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Army Materiel Command stands ready to support



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Army Materiel Command commander and the Army's senior logistician Gen. Gus Perna tours 1st Infantry Division's Supply Support Activities during a visit to Fort Riley Oct. 19. Perna met with 1st Infantry Division leaders and Soldiers to assess Army Materiel Command's logistics, sustainment and maintenance support and better understand the division's materiel challenges.

By Gen. Gus Perna

ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND COMMANDING GENERAL

As the commander of Army Materiel Command and the Army's senior logistician, I am laser focused on ensuring that you — our warfighters — have the equipment and supplies you need to achieve mission success.

I visited Fort Riley Supply Support Activities this week to see first-hand how Army Materiel Command's efforts to improve the global supply chain are translating at the division and down to the individual troop level. I want you to have complete confidence that the global materiel enterprise stands ready and in support of you.

As I told your leaders, I believe the SSA is the heartbeat of the division; if repair parts do not go out, equipment does not work and the division does not move. We have worked hard to reach our goal of 100 percent supply availability — having the correct repair parts readily available, so when your equipment breaks, you have what you need to get it back to fighting condition. We are also driving to reinvigorate logistics skills and right size unit equipment. In the past two years alone, we have moved nearly 600,000 pieces of equipment around the Army to get it to the right places. At the same time, we divested nearly 1 million pieces of equipment that our Army, with you, determined was excess — easing your burden of maintaining it and saving on the cost of sustaining it.

In strategic locations around the globe, we are upgrading Army Prepositioned Stocks with the weapon systems and enablers,

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Three 'Big Red One' brigades receive deployment orders



Chad Simon | 1st Inf. Div. Public Affairs

ABOVE: Crews from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, test fire the Army's latest rounds from their Paladin cannon artillery system in December 2017. Soldiers from the 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., will replace 1st ABCT 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, as part of a regular rotation of forces in Europe. **LEFT:** Soldiers from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, prepare to sling load a Chinook helicopter in January. Soldiers from the 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., will replace 4th Infantry Division CAB, Fort Carson, Colorado, in Europe as part of a regular rotation in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.



Department of the Army announces upcoming 1st Infantry Division units' rotation

STAFF REPORT

The Department of the Army announced the winter 2018-2019 rotation of three 1st Infantry Division units stationed at Fort Riley to Europe and Afghanistan.

The 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division will replace 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cav-

alry Division stationed at Fort Hood, Texas as part of a regular rotation of forces to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

"After spending the last several months conducting an intensive and comprehensive training cycle that included

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Retirees stay connected to military, learn about services

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

Military retirees gathered Oct. 20 at Riley's Conference Center at the invitation of the Fort Riley Retiree Council.

Back-to-back presentations began with welcoming remarks by Timothy Livsey, Fort Riley Deputy to the Garrison Commander and Maj. Gen. John S. Kolasheski, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general.

"Today is your day," Livsey said. "Please take advantage of it. We are here for you, we are here with you and we appreciate you being here. All of you, to include your spouses, are indeed a national treasure."

Council chair, retired Col. C. Kay Hutchinson, said Retiree Appreciation Day is designed to say thank you to the retirees and give them a chance to come to Fort Riley and learn about issues affecting them and the services available to them.

"The council advocates for retirees," Hutchinson said. "We are here to keep that relationship going between the active installation and the retiree community."

To meet that intention, the 25-member council put together a full day of speakers

who covered topics as varied as the economic impact of the military in Kansas, services at Irwin Army Community Hospital and honor flights.

One of the speakers was Lt. Col. Donald Sexton, IACH Deputy Commander for Administration.

Hutchinson said it was important to have the hospital presentation because they provide many services for retirees and access to quality medical care weighs heavily on their minds.

"We wanted to make sure the retirees knew they can get their healthcare here," Hutchinson said, recalling a period of time when retirees were turned away from IACH. "When we moved back in 1984 I came here to get medical care and I did for a while. We came here two or three years then one day they said 'I'm sorry colonel we can no longer take retirees.' They basically kicked us all off so we all left."

But times are different now. The new hospital facility and a new funding structure has resulted in positive changes.

"They are really trying to get the retirees back," he said. "They do offer a lot of things. I am diabetic I have to go to an ophthalmologist and I am glad I can do that here now. They

are a big part of RAD because of what they do for the retirees. We wanted to make sure the retirees knew they can get their healthcare there."

Sexton let the audience know some of the services the hospital provides and how they are moving into the future by looking to incorporate technology and virtual health services.

The hospital has worked on organizing the services to be patient centered and provide the highest quality of care possible. Accolades and accreditations they have received points to their success, he said.

"Please come to our facility and you will receive the highest quality of care you can receive," he told them. "Please try to maximize what we have here because, if you do, we can continue to optimize and grow what services we provide within the military health system."

Irwin Army Community Hospital, he said, is one of the top facilities in the military health system and he appreciated the opportunity to share that story.

Early on in the day the members of the council were introduced. Among them was retired Col. Marion Manion, who was ending his time on the council after serving 16 years.



Retirees visited with organizations who have dedicated programs for them during the Retiree Appreciation Day on Oct. 20 at Riley's Conference Center.

The World War II veteran retired in 1980. Although he was drafted on May 30, 1945, he said he was glad to go into the National Guard because his father had been a guardsman as well, he said.

"I took basic training at the same place my father went — Camp Robinson, Ark," he said.

Manion never deployed, but he stayed in for 33 years

and recalled his first day at Camp Robinson.

"My first night I was in a hooch with five Japanese Americans and I thought I wasn't going to survive the night because they were Japanese," he said.

But they became friends when he learned they really weren't the enemy and to this day he can remember their names and the antics they shared.

Being on the FRRC gave him an opportunity to reunite with other retirees and keep a connection with the military, which had been such an important part of his life. However, age is creeping up and he said it is time to step down.

"I'm going to be 92," he said. "I figured at 92 years of age that's

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Drivers caught violating work, construction zones should plan for expense, legal issues

By Andy Massanet
1ST INF. DIV. POST

If you are violating traffic laws in the various work zones on Fort Riley, you are flirting with a pricey traffic fine and, perhaps, a legal migraine of epic proportions.

That's the word from the Staff Judge Advocate's office on post.

The problem was brought up recently by contractors on post who are responsible for the various construction, maintenance or repair work ongoing at Fort Riley.

"From the contractor's end, there are three main safety concerns," said Mike Hackley, project manager for Bayer Construction. "We want to keep the traveling public safe, keep our employees safe and protect the jobsite's infrastructure. The first two are paramount. No one wants someone needlessly hurt."

If a Soldier is accused of violating a traffic law on the road or construction zone, he or she will be compelled to either pay the fine or go to trial.

"Almost all traffic violations are handled in Unites States District Court here at Fort Riley," said Robin Graham, the prosecuting attorney for the post's Staff Judge Advocate office. "The excep-

tion is [driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs], which are handled by the Soldier's chain of command. But everything else comes to me. And it's prosecuted just as it would be off post in the civilian community."

This distinction allows for the discipline for an offense to occur on one path only, thus eliminating any possibility of a Soldier being punished twice for the same violation.

"For example we had a trial today for a speeding violation," Graham said. "He was doing I believe 80 in a 45 (mph speed limit). He was prosecuted and trial was held. The military police officer was present, we had a judge from Wichita. Testimony was heard, the judge found him guilty and he was sentenced to a fine and costs just like he would anywhere else and given so long to pay. And that conviction is reported to the driver's bureau in Kansas who then reports it everywhere else."

Ultimately, the offense is reported to the state where the Soldier's driver's license is issued, Graham said.

"We follow the fine schedules for traffic violations prescribed by Kansas state law," Graham said. "Then that fine is doubled



Courtesy photo
Drivers on 1st Division Road, in the range area, bypass road blocks to get to ranges during recent construction.

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New, prospective Soldiers test skills at Kansas Army National Guard Warrior Weekend

Capt. Margaret Ziffer
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, JOINT FORCES HEADQUARTERS

Over 150 prospective and soon-to-be Soldiers had an opportunity to try their hand at some basic Soldier skills during Warrior Weekend at Fort Riley Oct. 20.

The new Soldiers belonged to the Kansas Army National Guard Recruit Sustainment Program, which prepares National Guard Soldiers for the successful completion of their basic training. The new enlistees were encouraged to bring any of their friends interested in the military as guests.

Together, participants navigated their way through Fort Riley's medical simulation training, the Air Assault obstacle course, the rappel tower and the Field Leaders Reaction Course, all tasks new Soldiers might expect to encounter at basic training. Additionally, participants of Warrior Weekend were invited out to the North Gunnery range to observe a Fort Riley unit fire Bradleys during a combined live fire exercise.

Maj. Eric Hollingsworth, operations officer with Recruiting and Retention Battalion, said having those training assets made available through Fort Riley was a critical component to making the day a success.

"The opportunity to utilize Fort Riley has been an incredible asset for our organization," Hollingsworth said. "All personnel on post at several levels and many offices have allowed us the ability to bring Soldiers and coordinate for many unique types of training."

While many of the day's participants have already been through basic training, for many in attendance, the event was their first time putting on an Army uniform or standing at the position of attention.

Some, like Phillip Delgado of Wichita, Kansas, had already enlisted and were eagerly anticipating their first report date.

"I've been in Wichita my whole life with family a few miles away," said Delgado, who reports for basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Jan. 8. "So that will be different. But other than that, I'm not really nervous — I'm just excited to get started."

Delgado, who has been training with RSP since April, said he was interested in joining the Guard several years ago but never made it happen until this year. Now reenergized about making military service a reality, enlisting is the first step in a larger life plan, which includes applying to Kansas State University's construction science management program when he returns from his training.

"I don't have any kids, but I have six nieces and nephews," Delgado said. "We've all had tough lives, so I want to show them that there is a better life. Even if I'm getting started late, I want to show them that there are chances to go to college. Hopefully they will see the route I'm taking and take the same route when they get that age."

Warrior Weekend was about providing a training opportunity for new Soldiers, but it was also an opportunity for current members of the Guard to talk to prospective Soldiers.

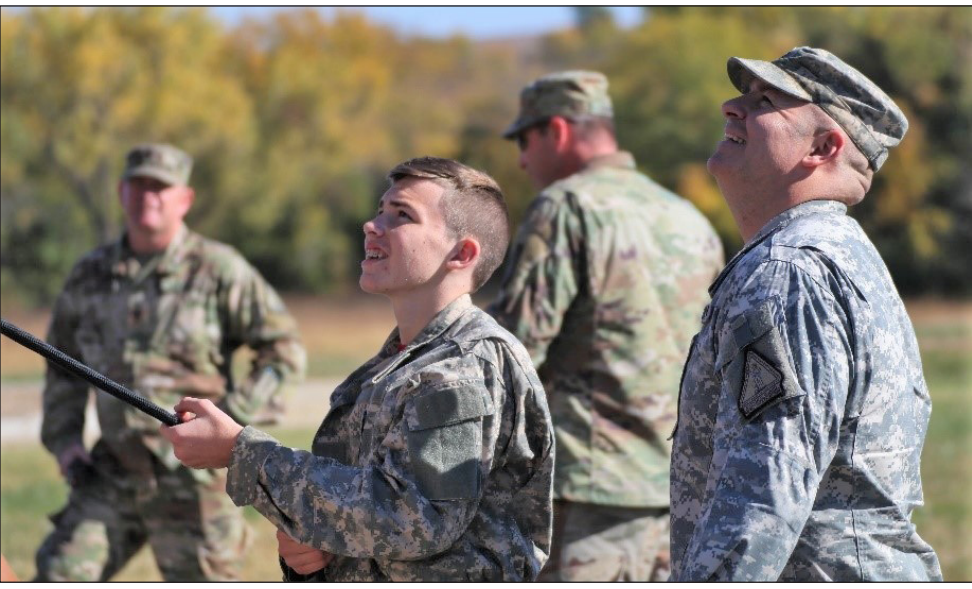
"The intent of the event was to have a day that was filled with building confidence and getting our brand out there for people who don't know what we are," Hollingsworth said. "And while they are getting to train, we get to talk to them about service in the Kansas Army National Guard and opportunities that go along with that."

Marvin Zukel, a junior at Wichita South High School currently in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Program, also said the education opportunities the Guard provides were a draw for him when considering future career paths.

"The National Guard has almost every job available and it's a really nice



Newly enlisted soldiers of the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Kansas Army National Guard, and prospective enlistees, complete a training scenario at Fort Riley's Medical Simulation Training Center during Warrior Weekend Oct. 20. The event was intended to provide exposure to some basic Army skills to Soldiers recently returned from basic training, enlistees who will be attending basic training soon and prospective Soldiers.



head start," Zukel said. "As soon as you are 18, you can go to basic training and earn money to get trained."

Zukel said he was most interested in the military police or medic career fields, with a possible civilian career as an emergency medical technician.

And Zukel isn't alone in his career aspirations, according to Hollingsworth, who said most prospective Soldiers he talks to are already thinking about their long-term futures and how the military might be able to help them achieve their goals.

"When you ask them, 'how many of you want to go to college? Or how many of you are already in college?' they all raise their hands," Hollingsworth said. "And now is a good time. With the new state tuition assistance program, with the House Bill 2541 passing, that allowing these kids to go to school debt-free, or at least allowing them to get their tuition and fees paid for."

Wichita South High School senior Pfc. Erin Allen has already attended basic training and will attend Advanced Individual Training

for the military police next fall. She invited three friends with her to the day's events to share in her enthusiasm for the program.

"I mostly just look forward to coming to drill," Allen said. "I love the National Guard. Coming here, the sergeants are so helpful. Yes, they can be like drill sergeants, but yet they also help you before you go to basic training. And even after, before AIT. Just being part of the National Guard makes me happy."

Hollingsworth hopes the day leaves an impression

with the participants about the benefits and culture of military service, and hopes to see many of them back in recruiting offices in the future.

"We wanted an opportunity to expose students to everything we have to offer," Hollingsworth said. "Every one of these kids wants to do better, and we have a great route to allow them to do that. This is an opportunity for us to talk to them, start building rapport and relationships. Relationships — that's what the Guard is all about."



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‘Total Army’ support visible in numbers trained at Fort Riley

Story and photo by Will Ravenstein
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It is said in most speeches or ceremonies — “Fort Riley is the best place to live, train, deploy from, come home to and retire at.” The training part is evident by the number of Soldiers, outside of those stationed at Fort Riley, who chooses to train here.

In the fiscal year 2017 training cycle, 22,484 Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, ROTC cadets and outside agencies took advantage of the training opportunities afforded to them.

“It’s a little bit down from the year before, about 2,500 less than what we had in [Fiscal Year 2017],” said Dave Dawson, Plans and Operations, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. “Every year is different. Units have different reasons for coming or not coming.”

Of those 22,484 trained 8,356 were Soldiers from unit’s in Kansas. The majority of the remaining came from Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma.

While Missouri and Oklahoma both have installations within their borders, units chose to travel to Fort Riley.

“The units that come here, especially the units that are used to training at other places, are amazed at how easy Fort Riley makes it to come here and train,” Dawson said. “Just tell us what you need — and we will help you get it. That’s basically the attitude of everybody on Fort Riley. It’s a testament to this place, Fort Riley has done that for a long time.”

Dawson credits the man behind the scenes whom most units interact with, Orlando Perez-Santiago.

During the September Garrison Employee of the Month ceremony it was announced that Perez-Santiago “was instrumental in the execution of summer training and the life support surge of 73 off-post units with over 6,000 active and reserve Soldiers, Airmen and Marines. Perez-Santiago was the primary training advisor for the off-post units and flawlessly represented the units at the monthly range scheduling meetings, coordinating with 1st Infantry Division G3 (training) to ensure co-used agreements for land or resources were completed in order to support their training needs.”

“You can never say enough about Orlando,” Dawson said. “Orlando’s been doing this for a long time. He’s developed a reputation. You will have brigades and battalions calling for advice on training land, what they are suppose to do. They know that he will give them the answer and get them set up for whatever they need. There aren’t enough nice words to say for what he does for those units.”

In September an Engineer Company from the Missouri Army National Guard trained on Range 54 to do demolition activity. While there Capt. Christopher Schmidt, commander, praised Fort Riley’s ease of access and professionalism towards the guard unit.

“The range and the range operations have been totally helpful,” he said. “We are from Fort Leonard Wood and that’s

where all engineers go through. Here, at Fort Riley, where there is an active component who trains like professionals and to have the range personnel treat us like we’re professionals — it’s a breath of fresh air, we love it.”

Dawson said units will come to Fort Riley from the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command posts to train on weapon systems, which cannot be fired there.

“You can shoot every weapon in the Army here at Fort Riley,” he said. “That’s why a lot of units will come out here and do their crew-served qualifications and do their gunneries and stuff. It’s because we have it and we make it available to them.”

SCHEDULING

At the same time the National Guard, Reserves, Marines, ROTC and Airmen wish to use the ranges, Fort Riley still has to support its main tenant — the 1st Infantry Division.

There are times, when mission dictates, that outside units will have priority over the active components but generally 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers have priority.

“They have a monthly range scheduling meeting,” Dawson said. “Based on that meeting, the G3 and DPTMS set who has priority over the ranges. That’s 90 days out. They schedule 90 days out. A lot of times, like in June, they will make room so the reserve component have the priority in the month of June because that is a usual annual training period. Most of the times outside of the June-July time frame,



Soldiers from the Kansas Army National Guard’s 35th Military Police Company use Range 6 on Fort Riley in October as part of their weekend training. More than 22,000 Soldiers from units not assigned to Fort Riley trained here in fiscal year 2018.

most of that is weekend training anyway — the AC training doesn’t interfere with the RC training.”

This could change if one of the 1st Inf. Div. units is conducting a combined-arms, live-fire exercise, which causes ranges to be shutdown, but Dawson said due to Fort Riley’s redundancy in ranges it’s not too often that a units training has to be cancelled.

“We just work with the units and reschedule them for a time outside of that window,” he said. “We’ve always been successful about getting them

rescheduled so that they can do what they have to do. The RC has a mission, just like the AC does. You run into hiccups but everyone works closely together. (There have been) very few units that we’ve cancelled that didn’t reschedule for a different time of year. It works out real well.

“Orlando works with them,” he added. “If you want Range 1 and you cannot shoot on Range 1 — we will put you on Range 3 or we will put you on a place where you can do an alternate qualification. It usually works out.”

Currently, Fort Riley is scheduled to train more than 15,000 Soldiers in training year 2019 though Dawson said those numbers are sure to rise.

“It’s early yet,” he said. “Units will continue (to schedule). Some units are early — some will wait right until the last minute to schedule. I think we will hit about 25k this year — just looking at what people are talking about. It doesn’t mean it happens, but just looking at the units talking about coming here I think we could hit 25k this year.”

Criminal Investigative Command: Beware of ‘hijacked’ webcam scams

QUANTICO, Va. — U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is warning individuals to be on the lookout for cybercriminals who are attempting to blackmail victims with compromising videos.

According to Special Agents with CID’s Computer Crime Investigative Unit, the scam involves criminals claiming to have remotely accessed victim’s personal computers, hijacked their webcam, and captured compromising videos of the victims and even their families. The criminals threaten to release the videos if they don’t receive a “ransom.”

“This scam relies on shock value and exploits our innate human forgetfulness thus allowing cybercriminals to exploit their victim’s conscience,” said CCIU Director Special Agent Daniel T. Andrews. “It also capitalizes on people’s fear of public embarrassment and the even more frightening prospect of ruined professional standing in the community and with employers.”

Andrews further explained that the cybercriminals threaten to send the compromising video to your spouse, relatives, friends and/or your employer; however, in exchange for a payment, the criminal will offer to destroy the video and tell no one.

“This is a scam — do not send any payment to the blackmailer even if you receive an email specifically addressed to you,” Andrews said. “Sometimes the email includes one or more of your real usernames and seems to directly target you.”

Although this may be alarming, keep in mind that it’s not difficult to figure out your username — as it might be part of your email address. This blackmail scam may even seem convincing



when it includes one of your current or former passwords, according to agents.

Agents suggest that individuals take the necessary precautions by covering the device’s webcam, updating the software and hardware with the latest version, running automatic updates, turning on a firewall and using another device to change passwords.

Something as simple as covering your webcam lens with something you can’t see through will prevent the camera from capturing anything but it should not be the only thing you do. Some other basic security practices are to invest in strong security software, be careful of opening links or attachments sent via email or through social media networks, use and enable two-factor authentication and backup your data in the event

you need to restore your device to its original settings.

Additionally, protect your sensitive data, log out of your profile and never leave your device unattended.

“Always remember that everyone is a target to hackers. Remain vigilant and protect yourself,” said Christopher Grey, CID’s spokesman. “If you believe you are at risk or the threat is genuine, contact your local law enforcement agency or report the incident to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov/default.aspx.”

For more information about computer security, other computer-related scams and to review previous cyber-crime alert notices and cyber-crime prevention flyers visit the Army CID website at www.cid.army.mil/ccui-advisories.html.

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100 years later, WWI Soldier awarded Purple Heart

BY LEADER STAFF REPORTS

FORT JACKSON, S.C. — After more than 100 years, and a postponement caused by Hurricane Florence, a South Carolina World War I veteran posthumously received his Purple Heart medal at a ceremony on Fort Jackson Oct. 13.

The late Sgt. Perry Loyd was from Sumter County, South Carolina, and served

at the then-Camp Jackson with the 371st Infantry Regiment, 93rd Division (Colored). He would serve in the trenches of the Western Front before being wounded Sept. 29, 1918.

His family would finally accept his Purple Heart at a ceremony that was originally scheduled for September, but rescheduled due to the impending arrival of Hurricane Florence. Loyd's

grandson, Perry W. James IV, accepted the medal on behalf of his family.

James said he takes pride in his grandfather's medal because "it's proof that my grandfather was a patriot, a war hero, and a leader of men."

Loyd was wounded at the battle of the Argonne Forest, which was part of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive that stretched along

the entire Western Front. It was fought from Sept. 26 until the Armistice of Nov. 11, 1918, during which Loyd was wounded. With the end of the war, Loyd was promoted to sergeant, discharged and returned to his life as a sharecropper in Sumter County.

Loyd died in 1946 at the age of 61, a decade before the birth of his grandson who was named for him.

Fort Jackson's commander, Brig. Gen. Milford "Beags" Beagle Jr., said it is important to ensure Soldiers receive the medals they are due because it helps increase the efficiency of the force.

"We've got to set this right because he earned it but nobody ever pinned it," Beagle said. "As you can tell, as Soldiers, that is something that is near

and dear [and] if you earned it, awards are pinned."

James helped lead the charge to get the medal awarded, and with help from Sen. Tim Scott's office, the medal was finally secured. James is a World War I reenactor and has given speeches on post about the African-American experience during the Great War.

Army Futures Command to become 'global command,' says its leader

By David Vergun
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Austin, Texas was chosen for Army Futures Command's headquarters location after a review of the top 150 research institutes in the U.S., said Gen. John M. Murray, AFC's commanding general. It also ranked high in critical technology fields like artificial intelligence, robotics, engineering, systems developers, and quality of life.

Although AFC is headquartered in downtown Austin, "we are not limited to Austin. We intend to become a global command, searching for disruptive technologies, wherever they might be," he added.

Murray spoke at the Association of the United States Army's National Partner Luncheon, Oct. 10.

"Over time, we will expand our reach across the United States, to work with small businesses, innovators, entrepreneurs, inventors, venture capitalists, academic institutions and the defense industry to create ideas and develop solutions for our Soldiers," he said.

"We intend to develop the technologies and solutions that will enable us to modernize the force quickly, effectively and cost effectively, wherever and whenever they might be," Murray said. "We will harness advances in artificial intelli-

gence and big data analysis to quickly process information and identify trends that will shape modernization efforts."

Austin will contain probably less than five percent of AFC personnel, he said. A large chunk of U.S. Army Capabilities Integration Center, which will be renamed Futures and Concepts when it falls under AFC, will remain at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

And, all of U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, which falls under AFC, will stay at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, with its Army Research Laboratories spread out across the U.S.

The eight cross-functional teams, or CFTs, that make up AFC are strategically scattered across the U.S. where it makes sense to have located them, he added.

There's a lot of value to not moving them to Austin, because connections have already been established, people aren't worried about moving, and the Army is not having to re-hire personnel.

AMAZING AUSTIN VIBE

"Austin has an amazing vibe to it," Murray said, speaking to its innovation hubs. "It exposes us to different technologies and different combinations of technologies we're not normally exposed to. The

value is it forces us to think differently about how we're looking at the future."

While AFC has recently taken residence in downtown Austin, other organizations have quietly set up shop in offices on the fifth floor of the Capital Factory building, where AFC HQ is located.

They include the Defense Innovation Unit and the Air Force's AFWERX. Those organizations, along with AFC's parallel unit, Army Applications Laboratory, foster a culture of innovation, he said.

"Every day we're collaborating and sharing lessons learned," Murray said.

For instance, Army Applications Laboratory and Special Operation Command's SOFWERX sponsored a hackathon recently.

The Capital Factory and other innovation hubs in Austin will work with promising startups to help them scale up their capabilities, Murray explained. The Army is also working with the University of Texas system in Austin.

In less than 12 months, the CFTs "have validated our approach by producing solutions that are rapid delivery to our Soldiers, and in most cases, cutting the traditional requirements to acquisition timeline significantly, in some cases, years off the traditional acquisition timeline," Murray said.



U.S. Army photo

Gen. John M. Murray, commander of U.S. Army Futures Command, speaks at the Association of the U.S. Army's National Partner Luncheon, Oct. 10, in Washington, D.C.

The eight CFTs share the same name with the six Army modernization priorities: long-range precision fires, next generation combat vehicle, future vertical lift, the Army network, air and missile defense and Soldier lethality. The other two CFTs are synthetic training and assured position, navigation and timing.

"We want to build, fail, learn and build again to get

advanced capabilities into the hands of our Soldiers at the speed of relevance," he said.

One of the downsides of AFC being spread across the U.S. — and ultimately the globe — is the cultural piece, Murray said, meaning that the Austin "vibe" is hard to share when people are not physically there.

Murray explained his philosophy: "This is not

about any one organization. This is not about who gets success. This is not about who gets blamed for failure. This is about output. And the only output that matters is on a future battlefield where our Soldiers are successful and can come home to their families. Holding people accountable for output is how you start bending the culture. It will be my focus."

Take command: TRICARE open season begins Nov. 12

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TRICARE beneficiaries will experience open season for the first time between Nov. 12 and Dec 10.

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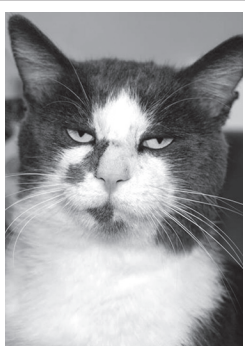
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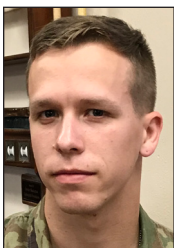
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SAFETY CORNER

Daylight Saving end: "have a fall back plan"

By Dawn Douglas
GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Team Riley, if you're tired of waking up every morning in utter darkness, don't worry. Relief is near. Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 4 at 2 a.m. and marks the time where we set the time back an hour on our clocks.

Traditionally, DST is supposed to save energy and enable us to take advantage of the daylight hours. Although DST is coming to an end, this is a perfect time to perform seasonal safety checks to prepare for the colder months of fall and winter.

There are many checks that we can incorporate, but here are a few important safety tips to consider:

SAFETY TIP #1 - CHECK SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

There are increased carbon monoxide poisoning risks with the use of fireplaces, gas-fired furnaces and space heaters. You should replace the batteries in all of your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace any smoke detector older than 10 years; and

carbon monoxide detectors older than five years.

Bonus Tip: Be sure to check and recharge your fire extinguishers.

Your home should have smoke alarms on every level, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom.

For the best protection, interconnect the alarms, so when one sounds, they all sound.

Test all smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.

In the event of a fire, a working smoke alarm and a well-practiced fire escape plan can mean the difference between life and death.

SAFETY TIP #2 - CHANGE ALL BATTERIES IN YOUR HOME

Take this time to change all of the batteries in your home. Some of these items will include thermostats, outdoor lighting, clocks, phone accessories, flashlights, water conditioners and portable electronics.

SAFETY TIP #3 - PROPERLY DISPOSE OF EXPIRED MEDICATIONS

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SAFETY TIP #4 - PREPARE A WINTER EMERGENCY KIT FOR YOUR HOME

This is a great time to create or restock your home winter preparedness kit. It should include flashlights, batteries, matches, a manual can opener, first-aid kit, unexpired medications, battery-powered radio, extra pillows and blankets and a list of emergency contact numbers.

SAFETY TIP #5 - PREPARE A WINTER EMERGENCY KIT FOR YOUR CAR

You not only should prepare for an emergency in your home, you should also be sure you are prepared in the case of an emergency while in your car. For a proper car winter preparedness kit, we recommend it include: flares, flashlight, batteries, warm clothes, blanket, water, non-perishable snacks, shovel, reflective hazard triangle, jumper cables, sand for traction,

winter hat and gloves. Contact the Garrison Safety Office or visit the Ready Army website for a comprehensive list of items to place in your kit for your car, home and/or workplace.

SAFETY TIP #6 - CHECK OUTSIDE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

One possible overlooked safety check is the outside of your home and storage areas. These should be checked for hazardous materials. Materials that are outdated, unused or in poor condition should be properly discarded. Any others should be moved out of the reach of children and pets.

The Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division collects household chemicals for disposal at Building 1945 during normal duty hours. Residents can safely and properly dispose of materials by collecting them and dropping off at the Environmental Waste Management Center.

For more information on safety tips for DST, contact the Garrison Safety Office at 785-240-0647.

ASK DR. JARGON

What exactly is military bearing?

Dear Doc Jargon,

I keep hearing people refer to military bearing. I've heard them say, "she lost her military bearing." In that sentence they are talking about her temper. In another use they mean a poor looking uniform or a sloppy salute. I've also heard it used to describe an air of authority and confidence.

So what is military bearing really? I'm beginning to think it is sort of a catch all phrase for an intangible concept and there are too many, "what it means to me" kind of answers to the question.

Bearing new to the Army I want to know how to achieve this elusive concept and reach this pinnacle of professionalism. I want to achieve a perfected, professional military bearing.

Signed,

Grinning and Bearing it.

Dear Grinning and Bearing It,

You have captured several aspects of the total on military bearing. You are right that it is sort of an intangible. It may also be a little subjective. My research has lead me to believe it is all of those ideals you present and more.

At the core of confidence, authority, self-control, attention to detail and uniform and appearance there lie the Army core values. These include:

- Loyalty: Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit and other Soldiers;
- Duty: Fulfill your obligations;
- Respect: Treat people as they should be treated;
- Selfless Service: Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army and subordinates before your own;

- Honor: Live up to all the Army Values;
- Integrity: Do what's right — legally and morally;
- Personal Courage: Face fear, danger or adversity (physical or moral).

So — the answer is a culmination of all of the above. A weakness in any one area can be perceived as a loss or lack of military bearing.

For example, someone with an air of self-confidence may harshly treat subordinates. That is outside of the scope of the Selfless Service section of what makes up the entire picture of military bearing.

You are also right that it is an intangible element but it doesn't just happen to some Soldiers and not others. Every Soldier who has a professional military bearing has worked hard to get it. Once achieved, it isn't kept without hard work and continual self-evaluation.

The fact that you are seeking it is a great sign of your future. Keep looking at every aspect of your military and personal character with an eye to improve and grow. At the same time, give yourself and others grace to sometimes fail as long as you each don't give up and continue to learn and improve.

Find yourself a mentor who is what you want to be. Surround yourself with peers who want the same thing so that you can help each other and give each other honest feedback.

I'm pretty confident your grinning and bearing it will soon turn into a true smile as you work consistently toward gathering your bearing.

I wish you well,

Doc Jargon

Send your questions to Dr. Jargon at doctorjargon@gmail.com

TRAFFIC REPORT

ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS

Those with a valid DOD 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 home.army.mil/riley/.

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Grant:

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Sections of Thomas Avenue from Trooper Dr. to Longstreet Dr. will be reduced to one lane Oct. 25 through Nov. 5 for repaving and repairs. The section in front of Ware Elementary will be completed on a weekend. Please use caution and follow all traffic signals when travelling these areas. Drivers should expect delays and may want to utilize other routes if possible.



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Army to fuse laser technology onto air defense system

By Joe Lacdan
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — U.S. forces have long held a strategic advantage in ballistic missile defense dating back to the Operation Desert Storm era, Army leaders said.

But the addition of laser technology in the Interim Maneuver Short-Range Air Defense System used on the Interim Armored Vehicle Strykers could give the Army a greater competitive edge over potential threats, they added.

“(Guns are) a relatively inexpensive solution,” Brig. Gen. Randall McIntire said at the Association of the U.S. Army’s Annual Meeting and Exposition last week. “But it doesn’t give us the range that we’re seeing from our adversaries.

“We get range from our missiles, but they’re becoming extraordinarily expensive,” he said, adding adversaries are putting up drones that are weaponized “really for pennies.”

Directed energy will be a complementary system to guns and missiles, he said. “It’s not the end-all be-all, but it’s another tool in the tool box ... We think having this mix of capability gives us a variety of solutions as we move into the future.”

McIntire, the Air and Missile Defense Cross Functional-Team director, said the MSHORAD system relies on missiles for long-range capability, but his team is also seeking more cost-effective measures to shore up air defense. He added that directed energy and electronic warfare will be the focus of the future.

Currently the Army has targeted 2020 for initial operational capability of MSHORAD. Two battalions should be fielded with MSHORAD capability in 2021, he said, and another two battalions by 2022.

Craig Robin, Space and Missile Defense Command senior research scientist, said a 50-kilowatt laser cannon will be placed on Strykers with a demonstration planned for 2021. At the same time, SMDC also plans to place a 100-kilowatt laser on a FMTV medium tactical vehicle.

The Army is currently conducting directed energy demonstrations at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

“We’re working to improve our stance in that area so we’re relevant in the

21st century,” McIntire said, who previously served as the commandant of the Army’s Air Defense Artillery School at Fort Sill. “We’re working on our indirect fire protection capability and coming up with solutions that would defeat cruise missiles. I would tell you today (the) Patriot can defeat cruise missiles. So it’s not the fact that we’re naked by any stretch of the imagination ... We’re trying to figure out how to do a more cost-effective way as we move to the future.”

Brig. Gen. Robert Rasch, the deputy program executive officer for Missiles and Space at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, said that the eventual plan is to add capabilities such as an enhanced MSHORAD interceptor and electronic

warfare capability to the Stryker platform.

To combat a wide range of threats, the service will start with a blend of guns and missiles before shifting the focus to directed energy. He said the CFT will begin loading Strykers with a two-thirds gun and missile mix and one-third directed energy. As the technology matures, that ratio will shift to a two-thirds directed energy mix.

“We need to be able to have a tiered and layered approach to the different threats,” Rasch said, “from the low, small (unmanned aircraft systems) that we’ll see from the drones to the rotary-wing and the fixed-wing, to cruise missiles to tactical missiles to tactical ballistic missiles to inter-

continental ballistic missiles. There’s not one tool that does all that; what you’ll find is you’ll need to have a variety of tools.”

The initial MSHORAD operational objective will be to load Strykers with a Stinger Proximity Fuse, an on-board sensor, a 30-millimeter airburst round to provide a cheaper cost for enemy intercept and a 7.62mm coax gun, a four-pack of Stinger Missiles and a two-pack of Hellfire missiles.

After the service fields the four MSHORAD Stryker battalions in fiscal year 2022, the Army will receive an updated requirements document.

“The real goal of (this) effort is to get the technology in the Soldiers’ hands,” Robin said, “and develop the concept of operations.”

First Security Forces Assistance Brigade Soldiers produce videos to help train Afghan defense forces

By Jon Micheal Connor
ARMY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FOB LIGHTNING, Afghanistan — Three Soldiers from the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade Headquarters are training the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (Army and Police) in an innovative way to conduct preventive maintenance on some of their vehicles.

Using the video recording capability from either a laptop computer or smart phone, these Soldiers ultimately end up with a finished video showing Afghans exactly what they need to do step-by-step. The beauty of this is that it can be shown over and over and to whomever needs it.

“I think it’s a good training tool to give to our [Afghan

National Army] counterparts,” said Staff Sgt. Joshua Green, video team leader.

The other two Soldiers are Sgt. Orion Warner and Sgt. Roques Torres. All three are wheeled vehicle mechanics. They are all with the Troop B, 3rd Squadron, 1st SFAB, working in a Combat Adviser Team.

The Soldiers are part of the Army’s newest premier unit, 1st SFAB, deployed to Afghanistan in support of the NATO-led Operation Resolute Support. The unit is designed to train, advise and assist other nation’s militaries in need of specialized expertise based on a multitude of specialized experience that each member brings. In Afghanistan, 1st SFAB enables the Afghans from the battalion to Corps level.

The unit’s home station is Fort Benning, Georgia.

Green said the actual idea came from Capt. Justin Shaw, a combat adviser team leader with the 1st SFAB’s 3rd Squadron. His team was the first to create a video to show the Afghans how to properly establish a traffic control point. Seeing how that video was made and the success of it, Green, with the help of several other Soldiers, then went ahead to make their own training video on vehicular maintenance.

Earlier this year, a box was found in the Joint Operations Center with about 100 books for 10-level (operator level) vehicular maintenance with pho-

tos and caption instruction in a common Afghan language.

“I thought these were a great tool to hand out to our counterparts,” said Green after learning of the books. “The majority we handed over to the different groups in the 203rd Corps.”

The corps, part of the Afghan National Army, is co-located at FOB Lightning, near Gardez, in southeastern Afghanistan.

Prior to the videos, there was only one-on-one instruction, Green said.

A few books were kept with the idea of producing preventive maintenance videos. Vehicle videos include those on Ford Rangers, Humvees,

flatbed trucks, fuel and water trucks and wreckers.

The videos are no more than five minutes in length and are produced by having one Soldier serve as cameraman, another announcing out loud describing the action of what’s commonly called “PMCS” or preventive maintenance and checks and services and another serving as the actor who does the actual vehicle inspection.

An Afghan linguist watches the taping and will eventually provide the voiceover in Dari, during the editing in post-production using a Panasonic Toughbook. These laptops were purchased for the 1st SFAB to be used for training because

they are built to withstand drops, spills, extreme temperature, and rough handling.

Dari is a popularly spoken language with the Afghan personnel co-located with NATO coalition personnel at FOB Lightning.

The video is then dubbed onto compact discs and given out.

“We gave them out to the motor sergeant,” Green said. “He said they appreciated it.”

The Soldiers also produced longer videos, going about 10 minutes, on weapons such as the M-16A2 rifle, M240B machine gun and M2A1 50-cal. machine gun on disassembling, re-assembling, and conducting a functions check.



U.S. Army photo
Staff Sgt. Joshua Green, right, shoots video as Sgt. Orion Warner, both of 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, reads out loud from a book on conducting operator level vehicular maintenance on an Afghan Humvee as an Afghan linguist looks on at Forward Operating Base Lightning, Afghanistan, Oct. 12.

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the criticality of consistency, standards and discipline in maintenance and supply, and I was impressed by the hard work of the “Big Red One” to improve processes in the past year.

One of our ongoing challenges is the ability to accurately see ourselves and our equipment across all components. We can overcome this with leaders enforcing, and Soldiers executing, the proper use of our logistics tools. Only through an accurate picture can we make the best decisions for you.

From Soldiers properly maintaining their own equipment, warrant officers who understand and push processes and sustainment leaders who can see across the materiel enterprise, our end state is to have the right equipment, in the right condition, at the right location, at the right time, to support the Soldier. Army Materiel Command’s role across the force is support. Our goal, our responsibility,



STRIKING OUT BREAST CANCER

Garrison employees gather at the Custer Hill Bowling Center Oct. 18 to bowl in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The teams “competed” against each other while building inter-department teamwork.

is to equip and sustain the greatest fighting force in the world. We are accountable to that end. We will work to be 100 percent efficient, but we must always be 100 percent effective.

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a little old to keep driving back and forth from Topeka to Junction City/Fort Riley. If I stayed, that would be another four years, I would be 95 — that’s too old, at least I think it’s old.”

Manion’s reason for going on the council and staying on for 16 years validates the mantra of Soldier for Life, which Hutchinson said the retirees are. Just as there is no such thing as a former Marine, he said once a Soldier — always a Soldier, which is why it is important to keep the retirees abreast of changes and programs they are eligible for.

When not listening to one of the presentations attendees could wander through the conference center and speak to vendors and get a flu shot.

Among those who attended were Susan and retired Lt. Col. Erich Schwartz from Manhattan.

“We came for information — health and retirement information — and for the immunizations,” Susan said. “I came with one particular question and it has been answered. Yes, it’s been a great event.”

Everything the retirees took away from the day was a reflection on what they had given in their years of service. They were all, at one time, in the shoes of those who are serving today.

Kolasheski reminded them of the mission of the military, and the reason they served remains the same today.

“The mission our Army and nation have given us at Riley is pretty clear; hopefully it will come out in spades as you spend time with us today,” Kolasheski said. “It is to fight and win America’s wars. We have to be ready to fight tonight, anywhere in the world, at any time. There is, as you know and as many of you have witnessed, no room for second place in the crucible of ground combat.”

He gave his appreciation for the service the retirees did and continue to do as they welcome and help today’s Soldiers.

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Study reveals impact of Army families on retention, recruiting

By Devon L. Suits
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — A recent study identifying 16 indicators of family readiness concluded families that reach out to other military families, or participate in installation services, are overall more healthy.

“The Army is working on and making good efforts in helping develop and maintain people’s social support networks,” said Dr. Stacy Hawkins, behavioral research scientist with the Research Facilitation Laboratory - Army Analytics Group.

Hawkins spoke during a Military Family Forum at the 2018 Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition on Oct. 8 and defined healthy families as those whose members have better physical health, mental health and relationships.

Currently, more than half of all Soldiers have a spouse and/or dependent, which equates to 276,000 active-duty families.

“Thankfully, the improvements and sort of everyday growth of technology help us stay connected to ones that we love,” Hawkins said.

RETENTION

Soldiers who desire to remain on active-duty are more likely to stay in the Army if they receive continued support for their service from their spouse, according to Dee Geise, the chief of the Army’s Soldier and Family Readiness Division with the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

Ninety-three percent of married service members stay on active duty when their spouse favors it. In contrast, only 44 percent of service members remain if their spouse strongly favors leaving, Geise said.

“As early as 1993, we knew that spousal support was an important factor in Army retention. We knew that awareness of support programs, even if not used, increased satisfaction with

military life and in turn improved retention.

“By 2007, we knew that families that used support resources adjusted and adapted better to the military lifestyle, and we knew that families valued consistency, predictability, and services,” she said. “Now in 2018, we see how critical social support is to overall health and the successful adaptation of Soldiers and families.”

Military spouse support, however, is just one part of an extremely complex reality impacting the military’s recruitment and retention efforts.

RECRUITING CHALLENGE

A 2018 joint market research study requested by the Defense Department found that today’s youth — ages 16 to 24 — are “largely disconnected from the military, (and) lack basic knowledge about military service,” she said.

Today’s youth tend to have a negative view of the military, Geise added. According to the study, 68 percent of youth feel that service members return to civilian life with psychological or emotional problems. Additionally, 53 percent of today’s youth believe service members leave service with some physical injury.

“Only 35 percent of today’s youth consider military service to be an attractive lifestyle. And only 13 percent ever seriously consider joining — a significant decline since 2004,” Geise said. Moreover, “61 percent of today’s Soldiers come from prior service families where a parent, grandparent, or sibling has served,” she added.

16 INDICATORS OF FAMILY READINESS

As the Army becomes more of a “family affair,” Geise said, ACSIM sponsored a project with the Research Facilitation Laboratory - Army Analytics Group.

The research lab launched a comprehensive literature review, collecting more than 600 documents and articles over the past 10 years. The materials

contained critical evidence that supports military family policy and program decisions, Hawkins said.

After completing their review, the team found 16 indicators attributed to family readiness. These areas include:

- Adult functioning, which focuses on the family’s physical health, mental health and social support.
- Couple functioning, which identifies a spouses’ functioning within the marriage, the quality of the marriage, and the impact of severe family and marital distress.
- Deployed-related experiences focus on a service member’s deployment experiences, their re-integration experiences, a spouse’s experiences during deployment, a spouse’s re-integration experience, and the children’s experience during parental deployment and re-integration.
- Children’s functioning
- Parenting and family functioning
- Finances and spouse employment
- Military life experiences
- Accessibility to military services.

During her speech, Hawkins addressed some of the team’s findings.

ADULT FUNCTIONING

A spouse’s physical health was determined to be the least studied area. Findings supported that the physical health of one member directly impacted the entire family.

Injuries, like traumatic brain injuries, can create a strain on the family. Further, chronic and acute issues can impact the whole family; therefore, “this is an area where we could benefit from some more evidence,” Hawkins said.

Social support is the clearest and most robust patterns found across all studies, Hawkins said.

COUPLE FUNCTIONING

The quality of a couple’s marriage during a deployment cycle was one of the highest areas of study.

High-quality marriages are linked to family readiness across many indicators, Hawkins said. Developing a sense of purpose and identity can improve health and functioning, she added.

“We would benefit from a better understanding of how spouses deal with re-negotiating their roles,” upon re-integration, she added.

FINANCES AND SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT

Studies determined that maintaining and developing a career can be difficult for spouses. Relocation, gender, education, and service member pay grade all have an impact on a spouse’s ability to receive and maintain a good career.

CHILDREN FUNCTIONING

Overall, the study determined that military children are doing well. However,

military children sometimes have more emotional or behavioral problems than their civilian peers — specifically for younger boys that have reduced social support, Hawkins said.

Social support was found to be not only critical for service members and spouses, but for a child’s development. In turn, the well-being of the homefront spouse, coupled with strong social connections with friends or family, is vital to a child’s welfare.

ROTATION Continued from page 1



Chad Simons | 1st Inf. Div. Public Affairs

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, man their Bradley Fighting Vehicles at Douthitt Gunnery Complex earlier this year. The “Devil” brigade is one of three Fort Riley brigades given notice of rotations beginning in late 2018.

a National Training Center rotation, the Devil Brigade is looking forward to deploying to Europe in support of the Atlantic Resolve mission,” said Col. Charles Armstrong, commander, 1st Armored Bridge Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

The 1st Infantry Division Combat Aviation Brigade, will replace 4th Infantry Division, stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, as part of a regular rotation of forces to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

The 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB, will deploy as a part of a regular rotation of forces to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel.

“The 1st CAB is excited to deploy to Europe to support our allies and regional

partners. The CAB has been busy building readiness at Fort Riley, Kansas, and we stand ready to take on any mission that is required. We are thankful for the support of our families and know the people of the Flint Hills will be there for our loved ones until we return. Duty First! Above The First!,” said Col. Ronald C. Black, commander, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div.

The 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, will replace the 101st Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky as a part of a regular rotation of forces to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel.

“The 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade is ready and trained to support Operation Freedom Sentinel in Afghanistan,” said Col. Jay McGuire, brigade commander.

CONSTRUCTION Continued from page 1

if the traffic infraction occurs in a work or school zone. On top of that, there is a \$30 processing fee that is charged for each violation.”

In addition, if someone is injured due to the actions of a negligent driver, the driver could also be found liable.

“Anytime someone is negligent and causes harm they can be subject to a civil action,” Graham said.

That’s the case, even if the driver has liability insurance and is covered for injuries, said Brian Field, insurance agent at Cardinal Insurance in Junction City, Kansas.

“If a driver has liability coverage (as part of his or her insurance policy), then there is coverage for damage and injuries,” Field said. “But that doesn’t mean the driver can’t be held liable on the civil side. The legal side and the insurance side are two different things.”

Another concern for contractors is the damage done to the infrastructure.

“We have all seen pictures of cars driving into fresh concrete,” Hackley said. “There are real costs involved. A concrete placement can easily be worth tens of thousands of dollars. Add the damage to the car, it is a very expensive mistake.”

Another problem contractors have experienced concerns what Hackley called “after-hours” traffic ignoring road closures. “Even for very capable off-road vehicles, the dangers are real,” he said. “The second issue, again, is that the roads are often closed to protect newly placed concrete. As mentioned earlier, the traffic could easily cause expensive damage.”

So the moral of the story is simple: obey all the laws at Fort Riley, especially where road work and construction are concerned.



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Justin Black, child youth program assistant, gets help with putting his makeup on before the Haunted Gymnasium event at the Teen Center Oct 19.

SCARE TACTICS

Teen Center's 'haunted gymnasium' delivers on screams for visitors brave enough to enter

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

Screams echoed through the Fort Riley Teen Center gymnasium Oct. 19 as groups of visitors made their way through various scenes along a path, which made its way through the room. Volunteers stationed around the room did their best to scare the visitors with loud noises and props.

"(It's) a good experience for the kids especially their first time at haunted houses," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Maxymuik, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. "We were a little anxious, a little nervous to go in at first, but overall it was a good experience."

See HAUNTED, page 13



A group of teens walk through the haunted gymnasium and encounter one of the many performers along the path during the Haunted Gymnasium at the Teen Center Oct. 19.

"I like that they have other activities for the kids to do. If they get too scared ... they have cookie decorating and kids all hanging out."

TABITHA BALADAD | MILITARY SPOUSE

WE WANT TO BELIEVE

- Investigators from Old School Paranormal will spend the weekend of Nov. 10 and 11 on post looking for answers to some of the mysterious sightings and the truth behind the ghost stories involving Fort Riley.

Ghost hunters to visit Fort Riley

Head of post society puts into motion paranormal study

By Gail Parsons
1ST INF. DIV. POST

After the excitement of Halloween is over and the fake pumpkins and plastic skeletons are packed away, an investigation will commence to find the real ghosts thought by some to roam Fort Riley.

Maggy Gray, wife of Lt. Col. Peter Gray, professor of Military Science at Kansas State University, said she's had the idea of inviting paranormal investigators for a long time.

When she became president of Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley last year, she said she had several ideas for projects and decided to "throw them all at the wall and see what sticks."

The paranormal investigators stuck.

She set her sights high and contacted The Travel Channel's Ghost Hunters — but never got an answer.

A quick search for ghost hunters in Kansas turned up Old School Paranormal.

"We couldn't believe it," said Steve Stults, OSP co-founder and lead investigator remembering the day he got a message from Gray. "We can't wait to get out there. We are chomping at the bit."

A few days after he and Gray spoke the OSP team left their home base in Hays, Kansas, and visited Fort Riley during the HASFR's annual ice cream social.

They met the board and had a chance to visit post.

It took a few months to cut through the red tape, but the date is finally set.

The investigators will spend the weekend of Nov. 10 and 11 on post looking for answers to some of the mysterious sightings and the truth behind the ghost stories. Gray and the volunteers are working on finalizing the buildings, which will be part of the investigation.

See GHOST, page 12

Winterizing vehicles important step in ensuring safe travels

Filling winter-weather vehicle kit smart way to kick off season

By Will Ravenstein
and Téa Sambuco
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Old Man Winter snuck in with modest snow fall and cold temperatures earlier in October reminding Fort Riley residents and drivers his season is almost upon us.

The employees at the Auto Skills Center and Garrison Safety Office have checklists to help Soldiers and family members prepare for Kansas winters.

Bobby Kimble, automotive mechanic at the Auto Skills Center, said winterizing vehicles is a very important step in staying safe this winter.

"You never know what may go wrong," he said. "You may

break down on the side of the road in a blowing snow storm and it could have been something you should have done like: making sure your coolant was set at the right temperatures and degrees, making sure tires were properly inflated."

Tires that are over or under inflated can cause traction issues on a road covered in snow and/or ice he said. As the weather gets colder the air compresses and tires start to deflate as a result. Newer vehicles with the tire pressure sensors may start to warn drivers their pressure is low with a light being displayed on the dashboard.

"You will never see a light all summer but when it drops below 30 degrees you will have a little flashing light in your car saying your tire pressure is low," Kimble said. "You do want them a little low, but you want to keep them at the right tire pressure. Under

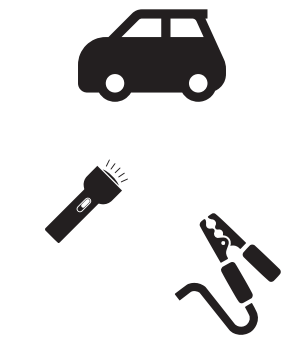
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inflated or fully inflated you're still going to slide in the snow. The biggest thing is distance. You want to make sure you have enough distance between vehicles."



said. "You want to make sure that you have an all-season tire on the car. Most Kansans don't really have winter tires."

Some states and countries allow drivers to use studded tires. These have small metal studs that assist in gripping the vehicle on snow and ice. Kansas is not one of those as they damage roads when there is no snow or ice on them.

Another important item to check, according to Kimble, is the vehicles fluid levels — especially the coolant mixture.

"The big part of winterizing your car is that nobody really checks their coolant in the summer time," he said. "A lot of people just run water in their radiators. If that is the case you want to get that water out to put the proper coolant in there. You want to make sure that your coolant is up to par."

Kimble reminds drivers to also ensure they have winter

temperature capable washer fluid in their reservoirs as well.

"You want to use a washer fluid that meets winter temperatures — from 25 to 35 (below zero)," he said. "If you are running anything less than that it's going to freeze too. If you've driven in Kansas, in the snow, you know if you are behind a vehicle, they are going to kick up debris and the first thing you're going to do is hit that wiper. With no water in there it's going to smear all over your windshield. Now you've got to pull over and clean your windshield off."

When it comes to driving to and from work Safety and Occupational Health Professional, Dawn Douglas, Garrison Safety Office, reminds drivers to watch their speed and be prepared for anything.

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FORT RILEY POST-ITS

Michelle Meyers

October 25

Does anyone know if the library is doing anything for Halloween?

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Spc. Shell

Yes, they are. The Fort Riley Post Library will be having a Halloween party on Oct. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Michelle Meyers

Thank you Spc. Shell. Do you know what they are doing?

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Spc. Shell

Definitely. They are going to have treat bags, snacks, punch, hot cocoa and games to play.

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Michelle Meyers

Great! Thanks again.

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October 25

Friday - Night School (PG-13) 7 p.m.
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October 25

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Residents at Fort Riley

October 25 11 14 a.m.

Corvias' annual fall festival, Fallapalooza, will be held on Oct. 26, 5 to 9 p.m. at the Colyer Forsyth Community Center. Festival activities include games and treats, inflatables, pumpkin giveaway — while supplies last — photo ops, music, fun hairstyling from Bellus, food and more! Costumes are encouraged!

Activities will wind down at dusk but stick around because a screening of “Hocus Pocus” will be on the giant outdoor movie screen.

This event is free and open to all families residing in on-post housing at Fort Riley. Children must be accompanied by an adult, no pets allowed.

Fort Riley MWR

October 25 12: 31 p.m.

Fort Riley MWR presents the Apocalypse and Happy Haunt Oct. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. building 310 on the corner of Dickman Avenue and Holbrook Avenue near King Field House. Zombies are attacking. Escape into the safe zone during the Apocalypse Haunted House. Not into haunted houses? Admission is \$3 per person or \$15 for a group of six. Happy Haunt will also be on site for children ages 6 and younger accompanied with an adult with free admission. Riley's Food Truck will fire up its grill for before and after concessions. Strollers are not permitted within the facility. Please note there will be stairs and rocky uneven terrain.

Fort Riley MWR

October 25 2:17 p.m.

Glow Swim Oct. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Eyster Pool, 6940 Warren Rd. Join Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation as we partner with Army Community Service to help raise awareness for domestic violence. Enjoy free glow sticks, refreshments, floating pumpkin patch and the underwater Glow Garden. Cost is \$15 per family or \$3 per person and \$5 per installation guest. Purchase tickets online today at riley.armymwr.com.

Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley

October 25 10:42 a.m.

Please join us for HASFR's annual Ghost Tour of Fort Riley! This year there will be two days of tours. Oct. 27, 4 to 8 p.m., is for those aged 12 and up and will begin at Artillery Parade Field, parking available on Pershing Court. Oct. 28, 4 to 7 p.m., is our family friendly tour, strollers welcome! The family friendly tour will begin at the west end of Cavalry Parade Field with parking on Pleasanton St. Fast passes to cut the line is \$5.

Photos by Amanda Ravenstein | POST
Employees of Warrior Zone show off their cosplay costumes at the Fourth annual Warrior Con event Oct. 20. Con goers had the opportunity to participate in a cosplay contest, watch anime, play in video game tournaments and more during the entire day of activities. Children were able to attend Kiddie Con, the one time a year that Warrior Zone was open to anyone younger than the age of 18.

WARRIOR CON FINDS COSTUMED CROWD
Attendees of the Fourth annual Warrior Con event participate in a Magic the Gathering card game Oct. 20 at the Warrior Zone.

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Sergeant Woof sees old ammo!

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Social event welcomes new families

Intercontinental Hotels Group takes time to say hello, bid goodbye

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

One of the first and last places many Soldiers see on Fort Riley is the hotel.

Every Wednesday evening the Intercontinental Hotels Group hosts a social event to bid farewell to the outgoing service members and their families and welcome the new residents.

“It is a way to welcome, whether you are on (Temporary Duty) or whether you are on a (Permanent Change of Station) move — in coming or going out,” said Steve Milton, chief of housing at Fort Riley. “It sets up the correct message up front that we want you here. We want you to be part of our family, our team and the ‘Big Red One.’”

The hotel and sometimes a sponsor will host a light meal during the social. When the weather is nice, the grill is fired up. On Oct. 14, the meal consisted of loaded potato soup and a chicken salad sandwich.

Roy Hahn, maintenance manager for IHG, said they invite outside agencies and Fort Riley organizations to come in and mingle with the new Soldiers and their families.

“Originally, a lot of the IHG hotels started this as a simple social event,” Hahn said. “Here we involve other programs.”

He said on any given week apartment managers, the Red Cross, banks and a chaplain are among those who might show up to the social, which starts at 5 p.m.

Sgt. Melinda Scott, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, arrived at Fort Riley from Schofield Barracks, Ha-



Allison Johnson, right, and Broghan Swinscoe, volunteers with the American Red Cross, speak to Steven and Sgt. Melinda Scott who was recently assigned to the Sustainment Brigade, about the services their organization offers at the Intercontinental Hotels Group's weekly social. The family, which includes Kaylee, 1, and Maverick, 3, arrived at Fort Riley on Oct. 14.

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STEVE MILTON | CHIEF OF HOUSING, FORT RILEY

waii, Oct. 14, the day Kansas had an early-season snow.

With her were her husband Steven Scott and their children Kaylee Scott, 1, and Maverick Scott, 3.

With only a few days on post the couple agreed they liked what they were seeing so far and appreciated the social event.

“I think it is really nice get to talk one-on-one with people,” Melinda Scott said.

Often when there is a briefing or event for new Soldiers it’s a matter of walking around and picking up information and may be briefly speaking with someone, she said.

“This, to me, is awesome,” she said while bouncing Kaylee on her knee. “I’ve already learned a lot.”

Specifically she learned details about the blended retirement program she had been hearing about.

WEEKLY AFFAIR

- Every Wednesday evening, the Intercontinental Hotels Group Candlewood Suite hosts a social event to bid farewell to the outgoing service members and their families and welcome the new residents.

Without ever having to leave their table and while the children enjoyed their dinner, representatives came to them and explained their programs.

A small stack of business cards were on the table as Melinda started telling Steven some of the information about post she had learned earlier in the day.

She told him about the lakes on post where he could go fishing, the hunting and the rodeo in Topeka, Kansas. As a family, she said they enjoy outdoor activities and it seems more affordable than where they came from.

“There’s a lot of activities for families (on and around Fort Riley),” she said. “That was the one thing we were missing in Hawaii; if we wanted to get out and do anything, it would cost \$100 or more.”

They also compared the layout of Fort Riley to other installations. Steven said he likes the way everything is spread out; there’s a place for work and a place for play.

“What I have seen of this post, I am so glad we came here,” Melinda said. “The way they take care of families. The way they listen to the people about what the post needs and what improvements need to be made. They actually listen, they don’t just take the information and put it in a box somewhere. I have very high hopes.”

TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Oct. 23 was: Where on the new website can I find information about all the services offered through Army Community Service?

Answer: <https://home.army.mil/riley/index.php/about/Fort-Riley-directorates-and-staff/directorate-family-morale-welfare-and-recreation/army-community-service>

This week’s winner is Becky Nistler, mom of Spc. Richard Bengston, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Pictured above is Spc. Richard Bengtson.

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HANDLING HILLS



Photos by Will Ravenstein | POST

Nine riders took part in the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's ATV course on Oct. 20. The riders learned proper technique on how to handle hills – up and down along with riding on the side. **INSET:** Sai Simram, recreation specialist, Outdoor Adventure and Travel Center, demonstrates the proper position for climbing hills by leaning forward over the handlebars. This places more weight on the front tires, allowing them to grip better while also shifting the center of balance forward on the vehicle. **ABOVE:** Retired 1st Sgt. Donovan Wright showcases his ability to ride on the side of the hill at the ATV Training area prior to the group ride through the hills and trees. “This is awesome,” he said. “I’ve been wanting to do this my entire career. I never had the chance to. It’s amazing what you forget.”



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USO volunteers building ‘Ball Readiness’

Come together to bring gowns, accessories to Soldiers, wives in need

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

A Ball Readiness event hosted by USO volunteers was held on Oct. 21, at the ACS building. The volunteers provided ball gowns and accessories to wives or soldiers in the 1st Sustainment Brigade, reducing stress for families.

USO volunteer and FRG leader, Vera Gaer, started the process in hopes of preparing the unit for the 1st Sustainment Brigade Ball on Nov. 8.

“Going to a ball is expensive and sometimes ... almost mandatory for some people,” said Vera, the wife of Captain Christopher Gaer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. “The tickets are expensive, and then the woman has to find the perfect dress and the accessories.”

Vera said the USO hosts these types of events to offset the cost of attending.

“Every little bit helps,” she said.

The USO also provided Mary Kay products, as well as brand new shoes from Payless, Vera said.

“They’re really trying to hook up as many women as they can to feel special and not stressed about these events,” she said.

All dresses, shoes, and Mary Kay products were donated to the USO, Vera said.



TOP: Wives and Soldiers look over footwear, which was donated by the USO, during a Ball Readiness event Oct. 21 at the ACS Building. **ABOVE:** USO Volunteers and FRG leaders work together in preparation for the Ball Readiness event Oct. 21.

Following a year of volunteer service in the USO, Vera asked for the USO’s support in this event.

“I talked to Theresa Guadagno. She’s the volunteer coordinator at the USO,” she said. “I asked her, can we do this? Can we offer this service to our Brigade? She said yes.”

Vera said she was surprised when she was given the “OK”

to go ahead with the Ball Readiness event, and that this has helped her realize that the USO will support their committed volunteers.

“If you need something and you’re helping other people, they’re going to help you help those people,” Vera said. “That’s why this is so awesome.”

The Ball Readiness was a good way to being awareness to

the USO’s volunteer program, Vera said.

“I’m really excited about this,” she said. “I’m not just excited because we get to help out our brigade, but in turn we’re helping out the USO.”

“The Army has a lot of use it or lose it programs,” she said. “The more programs that people are using, the less we’re losing. The USO offers so many and I don’t want them to go away.”

She said the USO also hosts Gift the Gown events that are available post wide. Gift the Gown is similar to the Ball Readiness, but available to everyone.

Deborah Spratt, wife of Sgt 1st Class Terry Spratt, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, said “yes to the dress” when she attended the event with her neighbor.

Deborah said that she was impressed, and now felt the urge to donate her old dresses as well.

“I think this is great event and that they should do this at every base,” she said. “I’ve gone to three military balls so far and I’ve paid an arm and a leg for my dresses. The thought of going to another military ball and spending tons of money on a dress that I’m only going to wear once, it was very frustrating.”

“This is a great way to pay it forward, drop our dresses off here and then have a chance to have new dresses without the expense,” Deborah said.

FORM MATTERS

The Sumo Squat

By Gail Parsons
1ST INF. DIV. POST

As Soldiers train for the Army Combat Fitness Test, there are several exercises they can do to prepare for the strength deadlift event.

First Lt. Chandler Smith, Readiness Testing and Training representative in charge of overseeing the transition of the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division to the Army Combat Fitness Test, said one such exercise is the sumo squat.

“This is another exercise that can be done with a great number of different implements you can do it with a field water can, you can do it with an ammo can,” he said. “Why I like the sumo squat is even though it is a squat and not a deadlift, the trap bar deadlift has a high degree of carry over to your squat and it is going to hit the same muscle groups as your going to hit with the strength deadlift.”

Here he demonstrates the proper form for the sumo squat:



1. Feet will face forward, a little wider than shoulder width. The implement will be held in the middle of the legs
2. Keep the chest up; the hips are going to go back and the knees are going to simultaneously bend until the crease of the hip is below the knee joint
3. Engage and squeeze the glutes.
4. Carry that back to the top of your squat position.

Form Matters is a weekly column designed to demonstrate the proper form to use when executing different exercises to minimize the risk of injury.

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“The Custer House is a definite one,” Gray said. “We have some residents in the neighborhood who have said yes and I have reached out to the Territorial Capitol.”

The First Territorial Capitol has never been included on one of HASFR’s Ghost Tours because it is not in walking distance to the other haunted sites and it is owned by the Kansas State Historical Society. But ghost stories aren’t confined to any one area on post.

Tricia Verschage, HASFR ghostess, said according to legend a gentleman was hunting morel mushrooms down by the river behind the building.

He heard a woman’s melancholy voice drifting up from the banks.

“Since he believed that he was alone, he moved through the heavy underbrush between the bank and trail and went to investigate the voice,” she said.

He saw a flat boat or barge being pulled across the river by a dark shape.

“He knew immediately he had seen a ghost,” Verschage said.

The ghost is believed to be that of a slave woman who worked on the river back when there was slavery in the Kansas Territory. According to the Kansas Historical Society website (<https://www.kshs.org/kansapedia/slavery-in-kansas-territory/16698>) “Slavery existed in Kansas Territory, but on a much smaller scale than in the South. Most slaveholders owned only one or two slaves. Many slaves were women and children who performed domestic work rather than farm labor ... On Feb. 23, 1860, the Territorial Legislature passed a bill over the governor’s veto abolishing slavery in Kansas.”

The slave woman is just one of dozens of stories about ghosts who roam Fort Riley. Verschage is not too quick to dismiss them after the experiences she and her children have had in Gray’s house.

Verschage was friends with one of the home’s previous fam-

ilies. Her children would often babysit.

“One night my children couldn’t be there,” she said. “I’m standing in the kitchen with the woman of the house and we’re just talking. I hear footsteps come running into the kitchen, I see a child out of the corner of my eye. He kind of stops, turns and stares at both of us and then turns and runs the other way.”

At first she didn’t think much of it. Then she realized all the children were outside except for the youngest child who was asleep on the couch.

Verschage said her daughter is receptive to seeing spirits and she has seen several who reside on the different floors of the house.

Despite all the stories, about her house, Gray said she has never had an experience with any ghost or ghostly happening, which she isn’t sure if she is glad about or not.

Neither she nor Stults has any idea what the investigation will turn up. Stults said

his group specializes in historic buildings and focus on finding an explanation for the reasons people think a place is haunted.

“We go in with a mindset ‘there’s got to be a reasonable explanation,’” he said. “Let’s try to figure out why somebody hears footsteps or why doors slam shut. We are not here to prove that ghosts exist, nobody knows — it’s never been proven.”

Oftentimes, they are left with no reasonable explanation.

“We’ve been able to debunk a number of things,” he said. “But honestly, there are some things that we just simply cannot explain.”

He said they are planning to bring out a ton of equipment for this investigation including several audio recorders and night-vision cameras to mount and carry.

Although no date or time has been set Gray and Stults said they hope to do a public presentation on their findings soon after the investigation concludes.

Operation Santa Claus coming soon to area

Drop boxes for toys, money available at 19 sites in community

By Amanda Ravenstein
1ST INF. DIV. POST

For 34 years, Fort Riley has helped provide a way for low-income active duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers and their families to enjoy Christmas with Operation Santa Claus.

“It gives the financially challenged Soldiers (assigned to) Fort Riley the opportunity to provide toys for their children,” said Head Elf, Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Ferguson, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

In an effort to accomplish this, Operation Santa Claus drop boxes have been placed around Fort Riley and at businesses in surrounding communities to collect donations.

“There are 19 sites where there are drop boxes for both money and toys throughout the post, Junction City, Ogden and Manhattan,” said Phil Mattox, a civilian volunteer.

Donations can be made in various ways, either by dropping your monetary or new unwrapped toys into one of the drop

boxes or by mailing them to Box 2600, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

“I think the biggest thing is that we need everybody’s support at Fort Riley and the communities because this is the only Christmas event open to all families E-5 and below on Fort Riley,” Mattox said. “We served 1,150 children of Fort Riley Soldiers last year. We hope we can duplicate it this year. Whatever people give, is exactly what we can give back.”

On Nov. 5 a ribbon-cutting at Building 1828 in Camp Funston, also known as Operation Santa Claus Headquarters, will be held signaling the opening of the season. The building will be open two days a week, Wednesday and Friday, until Dec. 21 for those Soldiers who signed up to participate through their unit.

Operation Santa elves will be at various events in the area including the Kansas State University men’s basketball game Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. and the women’s basketball game Dec. 20 also at 7 p.m.

“I’m very excited about this year,” Mattox said. “We are off to a great start. We had Op Santa elves at Retiree Appreciation Day (Oct. 20) and we had over \$250 donated. Since that was our first event where elves were present this year, I couldn’t be more encouraged.”

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“Watch your speed,” she said. “Here in Kansas, especially in the rural areas where the snow plows may not have gotten to, the main thing you want to do is to watch your speed.”

Many of the accidents she is aware of, happened because of drivers speeding, she said. People should give themselves plenty of time to drive slowly for the road conditions.

Kansas can have all four seasons in one day, Douglas said. There could be snow, the sun then melts it, later that can freeze into ice.

Motorists should be cautious when driving over bridges, because ice accumulates there, she said.

“Drivers should also be wary of overhanging trees where ice could have melted onto the road and refrozen overnight,” she said.

Douglas warned drivers to increase their stopping distance. Do not ride the brakes and send the vehicle into a tailspin. Drivers should also tap on their brakes before getting to a stop sign, as slamming on the brakes could send them through the stop.

“Make sure the vehicle is prepared,” Douglas said. “Make sure that you completely clear off all snow on your vehicle before you attempt to navigate the road, not only so you can see, but so vehicles can see you.”

“You’re not just driving for yourself. You’re driving for other people on the road as well.”

DAWN DOUGLAS
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Kimble said some people just hop into their vehicle, warm it up and let the defrosters do all the work.

“They get in and they scrape an itty-bitty hole just in front of the driver but the rest of their windshield is iced over and all they can do is see what is in front of them, but not anywhere else,” he said. “You need that scraper so you can clear your whole window off — front and back and event he side windows if you have to. You want to be able to see. That next person may be doing what you are and just making enough of a hole to see. The next thing you know you are in an accident.”

Douglas reminds drivers to clear headlights of any snow, and to keep your lights on.

“You’re not just driving for yourself,” Douglas said. “You’re driving for other people on the road as well. You can be doing everything right and someone else will be careless. Making

sure that you are alert and aware of other drivers is super important.”

BUILD YOUR WINTER WEATHER VEHICLE KIT

If a vehicle becomes stuck and the driver has a roadside service, call them, Douglas said. People should keep the heat on and make sure their phone is charged.

However, she said, in the event of an accident and the vehicle cannot be turned on, a kit will come in handy. The kit should allow a person to survive for three days.

PREPARE NOW

Douglas said one of the best resources she can recommend for inexperienced drivers, is the defensive driving safety course. The four-hour course teaches how to drive defensively and allows some drivers to get a discount on their insurance premium.

The course, by the National Safety Council, is given the fourth Thursday of every month. Registration and more information can be found on the USAG Safety Go App.

The Auto Skills Center has oil and antifreeze for sale and the bays are available to rent to make sure that vehicles are ready for the winter roads.

“We will help them check out their vehicle to make sure it is up to par for winter,” Kimble said.

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“I thought it was fun,” said Tabitha Baladad, wife of Staff Sgt. Adrian Baladad, 739 contracting. “My daughter has never been in a haunted house so we thought we would bring her here and she got scared.”

The haunted gymnasium wasn’t the only activity avail-

able for people to participate in.

“I like that they have other activities for the kids to do,” Baladad said. “If they get too scared, they still have other things they can do. They have cookie decorating and kids all hanging out.”

The success of the event was evident in the amount of people who were in line multiple times.

“It actually amazed me to be honest,” said Jahasia Williams, gymnasium coordinator. “It really turned out well. I’m really proud of all the staff and everyone that helped.”

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT



Gail Parsons | POST

Sarah Thueson, animal caretaker, holds onto Joe's leash during the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Pet Adoption event Oct. 20. She and Nicole Strom, Stray Animal Shelter manager, were set up with Joe and some cats who were available for adoption at the Outdoor Adventure parking lot. By the end of the day, one cat had been adopted. Also set up were Environmental Protection specialists Paula Urban and Rick Doll, who were collecting and giving away household hazardous materials.



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Fort Riley Proposes No Action for the World War I (WWI) Incinerator, NW Camp Funston (CFI Site)

Proposed Plan Fort Riley, Kansas October 22, 2018

Public Comment Period: October 22, 2018 – November 23, 2018

The Army will accept written comments on the Proposed Plan during the public comment period by letter or email.

Public Meeting: November 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm

The Army will hold a public meeting to explain the Proposed Plan and the proposed No Action decision. Oral and written comments will also be accepted at the meeting. The public meeting will be held at 407 Pershing Court, Sheridan Hall, Fort Riley, Kansas 66442 at 7:00 pm.

Copies of the PP, RI Report, and other relevant documents are located in the Administrative Record file and can be viewed at:

Directorate of Public Works

Environmental Division

IMNW-RLY-PWE

407 Pershing Court

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For further information, to review the administrative record at Fort Riley, or to submit written or emailed comments, please contact:

David P. Jones, Project Manager

Public Works – Environmental Division

Installation Restoration Program

407 Pershing Court

Fort Riley, KS 66442

Phone: (785) 239-3194

Email: david.p.jones124.civ@mail.mil

Please add "CFI Site Proposed Plan" to the subject line of emails.

The United States Army (Army), the lead agency for site activities, with support from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will hold a Public Meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan (PP) for No Action regarding incinerator waste material (ash and cinder) and adjacent soil associated with the World War I (WWI) Incinerator, NW Camp Funston (CFI Site) – Operable Unit 007, Fort Riley, Kansas.

As documented in the human health and ecological risk assessments completed for the CFI Site, there is no unacceptable risk to human health and welfare or the environment caused by the metals detected in the soil and incinerator waste material (ash and cinder). Therefore, in accordance with the CERCLA process, the Army has determined that No Action is required for the CFI Site at Fort Riley, Kansas. This determination is supported by the findings of the Remedial Investigation (RI) Report.

The Army, KDHE, and EPA welcome the public's comments on the Proposed Plan and the recommendation for No Action. The Army will not make a final decision for the CFI Site until all comments received during the comment period have been reviewed and considered. Based on public comments or new information, the Army may modify the recommendation for No Action. The EPA and KDHE will also assess their positions on the recommendation for No Action after review of the public comments received. The public comment period begins on October 22, 2018 and ends on November 23, 2018. Comments must be postmarked or emailed no later than November 22, 2018. The Army will prepare a document with responses to all comments received during the public comment period.

Fort Riley Visitor Information:

Visitors without a DoD ID card who wish to enter Fort Riley are reminded that a temporary Fort Riley Access Pass or Badge is required. The Visitor Control Center (Building 885) is located just prior to the Henry Gate Access Control Point (Exit 301, U.S. Interstate Highway 70). For more Fort Riley Visitor Information visit:

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6	3	2	1	5	4	8	7	9
4	9	5	7	8	2	6	3	1
5	7	1	2	3	6	4	9	8
9	4	6	5	7	8	2	1	3
8	2	3	9	4	1	7	5	6

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Things that go bump in the night

Atchison: The state's most haunted city

By Tea Sambuco
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Atchison was where the Lewis and Clark Expedition began, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad started and it was the birth place of aviator Amelia Earhart. After two flash floods in 1958, Atchison was dubbed “the town that refused to die” according to the book Haunted Kansas. The reluctance to pass into the afterlife is ironically the cause of Atchison’s fame and reputation as Kansas’ most haunted town.

THE SALLIE HOUSE

According to the book, the Sallie House was originally home to a physician, who used the lower part of the home as his office, surgery room and examination room. It was in this house where a young girl, named Sallie, passed away.

Haunted Kansas tells the possibility of two different stories pertaining to the girls’ demise. In one version, a distraught mother rushed into the doctor’s office, holding a young Sallie suffering from abdominal pains.

Sallie was diagnosed with appendicitis, and given anesthetic. However she, was not completely under the influence. Little Sallie spent her last moments terrified and loathing her “tormentor” before she succumbed to her burst appendix.

The book tells how the doctor moved out of the home shortly after and a young family moved in. While the mother and child were never attacked, the husband experienced a constant onslaught from the ghost of Sallie. She would leave nail marks on his arms and scratches on his back and chest. Small fires would randomly occur in the house, and one night the family came home to the stuffed toys in the nursery neatly placed in a circle. They moved out a year later.

Those interested can take a self-guided tour of the Sallie House. Tickets are \$10 per person and the house is open to tours every Saturday from Sept. 8 to Nov. 3.

THE MCINTEER VILLA

Unlike the Sallie House, the McInteer Villa is home to a “camera-happy ghost,” which only appears in photographs, said Haunted Kansas. The ghost appeared in one photograph looking out of the lantern tower. No electricity reaches it yet a human figure appeared silhouetted by a bright light in the tower.

According to the book, the ghost has frequented several of the inhabitant’s family photos. One being a Christmas family photo where a figure was seen standing between the Christmas tree and a window.

On occasion the ghost would “raise a little ruckus,” the book says.

Heavy pocket doors would suddenly slam shut, and footsteps could be heard racing up and down the back stairway.

People may take a self-guided tour of the McInteer Villa. Tickets are \$10 per person and the Villa is open to tours every Saturday from Sept. 8 to Nov. 3.

On Oct. 31 an “Upside Down” party is held in the McInteer Villa. Tickets are \$40 per person and include entrance to the home, two drink tickets, appetizers and live music. For more information visit visitatchison.com

HAUNTED TROLLEY TOURS

“Since 1995,” visitatchison.com says, “families from across

the nation have come to Haunted Atchison Tours.” These tours are a narrated one-hour trolley rides. Guests sit back and listen to the stories of Atchison’s hauntings, with a roadside view of the infamous homes.

Tickets are \$13 per person, check the website for available tickets for Oct. 27, Oct.30, Oct. 31 and Nov. 3.

Murder mystery dinner

A murder mystery dinner is scheduled for Oct. 27. Pre-registration is required, as each guest is assigned a character and a character description.

After guests arrive, in character, they begin mingling and “verbally sleuthing,” visitatchison.com said. When a certain amount of time has passed, the murder happens.

The objective of each guest, the website reads, “is to converse with each other and find the murderer solely by verbal sleuthing.” The investigator will provide evidence before the final accusations are made and then the murderer is revealed.

Tickets are \$40 and guests are able to request either a main or a side role. The murder mystery theme will be set in the Roaring ‘20s and at the McInteer Villa.



Courtesy photo
The McInteer Villa



Spc. Shell leaves the holiday behind as he ventures to the “Wildcat” side and takes a tour of Manhattan.

There’s plenty of spooks closer to home

Téa Sambuco | POST

Closer to home, the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will host Ghost Tours Oct. 27 and Oct. 28. The guided tour takes participants through historic and haunted Fort Riley. The event is free both days and people are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes as it is a walking tour, about a mile long. The Oct. 27 tour begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m.. The Oct. 28 tour begins at 4 p.m., ends at 7 p.m. and is stroller friendly. Guides and storytellers will share ghost stories, which have been reported by residents of haunted homes and employees who work in haunted facilities. Included in the tour are the Custer House, **bottom**, and Building 500, **right**, which used to be the post hospital and is said to be haunted. People have reported hearing sounds from a portion of the building, which used to serve as the morgue, **bottom right**.

