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'Big Red One,' Fort Riley to celebrate Victory Week 2018

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

The U.S. Army's oldest division will celebrate Victory Week 2018 Aug. 6-10 at Fort Riley, and all service, family and community members are invited to join in on the festivities.

The 1st Infantry Division will begin this year's annual Victory Week with a four-mile Victory Run around Custer Hill Aug. 6. The week will conclude with the Victory Cup being awarded to the winning unit as part of the Division Review Ceremony Aug. 10.

Other special events include the Victory Celebration — a free event that takes place the Saturday before Victory Week begins and features live music, carnival games, inflatables and food tickets — a wreath-laying ceremony in Victory Park, sporting events and more. Members of the community are invited to all public events and ceremonies. Please see the Schedule of Events on page 7.

"Victory Week is a celebration of the 1st Infantry Division; it builds camaraderie with fellow Soldiers and leaders," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kevin Brown, 1st Inf. Div. Victory Week planner. "It is just a great time. It allows the Soldiers to de-stress from the daily work requirements. It is really just about having a good time, building camaraderie and esprit de corps."

Fewer events are scheduled for Victory Week 2018 than last year's, which celebrated the division's 100th birthday. This updated schedule will make it easier for Soldiers and commanders to support and participate in more events, Brown said.

CEREMONIES

The Combined Regimental Lineage and Doughboy Statue unveiling will take place at the 1st Inf. Div. Headquarters building Aug. 9.

Combining the regimental lineage ceremony last year allowed for spectators to hear about the lineage of each regiment at one location compared to traveling throughout Fort Riley as had been the case previously.

The Doughboy statue was funded and donated by the McCormick Foundation. It is the third statue of its kind funded by the foundation. One is at the foundation headquarters in Wheaton, Illinois. A second is placed at the site of the Battle of Cantigny in France.

"We wanted to do something for the 1st Infantry Division commemoration last year and the division's first battle in Cantigny," said Paul Herbert, executive director of the First Division Museum at Cantigny, which is overseen by the McCormick Foundation. The foundation was established as a charitable trust in 1955 upon the death of Col. Robert R. McCormick, long-time editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune and proud "Big Red One" veteran, according to the foundation's website.

The \$250,000 statue was donated to the Big Red One by the McCormick Foundation.

SPORTING EVENTS

Volleyball, basketball, combatives, softball, Danger Dash (an obstacle course set up by the Special Operations Recruiting Office on Fort Riley), football, soccer, warrior competition and water "brolo" will be the sports competitions this year.

The Commander/Command Sergeant Major Softball Classic game does not count for points toward the Victory Cup competition, but does give an opportunity for the commanders and their senior noncommissioned officers to

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PASSION FOR MAINTENANCE



Spc. Erick Gitonga, right, a fire control repairer from Anniston, Alabama, and Spc. Tyler Demko, a small arms and artillery repairman from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, both assigned to the 1st Sustainment Maintenance Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, inspect an M249 squad automatic weapon brought to their shop for repairs on Fort Riley, July 17. Their unit is responsible for identifying, repairing and fixing weapons in support of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley missions.

Soldiers of 1st Maintenance Company; a cornerstone of building readiness

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

For many Soldiers in the armament repair shop of 1st Support Maintenance Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, repairing and maintaining weapons is more than just their contribution to building readiness — it's their passion.

"We basically offer armament maintenance and support for all of the non-division units here on Fort Riley," said Warrant Officer Andre Mills, the subject matter expert in the shop and a native of Queens, New York. "That's everything from services, scheduled maintenance (and) unscheduled maintenance. It can be last-minute repairs. We also do what's called pass-back maintenance from all of the (brigade combat teams), so if a BCT can't handle their work we help them out as well and that's everything from a pistol to a cannon tube for artillery."

This mission makes the section of 14 Soldiers a key part of building readiness throughout the 1st Infantry Division formation, according to Mills.

"For me it's understanding that you're so important to the Army," Mills said. "The weapon systems that we have are integral to the Army's mission, so knowing that you have a job that is that important to the Army, it gives me a sense of pride."

Pride and confidence comes from the quantity of work they do. Mills estimates that the unit services more than 1,000 weapons per month.

"So knowing that we are a key part of readiness makes me proud," he said. "But we get confidence because we get so many weapons."

Staff Sgt. Eduardo Baez of Miami, Florida, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the section, shares Mills' sentiment.

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Chaplaincy legacy dates back 243 years

Story and photo by Gail Parsons
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Throughout history chaplains have joined soldiers on the battlefield. In some cases, they were leading the charge, other times they were there to provide support to the warfighter.

When America was still in its infancy, George Washington initiated the Chaplaincy Corps.

"Washington was not kicking off a revolution without a chaplaincy," Fort Riley Senior Chaplain Shmuel Felzenberg said. "It was a foundational requirement of his. It was a combat factor in his calculations that he could not, would not initiate without."

Felzenberg, staff and families from Fort Riley's Chaplaincy Corps and Religious Services Unit gathered July 19 at Moon Lake to recognize the role chaplains have had in the U.S. Army for 243 years.

From the start, however, America's chaplaincy was different than others in history.

"There were often religious leaders leading the Army," 1st Infantry Division Deputy Division Chap. (Maj.) David Johnston said. "It was a sign that God was on their side, God was with them. Our Army is a little different. We are not a religious



Fort Riley family members celebrate the 243rd Anniversary of the Chaplaincy at Moon Lake July 19 with cake and congregation.

Army going out fighting religious wars."

Rather, the role of the U.S. Army Chaplaincy is to serve the Soldiers' constitutional right to worship as they see fit.

Being able to worship gives them strength to carry out their mission and helps them cope with grief, loss and trauma.

The message the chaplains deliver is not that God is leading the troops to victory, rather "there is nowhere

you can go that you will be forsaken," Johnston said. "Even in the most God forsaken place, there is that presence there."

One of the roles of the chaplaincy is to advise the command how religion pertains to operations. Johnston recalled his first deployment to Iraq in 2006. He asked an Imam chaplain, who was also a friend, to speak about the Muslim religion.

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Contracting battalion has first change of command

By Gail Parsons
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The 923rd Contracting Battalion at the Mission and Installation Contracting Command, Fort Riley, had its first change of command ceremony July 16, nearly one year to the day from when its flag was unfurled on Fort Riley.

On July 20, 2017, Col. Mary O. Drayton took part in a ceremony to uncage the colors signifying the unit's reassignment and permanent change of station from Michigan to Fort Riley.

In a traditional change of command ceremony in front of family and coworkers, she relinquished command to Lt. Col. Robert J. Bartruff.

Bartruff is no stranger to the post, and in his remarks, he spoke of his time here.

"I am truly grateful to be back here at Fort Riley, the key nexus of my military career," he said. "This is where my father, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Bartruff, pinned on my sergeant chevrons

and rendered my first salute when I received my commission. I am deeply honored to be part of the 923rd contracting mission."

As he prepared to take command he thanked Drayton for her resourcefulness in establishing and preparing the battalion.

"Her stewardship of this organization has been nothing less than marvelous," he said. "It is no simple feat to activate a new organization, move and consolidate with another. I will endeavor to follow in your footsteps."

Commander of the 418th Contracting Support Brigade, from Fort Hood, Texas, Col. Joel M. Greer, showed similar sentiments.

"We are proud to be a decisive part in the successful readiness of the 1st Infantry Division," he said. "We know you can't do it alone just as we can't do it alone. Mary Drayton and her team have been a magnificent part of the enhanced readiness and we really appreciate her great leadership."

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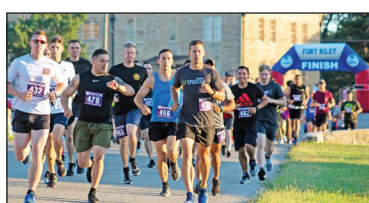


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Changes to Tuition Assistance creates new opportunities for Soldiers' futures

Story and photo by Kimberly Green
1ST INF. DIV. POST

There are significant changes coming to Tuition Assistance education benefits and education counselors at the Fort Riley Education Center spent July 18 teaching Soldiers the new policies and answering questions.

Sgt. Matthew Smith, Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, was among the Soldiers present for counseling and he brought several of his Soldiers with him.

"I came down here because I overheard that there were going to be changes to the new TA program, and while I was already signed up through GoArmyEd, I needed to know what was changing because I have a whole group of fairly new Soldiers," he said. "I needed to come down here and get information to have that for them. I have Soldiers right now who are not able to come down here for the next couple of days because they are on long assignments and other kinds of tasks that need to be taken care of."

According to information published by Mark Mazarella, Tuition Assistance Policy Program Manager, Headquarters, Army Continuing Education Services, there are two major changes to TA that will go into effect Aug. 5 and both will impact how Soldiers use the already available benefits.

"Having to wait one full year post AIT ... is now being removed so you can immediately come in, and as long as you are not having any issues inside the unit, the unit can sign off and say, 'Yes.



Fort Riley Education Services held an informational meeting for Soldiers July 18 to explain changes to Tuition Assistance benefits that will go into effect Aug. 5. Educational counselors were on hand all day to answer questions and guide Soldiers through the process of accessing their education benefits.

You can go and do college courses almost immediately," Smith said. "Which helps the Soldiers that are not going to be staying in for long periods of time actually be able to use that (TA) — if that was the reason they came in the Army."

The most anticipated change is rescinding the waiting periods that previously prevented Soldiers seeking their undergraduate degrees, master's degrees or certificates from using TA benefits until one year after completing Advanced Individual Training, Officer Basic Course or Warrant Officer Basic Course.

Soldiers fall into two tiers according to ACES. First time users of TA benefits who have not previously used it for their education and fall into tier one. Tier two Soldiers are those who used TA to obtain some part of their undergraduate degree whether it was for the entire degree or one class. Tier two Soldiers can use TA

to obtain a master's degree but must complete Advanced Leaders Course, Captains Career Course or Warrant Officer Advanced Course before being eligible for benefits. Previously, the waiting period between using TA for a master's degree after using it for an undergraduate degree was 10 years which greatly impacted many Soldiers' ability to use their benefits while on active duty.

Jerrica Roach, an education counselor for Fort Riley's Education Center, said ACES estimates 12,000 Soldiers per year will be positively affected by the change allowing them to access education earlier in their Army careers.

"Overall, we are going to have a more educated Army," Roach said. "Soldiers will come out (of the Army), hopefully, with more education, if not degrees — associates degrees and certificates — so they'll be more well-rounded civilians ... We are

ensuring that Soldiers have a future."

Another change to TA effective Aug. 5 is education counselors will no longer have the ability to manually calculate grade point average for courses not enrolled through the GoArmyEd portal. Currently, Soldiers can bring in transcripts and request that education counselors recalculate the new GoArmyEd GPA, and grant an override so the Soldier can use TA. Soldiers must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 for undergraduate coursework and a minimum of 3.0 for graduate coursework. If their GPA is below that level, the account is automatically put on hold and the Soldier is ineligible for Army TA funding until their GPA meets the minimum standard. Beginning Aug. 5, counselors will no longer have the ability to override the GoArmyEd

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Investigator training helps local units



Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services firefighter Alex Canfield extinguishes a fire July 20 in Camp Funston during a fire investigation class hosted by FRFES. Investigators were given scenarios and were to determine if the fire was an accident, mechanical fault or intentionally set.

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

Flames shot out from the interior of one vehicle and from under the hood of another vehicle July 20, as firefighters from Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services prepared to extinguish the fires.

The intentionally set fires were part of a fire investigation orientation hosted by assistant chief Rich Watson for units from Fort Riley and the surrounding Flint Hills Region.

Special Agents from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command working on Fort Riley approached the Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services about their procedures for conducting fire investigations to get a better understanding, Watson said.

"They came to us wanting to know more about vehicle fires," he said. "They are not trained fire investigators, but they are trying to gain more subject knowledge — how it works and how we can work together with them."

Watson reached out to his Flint Hills Regional partners in Geary County, Junction City and Manhattan along with the Kansas Fire Marshal's Office to see if they would be interested in the joint training using live burns. This would allow the investigators an opportunity to see a scene and walk through the scene in an attempt to determine the cause of the fire.

"The investigators and the agents from CID will go in and build their case on how they think, this is their hypothesis, on how this fire started," Watson said. "They will build their case and present their case to the commander of the group or class."

The vehicles were set on fire, allowed to burn and with the help from the state fire marshal personnel, five scenarios were

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VICTORY WEEK '18

AUG. 6-10

READY NOW, READY ALWAYS!

WHAT IS VICTORY WEEK?

Victory Week is an annual celebration hosted by the 1st Infantry Division. It typically takes place the week of the division's birthday (June 8) and the Army's birthday (June 14). But this year, it will be in August to ensure maximum unit participation.

WHERE IS VICTORY WEEK?

Events take place across Fort Riley. Go to the division's Facebook page (facebook.com/1stInfantryDivision) to find out where to watch sporting and other events.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING VICTORY WEEK?

Soldiers participate in athletic competitions with their units to win the Victory Cup. Events like combatives, flag football and soccer earn units points toward the cup. While encouraging camaraderie and esprit de corps, Victory Week is also a time to remember our veterans and our fallen who died in service to the division during its proud history.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN VICTORY WEEK?

Victory Week is for Soldiers and Airmen stationed at Fort Riley. Families and friends are invited to support their favorite units by attending the events.

HOW LONG HAS THE COMMANDER'S CUP BEEN AWARDED?

Since 2009, the battalion-sized unit that wins the most Victory Week events is awarded the Commander's Cup. Last year, the cup went to the 97th Military Police Battalion.



BRO SPOTLIGHT

PFC. DENNIS LINGLE



Pfc. Dennis Lingle, Irwin Army Hospital, Medical Command, delivered a baby in the Irwin Army Community Hospital parking lot July 14.

At about 1:55 a.m. the Emergency Department front desk received a dispatch call about a laboring mom enroute to IACH. Lingle went out with a wheelchair to meet the patient.

Upon attempt to transfer the patient from the

passenger seat of the car to the wheelchair, the patient stated that she needed her spouse to step aside and for Lingle to "catch her baby" as delivery was imminent.

Lingle called for labor and delivery to assist but there was no time for anyone to get there.

Lingle said he had been trained to help a provider with the delivery of a baby but his paternal instincts and common sense factored more in his ability to respond.

The baby was born at 2 a.m. without complication.

Combat medics are trained to provide emergency medical treatment and evacuation at the point of wounding on the battlefield. Although they also assist with outpatient and inpatient care and treatment, delivering a baby is not normally part of a combat medic's Army career. Lingle has been a certified combat medic since February.



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First Encounters program makes using healthcare easy

By Kimberly Green
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Arriving at a new installation, whether a Soldier is brand new to the Army or is a seasoned veteran, can be an unnerving experience. Navigating Tricare is difficult at any time and compounding that task with a permanent change of station is especially complicated.

“Soldiers and their families often feel as though they are starting all over every time they move,” said Cynthia Powell, registered nurse, Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Early in Powell’s career at IACH she noticed that her patients were frequently overwhelmed by the lengthy and intricate process of establishing a new primary care manager, refilling prescriptions or following up on referrals at a new military post.

Powell is making this transition easier through the First Encounters program at IACH.

It was the first of its kind, military wide, when it opened its doors July 2017. Since then, Powell has spent her days engaged with military members and their families determining exactly what they

need from their healthcare team.

The process is easy.

A new service member or a family member simply calls and makes an appointment to meet with Powell. Before they arrive for their appointment, Powell reviews each family member’s medical records, going back years if needed, and determines where she thinks they need care.

“I go back years and find things — family history or a previous diagnosis that dropped off or they forgot about,” Powell said. “And if it’s a significant history, I communicate with the primary care management team RN and I put a note in the appointment slot as well. I’m reaching out there with all of this information and that’s a big deal for this program.”

The medical review is extensive and takes into consideration a patient’s current medications, referrals, immunizations, lab results and assigned primary care manager as well as looking at preventative care that may be needed such as a mammogram, pap smear, colonoscopy or well child exam.

Powell has had patients come in to see her and need

immediate attention or specialized care, and because of the time she spends researching each patient’s history, before they step out of her office, she often has appointments made and prescriptions filled.

“I assist in getting them their appointments and in getting the communication highway going between what’s going on with that patient, their PCM and case management if needed,” she said. “I ensure that their PCM is aligned appropriately for the level of care that patient is going to need.”

During the appointment, patients answer additional questions about their healthcare and discuss with Powell their health history she compiled, correcting the records if it is needed and presenting any additional concerns they have. For a family of four, First Encounters staff spend an hour with them examining their needs. If a family is larger than four, they extend the appointment.

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access the Self-Care medications program, how to apply for Women, Infants, and Children benefits, make appointments, use Patient Portal, contact the advice nurse, use dental benefits and more.

Finally, patients are given a tour of IACH and its clinics. If a patient wants to see a specific part of the hospital, such as labor and delivery or physical therapy, they make a stop there too.

Powell calls First Encounters a “one-stop shopping center” for understanding and coordinating healthcare for both new and existing patients. She said a great benefit of the program is that by doing all the leg work proactively, it frees up time for patients and doctors to get to know one another during their first appointment and to address any topics that only a PCM can manage.

First Encounters isn’t just for patients new to Fort Riley. They are there to help anyone who has questions or needs help managing their healthcare.

The program has a 100 percent satisfaction rating, according to Powell, with some customers claiming that the program is essential for service members and their families, changing the way they will utilize resources in the clinics.

For additional information on First Encounters or to set up an appointment call Cynthia Powell at 785-239-7870

FREE AS A BIRD

Courtesy photo

Pvt. Jonathan Raya, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, controls the deployed parachute while master diver Troy Barnt, Skydive K-State, grabs a memento July 21. Raya and five other Soldiers traveled to Skydive K-State as part of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program on Fort Riley.

Access control procedures to change Aug. 5 at Fort Riley

POST STAFF REPORT

Beginning Sunday, Aug. 5, Fort Riley will implement a Trusted Traveler Pilot Program at all operational access control points on Fort Riley. The pilot will run for six months before being assessed for full implementation.

This program is intended to reduce wait times at installation access control facilities while providing flexibility for trusted travelers to vouch for family members and guests.

From 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, drivers/sponsors may escort their non-DOD visitors through any access control point open for non-commercial traffic. From 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily, all non-DOD visitors must be escorted and signed in at Henry or Ogden access control points.

The Trusted Traveler Pilot Program is authorized by Army regulations and orders and implemented at many other Army installations.

The following Department of Defense identification cardhold-

ers may serve as trusted travelers: Civilian employees, active-duty military, family members ages 18 and older and retired service members. Contractors and persons with installation passes/badges may not serve as trusted travelers.

Trusted travelers who present a valid DOD ID card may vouch for seven additional passengers in the vehicle they are operating. All occupants 16 years of age and older will be required to present a government-issued photo ID and will not be vetted further. Escorted visitors under Trusted Traveler do not need an installation pass issued from the Visitor Control Center, but must remain with their escort at all times. Sponsors may not vouch for foreign nationals with foreign passports.

Changes of operating hours of the Visitor Control Center, Henry access control point, Exit 301, U.S. Interstate 70, are expected soon.

For more information on the Trusted Traveler Program, visit the yellow “Accessing Fort Riley” button on www.riley.army.mil or call the Directorate of Emergency Services Security Branch at 785-240-0630.

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Security Force Assistance Brigade helps train Afghan quick reaction force unit to take back vital land

By Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — After six weeks of training and exercises, over 100 Afghan National Army soldiers from the 205th Corps received their graduation certificates, July 5, during the Eagle Strike Company graduation ceremony at Camp Hero.

Eagle Strike Company is a newly established quick reaction force unit that the 205th Corps resourced themselves from soldiers throughout their four brigades.

“(The company) is designed to be used to take back overrun check points and district centers that are under attack,” said U.S. Army Maj. Danny Zimmer, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade advisor. “(These soldiers) can be inserted in these locations via aircraft or by ground with minimal planning.”

Zimmer, the officer in charge of the Regional Military Training Center-Kandahar advisor team officer-in-charge, said he and his team of advisors from the 2nd Battalion, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, trained and advised the Afghan soldiers during the past six weeks.

During the ceremony Afghan Army Brig. Gen. Abdul Rahman Parwani, 205th Corps deputy commander, thanked the advisors for their time and effort.

“The Eagle Company training that was arranged by our American advisors and counterparts was productive and I appreciate them for that,” said Parwani. “To the soldiers of the company, remember that you are most effective when you are united as members of one family and that will make this company successful.”

In addition to honing their basic soldier skills, the Afghan soldiers were also provided advanced and company-level collective skills, including combat lifesaver, communication,

night vision, air assault, explosive and mortar training. A select few also received sniper training.

According to Zimmer, the Afghan brigades selected their best soldiers to attend the training.

“We started with a large group of soldiers, and unlike most cycles, this one was a selection and assessment,” explained Zimmer. “None of these soldiers have ever worked together before, and after six weeks, we took these groups of soldiers and turned them into what they are today, Eagle Strike Company.”

The creation of Eagle Strike Company will strengthen the 205th Corps combat capability and help them maintain an offensive posture.

“These (soldiers) are not commandos, they have not received commando training, but they have received more in-depth training than any other tolay (company) in the 205th Corps,” said Zimmer “(This) provides the corps commander a company he can task to do difficult missions without pulling combat power from his brigades.”

Parwani expressed how proud he is of the Eagle Strike Company soldiers and praised the skills they will bring to the corps.

“We have faith that you will be able to accomplish your duties (as Eagle Strike Company),” said Parwani. “I am very happy with the faith, unity, friendship and brotherhood you have built, and please continue with your lessons and training.”

Zimmer added that being part of the process of helping establish the company was a great opportunity for him and his team.

“These soldiers will be able to better shoot, move and communicate and it’s an honor to be able to do this and allow the 205th Corps and the Afghan National Army the ability to apply military pressure against the Taliban in order to force them to reconcile,” Zimmer said.



Courtesy photo
U.S. Army Col. David Abrahams, right, senior advisor for the Afghan National Army 205th Corps, places an Eagle Strike Company patch on an Afghan Army soldier, July 5, during the company's graduation ceremony at Camp Hero, Afghanistan.

Defense Department policy chief urges U.S., Russian collaboration on mutual interest issues



Courtesy photo
A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter takes off after landing on the deck of the U.S. Navy Ship Alan Shepard in the Persian Gulf, Dec. 31, 2015. Army National Guard soldiers assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 140th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Longknife, 40th Combat Aviation Brigade, maneuver their UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter after landing on the deck of the U.S. Navy Ship Alan Shepard in the Persian Gulf, Dec. 31, 2015. Aircrew practiced landing on the deck of this cargo ship.

By Terri Moon Cronk
DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA
ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon’s chief policy maker addressed the Aspen Security Forum last night about the need for the United States and Russia to seek common collaboration on issues of national security concern as such opportunities might arise.

In Aspen, Colorado, John C. Rood, undersecretary for defense for policy, said of the two near-peer competitors outlined in the 2018 National Defense Strategy — China and Russia — the latter is the larger near-term threat because of the overwhelming lethality of its overhuling arsenal and some of the behavior the Russian government has exhibited, such as threatening NATO allies and illegally annexing Crimea.

Overall, globally, “[we] have to stand firm in defending the ideals and the values of the international rules-based order we’ve put in place, [which] is of benefit for all,” the undersecretary said. “We’ve got to work very closely with allies — (and take) steps to make NATO fit for our times. And the European Deterrence Initiative is also

getting some greater momentum,” he added.

“We also have to be open to opportunities for collaboration,” with Russia, Rood emphasized. “Where our interests align and we have an opportunity to do something together with the Russians, we should look for those opportunities.”

One such opportunity has been the “deconfliction” line in Syria between the United States and Russia, where the U.S. military is working to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, while Russia defends the Syrian president’s regime in a civil war.

STRATEGIC STABILITY

“We would also like to talk more about strategic stability, making sure there are clear understandings between the United States and Russia, about these terribly lethal weapons that we both control, and talk about the future of nonproliferation,” Rood said of potential future opportunities with Russia.

“We have shared interests in the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery,” he added. “It’s an area where we’ve had a lot of good cooperation

from Russia in the past. This is another area we can collaborate on if there’s enough of an alignment of interest.”

Another concern the United States has with Russia is its lack of respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of NATO nations, he said.

“That’s why we’re doing things like deploying, on a rotational basis, troops in four countries along NATO’s eastern periphery; why we’re doing things like the Four-30s initiative,” in which NATO allies, by the year 2020, would have 30 mechanized battalions, 30 air squadrons and 30 combat vessels ready for deployment in 30 days or less. The Four 30s initiative was announced at the June 7-8 meeting of NATO defense ministers in Brussels.

NORTH KOREA

On North Korea, Rood said it is a solemn obligation for America to make sure that nation makes good on its offer to return the remains of 5,300 U.S. service members from the Korean War, so that American families can have closure. “We’re encouraged that there could be a return of remains in the near future,” he said.

Rood said the Defense Department is hopeful to see progress in North Korea’s efforts to denuclearize.

“What gives me hope this time is (North Korean leader Kim Jong Un) is a different leader than his father and his grandfather,” the undersecretary said of Un’s main focus on the economy, rather than making the military his priority. “I have deep skepticism of denuclearization and their activities, but I’m hopeful,” he said.

IRAN

The National Defense Strategy also lists the malign influence of Iran as another major challenge to the United States, and Rood noted the long-standing concern the nation has had over Iran’s nuclear program, in addition to other issues, such as its support for terrorism.

As Iran continues to threaten to close shipping in the Persian Gulf to other nations, he advised the Iranians against such action.

“One of our missions for the United States military is, if called upon, to continue the free flow of commerce in that strategic waterway, whether it is vital oil shipments or other commercial goods, (and) to allow for the free and open navigation in the gulf,” Rood said.

“Therefore, I really discourage the Iranian government from thinking about trying to interrupt that free flow of commerce. It would not be in their interest.”

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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FUTURE PROJECTS CHECK APP FOR MORE DETAILS

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""Scooby Doo!"" I don't know why, but it was a joy."

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""Rugrats."" It brings back a lot of childhood memories."

TAMRIAN GIBBS
FORT RILEY, KANSAS

Daughter of Staff Sgt. Brian Gibbs, Irwin Army Community Hospital



""Invader Zim,"" because I thought it was a good cartoon."

SGT. ANGELICA DELGADO
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division



""Yosemite Sam,"" because he was law and order."

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SAFETY CORNER

Combat mosquitoes, use the three Ds

By Dawn J. Douglas
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Mosquitos are pesky. Whenever you hear that high pitch hum around your head it is almost instinctive to swat the air.

Mosquitoes belong to the same family as flies and gnats. They are most known for “biting” people and causing a raised itchy welt on the skin.

It is actually only the female mosquito that does any biting; she needs the protein from the blood in order to create her eggs.

Both males and females feed on sugars found in plants, nectar and honey dew. Regardless, no one likes being bitten and mosquitos in the summer are especially pesky because they can carry, with one bite, mosquito-borne illnesses.

According to the Kansas Department of Health, the West Nile virus is the most common mosquito-borne disease in Kansas and the United States. Although the Zika virus remains a concern in other states such as California, Texas, Alabama and Florida, as of July 3, there has been no known local transmission of the Zika virus in Kansas.

Mosquitoes are responsible for carrying and spreading diseases other than WNV and Zika, which include malaria, and dengue fever. There were 25 cases reported in Kansas as of Jan. 9, with zero reported deaths.

Most WNV infections occur in the late summer and early fall. Female mosquitoes need an area of standing water to lay their eggs on and therefore are attracted to properties that provide them with water sources.

Mosquitoes will lay eggs on bird baths, in buckets, clogged rain gutters, pools, ponds, tires and wheel barrows. They are also drawn to properties that have lots of flowers and plants that they can use to feed on and to areas that have dense vegetation or tall grass that they can hide in during the high heat times of the day.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, a high-risk warning was issued for West Nile virus infections for north central, south central and southwest Kansas. Northeast, southeast and northwest Kansas are at moderate risk for WNV infections.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has developed a safety and health bulletin on workplace precautions against West Nile Virus because of the serious health concerns such as West Nile meningitis and West Nile encephalitis which can pose serious even fatal health risks to farm workers, loggers, landscapers-groundskeepers, construction workers, painters, pavers and other outdoor workers.

Team Riley, WNV can be spread to people through mosquito bites, but it is not spread from person to person. About one in five people who are infected develop a fever and other symptoms. About one out of 150 infected people develop swelling of the brain or brain tissue that in some cases, can result in death. Currently, there are no vaccines or medications to treat WNV. However, people who have had WNV before are considered immune.

Employers with employees working outdoors should be aware of the risks and know the symptoms of mosquito-borne related illnesses.

Outdoor workers can protect themselves from mosquito bites by following the three Ds:

- **Drain** – eliminate standing water where mosquitoes live and breed.

Empty standing water from tarps, old tires, buckets and other places where rainwater collects. Use larvicide in low-lying areas where water cannot be removed. Refresh water for bird baths, pet bowls and wading pools at least every three days.

- **Dress** – cover your skin with clothing when outdoors. Wear protective clothing when practical (long sleeves and pants). Limit outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active from April through October and they tend to bite more between dusk and dawn — especially the species that can transmit WNV.

- **DEET** – use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA-approved repellents.

When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

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

ASK DR. JARGON

Which is it? Hooah, Hooah or Hooah?

Greetings Doc Jargon:

I’ve been married to my Soldier-spouse for about seven months now and I’ve picked up on something she says to her Soldier colleagues and they say back: “Who-hah!” What is that?

Signed New Spouse

Dear New Spouse

What they are saying is actually spelled “Hooah,” and it is a means of identifying oneself as a member of

the Soldierhood in the U.S. Army. Throughout history, service members have often developed a special vocabulary all of their own. Military slang can vary by branch or take hold service-wide. While Soldiers say Hooah, U.S. Marines shout, “Oorah” as a battle cry and Navy seamen say, “Hooyah!”

All appear similar in print, but no one would confuse Hooah with, for example, Oorah when heard.

In any case, the origin of the term is open to debate and the meaning is as varied as the

manner in which it is spoken. It could, among many other things, mean, “good copy,” “all right,” “thank you, “roger,” or it might be a means of motivating another Soldier.

It could also be a transformation of the acronym HUA, which stands for “heard, understood, acknowledged.”

Another origin theory suggests it originated with the Seminoles in Florida in the early 1800s, where tribal Chief Oseola was unable to say the words of a formal toast during a meeting with Army commanders.

He was told through an interpreter the meaning of the toast was, “How d’you do.” The chief immediately said, “Hough,” in a strong voice, and it was repeated by the officers present and, later, became popular throughout the Army in Florida and, eventually, throughout the entire Army.

There are other theories about this word online.

Thanks for writing.

Doc

Understanding the legal protections of service and support animals

By Capt. Jesse Burnett, Legal Assistance Attorney
OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

Planning to take your emotional support peacock on a plane anytime soon? Maybe you should think again.

In the wake of passengers trying to fly with a broad range of different animals, airlines are tightening the leash on emotional support animal requirements. With so many animals helping humans in public places, it has many people wondering what legal protections these support animals have. Here is a quick overview to help you distinguish between a service animal, emotional support animal and therapy dog.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF SUPPORT ANIMALS?

Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform a task for people with a disability. Tasks a service dog may perform include guiding someone who is visually impaired, pulling a wheelchair, retrieving dropped items and warning or aiding a person prior to a seizure.

The task a service dog is trained to perform must be directly related to the person’s condition. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, service animals are limited to dogs and miniature horses. Other species of animals, whether trained or untrained, are not considered service animals.

An Emotional Support Animal is not considered a service animal under the ADA. ESAs are companion animals that a medical professional has determined provides a therapeutic benefit for an individual with a mental or psychological disability. Unlike service dogs, ESAs may be any type of animal, so long as it provides a therapeutic benefit.

A therapy dog is one trained to provide comfort to various people. They are not trained to perform specific tasks like service dogs.

Most therapy dogs are situated at hospitals, schools or communities that require calming, psychological and physiological healing. They are used in facilities to com-

fort people and give affection. While ESAs only provide emotional support to one specific person, therapy dogs are trained to comfort many different people and must be registered and trained by a therapy dog organization.

LEGAL RIGHTS

Each category of support animals is entitled to different legal rights and protections. Service dogs are given the most protection while therapy dogs receive little to none.

Rights of Service Dogs: Under the ADA, service dogs may accompany people with disabilities into public places, even if they have a “No Pets” policy. These areas include government buildings, businesses open to the public and public transportation. Additionally, service dogs generally may reside in no-pet housing and may accompany people with disabilities on airplanes.

Service members who require the assistance of service dogs for activities of daily living may utilize service dogs on DOD installations while on active duty. However, the service dog must be trained and accredited from a service dog organization approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

In situations where it is not obvious that the dog is a service animal, staff may ask only two specific questions: 1. Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? and 2. What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

Staff are not allowed to request any documentation for the dog, require the dog to demonstrate its task or inquire about the nature of the person’s disability.

Rights of an Emotional Support Animal: Different from service dogs, ESAs are not allowed in public places where dogs are normally prohibited. However, ESA owners do have certain legal rights in housing and when flying.

Under the Fair Housing Act, landlords must grant reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.

This often includes a waiver of a no pet policy or a pet deposit, for any assistance animal, including an ESA.

Additionally, the Department of Transportation establishes a procedure for modifying pet policies on aircraft to permit a person with a disability to travel with an ESA, so long as they have appropriate documentation. Each air carrier has its own individual policy. Often you must notify the air carrier 24 hours in advance and the ESA must be able to fit in a soft shelled bag under the seat. You should check the Air Carrier’s policy before attempting to bring your ESA on any flight.

At this time there is no official registration for ESAs and websites that offer “registration” or “certification” are fake. Owners are required to acquire an ESA letter, provided by a licensed mental health professional, before they are granted access to apartments with a no-pet policy or allowed to bring the ESA in the cabin of a plane. The letter should state how the owner’s disability substantially limits their lifestyle and how an emotional support animal is necessary in treating their mental health. Unlike service dogs, ESA owners are required to show the ESA letter when requested by staff.

Rights of a Therapy Dog: Therapy dogs are trained to provide comfort and emotional support to various people. However, a therapy dog does not receive the same rights and benefits as a service dog or an emotional support animal. They do not qualify for accommodations in public places, public transportation, housing or flights.

CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR

Any Soldier who believes their family members or themselves qualify for a service animal or emotional support animal should first check with their doctor to see if they qualify. You should also check your state’s law and follow the law that offers the most protection for service animals. If you have questions about service animals and their legal protections please contact the Fort Riley Legal Assistance Office at 785-239-3117.

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“It’s a great feeling; you get to work knowing that your job is important, that it could save somebody’s life,” Baez said. “Because if that weapon malfunctions during combat, that would be a bad situation. So knowing that, yes, we are the men behind the men behind the gun, but we are important because his equipment is ready — ready to fight and win the nation’s wars.”

For Baez, the best thing about being a 91F — a small arms and artillery repairman — is the time that he and his Soldiers get to spend doing hands-on work and how that makes them experts in their field.

“You get to work with weapons every day; every single day is different and when you get into the mechanics of a weapon, you know every weapon works differently,” Baez said. “So once you get to understand that, people can talk to you about an issue with a weapon and even if it is a civilian weapon, you already have an idea of what’s wrong.”

For members of the armament repair shop, their contributions aren’t just for units deploying to far-off locations, but those who do important work on Fort Riley as well.

“Our largest customers are actually the (military police), so we actually get to help with the safety on Fort Riley,” Mills said.

Knowing their support can make or break a unit’s ability to execute their mission, the section keeps a large amount of common parts and materials on hand to assist them in quick turnaround times for critical repairs. This enables them to theoretically repair the entirety of a company-sized element’s weapons, according to Mills.

“We maintain 463 lines of shop stock and bench stock, which allows us to basically fix a line unit’s weapons because we already have the parts in hand,” Mills said.

According to Baez and Mills, individuals interested in becoming small arms and artillery repairmen should not only display some mechanical aptitude, but also be willing to pay great attention to detail.

“The first thing that comes to mind is someone that is detail oriented because (quality assurance) is a big part of what we do,” Mills said.

Most importantly, however, in order to truly appreciate the job, Baez suggests having an interest in firearms.

“Also someone that likes guns; this is one of those (jobs) where the guys here, in their off time, are building guns as well,” Baez said, pointing out Soldiers in the shop who are actively pursuing civilian educations as gunsmiths.

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GPA and the case must be escalated to HQ ACES with documentation for a decision. Soldiers are encouraged to consult with a counselor if they find themselves struggling with coursework to avoid having to repay the cost of tuition the Army paid their classes.

Although Soldiers are told about TA benefits at basic training, Smith said that the degree to which any Soldier understands exactly what TA is and what it covers is dependent on a Soldier’s experience at basic training. He encourages his Soldiers to visit the Fort Riley Education Center to learn about all the benefits available to active-duty members. Roach and the other education counselors at Fort Riley are willing to answer any further questions Soldiers have about TA benefits and encourages Soldiers to come into the office, sit down and plan out their educations. For more information contact 785-239-6481.

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Gail Parsons | POST

Incoming commander of the 923rd Contracting Battalion Lt. Col. Robert J. Bartruff (left) accepts the organizational colors from Col. Joel M. Greer (center front) during a change of command ceremony at which Col. Mary Drayton relinquished command on June 16.

She forged the 923rd into the great unit you see here today.”

He told those who had gathered that, in his opinion, the 923rd was the number one battalion of the five contracting battalions in the 418th. His affirmation to their success serves as a testament to the committed dedication and hard work of Drayton and the entire 923rd staff.

From a lone building outside the 12th Street Gate, the battalion members, which only number in the 50s, executed more than 1,300 contract actions valued at \$50 million in support of Fort Riley post operations during Drayton’s tenure.

It’s a feat that Drayton takes pride in. “... While the office may seem small in size, the ripple effect of every contract, contract-related action or support function from this group of professional civilians and Soldiers, significantly impacts the readiness of the warfighter,” she said.

Drayton, a 1996 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, was selected for the Army War College and to command the 408th Contracting Support Brigade.

As the ceremony came to an end, Bartruff gave his closing statement to those gathered. “All policies and procedures remain in effect,” he said. “Contracting for Soldiers with honor.”

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built, three out of actual case files, to test the investigators.

“It’s not only a great opportunity for us but also for our partners in the Flint Hills Region,” said Ric Seward, chief, Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services. “It allows us to work together, allows for better interoperability and work through the process and systems.”

Seward said that he hopes the attendees take with them an understanding of the processes and systems to fire investigations.

“Investigations, whether it’s a vehicle or a structure, is a very systematic approach,” he said. “Things have to be done right from the get-go as far as the investigation determining the point of origin, cause of origin and evidence preservation and collection. Coming together as two units with a common goal and working through the system and process.”

CID Special Agent in Charge Jason Huggins said that the training was important training as far as

building relationships with other agencies.

“We always know every scene on an installation will have a multi-agency response to it,” he said. “This helps us shake hands and meet people face-to-face; so you build those relationships. So, when I do go out to a scene and I see somebody from the department there, we’ve already built that relationship. They are going to know what to expect they are going to do and we are going to know what to expect we are going to do.”

Huggins credits Watson for the level of detail that he used to develop this training.

“What they have set up here with the fire department is some of the best fire training I have gotten to participate in,” he said. “Our agents do sometimes get to participate in post-blast training, some get to take part in ATF training. But, it’s unique training and doesn’t happen all the time. To think that they set up a training opportunity (like this) where the entire class gets to walk through is very eye opening.”

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“I brought him in to teach my commanding staff about Islam so that they could hear, not perhaps a skewed perspective from me, but they could understand it from an Imam and hear about it and question him,” he said. “A lot of it is an education process that chaplains, as religious leaders, bring to help prevent that feeling of a religious war.”

While America may have a strong Judeo-Christian background, many scholars agree we are living in “a post-Christian nation,” Johnston said.

As a secular nation, comprised of many religious denominations, the key to

ministering in an interfaith setting is to remember the Constitution.

“The key in the Constitution is the right to free exercise,” Felzenberg said. “It goes without saying that for the founding fathers as a whole, freedom of religion was perhaps one of the singular, quintessential, overriding emphases behind the founding of our nation. It is right at the beginning of the most foundational rights that we have. So regardless of any one Founding Father’s religious affiliation, or how they parsed their different interpretations, I think there was a common overriding belief

in the importance of the freedom of religion.”

Today, just as through history, the foundation of the Chaplaincy Corps is rooted in its motto, “Pro Deo et Patria,” which means, “For God and Country,” regardless of what religious beliefs any individual holds.

“We appreciate our brothers and sisters in uniform and acknowledge our differences,” Felzenberg said. “We realize that the green that surrounds us and the red of the blood that beats within us — our nation and our loyalties unite us. That is where the focus has to be.”

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Chad L. Smith | 1st Inf. Div. Public Affairs

The 1st Infantry Division, the Army's oldest, will celebrate Victory Week 2018 Aug. 6-10 at Fort Riley, and all service, family and community members are invited to join in on the festivities. The week will begin with a four-mile Victory Run around Custer Hill Aug. 6. The week will include a variety of sporting events and conclude with the Victory Cup being awarded to the winning unit as part of the Division Review Ceremony Aug. 10.

compete against each other on the field of play.

COMPETITIVE RIVALRY

The 97th Military Police Battalion won the Victory Cup in 2016 and 2017. The winning streak has raised the competition level within the Big Red One units since the 97th MP Bn. fall under the Fort Riley Garrison.

"There is always a conspiracy that the 1st Inf. Div. is fixing the events in order to beat 97th MPs because they have won the last two years," Brown joked. "That is the fun competition we are having this year. The 1st Inf. Div. units vs. the 97th MPs. It is fun and there is trash talking all in good fun."

The rivalry became personal last year as Lt. Col. Ann Meredith, 97th MP Bn., commander, beat out her husband, Lt. Col. Jon Meredith, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., commander, for the trophy.

FUTURE SOLDIERS WELCOMED

The 1st Inf. Div. extended an invitation to approximately 50 future Soldiers to participate in this year's Victory Week competitions and festivities. Future Soldiers from the Manhattan Recruiting Company, Kansas City Recruiting Battalion, will have an opportunity to intermingle with Big Red One Soldiers throughout the week.

Capt. Steven Belcher, MHK Rec. Co., KC Rec. Bn., commander, said his future Soldiers may participate in softball and volleyball competitions, and will reaffirm their oath of enlistment during a ceremony prior to the Division Review ceremony.

"I want our future Soldiers to see how the Army is one big family and I hope they get to experience esprit de corps the 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers experience being in the Army," Belcher said.

Belcher also hopes the future Soldiers get a tour of some of the Big Red One training facilities on Fort Riley.

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- Combatives: Aug. 6-8, 9 a.m. — Long Fitness Center
- Flag Football: Aug. 6-7, 9 a.m.; Aug. 8, 9:30 a.m. — 7264 Normandy Drive (Aug. 6-7); Sturgis Field (Aug. 8)
- Soccer: Aug. 6-8, 10 a.m. — Colyer Park
- Softball: Aug. 6-8, 9:30 a.m. — Sacco Softball Complex
- Volleyball: Aug. 6-8, 10:30 a.m. — 7002 Normandy Drive
- Water Brolo: Aug. 6-8, 9 a.m. — Custer Hill Pool
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Runners start the 10-mile portion of the 10-5-2 Prairie Run July 21 from King Field House. The 10-mile race served as the qualifier for the Fort Riley 10-miler team that will compete in Washington, D.C. in October.

in the Running

Annual 10-5-2 Prairie Run serves as qualifier for Fort Riley Army 10-Miler team

Story and photos by Téa Sambuco
1ST INF. DIV. POST

More than 125 people ran in the 33rd annual 10-5-2 Prairie Run July 21 on Fort Riley. The first race began at 7 a.m. at King Field House, proceeded to the Ogden Gate and finished back at King Field House. Runners of all ages and abilities chose one of three races to run; a 10-mile, a five-mile or a two-mile. “All the races are open to the outlying community as well as the Fort Riley community,” said Reed Scott, event coordinator and Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation sports specialist. “The 10 and five-mile races go at 7 a.m., and the two-mile race goes at 7:10 a.m. We have an awards ceremony approximately somewhere between 9 and 9:15 a.m.. There is a total of 18 plaques and an award is given to the top-three males and females in each race.”

DID YOU KNOW?

- The 10-5-2 Prairie Run was free for any active-duty personnel stationed at Fort Riley and serves as the qualifier for the Fort Riley Army 10-Miler team.



Capt. Daniel Hekter, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, races up the final incline to place first in the 10-mile race.

I couldn't have asked for better weather; the shade was good, and it wasn't too hot. It was a well-run race, and it was nice having the lead vehicle out there to guide you.”

CAPT. DANIEL HEKTER | 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY

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LAURIE McCAULEY
COORDINATOR, EXCEPTIONAL
FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM
SPECIAL NEEDS RODEO

Rodeo steers audience westward

Special-needs event places premium on lasting memories

By Will Ravenstein
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Smiles, laughter and horsing around were key during the Exceptional Family Member Program Special Needs Rodeo held at the Geary County 4-H Fairgrounds July 21 in conjunction with the Junction City Rodeo Association.

With 55 participants from in and around Fort Riley, Laurie McCauley, EFMP Coordinator, was pleased with the number of pre-registered participants.

“That's kind of what we hope to have and typically have,” she said. “Some years might run just a little bit lower.”

The event, hosted by EFMP, was open to all exceptional families, not just those stationed on Fort Riley, and their siblings as a time to immerse themselves into a different culture.

“It's such a huge opportunity. It's such a cultural event that they might not do otherwise,” McCauley said. “They can really learn from that. It's just a learning experience for them.”

Events in the rodeo included having the opportunity to ride a simulated bull and bucking horse, lasso “steers,” take part in a hay wagon ride around the arena and fairgrounds, and a one-on-one horse ride with one of the rodeo queens and princesses present.

For Mariah Schlosser, wife of Capt. Joseph Schlosser, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, it was a chance for her three kids — Arn, 6, Erik, 5, and Arwen, 3, to see Western life firsthand.

“It's very exciting,” she said. “I grew up in Idaho City, Idaho, so it's nice to be able to have some Western stuff they can enjoy and be able to participate in.”

The time at the rodeo was also a time to let down the protective guard for Schlosser.

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Back-To-School Brigade supplies military kids for upcoming year

More than 400 people register for Operation Homefront's annual event

Story and photo by Tea Sambuco
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Operation Homefront held their annual Back-to-School Brigade, an event where hundreds of military children were excited when they received free school supplies for this upcoming school year July 19. The Back-To-School Brigade took place at the Convention Center at the Courtyard by the Marriot. “We are hosting our annual Back-to-School Brigade here for the families of Fort Riley,” Darcy Clardy, the event coordinator said. “Each school-aged child, K-12, is going to receive a backpack full of school supplies to get them ready to go back to school. We have a standard list that we pack

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DARCY CLARDY | COORDINATOR, BACK-TO-SCHOOL BRIGADE

with. There's basic school supplies in there like folders, notebooks, scissors, pencils and crayons.” The Back-to-School Brigade was only made possible by the community it took place in, Clardy explained. “We had a couple grants that we received and some local donors that donated specifically to this event,” she said. “That allowed us to go out and purchase the school supplies to actually build the backpacks. The hotel donated part of the space. Walmart just across the parking lot — they helped us place a big

order for all the school supplies, so they were good assets for us, too.” Clardy went on to express gratitude to the other local organizations; Royals Charities, the charitable foundation of Kansas City Royals and Seaboard Foods contributed towards the purchase of the school supplies. Registration was not limited to Geary and Riley County, Clardy commented. “We actually have a 75-mile radius that families can sign up and they register before they can come in,” she said.

“The registration actually limits it to 75 miles because we don't want them traveling too far. Anybody within that radius can come in and pick up a backpack.” More than 400 people pre-registered for the Back-to-School Brigade, leaving 100 more slots available for walk-ins. “We put the word out that if they didn't get signed up, just to come in and show their ID at the door and we would sign them up as long as the backpacks last,” Clardy said. “For Fort Riley, it's pretty good. We usually expect between 400 and 600. It's expensive to put any child back to school, so when you're a military family and you're dealing with change of duty stations, deployments and trainings and things like that — it's just an additional strain. So, this is a good way for us to, kind of, step up and help them with that hurdle of getting their kids ready to go back to school.”

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Cadence Mastin, 9, picks out a notebook during the Back-to-School Brigade, where hundreds of military children were given school supplies for this upcoming school year.

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July 28, 29 and 30 at 6 p.m. at the C.L. Hoover Opera House, 135 W Seventh St., Junction City.

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Only need to attend one night of auditions.

Rehearsals begin mid-October.

Performance dates: Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1, 2.

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Fort Riley Library will host story time every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. come listen to a story, enjoy a snack drink and a creative craft. This event does count towards the Summer Reading Program minutes for each participant.

TACO TUESDAY AND PASTA WEDNESDAY

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

Taco Tuesday features an all-you-can-eat meal with a choice of meat, hard and soft shell tacos, salsa bar, rice, beans, salad bar and dessert.

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Victory Celebration to launch '18 Victory Week

Games, inflatables, food and three bands to entertain crowds

By Will Ravenstein
1ST INF. DIV. POST

The 1st Infantry Division turned 101 years old this year, and due to the Soldiers being in the field at the time, no proper celebration was held. Victory Week, the traditional celebration, will be held from Aug. 6 to 10 with Victory Celebration serving as a prelude to the week Aug. 4 at Riley's Conference Center.

This year, along with games, food and inflatables, three bands will entertain crowds beginning at 6 p.m.

The three bands will play their distinctive styles of music for the assembled crowd to provide an atmosphere of fun.

Those bands include, in no particular order: M31, Bootleg Mercy and the 1st Inf. Div. Rock Band.

The Manhattan-based M31 is making a return trip



FILE PHOTO

During Victory Fest on Aug. 19, 2017, the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard showcase their talent as they train for the upcoming competition. All members practiced level one for spectators.

the Victory Celebration. This six-piece band specializes in rock and roadhouse blues according to their Facebook fan page. Members Brian Scott, Eric Buttner, Jennifer Trejo-Buttner, Josh Clark, Ricky Parham and Paul Willis channel inspiration from some of the

best in the business — Lynyrd Skynyrd, Bad Company, Bob Seger, Hank Williams Jr., ZZ Top and many more.

Bootleg Mercy from Salina, Kansas, is a band of four regular guys who never gave up the dream of playing arenas and festivals. Each member is an

accomplished musician who just happens to be a professional in an area other than music according to their booking website, www.gigsalad.com/bootleg_mercy_salina.

With Rich Thompson on guitar and vocals, Curtis Nightingale playing

lead guitar and backup vocals, Caleb Grandy on bass and Erick Winebrenner on drums, the four members put together a high-energy show with hard-hitting music from the 90s and 2000s including a dynamic mix of originals.

LEADING THE WAY

- Crowds at this year's Victory Celebration, Aug. 4 at Riley's Conference Center, will be entertained by the bands **M31, Bootleg Mercy** and the **1st Infantry Division Rock Band**.

Chevelle, Seether, Pearl Jam, The Smashing Pumpkins and many more influence the band.

The 1st Inf. Div. Rock band is a multifaceted popular music ensemble playing a wide variety of music from classic rock, rhythm and blues, soul and contemporary pop.

The 1st Inf. Div. Band is the musical ambassador for the United States' premier fighting force, according to www.riley.army.mil/About-Us/1st-Infantry-Division-Band/. The Big Red One Band's mission is to represent the 1st Inf. Div. for military ceremonies and the communities that support the American soldiers.

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Remember pets when PCSing

New pet regulations come with moving to new installations

By Gail Parsons
1ST INF. DIV. POST

It's the day some military families look forward to and some dread — the day the Soldier comes home with permanent change of station orders. On that day, the work starts. Paperwork needs to be collected and put in order and research into the new duty station begins. Nicole Storm lead animal caretaker at the Fort Riley animal shelter reminds people to not forget about the pets. "Once you get the orders to PCS, I highly suggest you check the pet policies of your next duty station," she said. "Not all installations allow three pets like here, most of them it's only two."

She recommends starting the research early, because depending on where the Soldier is going, there may be several months of work required to ensure all the pets' shots are updated.

She recalled one family who was heartbroken because they came down on short-notice orders for Korea and did not have the time to prepare their dogs for what their new duty station required.

"That was one of the most heart-wrenching surrenders," she said.

In that family's case, it wasn't a matter of them not doing what was necessary, there just wasn't time. But many others, she said, will wait and then find themselves scrambling to have the animals' affairs in order before they leave.

People also should be prepared for the expenses.

"You need to have certificates," she said. "You need to have your vaccines updated especially if you're going overseas. You need your kennels. All of these things cost money."

On the list of places to contact should be the airlines ,if traveling by plane. In addition to federal regulations, each airline has its own policies and procedures when flying with pets.

At the top of the checklist should be making sure the animal is up to date on its rabies and distemper and parvo vaccines and that the microchip information is current.

If the pet owner knows the pet will not be joining them

at the next duty station, for whatever reason, they still need to start making plans. "Contact the shelters or rescues right away, don't wait until the last minute," she said. "And don't leave them behind." Shelters and rescues cannot always take every animal right away, but they can put the pet on a waiting list and take it when they have space.

TRAVELING

When driving with cats or dogs, Storm recommends having two leashes, one for the collar and one for the harness. Dogs should have both, and if the cats are trained to wear them, they should have them on as well.

When stopping, before the vehicle doors open, the leashes should be put on so there is no chance of them darting out of the car.

Cats should be in a kennel while driving. When stopping, set up a litter box in the car and then, with the doors to the car shut, let the cat out and show it to them.

"Also, make sure your animal has its rabies tag on its collar," she said. "Get your data on the microchip updated and make sure they have a tag with your phone number on their collar."

MOVING DAY

Before the packers arrive, make sure all of the pets' paperwork is separate and put in a safe place with all of the other important documents. If an animal is registered on post, whether it lives there or not, all of its records are stored in a central computer system, which can help should the paperwork get misplaced.

For an added layer of security, take a picture on a phone of the important pages.

"The day the movers come, I put my dogs in the crate and put them in the bathroom," Storm said. "I put everything that I don't want them to pack in the bathroom and put it off-limits."

She said the crate is important just in case the door does get opened. Once the pet has the chance to run, a new layer of stress has just been added.

Even safer for the pet, is to board them, take them to a doggy daycare or have a friend keep them for the day.

Storm said should the unexpected happen and the pet runs off, if you're on post, call the military police right away and they can keep an eye out for the animal.

"Post on social media, call the shelter. If we're not here, leave a message. If it's a cat, put the litter box outside. It helps them to come back," she said. "Post on all your neighborhood sites and on social media. Contact us through our Facebook page. One of us will always answer and we can do a posting to see if anybody has seen the cat."

Recently, they had a cat who ran off a few days before the PCS and wasn't located until after the family left. Fortunately, they were able to find a volunteer who was going to be driving by where the family had moved and was able to deliver the cat to them.

But happy reunions aren't always the case. Another cat who recently got out during the move had to be surrendered.

"They had already left," Storm said. "She was an older cat, but we were able to adopt her out."

Running off is not the only problem pet owners have encountered on moving day.

DANTE'S ADVENTURE

Doreen Morgan, wife of retired Maj. Rich Morgan, said she learned her lesson about allowing her pets to roam free during her seventh military move.

She recalled the day the movers came for her household goods at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

"They didn't like cats and did not want to pack our house because we had a cat," she said.

She was eight months pregnant at the time and the packers were demanding that she remove the litter box, something with her high-risk pregnancy she knew not to do.

The packers refused to work and left. After a phone call they were sent back. In hindsight, Morgan knows she should have listened to her friend when advised not to let the same crew back, but when they showed back up, she said she didn't want to be rude.

After the packers left, they realized their cat, Dante, who was Rich's cat since before they were married, was missing.

"We looked and looked," she said. "We thought we were hearing him outside."

They looked all that night, even opening a few boxes. Doreen had to leave, but Rich and a friend stayed behind for two extra days searching for Dante.

Fort Huachuca is in a mountainous region with plenty of predators, but they really didn't believe he had run away or been taken.

"For him to run would be so uncharacteristic of him," she said. "He liked to be outside but only when we were there."

She feared what they would find when they started unpacking the boxes.

When they arrived at Fort Hood, Texas, they checked in at the housing office where they were told it would be, at least, a two-month wait for a house.

"I lost it," she said. "I broke down right there and cried, and cried and cried. We had just lost our cat. I was emotional from the pregnancy. I didn't know where we would take the new baby — suddenly they (Fort Hood) have a house."

As soon as they got the keys, they called the driver who happened to be at the dock ready to unload their household goods.

"Our driver was of such a good heart and he was an animal lover himself," she said.

He immediately brought the truck over and they started unloading it right on the lawn, opening every single box.

It was the very last box off the truck. The driver was the one who opened it. There was Dante — dehydrated and weak — but alive after his six-day ordeal.

Now she recommends to people that their animals be kenneled and safe, "because even if you know the animal can be trusted — anything can happen," she said.

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of July 24 was:
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This week's winner is Becky Nistler, mom of Spc. Richard Bengtson, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Pictured above is Spc. Richard Bengtson.

CONGRATULATIONS BECKY!



TIPS FOR PET ADOPTIONS

The Fort Riley animal shelter offers additional tips for people arriving on post, or who might be interested in expanding their family.

- If you are looking for a pet – adopt from the Fort Riley Animal shelter rather than buy from a pet store. Adopt, don't shop.
- Make sure pet owners are doing the right thing by registering new cats and dogs, ensuring the pet receives required vaccinations and microchipping.

- If you lose a pet, and/or are looking for a new pet to be part of your family, check Fort Riley Pets on Facebook.
- Fort Riley and Department of Defense publications about pet ownership can be found at www.riley.army.mil/New-Arrivals/Veterinary-Services/.
- The shelter is nearing maximum capacity for cats and kittens. People can help by adopting and remembering to spay/neuter their pets.

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Fort Riley site for a program initiative to reduce waste

Water, waste, energy: three components in Net Zero program

Story and photo by Gail Parsons
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Members of the Office of Research and Development with the Environmental Protection Agency spent a week on Fort Riley, beginning June 16, separating recycling from trash. Christopher Otto, recycle and solid waste coordinator, Department of Public Works Environmental Division, said the project was the first of its kind on Fort Riley but is part of the Net Zero program — an initiative to reduce waste implemented by the Obama administration.

Net Zero has three components: water, waste and energy. In 2011, Fort Riley was chosen as a Net Zero Water installation and started piloting a program to decrease the water consumption on post.

Otto had, at that time, worked with the water project.

When he moved over to his position at the Recycling Center, he reached out to the EPA to start working on the waste component of Net Zero.

Net Zero projects are geared towards helping military installations become more sustainable and resilient.

“They are finding innovative ways to reduce waste on the installation,” Otto said.

The EPA team brought hoppers of recycled materials to Building 1982 where they laid it out on the floor and started sorting trash out of the recycled materials.

Mixed in with the recycled materials were things such as:

- Dirty diapers
- A dead hamster still in its cage
- A kiddie-pool
- Small appliances
- A drill
- Blank ammunition
- Child’s gate
- Copies of driver’s licenses and Social Security Cards
- Deployment records
- A fire extinguisher

On some days the crew at the recycle center have sorted as



Mariam Saffar-Perez, University of Puerto Rico Mayagu student, and Mariangelica Larrasquillo-Manquial, research civil engineer U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sort trash July 18 into proper bins.

much as 30 percent trash from the recycled materials gathered. On July 19, the small amount the EPA crew went through measured at 14 percent.

The information they gather and the data they collect can paint a picture of the waste patterns of people living and working on Fort Riley.

“We are analyzing the neighborhoods,” Otto said.

“They are trying to get some correlations between what we see come down here and what neighborhood they are from.”

This allows targeted advertising to those neighborhoods to remind people about how to recycle.

WHY IT’S A BIG DEAL

What’s the harm in tossing the half-eaten pizza in with the

soda cans? On the surface, some people might not think it is a big deal, but Otto said it can, and has, caused a tremendous loss of money.

Not only does it take increased man hours to separate trash from recycled goods, it has caused serious problems in the recycling industry nationwide.

About a year ago, China, which was the number one purchaser of U.S. recycling material, stopped buying it. The reason they cited was the amount of contamination, the amount of trash, that was mixed in with it.

“Now, since China is not buying it, it’s flooded the market,” he said. “Plastics, we used to be able to sell out of here for a decent amount of money. Now, it’s going to cost us money to recycle. The mixed paper we used to be able to sell for \$80 a ton, now we are getting \$10.”

Once all the data is compiled, Otto will have a foundation to build a stronger, more efficient recycling program.

“I want to get a baseline of what we are throwing away here to see if there is anything that we could be recycling but we’re not,” he said. “Also to see if there are things that we should do a better job of advertising for. Cardboard for example, we are finding so much cardboard. Maybe I want to advertise that we can recycle that, or styrofoam. We can recycle that, too.”

Often people tend to think of recycling simply in terms of environmental importance, but Otto also looks at it from the perspective of the taxpayers dime.

“Everything we put in the trash can takes taxpayer money to get it to the transfer station and then to the dump,” he said. “Anything we bring here to recycle we segregate, bail it and sell it like a commodity. Right now, we can sell cardboard for \$80 a ton.”

That money goes directly back to Fort Riley. Anything left after the cost of operating the recycle center is paid, goes to the Fort Riley community. The recycle center paid for upgrades at the bowling alley and recently gave about \$3,000 to units to use in the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation funds.

Fort Riley site of Solid Waste plan

Corps of Engineers' study follows trek of recycling materials

By Gail Parsons
1ST INF. DIV. POST

While members of the Environmental Protection Agency separated trash from the recycling on one side of building 1982, on the other side, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was separating trash into several distinct piles.

“We are required to do waste characterization studies as part of our Solid Waste plan,” said Christopher Otto, Recycle and Solid Waste Coordinator, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division.

The Corps of Engineers staff went to a handful of bins that were pre-selected based on what the intent of the building was. Trash was collected from administration buildings, motor pools, retail stores, barracks and more.

They went to the dumpsters outside of the buildings and collected 100 pounds of trash at a time. They also weighed the amount of recycling that was collected at those locations.

“They are analyzing the total non-hazardous waste stream coming out of Fort Riley. Anything that is not hazardous — that we throw away or recycle. Maybe there’s something we’re missing that’s a recyclable commodity.”

CHRISTOPHER OTTO | COORDINATOR, RECYCLE AND SOLID WASTE, DPW ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

They weighed, bagged and tagged the trash to indicate where it came from. Then the fun could start, opening each bag and sorting its contents into one of several blue buckets lined out on a table. There were buckets for each different type of plastic, paper, metal, steel, aluminum and more.

This study allowed Otto to see where recycling materials are more likely to be thrown away with trash rather than separated.

For example, one roll-off eight-foot dumpster at one of the brigade headquarters was full of recycling, which could have been sold. Instead, Fort Riley has to pay to have it removed.

“They are analyzing the total non-hazardous waste stream coming out of Fort Riley,” he

said. “Anything that is not hazardous — that we throw away or recycle, maybe there’s something we’re missing that’s a recyclable commodity.”

He also said that he already knows Fort Riley is throwing away a lot of cardboard. This study will break it down and show them how much is being thrown away and the value of it compared to the cost of taking it to the transfer station.

Abigail Brake, a research biologist with the Corps of Engineers, said after the data is collected, they can make some recommendations for finding ways to reduce waste.

Just like their peers from the EPA, her crew reported finding many interesting items when they do these studies.

“The barracks are always odd,” she said. “You will also find some weird stuff at the hospital.”

From the barracks, they will often find new and like-new items like USB drives, Xbox games and Fitbits still in their original packaging.

“We have found a lot of MREs and MRE heaters which is actually hazardous waste,” she said.

The heaters have been known to explode and cause dumpster fires at other installations, she said.

“We found a bunch of meat — packaged meat, unopened like someone was going to have a barbecue and then they just threw it all away,” she said. “Soldiers can only take so much with them when they move, so whatever they can’t take, they toss.”

Other common items thrown in the trash are clothing items and electronics — stuff that could be taken to the thrift store.

“We will address those things in our plan,” she said. “That is the point of doing these studies — to see if maybe they need a thrift store bin right next to their dumpsters. These are the kinds of things that we are looking at.”

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- Stay out of the heat as much as possible. Limit outdoor activities until the cooler part of the day.
- Cover your skin with lightweight, light-colored clothing that reflects heat and sunlight.
- Pay attention to your hydration status and be sure to drink plenty of fluids.
- Sunburn reduces your body’s ability to dissipate heat, so if you must work outside for an extended period, use sunscreen and drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. Make sure there is someone available to check on you.
- Keep a close eye on children and check on elderly neighbors. Watch for signs of heat-related illness, such as sunburn, dehydration, heat cramps, heavy sweating, weakness, skin that is cold and pale or hot and dry and high body temperature.
- Call 911 for suspected heat-related emergencies.
- Heatwaves become more dangerous each day they continue. The cumulative effect of the excessive heat on the body leads to more cases of heat-related illness and death. You can save a life by getting someone into an air-conditioned room for just an hour or two.

KDEM officials suggest having a plan for where your family can go if there is a power outage. Many communities offer cooling centers, or consider a trip to the movies, a mall or the library if you know someone who does not have a working air conditioner in their home.

HEAT SAFETY FOR PETS

To protect your pet from extreme heat:

- Ensure outside pets have water and plenty of shade. Bring pets inside for cooling breaks during the hottest part of the day.
- Check on pets frequently to ensure they aren’t suffering from the heat. If you’re gone during the day, ask a neighbor to check on them.
- Don’t leave your pet in an enclosed vehicle. A car’s internal temperature can reach dangerous levels in just a matter of minutes. A car’s interior may go from 80 degrees to 99 degrees Fahrenheit in as little as 10 minutes. In 20 minutes, it can reach nearly 120 degrees. After an hour, it’s at 123 degrees.

For more information, contact the Garrison Safety Office at 785.239.2514. To learn about safety across the installation, visit www.riley.army.mil/Units/GarrisonCommand/Safety.

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FORM MATTERS

Finding way to combat boredom

By Gail Parsons
1ST INF. DIV. POST

When something is boring, it can be difficult to get motivated to do it and stick with it — the elliptical at the gym is one example.

Public Health Nurse Capt. Eddie Murray said when he first started using the elliptical he found it to

be as boring as he feared. However, he also learned many ways to make it fun. By mixing up different movements, rather than just walking, a 30-minute workout can fly by and a person can get more out of it.

Here he shows how to keep good form and add additional core and arm work.



ELLIPTICAL (PART 2)

- 1. As with all exercise, form matters even on the elliptical. Whether walking or walking with added moves, the back needs to be straight; head facing forward, not looking up or down; shoulders back; and chest out. Start in this position until warmed up.
- 2. Hinging at the waist lean forward while maintaining a straight back.
- 3. Bring elbows up and back for a triceps kickback. For more challenge, hold weights.
- 4. Bending at the elbows bring forearms to the front.
- 5. Repeat a few times, before returning into an upright position; repeat.

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The reach of the 10-5-2 Prairie Run went beyond that of the Fort Riley surrounding communities, Scott said.

“We’ve had people register from up to six different states,” he said. “I don’t want to say everybody comes from six states every year, but it is a popular event and we have a lot of returning people. The race brings together a lot of different people. Already I’ve seen small children, we have people that I would say have been here for 15 to 20 years, military, civilian, my own son is even running in it today.”

The 10-5-2 Prairie Run was free for any active-duty personnel stationed at Fort Riley and serves as the qualifier for the Fort Riley Army 10-Miler team.

“What they’ll do, the team captain from Fort Riley will look at the times that we have and then they’ll put together the Fort Riley Army 10-miler team,” Scott said. “They’ll start to train and then they’ll go to Washington, D.C., to represent Fort Riley at the Army 10-miler in October, with more than 10,000



Téa Sambuco | POST

Joshua Nieves of Junction City, pushes himself up the final stretch during the 5-mile run July 21.

runners (competing in that race).”

The 10-5-2 Prairie Run has been an annual occurrence on Fort Riley for the past 33 years and in that time, the run has had to adapt to changes.

“When this course started there were no gates on Fort Riley,” Scott said. “We’ve actually had to alter (the course) just a little bit. Even the roundabouts, you don’t think about that, but we didn’t have roundabouts ei-

ther. We use chip timing. There’s chips in their bibs, so they get the exact electronic results. Back in the old days, we literally used tick sheets, a pen and a stop watch, so there was a lot more room for human error.”

Scott explained how technology upgrades have enhanced the enjoyment of the race for officials.

“Ever since we’ve used Manhattan Running Company, it takes a lot of burden off of us,”

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Sgt. Ronnie Frazee, 267 Signal Company, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, showed extreme excitement about her and her family’s first experience at the Back-to-School Brigade.

“I’ve never heard about it or seen anything like it,” the Blairsville, Georgia, native exclaimed. “Eli is starting Kindergarten in August, so his teacher invited him to come down and meet with members of the community and get excited about school. So far, mission accomplished.”

Frazee mentioned she didn’t realize the number of items needed for children today as they prepare for the 2018-19 school year.

“Just like the little stuff,” she said. “I wasn’t sure what they needed for school, but (the backpack) is already stocked with things they need and we met everybody who could help them through this adventure.”



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Children find the right backpack to load up supplies in during the Back-to-School Brigade July 19 in Junction City.

Four-year-old Eli Frazee demonstrated his enthusiasm with starting kindergarten at Seitz Elementary by picking out a bright blue backpack and notebook which he plans on writing out his name in as soon as he can.

Eli was not the only child excited to receive free school supplies at the Back-to-School Brigade. Caydence Mastin, 9, was also thrilled and said, “You get free school supplies, ev-

erything is free.” The soon-to-be 4th Grader planned on picking out one of everything in her preparation for attending Westwood Elementary in Junction City.

Her mother, Ashlee Mastin, explained how this was her and her family’s third time coming to the Back-to-School Brigade.

“I really like it, this will be our third year doing it,” said Ashlee, wife of Staff Sgt. Brian Mastin, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

“It just needs to be advertised more, because a lot of people I’ve seen (only knew from) Facebook,” she said. “They just don’t realize that this is going on. I only know because I have the emails and I always look when it’s going on.”

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“It’s nice to know that I don’t have to worry too much about other influences I don’t want my kids to be around,” she said.

For Staff Sgt. David Harsch, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st In-

fantry Division, who was not present last year, it was time to watch his son, Landon, 7, interact with the horses.

“He wasn’t here last year,” said Alyssa Harsch, wife of Staff Sgt. David Harsch. “I like it. They enjoy it a lot. The boys love horses.”

Landon showed his approval and excitement for the event by dabbing.

Each participant received a cowboy hat and bandana once they checked in and a T-shirt paid for by the Junction City Optimist Club.

McCauley said she appreciates the partnerships with the optimist club, the Junction City Rodeo Association and the Junction City Pacesetters.

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MHS GENESIS: Continuing to make progress

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Senior Military Health System leaders met at the Defense Health Information Technology Symposium in Orlando, FL to discuss progress with MHS GENESIS. “We want to continue moving forward (and) we need to continue with our forward momentum,” said Vice Adm. Raquel Bono, director of Defense Health Agency. “(W)hile acknowledging some areas we have needed to make adjustments, we’re progressing forward.”

As the deployments continue, feedback from users is critically important, said Bono, adding that input is being processed and measured. Throughout the process, DHA remains committed to ensuring a high level of cybersecurity.

“We have a lot to share with the broader health care community and we are helping to raise the bar in the security environment,” said Bono.

Stacy Cummings, program executive officer for Defense Healthcare Management Systems, said the initial operational test and evaluation ended at Madigan Army Medical Center, one of the original Initial operating Capability sites, on July 13.

“There has been measurable success in the adoption



Courtesy photo
Navy Vice Adm. Raquel C. Bono, director of the Defense Health Agency, and Ms. Stacy Cummings, program executive officer for Defense Health Management Systems, answer questions about the progress of MHS GENESIS electronic Health record during the 2018 Defense Health Information Technology Symposium July 24 in Orlando, Florida.

of workflows, roles and other efforts to continue to improve performance of MHS GENESIS,” said Cummings.

The final test report is expected later this year, with emerging results being evident as soon as this fall. “We’ll be working with the test community to get any feedback in real time so we can make sure we’re being as responsive as possible, and make sure that there isn’t anything coming out of the test

that we weren’t already aware of and already working on,” said Cummings.

Cummings announced the next four sites for MHS GENESIS deployment, which will be known as wave one sites. These include Naval Air Station Lemoore, Travis Air Force Base, and Army Medical Health Clinic Presidio of Monterey in California, as well as Mountain Home Air Force Base in southwestern Idaho.

“The next waves of deployments will be the first facilities to field the standard baseline of MHS GENESIS and will benefit from the results of our optimization period, as well as improvements to our training, deployment, and change management strategy all based on lessons learned from IOC,” said Cummings, adding that the Military Health System is committed to identifying and delivering the right capabilities.

The MHS continues to capture feedback from users at Madigan, just as it did before and during the test period, Cummings said, and experts are already aware and working on feedback. She believes the test at Madigan is going to reinforce lessons learned and the MHS needs to go on to the next site to demonstrate these improvements — including training and deployment strategies, and change management.

Eventually, MHS-GENESIS will provide a single electronic health record for each of the 9.4 million MHS beneficiaries. It will be used by about 200,000 providers at 1,200 sites and has already received some positive feedback from users in the field.

“By far, the greatest way to learn the system is to actually utilize it,” said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Dean Kang, pharmacy department head at Naval Hospital Bremerton for about eight months.

Kang was at Camp Pendleton, California, preparing to select orders when he learned Bremerton would be one of the four IOC sites for MHS-GENESIS.

“That was one of the reasons I asked to be assigned here,” Kang said. “I was interested in taking on a challenge and being on the front lines of this development. And the pharmacy depart-

ment is usually tip of the spear in providing patient-centered care.”

Kang describes the initial period of MHS-GENESIS at Bremerton as exciting and hectic — and also exhausting. The go-live period coincided with a pharmacy department renovation that doubled the number of service windows from six to 12.

“There was some frustration, of course, because switching to an entirely new electronic health record is expected to have its challenges,” Kang said. “But we’ve taken a very positive approach to this. We’re working hard to increase efficiency and identify shortcomings while ensuring patient safety is our top priority. As an IOC site, we feel an inherent responsibility to identify the glitches and work on optimizing the system.”

Cummings said it’s only fitting, being at DHITS, to recognize the leadership role DoD has in developing and adopting an electronic health record.

“DHA oversees and continues to maintain several ... data management systems that allow us to do our jobs today,” said Cummings. “The DoD should be recognized as a leader in the nation in adopting and developing new systems.”

Soldiers test Army’s newest transport telemedicine technology to improve triage

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FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Army Medicine is developing a technology to improve patient triage and communication during medical evacuations — and looking for units willing to test the system.

The 44th Medical Brigade and Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, have already signed up to user test Medical Hands-free Unified Broadcast, or MEDHUB. MEDHUB leverages wearable sensors, accelerometers and other technology cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to improve the communication flow between patients, medics and receiving field hospitals.

“Civilian emergency departments and (emergency medical) crews are using similar technology via phone apps to alert of incoming patients,” said Army Maj. Rosie Bennett, chief nurse at the Department of Emergency Medicine at WAMC. “We have such tight security with our networks that makes such apps not reasonable to use.”

MEDHUB’s suite of technology autonomously collects, stores and transmits non-personally identifiable patient information from a device, such as a hand-held tablet, to the receiving field hospital via existing long-range Department of Defense communication systems. At the receiving hospital, the information sent from MEDHUB is displayed on a large screen so clinicians can see what is inbound, including the number of patients and their vital statistics.

“MEDHUB is really about life-saving situational awareness,” said Transport Telemedicine Product Manager Jay Wang. “The system is designed to give receiving medical teams more information so they can better prepare for incoming patients by gathering the necessary staff and supplies.”

MEDHUB is being developed through a project with the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency and the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity, both subordinate organizations of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. According to Wang, the MEDHUB project began as a way to address issues reported from military medics who needed a better way to communicate. In an operational environment, medics are often caring for multiple patients and have limited bandwidth to radio ahead to hospitals and provide them with information about patients en route.

“Imagine you are a medic on the battlefield and you just pick up six of your wounded battle buddies for a casualty evacuation. You are busy trying to save their lives and get them to the next level of care, which is a nearby field hospital that has no idea how many patients you are bringing or their conditions,” said Wang. “The goal is to keep the medic focused for performing life-saving tasks for multiple patients and remain unencumbered from documentation and reporting.”

Retired Army flight

paramedic Jeff Jones said he doesn’t have to imagine that kind of scenario; he has lived it.

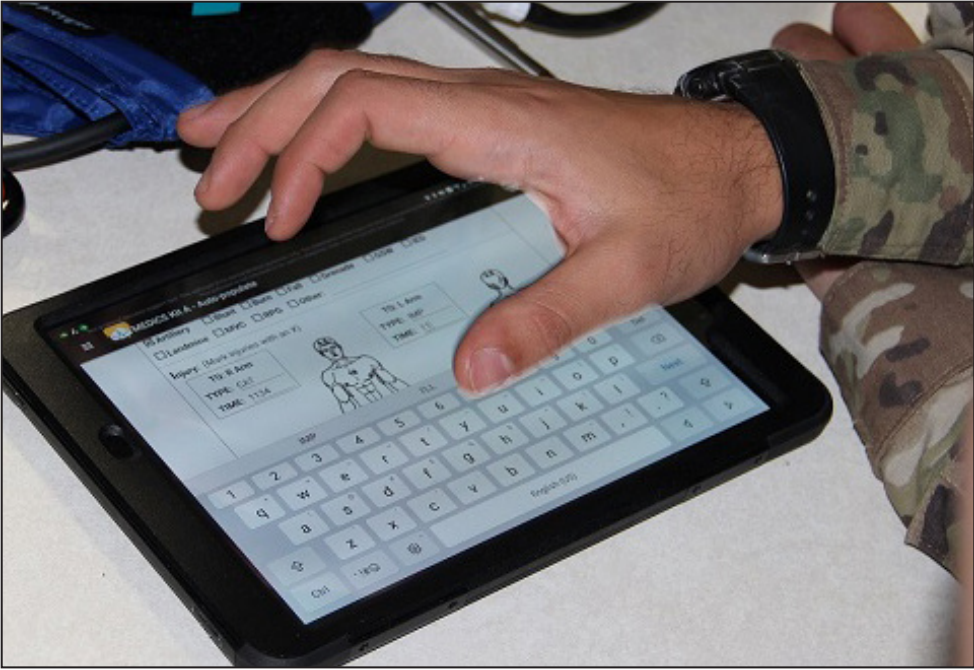
“I just think about every time I was in the back of a helicopter and I could not call and didn’t have time to call the hospital,” said Jones. “I was just too busy taking care of humans.”

Jones retired from active duty in 2017 and now teaches at the School of Army Aviation Medicine in Huntsville, Alabama. To keep his medic skills sharp, he also volunteers in his community as an emergency medical care provider.

“I could see MEDHUB having civilian application,” Jones said. “Even though flight paramedics and civilian EMS don’t necessarily face the same issues, they both struggle with getting communication to the receiving facility and patient care documentation. MEDHUB could help solve some of those problems.”

Wang and his team have been traveling the globe to demonstrate MEDHUB to military leadership, potential end-users and private industry. Most recently the team demonstrated MEDHUB at the Biotechnology Industry Organization Conference June 5-7, in Boston, Massachusetts. BIO is the largest biotech conference in the U.S., attracting approximately 17,000 participants this year.

“When we first started telling people about the MEDHUB system a year or so ago, some people didn’t think it was real or even possible in an operational environment,” said Wang. “When



Courtesy photo
Soldiers test MEDHUB during an exercise at Camp Atterbury, Indianapolis, Indiana.

we go out now and show people that MEDHUB works, we generate greater synergy around advancing transport telemedi-


cine and the importance of efficient, effective communication during medical evacuation.”

Wang said the team will

continue testing the system with users and are on track for wider Department of Defense use by late 2019.

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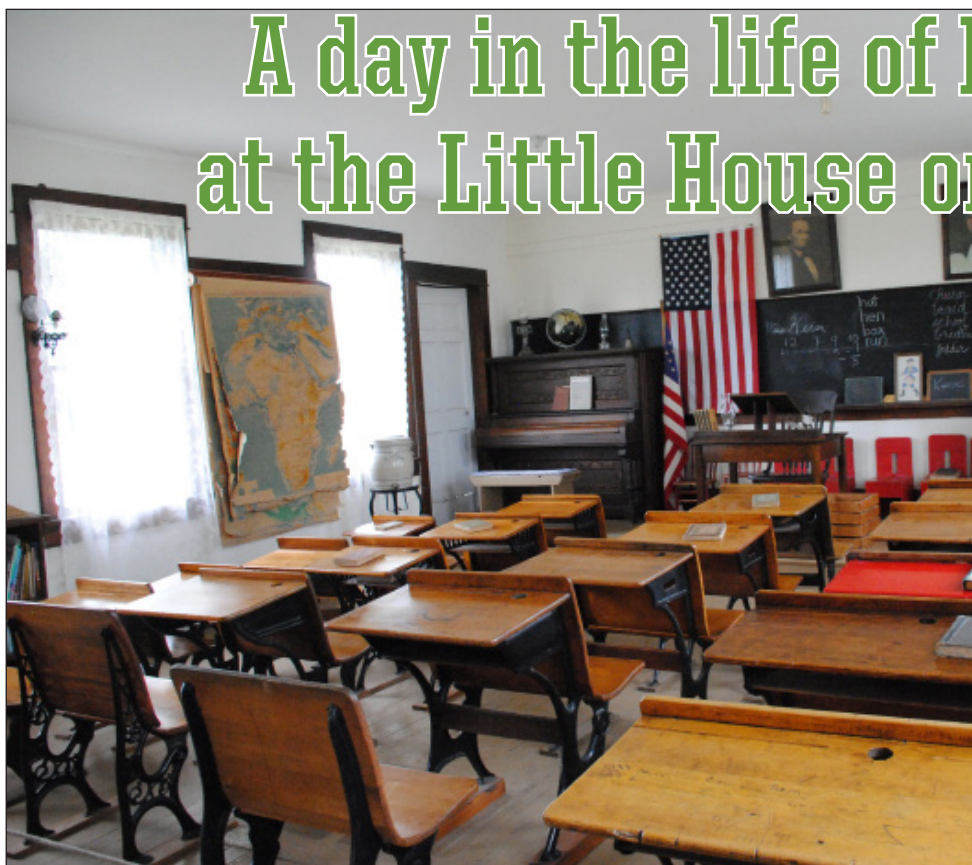
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A day in the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder at the Little House on the Prairie Museum



Above left: On the historic homesite of Laura Ingalls Wilder, Independence, Kansas, sits the Sunnyside one-room schoolhouse built in 1871. **Above right:** The Wayside post office building, built in 1885, was moved to the Little House on the Prairie Museum site in 1977 in an effort to preserve its history. **Right:** The Sunnyside one-roomed schoolhouse is one of the museum's most popular attractions. The Ingalls children would not have been old enough to attend the school during the time they lived in Independence, Kansas, but it was used during that time and originally stood only four miles from the Ingalls family cabin.

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When Laura Ingalls Wilder settled near Independence, Kansas with her family in 1869, the prairie looked much different from the urban landscape seen today in the city. At the Little House on the Prairie Museum, located just off of U.S. Highway 75 about 12 miles outside of Independence, the replica log cabin home and 130-year-old buildings leave the homesite of the Ingalls family frozen in time.

Laura Ingalls Wilder published her famous book, *Little House on the Prairie*, in 1935, and in the book, she details her family's migration to Kansas from Wisconsin including how her father, Pa, built their log cabin and dug their well; both of which are located on the grounds of the museum.

At the Little House on the Prairie Museum, visitors can walk through a replica of the log cabin where the family lived for the year they resided in Kansas, as well as visit the Sunnyside one-room schoolhouse built in 1871 and moved to the museum site in 1977. Also, on the property, is the Wayside post office that dates from 1885.

Visitors come from all over the world according to Sarah Wilkinson a volunteer for the museum. "The amount of tourists vary based on the time of the year. Usually, we have people from foreign countries. It is amazing," she said.



"Once we had a visitor from Tasmania."

The reasons for visiting the museum are different for each tourist, says Susan Veith, another volunteer for the museum.

"A lot of them (visitors) may have read the books. They have been translated into many languages and many may not know that Laura was real," Susan said. "Or they may have seen the show on TV, but people have come to us and said, 'I didn't know Laura was a real person.'"

Sarah has her own ideas for why people want to visit the site. "We haven't really been swallowed up by a town. There isn't like a big building over there — so this is kind of the way it was, and

so it's quiet — always quiet here. That is nice," Sarah said.

Susan and Sarah have seen many people come through the museum over the years and they each have stories and history to share with anyone willing to listen.

"Just down the road is the Harrisonville Cemetery and Mr. Edwards from the story is buried there. His picture is in the back room," Susan said. "I go to church with a couple of his great-great relatives — a niece and a nephew ... and they gave us a picture of him and that is the one in the kitchen."

And while the motivations for visiting the museum may differ from guest-to-guest, looking at the guest book, it was obvious that they have come from all over the country to get a glimpse of Laura Ingalls Wilder's childhood home.

Susan remembers many of the families that have visited, and one family in particular stands out for her.

"A number of years ago, we had a family come out here. And this young man was going to Iraq, and they spent their last time here — coming out here," she said. "And just the next week, he shipped out. I never read his name — that he died, and I hope that he didn't. I spent a lot of time praying that he wouldn't, because it was such an honor that they chose this place — thought this place was a good place to spend their time together."

The museum site is void of traffic sounds and busy people.

Surrounded by grasslands in all directions, the museum appears to have been lifted out of one of Wilder's books.

"It's a really nice place," Sarah said. "It's a good vibe thing."

The museum opens every April and remains open through November every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information visit www.littlehouseontheprairiemuseum.com.

The gift shop at the Little House on the Prairie Museum offers visitors the opportunity to take a piece of history home with them by purchasing homemade jams, china figurines, bonnets and rag dolls

