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Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph C. Cornelison, right, 1st Infantry Division, is awarded the Legion of Merit by Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, during the 1st Inf. Div. Change of Responsibility Ceremony March 21 in front of the 1st Inf. Div. headquarters building at Fort Riley.

Command Sgt. Maj. Cornelison honored to be 'Big Red One' Soldier

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

Following 2 ½-years and a combat deployment to Iraq, Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph C. Cornelison, 1st Infantry Division senior noncommissioned officer, was honored during a change of responsibility ceremony March 21 in front of the 1st Inf. Div. headquarters building.

"Coming here to the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley ... is like a dream come true," Cornelison said. "I have been an infantryman my entire career, and to end up as the command sergeant major of the storied 1st Inf. Div.... I had to pinch myself every day when I woke up just to see if I was dreaming or not."

Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, commented on Cornelison's professionalism and personal advice during their time serving together in Iraq and at Fort Riley.

"Sgt. Maj. Cornelison has been able to spread his influence far and wide throughout the Army," Martin said. "From the Ranger regiment to light and heavy units, from Hawaii to Germany, from Iraq to Afghanistan and everywhere in between."

"I can attest to this from my experience, and I am truly a better officer for having served with him as my teammate. We have had dark moments and he has been there to help me through those."

As Cornelison departs the 1st Inf. Div. he can look upon his sleeve to remember his time as a "Big Red One" Soldier.

"Being able to deploy to combat with this division, it was an honor and privilege," he said. "I am happy that I got a combat patch on my right shoulder that will be



Sgt. Jeffery Cheak, 1st Infantry Division Artillery Salute Battery, left, presents Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph C. Cornelison, 1st Inf. Div. outgoing senior noncommissioned officer, with the last round fired from the salute battery signifying Cornelison's last day as the 1st Inf. Div. command sergeant major during a change of responsibility ceremony March 21 in front of the division headquarters building at Fort Riley.

with me throughout my career to help me to remember the times I have had here with these Soldiers."

As Cornelison departs the division, Command. Sgt. Maj. Craig A. Bishop now takes on the responsibility as senior noncommissioned officer.

"It is absolutely humbling and truly an honor," Bishop said. "What a lineage. Obviously the oldest division in the Army's inventory. It is a very unique but humbling experience."

Bishop comes to the 1st Inf. Div. from the 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia.



Air Force drops people, simulated supplies at Fort Riley

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

On March 22 Fort Riley added a capability to the post's list of training opportunities, when four members of the 19th Aerospace Medicine Squadron High Altitude Airdrop Mission Support Center from Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, jumped from a high altitude to land near the Timber Creek Drop Zone.

The day concluded with five C-130 Hercules aircraft, three from Little Rock Air Force Base, and two from St. Joseph, Missouri, landing on a 4,100-foot dirt strip located next to the highway as they conducted a combat offload.

"There are only about 13 of these airstrips that are C-17 (Globemaster) capable in the United States," said Capt. Matt Zahler, Air Mobility Liaison Officer of the 1st Inf. Div. "(Fort Riley has) one of those 13 . . . This one here is made specifically for the C-17. A lot of C-17 crews now are wanting to come out and do dirt strips."

Gary Smith, Douthit Gunnery Complex range operations specialist, said this is not the

first time the air strip was used for airdrop training.

"Through the success of the past few years of this runway, we have become quite known in the military, both the Air Force and Army side," he said. "There are only a few places in the military inventory that can have a 4,100 foot stretch of a dirt runway. It's starting to pick up, as it's becoming known."

Before the C-130s landed for the combat offload, four members of HAAMSOC jumped and landed under fully deployed, rectangular Military Silhouette-360 parachutes. Physiological technicians are also onboard the aircraft monitoring the flight crew and parachutists while they are above 20,000 feet in an unpressurized aircraft said Tech. Sgt. Josh Silva, HAAMSOC.

"For our primary duty, no we don't jump," he said. "We are there primarily as the medical experts inflight. If something were to happen to an individual, we could fix the issue and then keep the person alive by just giving them oxygen equipment."

While the four who did jump are qualified and do so

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Chaplain discusses spiritual readiness



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

Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, hosted a resiliency breakfast at their battalion headquarters at Fort Riley, March 16 with guest speaker Chap. (Maj.) Christopher Weinrich, 1st Infantry Division Artillery.

"This morning I want to talk about motivation and resiliency; those are big words that we have in the military nowadays," Weinrich, a St. Louis, Missouri, native said to the crowd of Soldiers in attendance. "If we think of motivation or we think of resiliency out there, it's not just the NCO (noncommissioned officer) or the Soldier leading

the cadence that is out there yelling and being loud. But it's 'how am I going to continue to help the team that I am on to succeed in the mission?' Those are great areas to look at in our own life for motivation to stay resilient."

Weinrich also discussed the importance of spiritual readiness, how it relates to resiliency and where it originates within an individual.

"Spiritual readiness brings Soldiers to a realization of a spiritual, moral and ethical need in their life," Weinrich said. "(They do so) through their own personal religious beliefs. Maybe growing up in their family or growing up in a church or a different religious belief system. Also in the military, working with Soldiers allowing them to see that 'I need to have good morals in my life in order to complete the mission and remain ready.'"

Readiness begins with a Soldier's family, according to Weinrich.

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FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Beth Takacs serves as the treasurer and Family Readiness Group advisor. Her contributions to events and fundraisers, such as the FRG Holiday Party, make them memorable and enjoyable for all. She has demonstrated rock-solid dedication to the readiness of her unit, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, and works tenaciously to help alleviate the challenges associated with deployment.

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

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US Troops rapidly assemble in Baltics, train with Estonian forces

Story and photo by **Spc. Hubert Delany**
22ND MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

TAPA, Estonia — The U.S. Army prides itself on being able to respond with no-notice to potential global threats. For the Soldiers of the 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, that kind of decisive action was recently put to the test during a rapid response readiness exercise in Eastern Europe.

After being given less than 48-hours’ notice, the “Blue Babe” Soldiers of the 82nd BEB tested their unit’s ability to operate, move and communicate by transporting equipment and Soldiers more than 1,500 miles to conduct training operations in Estonia March 5 through 14.

“We can flex the capabilities of the ‘Dagger’ brigade to any NATO nation,” said 1st Lt. Nate Hinesley, a platoon leader with the 82nd BEB. “We demonstrated commitment to both our allies and to potential adversaries.”

The mission for the Fort Riley-based Soldiers required them to assemble and relocate Nuclear, Biological, Chemical reconnaissance vehicles, as well as other essential military equipment across several countries. For this to work, the Soldiers had to communicate efficiently with both U.S. and civilian logistical personnel.

Hinesley, a Chardon, Ohio, native who has been leading the 82nd BEB Soldiers throughout the exercise, said that he credits the mission’s success to his hardworking Soldiers and their allies.

“My Soldiers always go above and beyond to make sure they do what it takes to keep us mission capable,” Hinesley said. “Without them, we would never have been able to do this mission, and our allies wasted no time in making sure we could get up here (Estonia) quickly and allowing us to best demonstrate our capabilities. They did a great job integrating and accommodating us to make sure we meet the training objectives.”

Once the Soldiers arrived in Estonia, Estonian soldiers operating as liaisons met with U.S. troops to coordinate the final steps of the multinational equipment transport and to help plan the following days of operations during the U.S. Soldiers’ mission.

“Cooperation between our militaries isn’t just something we like to talk about; for us, it is something we always do to the best of our ability,” said Estonian Jr. Sgt. Sander Palm, an enhanced forward presence liaison with the 1st Infantry Brigade. “By doing that, we help tell the world that we are ready to make our relationship stronger for NATO and the defense of Europe.”

The U.S. Soldiers conducted their training operations at Estonia’s NATO Enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group.

The battle group is part of a unique collection of NATO allies who are deployed for the defense and deterrence of aggression in Eastern Europe. The “Blue Babe” Soldiers trained alongside U.K., Estonian and Danish troops who are all deployed within the battle group.

“This training helps to show that all of the members of NATO fit together like pieces of a puzzle,” said Palm, who is also a Soldier with Estonia’s Enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group.



Estonian Jr. Sgt. Sander Palm, right, an enhanced forward presence liaison with the 1st Infantry Brigade, and 1st Lt. Nate Hinesley, left, a platoon leader with the 82nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, discuss transportation operations in Tapa, Estonia on March 8 as part of a rapid response readiness exercise in support of Atlantic Resolve.

“We can show the world that the picture that puzzle makes is that of the clear and defensible of NATO.”

The U.S. Soldiers are deployed to Atlantic Resolve, a U.S. commitment to the collective security of Europe through the deployment of rotational U.S. forces in cooperation with NATO allies and partner nations.

“I feel like we are playing a big role here,” said Spc. Anthony Yang, a San Diego, California, native and a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist with the 82nd BEB. “We have a chance for everyone in Europe to be able to see what we are capable of doing, not only as the U.S. Army but as Soldiers helping to defend our allies.”

Repetition breeds confidence, readiness as military police train to standard

Story and photo by **Sgt. Elizabeth Jones**
19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Soldiers of the 300th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, conducted platoon certifications at various training areas for most of March as they prepared to execute company training and certification from April 8 to May 9.

Training events and certifications on mission essential tasks are crucial in maintaining readiness in the event a unit is called up for deployment, according to Mario Hoffman, director of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command’s G27 Operational Environment and Opposing Forces Program and the TRADOC Project Office for OE/OPFOR.

“These actual training events serve as ideal examples of how the Army is moving to create increasingly more-realistic and challenging training conditions,” Hoffman wrote in the July-September 2015 issue of Infantry Magazine. “Within the task, condition and standard framework for training, creating appropriate (operating environment) conditions are becoming a critical criterion for training and unit readiness reporting. These OE conditions will serve as one of several criteria for achieving task proficiency ratings of ‘Trained, needs Practice or Untrained.’”

According to 2nd Lt. Frederick Caleb Thompson, an executive officer with 300th MP Co., regular training pays off in readiness that enables Soldiers to be prepared to deploy at any time.

“Regular training keeps Soldiers familiar with tasks, well trained and ready to perform their METL (Mission Essential Task List) tasks; it keeps them mentally prepared for what mission they may have to roll out for,” Thompson, a native of Bettendorf, Iowa, said. “We have to be prepared to deploy at any moment.”

“Certifying the platoons is the biggest key in that readiness. If you can certify the platoons, then we can come together as a company.”

One such task is critical site security. This task requires Soldiers to approach an area, clear the area and then engage with any person on site where an incident may be taking place.

Staff Sgt. Nichols Huggins, a military policeman and a squad leader assigned to 300th MP Co., explained that the greatest improvement in Soldiers that he saw was an increase in their confidence.

“Communication is the biggest key as a squad leader; I have to be all over the place taking care of things,” said Huggins, who is originally from Lincoln, Nebraska. “So the team leaders have to constantly communicate and then communicate back to me so I can track everything and make sure it’s running as smoothly as it needs to. Soldiers definitely gained a lot more confidence in their abilities. It’s not that they didn’t know what they were doing before the training — it’s just repetition.”

For Washington, District of Columbia, native Sgt. Sorie Jawara, a military policeman assigned to 300th MP Co., one of the most beneficial aspects of his time doing this training was the opportunity to interact with Soldiers and learn their strengths and weaknesses.

“Having the chance to work with my Soldiers as they practiced maneuver techniques; being able to give them verbal feedback and reassurance by saying ‘Good job, you’ve got this,’ was beneficial in building their confidence,” Jawara said.



Soldiers of the 300th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, gather to conduct an after action review of the critical site security exercise March 13 at Fort Riley. An AAR is a professional discussion of an event focused on performance standards. Soldiers discussed what happened why it happened, and how to sustain strengths and improve on weaknesses.

Army seeks comments on a new Armored Brigade Combat Team stationing

By **U.S. Army Environmental Command Public Affairs Office**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — The Army has completed a “programmatic environmental assessment” for converting an existing Infantry Brigade Combat Team into a new Armored Brigade Combat Team, and for stationing that new armored brigade at one of five installations.

The assessment and a draft “finding of no significant impact” is available for public comment for 30 days. All interested members of the public, federally recognized Indian Tribes and federal, state and local agencies are invited to review and provide comments. The assessment and draft finding may be accessed at aec.army.mil/index.php?cID=352.

The existing infantry brigade identified for conversion is stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. The armored brigade stationing is proposed to occur at one of the following installations: Fort Carson, Colorado (Alternative 1); Fort Bliss, Texas (Alternative 2); Fort

Hood, Texas (Alternative 3); Fort Riley, Kansas (Alternative 4); or Fort Stewart, Georgia (Alternative 5).

The assessment addresses the possible direct, indirect and cumulative environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the proposed action alternatives. The assessment does not identify significant environmental impacts from any of the alternatives under the proposed action; consequently, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

Comments will be accepted until April 29. Please submit written comments to: U.S. Army Environmental Command, ATTN: Public Comments, 2450 Connell Road (Building 2264), Joint Base San Antonio - Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-7664; or email: usarmy.jbsa.aec.nepa@mail.mil.

For further information, please contact the U.S. Army Environmental Command Public Affairs Office at 210-466-1590 or toll-free 855-846-3940, or email at usarmy.jbsa.aec.nepa@mail.mil.

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THE LUCK OF BUNCO



Andy Massanet | POST
Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sam Baker, right, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, watches his daughter, Emmie Baker, second from left, roll the dice during a round of Bunco. Joining them are Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dave Wyman, second from right, Company D, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., and his spouse, Krista, left.

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David Roudybush, Director of the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation



DFMWR DIRECTOR
DAVID ROUDYBUSH

By Will Ravenstein
1ST INF. DIV. POST

After graduating from high school with a class of 14 people in Wetmore, Kansas, David Roudybush, Director of the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation, broke the mold moving on to a four-year university to earn his degree while his classmates went to community college or returned to farming for their lifestyle.

As the first of his family to attend college, Roudybush said he dropped out with one semester left in engineering school.

“I was the first person in my family to go to college and didn’t know any of that,” he said. “We really didn’t have much of the internet at that point, so that information wasn’t really out there.”

Once he withdrew from Kansas State University, Roudybush found himself in Virginia staying with his aunt when he took at job at Fort Myers.

“It was just about the money,” he said. “I was planning on only working about four months and coming back to finish my degree. It was just a job, just a paycheck.”

Fifteen years, and two master degrees later, Roudybush uses his experiences to relate to his staff while promoting what MWR can do for ones career.

“I think that actually helps now as some of the employees

come on,” he said. “We have a lot of spouses and people come on in entry level positions. I’m able to tell them, when I started I was in the same the same as you — it’s about the money. It’s not necessarily about, ‘yes I’m going to serve my country and all those great things people talk about.’ Really, it’s about a paycheck. I need to pay my bills.

“I’m able to use that to talk to some of my staff, and say ‘right now your just looking at the paycheck, you really need to look at MWR as a career choice.’ Who else can get . . . offer as much as we do, brighten as many smiles as we do and impact as many people as we do — and get paid for it and get to travel around the world, and the Army pays for it.”

Though, originally in it for the money, Roudybush realized that this was the career path for him.

“When I was getting ready to come back (to Kansas) they offered me multiple jobs to stay,” he said. “Finally they offered me one and said, ‘hey we have this club and it’s loosing money. Just give us a year.’ I stayed there for three years, turned it around. (I) won a couple of awards and went to Headquarters, that’s when I started my masters degree.

“I was tired of the Army and said ‘it was so bureaucratic, it’s so hard. I want to get out and these degrees will help me.’ Then I got promoted again. At that point, when I got over to Korea, I started to see more or the impact that we made to the Soldiers and families. That was where I had my first ‘Aha’ . . . this is a viable career. I mean I’m seeing cool stuff and having fun.”

MWR has taken Roudybush, mostly, around the world. He has had assignments in Hawaii, Japan, Korea and the U.S., beginning with making coffee in the Officers Club at Fort Myers, Virginia.

“I was making coffee for the caterer for the people

coming in,” he said. “I just worked my way up over the last 15 years, got to see a lot of the Army. They’ve sent me some really cool places. I’ve worked at the Headquarters at IMCOM, both in Virginia and San Antonio, Texas, when we first moved down there. I’ve worked at the Regional level for the Pacific Region in Hawaii, which was cool. I got to see Kwajalein Atoll (Republic of the Marshall Islands), Japan, Alaska, Korea, all of that.”

Roudybush has also worked at the garrison level with MWR.

“Then at the garrisons I’ve worked at White Sands Missile Range, Both McNair and Myer in Virginia, I worked at Hawaii garrison and then here,” he said. “The only place I haven’t really worked is in Europe.”

Ever the optimist, Roudybush realizes his time in MWR and serving Soldiers is not up.

“I could still have another 20 to 25 years left,” he said. “But realistically speaking, by that point, retirement ages are going to be getting higher.”

MWR encompasses a lot of facilities within its directorate; Army Community Services, Child and Youth Services and business operations like Warrior Zone and the bowling center.

The main differences in the three groups is how they are funded according to Roudybush. They are either appropriated funds, where Congress allocates money, or non-appropriated funds when they are generated locally and used to cover the bulk of the expenses like salaries.

“Most of my Directorate is non-appropriated funds,” he said.

With that, Roudybush tries to be inventive when in comes to getting things for Soldiers.

“I pride myself in being innovative and looking forward,” he said. “A lot of times Soldiers don’t know what they want until we show them what they can have. It’s

something I took out Steve Jobs’ book of management. It really is a brilliant, easy concept but it’s what most people don’t follow. They try to chase the curve.”

He said he encourages his managers to think outside the box when it comes to getting things for Soldiers.

“What I try to tell all my managers is, ‘we are the U.S. Army. We have more money to try to manage this what a private business might have, unless they are a Fortune 500 company. Definitely more than the Soldiers in their barracks have to spend. So let’s give them something

they couldn’t afford on their own,’” he said.

This is why he encouraged Warrior Zone to get Alienware computers for gaming, a new Virtual Reality system that allows Soldiers to get totally immersed into the action and big screen televisions for the Soldiers to play the latest games on whichever system they chose to play on; Xbox or PlayStation.

With all that in mind, he said his staff is comprised of a lot of spouses who are making money to help pay for things they need. He encourages them while the short-term goal is a paycheck, MWR is

around them most places they transfer to as they make a permanent change of station.

“I tell the spouses too, almost any place you are going to PCS to will have an MWR there too,” he said. “You can build a career. But, I’m able to relate to them better too. I can say I dropped out of school, I got a job as basically the lowest grade you can get on NAF side. Being able to relate to them and tell them I only did it for the money. It was that way for the first three or four years, then I started to see the opportunities of the things I can do.”

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‘Long Knife’ squadron changes command

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

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Lt. Col. James Maxwell relinquished command of the 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, to Lt. Col. William Bowers, marked by a ceremony at the Tower Barracks Physical Fitness Center in Grafenwoehr, Germany, March 17.

The ceremony included the ceremonial passing of the squadron colors to signify the formal transfer of authority between the commanders, and speeches from each commander, to include the brigade commander, Col. David Gardner, who presided over the ceremony.

Prior to the start of the ceremony, Gardner presented Maxwell a Meritorious Service Medal for his service and achievements as the squadron commander.

During his speech, Maxwell talked about how proud he was of his unit and their accomplishments both in the U.S. and while deployed.

“All the accolades and all the credit for the incredible

things this cavalry squadron accomplished belong to the officers, noncommissioned officers and troopers of the squadron; too many to thank by name,” Maxwell said. “You are the ones that worked late, hung the parts, qualified your crews and platoons, counseled your troopers, trained hard and made everything happen.”

Maxwell said three of the most significant achievements he was proud of his squadron completed while deployed were conducting two rapid response exercises to Latvia and Lithuania; performing the brigade’s first combined-live-fire exercise 12 days after their equipment arrived in Europe and executing large-scale bilateral training exercises with Polish forces that included a combined-arms maneuver and live-fire exercise.

Maxwell’s next assignment will be as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Bowers, who was previously a professor of military science at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia said he was looking forward to working with the Soldiers of 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt.



Lt. Col. James Maxwell, outgoing commander of 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division passes the Squadron colors to Col. David Gardner, commander of 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. during a change of command ceremony at Tower Barracks Physical Fitness Center, Grafenwoehr, Germany, March 17. Maxwell relinquished command to Lt. Col. William Bowers.

“I appreciate the support you have already shown me,” Bowers said. “I look forward to times to come and what this squadron will accomplish over the next couple of years.”

The 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., is an armored cavalry

squadron deployed as part of 2nd ABCT’s heel-to-toe rotational deployment to Central Europe in support of Atlantic Resolve, a mission intended to strengthen the collective defensive capabilities of allied and partnered forces in Europe.

‘Burt’s Knights’ welcomes new commander

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Tarr
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, said farewell to their commanding officer and welcomed a new colonel during a change of command ceremony March 14 at King Field House.

Lt. Col. Brandon Garner relinquished command to Lt. Col. Bryan J. Dodd during the ceremony.

Col. Charles S. Armstrong, commander of the 1st ABCT, provided opening remarks about Garner’s determination to build readiness within his battalion and effectively train his Soldiers.

“Lt. Col. Garner expertly led this battalion through demanding training events, a tough rotation to the Republic of Korea and the establishment of the Heavy Immediate Reaction Company,” he said. “His positive approach to problem solving, optimism, flexibility and creativity ensured that ‘Burt’s Knights’ would accomplish any mission regardless of the difficulties and challenges.”

Garner addressed the Soldiers and leaders of the “Burt’s Knights” battalion and thanked them for the countless hours they devoted to training.

“I asked more than I had a right to and pushed harder than I thought I could go, but your unflinching dedication to the mission and to each other never wavered,” he said.

“I cannot conceive of a greater honor than to call myself the commander of this fine unit.”

Building readiness within the battalion will continue as Dodd brings in a multitude of experience to the battalion, having assignments in Colorado, North Carolina and multiple deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and a humanitarian relief mission in support of Hurricane Katrina.

Dodd thanked Garner for his ability to execute a transparent and effective transition and promised to maintain what he is leaving behind.

“I have had a glimpse inside this battalion over the last two weeks and I am proud of what I have seen,” he said. “The Burt’s Knights will maintain its high level of dedication and performance.”



Lt. Col. Brandon Garner, outgoing commander for the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, speaks during a change of command ceremony March 14 at King Field House on Fort Riley.

A SIGNING OF UNITY



J. Parker Roberts | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, joins Kansas Gov. Jeff Colyer, M.D. and other area leaders at the State Capitol Building March 22 as Colyer signs the Military Appreciation Day proclamation. The new governor also signed the Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day proclamation that same day. Kansas is home to two active-duty Army installations – Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth.

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.

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COLYER MANOR PROJECT

This project will begin March 19, 2018 and is expected to take approximately one year to complete. During this time, you may notice increased construction machinery, traffic and noise during the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additionally, residents will encounter the following detours during the project:

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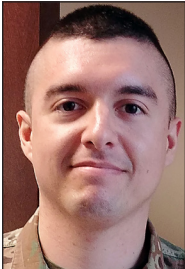
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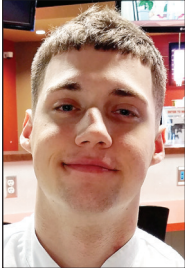
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SAFETY CORNER

Recognize the perils of distracted driving

By Tom Anderson
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Team Riley, as society has become more technology dependent, distracted driving has become a national problem. According to the National Safety Council, cell phone use while driving accounts for 1.6 million crashes annually, making using mobile devices the leading cause of distracted driving. In 2015, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration distracted driving was the primary cause 3,477 traffic deaths!

The Kansas Department of Transportation, tracked distracted driving statistics in three categories: cell phone; other electronic devices such as DVD players, stereos, Global Positioning Systems, etc.; and other distractions such as applying makeup, reading newspapers, children, food, etc., and found that between, 2011 and 2016 there were 3,275 crashes, 1,461 and 31 fatalities contributed to distracted driving.

The Directorate of Emergency Services tracks motor vehicle accidents, most accident investigations do not indicate whether the operator was driving distracted. Unfortunately, the last vehicle fatality on Fort Riley directly connected to distracted driving involved a military family member killed on Trooper Drive. A contract employee was texting while operating a van, according to an incident report, who came across the centerline, side swiped a car and struck the next vehicle head-on killing the passenger.

Fort Riley Regulation 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision and Installation Traffic Code, restricts cell phone usage to while the vehicle is safely parked or while using a hands free device. However, according to informal traffic surveys conducted on Fort Riley, a large number of Fort Riley vehicle operators

potentially operate their vehicles while distracted. Some indicators of distracted driving during these surveys included:

- Operators talking on their cell phones while driving;
- Operators looking down in the vicinity of their lap while operating their vehicle;
- Operators holding papers or document on the steering wheel while driving;
- Operators with the vanity mirror down and appearing to adjust their personal appearance by applying cosmetics, combing hair, or other gestures

To bring broader visibility on the dangers of distracted driving, both the NHTSA and NSC have designated the month of April as National Distracted Driving Month.

This is a good time to evaluate current efforts to change driving attitudes and habits.

In the case of distracted driving, each death is 100 percent preventable. From cell phones to dashboard infotainment systems to evolving voice command features – all pose a threat to our safety. Just one second of your attention is all takes to change a life forever.

Changing behavior is not easy, but when it comes to distracted driving it is necessary. Follow these lifesaving tips to break the habit of driving distracted:

1. Don't be afraid to just turn off. Whatever they just texted you, it can wait. Try putting your phone out of reach, turning the screen around, or just shutting it off (yes, phone's do have 'Off' buttons).
2. Organize your stuff and avoid multitasking. Know where your important stuff is before driving off. Set up your GPS route before you hit the gas, get your EZ-Pass out or have any toll money ready, and keep your

morning coffee in the cup holder where it belongs.

3. Let your passengers do some of the work. That's what they're there for! You're the driver...your job is to drive the car and get everyone there without crashing. If you have other people in the car, let them do some of the other work. Their hands are free, so let them run the GPS, find just the right song on the radio, or send a text for you.

4. Save the serious discussions for later. OK, so it's easier said than done, but it's important to not lose yourself in stressful thoughts or serious conversations when you're on the road. Driving is the task at hand, so save that "We need to talk" moment for later.

5. Use voice commands and Bluetooth sparingly. They're great technologies, but hands-free texting and talking are still pretty distracting. Your hands may be on the wheel, but it takes your mind and attentions off the road. So only use them when you absolutely need to.

6. Use your smartphone to drive safer. Some people need to use their smartphone's GPS app in the car, so they can't just switch it off completely. But when you're driving, try putting your phone on silent. Actually, a lot of modern phones even have a programmable feature that turns off other functions when the GPS is on.

7. Make your drive time, quiet time. We all need our little Zen moments of the day. And while most of us don't think of drive time as relaxing, remember that it's OK to turn off the radio, pause the iPod, or ask your

passengers to shut it. It can be pretty nice to collect your thoughts and focus on the single task at hand.

If you know you are in the habit of driving distracted, consider taking the #JustDrive pledge. The NSC developed and published Focus on Driving Checklist titled #Just Drive:

"I pledge to Just Drive for my own safety and for others with whom I share the roads. I choose to not drive distracted in any way – I will not:

- Have a phone conversation – handheld, hands-free, or via Bluetooth
- Text or send Snapchats
- Use voice-to-text features in my vehicle's dashboard system
- Update Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Vimeo or other social media
- Check or send emails
- Take selfies or film videos
- Input destinations into GPS (while the vehicle is in motion)
- Call or message someone else when I know they are driving"

We cannot afford to lose one of our team to an accident, especially a preventable one. During the month of April, you will see an increased focused on minimizing distracted driving to include flags in the roundabouts on the installation to warn drivers about driving distracted, messages on the installation marquees at the access control points at Trooper, Henry and Ogden gates, and more military police officers ticketing drivers who are talking on their cell phones without the use of a hands free device.

For more information, please contact Safety Office, 785-240-0647.

Tale of three bottles at Fort Riley

By Chris Otto
RECYCLE AND SOLID WASTE COORDINATOR

Once upon a time there were three plastic soda bottles sitting next to each other in a cooler at a Fort Riley Army and Air Force Exchange Service Express store. They were passing time by talking about life. The first one, who introduced himself as Red said he wanted to grow up to be something. He was tired of just sitting on the shelf holding 16 ounces of cold bubbly soda. He always felt he was destined to soar to new heights.

The second one, who went by Doc, told the others he had been a plastic bottle before and liked being a plastic bottle. He told the others that bottles like them are made from something called polyethylene terephthalate but since he had trouble pronouncing it he shortened it to PET. He told the other bottles he was once used to hold cola but was sent to a recycle center, then processed at a plastic mill where he was turned into a bottle again. He is now happy he again gets to hold a cool, refreshing beverage.

The third bottle, Dewey, had a bad attitude. He said he did not care what happened to him when he grew up as long as he was not sitting in some cold, boring fridge. He said he did not really spend much time thinking about the future.

Then one day, a man dressed in green bought all of them and took them away from the Exchange. They found themselves in a cooler with other bottles and a bunch of ice at Moon Lake. The bottles got to experience

a unit organizational day. All of the soldiers and their families were having a good time because they had been recycling and had earned money for their Unit's Morale Welfare and Recreation account through the Troop Incentive Program. That TIP money allowed them to upgrade the meal from hamburgers to steaks. As the Soldiers were washing down the delicious vittles, the fates of the three bottles took drastically different turns.

The soldier who drank from Dewey also had a bad attitude. When he was done with Dewey, he put a rock in him and threw him into Moon Lake. Dewey ended up sitting there for many years where his only excitement was watching the giant channel catfish and the seasonally stocked trout swimming around.

Doc and Red found themselves in a large blue recycling bin and later in the back of a recycling truck where they made their way to the Fort Riley Recycle Center. They were happy to learn they saved tax payers money since they were not put in a trash can which would cost tax payer dollars to take to the landfill where they would just rot forever. They instead had fun riding the belts on the sorter that Fort Riley uses to separate materials. Once they got to the optical sorter, air jets blew them off the sorter belt and into a large cage with other bottles like them. That cage was dumped into a bailer and the two bottles found themselves packed into different bales. Those bales were kept in a warehouse until two trucks came and hauled them away to different plastic mills. Fort Riley's Recycle Program had sold the bottles and was going

to use the money from the sale to pay for the Recycling Center and to send money to MWR accounts for units who participated in TIP.

Doc, was happy when he found out he was turned into a soda bottle again. He was even more excited when he was taken back to the same Exchange on Fort Riley where he was bought by another Soldier headed to an organizational day.

Red's bale ended up going to a mill where the plastic was used to make Frisbees. He also ended up back on Fort Riley but was sent to the Recycle Center where he and other Frisbees were to be given out to visitors. He sat there until a group of students from Seitz Elementary took a tour of the Center. One student guessed that a bale of aluminum weighed 900 pounds and she won Red (who was now a Frisbee) for her correct answer.

About a week later, Red, Doc, and Dewey were all reunited. However this time, Dewey was at the bottom of the lake, Doc got recycled again, while the unit earned more TIP money, and Red got to fly through the air while all the kids played with him.

The moral of the story is, it pays to recycle. Not only can units earn money through the TIP program, they can save tax dollars, help reduce litter and give recyclable products new lives. To find out how your unit can earn money through the TIP program or to learn more about Recycling on Fort Riley, call 785-239-2385 or look for the Fort Riley Environmental Division on Facebook.

ASK DR. JARGON

Blended retirement

DEAR DR. JARGON,

Since the beginning of this year, my spouse has been talking more and more about something called the "Blended Retirement System." She's a specialist now and still has a long way to go before retiring from the Army, but is this something we should be talking about and planning for?

Thank you, signed
Forward-Thinking Army Husband

DEAR HUSBAND,

You are so right in asking this question now!

According to information provided by James Wade, financial adviser at Army Community Services at Fort Riley, the Blended Retirement System is a modernized retirement plan for all new entrants into the Uniformed Services on or after Jan. 1, 2018, and eligible service members who opted into BRS. Features of the BRS include:

- A defined contribution, consisting of government automatic and matching contributions, to a service member's Thrift Savings Plan;

- A defined benefit, also known as a pension or monthly retired pay for life, after at least 20 years of service, a mid-career bonus called continuation pay and a new lump sum option at retirement.

Though your spouse has been grandfathered under the legacy retirement system, Active Component Service members with fewer than 12 years since their Pay Entry Base Date, and Reserve Component Service members who have accrued fewer than 4,320 retirement points as of Dec. 31, 2017, will have the option to opt into the Blended Retirement System.

The opt-in/election period for the Blended Retirement System began Jan. 1 and concludes Dec. 31.

Finally, make sure your spouse takes and thoroughly understands the mandatory training for the BRS. It's all too easy to pencil-whip that training but, if she did so, it would behoove her and you to return to that information for a thorough understanding. Both of your futures depend on it. For further information, call Mr. Wade at 785-239-5032. And thank you for your service and support of your Soldier!

Sincerely,
Dr. Jargon

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

CHAPLAIN

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“That’s a good starting point to help build readiness in Soldiers — the family and making those good decision with ethics and morals, maturing our religious beliefs,” he said. “One of the things I really like about Fort Riley, here, is that the leaders push for strong families and resiliency in our spouses and our kids.”

Weinrich, spent two years with 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., before moving to DIVARTY, understands the high operations tempo that modern Army units keep.

“It’s busy, it’s busy everywhere in the Army,” he said. “It’s busy here at Fort Riley. As Soldiers we use our spiritual readiness out there with those starting points — our families. You build the readiness by going into training. You can’t just sit in a meeting ...

you have to go out there and act.”

Ensuring Soldiers are resilient and spiritually ready for the challenges they face while serving in the Army is key to success in the military, according to Weinrich. But for that to happen, Soldiers and their families need to plan for how they are going to handle the challenges they are saddled with.

“It is never too early to plan, because with readiness it can happen at any moment with ‘our nation needs us’ and ‘let’s go,’” he said. “It’s good to start that, and with spiritual readiness, Soldiers can start that with their own individual lives. By constantly maturing in their own religious events, maturing in ethical decisions, moral decisions.”

Weinrich maintains that resiliency and readiness are built out of moments, both high and low, scattered throughout a person’s life.

HALO

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regularly. Silva said it was nice to get an opportunity to jump into unfamiliar territory.

“Being able to come to an alternate DZ, compared to the normal DZ’s we operate out of Little Rock, it’s a nice way to challenge the experience we have and build experience for our guys,” he said. “To be able to exit and land on an alternate drop-zone compared to one that we’ve landed on many times and surveyed.”

The jump also provided a readiness component, as the jumpers were forced to locate their landing spot while free falling.

“Luckily there was a landing strip close by that we could identify from the aircraft,” Silva said. “It was nice to be able to exit the aircraft and pick out those features. We took our top four experienced jumpers from Little Rock to come out here and be a part of this exercise.”

After the C-130 dropped the four jumpers, the plane left the area to regroup with the other aircraft near Salina.

Zahler said this training could lead to loftier goals such as training for when an aircraft flies in equipment to the dirt strip and rolls off into a “fight” on the range complex.

“That’s one of the end goals to have those C-17s come in here,” Zahler said. “What we would do is have our primary aerial point of demarcation is Salina. We’ve actually done this with an M-88 (tracked tow truck), where we had a C-17, pick them up like they were deploying and fly them into this dirt strip where they could go right into the fight. It’s perfect because they can go right over and start shooting, that’s the whole purpose.”

Zahler said the landing strip provides commanders with a rare opportunity to set up a forward operating base that will allow the initial drop of Soldiers and equipment, and for resupply missions.

“With the upcoming exercise, we could set this up as a hub, just like you would in the desert,” he said. “Set up a FOB with a dirt strip, that now becomes

a supply hub for you. You could fly a C-130 into Marshal (Army Airfield), load it up with supplies (and) fly it out here to the guys who are fighting the fight just like you would in the real world.”

The 139th Airlift Wing out of St. Joseph, Missouri, has also offered to assist commanders in the field with their training.

“We’ve had St. Joseph volunteer their own aircraft, parachutes and riggers to air drop supplies during any of the exercises over here (Douthit Range Complex),” he said. “So you could have a live-fire exercise going on over here, go check fire, drop them ammunition, go pick up the ammunition and continue firing.”

The exercise completed with the loading of simulated gear onto the final aircraft which took off and departed for home base.

According to Smith, exercises like this continue to build readiness, not only for Army Soldiers but for Air Force pilots and other units that use the range complex.

“That’s what we strive for, to excel and build every operation that we have,” Smith said.

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'Turn around, don't drown' – Protect yourself from flash floods

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The potential for flash flooding is usually associated with severe weather and exists everywhere, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. They are the No. 1 weather-related killer in the U.S. Even the stoutest vehicle can be moved if enough water is flowing beneath and around it.

Statistics from The Weather Channel, show that 302 people lost their lives in flash floods from 2015 to 16, compared to 118 deaths from lightning and tornadoes combined over the same period.

For that reason, low water crossings are marked with appropriate signage, said Ron Clasberry, Garrison Safety Office deputy director.

“They (the signs) are seen on the training ranges and they urge people to take precautions,” Clasberry said. “If they see water rushing, don’t try to cross. It doesn’t take much water for a vehicle to be washed away. Turn around, don’t drown.”

WHAT IS FLASH FLOODING?

According to the National Weather Service, flash floods can be caused by a number of things, but is most often due to extremely heavy rainfall from thunderstorms. Flash floods can occur due to dam or levee breaks, and mudslides. The intensity of the rainfall, the location and distribution of the rainfall, the land use and topography, vegetation types and growth or density, soil type, and soil water-content all determine just how quickly the flash flooding may occur and influence where it may occur.

The NWS adds that normally tranquil streams and creeks in your neighborhood or area can become raging torrents if heavy rain falls overhead — or even upstream of your location.

Flash flooding can also occur on city streets and highway underpasses.

Clasberry provides the following information on avoiding flash floods:


According to the National Highway Traffic Administration about 75 percent of flood-related deaths occur in vehicles. At night, during heavy storms, it may be difficult to see that a road is flooded.

Realizing that not all flooded roads will be barricaded, take the following precautions:

- Avoid low water crossings
- Actively look for water over the road
- Turn around if a road is barricaded or if water is over the road
- Keep in mind the road may be heavily damaged underneath the flood water
- There are few good escape options once a car stalls in moving water, so avoid driving through flooded low-water crossings Avoid going around barriers or removing them. It is dangerous and could also result in a charge or fines.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DRIVE THROUGH FLOODWATERS?

- Water weighs 62.4 pounds per cubic foot and typically flows downstream at six to 12 mph
- When a vehicle stalls in the water, the water's momentum is transferred to the car.
- For each foot of water, 500 pounds of lateral force is applied to the vehicle
- Vehicles become buoyant as they displace water
- For each foot the water rises up the side of the car, the car displaces about 1,500 pounds of water. In effect, the car weighs 1,500 pounds less for each foot the water rises
- Most cars will float away in just two feet of water



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Week Two: April 8 – 14	Military and Civilian Deposits/Redeposits Have you performed active duty military service? Do you have any outstanding civilian deposits or redeposits? Visit the ABC-C Website at https://www.abc.army.mil to see how it affects your retirement.
Week Three: April 15 - 21	Retirement Calculators Do you know how much money you will need in retirement? Visit the Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) calculator on the ABC-C Website at https://www.abc.army.mil or the Federal Ballpark Estimate on the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Website at https://www.opm.gov/retire/tools/calculators/ballpark/BallparkIntro.asp . If you are within five years of retirement you may request an estimate from the ABC-C through HRLink in EBIS or their toll-free number at 1-877-276-9287 Monday through Friday between 7-5pm CT.
Week Four: April 22 - 30	Beneficiary Forms Are your Designation of Beneficiary form(s) filled out and up-to-date? Are they uploaded in your electronic Official Personnel Folder (eOPF)? Visit the ABC-C Website at https://www.abc.army.mil for links to the beneficiary forms. The TSP-3 should be mailed to the address on the form. This will ensure your loved ones will be taken care of in your absence.

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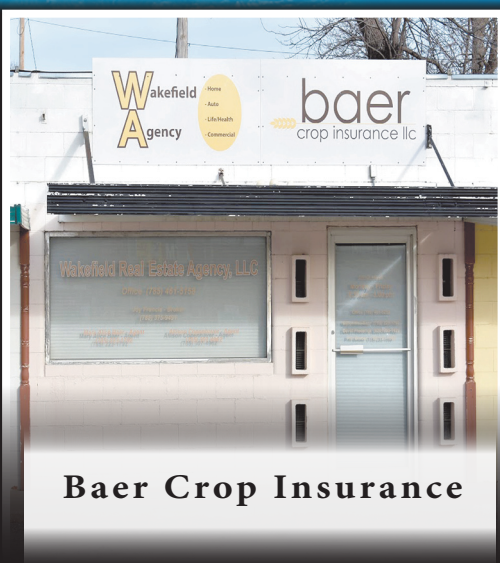
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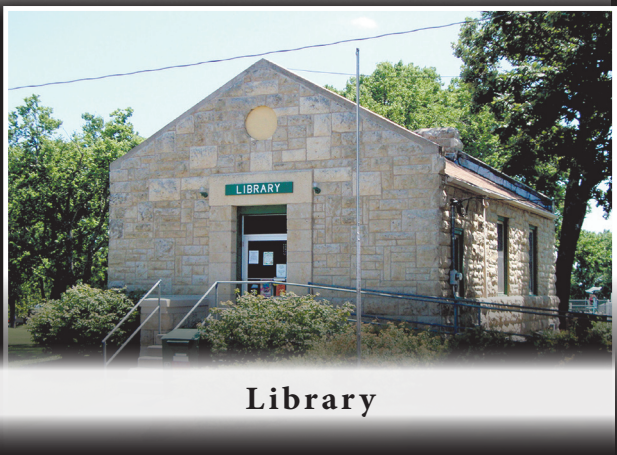
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MORE ONLINE

- For more information about motorcycle safety, visit the website www.riley.army.mil/Units/Garrison-Command/Safety/ and click on motorcycle enrollment procedures.



Sgt. 1st Class John Carroll, 300th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, rides into the two-day Motorcycle Safety course March 20.

Safety class big hit with bikers

Motorcyclists take part in two-day crash-free course

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

Robert McGee, motorcycle instructor, Motorcycle Safety Foundation certified rider coach and retired highway patrolman, taught six Soldiers the MSF Basic RiderCourse March 19 and 20. The course includes 10 hours of range training and five hours of classroom training.

“After they complete this class, they’ll get an MSF card,” McGee said. “That, along with their military ID, they can go to the Kansas DMV (department of motor vehicles) and get an endorsement on their license.”

Typically, the two-day course is set up to have classroom in the morning and range in the afternoon on both days, he said.

“When it gets warmer, we try to get out early because it will get hot around 1 o’clock,” McGee said.

From his experience, he said he understands both the rules of the road and how to control a bike. As a retired highway patrolman and a recreational rider, he has more than 50 years of experience.

Rod Cruz, a garrison safety specialist, said the Basic RiderCourse teaches the requirements of operating a motor vehicle and what personal protective equipment is required when riding a motorcycle on post according to Army Regulation 385-10, Chapter 11.

The regulation touches on the motor vehicle accident prevention policy, motor vehicle safety standards, how to safely operate a motor vehicle, safe movement of personnel and driver education.

Among the students was Sgt. 1st Class John Carroll, 300th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion.

“I knew about the course for a long time I just never really knew I would be riding a motorcycle,” he said. “Over Christmas, I had a motorcycle given to me.”

He said taking the course was something he needed to do in order to ride on the installation.

“So I went onto the Fort Riley website to sign up,” Carroll said. “I then identified Soldiers in my formation who wanted to ride. I have one of my Soldiers attending the class with me now.”

Cruz said a Common Access Card-enabled computer is needed to sign up for the course through the Fort Riley website.

For more information, visit the website www.riley.army.mil/Units/Garrison-Command/Safety/ and click on motorcycle enrollment procedures.



A team of five women from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade Color Guard led by Sgt. 1st Class Laura Peña, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st CAB, 1st Infantry Division, stands at attention during the Women’s History Month Observance March 21 at the Grey Eagle Hangar. The observation was hosted by the Soldiers of the 1st CAB.

A SALUTE TO WOMEN

Monthly observance showcases contributions both past, present

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

Hundreds of Soldiers at Fort Riley showed respect to women Soldiers during this year’s observation of Women’s History Month hosted by the Soldiers of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division March 21 at the Grey Eagle Hangar.

“The Equal Opportunity Advisor, Sgt. 1st Class James Parker, and his command sergeant major got together and decided they wanted to have an all-woman cast, if you will, for the observance,” said Sgt. 1st Class Mark White, Equal Opportunity advisor. “Everyone you see that is involved, the ushers, the color guard, the speaker, maybe not a few members of the band — but we are doing the best we can with that — will be a woman.”

The drummer of the 1st Infantry Division Band and Jazz Band combination was female, the presentation and retirement of the colors was completed by a team of five women from the 1st CAB Color Guard led by Sgt. 1st Class Laura Peña, Headquarters

DID YOU KNOW?

- As of March 1, there are more than **174,000 women** who serve in the Army Total Force.

and Headquarters Company, 1st CAB, the master of ceremonies was 1st Lt. Stephanie Preeckett, HHC, 1st CAB, and the invocation was given by Ch. (Capt.) Aimee Crane-Blake, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB.

“The Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute . . . publishes a theme and that’s based on another outside organizations theme,” White said. “So we usually take that and cater it to fit us. Since we have the (1st) Combat Aviation Brigade as the host of this month’s observance; we went with an aviation theme in our program. So it’s all women first in aviation.”

The program highlighted some historic women of aviation including:

See **WOMEN**, page 11



Guest speaker Lt. Col. Khirsten T. Schwenn, commander of 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, receives a plaque of appreciation from Lt. Col. John E. Tiedeman, commander of the 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Avn. Regt., 1st CAB, at Fort Riley Women’s History Month Observance.



Ollie Hunter, left, Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group Youth Trap and Skeet Camps instructor, watches Hezekiah Haman, son of Staff Sgt. Jerrik Haman, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, engage a target at the first session of the FROG Youth Trap and Skeet Camp March 23.

Barrels loaded for trap, skeet camps

Eighth annual youth event begins with sold-out first session on March 22 to 23

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

The eighth annual Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group Youth Trap and Skeet Camps began with a sold-out first session March 22 to 23 at the Fort Riley Trap and Skeet Range.

“The basic camps are two days, three hours per day,” said Ollie Hunter, FROG volunteer instructor. “We have five of these camps a year.”

The Youth Trap and Skeet Camp will offer five sessions for

“The young shooters receive, from me and hold in their pockets, the fundamentals of shotgun shooting.”

OLLIE HUNTER | VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR, FORT RILEY OUTDOORSMEN GROUP

dependent youth of active military ages 12 to 17.

Hunter said additional sessions are March 22 to 23, July 5 to 6, followed by July 12 to 13, July 19 to 20 and July 26 to 27. Each session is Thursday and Friday.

He said each group will learn safe gun handling, gain an introduction to American Trap, American Skeet and hear about intercollegiate opportunities.

“The young shooters receive, from me, and hold in their pockets the fundamentals of shotgun shooting,” Hunter said. “That is the basics of posture, what we do with our legs, head and hands in relationship to the firearm for moving targets.”

In the first session was Hezekiah, Gideon and Josiah, sons of Staff Sgt. Jerrik Haman, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

During the low house, Gideon, 14, missed only one clay pigeon out

See **CAMPS**, page 10

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.

FUNDAY SUNDAY WITH BOWLING CENTER; SOCCER, BOGA FIT

Visit Custer Hill Bowling Center. From noon to 6 p.m., April 1. 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.

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

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CARS AND COFFEE

It's back! The next Cars and Coffee event at the Warrior Zone begins 11 a.m. April 15, and ends 4 p.m. April 16. Show up for the food and beverages, stay for the awesome cars. Cars and Coffee will continue on the third Sunday of each month throughout spring and summer. For more information, call 785-240-6618.

CEREMONY AVAILABLE TO FORT RILEY GRADUATES

Fort Riley military, family members and civilians 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 in April with a No-Dough Dinner April 26.

The event will be held at the Culinary Arts Lab at 251 Custer Ave. at 5 p.m.

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 BARBECUE

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 Barbecue 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 information on these or other events.

FORT RILEY REEL TIME THEATER SCHEDULE

Friday, March 30
Fifty Shades Freed (R) 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 31
Black Panther 3-D (PG) 2 p.m.
Red Sparrow (R) 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 1
CLOSED

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

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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.

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In the first session, in order, Josiah, Hezekiah and Gideon Haman, sons of Staff Sgt. Jerrik Haman, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division March 23. During the low house, Gideon, 14, lines up his shot only to miss one clay pigeon out of six.

of six. He said the secret is memorizing.

Gideon said once he found the right beat he kept repeating.

His brother, Josiah, said the first shotgun fundamental helped him: "Keep your head in the gun."

He said the eye should remain on the target at all times.

The first day of the camp is a lesson on trap shooting and the second day, Hunter said, is focused on skeet shooting.

Before the start of the camp, Hunter said he will teach an in-depth gun safety course.

"We will start out with safety, a very detailed safety brief using the National Rifle Association 10 commandments of fire arm safety," he said.

These commandments, Josiah said to ensure safety.

For more information and to sign up for an upcoming session contact Ollie Hunter at 913-775-2760 or by email ohhiv74@cox.net.

In addition to the FROG Youth Trap and Skeet Camps, Hunter offers one day, two and a half hour skeet-only clinics at the Fort Riley Trap and Skeet Range.

WORSHIP

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Sunday Worship.....1100
Children's Church.....1115-1215

Morris Hill Chapel 239-2799
Gospel Protestant Service
Sunday School.....1000
Sunday Worship.....1100

Kapaua Chapel 239-0834
Traditional Protestant Service
Sunday Worship.....1030

Catholic Services

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Saturday's Vigil Mass.....1630
Sunday Mass.....0845
Sunday Catechism.....1000
Sunday DM cancelled until further notice

IACH Chapel 239-7872
Mid-day Mass—Mon.—Fri.....1200
Tuesday & Thursday Mass.....1800
Sunday Mass.....1200

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For Sabbath Services please contact the Division Chaplain at 240-6268/910-273-0767.

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Fort Riley Open Circle—SWC
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0900-1130
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For more information email fortilcwcoc@gmail.com or Facebook "Fort Riley CWOC"

Check for schedule over Training Holiday weekends

Army agency issues alcohol-free challenge

Staff Report

The Alcohol Awareness Month Campaign begins in April. The Army Substance Abuse and Prevention office invites everyone to start the observance with an Alcohol

Free Weekend from March 30 to April 1.

The ASAP team has issued the alcohol-free weekend challenge. The challenge is also an opportunity. Use this weekend to venture out

and see what Kansas has to offer or spend time with family over the holiday weekend. Those individuals or families who experience difficulty or discomfort in this 72-hour experiment are urged to contact local

services to learn more about alcoholism and its early symptoms.

Be on the lookout for other Alcohol Awareness Month events throughout April, like the annual ASAP Scavenger Hunt.

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Post holds voter assistance officer training

Representatives from about 50 units in attendance

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

On March 20, nearly 50 units from across Fort Riley were represented at Voting Assistance Officer training held at Barlow Theater.

The purpose of the training was to provide each unit with a representative to assist Soldiers with voter registration.

With 2018 being an election year, this training was extra important to ensure those who wish to vote, had the opportunity to vote come primary and general election days.

“As a unit voting assistance officer, you are usually the first point of contact of an individual that comes to your unit or installation for in-processing or out-processing,” said Lisa Thomas, Federal Voting Assistance Program representative and trainer. “So you will be a key person to inform individuals of the process of voting and provide them the resources to do that.”

Thomas said for Soldiers, registering to vote can be more difficult than it is for civilian personnel.

“Usually the process is easier if you are not in uniform,” she said. “(When) you go down to (the Department of Motor Vehicles) and register your vehicle, they ask you if you want to register to vote. They assign you a polling place, you go there and cast your vote. For us in uniform, it’s not that simple. You are usually out of your jurisdiction of voting. You are usually located outside of the city, state and county that you are registered to vote previously. There is a program, the



Lisa Thomas, Federal Voting Assistance Program representative and trainer, speaks to Soldiers from nearly 50 units at the Voting Assistance Officer training held at Barlow Theater March 20. The training taught Soldiers the resources available to each unit and the importance of voting.

Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, that all (Soldiers) fall under, which allows you (to) vote outside your facility very easily.”

The UOCAVA provides ways for Soldiers and their family members, along with U.S. citizens working and living outside of the country with an opportunity to vote.

The individual must fill out a Federal Postcard Application System card every year. It is valid from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Once filled out and returned to the elections clerk, the applicant will receive a ballot 45-days prior to the election.

“You are eligible to receive your ballot by mail, fax or e-mail,” said Rich Vargo, Riley County Clerk. “Send it in the same way. You choose, which way works best for you.”

The problem for some Soldiers, especially those new to the Army, is knowing where to register to vote.

“The place that you usually register is the place that you pay your state taxes,” said Kevin Walker, Fort Riley’s In-

stallation Voting Assistance Director. “Let’s say that you are stationed here at Fort Riley, but you are originally from Oklahoma. That’s where you pay your taxes, that’s where you register to vote.”

That fact impressed 1st Lt. Garrett Bouldry, 97th Military Police Battalion.

“I guess what I would say, if we have a Soldier who wants to know where they are going to vote from, I would tell them to look at their LES (leave and earning statement),” he said. “That’s probably the easiest.”

A recurring theme was ensuring information is available to those who seek it.

“Giving that (information) to the people in your formations, emphasizing the importance of voting, emphasizing there can be important change with one vote — that’s where you guys really come in,” said Lt. Col. Janette Kautzman, 1st Infantry Division engagement officer, to the voting assistance officers.

The 2018 General Election will be a major election in

“This year is a real big year to vote. We are going to vote for the Senate, House of Representatives, state and local elections.”

LISA THOMAS | TRAINER, FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

terms of the number of positions up for election.

“This year is a real big year to vote,” Thomas said. “We are going to vote for the Senate, House of Representatives, state and local elections.”

According to the slide presented during the training, there are 34 seats in the U.S. Senate, 435 seats in the House of Representatives, 38 State Governors and three territories up for election, along with state and local issues and positions.

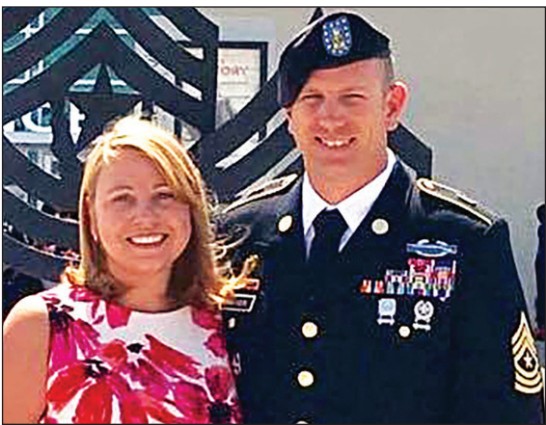
Walker said he will help anyone who comes into his office at 217 Custer Ave., room 130, but the VAO’s are the first-line, boots-on-the-ground officers with the Soldiers; especially as they deploy.

“My job is really just to get information out,” he said. “If people come to my office, I will help out but the units are the ones right there with hands on.”

Walker said he will have a booth at The Exchange around Fourth of July during Write-In and Absentee Voter Awareness Week and again in September as the elections get closer.

For more information about the UOCAVA program or on where to register, contact your unit voting assistance officer, Walker or fvap.gov.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of March 27 was:
It’s almost April. Where can I find information about the Fort Riley Tax Center?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/Units/Staff/Staff-Judge-Advocate/Tax-Center/

This week’s winner is Kessie Enstrom, spouse of Sgt. Maj. John Enstrom of the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Above are Kessie and John Enstrom.

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Jacqueline Cochran, the 1942 Women Airforce Service Pilots director; Pfc. Emma J. Burrows, the first crew chief and flight engineer in 1945; Col. Sally Murphy, the Army’s first female helicopter pilot in 1974; Lt. Col. Marcella Hayes, the first black female pilot in the U.S. Armed Forces in 1979; Brig. Gen. Rhonda L. Cornum, Ph.D, MD, the first female flight surgeon to enter combat in 1991; Sgt. Cheryl LaBeau O’Brien was the first woman serving in the 4th Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, to be killed in action Feb. 27, 1991; Maj. Gen. Jessica Wright, the first female aviation brigade commander and the first female aviator in the National Guard; Anne C. McClain (former Maj.) NASA astronaut; Capt. Shaye L. Haver, one of the first Soldiers to earn the Ranger tab in 2015; and Lt. Gen. Laura J. Richardson, who became the first female deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Forces Command in 2017 and the first female deputy commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

“I’ve been asked a few times to speak at women’s events but this is the first time I’ve accepted the invitation,” said guest speaker Lt. Col. Khirsten T. Schwenn, commander of 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB. “To be

honest, I’ve always shied away from anything that would set me apart as a woman.”

Schwenn is appreciative of those who had gone before her in service.

“I grew up in an Army where nearly every door had already been opened before me through policy and great women who’ve come before me,” Schwenn said.

As Schwenn contemplated her remarks leading up to the Women’s History Month observance, she said she experienced questions from her friends and peers.

“(Questions) about why do we have Women’s History Month, or National Women’s Day and why there is no white man celebration or international man’s day,” she said. “(From these questions) I realized I had to do some soul searching.”

Schwenn said she found out not celebrating women is a disservice to the women both past and present.

“We need — very much— to include it because we would (be) disingenuous if we do not recognize the contributions of women of the past and even more if we ignore . . . women in uniform today,” she said.

As she read of the historic women highlighted in the program, she said she was humbled to have her name listed with them and felt she was the least distinguished individual.

“My intent today is to highlight the fact that women have always sacrificed for our

nation and to illuminate the opportunities we have daily to build and ready the Army of the future with confident, courageous and well-led, well-trained women,” Schwenn said.

As of March 1, there are more than 174,000 women who serve in the Total Force — according to www.army.mil.

A proclamation signed by President Donald J. Trump, recognized America’s history is rich with amazing . . . stories of strong, courageous and brilliant women.

The proclamation encouraged Americans to observe Women’s History Month and celebrate International Women’s Day March 8, with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

In keeping with the proclamation, the Fort Riley Women’s History Month Observance concluded with a plaque presentation to Schwenn by Lt. Col. John E. Tiedeman, commander of the 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB and her battle buddy.

“I am absolutely honored by the women of the 1st Infantry Division and realize the diversity, confidence, courage and professionalism that they provide makes us that much stronger of a nation,” Tiedeman said. “We appreciate their sacrifice and commitment to serve and break down all the barriers so that we can all move out as equals, as Soldiers.”

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Families get behind-scenes look

Witness how citizen-Soldiers train for deployment during exercise on Fort Riley

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

Nearly 700 family members of the 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, Kansas Army National Guard, visited Fort Riley and the Douthit Range Complex March 24.

The families were invited to watch their Soldiers train as the CAB prepares for their deployment to Kuwait.

Lt. Col. Carlin Williams, commander, was pleased with the overall turnout for the event and the smiles and shocked looks when the main gun for the M1A2 Abrams tank went off.

“It’s amazing to see the looks on the families and kids when the 120mm tank round goes off,” he said. “It’s great, because their Soldiers have been training so hard and so long, and there is a lot more training in front of them. For them to be able to see the equipment they are training on and to see them still training, yet still get to come eat dinner with them is great.”

The morale boost was evident among the Soldiers and senior leadership of the battalion as smiles were seen from both the Soldiers and their families. Some smaller children could not wait for the safety briefing to conclude before running to their parents who were standing by.

For Ginger Lemaster of Salina, Kansas, mother of Sgt. Jacob Lemaster, Company B, it was about seeing her son do what he was wanted to for many years.

“I love it,” she said. “I can see the side of him it brings out. This is something that he’s always wanted to do. He is so excited about it and knows so much about it. It amazes me.”

Lemaster continued by adding how much pride she has in her Soldier.

“Super pride; since he was four he wanted to do this,” she said. “(To) see him do what he wants to do and the pride in his eyes is so amazing.”

Sgt. Lemaster said the visit was a great boost for his morale especially with the amount of time spent away while being so close to home.

“It’s pretty awesome,” he said. “They get to see what I do. When I go off for drill weekends they really don’t know what I do. (They) get to see it and actually get hands on the tank and feel the percussion of the boom. It’s really rewarding. We are a month here, then a month somewhere else, then a month somewhere else then off to Kuwait, as much time as we can get is good for morale.”

While families got to visit with their Soldier, training was still being conducted at both Range 18 South and Douthit Gunnery Complex.

Lt. Col. Williams said he was thankful to have the relationship with Fort Riley and access to quality ranges so close to home to train on.

“We absolutely love the relationship with Fort Riley,” he said. “We have all of our vehicles down here, great facilities, great access to ranges, we have no issues with the support personnel on post in order to help us accom-



Family members and Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment, 155th Armored Combat Team, Kansas Army National Guard, watch as an M1A2 Abrams tank attacks targets on Range 18 during the 2-137th Table VI qualifying March 24. Families of the Soldiers were invited for a family day to see what their citizen-Soldiers were doing prior to their deployment to Kuwait.

plish our mission. We chose to train here. We were given the option to train someplace else and we said that we wanted to train close to home because of the facilities that Fort Riley has to offer.”

Readiness is always a challenge for National Guard Soldiers according to Williams, but the advantages offered by Fort Riley are greatly appreciated.

“The fact that we have our equipment close to us and we have facilities we can train on – it does help,” he said. “We definitely have a lot of advantages with the quality of ranges that we have so close that we don’t have to load our tanks onto trains and go somewhere else in order to get ranges to run mounted machine guns, Bradleys and Abrams all at the same time.”

One of the more memorable moments for one soon-to-be Army family happened at Douthit Gunner Complex when Sgt. Alex Bebb of Colby, Company C, exited the back of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle to propose to his girlfriend, Kaitlyn Reindel, in front of a group of family members.

“I think she was pretty surprised by it,” He said. “She knew it was coming but didn’t know when or how or anything like that. We had talked about it for some time now, but I didn’t tell her how I was going to propose yet.” Bebb said that proposing with his military family by his side was important.

“I’ve been with this unit for just about six years, and I have spent a lot of time with these guys,” he said. “A lot of these guys I consider my family, because we have spent a lot of time together and we have been through a lot together. I wanted them to share this moment with me, so that’s kind of why I wanted to do it.”

The moment was shared on social media as the gathered crowd applauded and cheered for the couple. They are discussing a wedding after the unit returns from deployment.

For the parents of Capt. Matthew Indermuehle of Leavenworth, Kansas, Battalion AS-3 Officer, it was about the time that Indermuehle’s kids, Joshua and Elizabeth, 4 ½ -year-old twins, saw what was important to his family.

“I’m excited because his kids came and they can see his training and that he is safe



Sp. Asa Manor, Company A, 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment, 155th Armored Combat Team, Kansas Army National Guard, is greeted by his 3-year-old daughter, Brynn, during Family Day March 24.

where he is, and that he has people around him to work together,” mom Karen said.

Lt. Col. Williams wished to thank not only the families of the Soldiers, but also the communities they came from for their support of his Soldiers.

“One of the unique things about the Army National Guard and specifically the 2-137th, we are pulling more than 600 Soldiers out of our communities,” he said. “We’ve got countless school teachers, policemen, fire fighters, small business owners – all these people are coming out the communities and taking time to serve their country. We really couldn’t do it without the support of the communities and the families. These Soldiers love getting out here and getting on steel, but they couldn’t do it if it wasn’t for the support they have at home and in their communities.”

The 2nd CAB, 137th Inf. Reg. is deploying in support of Operation Spartan Shield. Operation Spartan Shield is a combined forces contingency operation designed to deter and react to possible threats within the Middle East.

TEEN EXTREME WEEK



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Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Teen Extreme Week featured activities for Fort Riley teens including extreme activities inside the Youth Center, 5800 Thomas Ave., bowling and the College Basketball Experience in Kansas City. The week-long venture featured 20 to 25 teens per day according to facility director, Lisa Smith.

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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**
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- Family Pool Party* ♦ Saturday, 14 April from 5-8pm ♦ Eyster Pool**
CYS registered families 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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National PUPPY Day
PHOTO CONTEST
WINNERS

Jose Roman and his photo titled 'Stroll in the Park'

Ariyana and Justin Stewart with Lab and Great Dane mix named **BamBam!**

It's a tie! Congratulations to our two Winners!

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Easter Egg Hunts

Hop into Holy Week, Easter celebrations

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April 1 is the celebration for many church families as the day that Christ has risen.

For children, the day is a celebration of all things chocolate as they travel to and from Easter egg hunts.

Fort Riley and the surrounding communities have activities and worship services planned throughout the weekend beginning with Good Friday masses or services.

The weekend culminates on Sunday with Easter celebrations held. See below for area and post celebrations:

FORT RILEY

Jewish Services — Passover Holiday Seder Observance, Friday, March 30, 7:45 p.m.

Fort Riley Culinary Lab, 251 Cameron Ave. (RSVP required to attend. Please RSVP to Chaplain Felzenberg, shmuel.l.felzenberg.mil@mail.mil).

Catholic Services — Good Friday Services of the Cross, Friday, March 30, 3 p.m., St. Mary's Chapel. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at noon. Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Chapel.

Protestant Services — Good Friday, Service of Darkness, Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Main Post Chapel.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 1, 7 a.m. Victory Chapel parking lot 'B,' Inclement weather indoors at Victory Chapel

Normal Sunday Worship Services as scheduled.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, — 2210 Trooper Drive, grassy side of Post Exchange, March 31, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Kids only featuring games and prizes.

MILFORD LAKE

Easter Egg Hunt, Acorn's Resort and RV Park, 3710 Farnum Creek Road, Saturday, March 31, 11 a.m.

JUNCTION CITY

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m., Valley View Senior Life, 1417 West Ash St.

Easter Egg Hunt, Acacia Lodge #91, Sunday, April 1, 3 p.m., North Park, Thompson Drive.

Highland Baptist Church, 1407 St. Mary's Road, Easter services, 10:30 a.m.

Legacy Community Church, 528 East Flint Hills Blvd., Easter Sunday Worship services, 6:45 a.m.

MANHATTAN

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 3905 Green Valley Road, Sunday April 1, 10 a.m.

Spring Family Fun Day Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m., City Park, 1101 Poyntz Ave.

First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Fifth and Humboldt, April 1, Easter breakfast in Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m., Easter Worship at 10:45 a.m., Easter egg hunt will follow worship.

United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Ave., Holy Thursday 6 p.m., Seder meal and worship service in Fellowship Hall; Good Friday, 7 p.m., combined

worship at College Ave. United Methodist, 1609 College Ave.; Easter morning, 8:35 a.m. contemporary worship, 11 a.m. traditional worship. Easter egg hunt in the church courtyard at 10:15 a.m.

Westview Community Church, 615 Gillespie Drive, Easter Sunday, 7 a.m.

Manhattan Presbyterian Church, 115 Courthouse Plaza, Easter Sunday: The Three Crosses, 9 a.m.

First Lutheran Church, 930 Poyntz Ave., Easter Sunday Celebration, 8 a.m.

Emmanuel South Baptist Church, 8950 Elk Creek Road, Emmanuel's Easter Events, 9 a.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 330 Sunset Ave., St. Luke's Lutheran Church Easter Festivities, 7 a.m.

Keats Lions Club Easter

Egg Hunt, Keats Park, 3221 Reservation Drive, March 31, 1 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 700 Poyntz Ave., April 1, 12 p.m.

University Christian Church, 2800 Claflin Road, Easter Family Experience, March 31, 9:30 a.m.

Manhattan Church of the Nazarene, 3031 Kimball Ave., Easter Celebration, April 1, 10 a.m. Easter celebration egg hunt, 12:15 p.m.

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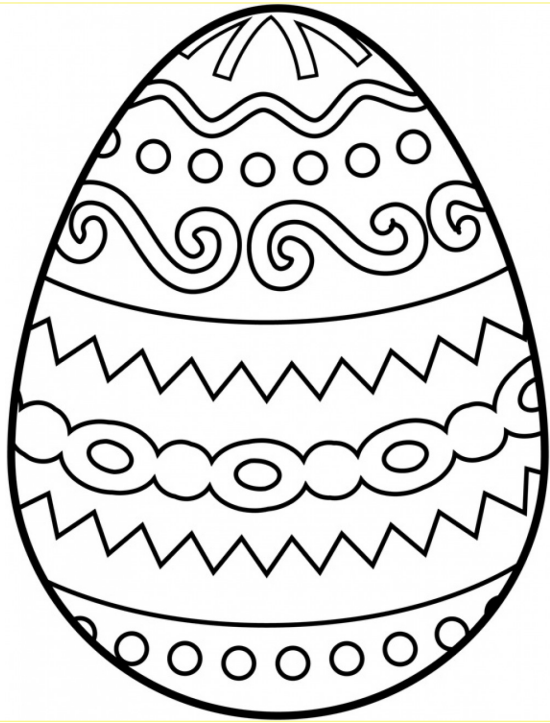
Easter Egg Roll, Eisenhower Presidential Library, 200 SE Fourth St., 1 p.m. April 1.

COUNCIL GROVE

Life Church Council Grove, 24 North Union St., Easter Celebration, April 1, 10:30 a.m.



The above photos reflect last year's Easter celebrations at Fort Riley and Abilene, Kansas.



Eggstra coloring

