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IMCOM leader visits

Story and photo by Will Ravenstein
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On March 13 and 14, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl made his first visit to Fort Riley in the two years since taking the position.

Dahl's visit was a whirlwind of activity as he toured many locations on Fort Riley both in the air and on the ground.

"It's taken me two years to get to Fort Riley," Dahl said. "That's not something you should be ashamed of, it's a feather in the cap because you have a great reputation and a great team here. I didn't have to come here right away. This is a community that leads itself and really does extraordinary work. It's a pleasure to be here."

Of the 75 installations under IMCOM, Dahl has visited over 70 of them with Fort Riley being one of the last visits.

IMCOM's vision of being committed to service, enhancing readiness and sustaining the Army culture, Fort Riley is meeting that vision and training readiness ever day.

"The capabilities here at Fort Riley can meet just about anybody's mission requirements," Dahl said. "That's important because we don't always know what our next mission is going to be. You have to have that kind of adaptability, agility, versatility to create the kind of training that is necessary for whatever environment. Often times we can't anticipate it. I'm really seeing that in spades here at Fort Riley."

After an aerial tour of Fort Riley, Dahl landed outside the Mission Training Complex and was guided through the facility by Bill Raymann, Chief Training Division, DPTMS, and Scott Fellows, Simulation Officer Exercise Plans.

Dahl was shown the capabilities of the MTC and the ability given to commanders out in the field to experience a total war fighter simulation with elements on the ground and in the simulators.

"We are not unique in that aspect, for the live virtual

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US Army works with NATO allies, stands ready



A Danish soldier, left, coaches a U.S. Army Soldier with the 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, as he uses a Danish M60 Machine Gun during a multinational weapons training session in Tapa, Estonia, March 10, as part of a rapid response readiness exercise in support of Atlantic Resolve.

Story and photo by
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DETACHMENT

TAPA, Estonia — At 59 degrees north latitude, the training area used by the U.S. Army this past week in Estonia differs greatly from many places in the United States.

Among the things that stand out to those who visit are the frigid temperatures. Given this challenge, and the no-notice order to rapidly move from Germany to Estonia, Soldiers of the 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, tested their mettle during a series of training events March 6 to 14.

Making it through these challenges required each Soldier to trust the training completed up to this point in their deployment to Europe. It also required them depend on their countrymen, and in this case, their NATO allies.

"This is one of the most tightly knit teams I've seen in my 26 years in the Army," said Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Vedros, the senior en-

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'Demon' brigade fields improved Apache helicopters

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

Pilots from 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, are getting spun up on the new AH-64E Apache helicopters as they take to the sky around Marshall Army Airfield and Fort Riley.

While the "E" model Apache looks the same on the exterior, it doesn't fly the same as the previous version. The new model flies better and is more responsive than previous models, said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Nathan Whittman, 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., aviation maintenance officer. Each pilot is required to go through 40 hours of training before their training process is complete.

More than half of the training is conducted in simulators — 10 hours

of flying in the new aircraft followed by several academic hours with written tests, Whittman said.

According to Whittman, as more and more systems have been added to the original Apache model, the aircraft has become sluggish and was not able to maintain speeds with other military helicopters. More powerful engines have changed that.

"It has been improved overall, power wise," Whittman said. "We have gained a lot of power. Our engines have finally been able to use the power they are allotted with changes to the drivetrain system and gear boxes so we can put power up to the head so we can lift more and fly faster."

Whittman said during his tours to Afghanistan, many times the Apache he flew was not able to carry a full load of fuel and weapons to conduct military operations.

"The Echo is much more responsive," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eric Simpson, 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., instructor pilot, after his first day of flying the new model. "It wants



New AH-64E Apache helicopters assigned to 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, sit on the flight line at Army Marshall Airfield on Fort Riley.

to fly. It feels like it wants to fly and fly fast. If we are conducting a medevac escort, we won't have to tell them to slow down anymore. That is important during that golden hour."

Whittman also added that the radio systems have been upgraded

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Military police train to respond to an active-shooter scenario

Story and photos by Sgt. Casey Hustin
19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

HOHENFELS, Germany — Pfc. Evan J. Teets revved around the corner and pulled to a stop on Second Street. He got out of his patrol car, opened the back door and began donning his protective gear as he said, "Active Shooter, here we go."

Since their arrival on Feb. 19, more than 20 Soldiers with the 97th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, have trained nonstop with the Joint Multinational Readiness Center for Kosovo Force 24, a NATO-led international peacekeeping force, at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

While the MP's three-week training included presence patrols and various law and order operations on behalf of the provost

marshal, the main focus during this rotation was active-shooter response, which culminated March 6.

"I have full confidence in our people that they would do the right thing in a real event," said Sgt. 1st Class Shawn M. Taylor, platoon sergeant and provost sergeant with the 977th MP Co., 97th MP Bn.

"With 18 people on the ground (for the active-shooter event) and our patrols actively policing, my guys were able to identify and handle four shooters, two bombs and a suicide vest pretty well," Taylor said.

The MPs conducted a vast depth of training just that day as they unraveled the plot of tasks designed by the JMRC team to test a vast range of the MP's' skillsets. The tasks



Pfc. Evan J. Teets, left, and 1st Lt. Anthony J. Sinagoga, right, work together to remove an enemy threat during active-shooter response training run by the Joint Multinational Readiness Center at Hohenfels, Germany March 6.

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FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



As a teen volunteer, Aubrey Kerbs assisted with setup, cleanup, and facilitation of Sunday activities for the AWANA Youth Ministry and is often the last to leave at the end of an event. She is a teaching assistant for Bible Study, assists with Vacation Bible School and Chapel Next Services.

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

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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE TO CHECK OUT THE LIONS, TIGERS AND CHEETAHS ... OH MY!

‘Dagger’ brigade focuses on big three of interoperability

By Staff Sgt. Wallace Bonner
2ND ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Field artillery Soldiers from 1st Infantry Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, joined participants from 25 other countries to build interoperability by practicing coordinating fires during the Dynamic Front 18 exercise at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, Feb. 23 to March 10.

“These exercises are important because they allow us to train the key components of interoperability,” said Col. David Gardner, commander, 2nd ABCT.

Gardner highlighted three key components of interoperability he and his units focus on when conducting multinational exercises.

“The technical components with our equipment and systems, the procedural component with multi-national layers of command and the personal component, with the liaison teams that we exchange,” he said.

Participants exercised solutions for the technological component of interoperability in the software systems that command elements use for fire support command and control.

The software-based program, Artillery Systems Cooperation Activities, when connected to the fire support command and control systems of countries that subscribe to ASCA, provided a common interface between the different systems and enabled them to communicate and process fire support requests digitally.

“ASCA works as a filter or intermediary to allow our advanced field artillery tactical display system to talk to our allies,” said Maj. Greg Highstrom, brigade fire support officer, 2nd ABCT. “It’s very impressive watching numerous countries on one common ground.”

The exercise gave junior Soldiers an opportunity to gain valuable experience in the process.

“It’s been a lot different working with ASCA incorporated into our standard Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System, but the ASCA representatives here have helped a lot to iron out the issues,” said Spc. Ryan Carrigan, AFATDS operator, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd ABCT.

“The (German) 10th Panzer (Artillery Brigade) are real technical experts,” Highstrom said. “They had multiple people out here making sure all systems’ parameters were set and all participants’ technologies were talking to each other.”

Participants exercised solutions for managing the procedural component of interoperability in the fire mission request and processing, which each country typically handles in its own way.

In this exercise, for example, French forward observers send a fire support request to the 10th Panzer, which relays it to the 2nd ABCT Tactical Action Center, which relays it to the 1st Bn., 7th Art. Regt., fire direction center, which sends the mission to the firing batteries, Highstrom said.

Soldiers from 2nd ABCT said their calls for fire typically go from the forward observer to the maneuver battalions’ fire support



Pfc. Hayden Allega | U.S. Army

Multinational soldiers discuss fire mission protocols during Exercise Dynamic Front 18 at the 7th Army Training Command in Grafenwoehr, Germany, March 4. Exercise Dynamic Front 18 includes approximately 3,700 participants from 26 nations at the U.S. Army’s Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany Feb. 23 to March 10. 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, from theater-level headquarters identifying targets to gun crews pulling lanyards in the field.

element to the brigade fire support element, which sends it to the artillery battalion’s FDC, which sends the mission to an artillery battery to execute.

In this exercise, from the vantage of 2nd ABCT, the 10th Panzer Artillery Brigade replaced the maneuver battalion-level fire support element that would normally receive fire support requests from observers. Although this was a change to their standard process on one side of the procedural arc, once the requests reach the brigade fire support element, process remained the same for the 2nd ABCT’s side of the procedural arc, which allowed them to continue to coordinate and provide responsive fires.

“Once we understand their techniques and procedures, and they understand our techniques and procedures, I think that isolates a lot of the issues and mitigates those friction points,” Highstrom said.

Participating countries addressed the personal component of interoperability, where communication barriers can degrade or delay the process, with a solution that has a personal touch, a

warm-blooded liaison to provide context, clarity and assistance wherever needed.

Talking through differences was essential to the integration of all the different countries into a cohesive fighting force.

An added benefit was the multinational connections Soldiers made during the training.

“The friendships we make out here are pretty neat,” Highstrom said. “No one knew each other day one coming into it, now, it’s first-name basis.”

He said he found the exercise to be extremely valuable. “This is an awesome start and it needs to continue,” Highstrom said. “We need more multinational training events like this.”

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Pfc. Jacob Smith provides cover while Spc. Zachary Wolfe and Cpl. Mason Gasaway move a simulated casualty for medical evacuation during active-shooter response training run by the Joint Multinational Readiness Center at Hohenfels, Germany, March 6.

included an active shooter response, two bombings and a suicide vest.

During the event, the MP platoon eliminated each threat as their platoon leader’s death was simulated and two other MPs sustained simulated injuries, which helped their team train on eliminating the threat and prioritizing the treatment of casualties.

“My Soldiers were prepared for this,” Taylor said. “We had rehearsed a lot and had training through the JMRC.”

After conducting the training and then taking accountability of all their per-

sonnel, weapons and protective gear, the MPs sat through an after-action review of the day’s events.

“I’ll tell you, be proud of what you did today,” Maj. Brian G. Mumfrey, senior MP observer-controller-trainer with Team Mustang at the JMRC, told the Soldiers. “You took on the objective.”

This was Mumfrey’s third and, he said, fastest KFOR rotation.

“For you to be able to be there and for it to go down how it did and how fast you all were on the objective,” Mumfrey said. “That’s awesome. Be proud of that.”



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MEET THE DIRECTORS

Jeff Williamson, Directorate of Public Works director

By Kalene Lozick
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Jeff Williamson, Directorate of Public Works director, brings laughter and a business entrepreneur mentality to his team since October 2011.

As a Memphis, Tennessee native, Williamson grew up four miles away from Graceland, Tennessee, the home of Elvis Presley, the King of Rock and Roll.

While living in Memphis, he attended Memphis State University, earning the Distinguished Military Graduate and an Army commission upon graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Williamson said he is also a graduate of the Engineer Officers Basic Course, Advanced Course, the Command and the General Staff College.

With degrees in hand, he followed his father's footsteps to join the Army.

He said he was an Army Engineer officer and served in various leadership and staff positions during his 21 years, one month and 21 days of service until



Jeff Williamson, director of Public Works at Fort Riley

he retired from the active-duty in 2006 as a lieutenant colonel.

During his active-duty time, he was the Directorate of Public Works director for the Heidelberg, Germany Community and he said he dual hatted as the Logistics director at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Williamson said he was stationed at Germany for eight years, deployed on three national strategic operations, one national disaster and numerous deployments for training.

"These included 1990 and 1991 Desert Shield and Storm, 1992 Hurricane Andrew, 1993 Somalia and 1999 Albania and Kosovo," he said.

From his service in the Army, Williamson said he received the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and Meritorious Service Medal, to name a few.

He is also a member of the Association of the United States Army, Military Officers Association of America and the Society of Military Engineers.

From his in-depth military experience, Williamson said that he enjoys his job as DPW director because it supports the mission of the Soldiers and their families at Fort Riley.

The organization's vision is to provide sustainable municipal, facilities infrastructure and programs to support the installation's mission, health, safety, economic prosperity and quality of life.

Williamson said he gives back to his fellow brothers and sisters in arms because of being a part of something bigger than himself.

"It is not all about you, it is about the team," he said. "It is about the nation. I am very loyal to (our) nation. So it's all about the Soldiers."

He said he loves his job.

"I had some frustrating moments but I never had a bad day," he said. "Mark Twain said this — and I am paraphrasing this — 'when your vocation is a vacation that is success.'"

Williamson said he tells his staff that there is a far left and a right limit. If they choose to go beyond those limits then he is open to hear their approach.

"If you are going to step out of that limit then let me know," he said with a smile. "I may agree with you. I won't know until we cross it. But don't do anything that is immoral, illegal or unethical."

He said he didn't coin that, he just said that he's just worked with good leaders.

Deb Porter, chief and industrial engineer of Engineering Systems Branch — DPW said that she and her team have a very good relationship with Williamson, now that his office is across the hall.

"It has been really nice to have that support," Porter said. "A lot of people forget that industrial engineering deals a lot with process improvements — making things better and efficient . . . he sees more."

In a lot of ways, said Jacob Davis, industrial engineer of Engineering System Branch — DPW, Williamson also advises them on what they shouldn't be doing.

"What could be a waste of effort for that bottom-line, being where we need to be as an organization," Davis said.

Porter said Williamson encourages the staff to look at tasks with a critical eye and ask if it needs to be accomplished that way.

"Don't try to stifle entrepreneurship," he said. "Most people will stand six feet from the line. For me, I will put my toes up to the line and then bend over to see what's over there. 'Cause there may be something cool over there we can do . . . If you can think of a faster, better or cheaper way to do it because we are in crunch — then let's do it!"

Ready 'Devils': 1st ABCT sets a new pace for readiness

By Sgt. Michael C. Roach
19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS
DETACHMENT

With the new year still relatively fresh, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, was able to bring itself to a level of readiness which would have normally been reserved for the onset of spring.

In about 45 days of training, 1st ABCT was able to execute a gun line (a calendar which manages training) that qualified subordinate units' readiness from the individual level to the company level, making them ready for the brigade's upcoming training exercise Devil Prowl.

"The purpose behind it was to build a level of readiness for any mission anywhere," said Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Bradley Johnson, "Devil" brigade master gunner. "What we had happen whenever we came back from (South) Korea was that we had a large turnover of personnel, and the decision was made that we needed to ensure that we maintained our ability to meet any need that could arise. So that was what drove us to condense down the training to meet a higher level."

Johnson, a native of Roswell, New Mexico, who has been with the Devil brigade for seven years, was responsible in part for the development of the gun line as well as the target-based scenarios that 1st ABCT Soldiers faced during the combined-arms live-fire exercise portion of the training.

"If we would have stayed on our original gun line we would have planned to do this in a three-month period and we knocked it down to right around 45-ish days," said Johnson, who hadn't



Soldiers secure vehicles from Company C, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, as they are prepared for shipping on Fort Riley, Jan. 25. The vehicles were sent to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California where "Chosen" company used them during the rotation as an Immediate Reaction Company.

seen a training schedule of this pace before at the unit. "Last I know that anyone had to do this was when we got the orders to go into Iraq for the invasion."

At the company level, certifying individuals, crews, platoons and organizations meant spending about 18 days in the field, according to Capt. Jonathan M. Moss, commander, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st ABCT.

"For us, it began with going into crew gunnery," Moss, originally from Portland, Oregon, said.

Soldiers of the "Bulldawg" company honed their talents for the gunnery skills test before organizing as crews to man their tanks.

The crews pass a selection of scenario-based tests that are referred to as gunnery tables, which escalate from theoretical to live-fire engagements in which the tank crew will engage and destroy various targets. After each crew is certified, they are able participate in platoon training, followed by company training and so forth.

"It was a great opportunity for leaders to get integrated and it really gave the platoon leaders the chance to improve the lethality of the platoons and to really basically develop their mission command skills throughout," Moss said. "What it really did was help us build toward the goal

of sustained readiness which is what we're really looking for at the end of 45 days . . . That's where capturing that 45 days makes it a little bit easier, because you get that whole set of who's there and it's not spread out so you get that snapshot in time of Soldiers."

For Moss, the condensed timeline — while challenging — also served as an advantage in the long run as eight of the 14 vehicles in his formation had new key personnel serving on the crew. Most notably, the platoon force-on-force portion (during which new leaders had to incorporate enablers such as scouts and snipers) offered those new personnel a higher level of familiarity.

In addition to gunnery qualifications, 1st ABCT also qualified two company elements as immediate reaction companies, according to Johnson.

"The IRC role is more of a specially selected company; it's kind of a rotation that happens every three months and it's part of a global reaction force," said Capt. Thomas Mussmann, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st ABCT, commander. "Chosen" company, which was selected as an IRC.

During their rotation as an IRC, Chosen company deployed to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, where they integrated with a Stryker brigade.

"It took us about 24 to 36 hours to get onto the train, from the alert to on the train going to NTC," Mussmann, a Fort Wayne, Indiana, native, said. "It's one of those things where you're always ready, but very rarely use."

This ability to leave at a moment's notice meant that Soldiers of Chosen company had to focus heavily on maintenance and be ready to report more quickly than their counterparts across the brigade, according to Mussmann.

"It definitely makes a difference to our maintenance — there's definitely a much higher focus on maintaining readiness of equipment," Mussmann said. "Soldiers will end up sometimes pulling hours that they normally wouldn't, trying to get stuff working."

For Johnson, the benefits that Devil brigade is reaping from the accelerated training schedule happened in contrast to myriad challenges.

"The benefits are that we achieve rapid readiness in order to deploy anywhere in the world that our country would need us," Johnson said. "The biggest challenge was the continuous personnel turnover, (which happened) right before we executed and (continued) throughout."

To help combat these challenges, the Devil brigade was able to turn to Fort Riley's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, where the civilian staff was able to facilitate the needs of the training.

The DPTMS "went above and beyond, a whole lot," Johnson said. "We wouldn't have reached the training level that we are at, we wouldn't have reached the training objectives and we wouldn't have had the facilities available that we would have needed."

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ASK DR. JARGON

BAQ versus BAH

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What is the difference between BAQ, or Basic Allowance for Quarters, which my father referred to all the time, and Basic Allowance for Housing, or BAH, which my husband talks about?

Thank you.

Signed,
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Thank you again for your question and your support to your Soldier. That is truly a service to our nation!

Sincerely,
Dr. Jargon

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

Customer service at Fort Riley begins with good relationship, knowing the customer

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Since May 31, 2017, an Army-wide campaign called the IMCOM Service Culture Initiative has been in place across all U.S. Army Installation Management Command posts including Fort Riley. The program was developed under the leadership of Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, IMCOM's commanding general.

Dahl visited the post March 14, and engaged garrison leaders. Among his parting comments were his compliments to Fort Riley leaders for their embrace of SCI and he cited the post's good reputation and the numbers of satisfied customers.

Among the many agencies that achieve positive comments through the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, channel is the Douthit Range Complex, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, which features a team of former Army Soldiers who have worked together for 10 years.

According to Fred Siebe, Douthit Range Complex manager, the DRC's range liaisons work to reach two main customer service objectives: know

the customer and what he wants, and provide ways commanders can meet training requirements.

This can mean familiarity with the training requirements for both Soldiers and units stationed at Fort Riley and visiting military entities from various services. For on-post units, rapport with the commanders begins with their arrival.

"We normally try to go to changes of command and that way we get familiar with the incoming commanders and that will usually bring us in contact with the S-3 (operations shop) and the S-3 sergeant major," Siebe said. "That way we've already got the rapport before they get here (to the ranges for training). So that way they know what to expect from what we can provide."

Part of the SCI at Fort Riley is the Operation Excellence training program facilitated by Carol Fittro, management analyst for the Fort Riley Plans Analysis and Integration Office and a veteran of over 30 years of customer service experience. Fittro echoes Siebe's emphasis on knowing the customer.

"Individuals who practice good customer service put themselves in the customer's

shoes," Fittro said. "A large percentage of our employees are prior military or spouses of a military members and remember what it is like to be in the situations that our customers are experiencing. The old saying, 'treat people the way you would want to be treated,' goes a long way in practicing good customer service."

Knowing the customer and building good rapport is important for visiting units in particular. Doing so means the DRC liaisons have to both build relationships and rapport with the mission commanders when they first come to Fort Riley, then maintain that relationship with routine contact.

"We have our Air Force people who come back to us quite often from Nellis (AFB in Nevada) and do the para rescue," Siebe said. "The same with the guys who fly C-130s and the C-17s, so we keep in contact with them so they know what to expect. But once someone makes contact with us we try to maintain rapport with that unit, so when they do come back they already know they can call us at any time and ask questions about what they want to do."

Another key for DRC's customer service efforts is having a menu of options for the units in training so that if one way of doing something is not feasible or safe, another way can be used to accomplish the same training objective.

"A lot of them will ask for stuff and we'll come up with new ways of providing that for them," Siebe said. "We did a mass-cal (mass casualty exercise) with some folks out of Oklahoma, and they were being supported by Wright-Patterson AFB. They wanted to set up tents to do triage. Well, we have aid stations and all these billers. We're talking cleanliness, so they could bring personnel here and stage personnel here. You can fly them out or move them by mobile ambulance and that type of stuff."

The bottom line is that commanders receive the support they need to reach their training objectives.

"The one thing we don't like to say is no," Siebe said. "We try to facilitate ways that will meet the commander's intent."

But Fittro adds that providing options and 'not saying no,' to customers means employees must be both knowledgeable and empowered by leadership to act.

Don't get a charge out of lightning

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

While thunderstorms may or may not produce precipitation, hail or tornadoes, all produce lightning, according to www.ready.gov, the official website of the Department of Homeland Security. The website adds that "lightning continues to be one of the top three storm-related killers in the United States." It provides the following facts about lightning:

- Its unpredictability increases the risk to individuals and property.
- It often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall.
- "Heat lightning" is actually lightning from a thunderstorm too far away from thunder to be heard. However, the storm may be moving in your direction.
- Most lightning deaths and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the afternoon and evening.
- Your chances of being struck by lightning are estimated to be one in 600,000 but could be reduced even further by following safety precautions.
- Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately.

Often, victims report they were simply "caught" outside, according to literature released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. However, many people vulnerable to lightning strikes are people who work outside, said Dawn Douglas of the Garrison Safety Office.

"We got power line workers and engineers working outside to get and keep buildings up to code," Douglas said.

The good news, she said is that many structures on Fort Riley are protected.

"A lot of our buildings have Lightning Protection Systems, or LPS," Douglas said. "And we have an explosives safety guy (at the GSO) so we want to make sure those LPS systems work. And we also have processes in buildings where a surge of electricity could be deadly."

The personnel from Detachment 2, 3rd Weather Squadron, at Marshall Army Airfield issue both watches and warnings for Fort Riley, said Christopher Eklund, Master Sgt., USAF, Section Chief, Aviation Weather Operations.

"We have two separate locations we put out lightning watches and warnings for: within five nautical miles of the installation as well as for on the range," Eklund said. "We issue a lighting watch when we expect lightning within five nautical miles of installation to occur within 30 minutes. Once we observe lightning within the five nautical miles we issue the observed lightning warning. The lightning warning will be valid until 15 minutes after the last observed strike, and no thunderstorm activity is expected within 30 minutes. This is due to the fact that lightning can reach for many miles away from the storm. Just because the thunderstorm is no longer on the installation does not mean that lightning is no longer a threat."

The takeaway is to make sure you reduce your exposure to a potential lightning strike. According to www.ready.gov, if thunderstorm and lightning are occurring in your area, you should:

- Use your battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio for updates from local officials.
- Avoid contact with corded phones and devices including those plugged into electric for recharging. Cordless and wireless phones not connected to wall outlets are OK to use.
- Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords. Unplug appliances and other electrical items such as computers and turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.

- Avoid contact with plumbing. Do not wash your hands, do not take a shower, do not wash dishes, and do not do laundry. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors and do not lean against concrete walls.
- Avoid natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.
- Avoid hilltops, open fields, the beach or a boat on the water.
- Take shelter in a sturdy building. Avoid isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.
- Avoid contact with anything metal—tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, golf clubs, and bicycles.
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. Avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.

If lightning strikes you or someone you know, call 911 for medical assistance as soon as possible. The following are things you should check when you attempt to give aid to a victim of lightning:

- Breathing — if breathing has stopped, begin mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
- Heartbeat — if the heart has stopped, administer CPR.
- Pulse — if the victim has a pulse and is breathing, look for other possible injuries. Check for burns where the lightning entered and left the body. Also be alert for nervous system damage, broken bones and loss of hearing and eyesight.

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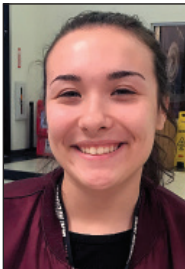
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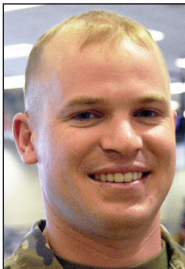
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Violence in the workplace: it's a safety issue

"Going postal." It's American slang meaning becoming extremely and uncontrollably angry, often to the point of violence, and usually in a workplace environment. Between 1986 and 1997, more than 40 people were gunned down by spree killers in at least 20 incidents of work place rage. How does the Occupational Health and Safety Administration define workplace violence? According to OSHA, workplace violence is "...any act or threat of physical violence, harassment, intimidation, or other threatening disruptive behavior that occurs at the work site. It ranges from threats and verbal abuse to physical assaults and even homicide. It can affect and involve employees, clients, customers and visitors."

Since the 80s, nearly 2 million American workers reported having been victims of workplace violence each year. Workplace violence can strike anywhere, anytime, and no one is immune. Research has identified factors that may increase the risk of violence for some workers at certain work sites. Those factors include:

- Exchanging money with the public and working with volatile, unstable people
- Working alone or in isolated areas
- Providing services and care, such as in the healthcare profession
- Working in establishments where alcohol is served
- Working late at night or early morning shifts alone
- Working in areas with high crime rates

Workplace violence incidents are more prolific in occupations such as: cashiers, delivery drivers, healthcare professionals, public service workers, customer service agents, law enforcement personnel and people who work alone or in small groups.

With the unpredictable nature of workplace violence incidents, how can the hazards associated with this problem be reduced? In most workplaces where risk factors can be identified, the risk of assault can be prevented or minimized

if employees take some of the following precautions:

- Employers establish a zero-tolerance policy towards workplace violence which covers all workers, patients, clients, visitors, contractors and anyone else who may come in contact with personnel. This policy should be well written and implemented as a part of an injury and illness prevention program. Workplace Violence is recognized by OSHA as an occupational hazard that should be mitigated by engineering controls, administrative controls and training.
- Strangers committed the greatest proportion of nonfatal workplace violence. A security program that requires controlled access to workplace areas, ID badges and physical barriers may prevent strangers from assaulting cashiers and customer service agents. Having visitors use a sign-in roster and wear visitor badges make strangers in the workplace easier to identify. Creating waiting areas that keep visitors from roaming unescorted can also help to mitigate violence. Having a manager on duty that can make decisions and resolve conflicts can also diffuse potentially violent situations.
- Encourage and foster a respectful workplace. Do not ignore office tension or disagreements between co-workers, patrons or staff. Do not neglect to conduct and follow through on background checks of employees when required. Create a system for reporting violent behavior. Keep emergency numbers for Fire/Police with dialing instruction near all phones.
- Do not write emails in all CAPS or use social media to communicate office issues/problems. Talk to people face-to-face in a respectful non-threatening tone and try, if possible, to come to a peaceful resolution to conflicts.
- Be aware of changes in attitude and or demeanor of employees. Know your employees.

- Many workplace violence issues are born out of stress whether from job, home, personal issues or health problems. Encourage employees that appear stressed to engage in wellness programs or invite them to take a micro-break to walk away from a tense situation.
- Human resources can provide arbitration for employees who are in conflict. If employee tensions cannot be resolved between employees or supervisors, contact human resources.

Shootings accounted for 80 percent of workplace violence homicides. If an active shooter enters your workplace:

Evacuate if possible, hide behind a desk, or in an office. Call 911 when it is safe to do so and provide the operator with as much detail about the shooter as you can. When law enforcement enters the building, remember to stay calm, keep your hands visible and avoid shouting and pointing.

People in crisis can easily panic. Ensure there is a simple and accessible way to leave the building. Post evacuation routes in each room, at eye level, near exits. Ensure evacuation routes from the building are never blocked, emergency exits are clear and unlocked, and implement an employee notification system to ensure everyone knows to leave the building. Make sure exits are clearly marked and contact 911 as soon as it is safe to do so.

As an absolute last resort if you must confront an active shooter, act as aggressively as possible. Use improvised weapons and throw items as a defensive measure to provide yourself enough time to exit the building. Any attempts to confront an active shooter should be for self preservation! Getting out and away from the individual is the ultimate goal. Allow law enforcement to apprehend the individual.

While violence in the workplace can escalate quickly, preparation is the key to counteract and diffuse the situation. For more information on violence in the workplace, contact the Garrison Safety Office, 785-240-0647.

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listed member of the 82nd BEB. “These men worked together like family.”

Within hours of an order to move to the Baltics, Vedros and his men packed their gear and moved more than a thousand miles from Grafenwoehr, Germany, to a location previously unknown to most of them.

“These men have done a terrific job,” Vedros said. “It was like watching an 82nd Airborne Division rapid deployment. Before anybody knew it, these Soldiers were coming to Estonia loaded up and ready to go, and our NATO allies knew exactly what to do when we sent them.”

Upon arrival, U.S. troops worked with the Estonian, U.K., Canadian and Danish armies to establish a beneficial training schedule. Among the first training events for Americans was cold-water immersion drills with the U.K.’s 1st Royal Welsh Battalion. This was followed by other training events with the Canadian Royal 22nd Regiment and the Danish Guard Hussars Regiment.

The goal for all the training is to build upon previously established relations between the U.S. and NATO allies, said Lt. Col. Jesse Curry, 82nd BEB commander.

Additionally, Curry wanted to ensure that his unit stands ready to act within a moment’s notice to any contingency in Europe. His unit is in Europe to support

Atlantic Resolve, a U.S. Army Europe effort to deter aggression in the region.

Curry added that he believes his Soldiers’ ability to rapidly move across several countries without warning sends a distinct message to any who might oppose his unit or other NATO forces.

“Our brigade is here to show that we can move and project power across all of Europe,” Curry said. “When you can take an element from anywhere in Europe and push them like we have to the most forward point within NATO, it sends a tremendous message.

That we can, and absolutely have the capability, to defend our NATO allies ... and to be lethal if necessary.”

To close out their time in Estonia, the U.S. Soldiers provided chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense training to the Estonian army’s 1st Infantry Brigade.

Spc. Dewight Young, a Bowie, Maryland, native and a CBRN specialist with the 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, participated in the weeklong mission he said he believes that what his fellow Soldiers completed in Estonia will have a lasting positive impact.

“I’ve never worked with so many people from so many different countries before, but I am glad we did,” Young said. “It’s not just Americans, but English, Danish, Estonian and everyone else working together to do something good in the world.”

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Chad L. Simon | 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jacob McGinley, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, spends an afternoon in the Apache simulator at Army Marshall Airfield on Fort Riley, Kansas, to become familiar with new the AH-64E aircraft and its upgrades form the previous Apache model.

including the navigation system which allows the aircraft to fly more direct patterns in cloudy weather.

The new systems allow the pilots to communicate better with aircraft from the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

“We could communicate with them before, but now we can communicate not only with radio but we can send them targets and data points,” Whittman said. “They can see what we are engaging and we can see what they are engaging. It brings the situation battlefield tenfold, more than what we had before.”

Simpson said the new Apache is going to give the pilots more situational awareness on the battlefield, which will increase their ability to identify both targets and friendlies.

“The pilot will have more battlefield fidelity than we had in the past,” Simpson said.

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constructive integrated architecture, LVCIA,” Fellows said. “Almost every place in the Army has that capability. Fort Riley, based on our previous senior leaders and Gen. Martin it’s something that we capitalized on to use to provide that full picture for a training brigade. It’s just something that we do. It starts with the leadership, I truly believe, and Gen. Martin has continued that.”

Fellows stated that he was glad to share what Fort Riley does for the Soldiers to Dahl.

“Our mission is to train Soldiers and that’s what we do,” Fellows said. “Sharing that with Gen. Dahl, having him see some of the things that we can do to do that. Anytime you get a senior leader from another instillation that sees more than just Fort Riley, he has something to compare it to. Like I said, I think we do it better than anyone else. Whether or not he believes that

or not, that’s his decision, we put our best foot forward.”

Dahl was also shown Fort Riley’s Outdoor Adventure Park. For Sarah Mueller, Branch Chief, the visit was a welcomed one.

“It’s always great to have leadership actually involved in coming to your facilities,” Mueller said. “He was actually the person that initially closed it (the golf course), so it’s great for him to see that was a great decision to see what we are doing now.”

Mueller explained what was currently offered at Outdoor Adventure Park and some future projects on the back burner once funding comes available to make them reality.

“I want to put in mountain biking trails with features like jumps, curves and implement them within our (current terrain),” she said. “We would have features that are man-made. I just have to get the funding, that’s the hard part.”

While there, Dahl also learned about the Fort Riley Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, and its ability to self-sustain financially.

“I’m an animal lover, it’s good to have here for the security of the animals and the protection of the animals,” Mueller said. “It gives the families the ability to adopt new animals when they recently PCS back into Fort Riley. The kennel serves the surrounding area as well, the animals are put on PetFinder. So, if someone from Independence, Kansas, sees one of our animals they can actually go to the gate, get a pass and adopt from our facility. It’s not just limited to people on the base, that’s where our main focus is, but people from off base can come in and adopt too.”

Mueller stated that the no-kill facility allows for PCS members to find a home for their fur friends, while controlling the population of stray animals in and around Fort Riley. Dahl



Will Ravenstein | POST
Bill Raymann, Chief, Training Division, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security and Scott Fellows, Simulation Officer, Mission Training Complex, speak to IMCOM Commander, Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl March 14, inside the MTC.

stated his impression that not only Fort Riley but the communities around post have made it the success it is.

“What makes an instillation really good is when all people are working together,” Dahl said. “You got the people in uniform working the mission side working with the civilian professionals working in the garrison and the other civilians on post, working with the contractors and the community and the partners. When all those people are working together that is when you see success.”

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Ashanti Ellis Corbin (with microphone), Facility Director for the Robinson Fitness Center, addresses the crowd during the Get Lucky Fun Run held at Moon Lake on Fort Riley. The run had several activities for families to participate in, including the "Best Costume Competition."

*THE BEST OF LUCK

Fort Riley families enjoy festivities at Get Lucky Fun Run



LEFT & RIGHT: The Get Lucky Fun Run was held on St. Patrick's Day, or March 17, 2018. The run, held at Moon Lake on Fort Riley, was slightly less than 2 miles in distance. The course took runners up and down a series of hills and through surrounding woods.



LEFT: Families, along with children and pets, powered through the Get Lucky Fun Run at Moon Lake, eager to cross the finish line. Younger children were not excluded, cheering their parents on and staying warm during the cool March day. **RIGHT:** Jemma Bailey, left, and Miki Melton celebrate as they cross the finish line during the Get Lucky Fun Run on Fort Riley. All of the run's participants were encouraged to wear festive attire to help celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



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ROBIN AYLING
GENERAL MANAGER,
FORT RILEY EXCHANGE

Honoring service of Vietnam veterans

Commissary, Exchange to recognize group with commemorative pins

By AAFES Public Affairs

In partnership with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency at Fort Riley will honor all who served during the Vietnam War with free commemorative lapel pins marking the war's 50th anniversary.

Any Vietnam-era Veteran who served on active duty between Nov. 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, regardless of location, is invited to visit the Fort Riley PX from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, to receive their United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin. Complimentary Vietnam Veteran bumper stickers will also be available at the event.

"The Fort Riley Exchange is privileged to partner with the commissary and the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration to offer this token of our Nation's appreciation to those who served during the Vietnam War," said Exchange General Manager Robin Ayling. "Too few of those who served during Vietnam received the homecoming their distinguished service deserved. We are truly honored to be a part of this commemoration and to do our part to honor the distinguished service of our Vietnam Veterans."

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration is a program administered by the Office of the Secretary of Defense to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The U.S. began commemoration of the Vietnam War's 50th anniversary in 2012 and will continue through Veterans Day 2025.

The Exchange is a 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemorative Partner, planning and conducting events and activities that recognize Vietnam Veterans and their families for service, valor and sacrifice in conjunction with the Commemoration.

If you are unable to come to the Fort Riley PX for a lapel pin on March 29, visit www.vietnamwar50th.com/events/ to find an upcoming event or find a Commemorative Partner in your area at www.vietnamwar50th.com/partners/partner_map/.

To those in need of locating an opportunity to receive a lapel pin on behalf of a grateful nation, please contact the Commemoration office at 877-387-9951 or whs.vnwar50th@mail.mil.

For more information, contact the Fort Riley Exchange at 785-784-2026.

Fort Riley basketball team defends home court

Men conclude home season with two victories over visiting Scott Air Force Base

By 1st Inf. Div. Post staff

The Fort Riley basketball team closed out the weekend home series, the final confrontation of the season, by delivering a perfect defeat to the team from Scott Air Force Base, St. Louis, Illinois.

A third team was scheduled to show, but had to cancel, forcing Fort Riley and Scott AFB to square off both days.

The first game, played March 17, found Fort Riley taking the 82-61 victory.

Fort Riley jumped out to a 19-10 lead on the back of Davon Henry with nine points dropped in the opening stanza. Henry finished the match with a team high of 18 points.

The Airmen did not go quietly; adding 19 points in the second frame while Fort Riley added another 18 points.

Up 37-29, Fort Riley ballers continued to add pressure putting 21 points up in the third frame.



Jake Faber | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Jarmani Elzy backs down a defender during Fort Riley's home matchup against conference opponent Scott Air Force Base on March 17. Elzy finished the two-game series with a total of 28 points, leading the 'Big Red One' to two key victories. To see video from the weekend's action, visit www.facebook.com/1stInfantryDivision/videos/10156299735659993/.

Scott AFB was able to add 13 points. The Fort Riley team continued to apply pressure on offense hitting for a game high 24 points in the final frame to finish the game 82-61.

In the second of the two games, Fort Riley walked off the court with a 96-72 win over Scott AFB.

Scott AFB stayed close in the first frame, trailing the Fort Riley players 16-13.

The Fort Riley squad fired away at the hoop in the second frame, adding 31 points to take a 47-36 lead at the break.

Shemar Bates dropped 16 of his 21 points in the first-half.

GAME SUMMARY

Game one:
Scott AFB 10 19 13 19-61
Fort Riley 19 18 21 24-82

Game two:
Scott AFB 13 23 20 16-72
Fort Riley 16 31 23 26-96

Combined scoring - Bales, 35; Elzy, 28; Webster, 25; Henry, 25; Gregory, 20; Roper, 16; Washington, 14; Simpson, 7; Phillips, 6; Smith, 2.

Fort Riley kept grinding at the board; finishing the third quarter by adding 23 points, extending their lead as they entered the final frame.

Tough defense was key, backed by a tougher offense for the Fort Riley squad as they limited Scott to only 16 points in the final frame while placing 26 points on their end of the court.

The home series was the final one for the good guys, as they travel the remainder of the season. Fans will be able to see them in Kansas one final time this season, as they host the final tournament game in Wichita April 20 through 22.

FORT RILEY POST-ITS

UFC WATCH PARTY APRIL 7

The Warrior Zone is 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. Food specials are offered. First bout begins at 5 p.m. and the main fight card begins 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; SOCCER, BOGA FIT

Visit Custer Hill Bowling Center from noon to 6 p.m., March 25. 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. Call 785-239-4366 for more information.

Intramural, Community Soccer: Intramural and Community Life Soccer League begins March 27. Open to DOD Cardholders. Free for company level teams of Soldiers; other teams cost \$150. For information call 785-239-2813.

BOGA Fit Make a splash with BOGA Fit and get a great cardio workout. Classes limited to 12 mats; spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis. Held at Eyster pool. For details call 785-239-4854.



MWR ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

An upcoming classes includes adult art class — Tree on Canvas — March 25, cost \$15

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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.

TACO TUESDAY AND PASTA WEDNESDAY

Stop by Riley's Conference Center for lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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 drink. A salad bar only is available for \$5.95. For more information 785-784-1000.

USO NO-DOUGH DINNERS

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, visit USO Fort Riley Facebook or the website: fortriley.uso.org/.



BOSS AND THE WARRIOR ZONE HOST MARCH MADNESS WATCH PARTY; APRIL FOOLS BBQ

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers — BOSS — and the Warrior Zone is hosting a March Madness Watch Party April 2. Event will take place at The Warrior Zone, 7867 Normandy, Fort Riley. A bracket challenge is on-going.

April Fools Day BBQ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, April 1. One Meat Plate for \$6.50; Two Meat Plate for \$8.50; Three Meat Plate for \$12.50

BOSS Volunteer opportunities include the Fort Riley animal shelter and adoption center April 14.

Visit the BOSS office at the Warrior Zone, call 785-239-BOSS or visit riley.armymwr.com for more details for general information on these or other events.

FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

Friday, March 23
Black Panther (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 24
Forever My Girl (PG) 2 p.m.
Game Night (R) 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 25
Annihilation (R) 5 p.m.

Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing
For more information, call 785-239-9574.

Regular Showing: \$6, children are \$3.50, children 5 and under are admitted free.

3D Showing: \$8
First Run: \$8.25, 3D First Run: \$10.25;



BLUE STAR PROGRAM

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

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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

Change in seasons means be alert for severe weather

By Col. John D. Lawrence
FORT RILEY GARRISON COMMANDER

This week marked the official first day of spring and it looks like we've finally broken free of the grip of winter. However, this time of year in Kansas brings potential for some serious weather events that we should all prepare for — lightning, tornadoes, flooding, hail and severe thunderstorms.

While there's no way to prevent severe weather from happening, we can use the "Ready Army" guidance to "Be Informed, Make a Plan, Build a Kit and Get Involved." This annual campaign has a wealth of preparedness information, including downloadable resources, online at ready.army.mil.

Even though Kansas isn't the state with the highest average number of tornadoes each year, the Wizard of Oz movie

has made us synonymous with these destructive storms. Of the 1,224 tornadoes between 1991 and 2015, the average for Kansas was 92.4. So that means those of us who live in the Sunflower State should be prepared for severe and unpredictable weather; remember, conditions can change quickly.

We're fortunate that local and national weather services have the capability to give us early warnings when the weather is deteriorating. We just need to know what to do and heed the warnings. According to the National Weather Service:

- A tornado watch means tornadoes are possible within the area; remain alert for approaching storms
- A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar; take shelter if you are in the projected area
- A severe thunderstorm watch means severe thunderstorms are possible in the area
- A severe thunderstorm warning means severe thunderstorms are occurring

When severe weather happens, Fort Riley has a Mass Warning Notification System in place that includes tornado sirens and the Giant Voice loudspeaker system. All Soldiers, employees and families on Fort Riley are encouraged to sign up for AtHoc messages and to get the smartphone app. Information on how to sign up is available at www.riley.army.mil/Community/Ready-Army/.

Sign-up requires a Common Access Card, but the Emergency Management Office would like everyone on Fort Riley to have access to the alerts. If you're an employee without CAC computer access or a family member with a deployed sponsor, contact the Emergency Management Office at 785-240-0400 and they can get you in the system.

The key to staying safe during severe spring and summer weather season is to get alerts, stay informed and have a shelter plan and emergency kit.

— To comment on this article or to suggest a topic for Community Corner, email usarmy.riley.incom.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil.



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"It's one of the three best decisions we've made," Larry said. "We would get married again, we would have a career in the Army again, and we would move to Lakeview Village again."



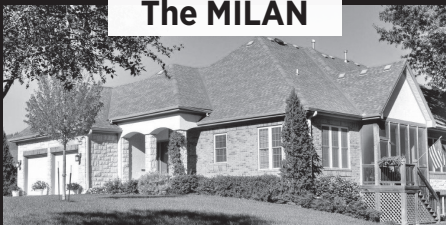
With a state-of-the-art fitness and aquatics center, medical clinic, bank, convenience store and social activities all within walking distance, the Lusts are thriving in Lakeview Village's friendly atmosphere where residents look after each other, just like their years in the military.

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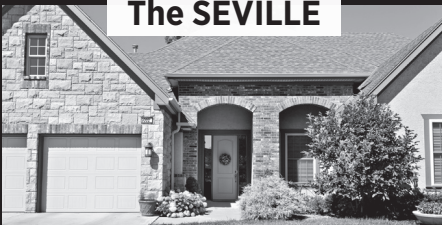
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Gospel Protestant Service	
Sunday School.....	0900
Sunday Worship.....	1100
Kapaun Chapel	239-0834
Traditional Protestant Service	
Sunday Worship.....	1030
Catholic Services	
Victory Chapel	239-0834
Saturday's Vigil Mass.....	1630
Sunday Mass.....	0845
Sunday Eucharist.....	1000
<i>*Sunday 1200 Mass cancelled until further notice*</i>	
IACH Chapel	239-7872
Mid-day Mass— Mon.— Fri.....	1200
Tuesday & Thursday Mass.....	1800
Sunday Mass.....	1200
Jewish Service	
For Sabbath Services please contact the Division Chaplain at 240-6268/910-273-0767.	
Open Circle Service	
Kapaun Chapel	239-0834
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Check for schedule over Training Holiday weekends



U.S. Army Soldiers from Company B, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division engage in a combatives course at an Israeli Defense Force base in support of Juniper Cobra Feb. 28. The U.S. and IDF forces trained during Juniper Cobra 18 to increase regional security, stability and military readiness.

Defense partnership turns to combatives

Juniper Cobra exercise finds US, Israeli Soldiers increasing readiness

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Matthew Plew
48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TEL AVIV, Israel — Soldiers from Company B, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, from Fort Riley engaged in a combatives course with Israeli Defense Forces in support of Juniper Cobra 2018.

The team building event was one of many held during

U.S. European Command's largest bilateral exercise, which focuses on integrated ballistic missile defense to counter regional threats to Israel and maintaining U.S. support of Israel's qualitative military edge. The training provided Soldiers with an introductory instruction to Krav Maga, a military self-defense fighting system developed by the IDF and Israeli security forces derived from a combination of boxing, wrestling, aikido, judo and karate techniques. "Today, I shared our experience with how to engage in a fight and develop Soldiers who have no (hand-to-hand) experience into those we would

want next to us in a fight," said Danny Netzer, head of the IDF Krav Maga section. "I think it is important to develop, to learn and to study all the time. From my experience, it's only beneficial for both nations." U.S. and IDF Soldiers donned protective equipment as they paired up for a rigorous 60-minute sparring session designed to harness aggression in a hand-to-hand situation. "We learned how to deliver effective body strikes and how to engage multiple opponents attacking you one after the other," said 1st Lt. Jason Beauregard. "It was definitely exhausting, but it teaches you how to react quickly and stay

on your toes throughout the engagement." Partnership training like this is critical to sustaining the defensive readiness of both nations as they prepare for future challenges. The success of the training stems from the steadfast relationship between the U.S. and Israel. Operating cohesively, U.S. and IDF forces trained through March 20 during Juniper Cobra to increase regional security, stability and military readiness; as both nations continue to strengthen a decade-long partnership through a unified vision of military interoperability and shared values together.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of March 20 was:
Where can I learn the history of the
Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard
– when it was established and what is its
purpose?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/CGs-Mounted-Color-Guard/

This week's winner is Desiree Misamore, wife of Staff Sgt. Christopher Misamore, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Above are Desiree and Christopher Misamore, along with their children, Amber and Jade.

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Easter Sunrise Service

01APR18
0700-0800
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*"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies."
John 11:25*

Warrior Adventure Quest aids departing, returning units

Active program helps build well-being, boost morale for Soldiers

By Kalene Lozick
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Zip in to readiness as the Outdoor Recreation and Adventure Park offers an active program called Warrior Adventure Quest. "Warrior Adventure Quest is a program designed to assist Soldiers in handling stress and anxiety following a deployment or pre-deployment," said Travis Engle, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation outdoor recreation specialist. "There is an alarming rise in accidents, relationship issues, substance abuse and violence towards others or self." He said the yearlong program offers activities like paintball, zip lines and all-terrain vehicle riding. "Some of the activities, such as paintball, are primarily available in the spring, summer and fall," Engle said. The program, he said, gives Soldiers an opportunity to re-

lease the buildup of stress and anxiety. "The WAQ program gives the Soldier a safe format to expend the stresses and burn off anxiety through activities," Engle said. David Roudybush, DFM-WR director, said the facility will open the ATV riding in the coming weeks. "The primary use of these will be to support the WAQ program," Roudybush said. "We also plan do small group reservations led by an MWR professional to ensure everyone has fun in a relatively safe environment. At this time, we will not be renting for individual use off the installation." The amenities at Outdoor Adventure Park also include remote operated drone flying and archery. The facility can also be used for units who need team buildings as new Soldiers may have joined. "It is also ideal to help integrate 'new Soldiers' into units that have lost numbers due to (permanent change of station) or retiring," he said. As a completely free program for units at Fort Riley,

Engle said they can use it only if the units recently returned from deployment or are in pre-deployment status. "The ideal timeframe is 120 days after block leave for post-deployment and 120 days for units with an impending deployment," he said. "There is a third option that allows units that have no impending deployment to use WAQ every two years." The program is focused on resiliency basics and increasing morale for units at Fort Riley, Engle said.

Lent, Holy Week & Passover Services

Catholic Services

Stations of the Cross Devotions
Fridays, 23 Feb and 2, 9, 16, 23 March
1730 at Victory Chapel
(Followed by Poor Man's Meal)

Lenten Communal Penance Service
Tue. 27 March
1700 at Victory Chapel
Reconciliation Room

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
Thurs. 20 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

Mourning Thursday Service
Thurs. 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
Sundown on Saturday, 7 April

Rabbi Chaplain: 240-6258
Division Chaplains Office

Purim
Wed. 28 Feb
1830 at Kapaun Chapel

For more information, please contact the
Division Chaplains Office
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Army extends deadline for spouse survey until March 31

By Assistant Chief of Staff
for Installation Management

WASHINGTON — A Needs Assessment-Survey of spouses of Regular Army Soldiers has been extended until March 31. The online survey, which began in January, was scheduled to end Feb. 28.

An additional 25,000 spouses were invited to complete Today's Army Spouse Survey, which is administered by RAND Corporation. Randomly selected spouses of Regular Army Soldiers were sent postcards inviting them to participate. RAND already had invited 50,000 spouses in January to take the survey.

Extending the survey period and increasing the sampling audience provides a comparative analysis of spouse usage of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, said Joseph Trebing, chief of the Soldier and Family Readiness Division for the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

The Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management provides policies, programs, resources and expertise for services and installation infrastructure to enable Total Army readiness. The Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management is the sponsor of the spouse survey.

"We know that the challenges that face Soldiers and Families

are complex and diverse. We want Army spouses' help in telling us what services are important to Army Families," Trebing said.

Analysis of the survey will help senior leaders understand the needs of Army Families. Results will help the Army best address the unmet needs of spouses and focus on Army provided services.

"This survey is unparalleled," said Dorie Hickson, program analyst with the Soldier and Family Readiness Division. "Unresolved problems among Soldiers and their Families can quickly become problems for units and commanders, and negatively affect Army readiness. Spouses who share

their experiences and insights will help make a stronger Army."

Traditional Department of Defense and Department of the Army evaluations ask Soldiers and Family members about their use of existing on-post programs. The Today's Army Spouse Survey places the experiences of Army spouses first, asking what types of problems they recently experienced, how they prioritized problems, if they sought help from Army or non-Army resources, and if they ultimately received the support they needed.

More information and the online survey are available at www.rand.org/surveys/todays-army-spouse.html.



Sgt. 1st Class James Tapin

Military wives take part in a six-mile ruck march, just one of seven events they would face Friday during G.I. Spouse Avalanche, an event hosted by the 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade on Fort Drum. A Needs-Assessment Survey of spouses of Regular Army Soldiers has been extended until March 31.

Commissaries, exchanges to offer more joint sales promos

On-post outlets look to maximize chances for partnerships

By Kevin L. Robinson
DECA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT LEE, Va. — Service members and their families will soon see more joint sales promotions for commissaries and exchanges that highlight the savings and value of shopping on military installations.

Starting in April, with promotions linked to the Month of the Military Child, on-post resale outlets will maximize partnership opportunities outlined during a marketing conference hosted by the Defense Commissary Agency, Feb. 21-22, at Fort Lee, Virginia.

"Customers equate value today not just with saving money, but also saving time and getting something extra, an experience in the process."

RICHARD HONIBALL
CHIEF MERCHANDISING
AND MARKETING OFFICER,
NEXCOM

dividends for quality-of-life programs that the military exchanges support," Middleton said. "If shoppers buy groceries off-installation and not at the commissary, they won't shop the exchanges as often.

"We are all committed to do our part to provide commissary and exchange benefits," Middleton added. "As seen by the recent success of expanded acceptance of the MILITARY STAR card at the commissary, our patrons' exchange and commissary benefits can be significantly strengthened when we collaborate to achieve efficiencies that benefit the entire military community."

In the past, commissaries and exchanges have collaborated on events such as case lot sales, sidewalk sales and the annual Healthy Lifestyle Festival.

In December, DeCA and NEXCOM collaborated on a bounce-back coupon promotion at eight Navy installations. DeCA and AAFES also worked together on a holiday STAR card sweepstakes and a joint social media campaign that encouraged patrons to shop commissaries and exchanges.

These partnership initiatives are a sample of the daily cooperation between the services when it comes to military retail, a collaboration that best serves patrons who shop on the installation, said Jennifer Wible, chief operating officer for the Marine Corps Exchange.

"The base is an interdependent community, and we need to leverage the synergies between exchanges, Morale Welfare and Recreation activities and commissaries to meet the needs of our military families," Wible said.

"The marketing conference was a great opportunity to elevate a holistic discussion of partnership at a more strategic level."

NEW INITIATIVES ON TAP

The major initiative from the conference was a joint 2018 marketing plan with the first event being the MILITARY STAR card "Fill Your Fridge for Free" sweepstakes. For this promotion, patrons who use their STAR card twice at the exchange and twice at the commissary from April 1 to 30 are automatically entered for a chance to win a \$300 commissary gift card.

Patrons can also expect to see other joint events such as customer appreciation sidewalk sales linked to Military Appreciation Month in May; the annual Healthy Lifestyle Festival in June; and Back to School sidewalk sales in August and September.

These joint efforts reinforce the importance of promoting "a vibrant military community, one that promotes on-base retail shopping destinations as well as value-added services and entertainment options," said Richard Honiball, NEXCOM's chief merchandising and marketing officer.

"Customers equate value today not just with saving money, but also saving time, and getting something extra, an experience in the process," he added. "For our patrons, the base is quite literally their city. So while they're on the installation, if a family can get their groceries at a savings, shop for a new TV or pair of athletic shorts, grab some lunch, all while getting their car serviced and maybe catch a movie saving time and money, that is value."

Improving the installation shopping experience through shared marketing efforts is a definite plus for military patrons as they seek to use their commissary and exchange benefits, said Hector Granado, DeCA's director of marketing.

"It is imperative in today's competitive retail environment that the entirety of the services offered on the installations be coordinated and offered to our military community in a manner that will keep them shopping and enjoying all that military retail has to offer," Granado said. "We are committed to working together to ensure that our retail system stays strong and viable for our service members and their families who've earned these benefits."

CYS invites you to celebrate Month of the Military Child

Why do we celebrate in April? The Army recognizes April as the Month of the Military Child which is an opportunity to honor the contributions and sacrifices Army children and youth make to our nation through the strength they provide our soldiers and families.

APRIL 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Parade ♦ Friday, 30 March at 10am ♦ Artillery Parade Field**
The community is invited to join the CYS parade with special guests to include Riley and Scarlett Bears, the Fort Riley Fire Department, the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, and the 1st Division Band. The parade will begin at the south end of the Artillery Parade Field on Godfrey Avenue and conclude at the Old Trooper Statue at the Cavalry Parade Field.
- Family Movie* ♦ Saturday, 7 April at 11am ♦ Barlow Theater**
CYS registered families will enjoy a child-friendly movie at no cost and will be able to purchase a small popcorn and drink at a special discounted rate. *Prior registration is required. Please call 785-239-9885 or sign up on WebTrac.
- Kidsfest ♦ Sunday, 8 April from Noon-3pm ♦ Riley's Conference Center**
Join our annual free Kidsfest celebration with lots of fun for the family! Activities include static displays, small activity stations, small rides, character performances, instructional program demonstrations, informational booths, and free food. Children will be able to meet a superhero provided by the Family Advocacy Program.
- Family Pool Party* ♦ Saturday, 14 April from 5-8pm ♦ Eyster Pool**
Fort Riley families and their guests can enjoy free swimming and playtime with the slides and rock wall. *Prior registration is required. Please call 785-239-9885 or sign up on WebTrac.
- Family Bowling ♦ Saturday, 21 April from 11am-2pm ♦ Custer Hill Bowling Center**
Fort Riley families and their guests can enjoy free bowling. Shoes are not included. Prior registration is not required – lanes are on a first come, first serve basis.
- Operation Megaphone Lock-in* ♦ Friday, 27 April, 7pm-7am ♦ School Age/Youth Center**
The overnight fun event for school age children will take place at building 5810 and the youth event will be held at building 5800. Kindergarteners will be picked up by parents by 2300. The cost for the event is \$15.00 1st-12th grade and \$5 for Kinders. *Prior registration and permission slip is required. Please call 785-239-9885 to sign up.
- Family Field Trip* ♦ Saturday, 28 April from 9am-Noon ♦ Spin City in Junction City**
CYS registered families will meet at Spin City and be able to utilize the skating rink and basketball court at no charge. Families will be responsible for payment for other activities to include the arcade and concession area. *Prior registration is required. Please call 785-239-9885 or sign up on WebTrac.

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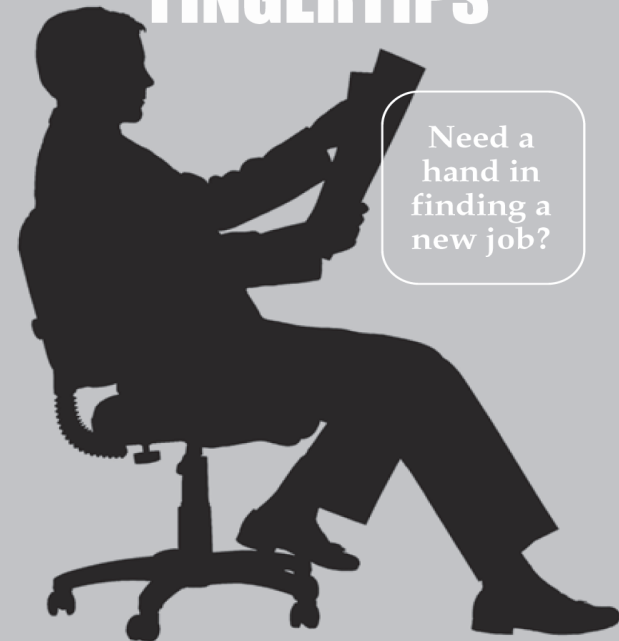
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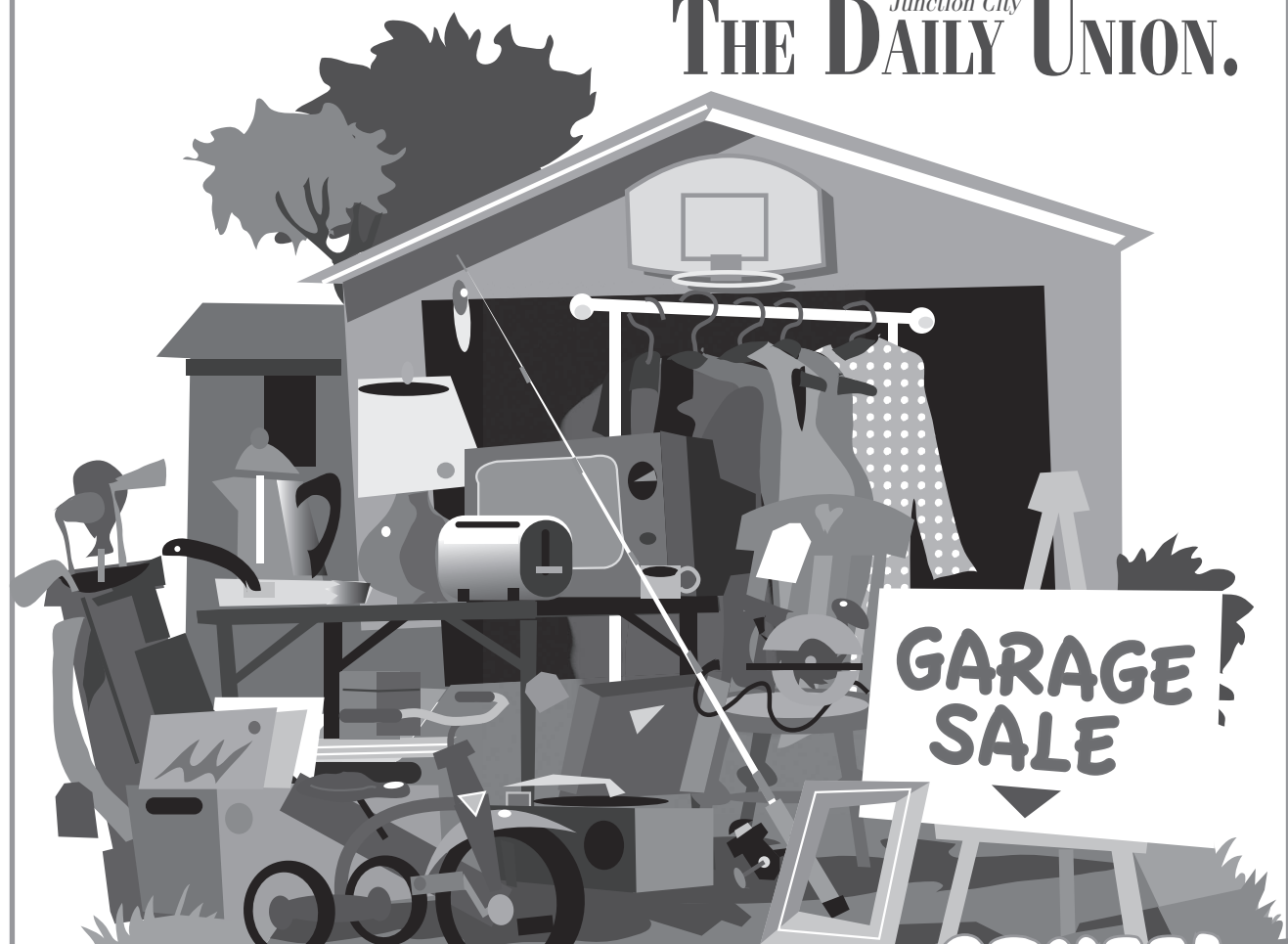
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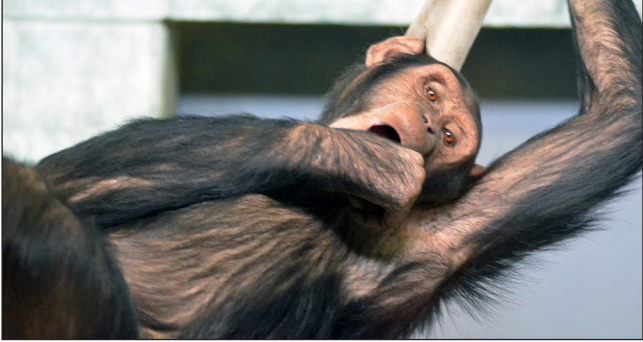
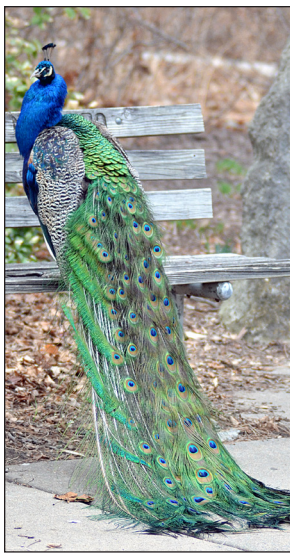
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7	2	8	9	5	1	6	4	3
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Spc. Shell wants you to check out next week's Travel & Fun with Easter festivities.

Take a Walk on the



A white-handed gibbon looks away while her baby takes a swing on the branch at Sunset Zoo in Manhattan. White-handed gibbons are listed as endangered, in the wild they face rapid habitat loss and capture for the illegal pet trade while being hunted for its meat.

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

Springtime brings warmer weather and a chance to get outside, with that comes a chance to visit zoos around Fort Riley. All four zoos featured are within 100 miles of Fort Riley and offer distinct experiences and opportunities for animal lovers young and old.

SUNSET ZOO
785-587-2737
2333 Oak Street
Manhattan, Kansas

Located less than 30 minutes away is Sunset Zoo in Manhattan. In 1933, the Sunset Zoo was founded by the Manhattan Board of Parks and Recreation. Since then, the zoo has been an educational and cultural asset of the local community for more than 80 years. The zoo has long been committed to adhering to the highest standards of animal care. Located next to Kansas State University in Sunset Park, the zoo boasts a partnership with the School of Veterinary Medicine that allows students and animals to prosper. Home to close to 200 animals, the cozy park takes about an hour to walk through. Open 360 days a year, Sunset Zoo hosts birthday parties, rental spaces and special events. Throughout the year, Sunset Zoo hosts a variety of promotional days and community events including family-favorites like Earth Day, Water Safari and SPOOKtacular, as well as evening fundraisers such as Wine in the Wild and Brew at the Zoo, according to their website, www.sunsetzoo.com. With construction to begin in 2018 on Expedition Asia, Sunset Zoo will increase their animal population along with updating accommodations for current residents and visitors. Expedition Asia will reinvigorate the zoo's Asian Trail and draw upon the success of the recently-opened John Woodard Memorial Gibbons



A female otter looks out the fence enclosure as the zookeeper walks by at the Sunset Zoo. The young otter will soon be getting a playmate, as a male otter will be joining her with hopes of mating.

Exhibit, a project that preserved the Zoo's historic limestone heritage while introducing modern practices, according to the website. Expedition Asia will construct state-of-the-art animal care facilities to house tiger, sloth bear and amur leopard family units. It will also construct a new public viewing deck where guests will enjoy vistas of all three animals; this space will also serve as a community event and meeting venue for roughly 150 guests. Sunset Zoo offers a unique experience for groups up to 10 people — Slumber Zzzoo. A night hike through Sunset Zoo, behind-the-scenes meet with some of the zoo inhabitants and the ability to fall asleep to a wildlife lullaby. Guests should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, personal toiletries and lots of enthusiasm according to the website. View Zzzoo themes and pricing on Sunset Zoo's website. As a member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Sunset Zoo offers family memberships that allow members to visit 156 zoos in 46 states and the District

of Columbia with either a discounted entrance price or free visit. In Kansas this includes; Sedgwick County Zoo, Wichita; Hutchinson Zoo, Hutchinson; Topeka Zoo, Topeka; The David Traylor Zoo of Emporia, Emporia and Rolling Hills Zoo, Salina.

ROLLING HILLS ZOO
785-827-3738
625 North Hedville Road
Salina, Kansas

Located off Interstate-70, six miles west of Salina, Rolling Hills Zoo is sprawled out over 60 acres of beautifully landscaped park. The Rolling Hills Zoo homes over 100 species of wildlife for guests to come face-to-face with a rare white camel, an Indian rhino, a curious orangutan and an ornery aardvark according to the zoo's website, rollinghills.org. Open seven days a week except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, the Rolling Hills Zoo is home to The Museum at Rolling Hills Zoo. The 64,000 square-foot museum takes guests around the world to experience the delicate symmetry between humans, animals and nature in seven unique regions from the arctic to the rainforest. State-of-the-art animatronics human robots narrate stories of how they weave the thread of their existence into the delicate balance of life, according to their website. As you move through the varieties of foliage and landscaping, you'll see and hear the natural environments of each section of our world. Rolling Hills Zoo offers tram rides for \$3, currently available only on the weekends until Memorial weekend, to get around the facility. The narrated tour features six stops allowing guests the ability to ride to an area, get off and view the exhibits, then catch another tram as it comes by. Every weekend, Friday through Sunday during the summer, guests can get up close and personal with giraffes. For \$3 for non-members, \$2 for members, guests can stop into the zoo's Giraffe Feeding Station and learn about the giraffes, possibly even getting a chance to feed one. In the early '80s, Salina businessman Charlie Walker purchased a section of ground in western Saline County, according to the zoo's website. A large barn was built to house a number of Belgian horses and Rolling Hills Ranch was born. Walker decided to add a few animals to the barn, such as two black bear cubs, a few llamas, and a lioness. The tours were no longer requested only by school groups. In 1995, the exotic animal portion of the ranch formally broke its ties with Rolling Hills Ranch and became a private, non-profit foundation dedicated to the conservation and propagation of rare and endangered species. After five years of construction, the zoo opened to the public in the fall of 1999. When guests visit the zoo, they see the animals living in naturalistic exhibits within a beautifully landscaped, yet rural setting. Guests are able to view animals living out their lives with the dignity and respect they deserve. In 2000, the vision was expanded to include a wildlife museum. A 64,000-square-foot building was constructed. A portion of this building was designated as a conference center that could be rented out for business meetings, receptions, or used for the zoo's own events.

TOPEKA ZOO
785-368-9180
635 Southwest Gage Boulevard
Topeka, Kansas

Just over an hour east of Fort Riley, Topeka Zoo resides in the state capital. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, closed only on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, the Topeka Zoo provides a beautifully-landscaped backdrop for the animals, through its own



The maned wolf runs around its enclosure to keep peoples attention from the three pups hidden in the den at the back of the enclosure. Maned Wolves have long legs that allow them to see above the grasses in its natural environment.

horticulturist, according to their website, topekazoo.org. Exhibits and green spaces are planted with various plants, grasses and flora — all selected to mirror the animals' natural habitats, pay tribute to Kansas native grasslands and enhance your zoo experience. Flowering plants fill the zoo during the growing season and springtime brings our well-known tulip beds. Located inside the 80 acre Gage Park, the first animals arrived in 1933 with additional exhibits built in the 1950s and 1960s. The Zoo's first major facility was constructed in 1966, under the leadership of long-time Zoo Director Gary K. Clarke, to house large mammals, the zoo's website said. Clarke's legacy went on to include many of the exhibits enjoyed today by zoo visitors, including the Tropical Rainforest, Discovering Apes, Gorilla Encounter and Lions Pride. Currently being built is Camp Cowabunga. This will bring the heart of Africa to the heart of Topeka. Camp Cowabunga, scheduled to open in 2018, is unlike any other Africa exhibit in any zoo in the world, the zoo's website said. This camp will transport guests to Africa through its unique concept that lets guests participate in activities that take place on safaris or at camp while being surrounded by animals from the moment they get to the camp entrance. Home to more than 300 animals the Topeka Zoo offers many opportunities to capture a memory.

THE DAVID TRAYLOR ZOO OF EMPORIA
620-341-4367
75 Sodens Road
Emporia, Kansas

Visiting the David Traylor Zoo gives guests an opportunity to see wild animals up close and thus gain understanding, appreciation and respect for some magnificent creatures that many people may never get to see in the wild. Located just shy of 100 miles away from Fort Riley, the zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed only on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, and hosts creatures both large and small from the Land Hermit Crab to the American Bison. Admission to the David Traylor Zoo of Emporia is free, but membership fees help with purchasing animal, holiday lights, library materials, support of education programs and new and continued maintenance of exhibits, their website said. Another benefit of an Emporia Friends of the Zoo membership is reciprocation with several other zoos nationwide. In 2015, the David Traylor Zoo of Emporia received the Quarter Century Award for 25 years of continuous accreditation with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Other zoos located in Kansas include The Hutchinson Zoo, 6 Emerson Loop East, Hutchinson, hutchinsonzoo.org; The Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 West Zoo Boulevard, Wichita, scz.org.



Flamingos move about a water spot in their cage at Sunset Zoo.