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New Chinooks arrive at Marshall Army Airfield

A pair of newly arrived CH-47 MY2 Chinook helicopters from the 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, fly near Marshall Army Airfield Jan. 25. The additional Chinooks will allow the aircraft to be more readily available to the ground force commander while also saving the Army money on maintenance costs.

'Fighting Eagles' replace CH-47 Chinook aircraft with newer, advanced models

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

The "Fighting Eagles" are in the process of completely replacing their older CH-47 Chinook aircraft with newer, advanced models that will save the Army time and money while also making it easier to build readiness throughout the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade and the 1st Infantry Division.

The 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., is the recipient of the 12 new aircraft at Fort Riley. A new radio communications system is a major change in the CH-47 Model Year 2 compared to previous Chinook helicopters. The Fighting Eagles also received a software upgrade with the MY2s.

The new radio system will make communication between pilot and another aircraft or person on the ground faster.

"We have upgraded radios that have any frequency we use all in one radio, and have multiple of those," said 1st Lt. Tyler Westrick, 2nd GSAB, 1st Avn. Regt., pilot. "Before, you would be limited on who you could talk to on specific frequencies. It opens up more options for us in how we want to use our radios."

According to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eric Simpson, 2nd GSAB, 1st Avn. Regt., company standardization instructor pilot, the new communications system will allow

a pilot to change radios and frequencies in a matter of seconds. In the past, that process could take up to two minutes.

While a more efficient communications system and larger rear access panels make it easier for pilots and crews to operate and conduct preflight checks, a software upgrade will save the Army time and money and help in building readiness, Simpson said.

The software upgrade is now possible because the Federal Aviation Administration allows GPS systems to be used while Chinooks are flying in cloudy skies.

"We could use the GPS before, but it wasn't certified with (instrument flight rules) flight," Simpson said. "If you are flying alone in a cloud, how do you know where you are at? We couldn't use the GPS according to the FAA. I promise the GPS works great in Afghanistan, but we don't fly around in clouds in Afghanistan."

Using GPS in cloudy conditions will make flights shorter, which Simpson said will save the Army money on fuel and even maintenance costs.

"There are a lot of things we save just by saving time," Simpson said. "Everything we do on maintenance cost on the aircraft is time

related. How often we are flying that aircraft ends up being a cost in maintenance later because every 25 hours you have to do certain checks, every 50 hours you have to have to do a few more checks. As you take away that time, there is less maintenance cost."

In the past, a five-hour flight may have taken more than seven hours because the crew would have to fly to navigation aids that are placed on the ground as a way to travel. One navigation aid could take the crew 20 miles out of a direct

flight path. Then, the next navigation aid could take the crew another 15 miles out of flight path, Simpson said.

Those longer flight times add up in fuel costs and make for a higher rate of maintenance checks on the aircraft, according to Simpson. Due to the extra flying, a flight may take two days instead of one. This causes the aircraft and crew not being as available to the local ground force commander.

"We are the aviation side, but we don't have a job without the ground force," Simpson said. "We work for the ground force commander. That is more time he has available to him to execute his missions because we are now flying less time because we can go a direct route."



A new CH-47 MY2 Chinook from 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, prepares to liftoff from Marshall Army Airfield Jan. 25.

Fort Riley, Kickapoo Tribe celebrate partnership

Story and photo by Houston Waters
FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Officials from Fort Riley and Corvias were honored by the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas in a ceremony at the Kickapoo Indian Reservation in Horton, Kansas, Feb. 1. The ceremony recognized the partnership between the Directorate of Public Works-Housing Division, the Kickapoo Tribe and Corvias in the execution of Operation Walking Shield, a Fort Riley commitment to transfer excess military housing units to the reservation.

Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, was on hand to speak to members of the Kickapoo Tribal Council.

"Today we celebrate our initial success with Operation Walking Shield," Lawrence

said. "We applaud you, our friends of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, for making these dwellings into real homes."

The first family moved into their new home Dec. 11, said Peggy Houston, executive director of the Kickapoo Housing Authority. The second family home was filled Feb. 2, with another scheduled for move-in Feb. 15.

For the remaining houses, final preparations are necessary to transform these units into updated, modern and comfortable family homes. Lawrence and members of the Kickapoo Housing Authority checked the progress of renovations on the most recent home transfers during a tour of home and playground sites around the reservation.

After the homes were transferred from Fort Riley,

foundations were laid and the homes were placed. But that was just the first step in the process. Electrical work, plumbing and painting are a few examples of the upgrades currently underway on the remaining homes.

Lawrence said he believes all the hard work will be worth it.

"I am extremely proud that Fort Riley could be part of such a worthwhile endeavor to repurpose excess military housing to the benefit of others," he said. "The easy thing was to bulldoze these homes at Fort Riley. When we learned of their needs, we quickly realized that the right thing to do was to transfer these homes."

Lester Randall, chairman of the Kickapoo Tribal Council,

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Lester Randall, chairman of the Kickapoo Tribal Council, leads Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, on a home tour on the Kickapoo Indian Reservation Feb. 1. The home was transferred to the reservation by Fort Riley as part of an ongoing commitment to donate and transfer excess military housing to the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, an effort known as Operation Walking Shield.

FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Rose Cummings was recognized by the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade for her efforts as Headquarters and Headquarters Company Family Readiness Group leader. She organizes monthly FRG fundraising and quarterly socials. She also planned the Halloween event and Christmas party. As a military wife of 18 years, she is committed to the motto of "Families First."

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

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Field artillery Soldiers train with armor troops

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Sharon Matthias
22ND MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — A team of Soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, trained with 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., during a live-fire training exercise Feb. 2 at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany.

The goal for the units was to gain confidence in their ability to work together.

“The objective for my battalion in this ‘walk and shoot’ is to provide fires for 2-70th maneuvers — to give those company commanders and young forward-support officers in that battalion the confidence to rely on field artillery to provide fires for them,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Deatherage, 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., senior noncommissioned officer.

This training gives junior leaders a chance to develop and enhance offensive, defensive and stability tasks, Deatherage said.

First Lt. Dylan Hatch, a platoon leader assigned to 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., said he believes the greatest opportunity from the training was the ability to work with 2nd Bn., 70th Armor Regt., forward observers for a synergistic effort.

When 2nd Bn., 70th Armor Regt., forward observers relay information on enemy activity in

a ‘call for fire’ to Soldiers like Hatch, it becomes his team of cannon artillery crewmembers’ responsibility to act with speed and precision.

The call for fire activates a rapid response from 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., M109A6 Paladin Howitzers, firing 155mm rounds accurately within minutes. This task requires the utmost in proficiency and teamwork by every Soldier.

Each artillery crew member has a separate and specific task when a call for fire comes in, such as moving the vehicle into a firing position, computing the target’s data in the gun settings, loading the ammunition and firing on the target.

“My job as the number one man (a crew slogan) is to make sure all the ammunition in the vehicle is sorted properly, fuse the ammunition for firing, load the 95-pound rounds and fire the 155mm high-explosive ammunition,” said Pfc. Brian Mulcay, a cannon crewmember assigned to 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt.

The 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., network of operators and systems can provide joint fires, fire support and counter fire by its demonstrated ability to shoot, move and communicate within an assigned area.

“These Soldiers are doing an outstanding job at keeping our operational readiness rate at a peak throughout this operation,” Deatherage said. “Our equipment has been exercised to the max and I am very impressed with our ability to keep our 18 guns in the fight.”



A Soldier assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, sits atop his M109A6 Paladin Howitzer during training at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, Feb. 2.

‘Durable’ cooks feed field during training exercise



Pvt. Renardo Black, a culinary specialist with the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, serves dinner while in the field during Command Post Exercise II Jan. 7. As a culinary specialist, Black, along with his peers, work to ensure their fellow Soldiers have hot meals during the field training exercise.

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

Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade conducted a field training exercise dubbed the Command Post Exercise 2 Jan. 5 to 19. The CPX2 was a preparation exercise for the upcoming Warfighter FTX.

Pvt. Renardo Black is a culinary specialist with the 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. His primary mission, along with the other cooks, was to provide meals for the brigade as well as various units throughout the division that were present during the FTX.

“I try to make sure the Soldiers get as much food as they need,” Black said. “There are times that they may need a little more, so I make sure to look out for everyone.”

The field environment is different than a normal dining facility for a culinary specialist. Ranging from the amount of people to serve and the type of equipment used to operate a field kitchen, the field is more practical than a normal dining facility, Black said.

“During the field, some people think that it’s hard, but it’s easier for me because

I have more experience,” he said. “I usually go around and train other Soldiers and let them know what is right or wrong and how to do something. They typically give me feedback that they liked the way I did or explained it.”

The number of people eating can significantly change the planning for a culinary specialist.

“In the DFAC (dining facility), you have to serve a lot more people,” Black said. “Sometimes the headcount is not accurate and we end up wasting food.”

According to Black, being in the field often helps to get a more accurate count for food waste reduction.

“In the field we don’t waste as much food because we have a better idea of how many people will be served in the (containerized kitchen),” he said.

The culinary specialist do their best to offer a variety of different meals every day, regardless of being in the field. Some of the dinners include steak with onions and peppers, jambalaya, Philly cheesesteak, rice and chicken and other nutritious meals, Black said, adding the steak is his favorite meal to prepare in the field.

“We have a grill that we can grill the steak on,” he said.

“It’s one of our best meals we prepare.”

Black is still relatively new to the Army and said he is growing in his career field. Being a culinary specialist allows him to talk to the Soldiers who come through his line and get to know them better.

“I can build more connections with people,” Black said. “I’m able to help build and maintain the morale with food while we’re in the field.”

Working in the containerized kitchen is a team effort. For this exercise, a new culinary specialist, who recently arrived to the unit, was added to the team. Pvt. Manuel Arellano, a culinary specialist with the 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., works alongside Black in the containerized kitchen and back in garrison.

“I’ve known Black ever since I came to this unit two months ago,” Arellano said.

While working with Arellano, Black has had the opportunity to act as a mentor.

“He’s a very good cook,” Arellano said. “He knows what he’s doing. He’s been teaching me a lot, and he has helped me transition into this new environment from coming straight out of (advanced individual training).”

‘Dagger’ brigade Soldiers join coalition to supply fellow troops in exercise

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

HOHENFELS, Germany — Soldiers from 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, joined a multinational effort to supply food and related supplies to units participating in the multinational exercise Allied Spirit VIII at Hohenfels Training Area, Germany, Jan. 15 through Feb. 5.

“We’ve supplied about 900 meals so far, both breakfast and dinner,” said Spc. Jahvont Payne, food operation specialist, Company I, 1st Bn., 18th Inf. Regt., 2nd ABCT.

Payne, who is responsible for managing resupply for 1st Bn., 18th Inf. Regt., from a warehouse at HTA, said his deployment with 2nd ABCT and his job as a food operation specialist has given him a great opportunity to work with Soldiers and civilians from other countries.

“It’s an amazing experience to work with people from other countries and it’s what I joined the Army to do,” Horton said. “We learn a lot by working in this environment. They have a lot of equipment and knowledge about different things that may be new to us, and vice versa.”

Getting food on the trucks is just one step of the process. Units also have to get their supplies distributed to their units in a tactical manner, as their trucks are a target for the opposition forces. This requires tactical convoy operations, which is where the U.S. 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, steps in.

“We are loading class I supplies (rations and subsistence) to distribute to the Polish brigade support battalion, so they can distribute it to the other units participating in this exercise,” said 2nd Lt. Austin Males, support platoon leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Special Troops Battalion. “We have two gun trucks to provide security, so if we get hit, we’ll execute the battle drills we have been going over.”

Males said he has also been learning a lot from working with the other countries.

“It’s really interesting because the way our logistics operate in the U.S. Army is a lot different than the way some of our allies’ logistics operate,” Males said. “But we’re getting to the point where we’re establishing a rhythm and beginning to coordinate a little better.”

Military members from other countries have been learning from U.S. Soldiers as well.

“I’ve been deployed three times, so I’m used to working with other countries, especially the U.K. and the U.S.,” said 1st Lt. Mikael Arildso, commander, National Support Element, Denmark. “This is very beneficial for us. We’re not a big army, and Denmark will always be tied with other countries to make sure we provide for our Soldiers.”

Approximately 4,100 participants from 10 nations are taking part in Allied Spirit VIII. Nearly 2,420 participants come from the U.S. and the rest are from allied and partner nations of Albania, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and the United Kingdom. The primary objective for the exercise is to develop and enhance NATO and key partner interoperability and readiness across warfighting functions, including sustainment operations.



A Polish soldier loads a pallet of food destined for Soldiers from 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division during multinational exercise, Allied Spirit VIII, Jan. 29 in Hohenfels, Germany. Allied Spirit VIII is designed to provide multinational interoperability training at brigade and battalion levels to enhance U.S. and NATO effectiveness.

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Volunteer hours create useful skills after Army

By Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Giving back to the Fort Riley community through volunteerism can be a win-win to those who find joy from their customizable position.

“I found a way to volunteer and give back to Soldiers,” said Sgt. 1st Class Billy Thornton III, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, about his volunteer hours.

Throughout his time at 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., he has accumulated more than 5,000 volunteer hours.

Jane Brookshire, Army Community Service program manager, said Thornton received three Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals at the Volunteer of the Quarter ceremony Jan. 30. He received the medals because of his enjoyment of what he does, giving back to his fellow men and women in arms.

“We just have people that say ‘hey, we are interested in volunteering,’ so they ask what they can do,” Brookshire said. “We will ask them what they are interested in because we want to put someone in a position they enjoy and gain useful skills to add to their resume.”

A few examples of Thornton’s volunteer initiatives include the creation of a fallen comrades and memory wall at the 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., Headquarters building, for which veterans from 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt.,

donated their uniforms worn during Vietnam, WWI and WWII. Old paintings and photographs found in closets throughout the company during various moves were also hung.

With his hobby of woodwork and artifacts, Thornton was able to accumulate volunteer hours by doing something he loves.

“This means a lot to me,” he said. “Because it not only honors them, but it gives Soldiers something to see when they enter.”

He said the first thing he would recommend to a Soldier, his seniors and his peers at the Senior Leadership Course is to volunteer.

“If you go to myarmyonesource.com and set up an account, which doesn’t take long especially if you are military,” Thornton said. “You can find your unit, you’ll find a representative and you’ll almost always find Fort Riley. Once that is done, it will be emailed out to over at ACS, which is our post volunteer coordinator and also your unit coordinator.”

Brookshire said in addition to registering at the website, Soldiers need to fill out a sheet of registration form.

No matter one’s interest, the team at ACS will connect a Soldier to an organization that will give them skills to add to their resume, Brookshire said.

Thornton said volunteering is as simple as giving back to Soldiers and the community.

“I found a way to volunteer and give back to Soldiers,” he said.

Fort Riley volunteers recognized at quarterly ceremony

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

Forty seven volunteers were recognized and awarded for their contribution to the Fort Riley community during the Volunteer of the Quarter ceremony Jan. 30 at Riley’s Conference Center.

During the event, Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, said giving the opening remarks for the ceremony was easy because it came from his heart.

“This is one of my favorite things to do,” Martin said. “This gives me energy. If I had a really bad day preceding this, I go home feeling really good ... As the senior commander and a ‘Big Red One’ Soldier, I’m honored to be standing here again this quarter to help recognize those people (volunteers).”

Present at the event were family and friends of the volunteers and their command teams of each brigade. Martin commended the amount of people who showed up to support the volunteers.

“I know we got more people in here than we have awardees, which is always a good thing, too, because folks took time out of their day to be here to recognize

those (volunteers),” he said. “So I thank you personally for coming if you’re not someone to be recognized.”

Among all the award recipients who were recognized, Sgt. 1st Class Billy Thornton, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for his exemplary service for more than 1,500 volunteer hours in the past three years, said Clint Strutt, emcee for the ceremony and Financial Readiness Program manager for Army Community Service. Thornton received the MOVSM medal along with a bronze star attachment.

“His coordination with the (Congressional) Medal of Honor Society and the Cavalry Museum resulted in appropriate recognition for fallen Soldiers for 1-16th Infantry Battalion,” Strutt said during the ceremony. “Thornton exemplifies the Army values by striving for excellency in everything that he does.”

Thornton is a craftsman and gives his time making going-away gifts for people from his peers to Soldiers in leadership positions.

“I’ve done everything from making going away gifts for

commanders all the way up to the 1st (Inf. Div.) commander and the 1st (Inf. Div.) sergeant major,” Thornton said.

In addition to creating going-away gifts, he is also a doer. When he sees an opportunity to do something above and beyond his responsibility, he does it. Thornton said he dedicates his time in many ways from making meals for others during the holidays to repainting something in need of a paint job.

“Basically if I see something, I’ll fix it,” he said. “Every unit I’ve been with, I feel like I’ve touched them in some way ... I’m a doer, I see things outside the box.”

His volunteerism began long before the 1,500 hours he was recognized for. He said for his past nine years at Fort Riley, he chose to go unnoticed in his community service. However, his current company commander, Capt. Mark Gaudet told him he needed to be recognized.

“This is where I had an officer step up and said ‘you know what, you need to be recognized for what you’ve done,’” Thornton said.

Thornton said finding inspiration to put others above oneself is simple.

“Find something that you love because we all have



Sgt. 1st Class Billy Thornton, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, accepts the award for Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and certificate from Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general at the Volunteer of the Quarter ceremony at Riley's Conference Center Jan. 30.

something that we love,” he said. “And connect it with the military and make a link between that ... Therefore you will not only benefit others around you and you can possibly benefit yourself if you choose to do so.”

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MANAGER RETIRES



Suet Lee-Growney | POST

Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, has a private conversation with Becky Willis, Army Community Service volunteer program manager, moments before he made an impromptu speech announcing Willis’ retirement at the end of the Volunteer of the Quarter ceremony at Riley’s Conference Center Jan. 30. Willis worked with volunteers for the almost 30 years and retired Jan. 31. Martin presented her with the Commander’s Coin of Excellence as a token of her loyal, faithful and amazing service, he said. Clint Strutt, ACS Financial Readiness Program manager, said he doesn’t know if there’s anyone more passionate about his or her job than Willis and she always puts 110 percent in everything she does. “You couldn’t find someone on the installation that is more committed to the Soldiers and families than Becky,” Strutt said.

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TRAFFIC REPORT

ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS

Those with a valid military ID card, or who have an access pass or badge, wanting access to Fort Riley on weekends should use Estes, Ogden, Henry or Trooper gates. For more information about Fort Riley access procedures, visit www.riley.army.mil.

The access control point hours are:

Henry/Trooper/Ogden/Estes:

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

12th Street:

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

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

Grant:

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

CAMPBELL HILL ROAD CLOSURE

Campbell Hill Road is closed north of Huebner Road for repairs.

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

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

ASK DR. JARGON

Understanding: What is FPCON Bravo?

DEAR DR. JARGON,

My wife is assigned to the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade and we arrived about three weeks ago. I'm getting used to the security measures on post except for one thing: I see the signs that talk about "FPCON Bravo." What in the world are they talking about?

Signed,
Helicopter Mechanic's Husband

DEAR MECHANIC'S HUSBAND,

First, welcome to Fort Riley. I hope you and your spouse have a productive and rewarding tour of duty.

You ask a good question. The Force Protection Condition, or FPCON, is a five-tier threat level system developed and overseen by the Department of Defense. It shows various levels of security concern in the country. According to the list, the antiterrorism program "provides guidance and establishes standards for implementing the levels." Local commanders decide which level is appropriate.

There are five FPCONs. FPCON Normal applies when a general global threat of possible terrorist activity exists and warrants a routine security posture. As a minimum, access control will be conducted at all DOD installations and facilities.

FPCON Alpha applies when there is an increased general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel or facilities and the nature and extent of the threat are unpredictable.

FPCON Bravo applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists.

FPCON Charlie applies when an incident occurs, intelligence received indicates some form of terrorist action where targeting against personnel or facilities is likely.

FPCON Delta applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or when intelligence has been received that terrorist action against a specific location or person is imminent. This FPCON is usually declared as a localized condition.

You should also know there are professionals working around the clock at Fort Riley to keep you and yours safe, no matter what the FPCON level.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jargon

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

Hiring fairs coming to Fort Riley

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

Two hiring fairs will be held Feb. 12 at Riley's Conference Center.

The first hiring event is by Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation from 9 to 11 a.m. According to the event fliers, applicants are encouraged to apply early at USAJobs.gov.

Positions open are recreation assistants, recreation aides and laborer positions for the Outdoor Adventure Park facility, said Christopher Solano, Non-appropriated Funds division human resources officer at Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

For the recreation aide and assistant positions, applicants should bring an updated resume, social security card and government-issued identification. For the laborer position, an updated resume, social security card and a valid driver's license are required.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old to apply and can expect to be paid \$9 to \$11 per hour if hired for the recreation aide position and \$8.99 per hour for the laborer position. On-the-spot interviews will be conducted for those openings.

The aquatics hiring fair will also be held that day at the same place, but from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Positions available are shallow-water lifeguard, a new position; regular lifeguard and water safety instructor. Applicants must be at least 15 years old to apply and can expect to be paid \$10.15 per hour if hired.

Human resources staff will be present at the hiring fair to help complete applications and answer employment questions. All applicants have to do is bring an updated resume, a government issued ID, social security card, birth certificate and first-aid and lifeguard certifications or receipt of enrollment for lifeguard certification course.

For those not yet enrolled in a lifeguard certification course, they can do so during the early portion of aquatics hiring fair at 10 a.m. that overlaps with the Adventure Park hiring fair.

"The reason there is some overlap (in timing of the hiring fairs) is because the aquatics program, for those positions, if folks have not already obtained their lifeguarding certification ... they will have opportunity to go and take a pre-test," Solano said. "We will have transportation for them at Riley's to take them to Eyster Pool where they can do the pre-test and they can enroll and pay for their lifeguarding certification course."

The test is a prerequisite to be considered for lifeguard and shallow water attendant certification courses. Basic skills are tested at this pre-test, Solano said. The lifeguarding certification course costs about \$100 for the shallow water position and \$200 for the regular lifeguard. Applicants who need to go through the pre-test must bring their own swimwear.

For more information on the Adventure Park hiring fair, call the NAF office at 785-239-2325. For more information on the aquatics hiring fair, call Eyster Pool at 785-239-4854.

Fort Riley January retirements

Eleven military members were recognized for their service during the monthly Fort Riley Retirement Ceremony Jan. 31.



Maj. John W. Brengle	20 years of service
Maj. Christopher E. McConnell	20 years of service
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Shane P. Walradt	20 years of service
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Edwin Reyesrodriguez	20 years of service
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rasheen J. Chatmon	20 years of service
1st Sgt. Alan N. Robison	28 years of service
1st Sgt. Daniel S. Sutczak	26 years of service
Sgt. First Class Sean A. Bach	20 years of service
Sgt. First Class Juan R. Martinez	20 years of service
Staff Sgt. Pablo M. Santiago	21 years of service
Civilian Alexander D. Bender	16 years of service

From the men and women of Fort Riley – thank you for your service.



Fort Riley Mass Warning and Notification System Smartphone App

The Fort Riley Mass Warning and Notification system now includes a mobile notification smartphone application.



The AtHoc Notifier is a smartphone app which displays as a purple globe on your main mobile phone screen. It is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

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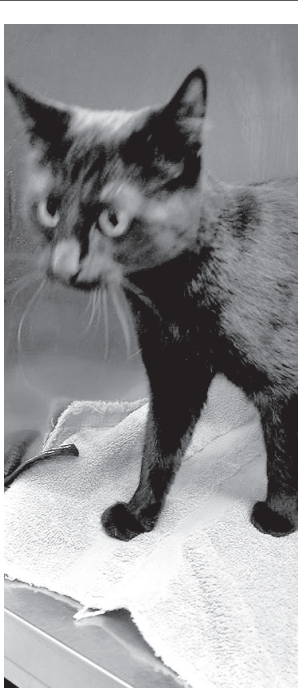
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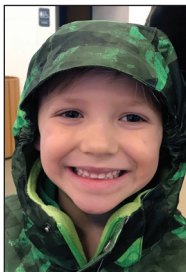
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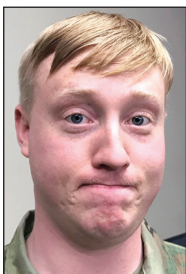
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SAFETY CORNER

Stay safe when using pressure washers

By Walter Hill
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Team Riley, spring is a couple of months away, you are probably already walking around the house making a list of the things to do when the weather warms up. Power or pressure washers are very popular in the summers for do-it-yourself jobs around the house. We all know that safety is extremely important to our well-being and should practice caution in all areas of our lives. However, some may not realize even small at-home projects could create unexpected hazards.

Pressure washers can help homeowners blast through many summer cleaning projects, but with the power of a pressure washer also comes potential danger. A pressure washer's powerful spray is hazardous when misdirected, strong enough to damage skin in an instant. Lacerations are the most common injury, followed by bruises, punctures and eye injuries.

A garden hose, soap and elbow grease can take care of many a cleanup job — if you want to spend all day on it. But if you have better things to do, a pressure washer speeds up all sorts of onerous tasks, from scrubbing grime and mildew from siding and getting oil stains off a driveway to cleaning a deck or patio, sprucing up outdoor furniture, degreasing a grill, are useful for cleaning gutters, washing off decks and they're also great at clearing mold, mud and loose paint from the sides of your house and even washing a car.

Pressure washers use either a gas engine or an electric motor, a pump and a concentrating nozzle to boost water pressure from your hose connection by 30 to 80 times. Though a garden hose alone delivers water pressure at about 50 pounds per square inch, pressure washers can generate 1,500 to 4,000 psi. That's a lot of power. And when operated properly, they blast away stains without damaging the surface material beneath.

Pressure washers can cause a lot of damage, after using pressure washers, an estimated 6,000 people went to the emergency room in 2014 alone, with a portion of those injuries attributed to the tool's powerful spray, according to the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

of methamphetamine. District Court sentence: one year supervised probation and \$25 special assessment.

Dec. 21

Rhonda Davis of Fort Riley pled guilty to theft and interference with law enforcement. District Court sentence: one year supervised probation and \$25 special assessment per count (\$50).

Makayla French of Fort Riley pled no contest to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$100 fine and \$5 special assessment.

December Courts-Martial Results

Dec. 5 2017, at a General Court Martial convened at Fort Riley, Spc. Michael J. Ballesteros, Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his pleas, of two specifications of attempted abusive sexual contact with a child who had not attained the age of 16 in violation of Article 80, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused to be confined for 24 months; and dishonorably discharged.

Dec. 19, 2017, at a General Court-Martial convened at Fort

Basic pressure washers consist of a water pump, a hose and a trigger-style gun switch. Using either an electric or gas engine, pressure washers also come with different types of nozzles, including some that allow for the use of chemical cleaners.

Sounds simple, right? Before you go out and buy one for your house, you should be aware of the risks involved. Using a pressure washer without training or the proper know-how can be dangerous.

Here are some helpful tips for keeping it safe:

DO:

- Read the manufacturer's manual.
- Wear goggles, long pants and sturdy footwear, and take extra care on wet surfaces, which can quickly get slippery.
- Always start with the widest spray angle. Begin by working with the nozzle 2 feet away from the surface and move closer as needed.
- If your washer uses replaceable spray tips, turn off the engine and press the trigger to drain excess water before changing tips.
- Test-wash a surface patch in a less-noticeable area until you get the hang of the machine.
- Take care if washing or rinsing your car. A garden hose would be gentler on your car's paint job.

DON'T:

- Get closer than 6 inches to whatever you're cleaning. You could damage paint, pockmark the asphalt of your driveway, puncture your car's tires and gouge holes in deck wood.
- Let the engine run for long on a gas pressure washer without pressing the trigger to prevent the pump from overheating.
- Use a pressure washer while standing on a ladder. Pulling the trigger could cause recoil and throw you off balance.
- Point the nozzle toward yourself, other people or pets.
- Use an extension cord with an electric-powered model.

Prior to purchasing your pressure washer ask the sales clerk about the difference color coded nozzles and always read the operator instructions manual before operating the equipment.

In addition, wear goggles, long pants and sturdy footwear, and never wear flip flops to protect yourself while using any pressure washer. For more information contact the Garrison Safety Office at 785-240-0647.

US District Court results for Fort Riley

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U.S. District Court at Fort Riley is part of the United States Federal Court system for the District of Kansas. The court handles all traffic tickets issued to Soldiers and civilians on Fort Riley and all criminal cases against civilians.

DECEMBER

Dec. 7

Katrina Haiges of Fort Riley pled guilty to Disorderly Conduct. District Court sentence: \$100 fine and \$5 special assessment.

Jazzman Avery of Manhattan pled guilty to driving while license is suspended or revoked. District Court sentence: \$100 fine and \$10 special assessment.

Demetrice Carter, Manhattan pled guilty to driving while license is suspended or revoked. District Court sentence: \$100 fine and \$10 special assessment.

Marilyn Wright, of Junction City pled no contest to criminal trespass. District Court sentence: \$200 fine and \$10 special assessment.

Baylor Batista of Junction City pled guilty to possession

Riley, Pvt. Adrian M. Battles, Army, was convicted by a Military Judge, pursuant to his pleas, of two specifications of absent without leave, one specification of failure to obey a lawful order, one specification of wrongful distribution of a controlled substance, and one specification of soliciting another to commit an offense in violation of Articles 86, 92, 112a, and 134, UCMJ. The Military Judge sentenced the accused to 330 days confinement and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge. As part of an offer to plead guilty, a pretrial agreement limited confinement to 180 days.

JANUARY

Jan. 11

Court cancelled due to weather.

Jan. 25

Jeremy Ribordy of Junction City pled guilty to criminal trespass. District Court sentence: \$10 special assessment.

Erica Liescke, of Manhattan, pled no contest to assault. district court sentence: \$200 fine and \$25 special assessment.

Jacob Schmidt of Welling, Oklahoma, pled guilty to DUI. District Court sentence: 48

hours of home detention; 6 months of probation; \$750 fine and \$25 special assessment.

Dalton Webb, of Junction City pled guilty to possession of marijuana. District Court sentence: 14 days confinement and \$25 special assessment.

Renee Bostick, of Fort Riley pled guilty to driving with no insurance. District Court sentence: \$300 fine and \$10 special assessment.

Quinten Williams of Topeka, pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine. District Court sentence: 14 days confinement and \$25 special assessment.

JANUARY COURTS-MARTIAL RESULTS

Jan. 9, at a Special court-martial convened at Fort Riley Pvt. Kimberly M. Horton, Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to her pleas, of two specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance (marijuana) in violation of Articles 112a, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused to be confined for 15 days, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct discharge.

Playing for real reduces childhood obesity

By Lela Demy
IRWIN ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled. According to recent government statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institutes of Health, nearly one in three children in America are overweight or obese. The numbers are even higher in African American and Hispanic communities, where nearly 40 percent of the children are affected.

It is predicted that one-third of all children born in 2000 or later will suffer from diabetes at some point in their lives. Obese children and teens now tend to have risk factors previously seen only in adults, such as cardiovascular diseases, high cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, diabetes, sleep apnea, asthma, joint problems, acid reflux, cancer and fatty liver disease. Children who are obese are more likely to become obese adults and to have more severe obesity-related risk factors in adulthood. Most importantly, excess weight at young ages has been linked to higher and earlier death rates in adulthood.

Childhood obesity comes with emotional costs as well. In addition to suffering from poor physical health, overweight and obese children can often be targets of early social stigma and discrimination by their peers. This rejection can lead to low self-esteem, which can hinder their academic and social functioning and persist into adulthood. Obese children have a greater risk of developing depression, academic problems and social isolation. As parents and caretakers, we know these findings are alarming, but we know now how this epidemic of childhood obesity happened.

The causes of childhood obesity are well-known and documented. Today, children experience a very different lifestyle that tends not to include much physical

activity or healthy eating habits. Oftentimes, communities have no safe and easily accessible places for children to play and exercise.

Walks to and from school have been replaced with car and bus rides. In-school gym classes and after-school sports programs have been cut so children now spend their afternoons with TV, video games and the internet.

Parents are busier than ever and families eat fewer home-cooked meals. Snacking between meals is now commonplace. Portion sizes are 200 to 500 percent bigger than they were in years past. Processed foods, low in nutrients but high in total calories, sugars, salt and fat are highly advertised and marketed through media. These foods are targeted to children and adolescents, while advertising for healthier foods is almost nonexistent in comparison. Parents in lower-income communities have less access to stores and markets that sell affordable fruits and vegetables; they have to rely on retailers that tend to sell less healthy food, such as convenience stores and fast food restaurants.

Government guidelines indicate children between the ages of 6 to 17 years old need to be physically active at least 60 minutes a day, at least five days a week. Girls should aim for a goal of 11,000 steps per day, and boys should aim for 13,000 steps per day. Coincidentally, adults 18 years or older should be active for a minimum of 30 minutes per day, for at least five days per week, which translates to a daily step count of 8,500 steps on a pedometer.

Children can have fun and compete with each other by counting their daily activity steps using a pedometer. Families could work together to be more physically active and to spend more time together doing it. Even fun activities that get you moving count.

The biggest obstacle most face is getting everyone to put down that screen. Adults need to be a good role model and limit their screen time to no more

than two hours per day. If kids see them following their own rules, they are more likely to do the same. Most 8- to 18-year-old adolescents spend an average of 7½ hours a day using media including TV, computers, video games, cell phones and movies. The time in front of the screen could be better spent being more physically active.

Explain to children it is important to sit less and move more to stay healthy. Parents and caregivers should set rules that reduce screen time by limiting the amount of time children spend on the computer, watching TV and playing video games. Don't put a TV or computer in a child's bedroom. Don't use TV time as reward or punishment; it only makes TV seem even more important and desirable to children. When adults do spend time in front of the screen, do something active; for example, challenge the family to see who can do the most push-ups or jumping jacks during commercial breaks.

Parents, some suggestions for healthy lifestyle changes anyone can make include:

If children are obese, then it is likely that others in their families are as well, and positive changes could improve everyone's health. Parents and caregivers can create a healthy lifestyle and model positive changes for their children, thus improving the quality of life for everyone in the family.

Addressing a child's obesity can have the added benefit of also helping the parents lose weight and increase their lifespan; it's a family affair. Like any lifestyle change, the key is to start making small changes to create an environment where parents and children can make smarter choices to lose weight, to increase their physical activity and to eat healthier foods.

For more information, visit www.fitness.gov, www.letsmove.gov, and www.cdc.gov/obesity and to find strategies to prevent or reduce obesity in children and adults alike.

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Hours of operation increase at Craig Fitness Center

By Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Pump the iron all day and night at Craig Fitness Center, 7024 Apennines Drive, as it is now open 24/7.

“Craig was selected as the fitness center to convert to 24-hour operations because it has the most robust offerings of the fitness centers located on Custer Hill,” said David Roudybush, director of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. “It has cardio, free weights, (machine) weights, (rock) climbing wall and a bouldering wall.”

The fitness center is run and operated by a staff of 36 Soldiers, Roudybush said. The goal for the facility is to have daytime hours filled with civilian employees now that it is 24 hours.

“The remaining hours of operation are covered by civilian staffing,” said Mark Bacon, facility director at Craig Fitness Center. “This did provide an opportunity to send part of the Soldier staffing — supporting Craig Fitness Center — back to their respective units in an effort to improve Army readiness and decreases the need of that support detail.”

In doing so, Craig Fitness Center opened the door for other fitness facilities across the installation to alleviate their Soldier staffing as well. This concept for other facilities is active and in the works.

“Additionally, all the other fitness centers were able to eliminate Soldier support with the recent addition of civilian employees,” Bacon said. “At this time, Craig Fitness Center is the only facility that is being provided any Soldier support.”

The shift in hours of operation for Craig Fitness Center will lighten the Soldier staff during the day; however, civilian employees will not staff the facility during evening hours.

“Craig Fitness Center is currently operating and providing 24-hour service to its patrons,” Bacon said. “With that, Soldier support is still required to accomplish this goal. However, this support only entails the overnight shift during the hours of (8:30 p.m.) and (5:30 a.m.), Monday through Thursday and (8:30 p.m.) to (7:30 a.m.) Friday, Saturday and holidays.”

Bacon expanded on the benefits of having civilian employees during the day for Soldiers, as they can return to their duty stations to increase Army readiness and morale.

“By creating these options of availability, Soldiers could be utilizing the exercise areas to increase their capacity of greater Army readiness or those that just want to enjoy some comradery with a late night game of basketball now also have that opportunity,” Bacon said.

Roudybush agrees and said the transition could not have been done without the fresh civilian workforce.

“It could not have been done without our new employees,” Roudybush said. “I encourage everyone to go meet our new employees. Most are either Army dependents or brand new to being an Army professional.”

He also encourages those to apply for open positions at the facility.

“We are still looking for employees to work in the fitness centers,” he said. “Visit USAJobs.gov, type 'NAF' in keywords and 'Fort Riley' in location.”

Bacon said regardless of the reason, any option we can provide benefits to Soldiers to increase readiness to them and families in a positive and healthy way is a win-win situation for the Army and DFMWR.

RECYCLING THROUGH TROOP INCENTIVE PROGRAM



Kalene Lozick | POST

Fred Siebe, Douthit Gunnery Complex manager, hands a bag of aluminum cans over to a 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Soldier Jan. 30 during a pick-up of recyclable goods such as aluminum cans, plastic bottles and paper. The Troop Incentive Program is a by-weight recycling program each brigade can participate in. Cans, water bottles and printer cartridges are the brigade's biggest footprint. The TIP is important because the amount saved by recycling those items go back to unit morale funds.

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expressed his gratitude to Fort Riley and Corvias for their participation in Operation Walking Shield.

“We are very happy for what’s taken place here,” Randall said. “We have a lot of homes with multiple families in them, so this will really help. As you know, across America, housing is an issue. We really appreciate it.”

In 2017, six homes made the more than-120-mile journey from Fort Riley to the reservation.

The final two homes are scheduled to depart Fort Riley in March. Discussions for future home donations are underway and all parties are dedicated to continuing the partnership.

In addition to the home deliveries, Fort Riley has transferred three playground sets, siding, windows and nearly 100 appliances to the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas.

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MEETING GARRISON DIRECTORS

Bob Everdeen, Fort Riley director of public affairs

By Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Bob Everdeen, Fort Riley garrison public affairs director, is grounded in beliefs and experiences as a father, husband, former Naval broadcaster and retired Air Force public affairs officer.

He said his leadership philosophy aligns with the U.S. Army Civilian Corps Creed.

“My definition of a leader is a person who sets the foundation for success within the organization, inspires and develops others and holds people accountable,” Everdeen said. “We can all be leaders. My number one priority is living a life of integrity; from there, I strive to develop and lead a team that delivers service that exceeds customers’ expectations.”

Steven Crusinberry, director of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, expands on Everdeen’s capability to disseminate information out to the Fort Riley community through both internal and external sources.

“Bob’s ability to reach the public ensures the right information gets out to the right audience at the right time, impacting public safety,” Crusinberry said.

His expertise did not blossom overnight like the fame of the main protagonist from the “Hunger Games” books and movies Katniss Everdeen, who steals his thunder in Google searches, Everdeen said.

“I did 10 years with the Navy as an enlisted broadcast journalist and then I switched over to the Air Force for 14 years, where I was the public affairs officer, and then I’ve been in this job for over three years as I work as a civilian for the Army,” Everdeen said.

He said he’s worked with the Coast Guard, the U.S. Department of State, been on several deployments and worked with different countries.

During his tours with the Air Force, he said he went to Africa, Afghanistan twice, Kurdistan and deployed for Hurricane Katrina.

“My deployments mostly were short notice and I actually liked doing those because all that training that you do non-stop in the military, you actually get to do something with the training,” Everdeen said.

Everdeen said he worked in public affairs for each of his deployments.



COURTESY PHOTO

Bob Everdeen, left, Fort Riley garrison Public Affairs Office director, instructs Soldiers from the rooftop of a military camp as an Air Force public affairs officer before taking the photo of the Provincial Reconstruction Team during his first tour to Afghanistan July 2007. From decades of experience, Everdeen can tell stories of his years as a public affairs officer for various branches of military that gave him the skills needed for his job at Fort Riley.

For Hurricane Katrina, his role was to receive all the on-the ground information and get it to the Department of Defense and the White House, something he said he viewed as highly important.

During his first tour to Afghanistan, Everdeen said he was the only public affairs officer for the Provincial Reconstruction Team.

“(Provincial Reconstruction Team) is security, governance and reconstruction,” Everdeen said. “So we had a team, on average 60 to 80. We were responsible for (rebuilding) an entire province.”

During his second tour to Afghanistan, he went to Kabul. Everdeen was one of many public affairs officers who made up the Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 — detention operations.

In short, Everdeen said his mission for JTF was to organize reintegration ceremonies for newly released detainees returning to their homeland and to secure their safety.

When Everdeen first joined the military, he said he knew nothing about it. The day of recruitment he told the Navy recruiter he was interested in radio and television.

“Especially radio and that is thanks to my sister-in-law,” Everdeen said. “She said, ‘hey, you like music, so maybe there is some kind of broadcasting program in the military ... sure enough they had one. And they were more than happy to sign me up.’”

Once recruited, Everdeen was trained at the Defense of Information School at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

According to www.dinfos.dma.mil/About, the primary purpose of DINFOS is to train members of all branches of the U.S. military in the fields of broadcasting, journalism, public affairs and visual information.

“Everyone who works in this career field should go to that (school),” Everdeen said. “It is excellent training . . . it really prepared me before going to my first assignment. Because I was brand-new to the military, I didn’t know hardly anything except what I learned at boot camp about the Navy.”

Everdeen went to DINFOS back-to-back after boot camp and that’s the way to do it, he said. It prepared him well for his first duty station, he added.

“Everybody takes care of each other in the military,” Everdeen said. “If your skills aren’t where they need to be, there is someone there to help you out. Whether it’s gently or forcefully you must meet a certain standard.”

To Everdeen, the standard is following the Army Values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

“As volunteers in this organization, we have signed on to be part of something bigger than ourselves, providing support to and continuity for Soldiers and their family members,” he said. “We must provide value to the Army, the Department of Defense and other stakeholders — Soldiers, civilian employees, contractors, family members, veterans, retirees and the general American public — every day, with every project.”

These values are woven in Everdeen’s leadership philosophy. Crusinberry said with Everdeen’s expertise and support, Everdeen enables the team at DPTMS to tell their story.

“Bob has always gone out his way to ensure (Public Affairs Office) coverage of key training and event that DPTMS supports, conducts, anything from the current (1st Armored Brigade Combat Team) Devil Rising to Fall Apple Day festival and everything in between,” Crusinberry said.

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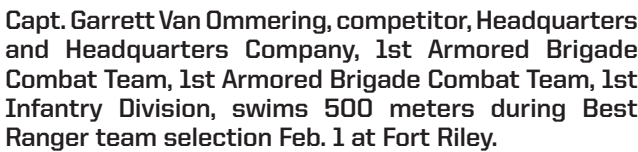
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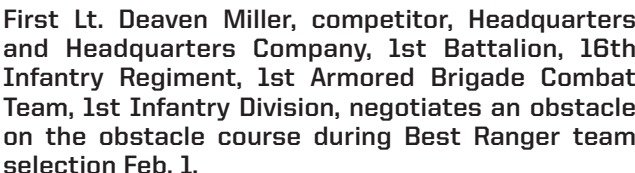
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Six Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, participated in a Best Ranger competitor selection Feb. 1 to determine teams that will represent the division in the 2018 David E. Grange Best Ranger Competition.

The 2018 Best Ranger competition will take place at Fort Benning, Georgia, April 13 to 15.



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Improving Soldiers' Army experience always BOSS idea

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers seeks to spread word

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is an Army-wide program for single service members. The organization puts on events, creates opportunities for community service and gives single Soldiers a chance to socialize.

The president of BOSS, Spc. Delano Vankuren, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, said the organization represents the single Soldier.

"The purpose of BOSS is to boost morale and to get Soldiers out of their rooms to meet new people — to have fun and build friendships that could very well last a lifetime."

SPC. DELANO VANKUREN | PRESIDENT, BETTER OPPORTUNITY FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS PROGRAM

"BOSS is the voice of the single Soldier," Vankuren said. "The purpose of BOSS is to boost morale and to get Soldiers out of their rooms to meet new people — to have fun and build friendships that could very well last a lifetime."

There are three pillars to BOSS: quality of life, community service and recreation and

leisure, said Sgt. Janette Blunt, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. Blunt also serves as the vice president for the program.

"We figure out what they want to do and what they need," Blunt said. "And then

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are three pillars to BOSS: quality of life, community service and recreation and leisure.

we create events based on that. And then we also support them however they may need in certain areas (such as) quality of life, community service and recreation and leisure, which is our three pillars."

One of the wrong ideas Soldiers have of BOSS is most of their events are held during times with work schedule conflicts, Blunt said. Through interacting and organizing events for single service members,

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Spc. Delano Vankuren, Headquarters Company, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and president of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, serves up some chili and bread at the USO Fort Riley No Dough Dinner at the Culinary Lab Jan. 30. Vankuren was volunteering on behalf BOSS at the event.



WARRIOR ZONE PLACE TO BE DURING 2018 SUPER BOWL BROADCAST

Photos by Kalene Lozick | POST

Before the snap, Soldiers snatched their seats at the Warrior Zone to watch the 2018 Super Bowl Feb. 4. The facility, ran by volunteers of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, offered Soldiers an array of football stadium style food for purchase and a bar to Soldiers 21 years or older. For Soldiers who preferred to watch the game in one of two theater style seating venues, they had to purchase VIP lounge tickets. Throughout the game, eventually won by the Philadelphia Eagles over the New England Patriots, 41-33, Soldiers won big-game merchandise and an array of items like televisions and signed National Football League memorabilia.

INSIDE: Soldiers and families also enjoyed Super Bowl festivities at USO Fort Riley's watch party, [PAGE 11](#).

Crowd gets double ivory entertainment

Dueling Pianos rock the house at Riley's Conference Center

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

Blue spotlights illuminated the pianists as they engaged the crowd for an evening of entertainment during the Dueling Pianos Feb. 3 at Riley's Conference Center.

"It is a great event where two (pianist) duke it out (and) play any musical requests," said Christian Bishop, manager at Riley's Conference Center.

Tables filled as the pianists began with songs the crowd knew to encourage audience participation.

They said with a laugh it'll be a short night if no one participates.

According to www.midwest-duelingpianos.com, Midwest Dueling Pianos is a collection of some of the best entertainers in the industry.

In the past, Bishop said she's gone to a lot of dueling piano



With the crowd engaged, the pianists played requested songs throughout the evening for a night of entertainment during the Dueling Pianos Feb. 3 at Riley's Conference Center. This was first time since 2015 Fort Riley had a dueling pianos performance. Christian Bishop, manager at Riley's Conference Center, said she hopes to bring them back.

shows in different states. So for her, she was excited to bring this program back to Fort Riley.

"We are just really excited to have them back," Bishop said. "It hasn't been here since we had Rally Point. So the fact we are able offer more special events at Fort Riley to keep the entertainment going (it is really exciting)."

The last time the Dueling Pianos made an appearance at

Fort Riley was March 2015 at Rally Point, a venue that once held Family Bingo, Cosmic Bingo and Mega Bingo.

The cost of the event, Bishop said, included the entertainment, a drink ticket and appetizer bar. The appetizer bar, she said, highlighted Chef Mark Gutowski's food. "We have wings, meatballs and an array

of appetizers," Bishop said.

As the entertainment began, the audience clapped along to familiar tunes.

Bishop said she was looking forward to more events like this as they partnered with the special events team at Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at garrison headquarters.

'BRO' museums say show must go on

Temporary facilities to keep Fort Riley, 'BRO' history visible

By Season Osterfeld
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The 1st Infantry Division and Cavalry museums have closed for the next two years as they undergo extensive renovations. But Fort Riley won't be without some artifacts and displays to teach visitors and community members about the "Big Red One" and cavalry's histories.

Although museum staff still have about another month of packing to complete, Bob Smith, director of the Fort Riley Museum Division, said they plan to have the temporary museum location up and running by Memorial Day. The temporary museum will be at 247 Cameron Ave., next door to the Culinary Arts Lab.

"It's the old home of U.S. Cavalry Association," Smith

A TEMPORARY FIX

- Bob Smith, director of the Fort Riley Museum Division, said they plan to have the temporary museum location, at 247 Cameron Ave., up and running by Memorial Day.

said. "In the next few months, it's going to take a little while, we're going to put in the Discovery Center exhibit, the Duty First exhibit and a small cavalry exhibit, so we have a museum presence here at Fort Riley."

Smith said it's important to him and his staff to continue to have a museum available so people can take in the cavalry and 1st Inf. Div. history, as well as remembering the museum division still exists.

"We want to keep a museum presence here," he said. "I don't want people to forget about us. When you're closed,

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WINE AND BOURBON FEST

Sip on some libations and indulge in an array of appetizers at this wine, bourbon and appetizer pairing event at Riley's Conference Center Feb. 9.

There will be 12 different wines, six bourbons and nine appetizer dishes to be had. Tickets are \$20 at the event per person and \$15 per designated driver. Price includes admission and appetizer sampling.

Attendees must be 21 years old to drink and 18 to enter. For more information, call 785-784-1000.



NATIONAL PIZZA DAY

Custer Hill Bowling Center at 7485 Normandy Drive is calling all pizza lovers to celebrate National Pizza Day with them from 11 a.m. to midnight Feb. 9.

Patrons can enjoy a free slice of pizza when they buy a game of bowling. If they buy a lane for hour, they're entitled to a free slice for up to six bowlers.

For more information, call 785-239-4366.

CYS PARENT CENTRAL SATURDAY HOURS

Parent Central is extending their business hours Feb. 10 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.

VALENTINES DAY PARTY

Cutesy or romantic Valentine's Day card? Create one Feb. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Fort Riley Post Library at 5306 Hood Drive.

This free party will also have snacks, drinks and additional crafts.

For more information, call 785-239-5305.



UFC 221: ROCKHOLD VS. ROMERO

The Warrior Zone at 7867 Normandy Drive will be showing the Ultimate Fighting Championship fight between Luke Rockhold and Yoel Romero Feb. 10.

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.

AIR FORCE RESERVE RECRUITING

Looking for something to do after the Army? Consider joining the Air Force Reserve. Contact Master Sgt. Jean Charles at 316-243-8434. For more information contact Fort Riley Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program office at 785-239-9621.

DFMWR HIRING EVENT

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting a hiring event Feb. 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Riley's Conference Center.

On-the-spot interviews will take place for recreation aids and assistants, as well as laborers.

Recreation aids and assistants start at \$9 an hour. Laborers start at \$8.99 an hour.

Applicants should dress professionally and bring their federal resume, government issued photo ID, social security card and birth certificate or passport. Laborer applicants must also provide a valid state driver's license.

For more information, call 785-239-2325.



AQUATICS HIRING FAIR

The Fort Riley Aquatics Program is holding a hiring fair Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center.

Lifeguard positions pay \$10.15 an hour. The positions are open to applicants ages 15 and up.

Applicants will need to bring their resume, a government issued photo ID, social security card and birth certificate. Proof of lifeguard and first aid certifications or receipt of enrollment in a lifeguard certification course are also required.

Completion of a pre-test is required prior to enrollment in the Lifeguard and Shallow Water Attendant Certification Courses. The pre-test will be the same day from 10 to 11 a.m. Applicants completing the pre-test must bring swimwear.

Lifeguard Certification Course Dates:

- Feb. 24 to 25
- March 17 to 19
- April 14 to 15
- May 5 to 7

Shallow Water Attendant Course Dates:

- Feb. 17 to 18
- March 22 to 23

For more information, call 785-239-4854.

24 HOUR FITNESS

Craig Fitness Center at 7024 Apennines Drive is now open 24 hours a day.

For more information, call 785-239-5562.

FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 9
Proud Mary (R) 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10
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Sunday, Feb. 11
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Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing
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BLUE STAR PROGRAM

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



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COMMUNITY CORNER

Personal, family readiness essential

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

Groundhogs may have been in the spotlight last week, but that doesn't mean we should emulate their behavior. We need to stay above ground and continually take in our surroundings to improve ourselves and others.

I'm talking about not just maintaining where we're at in life, but developing tactics to progress. We continuously look for ways to advance in our jobs — and continuously train in order to get better. But what about the unknowns and "what if" scenarios that can arise in our daily lives? It could be anything from a blown fuse to a fire or medical emergency. Do you have plans in place to deal with emergencies that come up quickly and cause more than a glitch in your day? Personal and family readiness is important to maintaining focus on mission readiness. The Boy Scout motto sums it up best: "be prepared."

For example, do you know how to put in a work order to fix a broken water pipe and where the shut-off valve is located so you can stop the water until professionals arrive? Do you have the 24/7 nurse line number and all other emergency phone numbers in a convenient place so you and your family members can find them quickly and easily? Trying to find these things in the midst of an emergency will just add to the crisis — you probably don't want to search the internet for the nearest plumber or try to find contact information for Corvias while hundreds of gallons of water are spewing onto your kitchen floor.

Emergencies, big and not-so-big, slow us down mentally. Soldiers should pay



Colonel Lawrence

Emergency Contact List

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Directions: _____

Emergency	Contact Information	Additional Persons to Contact	Contact Information
Poison Control	Phone: _____	Neighbor:	Name: _____ Phone: _____
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Fire Department	Phone: _____	Health Insurance	
Ambulance	Phone: _____	Company Name:	
Hospital	Phone: _____	Policy/Group #:	
Urgent Care	Name: _____ Phone: _____	Phone:	
Doctor	Name: _____ Phone: _____	Other Important Information	
Dentist	Name: _____ Phone: _____		
Pharmacy	Name: _____ Phone: _____		
Veterinarian	Name: _____ Phone: _____		
Other Important contact numbers			

particular attention to having plans in place, due to the demands of the job; it's not always easy to get home to deal with minor crises. And if you're worried about loved ones at home, it's tough to concentrate on the task at hand — and there are always others at work counting on you.

So take a look around and make sure you have a central list of who to call and put it somewhere convenient. I suggest having an emergency list that is in a central location such as a bulletin board or family message center. It would also be handy to keep a copy in your car, just in case you need the information while you are away from home.

To make it easy, use the Emergency Contact List on this page that you can clip and fill out. It's one more step to help you "be prepared."

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Sunday Worship.....1100

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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

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SUPER TIME AT USO FORT RILEY



Patrons are all smiles as they fill up on sandwiches, wings, soda, water, chips and peanuts during the pre-game festivities at the free, family-friendly big game watch party held at USO Fort Riley Feb. 4. The event combined the airing of the big game on a projector and a birthday cake celebrating the 77th birthday of the large USO organization. Scott Payne, center director USO Fort Riley, said USO Fort Riley partnered with the Warrior Zone to offer single Soldiers and their families a place to watch the game. He said USO Fort Riley was geared toward families and the Warrior Zone was focused on single Soldiers.

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ALL CHILI, NO DOUGH



Season Osterfeld | POST

Friends and families enjoy a meal of chili and veggies during the USO Fort Riley No Dough Dinner Jan. 30 at the Culinary Arts Lab. Before payday and at the each month, the USO and volunteers host a free meal for service members, their families and retirees – regardless of rank. The meals include a main dish, sides, drinks and sometimes a dessert.

BY PAPAL DECREE



Courtesy photo

Eagle Scout Brent Rippey, left, Cub Scout Fort Riley Pack 3660, earns the Pope Pius XIII Emblem, the highest Catholic Scout award, by Chap. [Maj.] Father Anthony Kazarnowicz, right, during the mass on Scout Sunday Feb. 4. “Brent earned his Pope Pious XII religious medal, the highest award that a scouts can get in working their religious emblem. Aside from being an Eagle Scout, he can be a role model among younger scouts,” said Jan Rippey, Troop Junction City Pack 660 charter representative and Troop 41 Committee Chair.

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people do have a tendency to forget ... We’ve had such great attendance over the years. It is my sincere hope that the new museums, attendance will just shoot sky high.”

He added the gift shop will also relocate to the temporary location so people may continue to purchase books, gifts and other items in support of the museum.

“It’s going to be a nice little museum,” he said. “The gift shop will be there also and we will also be storing the library and archives, so it will all be in one site for those two and a half years.”

For the last two years, Smith said he worked alongside two companies to create the designs for and remodel of the museums. The U.S. Cavalry Museum is being remodels by Whirlwind Creative, a company out of New York City. Preview images of the museum can be viewed on their website at www.whirlwindcreative.com/u-s-cavalry-museum.

The 1st Infantry Division museum is being completed by HealyKohler Design, a company from Washington, D.C.

For both remodels, lighter, brighter colors will be used to offer a more open space and windows into the buildings that had been previously closed off

shall be reopened. Additionally, technology will be integrated throughout the museum to keep the exhibits as current and modern as possible, Smith said.

“This (the U.S. Cavalry Museum) is the oldest building on post, so we wanted to restore it to its original look,” he said. “We’re opening more of the windows up that have been closed for decades. The clock will work again, the chimes will work on the clock tower ... It’s a beautiful building and we want to bring it back to its original look and we can take the new and tie it in with the old.”

Additionally, building 203 is being remodeled into a research library and archives facility with two classrooms where people can access the resources available from the Fort Riley Museums Division whenever they need.

Smith said they plan to reopen the remodeled museums Memorial Day 2020.

“These buildings, we were told by the contractor, that we will have these buildings back to us by November of 2019,” he said. “However, it’s going to take another probably six months to have the fabrications of the next exhibits (complete) ... We want to be open Memorial Day of 2020 with brand new museums.”

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Feb. 6 was: With the ever-constant threat of severe weather this time of year, how can I sign up for AtHoc emergency and weather alerts?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/Community/Ready-Army/

This week's winner is Roxanne Ramirez, spouse of Cpl. Levon Ramirez of 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Above are Cpl. Ramirez and Roxanne, along with their two children, Ryan, left, and Regan.

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Another common misconception, Vankuren said, is BOSS events aren't friendly

"Think of BOSS like a living creature," Vankuren said. "It has to adapt and overcome any obstacles. The world is changing and everyone's interest is changing, BOSS has to change with them in order to provide the best services."

"We are just trying to give them an avenue to have fun, enjoy their time off and just relax, but also get involved with the community," Blunt said. "Plus as far as volunteer events go, the (Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal), they have to get 500 hours community service hours in order to earn that. We are offering

"We are actively moving to build relationships to tie Fort Riley into the community," he said. "Right now we are working with Outdoor

"I want them to be able to go up to someone and say, 'hey, BOSS is doing something this weekend and you should come

The next BOSS event is the Love Sucks Valentine's Day party at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Warrior Zone. For more information on events, volunteer opportunities and how to get involved, call the BOSS office at 785-239-2677.

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Valentine's Day



Whether it's candy to crush or candy to eat, there's something sweet for everyone around Valentine's Day at Fort Riley and in the surrounding communities. Check out the Valentine's Dinner at Riley's Conference Center Feb. 13 for a romantic meal.

Story and photos by Season Osterfeld
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Whether it's cuddles and play or discounted chocolates the following day, there's something for everyone around Valentine's Day.

Fort Riley celebrates Valentine's Day in two different ways — one for those looking to celebrate it and another for those looking to crush it.

Enjoy a Valentine's Dinner at Riley's Conference Center Feb. 13. The menu includes crab cake with remoulade sauce, strawberry kale salad, sautéed portabella mushrooms, vanilla poached pears and a choice of beef tenderloin with roasted fingerling potatoes or pistachio-crusted tuna steak with angel hair pasta.

Reservations start at 5:30 p.m. with the last seating is 8:30 p.m. Dinner is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. For more information, call 785-784-1000. Riley's Conference Center is at 446 Seitz Drive.

Not interested in something romantic? Neither is Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers as they throw their Love Sucks party Feb. 14 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Warrior Zone. This free event includes games and activities like the heart break piñata, karaoke, a chocolate poem reading contest and "Bro"posals — a game where the players propose to one another with a candy ring, whether they know each other or not.

The Warrior Zone is open to ages 18 and up. For more information, call 785-240-6618.

The Warrior Zone is at 7867 Normandy Drive.

For the little loves in one's life, the Fort Riley Post Library is celebrating Valentine's Day in a creative way. On Feb. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m., the library will have free snacks, drinks and love-themed crafts for kids to create.

For more information, call 785-239-5305. The library is at 5306 Hood Drive.

Make Valentine's Day father-daughter time at the Daddy Daughter Date Night hosted by Salina Parks and Recreation Feb. 14 at the Salina Fieldhouse, 140 N. Fifth St. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fathers, grandfathers, stepdads, big brothers and uncles can play games, dance and enjoy a meal with the little lady in their life.

Registration is \$15 per couple and \$5 for each additional person. Registration ends Feb. 13. For those who pay at the door, it is \$25 per couple.

For more information, call 785-309-5765 or visit www.salinapark.com.

Lock in a romance in the literal sense on the Linear Trail in Manhattan. The old bridge that crosses over Wildcat Creek along the trail has become a place for couples to leave locks of varying shapes and sizes in the grates and railings. Whether the lock stays blank or has dates and initials carved into it, it's a place they can show one another they care. To get to the bridge, use the trail entrance off of Poliska Lane near Justin Road. Once on the trail, walk straight and the bridge is just a few yards away.



LEFT: The old bridge that crosses over Wildcat Creek along Linear Trail in Manhattan has become a place for couples to leave locks of varying shapes and sizes in the grates and railings. Whether the lock stays blank or has dates and initials carved into it, it's a place they can show one another they care. To get to the bridge, use the trail entrance off of Poliska Lane near Justin Road. Once on the trail, walk straight and the bridge is just a few yards away. **RIGHT:** Get some sweet treats for kids and adults at the Fort Riley Post Library during their Valentine's Day party Feb. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.



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