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New view for garrison senior enlisted Soldier

By Collen McGee
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About 60 days ago, a man from Beltsville, Maryland, assumed responsibility as the U.S. Army Garrison command sergeant major at Fort Riley.

Some might call it a complete change of direction for an Army career. They would be right.

"It is definitely a lot different than what I've been doing," said Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew T. Bristow II. "I've spent 12 years in special ops, been in airborne and light infantry units — this job is completely different and I am embracing it."

For Bristow, the change in career duties offered him a view he said few Soldiers get.

"As Soldiers, we don't understand how much goes on behind the scenes to keep the installation running and supporting our Soldiers," Bristow said.

Bristow said that view is valuable to leaders because all the mission-enabling details he hadn't seen before are visible to him now and he understands more about why he was chosen for the job.

"It's an honor to be here and know I was selected for this brigade-level position," Bristow said. "I look at this as a good broadening job. I'll be able to understand how things work behind the scenes."

He said knowing these details about the behind the scenes requirements will help him understand what it takes to support the mission, train the Soldiers and keep the families safe.

To realize that support, Bristow points to the Army civilians he's been out meeting across the garrison team.

"We have a great civilian workforce," he said. "I want

Command Sgt. Maj.
Andrew T. Bristow II

to make sure I help take care of them because they take care of the Soldiers. I'm happy with what I've seen with the workforce."

Fort Riley and the Flint Hills region is also something unique. The spirit of a place is often in the people who live and serve there. Bristow said that spirit was evident from the day he arrived and how he was greeted by Col. John D. Lawrence, Fort Riley garrison commander.

"Col. Lawrence met me at the gate," Bristow said. "I'd never experienced that before. That meant a lot to me and my family."

The greeting did not end there. Bristow said Lawrence has given him some great insight during his first two months.

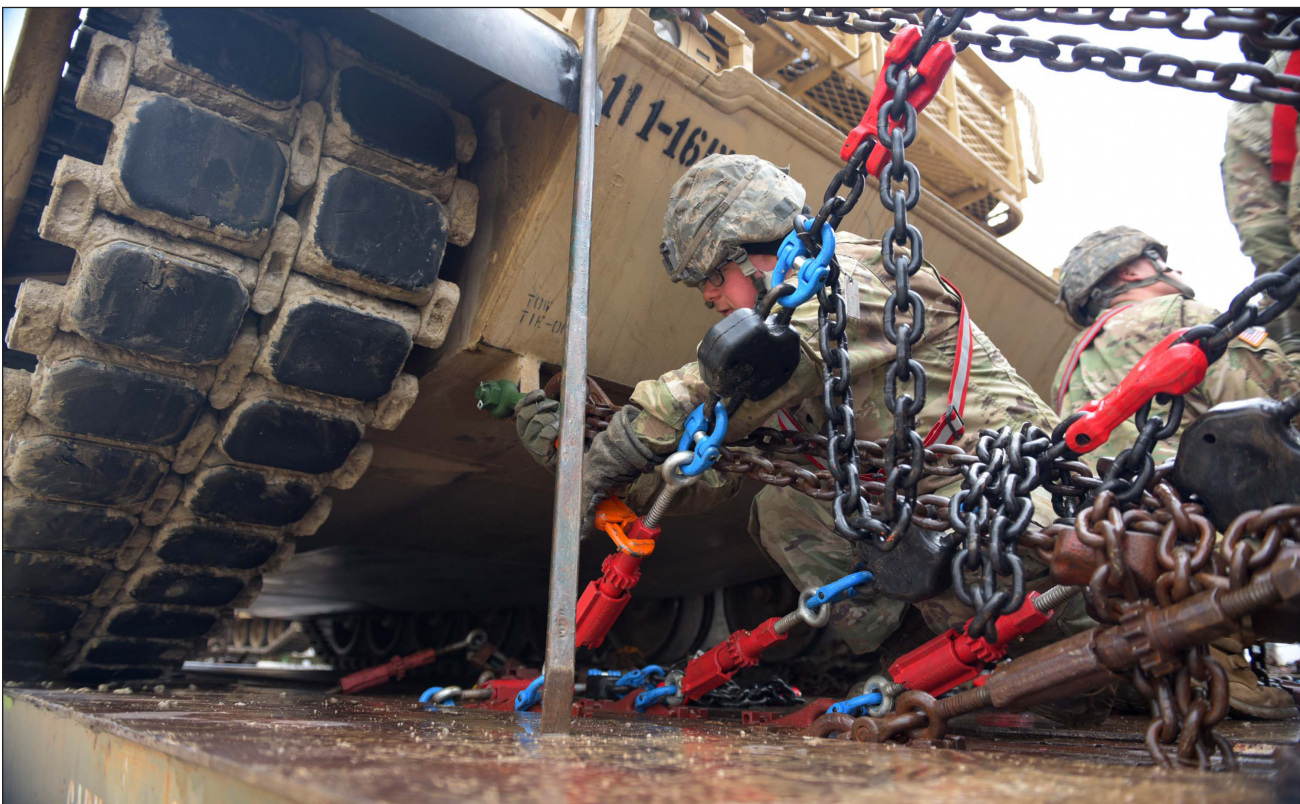
"He's a great mentor," Bristow said. "He has taught me a lot in a short amount of time."

Not only was the reception warm from his supervisor and mentor, Bristow said he and his family also appreciate the way the people in the surrounding communities have welcomed and included them.

Going forward, Bristow is determined about one thing. Making sure this garrison continues to run well and ensuring any room for improvement is filled.

"I'm going to give 100 percent to this job," Bristow said.

'Iron Rangers' conduct rapid deployment exercise



Spc. Arizona Poe, M1 armor crewman assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, tightens the chains of an M1 Abrams tank to a flatcar March 26 at Camp Funston on Fort Riley. The Soldiers prepared to head to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, as part of an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise.

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt.
Elizabeth Tarr
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Bags are packed and equipment is prepared for transport as Soldiers assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, prepare to head to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, as part of an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise.

An EDRE is a no-notice, rapid deployment exercise designed to test all aspects of a unit's readiness and the ability to deploy forces within a short timeframe. The exercise validates the ability to deploy forces around the world as a critical component of the Global Response Force.

"This type of exercise gives leaders the training they need to be flexible, understand the intent of each mission and to certify that their Soldiers are ready for combat," said Sgt. Maj. Derek Cook, senior enlisted advisor of 1st Inf. Div.'s transportation department and EDRE inspector.

The EDRE inspection team will inspect recall procedures, Soldier and equipment readiness, and ensure all paperwork is valid.

"I have external validators



Sgt. Maj. Derek Cook, left, senior enlisted advisor of 1st Inf. Div.'s transportation department and EDRE inspector, speaks to Capt. Derek Rondeau (right), commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and 2nd Lt. Ernest Agresti, unit maintenance officer assigned to Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., during an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise March 26 at Camp Funston.

coming to inspect my company from the ground up to ensure we are ready in every area," said Capt. Derek Rondeau, commander of Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt. "This was a great opportunity for us to come together as a team, figure out our requirements and ultimately validate our operations."

Rondeau took command in October 2017 and says his company spent numerous months honing their

individual and collective tasks to adequately support any mission, anywhere, at any time.

The company served as the opposing force at Joint Readiness Training Center last October, executing dismounted and mounted gunnery, combined-arms live-fire exercises and multiple close-combat tactical trainer exercise, he added.

Capt. Rick Mattison, operations officer for 1st

ABCT, played a role in planning the exercise to certify that the company was sufficiently prepared to execute the EDRE and had the opportunity to observe the inspections.

"It's impressive to see what these guys have learned and how they have handled the exercise," Mattison said. "It's evident that they are fully prepared to take on any mission that comes their way."

Joint training helps providers aid victims of strangulation

By J. Parker Roberts
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

More than 140 sexual assault response coordinators, law-enforcement officers, nurses and other professionals from Fort Riley and the surrounding communities spent March 29 learning more about the signs and effects of strangulation. The all-

day seminar Strangulation: The Last Warning Shot discussed the medical and legal ramifications of this particular act of assault.

Barbara Garber, Sexual Harassment / Assault Response and Prevention program manager for the 1st Infantry Division, said the training was

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Scott Rhodes | FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Crews begin tearing down the housing units in Colyer Manor this week with work expected to take a year. Check back next week for story.



Chad L. Simon | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Brig. Gen. Stephen Smith, 1st Infantry Division, deputy commanding general of support, attends a proclamation signing at the division headquarters building on March 27 as the division kicked off Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month.

FORT RILEY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
Aubrey Kerbs, Installation Chapel Services

As a teen volunteer, Aubrey assists 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 and she is also a teaching assistant for Bible Study and assists with Vacation Bible School and Chapel Next Services.

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

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Esper outlines Army goals, including modernization, Futures Command

Story and photo by Devon L. Suits
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – By 2028, the U.S. Army will be fully ready to deploy, fight and win decisively against any adversary, anytime and anywhere in a joint, multi-domain, high-intensity conflict, said the Army’s secretary. While doing those things, the Army will also be able to simultaneously deter the aggression of adversaries and conduct irregular warfare.

Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper laid out his vision of U.S. Army capabilities during opening statements March 26 at the 2018 Association of the U.S. Army Global Force Symposium and Exhibition here.

“The Army will do this through an employment of modern, manned and unmanned ground combat vehicles, aircraft, sustainment systems and weapons coupled with robust combined arms formations and tactics based on a modern warfighting doctrine and centered on exceptional leaders and Soldiers of unmatched lethality,” he said.

Also helping achieve that goal will be the Army Futures Command. That new command was announced in October, and is expected to stand up this summer. It will be the Army’s fourth command and will have equal footing with U.S. Army Forces Command, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, and U.S. Army Materiel Command, said Under Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy, during his own opening remarks.

The creation of the new command requires the Army to rewire and de-layer itself to support the new command structure, McCarthy said.

As the initial operating capability of Futures Command continues to be defined, McCarthy said, the Army’s integration, research and development, acquisition, and science and technology communities should expect to see some changes in their organizational alignment.

However, the undersecretary emphasized that realigning under the Futures Command organizational structure does not suggest that existing organizations will physically move to a new location.

The undersecretary also said the Army will need to be judicious with existing funding if it wants to meet its modernization goals.

“The budget control act looms large in 2020,” McCarthy said. “In order to maintain momentum and not fall off the pending fiscal cliff,



Army Secretary Mark T. Esper outlined some of Army’s key priorities for Futures Command and its potential impact to the force during the opening ceremony at the 2018 Association of the U.S. Army Global Force Symposium and Exhibition March 26.

we will initiate a robust reform effort that will require a comprehensive relocation of resources within our portfolios to support modernization efforts.”

The location of Futures Command

Eventually, the Army will name a location for the Futures Command headquarters. Right now, Army leaders are in the process of narrowing down a list of about 150 possible locations to just 10. McCarthy said the basing decision for the new command will be based on proximity to talent, the private sector, and academia. The Army is also looking at quality-of-life measures, cost, time assessment, as well as civic and regional support.

Once the Army determines those 10 cities, McCarthy said, he and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. James C. McConville will visit each location to decide which one will best support the Army’s newest command.

“We will then announce the Futures Command location, with initial operating capability, this summer,” McCarthy said. “As much as the location is important, so is selecting the right leaders.”

McCarthy said the Army expects to announce the commander for Futures Command within the next few weeks.

Making a necessary change

While the Army has been focused on fighting and winning in the Middle East, Esper said, “China and Russia have invested in advanced technologies, professionalized their militaries ... and have reduced our military advantage.”

Even if the U.S. never faces either of those nations on the battle-

field, Esper said, the effects of their military advancement will be felt.

“We should expect to see their weapons and equipment and tactics used by adversaries against us,” Esper said. “This brings to mind North Korea and Iran, (which) will continue to threaten regional stability, our allies, and U.S. security interests.”

While U.S. adversaries are bolstering their own militaries, Esper said, the U.S. Army is doing the same.

That effort, he said, currently involves modernization focused on six areas, which include long-range precision fires, a next-generation combat vehicle, future vertical lift platforms, a mobile and expeditionary Army network, air and missile defense capabilities, and Soldier lethality. Supporting those modernization efforts are eight newly-created, cross-functional teams, which will eventually be a part of Army Futures Command.

In addition to those six modernization priorities, Esper outlined five areas of consideration for the Army as it faces the threats posed by an increasingly complex global security environment. Those areas include doctrine, organization, manning, training and equipping.

Doctrine

“Doctrine is how the Army fights, and it’s fundamental to transforming the Army of 2028,” Esper said. “Much like a transmission synchronizes inputs through gears and produces a stronger output, doctrine synchronizes the Army’s core functions to produce greater lethality.”

According to Esper, the doctrinal concept of multi-domain battle must be embedded at all levels of leadership and propagated at all levels of Army education. And with the implementation of Futures Command, all Army leaders will need to understand the new command’s purpose, application, and impact on the global force.

With the goal of developing and improving Army doctrine, the Army has slated to prototype a multi-domain task force in 2019 within the Pacific region. This is an area Esper said Army senior leaders have identified as “truly a multi-domain fight.”

Moving forward, the development of the multi-domain battle construct also helps to establish more interoperability between U.S. and coalition partners.

“We all recognize that we could benefit through greater collaboration,” Esper said. “I like to say that, I’m working on a 500 piece puzzle. I’m halfway done,

and maybe the Air Force has 30 of those pieces. Maybe, the Navy has 40. Maybe I have some of theirs. The more we can collaborate ... (the more) it has the promise of getting us to the end-state much more quickly and efficiently.”

Organization

Moving forward, the Army must be organized appropriately to reach its 2028 goals, Esper said.

“A decade from now, our formations must be more robust, agile, and lethal,” he said. “We’ve already begun making these organizational changes. For example, we are increasing the capability of our formations, returning short-range air defense and multiple launch rocket systems battalions to our divisions.”

Manning

By 2028, the total Army will need to reach 500K active Soldiers, with similar growth in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. Most importantly, the future Army must “focus on recruiting and retaining high quality, physically fit, mentally tough Soldiers, who will deploy, fight and win decisively on any future battlefield,” Esper said.

However, the force is facing a more significant issue as only 29 percent of Americans can meet the standards to enter the U.S. Army, McCarthy said. Although the Army is doing what it can to ensure it receives the best Soldiers possible, Army leaders should be doing more to connect the nation with the all-volunteer Army force.

Moving ahead, the Army is also looking into new ways to manage and leverage its current pool of talent. One way the Army will do that is with the Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army, McCarthy said.

Currently, the Army relies on three separate systems to track active, Guard and Reserve personnel. Under the current systems, the Army is only able to track Soldiers by rank, service affiliation, career field and other Army career-related identifiers.

With IPPS-A, the Army hopes to identify Soldiers with different certifications and credentials, which aren’t tied to their MOS.

In addition, the Army will be able to track other skills and attributes that could be used support the warfighter. For example, these skills could range from proficiencies in other languages, to having an understanding of farming, engineering, and crisis management, McConville said.

Training

The future of Army training will be “tough, realistic, and dynamic,” Esper said, with a focus on urban operations — to include operating in megacities — and electronically harsh environments. To accomplish this, Futures Command must expand upon the synthetic training environment and implement a broad distribution of inter-connected simulation capabilities, Army-wide.

Reforms to training also include a decrease in “mandatory training” and additional duties unless it had a direct tie to readiness and lethality, Esper said.

Equipping

The modern Army must be equipped with the most advanced, capable and survivable combat systems industry can provide, Esper said.

“A decade from now, preferably sooner, we will see our formations begin to fill with a variety of manned and unmanned combat vehicles, aircraft, sustainment systems and weapons,” Esper said. “Greater use of autonomous systems, robotics, and artificial intelligence promises to make our units more lethal, our Soldiers less vulnerable, and the Army far, far more effective.”

To accomplish this, the Army challenges industry partners and academia to generate ideas that apply to future operating environments, McCarthy said.

McCarthy said the Army recognizes that the private sector outpaces the Army when it comes to innovation. The Army, he said, must efficiently connect with the private sector and optimize its decision-making process to ensure the Army receives the best equipment in the shortest amount of time possible. The Army Futures Command will be a large part of that effort, he said.

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Demon Diner among six finalists Armywide to compete for best dining facility

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

Soldiers and staff of the Demon Diner dining facility had three judges evaluate their overall cutlery skills, culinary knowledge and customer service as part of the Department of the Army-level Philip A. Connelly Awards Program March 30 at Fort Riley.

The dining facility that primarily serves Soldiers from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, is one of six finalists for the prestigious award. The Demon Diner placed first among 17 dining facilities in the regional competition, according to Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jeffery Manninen, Department of the Army Philip A. Connelly lead evaluator, in judging last summer to qualify as a finalist among more than 110 dining facilities Armywide.

The facility was judged on 10 areas as part of the evaluation to recognize deserving units for superb performance throughout the Army.

“The Connelly is geared toward increasing customer satisfaction, customer service, raising utilization rates by incorporating modern menus and training and recognizing our young culinary specialists,” Manninen said.

The competition isn’t just another award for Demon Diner to place in its trophy case. The Soldiers who eat meals prepared at the diner are better prepared to carry out their duties as Soldiers because of the quality of food.

“Overall, a quality dining facility specifically at this level will increase the readiness of the warfighter and the Soldiers themselves because now we are providing healthy meals with servings of fruits and vegetables each day,” Mannin-



Soldiers and staff from the Demon Diner were awarded a golden plate by Philip A. Connelly Awards Program judges March 30. The diner was chosen as one of the six best dining facilities in the Army.

en said. “The dining facilities will refuel Soldiers within an hour of physical training in the morning.”

The evaluation portion of the competition allowed the Soldiers and staff to put their best foot forward and show the judges all their hard work and skill, said Staff Sgt. Robert Malone, Demon Diner manager.

“The Soldiers here enjoy their job and put their heart into it,” Malone said. “They don’t just come here to collect a paycheck. They always want to learn more.”

The overall top dining facility will be announced in Chicago during the Nation Restaurant Association Armed Forces Training Event in May.

The competition is named for Philip A. Connelly, a leader in food service management who worked diligently and earnestly throughout his life to promote professionalism in the military and civilian food service industry, according to the award Department of the Army Food Service Program.

Efforts prevail at ‘Long Knife’ combined live-fire exercise

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

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Moments before the hills of the Grafenwoehr Training Area shook from the force of U.S. Army firepower, the senior officer overseeing a combined-arms-live-fire exercise offered his Soldiers a few words of encouragement before their training began.

“Never forget that in war and in life, we must always try to improve,” said Lt. Col. Hunter Bowers, commander of 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. “We must always improve, because if we are not getting better, then we are getting worse.”

The Soldiers of 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., and 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, took heed of Bower’s words and executed a combined-arms-live-fire exercise outside of Grafenwoehr, Germany, March 26.

The purpose of the CALFEX was to build Soldier confidence and competency and to prepare the units for Combined Resolve X.

A multinational training CBRX exercise is scheduled to include more than 3,700 participants from 13 nations, who will train to develop greater interoperability with NATO allies and partner nations.

Bowers, a veteran of five deployments, said he believed the CALFEX will be a fundamental boost in his Soldiers’ ability to work alongside their NATO allies during future missions.

“We’ve built confidence



A U.S. Army M2 Bradley fighting vehicle from 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and an AH-64 Apache helicopter with 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, secure an area during a combined-arms-live-fire exercise in Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, March 26.

within our junior leaders, in their ability to implement all the different types of integration they need to do,” Bowers said. “As we go forward into Combined Resolve X and as we work with other NATO countries, what we have done here will help demonstrate that we are ready, willing and able to fight.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Jeremy Carey, a Lee, Maine, native and the senior enlisted advisor for 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., said he believes in addition to being prepared for future NATO missions, his Soldiers performed admirably during the exercise.

“Our Soldiers have been doing a phenomenal job here,” Carey said. “As

a squadron, we are always working to improve on our standard operating procedures and this type of integration was a sight to see.”

One of the ways the unit improved procedures was by bringing junior Soldiers and senior leaders together to discuss mission objectives. This allowed senior leaders to share past experiences and best practices with junior members of the team.

“We are trying to grow and develop leaders here in the 1st Inf. Div.,” Carey said. “What I saw here today, were leaders with relative levels of experience within the Army working above their comfort zone and still pulling all of this off together.”

Carey said that he believes the tradeoff of wisdom between junior and experienced Soldiers, coupled with the hard work and drive of his troops, is what helps give the U.S. Army an edge.

“One reason why the United States Army is as great as it is, is that we go out, train, come together professionally and look one another in the eyes to give feedback from experienced leaders to less experienced leaders,” Carey said. “Our Soldiers take that feedback with open ears and they learn from it. This type of training allows our Soldiers to bring a special type of drive and experience to the armies of the world.”

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ASK DR. JARGON

Good Idea Fairies

Dear Dr. Jargon,
My wife sometimes comes home from the unit muttering about good idea fairies. Now I understand that the term isn't a positive one, but what exactly is a good idea fairy and why are they not encouraged? I would think good ideas are always welcome in a place where improvement is a constant goal.
Signed,
Husband of a fairy swatter

Dear Husband,
You are right about good ideas being important to an Army that is constantly seeking to improve the way Soldiers can accomplish the mission. There are times, however, that good ideas are not the best ideas. Most of it comes down to the timing of how and when they are presented.
Let's start by giving you the top three definitions of a good idea fairy.
Definition number one involves someone who has had little to do with a process they were supposed to be contributing to and they show up shortly before the deadline with an amazing idea but there's no time to execute it. The second definition is one who changes course in the midst of a joint activity or project and doesn't tell the others involved with the effort that they have decided on a new direction or step in the process.
The third is the kind who gives directives but doesn't provide the time, tools, manpower or budget to accomplish the goal.
All three of these are disheartening and it is understandable that your wife mutters about them.
If you encounter these, my best advice for each type is to ask questions. How can the team accomplish the new idea with the time remaining? Is it possible to get a deadline extension?
For the second type, ask how can the change be communicated? How does the change affect others in the process.
For the last kind, the simplest version of how will suffice. How will we get the required resources to complete the task?
Thanks for supporting your wife and remind her that she can always ask how and that word is way more effective than a good idea fairy swatter will ever be.

TRAFFIC REPORT

ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS

Those with a valid military ID card, or who have an access pass or badge, wanting access to Fort Riley on weekends should use Estes, Ogden, Henry or Trooper gates.

For more information about Fort Riley access procedures, visit www.riley.army.mil.

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

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COLYER MANOR PROJECT

This project began March 19 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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IACH hosts health fair for retirees, families

IACH Public Affairs Office

The Irwin Army Community Hospital team invites military retirees and their family members to a Retiree Health Fair April 14, 9 a.m. to noon.
The "Big Red One" hospital is hosting a health fair within its walls to provide services beyond those delivered during the traditional Retiree Appreciation Day.
In addition to flu shots or vaccines, retirees can get various health screenings that can only be performed at a health facility. Team members from specialty care clinics and ancillary services will be available to engage retirees and address their specific health interests.
The legal team from Fort Riley's Judge Advocate General's Office will also assist retirees with wills and power of attorney documents at the health fair.
"We are accommodating time and space just for our retirees and their families at this first of its kind event," said Col. Theodore Brown, IACH commander. "It's the right thing to do for those who have dedicated service to the nation. There are few things more American than giving of



Irwin Army Community Hospital staff pose for a photo to signify they are prepared to help with medical needs of their patients. IACH will host a health fair for retirees and families on April 14 at 9 a.m.

oneself in service to our nation, especially when it's a career or lifetime of service. This is just one way we can recognize that service and practically say thank you."
The health fair is being held on a Saturday to afford working retirees the opportunity to attend without taking leave, he added.
"We will continue to support the annual Fort Riley Retiree Appreciation Day in October," Brown said. "The health fair in April is designed to expand that support."
Hospital tours will also be available at 10 a.m. and noon for those who have yet to fully take in the \$343 million facility that opened in 2016. Tours provide a

behind-the-scenes look at exclusive areas.
Other health teams and exhibits include Nutrition Care, Public Health, Pharmacy, Army Wellness Center, Women's Health, General Surgery, Physical and Occupational Therapy, and Population Health.
Irwin Army Community Hospital is located at 650 Huebner Road.

March US District Court results

OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

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

US DISTRICT COURT RESULTS

March 2 — Hernandez, Gabriela: Fort Riley. Plead

guilty to assault and child endangerment. District Court sentence: four-month home confinement/curfew; one year supervised probation; mental health counseling; and a \$50 special assessment.

March 8 — Mabry, Alex D.: Fort Riley. Plead guilty to possession of marijuana. District Court sentence: one year supervised probation; substance abuse program; drug testing; and a \$25 special assessment.

Fox, Adrian D.: Fort Riley. Plead guilty to two counts of

assault on a child. District Court sentence: one year supervised probation; drug testing; mental health treatment; restitution and a \$25 special assessment.

March 22 — Storer, Angel K.: Fort Riley. Plead guilty to disorderly conduct. District Court sentence: \$100 fine and a \$5 special assessment.

MARCH COURTS-MARTIAL RESULTS

On March 9, at a general court-martial convened at Fort Riley,

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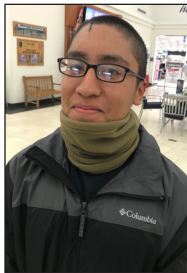
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SAFETY CORNER

Spring driving in Kansas can be Hazardous

By Ron Clasberry
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Team Riley, as you know April showers bring May flowers. However, due to unseasonably cold conditions it also increases the risk of a car accident. In fact, on Easter Sunday, April 1, there were several accidents on the Kansas highway K-18 bridge off of Interstate-70 due to icy and slick conditions. While spring usually brings milder, warmer weather and showers, signaling the end of winter, the clash of seasons could also bring snow, ice and slush. We should also be aware that spring weather has driving hazards of its own. In addition, along with dangerous weather conditions, there are increases in the numbers of travelers, including motorcycles, bicyclists and pedestrians as the temperatures warming

up. Be alert to the unique dangers of spring driving to protect yourself and your passengers this year.

In Kansas and throughout the Midwest, there can be some unpredictable, wild and wacky weather events during spring. Tornadoes, hailstorms and high winds are typical spring weather patterns in Kansas and Missouri. Drivers should be aware of each day's forecast and what it means before heading out on the roads. Our favorite saying for our weather conditions is to wait five minutes and the weather will change.

Below are some dangerous weather conditions you might see this spring:

- Rain. Even a light rain can reduce visibility and make roads slick, and the heavy downpours we sometimes have in spring can definitely hinder driving. Always

reduce your speed in rainy conditions and pull safely off the road in a blinding downpour.

- Icy conditions. You never know when winter will reappear during a Midwestern spring. Keep an eye on the temperature and if it dips below freezing, watch out for icy spots on the road.
- Hail. Kansas and Missouri are right in the middle of the nation's hail belt. Hailstones can shatter windshields and scatter obstacles all over the road. When you encounter a hailstorm while driving, seek shelter off the road as soon as possible.
- High winds. We all know to find a safe haven when tornadoes are likely, but many people

are less aware of the dangers of straight-line winds. High-profile vehicles like SUVs and semi-trucks can be blown over by strong spring gusts. Avoid unnecessary driving when wind speeds are high.

- Flash flooding. Your best protection against a flash flood is to check the forecast. If you will be crossing areas prone to flooding, avoid them in heavy rains.
- Team Riley, there's not much you can do about a spring storm that pops up unexpectedly while you're driving, but checking the forecast, particularly before a long drive can save you from a potentially dangerous situation.

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

Civilian retirement: Thrift Savings Plan is a key component

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

For Department of the Army civilian employees covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System, the Thrift Savings Plan is the most important part of a three-part system that makes up each retirement plan.

An employee's TSP joins with the FERS basic annuity and Social Security to form the entire retirement package for Federal workers, said Kristine Tiroch, a branch chief for the Army Benefits Center-Civilian, with as much as 75 percent of that total comprised of TSP contributions.

The good news is that more employees over the past year are taking out the maximum amount allowable in the TSP program, which is five percent, Tiroch said.

"The percent of Army serviced employees (supported by the ABC-C), who are contributing less than five percent of their salary to the TSP went down one percent to 30 percent of FERS employees," she said. "That's a good thing, but it's not as big as we want. We're always hoping for more employees to set aside that five percent."

Saving less than five percent means the employee is, in effect, saying "no" to free money from their government employer, Tiroch said. She added that many people now are having their retirement lives roughly equal to their career lives.

"So you'll need enough money to carry you through 20, 25, even 30 years of retirement," Tiroch said.

Another thing Tiroch cautions against is taking money out of TSP in the form of short-term loans to remedy short-term money problems and pocket extra disposable income, with the intention of

paying it back. Don't do it, she said.

"When you take money out of your TSP account, it's not growing and compounding anymore and you can never get back to that same place (before you withdrew the money) again," she said.

Once employees are in the TSP system, a host of investment options open up and employees can decide how conservative or aggressive they wish to be in the financial market place.

According to the ABC-C 2018 National Financial Literacy Month newsletter, those options include the safest option called the G-Fund in which money is guaranteed by the U.S. Government and won't lose money. Index funds use other financial markets that could increase return, and an L Fund, or "Lifecycle" Funds, which use "professionally determined investment mixes ... tailored to meet objectives built on various time horizons." Those horizons are based on an employee's anticipated date of retirement.

Another feature of TSP is one which employees who are beginning their TSP contributions late in their careers can still realize its benefits. Ac-

cording to the www.abc.army.mil website, additional contributions through the TSP catch-up plan, in addition to regular TSP contributions, can increase retirement funds and help overcome past years of underfunded retirement accounts.

To be eligible to make Catch-Up contributions, civilians must meet the requirements:

- You must be currently employed and in a pay status
- You must turn age 50 or older in the calendar year during which Catch-Up contribution deductions begin
- Contributing the maximum allowed to your regular TSP account or an amount that will cause you to reach the Internal Revenue Service annual maximum by the end of the calendar year.

Be advised employees cannot make catch-up contributions by increasing contributions to your TSP account. TSPC contributions are separate from regular TSP contributions. If you meet the eligibility requirements listed above, you must complete a separate enrollment for TSPC

contributions each year. Also, TSPC enrollments do not continue automatically from year to year.

Tiroch said the maximum amount employees can contribute to TSP in 2018 is \$18,500 for regular contributions and \$6,000 for TSPC contributions, and TSP and TSPC contributions can be started, changed or stopped at any time.

"Be aware that if the amount elected exceeds the amount of net pay for a particular pay period, no regular TSP or TSPC deductions will be taken for that pay period," she said. "Employees may also receive an extremely small pay check if an election for a large contribution is made in error, so make sure the election showing is the amount of money per pay period you wish to contribute. Also, if you do not intend on contributing the maximum of \$18,500 to your TSP account for 2018, you are not eligible to contribute to TSPC."

For more information on TSP contact the ABC-C at Fort Riley, 785-240-2222, or call 1-877-276-9287.

You may also log onto www.abc.army.mil or contact the Thrift Savings Plan website at www.tsp.gov, or call 877-968-3778.

WEATHER TRAINING



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Fire Chief William Hadley, left, coordinates with the deputy fire chief Brian Frasier while Mark Dombrowski reads through the exercise scenario during a spring severe weather table top exercise March 28. The exercise allowed on-post responders and recovery teams to work with representatives from the National Weather Service, the Kansas State Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and county representatives. This type of interaction helps responders plan for severe weather events that have a regional impact, such as a large tornado.

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Central Command commander, Army general discuss stabilization posture in Iraq, Syria

By Marine Corps Sgt. David Staten
DOD NEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Administration officials, military leaders, senior Iraqi representatives and regional experts discussed views on Iraq and Syria at the U.S. Institute of Peace here yesterday.

Military efforts to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria are about six to eight months ahead of where officials thought they would be at this point, Army Gen. Joseph L. Votel, commander of U.S. Central Command, said. The success throughout the campaign has been quite extraordinary, he added.

With major urban battles complete, the follow-up, especially in Iraq, has been rapid and has moved much faster than anticipated, Votel said, and now the effort is focused on cleaning up remaining ISIS forces and stabilizing the region.

Aligning military planning with stabilization

“As we got ready to go into Mosul 18 months ago, we tried to make sure that our military planning was very closely aligned to our development of stabilization planning and the humanitarian aspects that have gone along with that, as well as with the political planning that had to take place,” the general said.

With the assistance of the coalition and with a lot of hard work by the Iraqis, Votel said, an Iraqi army that in 2014 was running away from ISIS is now one that by last fall was conducting major large unit operations of division and corps level.

The Iraqi security forces quickly consolidated their success with a variety of other operations, the CENTCOM commander said, some with coalition support and many of them without coalition support to complete the liberation from



A U.S. soldier, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry regiment, scans his sector of fire from atop a military fighting vehicle while escorting British forces to a bridge being built in Mosul, Iraq, March 21. The United Kingdom Bridge Training Team advises and assists Iraqi security forces in construction of an Acrow Poseidon bridge over the Tigris River. This effort is part of Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, the global Coalition to defeat ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

ISIS that Iraq’s prime minister announced in December.

Since then, he said, the Iraqis have continued to conduct a variety of additional operations — some with coalition support and some without — to consolidate their gains and go after ISIS’ remaining presence.

“I think it’s important to recognize in both of these areas that while in Iraq where we’ve liberated the terrain, (ISIS is) no longer governing, no longer exerting taxes, no longer performing governmental functions like they have in the past,” Votel said. “But there still is a presence, and so the Iraqi security forces are very much focused on that.”

Developing new skills

The Iraqis also have begun to transition from major combat operations to what to what they

need to do now, Votel said, which is more wide-area security operations. This will require them to develop a variety of military skills that will allow them to address the insurgent or guerrilla-type tactics that they would expect to see from ISIS at this stage, he added.

“I do expect we will continue to see our alliance on the (Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service) as one of their principal fighting elements,” Votel said. “They’ve been very strong since the beginning, and we’ll continue to see that as the Iraqi security forces step up to the plate and begin to take on more of those tasks in the future.”

Development of Iraqi border forces will be a heavy focus, the general noted, because ISIS operates without regard to borders, boundaries or any recognized norm.

“Along the way, we’ll see the coalition forces with the United States continue to provide the support that the government of Iraq asks of them,” Votel said. “This has been something we’ve been talking about with them for some time here, so that we do remain in a position where we can continue to help them professionalize, continue to help them develop into the security forces that the Iraqi people need and want to protect them in the future.”

The military aspect was the easy part, the general said. The aftermath and the stabilization are much more challenging in the long run, he added.

Though ISIS still has a presence, Votel said, Iraq is in a pretty good place now in terms of security.

Complex situation in Syria

The situation in Syria is different, the general said, because more factors are present there. Russia, the Assad regime, Iran, Turkey, the United States and coalition forces are all involved there, Votel said, so it’s a much more complex situation.

More than 90 percent of the caliphate ISIS claimed in Syria, particularly in the north and eastern portions of the country, have been liberated, the general said. But ISIS is still present, and U.S. and coalition forces will have to continue to operate on that front, he said.

As the threat of ISIS has diminished, many underlying challenges are coming to the forefront, Votel added.

“We are going to have to continue to look at the ways we keep

pressure on ISIS and continue to develop mechanisms on the ground that help de-escalate the situations that continue to arise so they can be addressed through discussion and diplomacy, as opposed to fighting,” he said.

Hard work remains, the CENTCOM commander said, such as stabilizing areas, consolidating gains, getting people back into their homes, and addressing the long-term issues of reconstruction.

Votel emphasized the importance of the “By, With and Through” approach that the United States and the coalition have taken, not just militarily, but in different ways.

A different approach

This represents a different approach from how it’s been done in Iraq and across the region in the past, Votel said. It puts the onus on partners to develop local solutions to largely local problems, and that puts the onus on them to own the results, he explained.

The general said he sees the approach happening across the region, and that the new approach is well-received. “We did not try to do the fighting for them,” he said. “We tried to enable them, we tried to advise them and give them the benefit of our experience. I think that largely paid off, and I think as we look across the region now, we look to kind of the approach that we’re putting in place in Afghanistan. I think this is reflective of that.”

“We certainly are drawing on all of our great capabilities, our ability to bring superior air power into this — our linkage with development and diplomacy here is a key aspect of this, of course — but I think as I look across the region this is kind of the way we will operate in the future,” Votel continued. “I think it allows us to accomplish our objectives, but yet it also allows our partners on the ground to accomplish theirs as well. So I think this ‘By, With and Through’ is a big lesson.”

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 - 1 pinch crushed red pepper
 - Salt and pepper

Light your grill. While your grill is heating combine the parsley, garlic, olive oil, red pepper, salt and pepper in mixing bowl. Mix thoroughly.

Cut the red onion into ¼ inch thick slices. Season the steaks and onions with salt and pepper. Grill the onions on the hottest part of your grill, until each side is lightly charred. Grill steaks to your desired temperature, about four or five minutes per side for medium rare.

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Military working dog detachment performs demo for high school students

Story and photos by Sgt. Michael C. Roach
19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS
DETACHMENT

TOPEKA, Kan. — Three Soldiers from the 523rd Military Working Dog Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion, stationed on Fort Riley, traveled to Topeka West High School March 26 to give students a closer look at what their military occupational specialty is all about.

Military working dog handlers are teamed with canine counterparts that are trained to attack, detain, escort and inspect suspects when necessary, among other tasks.

“It’s a great opportunity for us to get our name out there,” said Staff Sgt. Sean Dearden, a military working dog handler with 523rd Military Working Dog Detachment, 97th MP Bn., originally from Grand Junction, Colorado. “People don’t always understand that the military has K-9 teams and when they see us it makes people think ‘oh there’s other jobs, and maybe that’s a good opportunity for us to go do what we want to do and still serve our country.”

During their demonstration for the students, the Soldiers worked through the five stages of aggression, which are undertaken based on the level of cooperation given by a suspect during an encounter.

As Dearden narrated the demonstration, Spc. Ryan Wolfe, a military working dog handler, handled Santa, an eight year old Dutch Shepherd, while Pfc. Ronald Vilches, originally from Miami, Florida, played a suspect while wearing a protective, bite-proof suit.

“I’m excited to be here,” Vilches said before climbing into the protective suit.

Vilches, also a military working dog handler with the same unit, was tackled and detained by Santa multiple times during the demonstration. He said the event was not only fun, but necessary.

According to Vilches, a dummy or robot would not have the same training value for the dog.

“The Army is not just one job,” Dearden said. “We have multiple jobs, and some of them you actually work with live animals. We want these guys to see that.”

Santa and Wolfe, a Piqua, Ohio, native, are scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan this year.

At eight years old, Santa is just one year away from the normal retirement age for a military working dog.

Wolfe is hoping that the timing might give him an opportunity to adopt Santa, and contends that his favorite thing about his job is conducting missions and the challenge of working with the dogs.



LEFT: Santa, an eight-year-old Dutch Shepherd military working dog, latches onto the arm of Pfc. Ronald Vilches, a military working dog handler with the 523rd Military Working Dog Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion, during a demonstration for students at Topeka West High School, Topeka, Kansas, March 26. Vilches maintains that having a person in the suit instead of a robot or dummy is critical for the training of the dogs.

BELOW: Spc. Ryan Wolfe, right, a Piqua, Ohio, native and a military working dog handler with 523rd Military Working Dog Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion, holds onto Santa, an eight-year-old Dutch Shepherd whom he is teamed with, at Topeka West High School, Topeka, Kansas, March 26. The event allowed the MPs the opportunity to bridge the gap between the military and the students by providing them a closer look of their military occupational specialty.



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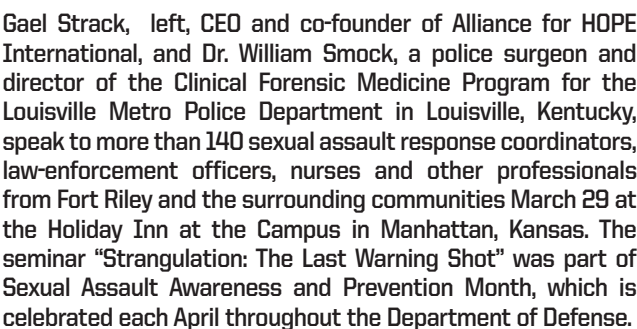
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"Education cannot be harmful," Garber said. "This is for any-

Gael Strack, CEO and co-founder of Alliance for HOPE International, and Dr. William Smock, a police surgeon and director of the Clinical Forensic Medicine Program for the Louisville Metro Police Department in Louisville, Kentucky, led the seminar.

The San Diego native said as a result of attending "The Last Warning Shot," he can now help victims and medical professionals identify the signs of and possible injuries resulting from strangulation. Robertson said this can help victims receive necessary care they

The seminar was part of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, which the Army recognizes each April. The Department of Defense observes SAAPM by focusing on creating the appropriate culture to eliminate sexual assault and requiring a personal commitment from all service members at every level, according to the DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.



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Children take center stage on Fort Riley

Post parade kicks off beginning of Month of the Military Child

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

April is the Month of the Military Child and the festivities began March 30 with the annual MOMC Parade through historic Fort Riley.

“The Army recognizes the Month of the Military Child as 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,” a release said. “April marks the observance of the Month of the Military Child, during which the Department of Defense and communities across the country honor military children and youth.”

The parade was open to all CYS-registered children, as well as community families wishing to join.

The parade began with the Commanding Generals Mounted Color Guard presenting the nation's colors followed by the 1st Infantry Division Band.

Scores of children carrying pinwheels marched and danced to the music. Several groups sang special cadences as they walked pasted the residences

from the Artillery Parade Field toward the Cavalry Parade Field.

For Summer Badama, medical laboratory assistant at Irwin Army Community Hospital, the parade was a warming experience on the cold spring day.

“It’s adorable, it really is adorable,” she said. “The kids get to get out and see the neighborhoods and they get to show themselves off. It’s cute.”

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School-age children make their way through historic Fort Riley from the Artillery Parade Field toward the Cavalry Parade Field March 30 during the Month of the Military Child Parade.

WALKING ON EGGSHELLS



Children smile as they charge out and gather as many Easter eggs as they can during the second annual Combined Easter Egg Hunt at the main exchange March 31.



ABOVE: Adults charge out to a special field for an adults-only Easter Egg Hunt March 31 at the main exchange. LEFT: Col. John Lawrence, Fort Riley Garrison Commander, jokingly picks up an Easter egg March 31 outside the main exchange. Close to 16,000 filled eggs greeted Fort Riley children at the second annual Combined Easter Egg Hunt.

Post honors Vietnam vets, loved ones

Ceremony chance for public to thank veterans for service

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

A brief recognition ceremony was held March 29 to commemorate National Vietnam War Veteran's Day at the main exchange.

Close to 30 Vietnam veterans and spouses were present along with Fort Riley Garrison Command Sgt. Major Andrew Bristow II cutting a cake and presenting each veteran with a commemorative pin.

“I’m proud and honored to be cutting a cake for you all,” he said. “I’m wearing my 101st (Airborne) patch today.”

Bristow said that he served with Company A, 1st Battalion, 327 Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.



Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Bristow II, Fort Riley Garrison senior noncommissioned officer, speaks during a brief ceremony at the main exchange March 29. March 29 was National Vietnam War Veterans day.

“As far as I know, that was the only company to have a parade when they came back from the Vietnam War,” he said. “That was in San Mateo, California ... One thing I realized is, the

Vietnam veterans are finally getting the recognition you should have gotten a long time ago. It’s taken a long time to get the welcome back from the war like you should have had.”

“One thing I realized is, the Vietnam veterans are finally getting the recognition you should have gotten a long time ago ... I just want to thank you for your service.”

GARRISON COMMAND
SGT. MAJ. ANDREW
BRISTOW II

FORT RILEY

Bristow closed out with his appreciation to the Vietnam Veterans present.

“I just want to thank you for your service,” he said. “I admit that I am

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High school group visits Fort Riley

JROTC cadets receive hands-on experience at gunnery complexes

By Will Ravenstein
1ST INF. DIV. POST

On March 26, 30 Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Lee Summit High School visited Fort Riley and members of the Kansas Army National Guard's 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, at both the Douthitt Gunnery Complex and Range 18 South Gunnery Complex.

The cadets had the opportunity to check out the capabilities of the M2A2 ODS-SA Operation Desert Storm-Situational Awareness Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the M1A2 Abrams

“I like seeing the faces glow and seeing the expressions on their faces as they get to see and touch (the equipment).”

AIR FORCE MASTER SGT.
TODD HOLBERT | JUNIOR
AEROSPACE INSTRUCTOR

Main Battle Tank as the Guard Soldiers prepare for an overseas deployment to Kuwait.

For Air Force Master Sgt. Todd Holbert, junior aerospace instructor, the day was about getting the cadets a chance to see the equipment being used.

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Event exposes kids to variety of careers

Story and photo by Will Ravenstein
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The unseasonably cold weather March 29 did not keep the smiles away as students from Seitz Elementary School attended the first Careers on Wheels event.

“We tried to find careers that fit the different career clusters the students wanted to learn about,” said Haley Ramirez, school counselor and organizer. “We have the helping cluster that has police and fire. We have the health cluster that has our ambulance. We have our technology cluster with GeekSquad. So we tried to have all the different careers represented.”

Ramirez mentioned the importance of introducing careers to students at an early age.

“Part of our standards are to address career development,” she said. “It’s a K-12 initiative. So, starting in the kindergarten level our main thing is to just expose students to as many careers as possible. You can’t know you want to be something if you don’t know it exists. We’ve been doing career development lessons in the classroom, this is just a way to bring it all together.”



Seitz Elementary School students were given the opportunity to act as field reporters during the Careers of Wheels event help March 29 at the elementary school.

For those participating in the event, it was a two-way learning opportunity according to Mark Morgan, farmer from White City, who was there with his horse Chip.

“It’s so much fun to be asked to come up here and (help) these kids to further their knowledge of farming,” he said. “Which they might not have in their backyard, like I do. For Chip to experience the city is always a lot of fun. These kids are a lot of fun for me, and it furthers my knowledge of what they

are doing every day. So they are learning and so am I. It’s just a lot of fun.”

It was also a way to see something not spotlighted in today’s news.

“It’s pretty cool to see something different than what is currently going on in the news,” said Fort Riley Police Department Lt. Patrick Felice. “To see the innocence of children, it’s truly amazing. You don’t get to see the innocence of children anymore. This is kind of the lighter side

of my job.”

Each student visited the stations of their choice, according to Ramirez. With a variety of career paths offered, she admitted there is room for growth in the future.

“I would still love to have the Careers on Wheels, maybe just have even more career opportunities as well,” she said. “Some kids have really specific career ideas. They were asking if we had an archeologist. We did not have one, but I would try to find one next year. Just trying to find more things for the kids to learn about.”

Though a last minute cancellation occurred, Ramirez stated she was pleased with the turnout from the community and Fort Riley marking the inaugural event a success.

“We had about 10 different careers here,” she said. “For our first year that is just awesome. Hopefully we can continue to grow from here, getting more and more careers from here.”

Youth soccer session to kick off soon

By Will Ravenstein
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Cheering and hollering soon will fill the air at the Colyer Sporting Complex as youth soccer begins April 7.

With more than 300 kids from Fort Riley, Milford, Wakefield, Ogden and Junction City taking part, there will be plenty of action in the short six-week season.

For Jackie Goodman, youth sports director, Children and Youth Services, it is all about getting the kids an opportunity to play a game.

“I love having kids out to play,” he said. “As long as I’ve got a shirt for them and a coach for them, I will try to get them on a team.”

This year there are seven kindergarten to first grade teams, three second and third grade teams, four fourth and fifth grade teams and three sixth to eighth grade teams representing Fort Riley. With as many teams playing, Goodman admitted that numbers are actually down as far as number of participants.

“With the deployments and the field exercises, our numbers have gone down a little, but all

“As long as I’ve got a shirt for them and a coach for them, I will try to get them on a team.”

JACKIE GOODMAN | YOUTH SPORTS DIRECTOR,
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

I care about is kids playing,” he said. “I just want kids playing. That’s why I’m letting Ogden add two teams, after I had already done the schedules. That’s 20 kids getting to play.”

Not all games will be held at Fort Riley as the teams will have to travel occasionally, and one other town will host all their games on Fort Riley to ensure the fields see plenty of action.

“Milford asked if we could play all of their games on post,” Goodman said. “We travel to Wakefield. We shoot for six games in a season and they host two or three of them. Ogden is the same way. With Ogden, with the two teams, I’m going to probably send a team out there every weekend to help them. They get all their money from concessions and fundraisers, whereas I’m funded. I can’t do those things.”

While things are working smoothly now, Goodman admitted that when he started two years ago, things were not working as well.

“When I first got here, it was a little difficult, even though we had better numbers,” he said. “We didn’t communicate as well with the outlying communities.”

For children not old enough to participate in soccer, CYS also offers a Start Smart section where children 3 to 5-years-old learn the fundamentals of stopping the ball and kicking it back.

“One of my staff teaches it and it’s parent involved,” he said. “A parent has to be hands-on with their kid and we facilitate them going through with their kid. If we see a 5-year-old that is a little more advanced we might ask them if they want to move over to the teams — if

we have a spot.”

Also happening this spring is the Fort Riley Running Club and Tennis Club.

Runners from the Running Club run in a cross-country style around the Colyer Complex working on their stamina as they prepare for the Americas Kid Run on May 19 according to Goodman.

“It’s basically our running club plus a couple more here-and-there that want to signup and go through it,” he said. “They run through a couple times and have a party afterwards with cupcakes.”

While soccer begins on April 7, baseball and softball signup are currently being done for this summer.

With T-ball offered with boys and girls playing together, coach pitch and kid pitch offered for the boys and machine pitch and two levels of kid pitch offered for the girls, the Colyer fields will see a lot of action over the next few months.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of April 3 was: April is the Month of the Military Child. Where can I find a list of all the events at Fort Riley as part of this year’s celebration of the observance?

Answer: www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Calendar/ or www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/Calendar/ModuleID/634/ItemID/626/mctl/Eve


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Above is Kate Reynolds.

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Ceremony recognizes Fort Riley retirees

Staff report

On behalf of the men and women of Fort Riley, congratulations to those who celebrated their retirement during the March post-wide retirement ceremony.

- Capt. Eduardo Garza, 28 years of service
- Chief Warrant Officer 4

Morgan Fouliard, 31 years of service

- Command Sgt. Maj. Mulivai Matau, with 28 years of service
- 1st. Sgt. Vincent Farrell, 24 years of service
- Sgt. 1st Class Paul Alfaro, 26 years of service
- Sgt. 1st Class Keith Greeley, 20 years of service
- Sgt. 1st Class Christo-

pher Farner, 20 years of service

- Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Little, 20 years of service
- Sgt. 1st Class Larry Hughes, 25 years of service
- Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Sawaya, 20 years of service
- Sgt. 1st Class Jayson Hampton, 20 years of service
- Sgt. 1st Class Michael Schlicht, 21 years of service

• Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Mai, 25 years of service

- Sgt. 1st Class Felix Valdezloqui, 23 years of service
- Sgt. 1st Class William Gatzke, 20 years of service
- Sgt. 1st Class Phillip Hall, 20 years of service
- Staff Sgt. Dawayne Krepel, 21 years of service
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CADETS

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Will Ravenstein | POST
Capt. Tyler Wamsley, Company B, 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Kansas Army National Guard speaks to Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp students from Lee Summit, Missouri about the capabilities of the M1A2 Abrams tank March 26 at Fort Riley.

MONTH

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Badama, a former Soldier, had two children take part in the parade ages 7 and 8-years-old.

For her and her children, the celebration of the Military Child is an important one.

“It’s good,” she said. “Even now, being on the civilian side,

my kids are feeling that military side where their friends are moving. So, it’s nice to have them in a big group and being with their friends they have here. It’s nice.”

April is filled with many activities, not only for the children but families as well.

KidsFest, will be held April 8 at Riley’s Conference Center from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature games, activities, static displays all for families to enjoy.

A complete list of activities can be found on the Fort Riley Children and Youth Services Facebook page, www.facebook.com/RileyCYS.

VETERANS

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honored to be here today to cut this cake and spend time with you all. Again, thank you for your service for your country.”

After making the initial cut into the cake, Bristow walked up and down the rows of veterans shaking hands and presenting each with the commemorative pin personally.

While some of the veterans present were able to discuss their experiences, others were still unable to talk about their time in Vietnam or of their return without emotion overcoming them.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day was made a recognized annual holiday

in 2017 when it was signed into law by President Donald Trump. March 29 is the day the last of the troops were withdrawn in 1973 from the conflict according to www.awarenessdays.com/us/awareness-days-calendar/national-vietnam-war-veterans-day-in-the-usa-2018/.

ing,” he said. “I hope to take this back to the students of my high school. We have televisions all throughout the high school that we can create a slide show, it can be a recruiting (one) for us and for the National Guard or active duty.”

The cadets, most born after Sept. 11, 2001, are able to take experiences given to them by the JROTC program and enhance their understanding of the world, according to Holbert.

“It’s one of our points we try to get out in class,” he said. “We try to get them to understand the world with a little more depth. Probably a little more than what they get in their history class or World Civics class.”

After a warm meal provided to the students, the cadets were given the opportunity to watch as members of the Guard completed a gunnery table in the Abrams with the 120mm

VISITORS TO POST

- Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Lee Summit High School visited Fort Riley March 26.

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