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## US, NATO test artillery system at Grafenwoehr Training Area



An M109A, self-propelled howitzer belonging to 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, fires a round toward simulated enemy targets nearly 15 kilometers away during Dynamic Front 18 at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, March 5. Exercise Dynamic Front 18 includes approximately 3,700 participants from 26 nations training together from Feb. 23 to March 10.

Story and photo by Spc. Dustin Biven  
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GRAFENWOEHR TRAINING AREA, Germany — What started as a quiet morning in the fields of Grafenwoehr, Germany, quickly changed as ground-shaking blasts emanated from the barrels of nearby M109A Paladin self-propelled Howitzers assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, March 5, during Dynamic Front 18.

Soldiers from Battery B, 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt., set their sights on targets positioned nearly 15 kilometers away while training during Dynamic Front 18.

Dynamic Front is an annual U.S. Army Europe exercise focused on the interoperability of U.S. Army, joint service and allied nation artillery and fire support in a multinational environment.

The exercise showcases the collective efforts and coordination of 26 NATO ally and partner countries, approximately 3,700 participants, which are participating in a large-scale, combat-like training exercise that contains both land and air operations.

“Our mission out here during Dynamic Front 18 is to test the Artillery System Cooperation Activities (ASCA),” said Capt. Jonathan Brewer, assistant opera-

tions officer for 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt. ASCA “allows U.S. field artillery fire mission processing systems to speak directly, digitally, to multinational fire mission processing systems across NATO.”

ASCA also allows all nations with the system to receive and provide mutual fire support and functional fire control interoperability, which can be deployed in a dynamic, tactical and multinational environment, Brewer said.

“Getting out here and participating in Dynamic Front 18 really projects our force across the world,” Brewer said. “It shows our teamwork, with not just Europe, but all other parts of NATO.”

Six nations — Germany, France, Turkey, Italy, Poland and the U.S. — came together for the first time during Dynamic Front 18 to test and use the ASCA system, which allows the nations to share key command and control fire support information.

As fire missions were called in through ASCA, crewmen in each of the Paladins readied themselves for a burst of continuous fire at designated targets.

“Training like this gives Soldiers the opportunity to see the force of the field artillery in practice and what we provide in combat,” said Staff. Sgt. James Greene, platoon sergeant with Battery B, 1st Bn., 7th FA Regt. “Perfecting your craft is very important, and as artillerymen, it’s what we do best.”

## Families at the ready



Pfc. Magaly Oliu (left), Staff Judge Advocate Office, Fort Riley, assists a Soldier in filling out a special power of attorney form in the Staff Judge Advocate building March 9.

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

Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division prepare for deployments by taking classes and spending time building readiness in the field. However, if “Big Red One” Soldiers fail to prepare the home front, the war front can be an even more treacherous place.

Kristen Wellock, wife of Maj. Michael Wellock, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., operations officer, said she and her husband try to stay prepared at all times for any deployment or shorter temporary duty assignments.

“We have a money checklist, a family checklist, a scary checklist and then the fun stuff,” Wellock said. “With this lifestyle, things are going to change all the time. Yes, he was on a nine-month deployment to Korea, but who knows? If something happened, that could have turned into a 15-month combat deployment.”

The Wellocks’ checklists include who will pay the bills and how, a support system, powers of attorney, updated wills and insurance information. They have learned from experience — their own and others — how important it is to be ready and prepared at all times.

During the Wellocks’ first deployment in 2010, the couple took a joint plan of attack to pay bills, but it didn’t work for them.

“I had to be the one who physically had to write the checks and pay stuff,” Wellock said. “Then, he would view the statements and ask if I paid certain bills, and we started bickering about it. We made the decision that I would

manage the finances from home because his job was just too serious to have to worry about that stuff.”

## FINDING A SUPPORT SYSTEM

The Wellocks’ usually prefer to live on post. Kristen feels comfortable with having other military families as a large part of her support system.

“When we got here, we didn’t know anybody, but the lady across the street came over and introduced herself,” she said. “We got a new neighbor and now I am the emergency contact for her. You need to find that person. We like to have two or three, just in case.”

The system isn’t just for her — she supports other families in their times of need.

“The daughter of a friend of ours had to have her daughter flown to Kansas City for a medical emergency,” Wellock said. “That really tested our core group, but we handled it. It felt good that we could support her. I knew our support system could do anything.”

Some families prefer to stay at their current home station while their spouse is deployed; others choose to move to be closer to family members for their support system.

Capt. Joshua Sanchez, 1st Inf. Div. deputy electronic warfare officer, said his wife moved back to California to be near their parents when he deployed to Kuwait in 2013. It gave him a sense of comfort knowing both sets of parents were there to help his wife and his two young children.

“It made it a lot easier knowing I didn’t have to worry about her staying

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## Garrison command team signs strategic plan – 2030

Story and photo by Will Ravenstein  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

With the stroke of three pens, Col. John Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, Timothy Livsey, Deputy to the garrison commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Bristow II, Fort Riley garrison senior noncommissioned officer, initiated the Garrison Strategic Plan March 9, after a small ceremony inside the Garrison Headquarters building.

“I’d like to take a moment to thank all the directors and all the key players,” Lawrence said. “We will have the Strategic Plan 2030 to take us out and lead the workforce to 2030.”

The plan discusses the future role of the garrison, and ensures the installation’s continued ability to accomplish its enduring mission — to build and maintain combat-ready forces.

It also includes the Installation Management Command commanding

general priorities; Infrastructure, Emergency Services, Support to Training, Soldier Programs and Family Programs.

“As we move forward on this, this is bottom-line our vision,” Lawrence said. “Our vision is support. That is our key-main-goal here, and by supporting we are enhancing readiness. IMCOM is here to support, and you do that very well. You increase the readiness of that division and any other Soldier that comes through here, rather it be National Guard, Reserve, Air Force. Actually we have some joint partners that have been here too. What you do in this garrison and this post is support the readiness of all that is involved.”

Lawrence said that while working on the Strategic Plan, he presented it to Brenda Lee McCullough, director of Installation Management Command-Readiness, who was impressed with the work done.

“One thing about this, I took it to San Diego approximately two-weeks ago and gave a copy to Ms. McCullough,” Lawrence said. “She went through the document and said, ‘very, very good.’ She wrote several notes on it, just talking about where we were going as a garrison. We were one of the first organizations in readiness to actually develop a plan that will take us into the future. (She) was very impressed by that and very impressed by everything Fort Riley is doing.”

The strategic plan lists several objectives that the garrison will implement via lines of effort. Those include: Train, equip and deploy Soldiers; Care for Soldiers and families; Infrastructure and support services; Human capital; Organizational culture and Community relationships and partnerships.

With the help of the garrison directors, Lawrence said he intends to roll out the plan March 29.



Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Bristow II, Fort Riley garrison senior noncommissioned officer, left, Col. John Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander, middle, and Timothy Livsey, deputy to the garrison commander, right, sign the first ever Garrison Strategic Plan March 9.

## FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Spc. Bradley Boswell, 97th Military Police Battalion, dedicated over 150 hours answering the Drunk Driving Prevention Duty phone ensuring that Soldiers had access to safe rides home, in addition to serving as a lot attendant at KSU football games with the Military Police Regimental Association. His willingness to volunteer encourages others to do the same.

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

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# ‘Quarterhorse’ regiment honors distinguished veteran

By 1st Lt. Ethan Sumrall  
HHT, 1ST SQDN., 4TH CAV. REGT.

Troopers from Troop D, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, paid tribute to retired Lt. Col. Dale David Dow, a regimental Vietnam veteran, on Feb. 26, by providing the honor guard for his internment ceremony at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery.

Dow died Feb. 16 at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community at the age of 72.

“It was an absolute privilege to honor a fellow cavalryman for his lifetime of distinguished service to our nation,” said Lt. Col. Brian D. Gilbert, 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., commander and a native of Boise, Idaho. “Honoring the men and women who came before us is one of the most important ways for us to sustain our heritage.”

Dow served in Troop D, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, in Vietnam as a platoon leader, where he earned the Combat Infantryman Badge and four Bronze Stars.

After serving in Vietnam, Dow served 23 more years in the Army and retired at Fort Riley in 1991, according to his service record.

“Providing military honors is an important tradition that members of our unit are proud to be a part of,” said San Pablo, California, native Staff Sgt. Ryan Griffus, noncommissioned officer in charge of the honor guard. “It allows us



Cpl. Michael Messersmith, Troop D, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, plays a bugle during retired Lt. Col. Dale David Dow's final salute on Feb. 26 at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery. Dow, a Vietnam veteran of the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, died Feb. 16 at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community at the age of 72.

to pay our final respects to our brothers in arms.”

Dow earned his master's degree from Kansas State University in guidance and counseling and continued to serve his community in that capacity.

Dow was an active community servant in other ways, as a substitute teacher at Manhattan High School and a

member of his local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, according to the programs handed out at his funeral.

“When I found out ‘Quarterhorse’ was available to conduct the internment, I was ecstatic,” said retired Sgt. Maj. Thomas A. Dow, Lt. Col. Dow's son. “Dad was a cavalryman, through and through.”

# University of Kansas cadets take on Fort Riley for training exercise

Story and photo Will Ravenstein  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

With the sounds of field artillery rounds going off in the impact zone and the thumping of the Browning .50-caliber echoing through the air, the cadets of the University of Kansas' Jayhawk Battalion moved through the ranges March 9 to 11.

The four-day squad training exercise had cadets operate a patrol base, conduct patrolling operations — including reacting to and setting up an ambush location — moved through an obstacle course, a repel tower and a familiarization fire of the M4 rifle March 11.

Capt. Michael Hayes, Jayhawk Battalion executive officer, said that getting students out of the classroom and into a training environment is essential for leadership development.

“Classrooms can only teach them so much,” he said. “To actually get out and get some practice — that's what makes a good leader, practice and repetition. So, the more times we can get out and actually let them exercise leadership, the better opportunity they will have before they are actually standing in front of Soldiers.”

The training is also essential to help form the cadets into triathletes, Hayes said we like to call them.

“Scholar, athlete, leader,” Hayes said. “To pull them out here with the different exercises, with different scenarios, so they can base their decision making process off of (experience), ultimately will benefit them with any scenario they come across.”

For cadet Brendan Fahrenbach, a senior from Chicago, said the training is beneficial for the younger cadets.

“I think it's real good training for the other cadets in the program,” he said. “I feel they are getting a lot better training than we had in the prior years.”

The sounds from the range enhanced the training for Fahrenbach, who will be going to the Field Artillery Officer Basic Leadership Course, after graduation.

“It definitely makes it feel more realistic,” he said. “I like getting out, ‘cause it makes you feel like you are actually in the Army and not just doing ROTC things. So it's a good experience.”

Hayes said the purpose of training was repetition and instilled the groundwork for a future knowledge base.

“Each mission scenario is going to be different but as long as you standardize hand-arm signals, reporting and overall battle drills then they can be interchangeable from any position to understand what needs to be done,” he said. “No matter where they are at. This is an introduction to standardization. Ultimately, infantry tactics at the squad level is the easiest way to evaluate leadership potential. It's the simplest task that can be done repetitively.”

Hayes said watching cadets work through the decision making process is a great joy of his.

“You want them to be successful, you want them to know the things you know,” he said. “So you have to step back and let

them go through that decision process on their own ... it's awesome to watch. You can see the decision process that they are going through and ultimately trying to do the best thing that they know.”

Hayes said he credits the partnerships between Fort Riley and Kansas Army National Guard allowed the Jayhawk Battalion more experience.

“Fort Riley has been real receptive to allow us to come out and use their training area and give us resources when we need it,” he said. “The Kansas Army National Guard has been pretty good with providing us with assets like helicopter flights and weapon systems, ‘cause we don't have any of our own. Really, the partnerships of Fort Riley and the Kansas Guard has really been able to enhance our training and give them a real life experience for what the Army could entail.”

While the ROTC cadets used local assets in Lawrence, blank gun fire and helicopters flew overhead to simulate military life.

“It really gives you that sense of the military life you get at Fort Riley,” Hayes said. “It's a great experience for them to maneuver and train.”

The cadets will take this training and prepare for their next event April 7, in Lawrence.

The battalion will host the 24th annual Kansas University Army ROTC Ranger Buddy Competition at the KU Cross County track at Rim Rock Farm where teams from across the U.S. will participate.

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by herself,” Sanchez said. “It was great because my family was back there helping her out along with her family. I was able to focus on work, and when I was done and if I had a chance to give them a call, I did that.”

The Wellocks and Sanchezes were physically together before their deployments, but Emily Mussmann, wife of Capt. Tom Mussmann, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., commander, was finishing her nursing degree in Ohio when the captain deployed to South Korea in September 2016.

Emily had her family and other students to function as her support system, but she felt isolated living so far away and not on a military post.

After finishing her degree, she moved to the Flint Hills Region and noticed how much more support and how many more services were available to her as she was now an active member of the military community.

“There were a lot more resources to tap into here (Fort Riley),” Mussmann said. “Ladies wanted to have me over to do things. There were a lot more resources I could find out about or search out like education help or financial help.”

### FINDING RESOURCES

The extent and amount of resources do change and are connected to what type of deployment a Soldier is on. If a Soldier and their spouse have a child and they plan to stay in the local area, they can contact the Child and Youth Services Parent Central Office at 785-239-9885 to see what programs the family qualifies for, according to Cheryl Greathouse, Child and Youth Services programs operations specialist.

Military families can contact the Staff Judge Advocate at 785-239-3117 or go in person to 216 Custer Ave. on Main Post for legal assistance. Services offered by SJA to deploying Soldiers include special and general powers of attorney, wills and rental lease termination.



Grace Lawrence, left, University of Kansas Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet performs an enemy prisoner-of-war search on cadet Tristin Hayes at Fort Riley's training area March 9. The Jayhawk Battalion utilized Fort Riley over the weekend as part of a four-day field training exercise.

# Know storm signs before tornado season arrives

By Andy Massanet  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The possibility of tornadoes is a fact of life in Kansas. A tornado is a violently rotating column of air, extending from a thunderstorm to the ground, according to the National Weather Service website. Tornadoes are capable of destroying well-made structures, uprooting trees and hurling objects through the air like deadly missiles.

### CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- On June 11, 2008, a tornado hit Chapman, Kansas, and ripped through town devastating an area six blocks wide. According to news reports at the time, one woman died, 100 homes were destroyed or heavily damaged and 80 percent of the town had at least minor damage. That same storm system threatened or damaged the entire region, including Manhattan, Kansas.
- According to National Weather Service records, the largest tornado in the Dickinson County area, where Chapman is located, was an F4 in 2012.
- On May 25, 2016, another tornado crossed Dickinson County and veered south of Chapman before lifting. The storm was also categorized as an F4 and measured a half-mile wide. The tornado traveled along the ground for more than 90 minutes and damaged about 25 homes. In fact, late May was a particularly dangerous month for severe weather in the Central Flint Hills Region. According to a May 25, 2016, ABC News report, the massive storm system that bred this tornado also spawned severe weather from Oklahoma and Texas all the way up into Michigan.

Planning ahead is key to surviving a tornado. Knowing what to do during severe weather season can increase the overall safety of our community. Knowing what to do during tornado season in Kansas can increase the safety of family members, and all members of the Fort Riley community.

“In our region, tornadoes can occur at any time of day or night and any time of year,” said Chris Hallenbeck, Emergency Management Office emergency manager, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

He said according to the National Weather Service-Topeka, Kansas had 60 tornadoes last year. The first tornado occurred in February, and 29 of these occurred in May.

“For Kansas, they are most likely to occur during the months of April, May and June,” Hallenbeck said.

When it comes to finding suitable shelter, Chad Omitt, meteorologist for the National Weather Service, said there is a basic principle to follow.

“When you are at home or in any building, get to the lowest floor and put as many walls between you and the tornado as possible,” he said. “Get as low as you can which assumes a basement if you have one. If not, use the lowest floor in an interior room. Cover up or get underneath something sturdy to protect from falling or blowing debris.”

If away from home seek shelter in a sturdy building and follow the same principle of lowest floor interior room away from windows and exterior walls.

The worst place to be is outside, in a mobile home or in a car. That is where the vast majority of tornado fatalities occur.

“It is important to be prepared and also be aware when a tornado might be imminent,” Hallenbeck said. “Know the difference between a tornado watch versus a tornado warning because you may only have a short time to react.”

According to the National Weather Service and Detachment 3, 3rd Weather Squadron, Marshall Army Airfield:

- Thunderstorm watch: A severe thunderstorm watch means the potential exists for severe thunderstorms to occur in the area. Weather personnel of Det. 3, 3rd Weather Sqdn., are monitoring the situation and will keep the post informed on developments, including hail, lightning, high winds and possible tornadoes.
- Thunderstorm warning: A severe thunderstorm warning means severe thunderstorms are occurring. Residents should pay close attention to weather reports and take actions as appropriate.
- Tornado watch: Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans, and check supplies if safe rooms. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives. Watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.
- Tornado warning: Take Action! A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows if in a mobile home, a vehicle, or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Warnings are issued by your local forecast office. Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a tornado identified by a forecaster on radar or by a trained spotter or law enforcement official who is watching the storm.

For more information on planning for emergencies, visit [www.riley.army.mil/Community/Ready-Army/](http://www.riley.army.mil/Community/Ready-Army/).



## MEET THE DIRECTORS

# Meet the Director: Harry Hardy Jr., Senior Civilian Attorney

By Will Ravenstein  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Life at Fort Riley has come full circle for Harry Hardy Jr., senior civilian attorney.

Hardy came to Fort Riley as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Office in 1981 after graduating from law school at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

"I owed the Army four years," Hardy said. "So I did four years for the 'Big Red One' from 1981 to '85. I left active duty, stayed in the reserves for a while, but then I took a civilian attorney job for the Army at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. I had some family up there and went up there for three years and worked in the JAG office up there. I was the only civilian attorney up there. I did pretty much any legal work that the installation had."

With an interest in law and the analytical thought process behind the legal system, Hardy said he knew it was not a guarantee of being accepted into the system. With that in mind, Hardy pursued a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"I did that because you never know if you are going to get into law school or not," he said. "I had decent enough grades and ended up getting into law school. But I am one of those people that wants a fallback position. I wanted to do something for some twist of fate if I didn't get into law school, what is some career I can see myself working in the business degree."

Through his time as a military and as a civilian attorney, Hardy said he worked with young lieutenants and captains fresh out of Army Law Basic Officers Course. He said he still encourages them and the motto of the office is to find a legal way to say yes.

"One of the challenges I give my attorneys, is we are here to help the command," he said. "We have given a challenge to our personnel at all possible times, we want our people to find a legal way to get the 'yes.' I know quite often lawyers get a bad name as always being people that say 'no' or 'you can't do this.' We see our role as mission enablers. We want to be able to help the command accomplish whatever they want to do, whether it's forward on the battlefield or here in garrison."

The goal is to look at whatever legal problem is presented and find a

legal way to accomplish the mission at hand.

"It may not be the way they want to go about doing it, but if we can find a way to get them to their end-state and do it legally — that's what we want to do," he said.

For Hardy, he said the best part of the job is the ability to work with the people at Fort Riley and molding young attorneys or paralegals to fulfill their individual potential.

"It's just nice, rewarding, to see that growth in the attorneys and paralegal from when they first get here to three years later," he said. "To see the progress they made in that time, to watch them metamorphosis and watch them grow — it's kind of neat to see."

Hardy has been asked why he chose the Army as a career and stayed at Fort Riley for 38 years. His said two-fold.

"One, I love the Flint Hills of Kansas," he said. "I love the area here. Two, I like doing what I'm doing in this particular job. I could have retired a couple of years ago, but I still enjoy what I do. I like working with the young attorneys coming in."

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, at 216 Custer Ave., does not handle cases involving the



Life at Fort Riley has come full circle for Harry Hardy Jr., Senior Civilian Attorney.

Uniformed Code of Military Justice, they provide a variety of services for both Soldiers and families to include administrative and civil law

and civilian criminal law. For more information, visit SJA at [www.riley.army.mil/Units/Staff/Staff-Judge-Advocate/](http://www.riley.army.mil/Units/Staff/Staff-Judge-Advocate/).

## Forward support company trains on aerial resupply operations



Courtesy Photo

Soldiers of Forward Support Company I, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, prepare to secure a water trailer to the Sikorsky UH-60M Black Hawk, Feb. 21. The sling load mission is a part of the unit's monthly training to build readiness for the upcoming rotation to the National Training Center in August.

By 2nd Lt. Rachel Kim  
FSC I, 1ST BN., 16TH INF. REGT.

Soldiers from Forward Support Company I, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conducted sling-load training with support from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade Feb. 21.

In an effort to improve 1st ABCT's combat readiness, Soldiers of FSC I began preparations for sling-load training in early January to develop and improve their aerial resupply capability for upcoming training events.

"The goal of today's exercise is to continue to teach and train FSC I Soldiers on a capability that provides the unit the ability to rapidly and reliably sustain 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt.," said Capt. Erickson T. Lee, company commander of FSC I, and a Rock Hill, South Carolina, native.

Soldiers from FSC I utilized a water trailer as they loaded, successfully rigged and secured the load to a hovering Sikorsky UH-60M Black Hawk before safely maneuvering themselves away from the area. During the operation, the flight crew members guided the Black Hawk pilots safely to ensure the hookup crew had enough time to properly secure the load to the aircraft.

"The entire flight crew is actively engaging and communicating with each other to ensure the aircraft hovers safely over the ground crew for a proper hook-up procedure," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jonathan Bourland, Company A, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB, originally from Nicholasville, Kentucky.

For safety considerations, leaders planned ahead to determine who would conduct the hookup and who would act as support to the hovering aircraft for the Soldiers conducting the hook up.

Rigging teams paid close attention to detail to ensure the sling load went well. In accordance with Army Regulation TM 4-48.09, Appendix I, before a load is approved for hook up, it must be inspected and certified by either a Sling-Load Inspector Certified Soldier, an Air Assault-qualified Soldier or a Soldier who is Pathfinder qualified.

"Inspections are the friction point of any sling load mission and must be done carefully and meticulously to avoid any accidents to the flight or ground crew," said Sgt. Matthew Delamater, FSC I noncommissioned officer in charge of the event, and a Portland, Tennessee, native.

Delamater, who is Air Assault qualified, conducted the sling-load inspection of the water trailer prior to its flight.

## Kansas Army National Guard provides aerial fire support

By Katie Horner  
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OFFICE

Fires continue to burn in Kansas and Kansas Gov. Jeff Colyer has declared a state of disaster emergency that includes Barber, Clark, Ellis, Greenwood, Harper, Kingman, Logan, Reno, Smith and Stevens counties, though most are in some level of containment. The Kansas Army National Guard is providing aerial firefighting support for local firefighters.

Approximately 50 fires were reported to the State Emergency Operations Center in Topeka since March 12, burning more than 25,000 acres. Aerial and ground firefighting resources were

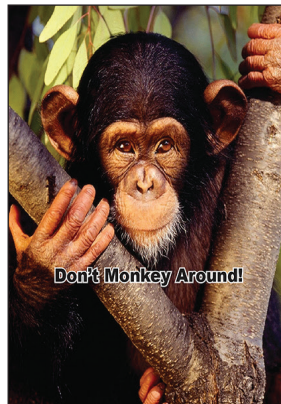
coordinated by the SEOC through the Kansas Forest Service and Kansas Army National Guard to augment fire suppression efforts by local responders. Soldiers of the Kansas National Guard's 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation, along with troopers from the Kansas Highway Patrol and personnel from the Kansas Forest Service provided aerial and ground support to local crews battling fires in Ellis and other counties yesterday and the Greenwood County fire March 7.

The State Emergency Operations Center in Topeka is providing support and coordination of state and federal resources as requested by the counties. County emergency managers may continue to report incidents

and request state assistance to augment local response and recovery actions through the state's 24-hour emergency notification line.

Weather conditions are improving with increased relative humidity and decreasing wind. However, grass remains dry and people should remain vigilant about preventing fires. Avoid any activity that could create a spark and touch off a new fire. Do not drive on or stop your car on dry or tall grass because your exhaust can spark a fire; do not throw cigarettes on the ground.

Stay away from all affected areas and do not drive through heavy smoke. Sightseeing puts you in danger and hampers the work of firefighting crews.



Make preparedness a priority.

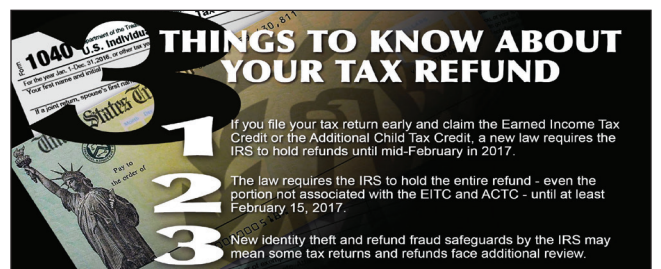
- Get an emergency kit with enough supplies for at least three days.
- Make and practice your Family emergency plan.
- Be informed about local hazards.
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TRAFFIC REPORT

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](http://www.riley.army.mil).

The access control point hours are:

Henry/Trooper/Ogden/Estes:

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

12th Street:

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

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

Grant:

Grant Gate is open 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

Alphabet Soup

DEAR DR. JARGON,

Do you know when you hear something wrong for a while and so you say it that way in full confidence until someone corrects you? Well, I just learned that my husband's unit is an ABCT instead of an ABCD.

I thought you could share that information with anyone else who may have been afraid to ask about it. I now have the alphabet soup figured out but I still don't understand what an ABCT is and the scope of what it does. Can you shed some light on it?

Signed,  
Learning as I go

DEAR LEARNING,

You are not alone in sometimes hearing one of our many acronyms a little different than others. I'm glad you asked about what an Armored Brigade Combat Team is and what it does for our Army.

Basically, an ABCT is the Army's primary armored force and the largest combined-arms organization. The Soldiers in these units have the important job of being the Army's primary close combat force. Across the Army there are about 15 of these units. The units have seven battalions and here at Fort Riley they are designed around battalions that contain both M1 Abrams tanks and M2 Bradley infantry fighting vehicles.

Within the unit are all the support functions needed while deployed to support those platforms and the mission given to the Soldiers who operate them.

Good job on figuring out a little more of the alphabet soup that can be our Army language. Keep on learning!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jargon

*Dr. Jargon, cutting through the jargon that is the U.S. Army. Send your Army terminology questions to [doctorjargon@gmail.com](mailto:doctorjargon@gmail.com).*

Service dogs make Fort Riley civilians' lives pawisible

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

*Editor's note: This is the third of a three-part story on three service dogs active at Fort Riley. Two weeks ago we focused on Ygritte. This week we'll meet Daisy, a service dog that assists Sarah Crusade.*

Daisy helped Sarah Crusade, Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care counseling psychologist at Irwin Army Community Hospital, with her mobility for more than four years.

"(Daisy) helps me with counter-balance, helps me get upstairs in situations where there's not a working elevator," Crusade said. "I noticed that she tends to be attentive to my smells and to my mood. I mean she will address my mood, but that's not her job as a service dog."

Crusade is a processor at Civilian Human Resources Agency and is a disabled veteran. Additionally, she went through an invasive procedure from her fight with cancer to where she is now 75 percent disabled in her left arm.

"I got bum knees and a bum back," she said. "And then I had cancer twice and so I had a radical surgery and they removed my shoulder and all of my muscles and replaced it with a prosthesis."

Daisy's journey to being a service dog was unlike Ygritte. While she was in training, Daisy was a therapy dog at Army Substance Abuse Program group therapy sessions. With special cues and instructions, Daisy would plant herself by the patient.

"Because I am a therapist, I had her certified as a therapy dog prior to completing her training as a service dog," Crusade said. "Service dogs cannot be therapy dogs, but therapy dogs can transition to service dogs ... So what I would do with the Soldiers (at ASAP), I would take her vest off and release her to go do therapy. She would walk around the Soldiers and find the Soldiers that had the most anxiety, or depression or whatever, and bolster their mood ... she is really intuitive and attentive to people's moods and energy."

Daisy and many other service dogs working at Fort Riley have to be vetted by Equal Employment Opportunity before employees are allowed to take them to work, Crusade said.

"You have to request (for) an accommodation," she said. "(Daisy) is my accommodation and one of the things that were discussed was I don't need her to do my job, but she benefits me and make it easier for me to do my job."

One of the things U Good Dog prefers to rescue rather than



With the help of her service dog, Daisy Sarah Crusade, Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care counseling psychologist at IACH, makes her way downstairs. Service animals like Daisy assist wounded veterans with everyday tasks.

raise service dogs from birth and 80 percent of the dogs not being appropriate for the job, Crusade said. Daisy is a rescue dog.

"(Gina Brisby, service dog training and owner of U Good Dog) recognizes that if you can rescue the dog, then you've rescued the dog and the person," Crusade said. "I

really feel that and so for me I feel like Daisy has rescued me more than I rescued her. I can't imagine all the things that I do, even the things that I do without her — it's like having an anchor. It's kind of weird; she's kind of like the Gabrielle to my Xena. She's my sidekick."



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Range employees get recognized

Story and photo by Will Ravenstein  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

On March 7, two range employees, Dirk Humphreys and Chris Milton, were recognized during the quarterly safety council meeting.

Humphreys and Milton responded to a medical emergency in the training area on Feb. 8, which required requesting Life Star medevac.

"They get a call right before sundown or after sundown that a Soldier was in distress and needed a Life Star aerial medevac," said Steve Crusinberry, Director, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "You would think, to yourself, that's easy — just call Life Star. Big wrong."

The entire 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team was in the field working Devil's Rising.

"They were doing platoon table 12 CALFEXs (combined-arms live fire exercise) right in the middle of the training area," Crusinberry said. "They had air weapon platforms supporting them, both helicopters and UAS (unmanned aerial system). (1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division) was supporting the CALFEX, they were doing Paladin Integrated Management System. We also had a unit up at docket doing live fire. We had the 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade in area Charlie doing BSA — Force on force exercise. We had the whole brigade out there. Then we had the Warfighter going on. It was the second day of the Warfighter, so we had the entire division



Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew T. Bristow II, Fort Riley garrison senior noncommissioned officer, stands with Range Operations employees Chris Milton, Dirk Humphreys and DPTMS Supervisor Steve Crusinberry after Milton and Humphreys were recognized for their quick thinking at the quarterly safety meeting March 7.

leadership out in the maneuver area out in tents. We were planning air drops with the Air Force, it snowed and lucky for us it was government furlough day."

With multiple ranges active at the time, the duo sprung into action when the physicians assistant at the Brigade Medical Facility requested that the Soldier be transported to Irwin Army Community Hospital via helicopter.

While doing so the pair, the Young Guns as they are called by the team, ensured all units were put into cease fire, coordinated with Marshall Army Airfield Air Traffic Control, Directorate of Emergency Services, Irwin Army Community Hospital, Fort Riley Operations Center and DPTMS leadership to inform all of the aerial medevac.

In doing so the Soldier was able to receive a higher level of care allowing them to be discharged from the hospital without any long lasting injuries, according to the slide presented at the meeting. After the aerial transport was cleared of the ranges the units

were cleared to resume their missions.

For their quick reaction and handling of the situation, both Humphreys and Milton were presented with DPTMS hats by Crusinberry and a challenge coin each by Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew T. Bristow II, Fort Riley garrison senior noncommissioned officer.



"I want to tell you, I couldn't be prouder of you," Crusinberry said. "I couldn't be happier with what you did. You did things by the book. Bottomline, a Soldier was saved thanks to you."

Bristow said he was impressed with the workforce at Fort Riley.

"This is another example of the workforce here at Fort Riley," he said. "I've been nothing but impressed since I got here. I'm very impressed and very proud to be here."

Bristow emphasized that the coins were for safety and excellence.


"You did what you needed to do and took care of him (the Soldier)," Bristow said. "Thank you and thank you to everyone in this room."



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# Garrison employees named Employee of the Month

Story and photos by Will Ravenstein  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

On March 9, eight garrison employees were recognized for their service and dedication to the Soldiers and families assigned to Fort Riley during the monthly employee Awards Ceremony.

Employees for January and February were recognized during the ceremony with Garrison Commander Col. John Lawrence praised all the Directorate employees.

"The people we are going to recognize today are moving this garrison forward every day," Lawrence said. "They are giving everything they got to make it a better place to work, a better place to live and a better place to train. I want to tell you how much I appreciate how much you are doing and how much that division on top of the hill appreciates what you are doing."

Lawrence said he constantly hears compliments about the level of support given by garrison employees.

"When I talk to the brigade commanders, they keep telling me, nobody will tell me no," he said. "They will just say, 'we can do it.' That's you, that's not me going down and working customer service. That is working toward making sure everyone feels important, everyone feels connected, everybody feels that basically they are a part of not only Fort Riley but apart of the entire community itself."

Toshia Lamb, Resource Management Office, was named January's Employee of the Month and Michael Patro, Directorate of Plans, Mobilization and Security, was named February's Employee of the Month.

Both are now eligible for Employee of the Quarter.

Lamb's nomination read: Toshia continues to exceed her daily duties as a cost analyst for the Financial Operations section and is the subject matter expert for ATAAPS-Payroll for over 700 employees assigned to the Garrison. Toshia spearheaded the transformation of the ATAAPS database, and during this transformation, Toshia took the lead for the six-phase approach that required closing out the old database and deploying information into the new ATAAPS database. During this tedious task, Toshia closed out more than 96 cost centers, 90 certifier rosters and



Toshia Lamb, Resource Management Office, (top) and Michael Patro, Directorate of Plans, Mobilization and Security, (middle) stand with Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew T. Bristow II, Fort Riley garrison senior noncommissioned officer, Col. John Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander and Timothy Livsey as each was recognized as Employee of the Month March 9.

82 timekeeper rosters while still submitting more than 92 new certifier requirements and 33 new timekeeper requirements for the new database.

Patro's nomination read: Mike was critical in building the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Teams readiness by supporting Devil Rising live fire exercise, creating over 500 surface danger area diagrams which ensured both direct and indirect fires were deconflicted.

His effort resulted in a safe, realistic exercise for the "Devil" brigade Soldiers in the Fort Riley maneuver area, away from the confines of a fixed range. The platoon level combined live fire exercise incorporated the M1 tank 120mm main gun, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle 25mm Bushmaster chain guns, the AH-64D Apache attack helicopter 30mm cannon, 120mm mortars, Bangalore Torpedoes, inert

mine clearing line charges, the HMMWV MK19 40mm automatic grenade launchers, .50 caliber machine guns as well as 7.62mm and 5.56mm individual small arms.

Other nominees included: Judy Fielder, Directorate of Emergency Services; Brandi Casey, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Rafael Rivera, Directorate of Public Works; Timothy Morgan, Directorate of Emergency Services; Quinton Williams, Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Gil "John" Martinez, Directorate of Human Resources.

All nominees received a certificate of appreciation signed by the garrison commander and garrison command sergeant major, along with a garrison coin.

## BRUBAKER RECOGNIZED FOR EXTRA DEED

Myron Brubaker, Garrison Public Affairs Office, was also

recognized for his efforts assisting Chap. (Col.) Timothy Walls.

"Not too long ago our system went down in Kapaun Chapel," Walls said. "We couldn't figure out what the problem was. We were going to have to spend several hundred dollars to try to bring somebody in to figure it out."

Walls said that a member of his staff recommended contacting Brubaker to inspect the system first.

"Mr. Myron came out and assessed the problem," Walls said. "It didn't take him long to figure out what the problem was and he got our system up and running. I just want to say thank you."

For his efforts Brubaker was presented with a special glass plaque at the close of the monthly garrison Employee of the Month ceremony held at the Garrison Headquarters building.

## MOORE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Courtesy Photo | USD 475

Morris Hill Elementary is celebrating 60 years this year. Built in 1957-1958, this Fort Riley elementary school is a dedicated part of USD 475. Morris Hill Elementary celebrated its 60 years with an all-school assembly March 8, where an Award of Excellence commemorative plaque was presented to the principal, Kenneth Upham, by former principal Gregory Lumb. In the evening, students, parents and staff were invited to attend a Chili and Bingo Night. Everyone was greeted at the door by cheerful staff handing out Panther Pride wristbands. Following the dinner, students and parents alike enjoyed a few games of bingo. Joining the celebration, alumni had the opportunity to share their years of experience with Morris Hill Elementary.

## FORT RILEY'S POLICE GET AWARD



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Fort Riley Law Enforcement Officer Mike Lowe receives an award during the Police Banquet, March 9, for being the Fort Riley Police Department's Officer of the Year. Fort Riley Police Administrator Josh Beamer was also awarded as the department's Police Administrator of the Year, but was not present at the banquet.

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# Millard says goodbye after long career in air traffic control

Story and photo by Andy Massanet  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

When he joined the Army, the draft was still in force, Army senior noncommissioned officers were Korean War veterans, the Vietnam War was in its final days and the Cold War was raging.

When Ralph Millard retired Feb. 28 after 40 years of service as a Soldier and a Department of the Army civilian air traffic controller, computers were virtually everywhere, people could talk on the phone anywhere and American Soldiers were setting the performance standard in the 24/7 fight against terror.

During the years in between, Millard, among many things, served as the chief air traffic controller for the 1st Infantry Division during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm for which he earned the Bronze Star. As a Department of the Army civilian, he was a planner and coordinator behind the resurrection of Marshall Army Airfield beginning in 2005, which had been idle since the mid-1990s.

“Fort Riley is losing an icon in the air traffic control world,” said Tim Livsey, Fort Riley deputy garrison commander and former director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Millard was here when Livsey arrived in 2005 to form and organize the first Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, and part of that work fell was the rehabilitation of MAAF which Millard orchestrated.

“Ralph has been at Fort Riley for a long time, since way back in the 24th ID (Infantry Division) days,” Livsey said.

Not bad for a New York youngster whose first job was a modest beginning to learning a trade.

“I recently visited the Social Security Office and they asked me to verify my first job was in July 1971,” Millard said in a prepared speech he gave on Feb. 3. “I was a carpenter’s apprentice.”

**THE ROAD TO A NEW AIRFIELD**

After a 20-year Army career, and through positions of responsibility, including as an air traffic controller at Fort Riley, Millard retired in 1993 as the operations sergeant major for the 4th Aviation Brigade. He first went into the private sector.

“I was a controller at Manhattan (airport) tower and worked there for about three years,” he said. “Then, in 1997, I was asked by a man named Ken Kelley, who was working in base operations, if I would be interested in applying as an air traffic controller at Fort Riley.”

At that time, Millard said, the 1st Inf. Div. had already left, the 24th Infantry Division was at Fort Riley, a reduction in force had taken place and MAAF was in caretaker status.

“But there were 15 UH-60s belonging to the 82nd Medical Detachment and four UH-1s for the Command Aviation Flight Detachment,” he said. “We also had two infantry maneuver brigades here. So they realized there was still a need for management there (at MAAF).”

Although MAAF needed much work, and was far from what it is today, Millard knew it would someday be back in full service.

“From working as a Soldier here and as a civilian I had a lot of experience at Fort Riley, and I knew we had a gem here,” Millard said. “Some of the Army’s best hangers were here. And I would go to these conferences and we’d all be talking about fielding new equipment, I’d ask ‘what about Fort Riley?’ And they’d all look at me. ‘What do you mean?,’ they’d ask. And I’d say ‘don’t forget us,’ because I always knew we’d be back into the fold with the big divisions again.”

In time, Millard became air traffic controller, air space officer, then Deputy G-3 for the 24th Infantry Division.

In 2005, with the return of the division just around the corner, and Livsey having arrived to begin work with the newly formed DPTMS, Millard became Livsey’s deputy and later chief of the ATC Branch. But despite the positive aspects like the hangers, much work still needed to be done.

“There was full attention to hiring controllers, get the air space acquired from the FAA, addressing facility concerns, and training and certification for those newly hired air traffic controllers,” Millard said.

With the return of the “Big Red One” was imminent, Livsey also knew the condition of MAAF was a significant issue, in particular the runways.

“The airfield had not been occupied or used since the mid-90s,” Livsey said, recalling the time General Richard “Dick” A. Cody, at the time the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and senior aviator in the Army, visited Fort Riley.

“Ralph will remember the time when he (Cody) flew out here in 2005,” Livsey said. “He looked at our airfield for stationing the (1st Inf. Div.) Combat Aviation Brigade out of Europe and there were four-foot weeds growing up from the runway. The concrete had been poured in the 1940s so all the concrete had failed. So we had a lot of work to do to get it back into operating condition.”

In addition, Livsey said, the air traffic control tower hadn’t been used since the mid-nineties either.



Ralph Millard, chief of the Air Traffic Control Branch, Marshall Army Airfield, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, retired Feb. 28 after a total of 40 years combined military and federal service. He stands here next to some of the memorabilia from that career.

“When we opened the door the old spiral staircase was full of cobwebs because it hadn’t been used,” Livsey said. “But he (Cody) got the message about needing a lot of energy into the air traffic control systems, radars and the communication systems in the tower. So Ralph was instrumental in standing up the air traffic control systems that enabled us to fly safely regionally; and given that we are about 7.2 nautical miles from Manhattan Airport, we have to be very careful about our regional airspace safety here. So Ralph, in his work with the Kansas City Center of the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), was instrumental in setting all this up, because return of the CAB to Fort Riley was accelerated by about a year. So all this required a lot of work to be done quickly to get the airfield and the air traffic control systems up, operational and safe so we could fly safely in the Flint Hills region.”

Livsey emphasized that not only did the Marshall Army Airfield infrastructure need to be rehabilitated, the fiber links between Kansas City Center and Salina Airport had to be established at the same time.

“Ralph created an architecture, the manning, and coordinated this all with the FAA, and because of his knowledge of how the systems work in

the FAA, he got us up and running and was instrumental to the flying success of the CAB.”

Today, Millard is looking forward to tending to his family’s Christmas tree farm, traveling, spending time with family and taking care of his health. He has battled in recent years with cancer, he said.

“I know him as a man, he’s a man of character and integrity and abiding faith,” Livsey said. “He’s one of few people I’ve known personally who has survived two bouts with cancer and stared death in the eye in both cases. He’s just a great man, respected by all and a constant giver back to the community in his free time. He’s been a true stalwart here in our region, our airport here at Fort Riley and very impactful for the region and the state as well.”

When he closed his Feb. 3 speech, Millard said, “Let me pass on to you what was passed on to me over the years. Save money for yourself and your retirement . . . There will be a day you will be retiring.

The last thing you want is to find out it will be hard for you to meet financial requirements upon retirement. Try to treat people with dignity and respect. Be considerate of others and don’t expect the same in return.”

# Army welcomes new senior acquisition official

By Devon L. Suits

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper officially welcomed Bruce D. Jette back to the Army during a ceremonial swearing-in ceremony March 12 at the Pentagon .

Jette was officially sworn in as the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology in early January. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and served in the Army for 28 years.

The Army’s secretary said Jette’s experience in uniform will inform his role as the service’s senior acquisition official.

“(Bruce Jette) comes in understanding the importance of what we do in the Army,” Esper said.

“He has children and relatives who are in the fight. He knows how important it is to send them out as well prepared as possible. He is someone who is reform-minded, and he takes a look at something and focuses on the outcome of the product, not the process,” Esper said.

Blessed to have the opportunity to serve once again, Jette got emotional as he thanked his wife and family for being the foundation on which he stands. Jette also thanked everyone that helped prepare him for the long road that lies ahead.

In his new role as ASA(ALT), Jette will serve as the Army’s acquisition executive, the senior procurement executive, the science advisor to the secretary of the Army, and the Army’s senior research and development official. Additionally, Jette has the added responsibility for all Department of the Army matters related to logistics, Esper said.

“It’s fair to say that he is charged with the future readiness of the Army,” Esper said. “I know he’s determined to reform the acquisition system and



Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper, left, officially welcomed Bruce D. Jette, right, back to the Army during a ceremonial swearing-in ceremony March 12 at the Pentagon.

make it far better to meet current, emerging and long-term threats.”

Before his confirmation, Jette served as the president and chief executive officer for a company he founded to provide management and technical consulting, engineering services, and project management in support of military and governmental agencies, as well as commercial industry.

“I know how this intellectual property works. That’s one of my charges that I take on: to try and improve our ability to manage intellectual property negotiations in our contracts so that we get better value to the taxpayer and better results for the Soldier in battle,” Jette said.

Additionally, his previous acquisition service includes founding the U.S. Army Rapid Equipping Force.

“He’s the right man, for the right job, at the right time,” Esper said.

**PROUD TO SERVE**

Jette retired as a colonel after serving 28 years on active duty

in the Army. Even at 5 years-old, Jette said he had wanted to become an Army officer.

“I was watching an episode of The West Point Story ... [and] I remember telling [my dad] I was going to go,” he said. “That TV show put the mark on the wall. I never took my eyes off.”

As Jette progressed through his grade school years, his teachers cultivated his natural talent for math and science. And when presented with the opportunity to gain some field training experience through the Boy Scouts of America, Jette happily accepted.

It was his time with the Scouts that eventually granted him an opportunity to visit West Point.

“While I was there, I accosted this major who was just walking out of the library and said, ‘I want to go to West Point,’ I think I was 12. He was kind enough to stop what he was doing and take this kid’s name and address. He gave me a weekend at West Point,” Jette said.

The major’s lasting impression sealed the deal. Jette worked hard and was later accepted into the U.S. Military Academy, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in nuclear engineering and chemistry. In addition, the new ASA(ALT) also holds both a Master of Science degree and a doctorate in electronic materials from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

As Jette progressed through his career, he commanded several armor and cavalry companies and held various staff assignments at the battalion and brigade levels. Furthermore, he served two overseas tours and had more than two years of operational deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait.

“Kathy, thank you for standing alongside him for all these years,” Esper said, commenting on the Jette’s 41 years of marriage. “We’re going to borrow him for a few more (years) ... I know that at the end of the day the Army will be far better off with Bruce here in this assignment, doing what he does best.”

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# Fire risk is high, use extreme caution; it only takes a spark

By Katie Horner  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

It only takes a spark. That’s the message that Kansas Division of Emergency Management; Department of Agriculture, Office of the State Fire Marshal and Kansas Department of Transportation; and Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism officials want Kansans to understand: It only takes one spark to set off a fire that could rage across thousands of acres.

“Current dry weather conditions and high winds have created an extremely high risk for fire,” said Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general and director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. “More than once in recent years, we have seen the devastation that can result from wildfires. Homes have been destroyed, livestock killed, thousands of acres of farmland completely burned, resulting in millions of dollars in economic loss.”

“It is vital that Kansans avoid any activity that could possibly start a fire,” Tafanelli said. “Such as driving vehicles across dry grass, or using work equipment on dry fields. As always, be careful that you extinguish any smoking materials completely. Basically, just be cautious when doing anything that might create the spark that starts a catastrophic fire.”

The Department of Agriculture also advises to avoid activities which could create a spark and ignite a fire, like welding or brush hogging, during times of high fire danger. The Office of the State Fire Marshal adds to always check the weather before burning. Often weather conditions are forecast to change rapidly increasing the risk of a fire spreading out of control.

“KDOT would like to remind the traveling public this year to be mindful of any activity that could cause a spark, including pulling over on the side of a road that has tall grass,” said State Transportation Engineer Catherine Patrick. “If you find yourself driving through an area where a fire has been reported and visibility is reduced, be cautious when driving through heavy smoke and do not pull over near a fire.”

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism urges anyone spending time outdoors to be especially careful. Never throw

burning cigarettes from moving cars. Never drive through tall grass as hot mufflers or catalytic converters can ignite dry grasses.

Avoid campfires and burning trash until measurable precipitation falls. And when visiting a state park, state fishing lake or state wildlife area, heed the rules regarding campfires.

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management continues to monitor weather conditions that have sparked several wildfires across the state. KDEM personnel are in contact with county emergency managers to respond with state assistance, if needed.

The State Emergency Operations Center is activated to a level 2- Partial Activation to coordinate response efforts. Representatives from The Kansas Division of Emergency Management, the Kansas National Guard, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Kansas Forest Service are in the SEOC.

The Kansas National Guard has placed several Black Hawk helicopters with Bambi buckets on standby. The KSNG’s Joint Operations Center was also activated.

Included, please find a list of wildfire safety tips to consider before, during and after a fire.

## WILDFIRE SAFETY TIPS

### Starts with Prevention:

- Use caution any time you use fire. Check local weather conditions before burning outdoors. Consult your county emergency manager to see if there is a burn ban for your area.
- Dispose of charcoal briquettes and fireplace ashes properly, never leave any outdoor fire unattended, and make sure that outdoor fires are fully extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving the area.
- Do not use welders or any equipment that creates sparks outside on dry, windy days.
- Do not park vehicles in tall, dry grass if a fire weather watch or fire weather/red flag warning has been issued. Exhaust systems are very hot and can ignite dry grass.
- Store combustible or flammable materials in approved safety containers away from the house.
- Keep the gas grill and propane tank at least 15 feet away

from any structure. Clear a 15-foot area around the grill. Do not use the grill during potentially dangerous fire weather conditions.

- Always have a fire extinguisher or hose nearby.

### Pre-event preparation:

- Make an emergency plan with your family.
- Maintain detailed records of your belongings, property, livestock, animals.
- Create a defensible space.
- Build home with fire resistant building material.
- Remove flammable material from within 30 ft. from home including: removing debris, trash, wood piles, leaves, tall grass, weed, and plants.
- Within 30-100 ft. reduce flammable vegetation. Create fuel breaks such as add driveways and gravel walkways.
- Regularly clean out gutters and roof lines.
- Make sure garden hoses are long enough to reach any area of home. Fill garbage cans and tubs with water.
- Video or record home’s contents and review homeowner’s insurance policy.

### During Event

- Fire Weather Watch: when potentially dangerous fire weather conditions are possible over the next 12 to 72 hours.
- Fire Weather Warning or Red Flag Warning: NWS issues a fire weather warning or red flag when fire danger exists and weather patterns that support wildfires are either occurring or expected to occur within 24 hours. Authorities may issue a fire weather watch before a warning, but a warning may also be the initial notification.
- Evacuation Notice: If the danger is imminent, local authorities may issue an evacuation notice to alert residents that a fire is nearby and it is important to leave the area. Evacuation orders vary by state and community and may range from voluntary to mandatory. When authorities issue a mandatory evacuation notice, leave the area immediately.



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# Army Emergency Fund begins with upper echelon support

By Will Ravenstein  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

On March 6, the Army Emergency Relief Fund’s 2018 campaign began at the monthly Riley’s Town Hall Meeting at Riley’s Conference Center.

Though the Army-wide campaign started March 1, and runs through May 15, the forum provided an opportunity for Clint Strutt, Fort Riley Financial Readiness Program manager, to explain the program to local commanders and Family Readiness Groups.

“I want you to know some of the local things that are going as far as the AER Campaign here on Fort Riley,” Strutt said. “First off, our goal is \$75,000 this year. I think that we have no problem achieving that goal because what AER Headquarters wants us to do is make sure Soldiers and family members are 100 percent informed. They don’t want 100 percent contact, they want to make sure Soldiers know that AER is the best game in town.”

This year marks the 76th year of the program’s theme, Soldiers taking care of Soldiers.

The program was established two months after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Chief of Staff of the

Army. The purpose to assist Soldiers, families and retirees began when they faced financial distress.

Soldiers, regardless of rank, retirees and dependents are able to secure an interest and fee-free loan to assist through emergencies that happen in life. Examples include: travel, health care expenses, food purchases, essential furniture, funeral expenses, rent or mortgage payment, initial rent and deposit, appliance maintenance, minor home repairs and utilities.

The loans are confidential, secure and are based on two criteria. The first is the Soldier’s ability to repay and if circumstances are beyond the Soldiers control. Grants are also available to give Soldiers help without the obligation of repayment if criteria warrant.

Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew T. Bristow II, Fort Riley garrison senior noncommissioned officer, encouraged post leaders to get their Soldiers involved in the program.

“I just ask all the command teams to find a way to sell this to your Soldiers,” he said. “They are coming in, and a lot of commanders are asking what is their limit. (Soldiers) can get an AER, just under \$3,000 without going to the command teams. Your Soldiers are using this, but not necessarily contributing back to it. So, I would ask everyone in here to try a little bit harder in selling it to your Soldiers.

Eventually, we will hit a point where we are unable to provide like we do now.”

Though there is no requirement for Soldiers to make a tax-deductible donation to the AER to use the services, loans going out exceed donations coming in. For every dollar donated locally in 2017, \$13.50 was loaned out to Soldiers, family members or retirees on Fort Riley, according to Strutt.





“This year, when we take a look at the donations of 2017 that AER brought in at Fort Riley compared to the amount of money that went out the door, it was \$13.50 went out in assistance for every dollar that came in,” Strutt said. “So, we want to make sure you understand because we can loan the same dollar over and over again that \$13 isn’t necessarily coming out of the AER coffers. But, that is a pretty big deal, when you can loan that same dollar out. I’m not sure that we can get 13 loans out of the same dollar that we do.”

After the presentation, Strutt said he was pleased to hear the support from Bristow.

“I think that the command emphasis is always important when it comes to something like the AER campaign,” he said. “So it’s nice, in this forum, that he was willing to put his weight behind it.”

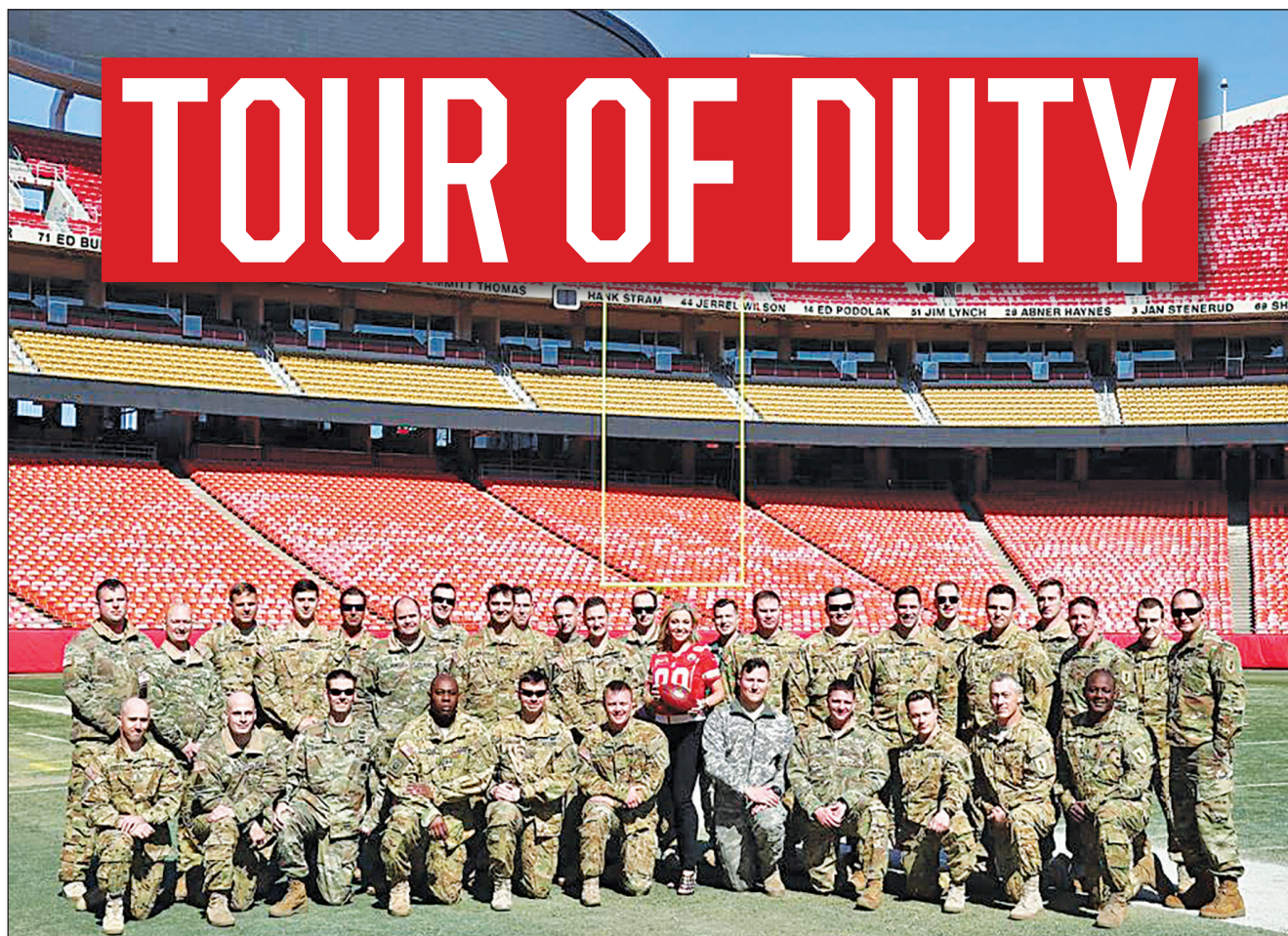
Last year, Fort Riley’s AER raised more than \$82,000 in pledges.

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COURTESY PHOTOS  
Members of the 1st Infantry Division visit Arrowhead Stadium March 9 to meet with players and staff as part of a professional development visit centered on teamwork.

## Kansas City Chiefs welcome 'Big Red One' Soldiers for behind-the-scenes look at organizational dynamics

By Matt McMullen  
CHIEFS REPORTER

There's no telling what a pair of teams can learn from one another when they work together.

That was the goal March 9, as more than 30 Soldiers from Fort Riley visited the Chiefs' offices to learn more about the organizational dynamics at 1 Arrowhead Drive.

"One of the marks of a great team is to foster organizational learning," said Emmet Gariepy, the Chiefs' Military Liaison. "It is a great thing for these warrant officers to see how the Chiefs and the civilian sector prepares their team."

The visit encompassed a full day, providing the Soldiers with a thorough tour of Arrowhead Stadium and The University of Kansas Heath System Training Complex all the while meeting Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt, Head Coach Andy Reid, General Manager Brett Veach, Strength and

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Rakeem Nunez-Roches, defensive end for the Kansas City Chiefs, talked to Soldiers from Fort Riley about teamwork March 9 during their visit to Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri.

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EMMER GARIEPY | MILITARY LIAISON, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

## Strong Bonds retreat speaks to married couples

Family readiness event teaches Soldiers, spouses value of communication

Story and photo by Spc. Berta Morales  
19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Several Soldiers and spouses of the 1st Infantry Division traveled to a Holiday Inn in Kansas City, Missouri, to build family readiness at a couples seminar presented by a St. Louis, Missouri native, Maj. Chris Weinrich, 1st Inf. Div. Artillery chaplain, March 2 to 4.

The couples retreat weekend provided complimentary meals, family care and lodging for 15 families. After dropping off their children in the provided day care, the Soldiers and their significant others made their way to Weinrich's "Five Love Languages" seminar.

"I want to help build marriage relationships," Weinrich said "Enhance Soldiers with an understanding of who they are, (as) men and women but also with their spouses and kids. These events provide couples and families readiness to plan for future missions."

Weinrich started the seminar with a test in which he instructed everyone to answer honestly. The participant's answer indicated their love language,



Maj. Chris Weinrich, chaplain for 1st Infantry Division Artillery from St. Louis, Missouri, talks with couples about the different love languages at the DIVARTY Strong Bonds event in Kansas City, Missouri, March 3. Weinrich mingled with everyone during lunch, offering advice and involving the whole family.

crucial knowledge for the remainder of the seminar.

Love language profiles, a concept of marriage counselor and author Gary Chapman, explain how different individuals communicate as part of a romantic pairing and how knowing which of five "languages" one's partner uses can improve the relationship, according to Chapman's website.

Once the test was complete, many participants were surprised with their

own results, as well as those of their spouses, which allowed for discussion among the couples.

"I learned a couple things about her, like her love language; it's pretty cool to know that and how she thinks," said Pvt. Evion Scott, DIVARTY, from Wasilla, Alaska, about bonding with his spouse at the event.

As the seminar progressed, Weinrich explained how communication is important in a relationship — to know

### FAMILY TIP

- Planning for future trainings and deployments can help with potential hurdles for the entire family.

how one's partner communicates love is the first step to understanding each other, he said.

He also said that planning for future trainings and deployments can help with potential hurdles for the entire family.

Throughout the class, Weinrich showed many videos, a PowerPoint presentation and gave everyone their own copy of Chapman's book "The 5 Love Languages." He encouraged open conversation, which allowed attendees to be exposed to different ideas and the shared advice from older marriages to more newly established relationships.

"We did discuss how to help out on your marriage when your husband is deployed," said Angie Lee, an Army spouse who herself is prior service. "The book has a couple chapters that I will revisit when the time comes."

After completing the lessons of the day, couples were able to venture out and explore the sights of Kansas City.

"I'm really enjoying myself," Lee said. "I've learned a couple things about him here in the Strong Bonds that I didn't know before and it'll help make our marriage better."



COURTESY PHOTO  
K-State Women's Basketball senior Shaelyn Martin accepts the 2018 Tammie Romstad Durable Award from Col. Jay McGuire, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade commander, March 11, in the Steve and Kay Theede Club at Bill Snyder Family Stadium in Manhattan, Kansas.

## Resilient Wildcat receives award

'Durable' brigade honor goes to senior on women's hoops team

By Lt. Col. Brian D. Beiner  
1ST INF. DIV. SUST. BDE.

The 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade attended the annual Kansas State Women's Basketball Team Banquet March 11, in the Steve and Kay Theede Club at Bill Snyder Family Stadium in Manhattan, Kansas. This banquet celebrated the Lady Wildcat's accomplishments during its 2017-18 season and honored its three seniors as their college basketball career drew to a close.

As part of the community partnership program between the team and the "Durable" brigade, Jeff Mittie, K-State women's head coach, invited Col. Jay McGuire, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde. commander, to present the 2018 Tammie Romstad Durable Award.

This award is presented to a dedicated and hard-working player who has given her absolute best throughout her career as a Lady Wildcat, both on and off the basketball court, as well as overcoming struggles to become one of the best in the game and a role model to her team and school. It is named after Tammie Romstad, a former

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## Ceremony available to Fort Riley graduates

1ST INF. DIV. POST STAFF

Fort Riley military personnel, family members and civilian personnel who are graduates of local area colleges, including Barton Community College, Central Michigan University, Central Texas College, Hutchinson Community College, Kansas State University, Southwestern College, University of Kansas, University of Mary, and Upper Iowa University or distance learning college programs during the 2017-18 school year are invited to participate in the Fort Riley Combined Graduation Ceremony at the Hilton Garden Inn conference center in Manhattan, Kansas, May 24 at 1 p.m.

For information on participation, contact Monica Smith at 785-239-6481.



# FORT RILEY POST-ITS

## UFC WATCH PARTY APRIL 7

The Warrior Zone will be hosting a Pay-Per-View watch party for Ultimate Fighting Championship event No. 223 between Tony Ferguson and Khabib Nurmagomedov for the lightweight title. The event will take place April 7. Admission is free. There will be food specials offered. The preliminary will begin at 5 p.m. and the main fight card will begin at 9 p.m. The Warrior Zone is open to ages 18 and up. For more information, call 785-240-6618.

## SUNDAY FUNDAY WITH BOWLING CENTER; LUCKY FUN RUN

Sunday will be a great day to visit the Custer Hill Bowling Center. From noon to 6 p.m., for \$35, you and up to five family members or friends can enjoy two hours of unlimited bowling, one large one-topping pizza, two pitchers of soft drink or one pitcher of beer. Price includes rental of bowling shoes. For more information, call 785-239-4366. **Lucky Fun Run:** Get fit and festive as you celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Get Lucky Fun Run 3.0. This is not a timed event. The course is approximately two miles; pet and strollers welcome. Cost: Advance registration: \$8; On-site registration: \$10.

## BACKPACKING TRIP WITH BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers — BOSS is hosting a three-day and two-night Big Piney Trails backpacking trip Mar 22 to 24. Limited slots available. Volunteer opportunities: 

- Fort Riley animal shelter — March 21

 BOSS Bible study held every second and fourth Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Warrior Zone Conference Room For more information, call 785-239-BOSS.

## COCKTAILS AND CANVASES

Join us for a fun night of Cocktails and Canvases April 7. Create a “masterpiece” while enjoying a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage. The event is at Riley’s Conference Center and doors open at 6 p.m. Painting starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$25 per person and includes supplies, instruction and one beverage ticket. Advance tickers purchase is recommended. For more information, call 785-784-1000.

## TACO TUESDAY AND PASTA WEDNESDAY

Stop by Riley’s Conference Center for lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Taco Tuesday features an all-you-can-eat meal with a choice of meat, hard and soft shell tacos, salsa bar, rice, beans, salad bar and dessert. Pasta Wednesday features pasta main dish, green beans, focaccia and Greek salad. The buffet costs \$9.95, which includes a drinks. A salad bar only is available for \$5.95. For more information, call 785-784-1000.

## USO NO-DOUGH DINNERS SCHEDULED

USO Fort Riley, will make it easy on your pocket-book with two No-Dough Dinners in March and April. The Culinary Arts Lab at 251 Custer Ave. is the locale for a No-Dough Dinner at 5 p.m., March 29, and again at 5 p.m. April 26. For more information, call 785-240-5326 or visit USO Fort Riley Facebook or the website: [fortriley.uso.org/](http://fortriley.uso.org/).

## MWR ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

A great place to spend a cold winter day.. Upcoming classes include: 

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- Framing and matting class — March 19 cost \$10
- Adult Art class — Tree on Canvas — March 25 cost \$15

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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](mailto:bluestar@rileymwr.com).

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Discount tickets are available for events in the surrounding area as well as major theme park destinations. Upcoming events with discount tickets include: **Great Wolf Lodge - Kansas City Hotel:** Blackout dates apply. Waterpark tickets included for all guests. **B&B Junction City Gem Theater:** \$30 value gift card for \$25 good for movie tickets and concessions. **Kansas City Sprint Center:** Disney on Ice - Dream Big tickets for the Sept. 14 to 17 performances for \$20 to \$33 depending upon show and seats selected. **And much more!** For more information on tickets and travel packages available through the Leisure Travel Center, call 785-239-5614/4415.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

# Green not just for St. Patrick’s Day

By Col. John D. Lawrence  
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

Saturday is St. Patrick’s Day and the term I’ve heard a lot includes “... the wearin’ O’ the Green.” For those celebrating the Feast of Saint Patrick it demonstrates your participation in the festivities, but for many of us, we wear the green every day. Interesting information about the evolution of the uniform we wear can be found in The Survey of U.S. Army Uniforms, Weapons and Accoutrements document found at [history.army.mil/html/museums/uniforms/survey\\_uwa.pdf](http://history.army.mil/html/museums/uniforms/survey_uwa.pdf).

At the beginning of the nation’s history, only a few militia organizations had uniforms but most Soldiers wore civilian clothing. General George Washington ordered the use of a hunting shirt as a field garment to provide some uniformity. Later it evolved into a similar style to what the British Army was wearing at the time. Uniforms have gone through many transitions and



Colonel Lawrence

color changes since then, but usually have reflected the civilian style of the time. The availability of particular materials or colors as well as the mission also had an impact on the design. A system of branch colors was first introduced in 1851: Prussian blue for Infantry, scarlet for Artillery, orange for Dragoons, green for Mounted Rifles and black for Staff and this also evolved as branches increased and changed. In 1954, for the first time, the Army embraced the philosophy that uniforms for officers and enlisted should look the same,

distinguished only by insignia. It took a decade before this was fully implemented. The mission of the Army is ever evolving, as is the uniform we wear. For those of us wearing Army green every day, I challenge you to do so with the best respect for your uniform and the heritage it stands for. Take that extra step to ensure you represent the Army to the best of your ability.

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\*\*\*Check for schedule over Training Holiday weekends\*\*\*





Military wives come together for Resilient Spouse Academy March 8, a comprehensive four-day course from March 5 to 8. The course helped spouses build strong bonds with each other.

## Army spouses get chance to network

### Resilient Spouse Academy event shows power of networking

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

"Learn the skills to help you to help others," said Kim Masaracchia, secretary of the Fort Riley Spouses Club and wife of Col. Charles Masaracchia, chief of staff of the 1st Infantry Division. "That is what this program was for."

Masaracchia attended the Resilient Spouse Academy at Army Community Service, 7264 Normandy Drive, from March 5 to 8 with fellow Army spouses.

The four-day program taught spouses networking skills, said Jane Brookshire, program manager of Army Family Action Plan and the interim Army volunteer co-coordinator.

Throughout the program, professionals from various organizations like Fort Riley Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program briefed the spouses on available resources and services.

This knowledge, Brookshire said is what she wanted to teach the spouses.

Additional skills RSA focused on were Master Resiliency Training, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, substance abuse, financial resilience and taught

spouses how to respond to abuse of neglect reports.

Masaracchia said the tools she also learned were communication, resources and how to identify signs.

"I'm just always impressed with how much the Army offers in the ACS programs and all of the programs on-post to help people," Masaracchia said.

Tish Hampton, co-volunteer program manager at ACS said that she has been at Fort Riley 11 years. When she first arrived at Fort Riley, she said she didn't know ACS existed.

"I (used to) not know anything about ACS: I didn't know what ACS had to offer, that we even had programs,"

Hampton said. "My senior advisor said they had RSA going on so I should go try that."

To those who are not actively looking for a program like RSA, Masaracchia said that as a spouse completing the course she needs to go out now and recruit spouses for RSA.

"Programs like (RSA) shows that the Army cares about their families, spouses and their Soldiers or they wouldn't offer these programs," Masaracchia said. "That is what people need to remember, to take advantage of these programs they offer. They are for the good of our community and I think people forget that."

To register for RSA, call ACS at 785-239-9947/9435.

### TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of March 13 was: Where on Fort Riley's website can I find information about the Exceptional Family Member Program?

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

This week's winner is Mary Martin, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew Martin, of Company B, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

Above are Mary and Matthew Martin.

**CONGRATULATIONS MARY!**



### Easter Sunrise Service

01APR18  
0700-0800  
Victory Chapel Parking Lot B  
Inclement Weather indoors@ Victory Chapel

*"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies."*  
John 11:25



A St. Patrick's Day Party brings more than 30 families to Fort Riley's Post Library March 10. The library volunteers had homemade puffy paint for the kids to decorate leprechaun beards.

## 'Luck of the Irish' comes early to Fort Riley Post Library

### St. Patrick's Day party attendees learn about Ireland's heritage

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

Leprechauns arrived at Fort Riley Post Library's St. Patrick's Day Party March 10 with homemade puffy paint beards bringing about 30 families to the event.

"We are celebrating Irish heritage with a shamrock party," said Terri Seaman, post library director. "The kids are making their own puffy paint out of shaving cream and glue and they are decorating their leprechaun with the puffy paint. We have snacks and puzzle games the kids can play."

Seaman said they wanted to plan a small, kid-friendly party to say thank you to families. Weeks leading up to the party, she said they had volunteers help color paper shamrocks that dangled from the ceiling and were taped around the library.

"We are really happy the kids came through these last few weeks to help us make the shamrocks so that we can decorate the library with," Seaman said. "We get a lot of participation from the parents and the kids. So it makes (the events) nicer because we can all work together and the kids feel like they are a part of the library."

Danielle Macgregor, wife of 1st Lt. Richard Macgregor 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery

"We are celebrating Irish heritage with a shamrock party"

**TERRI SEAMAN**  
DIRECTOR, FORT RILEY  
POST LIBRARY

Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, attended the party with her daughter Enna Macgregor, 4.

"It is nice to get out and let her have an opportunity to do a craft and explore the library to get a book," Danielle said as Enna ate a slice of cake with green frosting. "She of course loves the sweets."

The last holiday party the Macgregors attended was the Halloween party in 2017, Danielle said.

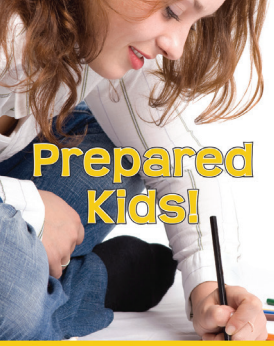
As soon as Enna was done eating her slice of cake she asked her mom if she could share her toys with another kid at the shamrock party because she said she has too many toys.

Other kids around the arts-and-crafts table decorated their paper leprechaun with red, orange or blue puffy paint beards and sideburns.

Seaman said the craft is a little messy so the parents may be hesitant to do it at home.

"So we decided to have it here at the library so the kids have a chance to do it," she said.

She said the shamrock party was a way for the kids to have fun.




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### Lent, Holy Week & Passover Services



### Catholic Services

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Fridays, 23 Feb and 2, 9, 16, 23 March  
1730 at Victory Chapel  
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**Lenten Communal Penance Service**  
Tue. 27 March  
1700 at Victory Chapel  
Reconciliation Room

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
Thur. 29 March  
1800 at Victory Chapel  
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 2100)  
If you cannot attend the evening Mass, a 1200 Mass will be celebrated at the new Hospital Chapel (first floor).

**Good Friday Service of the Cross**  
Fri. 30 March  
1500 at Victory Chapel  
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 1200)

**Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**  
Sat. 31 March  
1900 at Victory Chapel

### Protestant Services

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
Thur. 29 March  
1900 at Kapaun Chapel

**Good Friday: Service of Darkness**  
Fri. 30 March  
1930 at Victory Chapel

**Easter Sunrise Service**  
Sun. 1 April  
0700 at the Victory Chapel  
Parking Lot B

**Normal Sunday Worship Services as scheduled.**



### Jewish Services

Passover begins  
Sundown on Friday, 30 March and ends  
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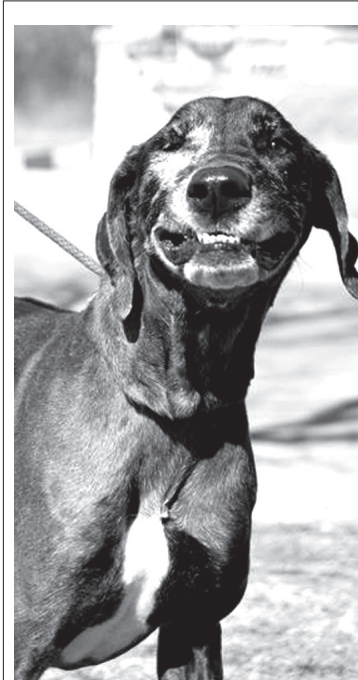


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TOUR

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Conditioning Coach Barry Rubin and a handful of players along the way.

“Our battalion wanted to do a professional development with warrant officers, so we decided to give the local professional football team a call,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Seneca Newkirk. “The biggest thing is just learning about teamwork. We have to have a pretty cohesive team in the military, and it’s the same thing here for a professional football team.”

The Soldiers, many of who recently returned from Afghanistan, are all members of Fort Riley’s 1st Infantry Division, Combat Aviation Bridge. Some of the members have deployed as many as six times.

The Chiefs have a history of supporting the military throughout the years, illustrated through numerous base visits, scholarships for Gold Star families, the annual Pros vs. GI Joes event and more than 50 years of supporting the Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection at a home game.

The visit was the next chapter of that commitment, beginning with a tour of Arrowhead that culminated in an appearance from defensive tackle Ra-keem Nunez-Roches and center Mitch Morse.

“It was cool because they really have the same dynamic as a football team,” Morse said. “Their job is much more intense, but it’s pretty exciting just to talk to these guys. We all rely on each other in football, no matter what we’re doing, and it’s the same with them.”



Members of the 1st Infantry Division visit Arrowhead Stadium March 9, to meet with players and staff as part of a professional development visit centered on teamwork.

The Soldiers came prepared, presenting both Nunez-Roches and Morse with plaques and U.S. flag flown in combat.

The shock on each of the players’ faces lit up the room. “Today meant everything,” Nunez-Roches said. “That’s family ... it just hits so close to home. You forget when they’re out there fighting for us that they’re human just like you and me. It just felt good to give back.”

From there it was on to The University of Kansas Heath System Training Complex, where the contingent visited with Hunt, Reid and Veach along with defensive tackle Chris Jones and quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

Following those interactions, the troops had lunch at the facility before attending

a panel hosted by Ambassador Jan Stenerud, Rubin and wide receiver Chris Conley. Rubin’s practices, which keep the Chiefs in peak physical condition over the course of a season, were of significant interest to the group.

“Just as professional athletes are in peak shape, we have to be in pretty decent shape to do what we do, too,” Newkirk said.

The panel also discussed the basic values required on the field, such as leadership and mental preparation, which similarly apply for those in the line of duty.

The discussion was particularly meaningful for Conley, who was raised in a military family.

“I know firsthand what happens to military families and the sacrifices that they

have to make to live their lives on the road,” Conley said. “It’s difficult, so any reprieve that we can give them is valuable, and they’re also great guys. I think it breaks down some of the stigmas of what a professional athlete is and what a soldier is. We get to connect and it’s beneficial for everyone.”

It was that connection that continued the Chiefs’ tradition of honoring those in uniform, a custom as old as the franchise itself.

“There’s so many parallels between football and life,” Conley said. “Obviously, it’s life and death for them as they protect this country, but there’s so many things that people from different backgrounds can learn from each other, and it’s no different for active military and athletes.”

AWARD

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K-State women’s basketball star whose jersey was retired in 2009 when she was inducted into the Kansas State Athletics Hall of Fame.

This year’s award recipient was Shaelyn Martin, a senior guard for the Lady Wildcats from Salina, Kansas.

Her achievements over the last four years as a Lady Wildcat include ranking 13th on the K-State career assists list with 304 assists, 22nd in career rebounds with 553 rebounds and ninth in school history for career to turnover ratio with 1.35. Her personal trophy case includes membership in the 2017 College Sports Information Directors of America All-District VII Team, as well as the 2017 Academic All-Big 12 First Team. She is also a member of the 2016 Academic All-Big 12 First Team, 2015 Big 12 Academic All-Rookie Team, and a four time member of the Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll.

She is majoring in kinesiology and minoring in leadership studies.

This year, Martin battled multiple injuries and has fought through, rehabbed and worked diligently through each and every one of them to get back on the court quickly, where her teammates needed her to be.

During the award presentation speech, McGuire explained the definition of the term “durable,” which means able to withstand wear, pressure or damage. An individual who is durable is considered strong, tough, resistant, long-lasting and indestructible, he said.

“When you merge the attributes of a durable individual

“When you merge the attributes of a durable individual to an athlete who has complete devotion to a cause of a team or organization, she becomes an unstoppable force ...”

COL. JAY MCGUIRE  
1ST INFANTRY DIVISION  
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to an athlete who has complete devotion to a cause of a team or organization,” McGuire said, “she becomes an unstoppable force who can accomplish unimaginable feats.”

During his presentation speech, McGuire said Martin personifies the spirit of the Tam-mie Romstad award, through her toughness and grit, to be where her team needed to be at crucial times during the season where her contributions on the basketball court were the difference between a win or a loss.

The banquet was attended by the K-State Women’s Basketball Team coaches, players, staff and family members. Also in attendance was retired Gen. Richard B. Myers, K-State president. Both he and the Mittie’s expressed their deep appreciation for the partnership program between the Durable brigade and the Lady Wildcats and look forward to developing deeper ties between both organizations in the future.

USO Fort Riley offers families night of gaming old-school style

Game-night event gives family members opportunity to bond

Story and photo by  
Catalina Donnelly-Vazquez  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

After a week of school and work, the USO Fort Riley gave families a chance to unwind with a game night March 9. The game night brought the opportunity for family bonding and bonding within the post. Families were able to pick from a wide range of games like Connect Four to Yahtzee.

The dinner consisted of hot dogs and chips served by Sgt. 1st Class Mathew Fuqua., 1st Infantry Division Artillery. He has been helping with the USO for the past seven years.

“I do this to just give back,” he said. “Most of the time it is super packed with a line out the door. We sometimes will bring in from different place like Chipotle, Cox (Bros.) BBQ and a few others.”

Volunteer, like Fuqua are the way that events like these are put on.

Theresa Guadago, center operations supervisor, puts together the events for the families on post every month. She said normally more than 100 people come out and reservations are placed so families are able to have a place to play games and eat food.

“One major part of this event is that no phones are allowed to be used while at game night,” she said.

This allows families to better connect without being distracted.

This went over really well with the kids at the event. Staff Sgt. Sean Twa, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division and his daughter, Cassidy enjoyed that her parents did not get on their phones which allowed more time to play games. The Twa family was able to enjoy a couple games of Connect Four.

Stefanie, Twa’s wife, also spoke about another event that is a family favorite. “Once a month the USO provides a meal for families and that is just nice to be able to get out of the house,” she said. “It is just great ... to have an event that is so family originated. The event is just a way to get away from work life and home life.”

For more USO event information visit their Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/USOFtRiley/](http://www.facebook.com/USOFtRiley/).



Staff Sgt. Sean Twa, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division plays connect four with his daughter, Cassidy, during the March 10 game night at USO Fort Riley.

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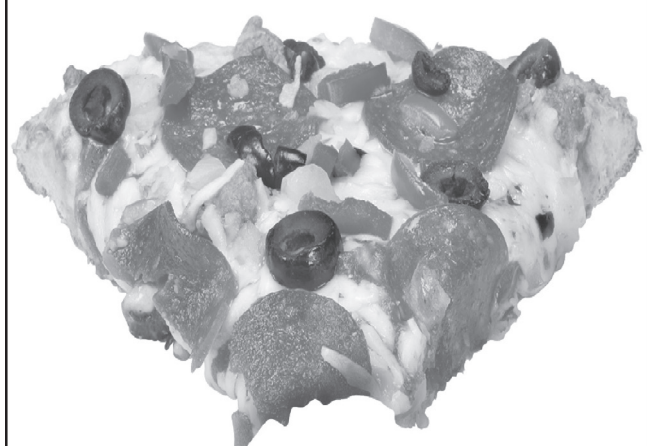
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The Historic Log Cabin from the 1800s is part of the Railroad Park exhibits. The building was a gift from by C. L. Gnadts family to the Alma Area Foundation. The log cabin was moved to this location in 1999. More information on the historic residence can be found at Wabaunsee County Historical Society Museum.

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Alma, Kansas, is known as the “City of Native Stone,” and was settled in 1858 in the heart of the Flint Hills within Wabaunsee County.

Self-guided walking and driving tours of city landmarks like the Wabaunsee County Historical Museum, antique malls and their famous cheese makes Alma an easy and relaxed destination for a day trip.

The town of about 800 has approximately 27 buildings within the city’s limits constructed of limestone, Flint Hill’s native stone. Among the buildings are Wabaunsee County Courthouse at 215 Kansas Ave.

According to the city’s website, the building was built in 1931 out of Carthage and native

stone. The Carthage stone, brought in from Carthage, Missouri, is on the façade to provide an appearance of granite, which is backed up with eight inches of native stone.

The City Hall, another historic structure, 326 Missouri Ave., was built in the early 1880s by the Limerick Brothers, two red-headed Irishmen. With a fortune of \$375,000, the story goes that they entered Alma wanting to invest. The brothers built stone business buildings that remain standing today. To this day, these buildings are called The Limerick Buildings.

The Alma Hotel, Fourth Street and Missouri Avenue, was built in the late 1800s and was known as the Brandt Hotel. During the early years, railroad crewmen and travelers would call the Brandt Hotel their home away

from home. Hundreds of years later, now called the Alma Hotel, it will undergo a renovation as the owner plans to operate the building as a bed and breakfast.

Both City Hall and the Alma Hotel are designed with a façade of native limestone.

For a full list of city landmarks, visit the city’s website at [www.cityofalma-kansas.com/](http://www.cityofalma-kansas.com/).

Next, the small town offers the Antique Emporium at 322 Missouri Ave., open seven days a week. The antique mall is open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

The large interior contains six rooms with items ranging from furniture to kitchenware, toys and linens, to coins and paper. Another antique mall is Flint Hills Trader Antiques at 306 Missouri Ave.

Mark the calendar for the Wabaunsee County Economic Development Council 10th

anniversary of the Hot Alma Nights car show Aug. 18. The car show will begin at 2 p.m. in downtown Alma. The show is free and there will be food trucks, music from the oldies, crafts, vendors and according to the website, hometown hospitality.

For more information about the upcoming car show, visit [www.travelks.com/event/hot-alma-nights/17543/](http://www.travelks.com/event/hot-alma-nights/17543/).

Alma is also the home of the famous Alma cheese. Alma Creamery at 509 East Third, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Hours may vary depending on the seasons. The creamery staff does schedule tours for groups interested in learning the cheese-making process.

For more information, call 785-765-3522 or visit their website [www.kansastravel.org/almacreamery.htm](http://www.kansastravel.org/almacreamery.htm)



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**LEFT:** A large brass bison marks the entrance to the Plumlee Buffalo Ranch in Alma, Kansas. The family-owned ranch offers agrotours around the 40-acre property, information on the Flint Hills and its native flora and photo opportunities with the buffaloes. **BELOW:** An original mail wagon from the 1880s is available at the Wabaunsee County Historical Society Museum. Before the arrival of motor vehicles, mail carriers such as the one here were used to deliver mail and consumer goods all year long.

