she and her Soldiers were confident in their presentation because the group conducted their daily actions the way McBride was briefed.

"I think it was more confidence," Long said. "I am confident in my team, my work and myself. I put my all into my team. They are the ones that keep this ship moving. Without them, I would not be here."

During his visit, a member of McBride's command team delivered some news that brought smiles to the faces of the 541st CSSB — for the quarter, their unit was one of two — from a pool of 20 — that met mission expectations.

Command Sgt. Maj. Cheryl Greene, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment senior non-commissioned officer, highlighted

Long's team, consisting of junior noncommissioned officers and enlisted Soldiers, who made this happen.

"I'm upfront with my team all the time," Long said. "I tell them all the time it's OK to make mistakes because that's how you learn. I let them know that no one is perfect and we are all here to learn from one another. If I know it, you'll know it as well."

Long also credits her noncommissioned officer in charge, Staff Sgt. Charles York, for the way the Soldiers were able to brief McBride. Greene took time out to recognize York with a coin. She said he was an example of how to lead and develop Soldiers.

Two Soldiers who briefed McBride were Spc. Tiara Allen and Pfc. Miguel Caraballo. Both Soldiers said they believe York deserved the honor of being

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K-State women basketball hosts military families

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

Children of 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Soldiers were treated to a free one-hour basketball clinic by the Kansas State University women's basketball team at Bramlage Coliseum at K-State Jan. 13. The clinic was part of the team's military appreciation day.

Families showing a military ID were also given discount tickets to attend the game that saw the K-State women defeat the No. 20-ranked Oklahoma State University Cowgirls 80-64.

"We have quite a few kids and we always like to see K-State games, but also get to spend time with the players afterwards," said Capt. Andrew Nielson, 1st Inf. Div. Sustainment Brigade chaplain. "It was great for the kids to be able to see a Division I game, and they won on top of that."

A video was played during halftime. It was taken when the K-State women's team visited Fort Riley Middle School Jan. 8, where players interacted with students during gym classes on the school's basketball court.

At the clinic, about 20 children spent an hour with the K-State coaches and players after the game at the Ice Family Basketball Practice Facility next to Bramlage Coliseum.

The players and coaches gave the children instructions on how to play defense, shoot, dribble and pass.

Fort Riley, K-State partnership continues

To read more about K-State Women's Basketball and their outreach with Fort Riley Middle School, read page 9.

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FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Katie Cutts was recognized by the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team for her contribution as Family Readiness Group leader where she helped plan activities, managed a newsletter and updated the unit's FRG's Facebook Page. She also helped prepare rooms for redeploying Soldiers and volunteered making pies for Fall Apple Day.

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

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training exercises helps them understand what goes on at Fort Riley.

“We like to do this with the community members, a lot of which have never been (at) Fort Riley nor understand what we do up there,” Raymann said. “We like to show the technology that we are using that helps us kind of mitigate the amount of live training that we have to do out there. If the Soldiers can do something over and over again, build repetitions in simulations, when they go to field — which they have to do — they go to the field with a higher level

of readiness, they’re able to train to standard.”

According to Janet Nichols, military community liaison for Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, most of those who attended did not realize the extent of what goes on at Fort Riley and how all-encompassing the post is.

“I don’t think they realize everything that goes on there,” Nichols said. “(The purpose of the visit is to) expose the local community to Fort Riley and military, and what Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division mission is ... I think while they know there’s training, they don’t realize there’s indoors training.”

Nichols said she thinks the partnership between the 1st Inf. Div. Fort Riley and Manhattan is a positive means for the community as a whole.

“The more you know, the more you take and the more knowledge you expose the community to, then the more understanding they have of where and why sometimes there are a lot of Soldiers and sometimes there are not,” she said. “I think when the community is aware, it makes everybody get along better. The community understanding of the mission just helps everyone along.”

Soldiers adopt a school, mentor students, build relations



Staff Sgt. Timothy Muckle, chaplain assistant 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, teaches students how to render a proper hand salute during the adopt-a-school visit at Mission Valley Unified School District 330 in Eskridge, Kansas, Tuesday Nov. 28. The hand salute is one of the most common courtesies in the Army and the students wanted to learn how to properly render it.

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1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade participated in a community relations project, “Adopt-a-School,” at Mission Valley Unified School District 330 in Eskridge, Kansas, Nov. 28.

Adopt-a-School is a program where Soldiers provide support to schools by mentoring students, participating in school activities and aiding student learning.

Spc. Stone N. Huntley, a unit supply specialist with the 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., had the opportunity to teach the students some things about the military, as well as share his interest in some of his own recreational activities.

“We went to a school to essentially interact with them (the students) and be someone to teach them about military life and personal experiences,” Huntley said.

While at the school, Huntley interacted with and performed for a few of the students.

“When I got there I brought a few things with me (juggling pins, a harmonica and a unicycle) so they set me up in an art class,” Huntley said. “I decided to bring things I’m good at, know how to do and that I’m confident with.”

The students said they enjoyed Huntley’s unconventional approach.

“I think it’s cool,” said Mackenzie Smith, a student at Mission Valley high school. “I want to go into the military and I am still deciding which branch, so it’s good to get advice from you guys (Soldiers).”

As part of his interacting with the students, Huntley showed them how to ride a unicycle.

“A lot of people have never seen a unicycle in real life,” Huntley said. “During lunch I rode around the perimeter of the cafeteria and hopped up the stairs to their stage and everyone seemed to really enjoy it.”

Holly Savage, a Kindergarten to 12th grade art teacher at Mission Valley USD 330, watched with the students while Huntley performed with his harmonica and juggling.

“I think it’s wonderful,” Savage said. “I think seeing the other side of you guys lets them (the students) see they can relate to you.”

Although this was a work-related event for Huntley, he plans to continue using his talents and volunteering his time with other community youth.

“I’m actually planning on volunteering another week, working with kids, juggling, making animal balloons and music,” Huntley said.

Kristie Kemp, a fifth grade teacher with Mission Valley Elementary school, had the opportunity to learn about the Army as another Soldier interacted with her students.

“I think it was an awesome and great experience for the kids to see military personnel outside of the public and to see them inside the school setting,” Kemp said. “The sergeant we had in here (Staff Sgt. Timothy Muckle) really stressed the importance of reading and staying in school, because you’ll need it even your line of work (the military) not only in other professions. This was great because I do have a lot of students who have talked about wanting to join the military.”

‘Big Red One’ to deploy as US Army Europe’s Atlantic Resolve division-level HQ

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The 1st Infantry Division will replace the 4th Infantry Division in March as U.S. Army Europe’s division-level headquarters responsible for mission command of U.S. forces deployed in support of Atlantic Resolve.

Three years ago, in response to increased regional tensions, the 4th Inf. Div. formed the first Atlantic Resolve Mission Command Element serving as the intermediate headquarters between U.S. Army Europe and U.S. regionally allocated forces deployed throughout the eight eastern European Atlantic Resolve countries of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

“I am very pleased that the ‘Big Red One’ was selected to replace the 4th Inf. Div. for this critical mission,” said Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general. “We are constantly building readiness so that we can support missions like this and many others across the globe. We look forward to building upon the successes of the mighty 4th Inf. Div.”

Located in Poznan, Poland, the MCE provides command and control for more than 6,000 U.S. service members conducting bilateral training and multinational exercises with Allied host nation forces to deter aggression and support regional stability.

The 1st Inf. Div. will deploy about 100 personnel to Poznan, Poland, in March to take over the Atlantic Resolve MCE mission from 4th Inf. Div.

Leading the MCE mission will be Brig. Gen. Richard R. Coffman, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley deputy commanding general for maneuver.

“I have the utmost confidence that Richard is the right leader for the job,” Martin said. “As I’ve watched him prepare his team for this upcoming mission, I’m reminded how lucky I am to have him here at the Big Red One — he’s mission-focused and ready. He will be an asset to Atlantic Resolve.”

The Big Red One, the Army’s first and longest-serving division, has been in continuous service to the nation throughout the past century, and

brings with it a lineage of history in the European theater. In 1918, the 1st Inf. Div. fought and won the Battle of Cantigny in France — the first American victory of World War I. It was the first U.S. division to return to Europe for World War II, landing in Great Britain in July 1942 and later leading Task Force O in the assault on Omaha Beach during the Battle of Normandy. The division was also based in Wurzburg, Germany, from 1996 to 2006, deploying numerous times throughout Europe in support of peacekeeping missions.

During its tenure as the Atlantic Resolve MCE, the Fort Carson, Colorado-based 4th Inf. Div. led U.S. Army Europe’s efforts in Eastern Europe to demonstrate U.S. commitment to our Allies and partners, enhance U.S. and Allied readiness, deter aggression and enhance freedom of movement.

As the first Atlantic Resolve MCE, 4th Inf. Div. facilitated the first U.S. regionally allocated forces deployments into Europe as well as the first heel-to-toe rotations of regionally allocated armored brigade combat teams and combat aviation brigades. The MCE also relocated from Germany to Poland in order to ensure a more forward and ready headquarters presence in Eastern Europe.

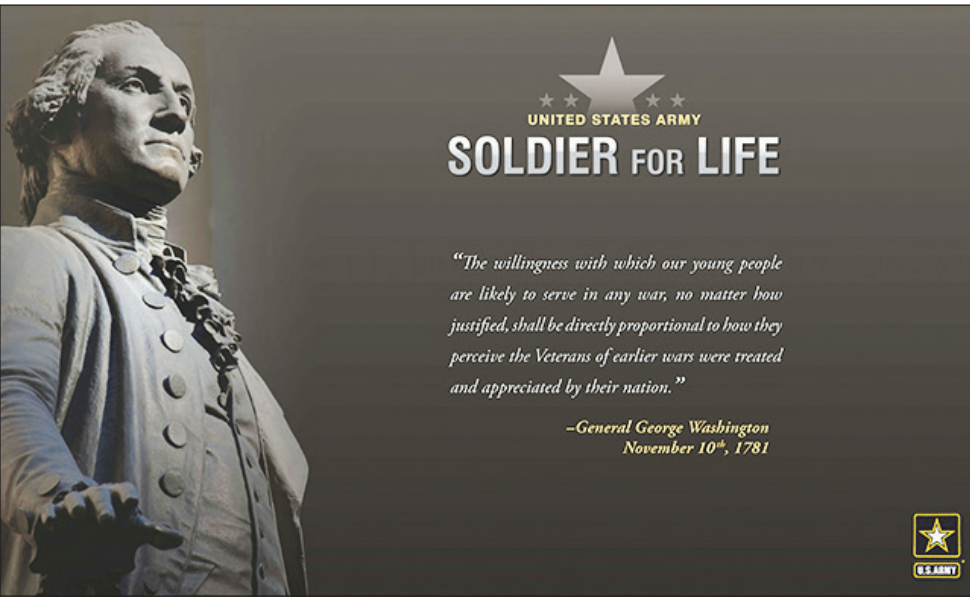
Throughout its time as the MCE, 4th Inf. Div. developed key relationships with Allied and partner military and civilian leaders, managed the movement of thousands of vehicles, pieces of equipment and personnel across international borders in a region the size of the U.S. eastern seaboard, and oversaw numerous multinational exercises culminating in Saber Guardian 17 — with 22 NATO Allies and partner nations participating in the exercise in the Black Sea region.

The 1st Inf. Div. will further strengthen those key relationships and expand upon building readiness with its NATO partners while abroad, Martin said.

For more information about the Atlantic Resolve mission, visit <http://www.eur.army.mil/atlanticresolve> or <https://www.facebook.com/usarmyurope>, or search for the hashtags #AtlanticResolve and #StrongEurope.



THE FIGHTING FIRST!



Combined Federal Campaign Heartland region raises record funds

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

The Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Riley completed their year under the modernized system and the total funds collected was announced at Riley’s Town Hall Meeting Jan. 9.

Clint Strutt, Fort Riley Financial Readiness Program manager, presented two oversized checks to 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Commanding General Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin and 1st Infantry Division Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison. The amount raised was the highest amount in Fort Riley’s CFC history.

As of Jan. 9, the total amount of 2017 online pledges presented to Martin and Cornelison was \$146,412. In addition, the total amount of 2017 local paper pledges Jan. 9 was \$51,235, according to the two oversized checks presented.

In an email interview Jan. 16, Strutt said the grand total online pledges was \$205,657, an increase of about \$60,000 for the Army family for the Heartland region for local, regional, national and international charities.

In years past, employees donated money to the CFC program by payroll deduction. According to www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign/, they said new opportunities arose with the use of new technology.

“What seemed impossible just a few years ago is now entirely possible and will be more commonplace five years from now,” said the website. “This technology campaign-wide presents a rare strategic occasion for the CFC to become an even more efficient campaign in the future... For example, nonprofits are lending their expertise in web-based philanthropy to bring new efficiencies to giving in the Federal workplace through the use of automated giving.”

The efforts shown by federal employees in 2017, showed generosity at Fort Riley through the community and the commitment to community, readiness and resilience.

Looking ahead, Strutt felt honored to be a part of a program that raised more than \$200,000.

“It is a great feeling to be the campaign coordinator for Fort Riley and raise thousands and thousands of dollars for needy

charities,” he said. “I think we all have a giving spirit, being in the position of providing an opportunity for someone to activate that spirit is truly an honor.”

As a nationally recognized program, Strutt said the overall mission of CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees an opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Looking ahead, Strutt said, he hopes that CFC will continue in future years as the campaign administration continues to modernize.



Clint Strutt, Fort Riley Financial Readiness Program manager, presents two oversized checks to 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Commanding General Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin and 1st Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison during Riley’s Town Hall Meeting Jan. 9. The checks were an outward indication of how federal employees within the Army family for the Heartland Region gave to local, regional, national and international charities.

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Fort Riley Child care providers increase after hiring fair

By Kalene Lozick
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As Fort Riley’s workforce numbers change seasonally, the Child and Youth Services staff grow alongside.

Child and Youth Services from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Civilian Personnel Advisory Center worked together to speed up the hiring process of new child care providers with a hiring fair as more than two dozen positions were open Jan. 9.

“The intent of the hiring fair is to expedite the process of hiring direct care staff for our CYS programs,” said Michelle Durgin, CYS coordinator.

The hiring process is condensed from three to four weeks down to a matter of days, Durgin said. This is due to the on-site fingerprinting, background checks and in-person interviews.

“We do interviewing on-site and we have great support for our CPAC here,” Durgin said. “They come on site, people apply, they build us a list (and) we do interviews. We can make a tentative selection today based on the information we have. We still have to do things like get reference checks — things like that — but it really has helped to expedite the process, which has been great.”

She said they had about 25 open slots, but will select approximately 45 applicants.

The low numbers of open spaces are due to stable staffing, she said. The hiring event was to assist with upcoming increase in the warmer months

of service members undergoing a permanent change of station from Fort Riley.

“We have struggled with staffing,” Durgin said. “We have actually managed to stabilize a bit, but we also anticipate the upcoming PCS season and we know we are going to lose staff — as well as (during) increase deployments.”

She said the new hires will become the flex pool of staff. Meaning they would not have immediate hours, but they are on call and available to cover leave and block-leave so training can be completed.

Each new hire will undergo a series of training classes because CYS is an accredited child care provider.

“So we have a training program that helps transform you into a child care specialist so you understand what our rules and regulations are,” Durgin said. “We are required by the Military Childcare Act to be accredited nationally. So we go through the National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation process, the Child and Youth Development and Accreditation for School Age Programs.”

These training mechanisms are in place so anyone can become a certified child care provider — the only request is new hires like working with kids.

“The baseline requirements to work for CYS — fresh off the street — is that you are 18, you have a high school diploma or GED (General Educational Development diploma or certificate), you can stand for



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Job seekers are brought to Child and Youth Services Parent Central, 6620 Normandy Drive, for the quick hiring process for direct care specialists Jan. 9. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Civilian Personnel Advisory Center partnered together to offer on-site fingerprinting, background checks and in-person interviews to more than two dozen who attended the hiring event.

long periods of time and lift 40-pounds, as well as pass our background checks,” she said. “If you can do those things, we have a robust training program that will take you from someone with no experience with kids or the only experience with kids as a babysitter or as a sister, mom.”

Kavon Wallace, wife of Sgt. Erik Wallace, 97th Military Police Battalion,

attended the hiring event. She said during her childhood her mother had a day care. This made her grow to love working with kids.

“I love children,” Wallace said. “I’ve always had an interest in working with children.”

To those who are interested in applying for direct child care, she said if

someone loves to work with children they should find a way to do so.

Durgin said the Jan. 9 hiring event was only to hire direct care, but CYS offers a wide range of positions.

“The CYS also has administrative positions, it has director positions, cook positions and things like that,” she said. “The way we have it

set up right now this is primarily just to let people who want to work in classroom with kids.”

By midway through the day, Durgin and her team filled over half of the positions.

For more information about working at CYS, visit usajobs.gov keyword NAF and location 66442. For information on the next CYS hiring fair, call 785-239-9885.

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The children also had an opportunity to have the players sign shirts, posters and basketballs.

Kelly Kredo, wife of Lt. Col. Jack Kredo, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. commander, brought her daughters to the game and clinic.

“The clinic is great,” Kelly Kredo said. “The girls are great. How many college students do you know that will play a basketball game and then come out and play with kids and give it 100 percent out here as well? I love that they want to support us, and that we want to come out and support them. We have never been to a basketball game here before, but we will be back.

“The clinic is so much different than what I thought. I didn’t realize it would be so interactive for the kids. It was a great experience and the girls (players) are lovely.”

The military appreciation day is part of an ongoing partnership between K-State and the “Big Red One.” Each athletic team at K-State is partnered with a military unit of the 1st Inf. Div.

“It is really cool being able to have (the partnership) being this close to Fort Riley and being able to show our support,” said Kaylee Page, K-State player and graduate of Wamego High School in Wamego, Kansas. “We went to the elementary school last week and it is really cool to be able to do that stuff for people that give so much to our country.”

“We know a lot of people that either work on Fort Riley or are Soldiers. It is awesome being able to show our support this way and be able to do more than just put the Big Red One on our jersey. It is really cool to be able to reach out and do this too.”



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Kansas State University’s Kaylee Page looks to make a pass during a victory over the Oklahoma State Cowgirls at Bramlage Coliseum Jan. 13. The K-State women’s team hosted a military appreciation day for families of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley. The KSU women’s basketball team wears the patch of the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade on their uniforms as part of a partnership program between KSU and the 1st. Inf. Div.

Polish bonds continue as US Soldiers visit cadets, build strong relations



Cpl. Kevin Freeman, right, a human resource specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley views cell phone video shared by a high school cadet at a school in Rzepin, Poland, during a class visit Jan. 15. The purpose of the visit was to give the cadets the opportunity to learn more about the U.S. military and its involvement in Atlantic Resolve.

Story and photo by Spc. Dustin Biven
22ND MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

ZAGAN, Poland — Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division met Polish military cadets at a Polish school in Rzepin, Poland Jan. 15 in an effort to continue building upon Polish-U.S. relations.

U.S. Soldiers sat at tables throughout a room in the school and answered a wide variety of questions from cadets who sought to learn more.

“It was great being able to meet with the cadets,” said Sgt. Demetri Richardson, a wheeled vehicle mechanic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd ABCT. “They had a lot of great questions.”

Although shy at first, through conversation, the cadets began sharing smiles and laughter with the 2nd ABCT Soldiers.

“They asked about the day-to-day activities of a Soldier, what my hobbies were and even my favorite music,” Richardson said. “I feel like not only did they get something out of our visit, but we did too. I loved it and I look forward to being able to do it again.”

After the cadets finished asking the Soldiers questions and learning about the U.S. mission in Poland, Command Sgt. Major Craig A. Copridge, senior noncommissioned officer of the 2nd ABCT, showed the cadets a step-by-step on how to properly prepare a Meal, Ready-To-Eat.

Julianna Fedorowicz, a 16-year-old cadet at the school, volunteered first and tried the MRE.

“It was actually really good,” Fedorowicz said. “It was great to meet with the U.S. military, they were all so kind, and I learned a lot talking with them.”

Ewa Winiarczyk, principal of the school, helped arrange the visit between the cadets and

the U.S. military to help the students learn firsthand what the U.S. is doing in Poland.

“While teaching our cadets about the military, a visit like today is a great opportunity,” Winiarczyk said. “We want our cadets to learn why the U.S. is in Poland and what it is they are doing here to help. This is our first time having the U.S. visit

the school, but we look forward to many more.”


Cadets were able to learn more about the U.S. military’s presence in Poland and the United States’ commitment to providing collective security and America’s dedication to enduring peace and stability in the region.



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TRAFFIC REPORT

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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 landfill will still be possible during the repairs.

NORMANDY HILL ROAD CLOSURE

Drum Street will be closed Jan. 19 for repairs. The street will be closed for 24 hours.

Detour heading west-bound on Apennines Drive is a left on Brown Street. Detour heading east-bound on Normandy Drive is a left on Conner Street.

Fort Riley Tax Center to open Jan. 23

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

The Fort Riley Tax Center will have their grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for tax year 2017 Jan. 23 at 9 a.m.

The tax center is in Building 7034 at the corner of Normandy Drive and Bullard Street.

Each year, the grand opening is held to commemorate the start of filing taxes. The purpose of the event is for the facility to establish a presence in the community and inform them about what services are available, according to the invitation for the opening.

Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, will be speaking. Following his speech will be the ribbon cutting and closing

remarks. Beverages and cake will be served after the ceremony.

The tax center on post has been in operation during tax season for more than 15 years. According to the invitation, the Fort Riley Tax Center has saved those eligible more than \$1.4 million in tax preparation fees in 2017 alone and brought in more than \$9.6 million in refunds.

Transportation Security Administration offers prechecks for Defense Department personnel

TRANSPORATION SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION

Transportation Security Administration Precheck is a voluntary, expedited security screening process offered at over 180 domestic airports that allows participants to keep on their shoes, belt and light jacket, and leave laptops and 3-1-1 compliant liquids in their carry-on bags. The program is open at no cost to Department of Defense civilians and service members, including Reservists, National Guardsmen, members of the Coast Guard and students at the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

In order to use dedicated TSA Precheck security lanes, participants must enter their DOD ID number as the “Known Traveler Number” when making official travel or leisure airline reservations.

ACTION REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION TO PARTICIPATE:

- Locate the DOD ID number: A 10-digit number found on the back of your

Common Access Card. If there is not a DOD ID number listed on the CAC, it can be found by logging in to MilConnect at www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect and clicking on the “My Profile” tab.

- Opt-In to the program: Civilians need to log in to the MilConnect website, click on the “My Profile” tab and then select “Update and View My Profile.” Next, click on the “CIV” tab. In the Personnel Status information box, click on the “TSA Precheck Program” checkbox and scroll to the bottom of the page and click “submit.” Service members already are eligible and do not need to opt in to the program.
- Save the DOD ID Number in the “Known Traveler Number” field of your DTS profile: To ensure future airline reservations automatically include the DOD ID number, save it in the user profile. For instructions, see Using DTS at www.defensetravel.dod.mil/

[Docs/How_to_Enter_Your_DoD_ID.pdf](#).

- Ensure the DOD ID Number is included when making reservations. For official travel: If the user saved their DOD ID number as part of their profile, it will automatically pre-populate. The user may also participate by entering their DOD ID number in the “Known Traveler Number” field when prompted to verify their Secure Flight Information — name, date of birth and gender — each time they make a reservation. If making a reservation through a Travel Management Center, provide the DOD ID number as the “Known Traveler Number” when asked to verify the Secure Flight Information.
- For leisure travel: Enter the DOD ID number in the “Known Traveler Number” field when making reservations.
- At the airport, look for dedicated TSA PreCheck security lanes. The program is available at over 150 domestic airports. Visit www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck/map

[tsa.gov/tsa-precheck/map](#) for a complete list of participating airports.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Eligible Service members do not need to be on official travel or in uniform to take advantage of TSA Precheck. Family members ages 12 and under traveling with an eligible service member or DOD civilian can process through expedited screening as well. However, family members 13 and older must go through regular security lines or may apply for TSA Trusted Traveler program for a fee.

Boarding passes must have TSA Precheck eligibility information embedded in the barcode when scanned on the boarding pass scanner system in order to use the TSA Precheck security lanes. Be aware that not all airlines print a TSA Precheck approved indicator on the boarding pass. However, if travelers used their DOD ID number as the “Known Traveler Number,” they may proceed to a dedicated Precheck security lane to check eligibility.

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Identifying, preventing the flu this season

The Centers for Disease Control recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. While there are many different flu viruses, a flu vaccine protects against the viruses that research suggests will be most common.

Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year before flu activity begins in their community. CDC recommends getting vaccinated by the end of October, if possible.

Vaccination of high-risk persons is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness. People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease and people 65 years and older.

Vaccination also is important for health care workers, and other people who live with or care for high risk people to keep from spreading flu to them.

Children younger than 6 months are at high risk of serious flu illness, but are too young to be vaccinated. People who care for infants should be vaccinated instead.

PREVENTATIVE WAYS TO AVOID GERMS

- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. Your fever should be gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.

If you get sick with flu symptoms, in most cases, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care. If, however, you have symptoms of flu and are in a high risk group, or are very sick or worried about your illness, contact your health care.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF FLU

- Fever, feeling feverish or chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in young children than in adults
- It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever

You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while

you are sick. Although people with the flu are most contagious in the first three to four days after their illness begins, some otherwise healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning a day before symptoms develop and up to five to seven days after becoming sick. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others with flu viruses for an even longer time.

Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes.

Anyone can get the flu, and serious problems related to the flu can happen at any age, but some people are at high risk of developing serious flu-related complications if they get sick. This includes people 65 years and older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease, pregnant women and young children.

For more information, visit www.inverse.com/article/40232-glu-tamiflu-antivirals-h3n2-cdc or www.cdc.gov/flu/consumer/prevention.htm.

ASK DR. JARGON

What does being 'back in the world' mean in Army talk?

DEAR DR. JARGON,

I've only been married to my Soldier for a couple of months and I admit some of the terminology he uses leaves me trying to figure out exactly what he just said. The most recent example is via a Facebook message from his training out in the field. His message said he can't wait to be “back in the world.”

He's definitely not in any space program, so what is he talking about?

Signed,
New Army Wife

DEAR NEW ARMY WIFE,

The phrase “back in the world” refers to home and each Soldier's version of normal life. Any time a Soldier is deployed or away for field training, the one thing they consistently look forward to is getting back to their world.

While they may be in great conditions sometimes, it still isn't home. The idea of being “back in the world” means family, shared meals, personal comforts and their own bed. In the case of your Soldier, you are part of that world he is referring to.

With a lot of our Soldiers out training during some pretty cold conditions, I'm betting the idea of unlimited hot water and a warm place to sleep are pretty high on the list of those things back in the world he is looking forward to.

Congratulations to you on becoming part of the Army family and I wish you good fortune as you and your Soldier continue to create your home and your definition of the world.

Best of luck,
Dr. Jargon

Dr. Jargon, cutting through the jargon that is the U.S. Army. Send your Army terminology questions to doctorjargon@gmail.com.

RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What's your favorite childhood memory?



"I remember playing this game called "bottoms up downstairs" in our apartment complex. It was a good time."

SGT. 1ST CLASS TRESSA BROADMAX
NEWBERN, ALABAMA

1st Combat Aviation Brigade,
1st Infantry Division



"Growing up, running around and playing on the farm, hunting and fishing."

SGT. BRADLEY SAMPSON
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

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"Playing tag with my sisters out in the park."

SGT. DAVID WEBSTER
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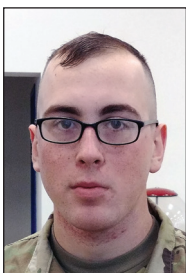
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"Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at Madison Square Garden when I was four because Madison Square Garden is crazy (cool)."

STAFF SGT. JOHN MCLEAN
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st
Infantry Division



"Hanging with my sister and mom at Dollywood, Tennessee, in Pigeon Forge. It's an amusement park."

PVT. TRISTON BRODERICK
SLYVA, NORTH CAROLINA

1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st
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SAFETY CORNER

Operating chainsaws safely, correctly

By Tom Anderson
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

While chainsaws are timesavers on farms, ranches and at home, chainsaw safety is vital if you want to avoid painful injuries.

According to ResearchGate, each year more than 3 million new chainsaws are sold in the U.S. The operation of the newer saws, combined with the millions of older chainsaws in circulation, results in more than 28,000 chainsaw-related injuries annually.

Most chainsaw accidents occur because the operator is either inexperienced and using the tool incorrectly, or they simply cannot handle the chainsaw because it is above their skill level. Poor judgment also contributes to accidents.

Chainsaw cuts or lacerations are the most common injury. A chainsaw at full speed runs more than 30 feet of chain past a single point on the bar in the split-second it takes for a user to react. The lacerations are usually deep and often accompanied with fractures, amputations and severed nerves and tendons.

The majority of the injuries involve the hands and lower extremities with less than 10 percent involving injuries to the head and neck regions. While deaths from operating a chainsaw are extremely rare, there is no such thing as a minor chainsaw injury.

TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH WHEN USING A CHAINSAW:

- Read the instruction and safety manual. Follow all recommended guidelines.
- Store the manuals in a place where you can easily find them and contact the company should you need to replace them. Most chainsaw manuals are available online.
- If you have never used a chainsaw, seek the guidance from a qualified mentor.
- Know the chainsaw's limitations as well as your own. Take your time and rest often so that you remain alert for potential hazards.

Avoiding injury also demands the use of proper personal protective equipment recommended for chainsaw use. To ensure maximum protection, apply the following PPE recommendations for chainsaws:

- All PPE required for operating a chainsaw must fit the operator properly and be in good condition.
- Protective leg chaps should be made from ballistic nylon or Kevlar to protect the legs from the running chainsaw.
- Wear a properly fitted hard hat that is comfortable and provides protection from small falling limbs or debris.
- Wear either a full-face shield, safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields to protect your face from flying wood chips, twigs and sawdust.
- Wear earplugs and/or earmuffs to protect your hearing from the noise levels associated with running a chainsaw.
- Wear steel-toed, high-top boots to protect your feet from potential contact with the chainsaw or with heavy falling or rolling objects. Boots should have aggressive-treaded soles to protect you from slipping.
- Wear leather gloves to protect your hands from cuts, abrasions or splinters. You can wear specialized woodcutter's gloves that have slip-resistant palms and are made of synthetic cut-resistant material similar to the material in leg chaps.

Another consideration is the type of chainsaw. There are three size classes of chainsaws. It is important to identify the one that is the best match for the job(s) that you need to complete. Small chainsaws have 8- to 14-inch guide bars and are designed to do light work, such as cutting small branches and felling very small trees.

Medium chainsaws have 16- to 22-inch guide bars and work well for felling,

limbing and bucking trees in the diameter range of 8- to 22-inches across.

Large chainsaws are designed for professional use and usually have guide bar lengths greater than 18 inches. These chainsaws are designed for heavy logging use.

Once the proper chainsaw is selected, it is imperative that the chainsaw be balanced and equipped with important safety features:

- Front hand guard: The front hand guard is a paddle-like device located ahead of the front or top handle of the chainsaw such that it stops an operator's left hand from coming in contact with the chain if this hand slips off the handle.
- Chain brake: Chain brakes, a feature of gas chainsaws, reduce the risk of injury. If activated, it stops the saw's chain immediately if kickback occurs. Usually, the chain brake is activated by contact with the front hand guard, but it also may be activated by a sudden jerk of the chainsaw, an inertia activated feature. It is strongly recommended to purchase chainsaws with both types of chain brake activation in the chain brake system.
- Throttle trigger interlock: This feature prevents the accidental opening of the throttle.
- Stop switch: The stop switch should be easy for an operator to activate with his or her right thumb while gripping the saw's rear handle.
- Antivibration system or vibration damping: An antivibration system can reduce operator fatigue and decrease the strain placed on the operator's hands. Vibration damping, achieved through rubber bushings and/or metal springs on the chainsaw, reduces the operator's exposure to vibration.
- Rear hand guard: A rear hand guard on the lower

part of the chainsaw by the rear handle protects the operator's right hand from a broken or jumping chain.

- Reduced kickback or anti-kickback chain: Most consumer chainsaws are equipped with low-kickback chains or chains that are designed to have reduced kickback energy.
- Chain catcher: This feature is designed to catch a broken or jumping chain.
- Continuous pressure throttle: This feature shuts off power to a chainsaw when pressure is reduced.
- Muffler: The muffler limits the noise level of the saw and directs hot exhaust gases away from the operator.
- Spark arrestor: A spark arrestor prevents sparks from being ejected by the exhaust.

Finally, a chainsaw in proper working condition is safer and easier to operate than a poor one. Before putting the chainsaw into use, make sure the chain is properly sharpened, tensioned on the chainsaw bar and the chain oiler reservoir is filled with proper bar and chain oil.

Most chainsaw operations involve removing branches and limbs from a fallen tree or limbing. Tree limbing is one of the most dangerous activities a chainsaw operator does because of the complex hazards involved. Chainsaw operations require users to be constantly alert to recognize and avoid other complications involved in limbing. For this reason, use the buddy system when conducting operations. Always keep children away from the chainsaw and know the location of everyone in your group, especially when felling trees, have a first-aid kit on hand and know how to address bleeding, second degree burns, broken bones and shock. Chainsaw mutilations can be brutal and gruesome.

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



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MEMORANDUM FOR All Fort Riley Employees in Bargaining Unit Positions and Their Supervisors

SUBJECT: Annual Notice of Right of Representation

1. Pursuant to Section 7114(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations (FSLMR) statute, this is to inform you that the exclusive representative of employees in the bargaining unit must be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination of an employee in the bargaining unit by a management representative in connection with an investigation if –

- a. The employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee; and,
- b. The employee requests representation.

2. The exclusive representative for employees in the bargaining units at Fort Riley is the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL/CIO), Local 2324. Further information as to your rights under this provision of the FSLMR statute may be obtained from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, 240-5955, or the local union office, 239-3645.

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to get placed into school. I don't know going to school with other kids and getting bullied was so different from school and life in Ghana. We got bullied because we were different, our accents. We didn't know much about the American way and stuff like that. People would just set me apart to make sure I knew I wasn't from there."

Every day after school, Agyemang and her younger sister would talk to their mother and let her know what's going on at school. Their mother would tell them how to handle bullies.

"You have a different culture than everybody else," said Agyemang remembering her mother's saying. "Be glad that you have the other experiences because most people only know one culture so it's good to have the other background with different experiences. Knowing that you have something different makes you special."

Agyemang said the words from her mother helped her cope with the issues at school.

Agyemang attended Georgia State University for one year after high school. She originally wanted to attend Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida, but her father would not let her go because the school was too far from home. While in college,

Agyemang said she couldn't focus in school. That's when she turned to the military to get her education and focus.

"At first I wanted to join the Air Force," Agyemang said. "When I went there (to see the recruiter), the recruiter was just too pushy. They were going to pick my job for me, which I didn't like at all. I wanted to do something I liked doing. So when I talked to the Army recruiter they were very nice and gave me all of my options so that I would know which one was best for me. After I took the (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery multi-aptitude test), they gave me a list of jobs. Initially I wanted a medical job, but everyone who was joining got a medical job. So I picked finance. It was my second option."

The next stop for Agyemang was Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for basic training and Advanced Individual Training. Agyemang's family was happy her military training wasn't too far away. When she received her first duty assignment to Fort Riley, she said her father was not pleased.

"That part was hard," Agyemang said. "I've always been close to my family. I'm used to being able to see my parents or sister when I want to. Being away from home is like, when certain things

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PFC. YAA AGYEMANG | 9TH FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT UNIT, SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE

happen at home, you're not there to directly help. (That) kind of made me feel helpless or not contributing. Especially with my sister. She's a senior in high school now. I wanted to be there to help her. I can still do that from afar but it's just not the same. Right now I keep in contact with them every day whenever I can."

Once Agyemang became a member of the 9th FMSU, her family grew.

"I like it here," Agyemang said. "This is the first time that I've been able to feel comfortable around strangers my entire life. That's something very hard for me to do. They (Soldiers of the 9th FSMU) made it a lot easier once I got here. Everybody was nice. Everybody was welcoming, so it was easy for me to get comfortable here."

don't complete it and) they send me back and I just try again."

Shaw said that he had been working with Agyemang to prepare her for air assault school by ramping up her training. At first the training was difficult for Agyemang, but she began to adjust.

"I found myself getting more motivated to learn the stuff I didn't know about," Agyemang said. "I had a fear of climbing the rope and one day during (physical training), (Shaw) showed us how to do it. I tried it and didn't make it, so I kept trying and trying, and now I'm more proficient at it and more confident."

Air assault school is a 10-day course designed to prepare Soldiers for insertion, evacuation and pathfinder missions that call for the use of multipurpose transportation and assault helicopters, according to www.GoArmy.com.

"Agyemang is the type of Soldier you want as a commander," Shaw said. "She is always looking to better herself in both her military craft and as a person. With any detail or task given, she always gives 100 percent and looks for the positive."

A portion of the prerequisites for air assault school is completing an obstacle course. To prepare she is doing physical

training twice a day, eating healthily, rucking and running a 12-miler.

"I feel like it is going to be my biggest obstacle as far as preparing and training every day, as oppose to how I do usually," Agyemang said, "I started rucking 4 miles, 6 miles and keep adding on to that. It's just me I have to just keep trying to prepare."

Part of Agyemang's motivation is her little sister. She said as her sister's role model, she can't just quit now that she has started.

Her family does not know that Agyemang has taken on the air assault challenge yet. When she finally tells them, Agyemang doesn't know how her mother will react.

"Firstly, my mom is going to freak because she thinks it's dangerous," Agyemang said. "At the same time I have to put it in a way to let her know what it's all about and to let her know it's not really all that bad. They are always going to support me because they want me to do my best."

When times get tough during air assault, Agyemang said she is going to think about all the times she wanted to quit during basic training but didn't.

"Quitting is easy," Agyemang said. "So I could be going for three hours and it only takes one second to quit. It's going to be me pushing myself and not quitting is going to be my biggest issue but I'm not going to quit."

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coined. Caraballo said the coining of York shows he and his teammates have earned the trust of their NCOIC.

"My NCOIC receiving a coin from Command Sgt. Maj. Greene meant a lot to me," Caraballo said. "It shows the knowledge and hard work Staff Sgt. York puts into the SSA (Supply Support Activity) day in and day out. Most importantly, it demonstrates the trust and respect Staff Sgt. York has instilled in us to succeed and become great."

The "Big Red One" has a creed called the "BRO Charge" that is said at first formation every morning by units all over Fort Riley. One section states, "My contribution as a teammate matters."

After hearing what McBride and Greene had to say about her unit and NCO, Allen said she felt the BRO Charge in action.

"I felt like I was (a member of a) team because I was selected to brief my section having only been in that section for a short time," Allen said. "Also, this is my first time working in a warehouse, and I love my job."

It's not often a private gets to brief a general for their first time briefing someone. Long said her team felt confident enough in Allen that she was selected to do so.

"This was my very first time talking to a general," Allen said. "I felt nervous when I saw him walking to the back because he was with so many people. Once the general started talking to me, I felt at ease."

Long says her team performed as she expected during McBride's visit.

"I feel really proud of my Soldiers," Long said. "They did a great job."

1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR TAX REFUND

If you file your tax return early and claim the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit, a new law requires the IRS to hold refunds until mid-February in 2017.

The law requires the IRS to hold the entire refund - even the portion not associated with the EITC and ACTC - until at least February 15, 2017.

New identity theft and refund fraud safeguards by the IRS may mean some tax returns and refunds face additional review.

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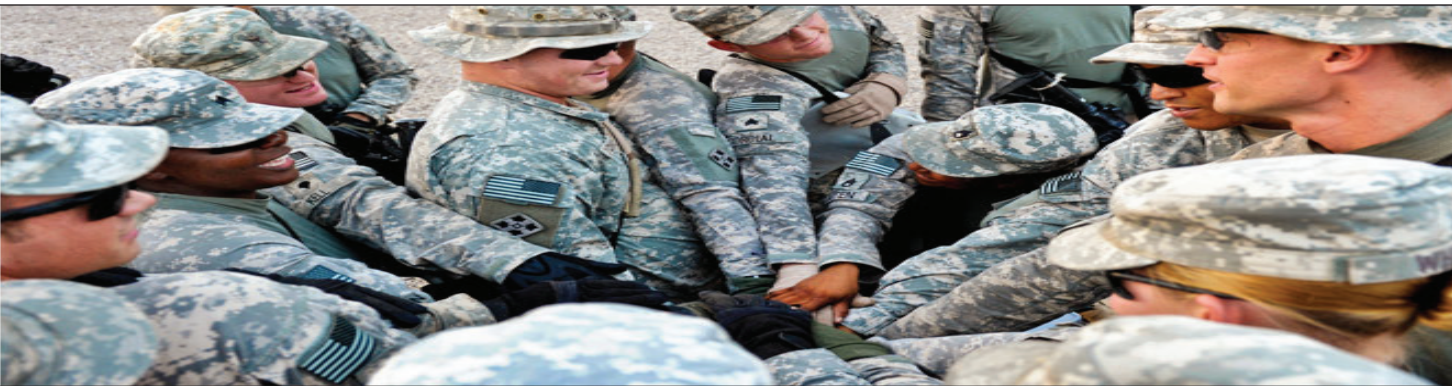
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Soldiers conduct Javelin training in Poland

Story and photo by Spc. Hubert Delany
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ZAGAN, Poland – Soldiers with the 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, completed training on the Javelin weapon system in Swietoszow, Poland in support of Atlantic Resolve Jan. 11.

During the 40-hour block of training, the “Long Knife” Soldiers learned how to aim, maintain and effectively engage potential targets with the Javelin by training with a Basic Skills Trainer, a computerized system that allows users to train without actually firing live munitions.

Staff Sgt. Shea Raysin, a cavalry scout with the 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., has worked with the Javelin system for more than five years and stressed the importance of the training.

“With this course, we will have more certified Javelin teams,” Raysin said.



Pfc. Ian Padro, an Orlando, Florida, native and indirect fire infantryman with the 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, uses the Javelin Basic Skills Trainer during a training event in Swietoszow, Poland Jan. 11 in support of Atlantic Resolve. The Javelin is a man-portable, anti-tank missile designed to defeat tanks up to a range of 2,500 meters.

“It provides more expertise to our fundamental skills, and it makes the 4th Cavalry Regiment that much more lethal on the battlefield.”

The Soldiers honed their skills by using the Javelin Basic Skills Trainer. Raysin explained the BST’s ability to provide a realistic training experience in

varying virtual settings saves the U.S. Army money and permits the Soldiers in 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., to train in simulations that resemble their current surroundings in Europe.

Supervisors monitored the battle drills, aid in the training and inserted scenarios,

which included misfires and malfunctions, in order to test each Soldier’s ability to react and overcome obstacles.

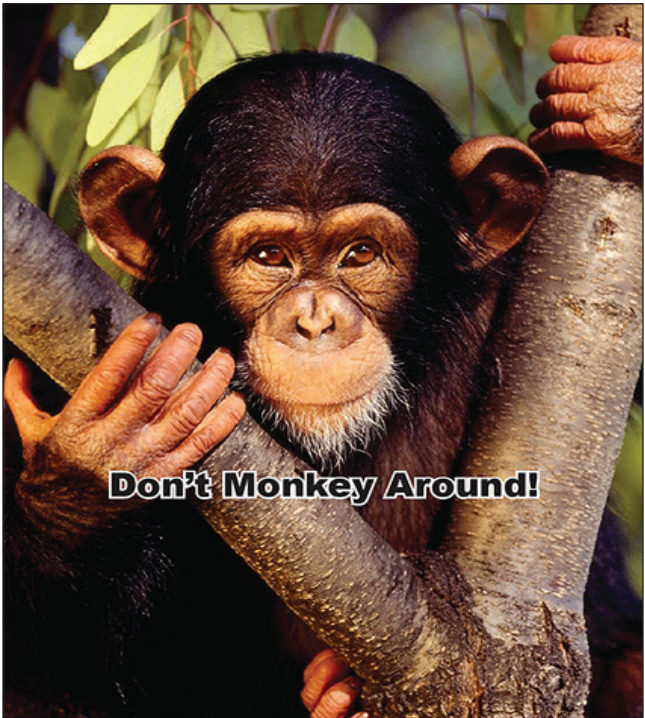
The Javelin is considered the first “fire-and-forget” shoulder-fired, anti-armor weapon system. Its unique top-attack flight mode, self-guiding tracking system and advanced warhead design allows it to defeat all known tanks up to 2,500 meters away from the point-of-fire.

Pvt. Brandon Cook, a cavalry scout in 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt. took part in the training and said he felt it better prepared him and his teammates for their current mission.

“We will be quicker and more proficient with this weapon system now,” Cook said. “We are going to take this training and we are going to use it to do what we do best — get the job done. Whatever may come, every one of us is going to be ready.”

The training reinforced the Soldiers’ proficiency in supporting NATO allies and partners as a part of Atlantic Resolve.

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Coming home: Mattis welcomes Esper as 23rd Army secretary



Courtesy Photo | U.S. Army

Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis officially welcomed back Army Secretary Mark T. Esper into the service that raised him during a swearing-in ceremony held in the Pentagon Jan. 5.

By Devon L. Suits
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — During two separate ceremonies Jan. 5, the Army family and the secretary of defense officially welcomed Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper back into the service that raised him.

As the newly appointed 23rd secretary of the Army, Esper will be key to the Army's future, said Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis during a swearing-in ceremony at the Pentagon.

As international security continues to be a growing concern, Esper — a West Point graduate and a retired Army lieutenant colonel with combat experience — will need to “hit the ground running,” Mattis said.

The defense secretary said he believes Esper will lead an Army that contributes to DOD's three lines of effort: strengthening alliances, reforming business practices and building lethality.

“What we have here is someone that we are confident will take the Army forward, that has the right value system (and who) understands that if something is not contributing to lethality, it's going to the dustbin of history,” Mattis said.

Esper brings with him a wealth of understanding from his time as an Army officer, in the defense industry and on Capitol Hill, Mattis said.

“This Army has been tested and withstood the strain, but it stood because we have patriotic young people that have put their lives on the line,” Mattis said. “I know you are going to keep us feared by our adversaries and reassure our allies. They know when (the Army) shows up they will fight harder alongside us.

“When the U.S. Army comes, what you're saying is America is putting itself on the line,” Mattis said. “That is the bottom line.”

Esper said he appreciates the direction and support Mattis gives to each of the five services and he couldn't be more inspired to work under the defense secretary's leadership. He also said he is excited to work beside the leadership that already stands inside the Army.

“I could not have picked finer Army leadership to serve alongside,” Esper said. “And I

can't say enough about the virtue of our Soldiers and their resiliency and willingness to take on the tough tasks that lie ahead.”

ARRIVAL

Since coming aboard the Army Nov. 20, 2017, Esper has traveled to meet with Soldiers stationed both inside the U.S. and abroad. He said he's been impressed by what he has seen.

“In my first 30 days, I have been able to watch the 1st Cavalry Division train at Fort Irwin (California). I've met with the global response force at Fort Bragg (North Carolina) preparing for a no-notice deployment. And I visited with our troops in combat in Afghanistan,” Esper said during his arrival ceremony at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia.

“Soldiers are the Army's greatest asset. Their welfare and readiness will always be my top priority,” Esper said.

Before a large crowd of Soldiers, veterans, families, congressional members, foreign dignitaries and defense industry professionals, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley spoke highly of his new boss.

“(Esper) has a spine of titanium (and) steel that is not going to bend to the temporary dramas of the day in D.C.,” Milley said. “He has the Army's static line like a good jumpmaster. He will not waver. He will never fail to do the right thing for our nation, our troops or our Army, regardless of the consequences to himself.”

BUILDING THE FUTURE FORCE

At the official arrival ceremony, Esper discussed his priorities for the Army, which include taking care of people, remaining focused on the Army's values, readiness, modernization and reform.

“My first priority is and will remain readiness, ensuring that the total force — active, (National) Guard and Reserve — are prepared to deploy, fight and win across the spectrum of conflict,” Esper said.

Currently, the Army is engaged in over 140 countries around the world. However, fiscal pressures and a lack of steady budget continue to impact the

Army's current readiness and affect future operations, Esper said.

“We are now challenged to address the rise of aggressive near-peer adversaries in Asia and Europe, while our Soldiers continue to fight terrorist groups abroad and reassure our allies around the globe,” Esper said.

“We must continue to build strong alliances and partnerships around the world [with] countries that train together (and) fight well together. And those that fight well together are most likely to win together.”

Through 2017, Soldiers took the fight to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, provided advice and assist support to Afghanistan and other nations, trained with allies and partners in European countries and provided assistance to citizens recovering from natural disasters.

“Our job is to be ready — to be ready for combat,” Milley said. “To deter war, but to fight and win if deterrence and diplomacy fail. That is a solemn task for this nation. We are and will remain ready to engage the intense, bloody, unforgiving crucible of ground combat against any foe anytime and anywhere.”

Esper also identified the need to become better stewards of Army resources, all while modernizing current and future capabilities.

“This means growing the force while maintaining quality,” Esper said. “Reshaping it to be more robust and successful in all domains, and modernizing it with the best weapons and equipment available to guarantee clear overmatch.”

Consequently, for modernization to be successful, improvements need to be made to the current acquisition process, Esper said.

“This includes improving how requirements are set, empowering acquisition personnel to be successful, ensuring accountability, prototyping and demonstrating systems early, and involving the private sector much more,” Esper said. “We must provide our Soldiers the tools they need to fight and win when they need it. I am confident that the new Futures Command we're designing will do just that.”

New Meltdown, Spectre vulnerabilities can be fought on electronic devices

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

With the new year, news began to surface regarding two new kinds of threats to computers and other devices consumers use to conduct daily business.

They are called Meltdown and Spectre. Both are processor vulnerabilities discovered by security researchers at Google, as well as academic and private institutions last year, said Mark Franzen, Cyber Security Division Chief, Midwest Region, Fort Riley.

The vulnerabilities make sensitive information hidden in the deepest part of the device's processor potentially available to malicious software.

Franzen became aware of Meltdown and Spectre Jan. 2, but cyber security researchers — many of who were working independently of one another in Europe and the U.S., according to a Jan. 7 story released on the Wired magazine website — had discovered the vulnerability over the past year.

The practice of delaying release of such news is common, Franzen said.

“Often times they'll hold onto this information to give vendors a chance to find ways to mitigate it and help people defend against it,” he said. “In the case of Apple, they had already released patches to mitigate this over the past two months.”

Both operate in similar fashion, but there are differences. According to the pcworld website, Meltdown is the more serious, and the one operating systems are rushing to fix.

The vulnerabilities are in personal computers, mobile devices — such as cell phones and tablets — and home automation devices like smart thermostats and WiFi routers.

To be clear, Franzen said, neither Meltdown nor Spectre are viruses; rather, they are vulnerabilities in how processors produce information quickly for users. They are the result of the use of what Franzen called “speculative execution,” which processor manufacturers have used over the past 20 years to help produce the speedy computers consumers prefer.

“What it does is, let's say you've got an application open and that's loaded in the processor and it's being worked,” Franzen said. “If there is a 'next' button — and this is a really simplified version of this — but if there's a 'next' button in that application, what the processor is doing, and what the programming is doing, is automatically assuming you're going to click that next button and already processing what is going to come up next. So instead of you sitting there waiting, it's already preloaded that information. It's speculating that you are going to click 'next' and pre-loading that information.”

Since speculative execution has been around so long, Franzen said, “it is hardwired into every electronic device you can think of.”

Meltdown and Spectre can be exploited by viruses and other malicious software, Franzen said. Viruses frequently come in the form of emails the user might open.

“That's the root issue,” he said. “It's a vulnerability in modern software that can be exploited by malicious software.”

Franzen used the example of someone doing bank business online.

“Let's say you've got your banking application loaded,” he said. “You're sitting there and you're putting your sensitive banking information in there because (by virtue of the speculative execution the processor uses) it is pre-loading information or holding information in that processor, which could include your bank account, log-in information, things like that, if you open that malicious email while you have the banking application open, the vulnerability will allow that malicious software to look into the processor and see that information sitting there waiting to be processed and it can extract that information. That's the real issue.”

Franzen added there are currently no methods where a hacker could remotely exploit this vulnerability without the system user helping them directly by clicking a link or running a malicious application.

Operating system vendors like Microsoft, Android and Apple are already publishing updates to block this within the operating system, he said.

The following are some tips that can help users defend themselves against these threats:

- Use the system to check for updates and apply them immediately. Go to the manufacturer's website for all devices and see if other updates are required to mitigate this issue. Computer and device vendors like Dell, HP, Apple, Samsung and LG are developing updates to address this issue in addition to the operating system updates. This could include, but is not limited to, smart TVs, internet connected thermostats, security cameras and so forth, all of which could be using processors that are vulnerable. It may take some vendors weeks or more to develop the updates, so check back often.
- Perform monthly or even weekly maintenance. Take some time to update devices including smart phones, smart TVs, Blu-ray players, game consoles, WiFi routers and computers. This is not difficult as most devices have a simplified “check for updates” option in the settings menus. If the settings on devices aren't set to automatically check for and install updates, turn on that option to make it even easier.



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A new kind of cyber threat called Meltdown and Spectre is surfacing. The threat makes a device's processor vulnerable and potentially available to malicious software.

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The winning team at Trivia Night won a prize basket inspired by trends from 2000 to 2017, including an emoji selfie stick, “The Emoji Movie” and an insulated cup.



Participants laugh as they discuss the possible answer to a question during the first Trivia Night Jan. 13 at Riley's Conference Center. The trivia questions spanned from the years 2000 to 2017 and focused on topics like movies and celebrities with sprinkling of news and historical events in between. The trivia champions received a gift basket of 2000s-themed goods.

Round and round we go

Teams test knowledge of 2000s during inaugural Trivia Night at Riley's Conference Center

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

More than 20 people put their 2000 to 2017 music, movie, geography and celebrity knowledge to the test during the first Trivia Night at Riley's Conference Center Jan. 13.

Players divided themselves into teams or took their chances going solo in the contest.

“They are writing answers down on a notepad, they have a minute to answer each question,” said Cashonda Barron, recreation specialist from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. “We start off with four rounds; there's eight questions per round.”

The topics of the first four rounds were selected by staff and the fifth round category was chosen by the last-place team.

At the end of each round, players turned in their answer sheets and helped themselves to the appetizers placed out. Most used the

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Participants cheer as they discover their team was victorious at the first Trivia Night Jan. 13. More than 20 people, dividing themselves into teams or taking their chances going solo, navigated four rounds of topics chosen by the staff at Riley's Conference Center and a fifth round chosen by the last-place team. The winning team received a prize basket inspired by trends from 2000 to 2017.



Kayla Goth, junior point guard for Kansas State University women's basketball gives Fort Riley Middle School students several pointers on how to aim into the hoop Jan. 8. Eleven of the players from the K-State women's basketball team came to FRMS to inspire the students to dream big.

Straight shooters inspire students

Visit from K-State women's basketball team hit with post kids

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

Eleven athletes from Kansas State University Women's Basketball visited students at Fort Riley Middle School Jan. 8.

The purpose for K-State's visit was to connect with middle schoolers and inspire them to pursue their hopes and dreams, said Ebony Haliburton, director of student athlete development for K-State women's basketball.

“Basketball doesn't have to be their final destination as far as dreams, but it can ignite the fire to dream,” she said. “We are going to talk to them, do some drills, walk-talk, encourage; whatever we can do to inspire the kids ... I think the kids can see that if they do have a dream, and they stay with the dream, be persistent and be fearless, they can do anything that they want to do.”

Middle schoolers were split into smaller groups to ensure each student had the could interact with the athletes. Each session began with a walk-and-talk around the basketball court where students got to chat with athletes. Then Haliburton gave a formal speech about what the K-State women's basketball did and gave the

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Family Night develops members of all ages spiritually, personally

Directors hope the weekly gathering will continue to develop

“My hope is that this (Family Night) could be taken more like a fellowship or a retreat.”

WILLIAM TOWNSEND | DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT FORT RILEY

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

Whether it's a lesson, a prayer or a shoulder to lean on, the first Family Night of the schooling semester at Victory Chapel Jan. 10 had something for everyone — of all ages and life stages.

Family Night includes seven classes for adults, three classes for children and child-care for kids too young to be in classes. Topics include marriage, parenting, Christianity basics and support groups divided up between genders.

“Family Night is really great not only as a spiritual event, but also it's mainly a family focused program,” said Chap. (Lt. Col.) Byung Min, deputy

garrison chaplain. “Basically, anyone is welcome to this program and also they will learn how to communicate — couples communication, how to communicate as parents — life lessons they can learn.”

The program was originally developed by Chap. (Col.) Timothy Walls, Fort Riley garrison chaplain, said William Townsend, director of religious education at Fort Riley. Townsend said Walls values families and wanted something to help them develop.

Since Family Night had its first semester in spring 2016, Townsend said he is hoping to see it grow further.

“My hope is that this could be taken more like a fellowship or a retreat,” he said.

April Griffin, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jeremiah Griffin, 278th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, leads the Faith Deployed Again group, a deployment support group for women. She took over the group this semester from its previous leader because it was something that gave her strength during her husband's deployment and she wanted it to continue, she said.

“We meet once a week on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. and really it's just a place for women to come together and develop those battle buddies, to feel encouraged, to hear a positive message and just to have a lot of fun and connect with other women

who are going through deployment,” she said.

Griffin said the group differs from other support groups on post because of the religious aspect to it, but she tries to keep it open so women of all faiths or no faith feel comfortable attending.

“This is faith based; however, it is not a Bible study, so you are going to come and get an encouraging messaging involved scripture, but it's not something that's real heavy,” she said. “It's very light and we have a very wide range of ladies that come who are seasoned believers to not even believers at all who come because they just love the environment.”

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Spouses of deployed Soldiers gather and talk about their daily lives and experiences with one another during the Faith Deployed Again group Jan. 10 at Victory Chapel. Faith Deployed Again is one of several groups that meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Victory Chapel as part of Family Night, which will run through the end of May. For more information or a list of the classes available, visit www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort-Riley-Services/Chaplain or call 785-239-3359.

FORT RILEY POST-ITS

YOUTH CENTER DANCE

Put on your dancing shoes and head over to Custer Hill Youth Center Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. for a fun and friendly social.

The event is held at 5800 Thomas Ave. and costs \$1 for Middle School and Teen Program members and \$2 for their guests. For more information on the dance, call 785-239-9222.



CYS PARENT CENTRAL SATURDAY HOURS

Parent Central is extending their business hours Jan. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for parents who have trouble making it to Child and Youth Services during the work week to take care of business.

Stop by 6620 Normandy Drive this Saturday to take care of registration, payments or other needs. For more information, call 785-239-9885.



FAMILY FUN OLYMPICS

Embrace your inner competitor at Whitside Fitness Center Jan. 20 at this family-friendly challenge. Physical skills can be tested through rock climbing, rowing, running, free-throwing, three-point shooting, football target tossing, futsal target kicking, soccer throwing, volleyball serving and hockey targeting shot.

Prizes will be given to the top three winners for both adult and youth adult divisions.

The cost is \$5 for the first family member and \$3 for additional family members. Contestants below the age of 4 years old participate for free.

For more information, call 785-239-2807.

UFC 220: MIOCIC VS. NGANNOU

Warrior Zone located at 7867 Normandy Drive will be showing the Ultimate Fighting Championship fight between Stipe Miocic and Francis Ngannou Jan. 20.

Admission is free and food specials will be available that evening for purchase. Preliminaries start at 5 p.m. and the main fight begins at 9 p.m. Patrons below the age of 18 are not allowed. For more information, call 785-240-6618.

SUNDAY FUNDAY BOWLING

Custer Hill Bowling Center on 7485 Normandy Drive is having a special Jan. 21. For \$35 a lane, up to six bowlers can play unlimited rounds for two hours.

The price includes a large one-topping pizza, two pitchers of soft drinks or a pitcher of beer. Shoes are included in the lane price. For more information, call 785-239-4366.

PARENT AND CHILD CRAFT CLASS

The Arts and Crafts Center, 6918 Trooper Drive, will have a parent and child craft class Jan. 21 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The craft of the day is painting a snowman on canvas.

Classes are divided by age and advanced registration is required and \$10 per painting. To register or for more information, call 785-239-9205.



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A Woodshop Safety Class is Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Riley Arts and Crafts.

Attendees will learn power-tool safety and general woodshop procedures as well as the basic operation of each piece of machinery within the shop. Patrons are required to take this class before using the shop.

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The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and free, but advance registration is required can be made at www.fortriley.uso.org/events/49. For more information, call 785-240-5326.



FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 19

Jumanji: Welcome To The Jungle (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Don't let weather freeze your plans

Make it a point to get out, stay involved, have back-up plans

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

We weathered the great freeze-out and snowstorm last week and I couldn't be more proud of everyone's response, especially with the ongoing 1st Infantry Division training and heading into a four-day holiday weekend.

If you've been at Fort Riley for any amount of time, you've seen Kansas weather change quickly from day to day. Even though it can be unpredictable, don't let it completely derail your plans. The trick is

to always have a back-up plan in place. There's no shortage of things to do on post and off.

For example, this week marks the beginning of spring sports season registration, there's a youth dance tonight at the Custer Hill Youth Center, a family night at Victory Chapel and extreme bowling at the Custer Hill Bowling Center. Don't forget we also now have a 24-hour gym at Craig Fitness Center and there are always options at the library, movie theater, Warrior Zone and other on-post facilities. Once the weather



Colonel Lawrence

OUTSIDE THE BOX

- For outdoor types, check out area parks, tourism, biking, hiking, hunting and fishing options and visit fortriley.isportsman.net.

warms up, the Outdoor Adventure Park, marina and recently remodeled Custer Hill swimming pool will open. Check out the calendar on the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website for all the events lined up in the coming weeks at www.riley.armymwr.com.

There are other ways to find information about on- and off-post activities. This newspaper, social media, the Leisure Travel Center, the Fort Riley website

and "Get Outside the Gate" at www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family-Services/Army-Community-Service. For the outdoor types, check out local parks, tourism, biking, hiking, hunting and fishing options and visit fortriley.isportsman.net.

If the cold weather gets to be too much, check out local concerts, symphony performances and plays, sporting events and museums. There's no shortage of things to do, and we're working hard to let you know about them so you, your friends and your family members can enjoy your time together while stationed here at Fort Riley.

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2017 ALTERNATIVE CARE OPTIONS

FRG CHILD CARE				PARENTS' NIGHT OUT			
January	10	July	11	January	07	July	08
February	14	August	08	February	04	August	05
March	14	September	12	March	04	September	09
April	11	October	17	April	01	October	14
May	09	November	14	May	06	November	14
June	13	December	12	June	03	December	02

6:30-8:30pm • \$4 per child per hour*
Deadline: Friday prior to date
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1 Single Session	\$30	1 Tandem Session	\$45
5 Single Sessions	\$137.50	5 Tandem Sessions	\$212.50
10 Single Sessions	\$250	10 Tandem Sessions	\$400

GROUPS OF 3 OR MORE PERSONAL TRAINING:

3 Person Session	\$16 per person
4 Person Session	\$14 per person
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4 Trio Sessions	\$200

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WORSHIP

Protestant Services

Victory Chapel	239-0834
Contemporary Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship	1100
Children's Church	1115-1215
Morris Hill Chapel	239-2799
Gospel Protestant Service	
Sunday School	0900
Sunday Worship	1100
Main Post Chapel	239-0834
Traditional Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship	1030
Catholic Services	
Victory Chapel	239-0834
Sunday Mass	0845
Sunday Catechism	1000
Saint Mary's Chapel	239-0834
Saturday's Vigil Mass	1630
Sunday Mass	1200
Mid-day Mass— Mon., Wed., & Fri.	1200
Tuesday & Thursday Mass	1800
IACH Chapel	239-7872
Mid-day Mass— Tue. & Thur.	1200
Jewish Service	
For Sabbath Services please contact the Division Chaplain at 240-6268.	
Open Circle Service	
Kapaun Chapel	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
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HS Youth-1830-2000 at Morris Hill Chapel
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Meets Sundays, 1400-1600 Victory Chapel
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Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

Weekly Tuesday Meeting 0900-1130 & Evenings at 1830-2000 at Victory Chapel
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Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

Weekly Wednesday Meeting at St. Mary's Chapel 0900-1130
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Check for schedule over Training Holiday weekends

A WINTER WONDERLAND



Season Osterfeld | POST

Children create dry snow globes with the assistance of their parents and library staff during the Winter Wonderland party Jan. 13 at the Fort Riley Post Library. Kids could create a masterpiece drawing – like a snowman or a yeti – on construction paper or a paper plate and cut it out to place into a clear plastic cup along with glitter of various shapes and sizes to create a dry snow globe. The library hosts monthly free parties with a different theme each time. Snacks, drinks and a craft are always included. The next party is Valentine’s Day Party Feb. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m.

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athletes a formal introduction. A question-and-answer session and some basketball skills mentoring followed.

In one of the groups, Mason Powell, 11, son of Capt. Charles Powell, 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, showed so much enthusiasm during the question-and-answer session and cheers that Haliburton called him out, applauded him for his eagerness and said she would mail him a hat.

For Mason, meeting and shooting some hoops with the K-State women’s basketball team inspired him to press forward on his dreams of having a career in the sports industry.

“I want to be a football coach because football is my favorite sport,” he said. “(Hanging out with the athletes) helped me reach my dreams because it could help to push me ... even if I want to give up, I won’t give up because of getting pushed to achieve my dreams.”

Kayla Goth, junior who plays point guard on the K-State women’s basketball team, said being there for the middle schoolers give them someone to look up to, but the benefit of the visit goes both ways.

“The kids obviously get a lot out of it because we’re someone famous to their eyes, and that’s cool to see,” Goth said. “It gives them someone to look up to



Suet Lee-Growney | POST

The Kansas State University women's basketball team gets a group of Fort Riley Middle School students pumped up Jan. 8 during the athletes visit to FRMS. FRMS middle schoolers got the opportunity to interact with the players over shooting hoops. The purpose of the visit was to inspire the kids.

and a positive role model, and we try to do that for them ... But for us, it’s definitely cool to get out in the environment and help out the community as much as we can.”

Haliburton echoed Goth’s sentiments about the visit being mutually beneficial.

“The benefit for the athletes to come to this middle school is to re-ignite the fire inside of them, that youthful, child-like passion of why

they started playing basketball,” Haliburton said. “The military is very close to our hearts. We have other players on our teams and coaches who have family in the military. We are thankful for the people who have served and if we are able to give back to their kids, what an amazing opportunity.”

Brad Bascue, FRMS athletic director, said the visit could not be more constructive for both parties in attendance.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Jan. 16 was: Where can I find the Fort Riley Government Phone List / Phone Directory?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Phone-Directory/

This week’s winner is Julia Swan Danner.

Pictured above is Julia Danner.

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READY ARMY

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- **Check the forecast at weather.gov or your favorite weather app, station, etc.:** Make checking the forecast part of your regular routine so you'll know when to expect cold weather.
- **Adjust your schedule:** If possible, adjust your schedule to avoid being outside during the coldest part of the day, typically the early morning. Try to find a warm spot for your children while waiting for the school bus outside.
- **Protect your pets, livestock and other property:** If you have pets or farm animals, make sure they have plenty of food and water, and are not overly exposed to extreme cold. Take precautions to ensure your water pipes do not freeze. Know the temperature thresholds of your plants and crops.
- **Fill up the tank:** Make sure your car or vehicle has at least a half a tank of gas during extreme cold situations so that you can stay warm if you become stranded.
- **Dress for the cold:** Wear appropriate layers for the outdoors even if you don't think you'll be out much.
- **Update your winter car survival kit:** Make sure your car survival kit has the following:

- Jumper cables:** flares or reflective triangle are great extras
- Flashlights:** Replace the batteries before the winter season starts and pack some extras
- First Aid Kit:** Also check your purse or bag for essential medications
- Baby or special-needs gear:** If you have a baby or family member with special needs, pack diapers and any special formula or food
- Food:** Stock non-perishable food such as canned food and a can opener, dry cereal and protein-rich foods like nuts and energy bars
- Water:** Have at least one gallon of water per person a day for at least three days
- Basic toolkit:** Pliers, wrench, screwdriver
- Pet supplies:** Food and water
- Radio:** Battery or hand cranked
- Cat litter or sand:** For better tire traction
- Shovel:** To dig out snow
- Ice scraper:** Even if you usually park in a garage, have one in the car.
- Clothes:** Make sure you dress for the weather in warm clothes, gloves, hat, sturdy boots, jacket and an extra change of clothes for the cold
- Warmers:** Pack extra for body, hands, feet
- Blankets or sleeping bags:** If you get stranded in traffic on a lonely road, you'll be glad to have it
- Charged cellphone:** Keep a spare charger in your car as well

For more information, contact the Garrison Safety Office at 785.240.0647. To learn about safety across the installation, visit www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/Safety/



FAMILY

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Stephanie Weaver, wife of Sgt. Justin Weaver, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, said she started attending Faith Deployed Again last semester in October.

“I love it,” she said. “I have more adult communication. It’s not just me and my kids.”

This the first semester the Sacred Marriage class is being offered during Family Night. Chap. (Maj.) Shay Worthy, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., and his wife, Donna Worthy, are hosting it and have previously led other marriage enrichment programs at installations they been assigned to.

The Worthys said they developed the class to help couples, whether married, engaged or in a long-term relationship, prevent issues or complications in their relationship before they happen.

“Some people think you don’t go to marriage stuff until your marriage is a wreck,” Shay said. “Someone had told us early on ‘take care of your marriage.’”

The Worthys, who have been married for 26 years, said the class also helps everyone involved learn from one another’s different life stages and experiences. Even after two and a half decades of marriage, they, too, are still learning.



Season Osterfeld | POST
Spouses of deployed Soldiers gather and talk about their daily lives and experiences with one another during the Faith Deployed Again group Jan. 10 at Victory Chapel. This event is open to people from all faiths and those who have no faith.

“I think it’s good for couples to come together to hear how other people are doing in different phases of their life, and also, you know, sometimes you just have questions and you don’t have a parent or someone you can go to to give you a different perspective, so our goal really is to encourage people,” Donna said. “And we learn something along the way too.”

They said programs like this are especially important for military couples who face unique challenges that come with deployments and field exercises for extended periods of time. Often, one partner feeling like they are a single parent and then readjusting to the other’s return.

The Worthys added while they do create themes or topics for each session, they let the participants take the lead in the class and may set the theme aside if it does not fit the mood of the evening.

Religion, specifically non-denominational Christianity, is also a major part in Sacred Marriage, Shay said, but the class is opened to anyone.

As the semester continues, Townsend said he hopes to see more people attend and take advantage of all their programs. He added he is looking forward to hearing suggestions of programs to add from participants or adjustments on how to turn Family Night into something

more. He said he wants there to be something available for everyone and for them to capitalize on the opportunities it has to offer.

“Opportunity — the significance (of Family Night) is to offer maybe more of a family environment even though we don’t have necessary recreation set up,” Townsend said. “Really, just midweek families can come and we have something for every age group.”

Family Night is every Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at Victory Chapel. For more information or a list of the classes available, visit www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort-Riley-Services/Chaplain or call 785-239-3359.

TRIVIA

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break to catch up with their friends. Once the scores were tallied, they were posted up on the screen and the answers to the round’s questions were reviewed. Laughter, cheering and even a few objections erupted during the review sessions. But it was during the rounds the real action happened.

Players would shout out wrong answers within moments of a new question appearing, then clap their hands over their mouths as if they didn’t mean to have the outburst. Others would hear someone at a neighboring table mutter the right answer, so they would try doubting them by instigating an argument for the wrong answer with their teammates. Some teams would laugh at one another whenever one of their players knew the answer, but couldn’t remember the exact name, so they would instead say related words or make sounds they associated with it.

For the players and staff alike, it was a few hours of entertainment, said Alyssa Faughnan, wife of Capt. Dan Faughnan, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

“I thought it was nice,” she said. “It was fun — a lively night of entertainment.”

Faughnan attended with three friends for a girls’ night out. She said they selected Trivia Night because it’s location on post was convenient for all of them. She added the cost was reasonable and she appreciated having activities like this available on post, though she hoped future trivia nights would have more diversity in their questions and less focus on movies, music and celebrities.

“It gives us something to do,” Faughnan said of the event. “It gives spouses something to do, and it’s convenient.”

The winning team received a prize basket inspired by trends from 2000 to 2017.

“We have a 2000s-themed gift basket for them,” Barron said. “It has an emoji selfie stick, the emoji movie, an insulated cup — it’s just items that came out during the 2000s that were popular.”

For their first Trivia Night, Barron said she was pleased with the turnout and plans to have another one in the future.

“I think it is a great night,” Barron said. “I’m amazed at the turnout ... We were hoping to get a minimum of 25 people out to have some good competition going on and booster the morale within the community — just friendly competition for a fun night while getting out of the cold.”

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Family Fun Centers

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

While parks may be covered in snow or ice and chilly temperatures keep families away from venturing outside, family fun centers might be the perfect place to keep winter blues at bay.

Widgets Family Fun at 8232 S. Port Drive in Manhattan has five attractions for everyone — regardless of age — to enjoy. There's racing and combat arcade games, as well as classic games people have fallen in love with over the years. Victories in the games award tickets that can be redeemed for prizes.

Ballocity is four levels and launches foam balls using compressed air. Visitors can load the fountain and “make it rain” with dozens to hundreds of balls launched to the fourth level. Toddlers have their own play area in Ballocity to separate them from older children.

Lazer Tag and Lazer Frenzy are also available. Lazer Frenzy combines the laser tag environment and arcade games to challenge players with navigation course. Through the course, players must dodge the laser beams to complete their assigned objective.

Widgets Family Fun rounds out the center with mini bowling and a cafe. Pricing varies per attraction and is available by rates or packages. A 10 percent military discount is available with valid ID. Widgets is open 3 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

For more information about Widgets Family Fun, visit www.widgetsfamilyfun.com.

Looking for a race? To the west of Fort Riley is Jumpin' Joe's Family Fun Center at 1634 Sunflower Lane in Salina with go-kart and rookie-cart tracks. The go-karts track is just shy of a quarter-mile long with eight single-rider karts and three double-rider karts. Go-kart drivers must be at least 58-inches tall. For the double-rider karts, riders must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license and be at least 36-inches tall. The rookie track has six karts for drivers 36- to 54-inches tall, so they don't have to miss out on the thrill of the race.

Admire the scenery while playing the two different 18-hole mini golf courses. It's player versus environment as different obstacles try to stop a hole-in-one.

Jumpin' Joe's Family Fun Center also has laser tag in a 2,000-square foot, obstacle-covered room complete with black lights and fog. Players must be at least 54-inches tall. The arcade features dozens of

games from new to old that parents and kids alike are sure to recognize. Tickets from the games can be redeemed for prizes. And little ones aren't forgotten in Kidz City where they can crawl, climb and slide along jungle gyms and ball pits.

The center is open Friday 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 7 p.m. Pricing varies and is available per attraction or in packages. Ticket costs are based on height rather than age. For more information about Jumpin' Joe's Family Fun Center, visit www.jumpinjoes.com.

Going Bonkers at 5515 SW. 21st St. in Topeka is aimed more toward children with an indoor playground and arcade, but many adults are sure to enjoy the games.

The playground is a five-level soft play center with mesh siding. Slides, obstacles and other areas in the playground are sure to tire kids out as they run, jump, bounce and slide their way through it. A separate area is available for toddlers.

There's more than 50 arcade games for single and multiple players. Playing the arcade games awards tickets onto their Arcade Fun Card that can be redeemed for prizes.

Going Bonkers also has a restaurant inside. The facility is open Sunday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$3 for ages 2 and 3, \$6 for ages 4 to 18 and \$1.50 for ages 19 and up. Age 1 and under are free. All visitors under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about Going Bonkers, visit www.goingbonkers.com/bonkers_ks.

A little further east of Topeka is the Epic Fun Center at 711 W. 23rd St. in Lawrence. Located in a shopping center, this center might be the perfect way to round out an errands day. Complete with laser tag, an arcade, mini golf and a remote control speedway, there's something for everyone.

Epic Fun Center also runs regular contests and events for free and discounted activities. Prices vary and visitors may purchase access to single activities or in packages. A membership program, which costs less than purchasing a round of mini golf and laser tag together is also available.

The center is open Monday to Thursday from 3 to 9 p.m., Friday from 3 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 9 p.m. For more information about Epic Fun Center, visit www.epicfuncenter.com.



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Jumpin' Joe's Family Fun Center in Salina features a large variety of classic arcade games from new to old that many are sure to recognize. For more information, visit www.jumpinjoes.com.



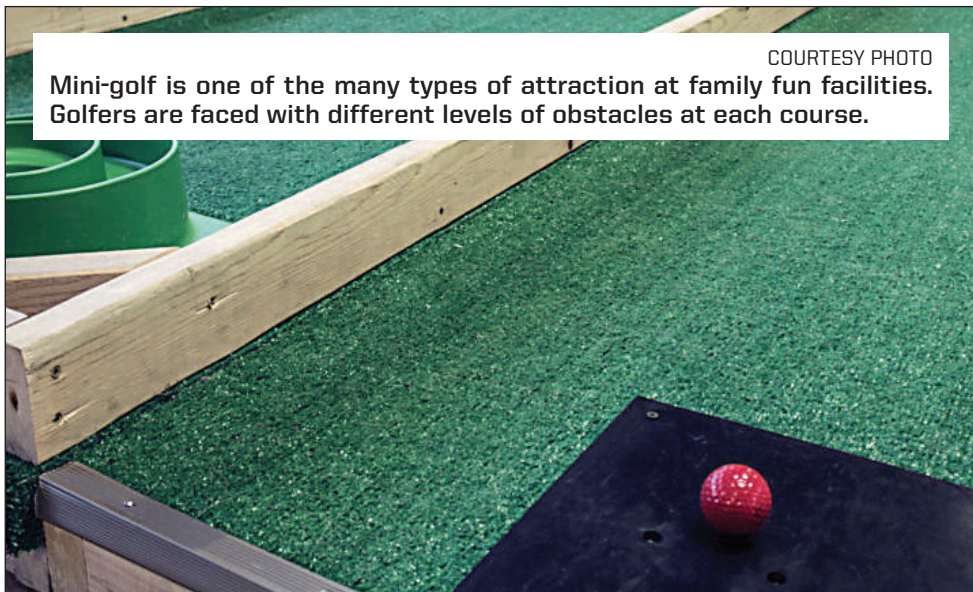
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Stock cars decorate an area at Jumpin' Joe's Family Fun Center in Salina. The decor attract patrons and let them know there are go-kart and rookie-cart rides available at the facility. The track at this venue is about a quarter-mile long and there are a variety of karts to suit different heights of riders.



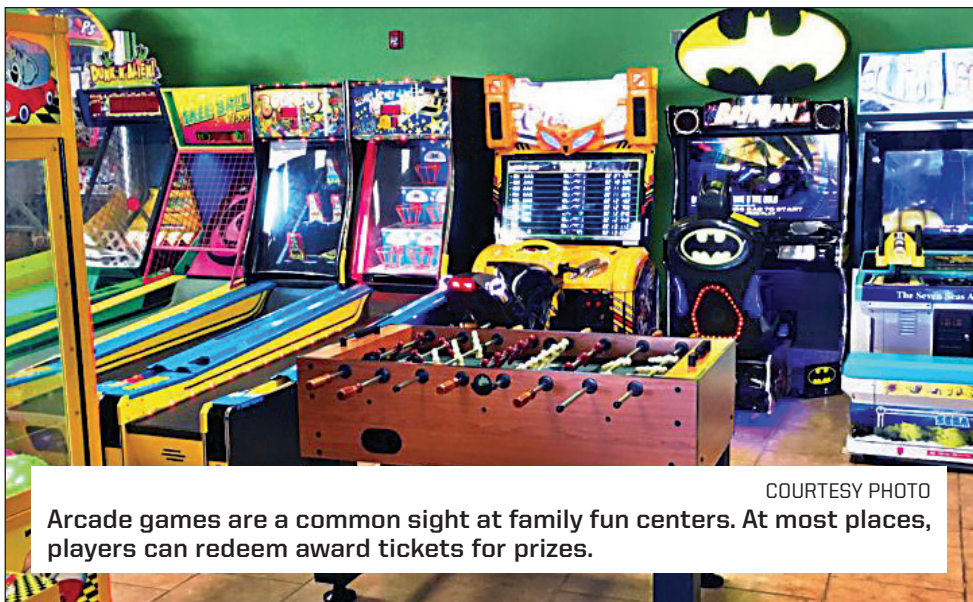
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Get your game on and put your aiming skills to the test with laser tag, a popular family fun center activity.



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Mini-golf is one of the many types of attraction at family fun facilities. Golfers are faced with different levels of obstacles at each course.



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Arcade games are a common sight at family fun centers. At most places, players can redeem award tickets for prizes.