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Quarterly address  
to civilian workers

Col. Stephen Shrader, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley commander, talks to civilian employees at the quarterly Address to the Workforce Feb. 7 at Victory Chapel.

Story and photo by Amanda Ravenstein  
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At the quarterly Address to the Workforce, Col. Stephen Shrader, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley commander, updated civilian employees on the important information and hot-button topics within Installation Management Command and locally.

Shrader talked about the Army Strategic themes and emphasized the number one message of the Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. James McConville.

"People first is his absolute philosophy," he said. "How you take care of Soldiers, families and civilians, how you're developing them. How you're training the initial workforce because that is what gets us to his next emphasis, winning matters. We can't do anything when it comes to winning on the field of battle ... without the people in the formation.

"And so, people first is a philosophy and winning matters is an attitude. And you have to have both of those ... and he says that for one reason and one reason only, there is no second place in combat."

He credits civilians in all Fort Riley directorates with keeping those messages priority.

"You all are enabling that every single day," he said. "It doesn't matter whether you are [Directorate of Public Works]. Doesn't matter if you are [Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security]. Doesn't matter if you're [Child and Youth Services]. Every single individual in this room is

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Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy V. Speichert, right, places the guidon for U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley into the stand after being handed the colors by Col. Stephen Shrader Feb. 13 at Riley's Conference Center. The act of passing the colors signified the change of responsibility to Speichert from outgoing senior noncommissioned officer Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew T. Bristow II.

## Garrison holds change of responsibility ceremony

Story and photo by Thomas Reust  
GARRISON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A change of responsibility ceremony for the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley was held Feb. 13 at Riley's Community Center. The ceremony honored outgoing garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew T. Bristow II for his service and welcomed incoming garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy V. Speichert.

Garrison commander Col. Stephen Shrader thanked Bristow for his service and spoke of the importance of having a strong noncommissioned officer like Bristow in the command team. Shrader pointed to the many

accolades Fort Riley received under Bristow's watch, which included the 2019 Army Community of Excellence Bronze award. Shrader said he appreciated having Bristow as his top NCO.

"Every single Soldier in the U.S. Army has an NCO," Shrader said. "They are taking care of Soldiers, they are taking care of families and taking care of our civilians."

Bristow thanked everyone in attendance, and the entire garrison team for their effort over the past two years.

"I can truly say that I am so proud to have been able to serve as the Fort Riley garrison com-

mand sergeant major," Bristow said. "This is the best place to live, train, deploy from and come home to. No mission too difficult! No sacrifice too great! Duty First! Service always."

Speichert thanked Bristow for his service and said he is looking forward to continuing the mission.

"I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve the 1st Infantry Division and surrounding communities" Speichert said.

Bristow will next serve as the command sergeant major for Task Force Sinai in Egypt. Speichert comes to Fort Riley from Fort Carson, Colorado.

## "Evening at Ease": Atlantic Resolve

Story and photo by Sgt. Patrick Jubrey  
1ST CAB PAO

ABILENE, KS — Every two months, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home hosts an event series called 'Evenings at Ease,' a lecture given by an invited speaker, tying in some way with President Eisenhower's life or military experience. On Feb. 11, Col. Bryan Chivers, commander, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division and Col. Paul Krattiger, commander, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division discussed how the Atlantic Resolve mission in Europe ties into Eisenhower's legacy and continues to provide regional stability through training with partnered nations.

"It is important that we tell the public our story," Chivers said. "This is the way to do so, in this environment telling the rich history of Europe and how the United States Army [in particular] had a great impact on that."

To give a firsthand explanation of types of training and overall deployment experiences, both brigades brought several Soldiers along as subject matter experts in their respective fields. After the presentation, the attendees talked one-on-one with the Soldiers.

"We have a tremendous opportunity to be a 'Big Red One' Soldier at Fort Riley, we have a lot of different backgrounds with the Soldiers we have," Krattiger said. "This is a perfect size to lay out the history and what we did on Atlantic Resolve."

The Eisenhower Presidential Library's 'Evenings at Ease' program provided an opportunity for 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers to engage with local community members and highlight the division's participation in Atlantic Resolve.

"I love that we get to do these very contemporary lectures because this is all part of



Col. Bryan Chivers, commander, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, right, and Col. Paul Krattiger, commander, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., give a presentation Feb. 11 on how the current Atlantic Resolve mission and the European legacy of President Dwight D. Eisenhower tie together, at the Eisenhower Presidential Library's monthly 'Evenings at Ease'.

his [Eisenhower's] legacy," said Dawn Hammett, director of Dwight D. Eisenhower Museum while speaking with the Soldiers. "We really like having you guys nearby so that we can call up and say that we have something that is a clear fit for you like this event."

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is one of the 14 Presidential Libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. Presidential Libraries

promote understanding of the presidency and the American experience.

Since 2014, Atlantic Resolve has served as a nine-month rotation for units to build readiness, increase interoperability and enhance the bond between ally and partner militaries through multinational training events. The 1st Inf. Div. maintains a forward headquarters operating out of Poznan, Poland in support of Atlantic Resolve.

Leadership Program  
class completes course

Courtesy photo  
Participants and recent graduates of the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program pose for a class photo at the C.L. Hoover Opera House in Junction City, Kansas, during their commencement ceremony Feb. 7.

SPECIAL TO THE POST

The Board of Directors of the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program has acknowledged the completion of coursework and graduation of 30 participants of the 2019-20 program year. According to Susan Adams, program alumnus and board chair for the organization, ceremonies were completed at the C.L. Hoover Opera House in Junction City, Kansas.

During a reception, dinner and program for the newest program participants, Judge Tommy Webb, former Kansas District Magistrate Judge, 26th Judicial District, provided the keynote and a challenge. Web, a Korean War orphan, graduate of the Junction City school system, Marine, magistrate, and motivational speaker.

Adams also introduced the latest additions to the board. Members of the current

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For more information about volunteering on Fort Riley, contact Jane Brookshire volunteer coordinator with Army Community Service at 785-239-9974.

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# 'Tacti-cool' apparatus to help Emergency Services with range fires

By Amanda Ravenstein  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

"It's not just tactical — it's tacti-cool," said Col. Stephen Shrader, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley commander, Jan. 16 after viewing the latest addition to the Fort Riley Fire Department, a type 4 fire apparatus, or wildland fire engine.

"This has been in the works for about a year," said Eric Seward, fire chief. "From discussing the specifications to securing the funding and doing the contract with the manufacturer — it took about a year."

According to the National Park Service website, [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov), a type 4 apparatus has:

- A minimum pump capacity of 50 gallons per minute
- At least 750-gallon tank
- 300 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose
- 300 feet of 1-inch hose
- Gross vehicle weight rating generally greater than 26,000 pounds
- Requires a minimum crew of two

He said working with the manufacturer was seamless because they were local.

"They know the challenges, the terrain and the type of fuel that we fight," he said. "So, it makes it seamless, as opposed to dealing with a vendor somewhere else on the coast. We had face to face meetings



Scott Rhodes | USAG PAO

Col. Stephen Shrader, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley commander, looks over the newest fire fighting apparatus in the Fort Riley Fire Department fleet of vehicles Jan 16. The type 4, or wildland fire engine, will be used to battle wildfires and control prescribed burns on and off the installation.

go over the specifications. It's an hour and a half drive to go check it out during the construction process. It's so great working with our local vendors."

Seward said having the truck is helpful, both on and off the installation, because of the time of year and type of area we are in.

"The call both on and off post really increases this time of year going into the spring," he said. "We have a lot of dormant grass and because of all the rain. We have a lot of fuel load, we've got tall prairie grass — it's six feet tall."

He said having the truck not only helps with fire calls but also with fire prevention.

"So, we have a very proactive approach here at managing fire," he said. "We work with [Directorate of Public Works] environmental and do a lot of prescribed burns in order to not only keep the ranges hot in the event of a fire but also from a conservation standpoint."

He said maintaining fire breaks to keep potential wildfires contained to Fort Riley, lowered the occurrences and severity of the fires in recent years.

"These guys spend hundreds of hours a year to disk and mow hundreds of miles of fire breaks to contain the fire, keep it on post," he said. "So that has reduced the number of fires and the acres burned. Just four or five years ago, we were having 8-, 9-, 10,000-acre fires. And through the mitigation and land management practices that we employ ... those numbers have dropped and so the number of fire calls."

Fort Riley Fire Capt. Jason Demars said as exciting as it is to get something new with "shiny chrome," the thing they are impressed with about the vehicle is the reliability of the pumps.

"There will be two people in that truck, and they may be the only truck in that 80-acre section (during a call)," he said. "Being their crew chief out there, I don't want to have to sit back on the road or in my apparatus fighting fire worrying if their fire pump is going to die on them because of something mechanical. Machines break. But when you have a newer equipment, ... the more technological equipment, it makes us have more peace of mind knowing that that equipment may not fail on us or has a less likelihood to fail."



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# Protecting environmental, cultural resources, serves future according to service officials

By David Vergun  
DEFENSE.GOV

WASHINGTON — Senior officials from the Army, Navy and Air Force assured lawmakers that military readiness and environmental concerns can coexist.

The services' principal deputy assistant secretaries for energy, installations and environment testified last week at the House Armed Services Committee's readiness subcommittee hearing on building military readiness while protecting natural and cultural resources.

Jordan Gillis, representing the Army, said land is one of the most important resources needed to accomplish Army readiness.

It provides maneuver space for units training, weapons range complexes, as well as land for Army military education complexes, he explained.

Examples of two of the most important training areas in the United States are the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, and the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Besides those, each installation has its own training area where troops prepare for larger-scale training at NTC and JRTC and real-world operations, Gillis said.

Most installations were established decades ago, and some more than a century ago, he noted. At the time, he said, they were in remote locations to decrease the impact on local communities. However, over time, communities have grown, increasing encroachment issues that affect training, he said.

However, the Army is dedicated to working with local communities to mitigate encroachment challenges, such as noise from live-fire training or aircraft, Gillis said.



U.S. Air Force photo | Tech. Sgt. Perry Aston  
**Matthew Crabtree, a dig crew chief working for the Air Force, compares soil color on a Munsell soil chart for later analysis in the lab at Avon Park Air Force Range in Florida, April 18, 2019. The Air Force is excavating a newly found archaeological site and is going through the process of making it eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.**

Gillis said that besides the goal of attaining a high level of readiness, the Army is also committed to environmental and cultural protection of its land.

Jennifer L. Miller, representing the Air Force, and Todd C. Mellon, representing the Navy, said their land-based ranges also are critical to readiness, and they echoed Gillis in saying their services are committed to the environmental and cultural protection of their land.

The three officials told lawmakers that they consult and cooperate with the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and state and natural resource agencies to prepare robust and integrated natural resource management plans.

Regarding the protection of cultural resources such as archaeological sites and historical structures, the three service leaders said they consult with and partner with state historical preservation offices and tribal leaders

## CIVILIAN SPOTLIGHT

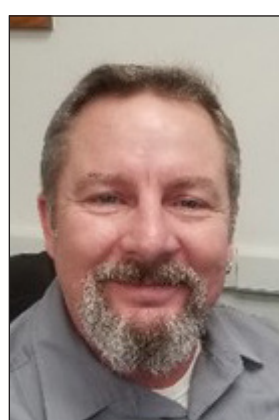
**GEOFFREY PETERSON**  
SERVICE ORDER CLERK  
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS

From October through January, Geoffrey Peterson was tasked with creating a spreadsheet to input and track Demand Maintenance Work Orders generated by housing and barracks inspections, which resulted in a substantial increase of more than 2,000 DMOs to the work load at the Directorate of Public Works service order desk and all other DPW departments.

Peterson's professionalism while working with barracks managers and DPW personnel has been a great asset to the service order desk. He often takes responsibilities outside of his position description by attending meetings with barracks managers and DPW personnel.

Peterson took the initiative to create an application, which would summarize the order results to the Division. His efforts as the liaison between barracks managers and DPW personnel ensured DMO's were clear and understood, which ensured the repairs to the barracks were timely.

He also volunteered to assist DPW Information Technology personnel to help keep up with the



ever-changing computer upgrades, replacements, technical assistance and crashes, just to name a few. The DPW Information Management Officer frequently experiences a large workload with maintaining 229 users. Peterson goes above and beyond his work assignment to assist the DPW IMO, Jeremy Purkeypyle, with fielding more than 200 new computers while setting up workstations. His additional support to Purkeypyle has allowed the organization to continue to operate efficiently.

Peterson has demonstrated a superior work ethic and willingness to assist in different areas as needed and reflects great credit upon him and DPW.

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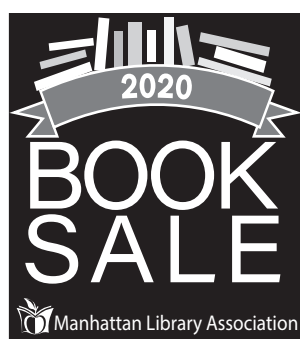
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### Overview

The U.S. Department of State's Gilman-McCain Scholarship provides awards of \$5,000 for undergraduate child dependents of active duty service members to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs. Developed under the framework of the State Department's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, the John McCain International Scholarship for the Children of Military Families (Gilman-McCain Scholarship) is open to eligible students enrolled at accredited U.S. colleges and universities who receive any type of Title IV federal financial aid.

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### Award Amount

The Gilman-McCain Scholarship recipients are awarded \$5,000 to be used toward the cost of study abroad or international internship programs.

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January 2020 - October 2020	November 1, 2019	December 2019
February 2020 - October 2020	December 1, 2019	January 2020
March 2020 - October 2020	January 1, 2020	February 2020
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For additional information and to apply, please visit [gilmanscholarship.org](http://gilmanscholarship.org) and contact your study abroad office.

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# Looking Back: Building 400

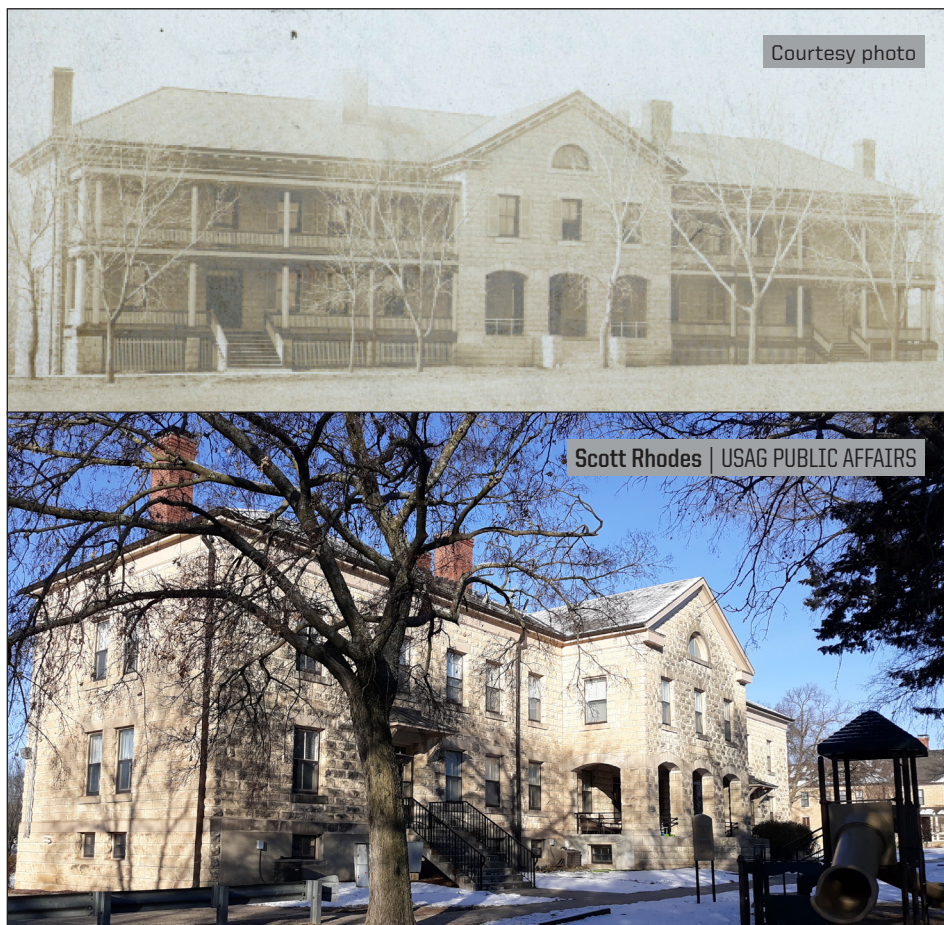
Scott Rhodes  
USAG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Built in 1907, 400 Holbrook Ave. was originally bachelor officer quarters. It had 10 living units and was constructed with limestone walls and foundation, a slate roof and wooden floors. It was named Randolph Hall in honor of Col. Wallace Randolph who commanded the Artillery Post from 1892 to 1898.

By 1930, building 400 had been converted to officer's quarters with a listed capacity of eight. The other two units at that time were used as temporary quarters for personnel visiting Fort Riley.

Today, 400 Holbrook Ave. is still being used as living quarters for Soldiers working in nearby buildings and their families.

**TOP:** building 400 in 1907, and **BOTTOM:** as it looks today.



Courtesy photo

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## TRAFFIC REPORT

### ACCESS CONTROL POINT HOURS

Those with valid military ID cards or who have an access pass or badge and want 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/index.php/about/visitor-info](http://home.army.mil/riley/index.php/about/visitor-info).

The Fort Riley Visitor's Control Center is open Monday to Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., weekends and federal holidays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The access control point hours are:

### Henry and Trooper

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### 12th Street:

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Personally owned vehicles are allowed access, there is no designated personally owned vehicle lane.

Outbound traffic is not authorized. Drivers must have a pass or badge.

### Grant:

Grant Gate is open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is closed weekends and federal holidays.

# Fort Riley historic names: Bennet C. Riley

Gail Parsons  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Fort Riley is named for Maj. Gen. Bennet C. Riley who led the first military escort along the Santa Fe Trail and served as commander of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Originally named Camp Center, Fort Riley was renamed for the general on June 27, 1853 to honor Riley after his death earlier that month.

Riley was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland, in 1787. According to [https://genuinekansas.com/history\\_bennet\\_c\\_riley\\_soldier\\_kansas.htm](https://genuinekansas.com/history_bennet_c_riley_soldier_kansas.htm), his father apprenticed him out to be a cobbler. After his father's death in 1811, Riley signed up to be a privateer.

"A naval privateer was a person on a ship who the country would issue what was called a letter of marque," said Robert Smith, supervisory curator and director of the Fort Riley museum complex. "It was almost legalized piracy. Back then, you could take your ship out and use that letter of marque and it was perfectly legal to capture enemy ships, even though you had a civilian ship. That letter gave you permission to take the goods off that ship."

The goods would be divided among the captain, his crew and the state that issued the letter of marque.

Riley left privateering and Jan. 19, 1813, was appointed Ensign of Rifles. Two months later, he became a 3rd lieutenant and in April 1814 a 2nd lieutenant in the First Rifles.

Smith said the ensign rank, which no longer exists in the Army, had been the lowest commissioned rank during the War of 1812.

"We followed the British army practice, who had ensigns also," he said. "We followed that up to the 1820s and 30s ... before we started to create our own rank hierarchy."

The Regiment of Rifles that Riley began his Army career in was prominent in the war of 1812, Smith said. There were regular line infantry regiments, which were outfitted in blue uniforms and carried muskets. And then there was the Regiment of Rifles — its members wore green uniforms and carried rifles.

"It was a firearm that has rifling — it was very accurate but very slow to load," Smith said. "They were sort of the sharp shooters. It was considered an elite unit in the American Army during the War of 1812, in which Bennett Riley began his military career."

Riley earned a promotion to 1st lieutenant in March 1817. He advanced to captain in the 5th Infantry, and in 1821, was transferred to the 6th U.S. Infantry.

Riley joined Col. Henry Leavenworth in an engagement against the Arikara Indians in 1823, not knowing at the time he would eventually command an Army post named after the colonel. According to <https://www.legendsofamerica.com/narikarawar/> the Arikara War is regarded as the first of the Plains Indian Wars between the U.S. Army and the Western Native Americans.

Leading up to this war, a trading company employee killed the chief's son, the Arikara people retaliated for the death and the loss of their land by attacking a trapping expedition along the Missouri River. Dozens of traders were killed. Riley was among the Soldiers, Sioux and trappers under Leavenworth's command who in turn attacked the Arikara in what is now South Dakota.

After the initial battle, which resulted in the death of about 50 Arikara, the military forces burned one of their villages and built an American post on that spot, states [www.legendsofamerica.com](http://www.legendsofamerica.com).

As the Indian skirmishes heated up and travel on the Santa Fe Trail became hazardous, the military stepped in. Riley provided the first military escort on the trail in 1829. In that same year, he succeeded Leavenworth as commander of Fort Leavenworth.

He continued rising through the ranks and participated in the Mexican American war where he was credited with the U.S. victory at the Battle of Churubusco according to [www.everythingexplained.today](http://www.everythingexplained.today). After that battle he presided over the courts martial of 72 deserters of the St. Patrick's Battalion.

The St. Patrick's Battalion comprised Irish Catholic immigrants, most of whom were not American citizens, according to <https://www.irishcentral.com/roots/genealogy/saint-patricks-battalion-mexico-american-war>.

The Irish Central website said many of the deserters switched sides and fought for Mexico.

"Military life only offered Protestant religious services," the website said. "Once these Irish immigrants began to learn more about their enemy — Mexico printed pamphlets persuading immigrants to desert the U.S. Army — some felt they had more in common with Mexicans than Americans."

Besides being Catholic, many of the Irish immigrants viewed the Mexican struggle with America as being similar to what they experienced in England. Of those captured and court martialled, 50 were executed.



Courtesy photo

**Fort Riley is named for Maj. Gen. Bennet C. Riley who led the first military escort along the Santa Fe Trail and served as commander of Fort Leavenworth.**

After the Mexican American War, Riley commanded the Military Department in Upper California and served as the provincial governor. He was the seventh and final military governor of California, according to [www.everythingexplained.today](http://www.everythingexplained.today).

His next assignment was supposed to be taking command of a regiment on the Rio Grande. However, the website states his health by that time was failing. He returned to his home in New York where, in June 1853, he died of cancer.

*This is part of a continuing series exploring the people behind names of Fort Riley streets, buildings and parade fields.*



### FEB 2

Pfc., Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 21 and up  
Pfc., Co. E, 3rd AHB, 1st Avn. Regt., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., parked in designated handicapped parking space  
Spc., 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 11 to 15 over  
Sgt., 300th MP Co., 97th MP Bn., 89th MP Bde., speed 21 and up  
Pvt., HHC, STB, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., speed 11 to 15 over

### FEB 3

Sgt., 1st Class, HSC, HHBN, 1st Inf. Div., speed 16 to 20 over  
Pvt., HHC, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., speed 16 to 20 over  
Pvt., Co. B, 1st Bn., 18th Inf. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 16 to 20 over  
Pfc., 24 CTC, 541 CSSB, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde.

### FEB 4

Pfc., unknown unit, failure to use seatbelts  
Capt., Co. C, 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 11 to 15 over  
Unknown rank, 299 BSB, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to stop  
Cpl., 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., expired registration  
Unknown rank, 1st Rep. Co., USAG, 1st Inf. Div., failure to use seatbelts  
Pfc., 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., expired registration  
Pvt., 1st Rep. Co., USAG, 1st Inf. Div., failure to use seatbelts  
Unknown rank, 1 Rep. Co., USAG, 1st Inf. Div., expired registration  
Pfc., Co. C, 3rd Bn., 66th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., expired registration

Pfc., Co. C, 3rd Bn., 66th Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 16 to 20 over  
Spc., 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 15 to 20  
Pvt., 299th BSB, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 21 and up  
Spc., 1st SMC, 541 CSSB, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., speed 21 and up  
Spc., 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., speed 16 to 20 over  
Spc., 258th HR Co., STB, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., failure to stop at a posted stop sign  
Chief Warrant Officer 3, 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., parked on the sidewalk  
Spc., HHC, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., parked in a seeded area

### FEB 5

Sgt., HHBN, 1st Inf. Div., No Proof of Insurance  
Sgt., 101st BSB, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., Improper Backing  
Sgt., 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 1 to 14  
Spc., BAND/CHOIIR, HHBN, 1st Inf. Div., speed 11 to 15 over  
Pvt., 41st Eng. Co., 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., speed 16 to 20 over  
1st Lt., HHC, 1st Bn., 63rd Armor Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., driving while license is suspended or revoked  
Spc., 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., expired registration  
Spc., 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., no drivers license in possession

### FEB 6

Pfc., HHC, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., speed 15 to 20

Sgt., Btry B, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 15 to 20  
Unknown rank, HHC, 82nd BEB, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 1 to 14  
Spc., Co. D, 1st BEB, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to yield right of way  
Pvt., 1st Bn., 18th Inf. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to use seatbelts  
Pvt., 1st Bn., 18th Inf. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to use seatbelts  
Spc., 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to use seatbelts  
Spc., Co. B, 82nd BEB, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., expired registration  
Pfc., 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., expired registration  
Staff Sgt., 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., expired registration  
Family member, wife, following too close  
Pfc., unknown unit, speed 11 to 15 over  
Unknown rank, 10th ASOS, USAF, expired registration

### FEB 7

Pfc., 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to maintain lane  
Spc., HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 11 to 15 over  
Pfc., HHC, 2-34 AR BN, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 15 to 20  
Spc., 101st BSB, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 15 to 20  
Pvt., Co. C, 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to use seatbelts  
Pfc., 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to use seatbelts  
Spc., 1st Bn., 63rd Armor Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 16 to 20 over

Pvt., 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 1 to 14  
Pfc., 82nd BEB, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to stop at a posted stop sign  
Spc., 541st CSSB, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., expired registration  
Pvt., 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to use seatbelts  
Pvt., 541 CSSB, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., failure to use seatbelts

### FEB 8

Spc., 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., speed 21 and up  
Sgt., 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to stop at a posted stop sign  
Pfc., HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., failure to stop at a posted stop sign  
Pfc., 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., no proof of insurance  
Spc., 24th CTC, 541st CSSB, 1st Inf. Div. Sust. Bde., improper turning movement

### OTHER CITATIONS ISSUED

**Feb. 3** — unsafe driving, fleeing the scene of a traffic accident, impeding flow of traffic, unsafe movement from a parked position  
**Feb. 4** — failure to stop, two instances of failure to use seatbelts, no drivers license in possession, two instances of improper backing, parked in a no parking zone  
**Feb. 6** — speed 21 and up, driving while license is suspended or revoked, speed 15 to 20  
**Feb. 7** — improper display of license plate, expired registration  
**Feb. 8** — failure to maintain lane

## RILEY ROUNDTABLE

What do you wish someone had taught you a long time ago?



"Having more patience"

**SPC. NECHO ANDERSON**  
AKRON, OHIO

24th Composite Truck Company,  
541st Combat Sustainment  
Support Battalion, 1st Infantry  
Division Sustainment Brigade



"Having more courage in myself."

**PFC. THOMAS WILKINSON**  
MUSTANG, OKLAHOMA

24th Composite Truck Company,  
541st Combat Sustainment  
Support Battalion, 1st Infantry  
Division Sustainment Brigade



"Study more in foreign languages."

**SPC. NGOC TIEN HUYNH**  
VIETNAM

3rd Battalion, 66th Armor  
Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade  
Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"That I had medical problems as a child."

**PFC. KELLY MCGEE**  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

2nd Battalion, 34th Armor  
Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade  
Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"How to buy a first car."

**SPC. AZYA WATTS**  
GOLF PORT, MISSISSIPPI

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### SAFETY CORNER

## Heat your home safely while it is cold

"Safety" Walter Hill  
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Team Riley, as we continue to enjoy the winter season for a couple more months, let's continue to be vigilant to prevent home heating fires.

A heating fire can be catastrophic to a homeowner. Space heaters, fireplaces and water heaters are the biggest culprits. However, any type of heating element, including stoves and heating units can cause fires.

According to the National Electrical Code here are some tips to keep you and your family safe from home heating fires:

#### STAY PREPARED:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your house, hallway and in bedrooms. Remember, change your smoke detector batteries during daylight saving time.
- Develop a fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year with everyone who lives in your home. Everyone should know two ways to escape from every room. Designate a place to meet outside the home in case of a fire.

#### Space Heaters:

- Never operate a heater you suspect is damaged. Before use, inspect the heater, cord and plug for damage.
- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when you're leaving a room or going to sleep. Also, don't let pets or children play too close to a space heater.
- Proper placement of space heaters is critical. Heaters must be kept at least

three feet away from anything that can burn, including papers, clothing and rugs.

- Be sure the heater plug fits tightly into the wall outlet.
- Never run the heater's cord under rugs or carpeting.

**Cooking:** Did you know that cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States? Keep the cooking areas clear of combustibles. When possible, wear short sleeves or fitted clothing to reduce the likelihood of them catching on fire. If a grease fire does occur, carefully and calmly slide a lid or wet cloth over the pot to smother the flames and turn off the burner.

**Fireplace:** Before each new heating season, have your chimney inspected and cleaned. Do not keep any matches, newspapers or kindling near the fireplace. Use a fireplace screen to prevent any sparks from flying out and causing a fire.

**Clothes Dryer:** Most homeowners don't realize the laundry room can be a source of home fires due to the duct that connects to the back of the dryer and collects flammable lint. Homeowners should have their ducts cleaned at least once a year. Your dryer doesn't capture 100 percent of your lint and some of it ends up in the ducts. And that material is very flammable. If you have enough dryer lint built up in the duct you can have a huge fire.

**Use Electricity Safely:** It is better not to use extension cords. If you feel you must use one, make sure that it is not damaged and the ground prong is intact. Do not run it under a rug or twist it around a nail or hook. Never overload an outlet. Do not use a light-bulb with a wattage rating that exceeds the

fixture. Look for the label inside each fixture which tells your maximum bulb wattage. Check wall receptacles periodically for loose covers, loose wires or loose lighting fixtures. Be sure all electrical equipment bears the Underwriters Laboratories label.

#### CANDLE SAFETY TIPS:

- Remember, one-third of home candle fires start in the bedroom. Keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, such as curtains, bedding, mattresses, paper, books, flammable decorations, clothing and upholstered furniture.
- Always extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to bed.
- Use candle holders, which are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from materials that cannot burn and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Place candles where they cannot be reached or knocked over by pets or children.
- During an emergency, always use flashlights and not candles as light sources.
- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a lit candle. And keep all matches and lighters out of the reach and sight of children.
- Keep all lit candles and other open flames away from any flammable liquids.

Team Riley, remember precautions can prevent most heating fires from happening. We want all of you to continue to be safe and stay warm. If you have any questions, please contact the Garrison Safety Office, 785-240-0647 or your local fire department.

## What direction is it supposed to go?

Dear Doc Jargon,

I'm here at Fort Riley for my first duty assignment and just got back from the field. We did some navigation training and had to do an azimuth check. I totally understand that an azimuth check gives you the data you need to make sure you are still going in the right direction.

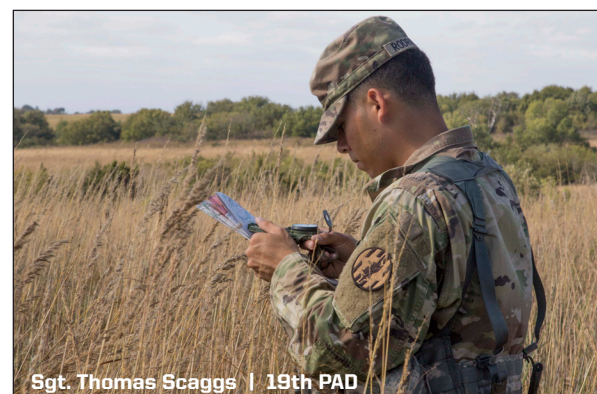
But later in the exercise, I heard the platoon sergeant shout to the troops who were building up the encampment to stop what they were doing and check their azimuth.

Can you tell me why the sergeant would use that term on something not related to navigation? I want to understand what he was telling them.

Sincerely,  
Slightly Lost

Dear Slightly Lost,

I don't think you are lost at all. Good catch on a word that is swiftly becoming part of our military jargon lexicon. This time it brings with it some of the original meaning. As an azimuth is a check of your direction in a navigation exercise — or in real-life maneuver, it is also a great word to convey another idea. The platoon sergeant was stopping that group from doing something



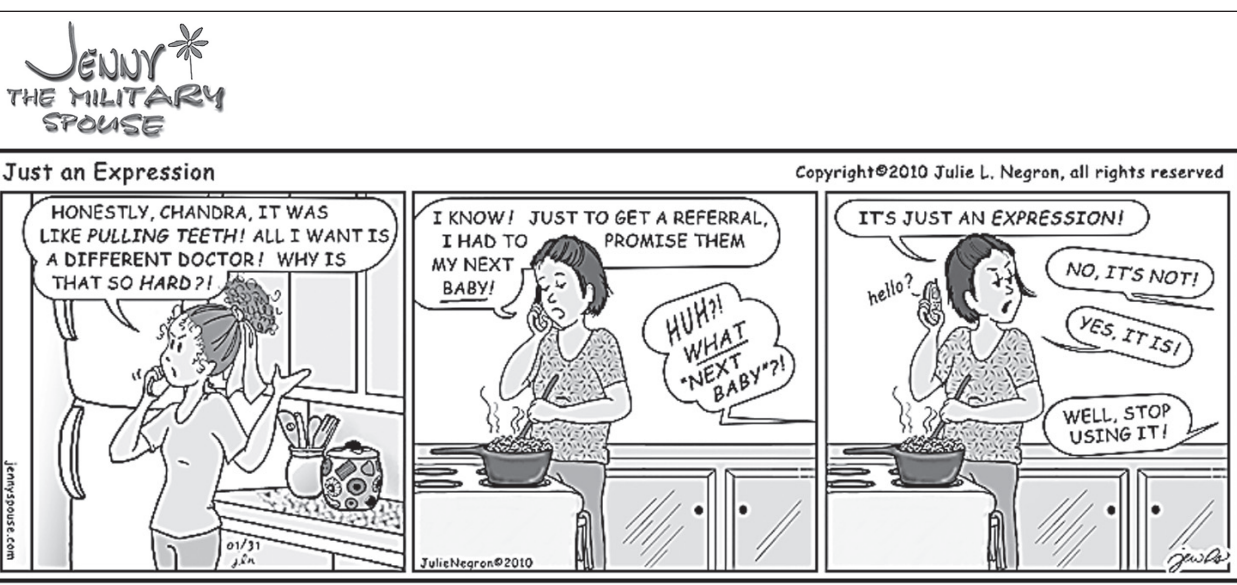
Sgt. Thomas Scaggs | 19th PAD

wrong and giving them an opportunity to check their instructions and start again. Therefore, they were doing an azimuth check on the task at hand.

I hope that explains it and thanks for pointing out another way to use the term.

Sincerely,  
Doc Jargon

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enabling that to happen every single day.”

Shrader followed it up by talking about the chief of staff of the Army’s five quality of life initiatives.

“Of those five quality of life initiatives, four ... are everything that everybody in this room does every day in some way shape or form,” he said. “Housing and barracks, child development CYS services, spouse employment, permanent change of station moves and healthcare. Healthcare belongs to MED-COM/DHA, but the other four priorities are solid 100% garrison day-to-day tasks that are performed by every person in this room.”

Shrader talked about the aspects to the Readiness Strategic Support Area of IM-COM-Readiness and Army Materiel Command before moving on to the near-term priorities of Maj. Gen. John S. Kolasheski, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, and the Economic Impact Summary.

He reminded those in attendance that April 1 is Census Day.

“And no, that is not an April Fool’s joke,” he said.

He said the information gained from the census aids in the economic impact in central Flint Hills region.

Shrader recognized members of the Flint Hills Leadership Program in which 10 garrison employees are a part of.

Garrison employees in the 2019-2020 class were:

- Brenda Bailey, Resource Management Office
- Eric Carter, Staff Judge Advocate
- Mitch Foley, Directorate of Human Resources
- Brandon French, Plans, Analysis and Integration office
- Kirk Hutchinson, Public Affairs Office
- Kyle Kirchner, Directorate of Public Works
- John Lawrence, DHR
- Billy Rose, Directorate of Plans, Training Mobilization and Security
- Emmily Trolinger, DPTMS
- William Wilson, Directorate of Emergency Services

Before finishing the address, Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew T. Bristow, garrison senior noncommissioned officer, spoke to everyone about his upcoming assignment to Task Force Sinai, Egypt.

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class were elected by their peers to serve as directors and include Brandon French, Herington, Kansas, and Constance Cooke, Manhattan, Kansas.

The event was underwritten by Corvias and Bruce Mc-Millan A/A Architects PA and alumnus.

“The Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program is based in the fastest growing region of our state,” Adams said at the opening of the reception. “We have never had more opportunity or greater need for well informed, collaborative, decisive leadership. That is possible through 21st Century proactive servant leadership development. The region’s premier leadership training program is designed to train and more-fully engage leaders in the area that includes Fort Riley, Geary, Riley and Pottawatomie Counties.”

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“Big Red One” Soldiers and their families participate in entertainment activities at the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, inaugural Soldier Child Ball Feb. 13. The Disney-themed ball included activities geared toward children, such as face painting, activity sheets and carriage rides.

## Battalion hosts inaugural Soldier Child Ball

Story and photo by Spc. Alvin Conley  
19TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, hosted their inaugural Soldier Child Ball February 13.

The Disney-themed ball is meant to strengthen the bonds between the families and those who make up HHBN.

“It’s really special to me that my company throws events that my entire family can attend,” said Spc. Kelly Boatner, a human resources specialist with HHBN. “I can bring my kids, they

can see the people that I work with, and understand that the people that I work with care about them as well.”

Boatner said she enjoys activities such as the ball because it’s a morale booster, which allows the children to be more involved and see a positive side to their parents being in the military.

The ceremonial portion of the ball included military traditions such as singing, toasts, a fallen Soldier tribute, a dedication to the children and a parent-child first dance.

“This is how, as a community, we can bring people together,” said Jeannah Hernandez,

daughter of Master Sgt. Alexander Hernandez. “You get to know stuff that you didn’t know before, and it’s honestly kind of cool. I ran into three of my friends here and I was like, ‘I didn’t even know your parents were in the military.’”

After the ceremonial portion of the evening, parents and children participated in activities such as face painting, dancing, coloring and a photo booth.

“I’ve gone to events like this, and they’re fun,” Hernandez said. “In the future, I’d love to see more pop up just so you can spend more time with your people.”

## Veteran receives French Legion of Honor

By Gail Parsons  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

World War II may have ended 75 years ago but the people of France still remember what the Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division did for them.

In October, France’s Consul General from Chicago, Illinois, Guillaume Lacroix presented 1st Inf. Div. veteran Ed Morrisette, the French Legion of Honor.

Napoleon Bonaparte established the Legion of Honor in 1802 and it is the highest decoration in France. According to <https://nouvelleorleans.consul-france.org/Order-of-the-Legion-of-Honor>, every World War II veteran who fought under enemy fire on French soil is eligible for this distinction.

During a ceremony at the Omaha, Nebraska Army Reserve Center, Lacroix thanked Morrisette for his role on D-Day.

“It means a lot to be here in Omaha, Nebraska, with you 75 years after you landed on Omaha Beach,” Lacroix said. “Our gratitude, sir, is forever because you changed the destiny of France and the destiny of Europe forever.”

Although honored, Morrisette was modest and acknowledged that he was just one of many who fought to bring the Allies to victory. From August 1942 until September 1945, he was a machine gun squad leader and military policeman and participated in the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe.

“I don’t know that I particularly deserved it,” he said. “But I know the men and women with the 1st Division who landed in Europe deserve it, especially those that are not back with us now. I had some friends who didn’t make it off of that shore and I miss them terribly.”

It was not necessary for Morrisette to speak of his deeds — Lacroix, whose father had been taken prisoner by the Germans during the war, did that for him. Among the campaigns and heroic actions that he cited as the reason for the French government bestowing him

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## Homeschooling for military families

By Gail Parsons  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

*This is part one of a three part series on homeschooling and the benefits of it for military families.*

The reasons people choose to homeschool are numerous and varied. Flexibility, quality of education, safety, religious beliefs and being able to meet their children’s individual needs are among the motives behind the choice.

Within the military community, homeschooling has a support system comprised of homeschool families who share experiences and information.

Kalecia Simmons, wife of Sgt. 1st Class Robert Simmons, Finance Sustainment Brigade, said before her family arrived in Kansas, she had already registered with the state and communicated with other mothers who homeschooled while at Fort Riley.

“Being a part of a homeschool community in the military puts you in a circle of moms that are everywhere, she said. “We’re in Hawaii, we’re in Alaska, we’re in Fort Drum, we’re everywhere. Being an Army wife, you’re part of the Facebook groups, you’re a part of the military spousal support systems ... you also are part of the homeschool moms.”

Homeschooling also provides a consistency in the children’s education despite frequent moves into new school districts.

“I really liked the flexibility” said Dianna Troyer, wife of Chaplain (Capt.) David Troyer I, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, who homeschools the couple’s two children. “Especially with us being in the military, it’s very helpful, not to have to pull them out of school each time we have to move.”

The concerns about transferring records and taking time off school are eliminated.

“When we go to new places, like we’ve never been this far west before, we can explore more of it and not have to worry about it,” Troyer said. “We don’t have to make sure we’re back to school at a certain time because we bring school with us.”

The decision to homeschool isn’t one to take lightly. Simmons and Troyer approached it from different directions.

Simmons started homeschooling in 2012 because she wasn’t satisfied with the education her children were getting in public school.

“I wasn’t comfortable with the school system and the fact that they didn’t really pay as much detail to the kids as I wanted them to,” she said. “Jeston (her 12-year-old) had an [Individual

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## Conservation continues at Fort Riley

Patti Geistfeld  
FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

National Wildlife Day is celebrated twice each year. The original date celebrated since 2005 is Sept. 4. According to the National Wildlife website a second day, Feb. 22 was added to honor the memory and birthday of wildlife warrior, Steve Irwin.

Fort Riley has a unique ecosystem, the tallgrass prairie that supports a diverse wildlife population which is managed by staff in the Department of Public Works Environmental Division, Conservation Branch.

“Fort Riley is found in the northwest corner of the tallgrass prairie ecosystem,” said Derek Moon, DPW Environmental Division, Conservation Branch, supervisory fish and wildlife biologist. “Only 5% of this prairie type remains in the world and Fort Riley represents the largest publicly owned tract of tallgrass prairie remaining in North America.”

Herb Abel, Directorate of Public Works, environmental division chief says the top 3 missions of the conservation branch are: Maintaining Fort Riley’s sustainable training platform which is the tall grass prairie in good condition so we can keep training our Soldiers for the warfighting mission; identifying, understanding and mitigating our potential regulatory threats; and providing public information to Soldiers and the general public.

At Fort Riley Soldiers are trained for the warfighting mission and maintaining Fort Riley’s sustainable training platform, the tallgrass prairie, plays a key role in supporting that capability.

“The Army has stewardship responsibilities and not everyone is aware of what we do out here to

ensure that we maintain the prairie to train on,” Abel said. “It’s a great platform to train on. It’s so resilient but if you get some kind of environmental encroachment on the landscape and it affects how we train it can really impact what we do in the future. When I started to work for the Army it wasn’t that important but it’s really become a focal point of not only being good stewards but making sure we can continue to train like we need to.”

The conservation staff provides the stewardship on Fort Riley by identifying, understanding and mitigating potential regulatory threats for plants and wildlife. If something is listed on the threatened or endangered list with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it could impact the ability to train.

“Fort Riley is pretty lucky we don’t have those environmental restrictions like other places do,” Abel said. “And there is a reason why it’s one of the least restricted training lands in the Army. There’s a lot of installations that are bigger than Fort Riley but I don’t think there are any that have the contiguous amount of training land that we have that’s unrestricted.”

### PLANT, ANIMAL SURVEYS

The environmentalists perform plant and animal surveys to gather data on Fort Riley. They also stay informed of laws that could impact post resources.

“The endangered category means a species is in peril,” Abel said. “Threatened gives you a few more options for management. If we fully understand what a particular species population trends, habitat and everything else that goes into it — if we fully understand that and are able to convey that to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

we’d be in better light to continue our training.”

Fort Riley is required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations in the environmental management of the fish, wildlife and lands within the boundaries of the post and training areas. They work closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Kansas Department of Parks and Wildlife

“The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the federal agency which has oversight on the Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act,” he said. “So the things we do and put into our integrated natural resource management plan they agree to. That’s a part of how we consult with them, how we work day to day with them. They trust us. It’s building a partnership with those other agencies.”

The plant and animal surveys arm them with information in the event a species comes into question and is being considered for listing in a threatened or endangered category.

“We count just about everything. We do fish and wildlife surveys for game and non-game species,” he said. “That’s part of the reason why there are no environmental restrictions out there necessarily and we want to keep it that way and then continue to be good environmental stewards.”

An example of this: They just completed one phase of a study and are continuing with a study of the regal fritillary butterfly.

“It is a butterfly that got petitioned to be listed about four or five years ago,” Abel said. “There is not much in the scientific literature about it so we funded a project to determine

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## WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

FRIDAY



HI: 43 F

LOW: 24 F

SATURDAY



HI: 54 F

LOW: 37 F

SUNDAY



HI: 48 F

LOW: 30 F

# FORT RILEY POST-ITS

## DFMWR

Fort Riley Aquatics is now offering a Floating Fitness Class every Sunday from noon to 1 p.m. at Long Fitness Center swimming pool. This workout is great for core strength and balance conditioning with a little cardio mixed in. Class size limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$4 per class or \$35 for 10 classes. For more information, call 785-239-4684.

## Post Library

Angry Birds 2 is the next movie scheduled for Movie Night at the library at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22. Popcorn and juice will be available while supplies last.

## Post Library

The next Story Time at the Library is Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. and Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m. at 5306 Hood Dr. In addition to listening to a story, children can do a craft, have a snack and drink. On Saturdays, the library is open for Story Time patrons at 10 a.m. and will open to everyone at 11 a.m.

## DFMWR

Children can learn basic motor skills, balance and spatial awareness on Strider Bikes. These no-pedal balance bikes allow children to focus on learning how to ride a bike with balance and coordination before pedaling. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$5 per class — buy three classes, get one free. Classes are noon to 12:30 p.m. for children ages 2 and 3, and 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. for children ages 4 and 5. The next class is Feb. 26. Registration is required no less than 48 hours in advance. Call 785-239-5412 to register.

## Hobby Studio

Make your own corn hole board at Boards and Brews from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at Warrior Zone. Interested participants should purchase tickets at <https://riley.armymwr.com/promos/webtrac-tickets> or Hobby Studio.

## ACS

New residents can learn about area activities, the local job market, volunteer opportunities, Soldier Family Readiness Groups and more at the Newcomers Welcome for Spouses at 9 a.m. Feb. 26 at Riley's Community Center, 446 Seitz Dr.

## Corvias

Fort Riley residents are invited to stop in at their neighborhood Corvias office for free popcorn from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 28. Popcorn will be served at:

- Colyer Forsyth and Historic Main Post office, 22900 Hitching Post Rd.
- McClellan, 6728 McClellan Loop.
- Warner Peterson and Ellis Heights, 5570 AP Hill Dr.

### Let's go to the movies @ Barlow Theater

**Friday, February 21** - The Gentlemen (R) 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, February 22** - Just Mercy (PG-13) 2 p.m. and The Turning (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, February 23** - Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (PG-13) 5 p.m.  
 Theater opens 30 minutes before first showing. For more information, call 785-239-9574. Children 5 and younger are admitted free.  
**Regular showing:** Adult \$6.50, children \$3.75.  
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**Regular first run:** Adults \$8, children \$5.75;  
**3D first run:** Adult \$10, children \$7.75.

### FORM MATTERS

## Gliding disc pike ups

By Gail Parsons  
1ST INF. DIV. POST

Gliding discs are convenient and portable, which can make them a useful addition to a workout program. They are small and lightweight so they can be packed easily for travel.

According to <https://www.askmen.com> people should not let the simplicity of these small pieces of equipment fool them into thinking they are not going to help maximize a workout. Using sliders can add significant benefits to bodyweight exercises.

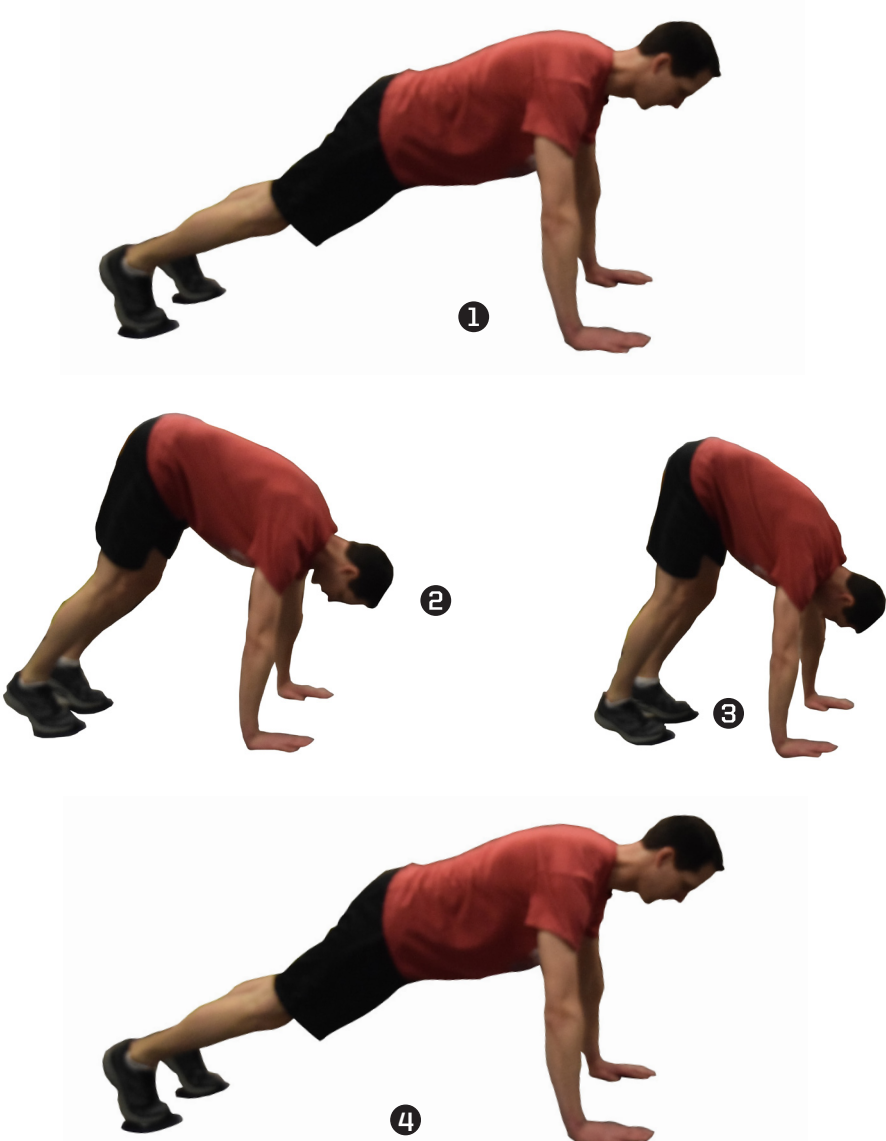
The website states, there's instability with gliding discs. Instability will cause

the smaller stabilizing muscle to work more than they may be accustomed to. Instability also requires coordination and balance, which causes the brain to work as well.

Jason Anderson, health promotion technician at the Army Wellness Center, said there are several exercises using the discs, which will work an array of muscles.

"They're going to work the shoulders, the core — they're going to be working the muscles of the pelvis, the hip, back and all the muscles in the midsection," he said.

One exercise using the discs that will target the core is the gliding disc pike ups.



### TECHNIQUES

1. Start in the pushup position with each foot on a separate disc.
2. Raise hips toward the ceiling while pulling the feet toward the hands. Allow the discs to slide on the ground in a slow and controlled movement.
3. Lower head until the neck is in line with the arms, pause.
4. Lower hips back down and push feet back to the starting position, repeat for desired number of repetitions.

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

## Use caution when purchasing vehicles

By Gail Parsons  
1st Inf. Div. Post

*Editor's note: This is the seventh in an eight-part series addressing financial issues — how to avoid and repair credit and debt problems. Check out next week's edition of the 1st Inf. Div. Post for information on how to avoid scams.*

There is so much information about buying a car that Army Community Service offers a class the second Wednesday of each month called The Wheels you Want.

The class is designed to help Soldiers and family members learn the ins and outs and avoid being ripped off.

Paul W. Depusoir, personal finance manager, ACS, said one of the points he wants people to know is that Kansas does not have a cooling-off period. Some states allow the purchaser of a vehicle to return it in a designated number of days. While a vehicle should not be an impulse purchase, people can get talked into more than they want or need and after driving away regret having bought the car.

"Because Kansas is not one of those states where

there is a cooling-off period once you buy the car, you're stuck with it," he said.

He said has often seen a vehicle be the first major purchase a young Soldier makes. It can also be the first step toward a rocky credit history.

"You join the military and think 'I'm receiving a paycheck and I always liked this Ford Mustang GT, I've always wanted it and now that I have a job, I can get it,'" he said.

However, without established credit, the interest rate will be high, and on top of the car payment is several hundred dollars more a month for insurance. All of a sudden, that paycheck isn't looking so big anymore, he said.

"Almost always, about 65% of the time, this person is going to be in a situation, throughout the life of that loan, where the lien holder is going to try to repossess that car at least two or three times," he said.

Besides being blinded by the desire for a high-performance, another mistake he sees with people is not understanding the full cost of a vehicle.

"The salesman is going to (ask) how much can you afford," Depusoir said.

"They just look at that number."

What purchasers don't take into consideration are factors like insurance, the car's mileage and repairs.

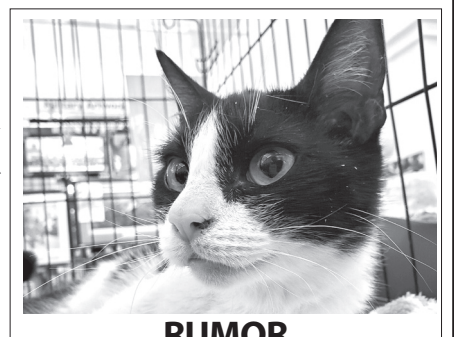
He spoke of one person he recently talked with who purchased a 2005 vehicle for \$18,000 — six months later it needed a new engine and the Soldier was looking for an Army Emergency Loan of \$7,500.

The Federal Trade Commission offers the following tips before a person signs a car purchase agreement:

- Test drive the car under varied road conditions — hills, highways and stop-and-go traffic.
- Ask for the car's maintenance record from the owner, dealer or repair shop.
- Determine the value before negotiating — check with [www.nada-guides.com](http://www.nada-guides.com), [www.edmunds.com](http://www.edmunds.com), [www.kbb.com](http://www.kbb.com) or [www.consumerreports.org](http://www.consumerreports.org)
- Research the upkeep costs for the models you are interested in.
- Check for any unrepaired recalls on the vehicle. This can be checked by entering the Vehicle Identification Number at [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

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# Love, dirt go together on ATV date

Story and photo by Amanda Ravenstein  
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The recent wet weather made the Fort Riley all-terrain vehicle training area a great place to get muddy when staff from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation took 10 riders onto the trails during the Sweetheart ATV Rides Feb. 15.

LaToya Witcher, wife of Staff Sgt. Lanelle Witcher, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, said she enjoyed getting to ride on the ATVs.

"It was a good experience because I've never done it before," she said. "And the instructors really were sensitive to me. Like if I needed extra time, they went over it one-on-one with me and just made me feel comfortable, smiling when they're telling me what I need to do and giving me thumbs up. I would do it again. Every part about it."

Lanelle said it was a good experience for him because there haven't been many days with weather good enough to go out.

They both agreed the event was perfect for them because it brought them closer together. This was the first outdoor DFMWR event the pair had done



Attendees of the Sweetheart ATV Rides event Feb. 15 were covered from head to toe in mud after venturing through the trails at the ATV training area.

together since LaToya joined Lanelle at the installation in August.

"I've been here for a while, maybe about three years," Lanelle said.

Leigh Ann Slinger, Outdoor Recreation, supervisory recreation specialist said she was happy with the way the event turned out.

"It was awesome," she said. "The weather was perfect. You could not have asked for a better day. The trail was very

gooshie, slushy, the ATVs are filthy trashed. But everyone I think walked away with a smile on their face because they got extremely dirty and they got to experience really good ATV riding."

She said the next ATV riding event is scheduled for March 21.

"It's a great intro to ATV riding for people who want to try a new activity and get out on the trail and enjoy the outdoors," she said.

# Fort Riley Exchange wants you Retail, restaurant job openings available

Shakira Faison  
ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Fort Riley Exchange management plans to expand its team and has job openings at the main store, Express, Burger King and other food concepts in the food court.

"The Exchange is looking to grow stronger with new team members," said recruiting manager Shanon Lee. "The Fort Riley Exchange provides training, competitive pay and benefits and it's a great place to work."

Benefits for regular full-time and part-time associates include paid vacation and sick leave.

About 85% of Exchange employees worldwide have a military connection and many are veterans or military spouses. The Exchange has hired more than 43,500 veterans and spouses since 2013, with a goal to hire 50,000 by the end of 2020.

Those interested in serving those who serve with the Exchange can visit [ApplyMyExchange.com](http://ApplyMyExchange.com) or contact the Fort Riley Exchange Human Resources office at 785-784-4430.

## TUESDAY TRIVIA CONTEST



The question for the week of Feb. 18 was:  
What office on post can help me with housing off post?

Answer: <https://home.army.mil/riley/index.php/about/dir-staff/dpw/housing-division/HSO>

This weeks winner is Darlene Stamm, spouse of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Heath Stamm, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division.

Pictured above is Darlene Stamm.

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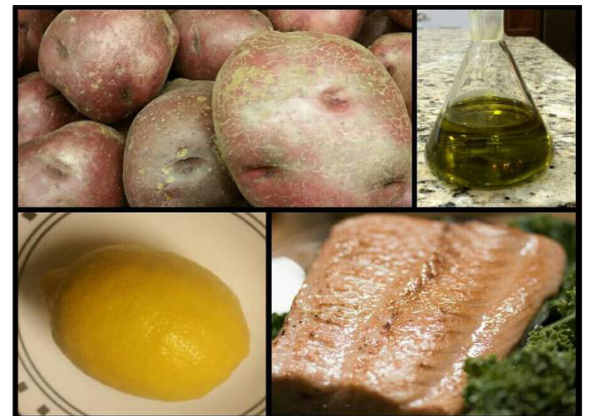
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## HEALTHY EATING



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## Roasted salmon stuffed with lemon and herbs

For the Performance Triad, please use the nutrient & serving size information provided below.

Recipe Analysis: (1 serving = 1 filet)  
Per Serving: 464 calories; 58g protein; 18g fat, 14g carbs (1 carb: 1 protein)

Recipe = 7 servings of vegetables, 0 servings of fruit (1 vegetable per serving, 0 fruit per serving)

*\*This recipe is from Operation Live Well: Eat Well to Live Well cookbook.*

### INGREDIENTS (8 SERVINGS)

- 5 pound whole salmon scaled and gutted, ask your fishmonger, head and tail removed if preferred
- 3 pound red-skinned potatoes, scrubbed clean and sliced into ¾ inch rounds
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pound Leeks, thoroughly washed and sliced in 1-inch rings
- 1 olive oil
- 1 small bunch fresh dill
- 1 small bunch fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 small bunch fresh tarragon
- 2 lemons
- 1 extra virgin olive

### STEPS 20 MINUTES

1. Preheat your oven to 450°F.
2. Prepare a large roasting pan that will fit the fish. You can lay the fish diagonally across the tray if that works better.
3. Scatter the sliced potatoes over the base of the tray and season well with salt and pepper.
4. Scatter leeks over the top and give it all a generous drizzle of olive oil.
5. Prepare the fish.
6. Pick half the leaves from each of the herb bunches and put them on a chopping board, keeping the remainder to one side. Grate the lemon zest over the herbs then roughly chop everything together.
7. Scrape this mixture into a bowl and wipe the board down with a piece of kitchen paper.
8. Transfer the salmon to the board, then wipe it inside and out with a fresh piece of kitchen paper. Make sure there are no scales on the silvery salmon skin - the fishmonger should have taken all of these off for you. If there are any left on there, scrape them with a blunt knife until they come off.
9. Make vertical slashes in the skin on both sides of the salmon from its back towards its tummy -about 1-inch deep and at an angle, so you leave a flap of skin you can stuff your herbs under. Make about 6 slashes on each side of the fish. Sprinkle salt and pepper into each slash, then stuff with a pinch of your lemon-herb mix. Smooth the flaps down again and drizzle the fish all over with a light coating of olive oil. Lay it on top of your potatoes and leeks.
10. Take the leftover herb bunches and stuff them inside the belly cavity of the fish, then slice up one of the zested lemons and stuff these slices in there as well.
11. Bake the fish at 450°F for 15 minutes, and then turn the temperature down to 350°F and cook for another 30 minutes.
12. To check the fish is cooked, take a clean skewer and push it into the deepest part of the fish just behind the head. Count to 10, then carefully take the skewer out and hold it against your top lip. If it's nice and warm, the fish is cooked. Remove from oven.
13. While it's still warm, carefully remove the skin on one side with a blunt knife, working from the top of the head to the tail. Repeat on the other side until all skin is removed.
14. Squeeze the juice of your remaining lemon over the top, drizzle with a little extra virgin olive oil and serve.

<https://cookpad.com/us/recipes/428077-whole-roasted-salmon-stuffed-with-lemon-herbs> #FitFirst

## FORT RILEY ACCESS TRUSTED TRAVELER PILOT PROGRAM

**Effective Nov. 4, 2019 for a six-month pilot, Fort Riley will modify its Trusted Traveler program to eliminate the requirement for each passenger in a vehicle who is 16 years old and older to present a photo ID when escorted by a Trusted Traveler.**

### WHAT'S NEW

- Only the Trusted Traveler will need to present a valid DOD photo ID during the hours of 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. During overnight hours all individuals will need a valid DOD ID or sign-in at Henry Gate ACP.
- A vehicle driver or occupant, 18 years or older, who qualifies as a Trusted Traveler can present a valid DOD identification card and vouch for up to seven occupants entering the installation at the same time.
- Eliminates the requirement for each passenger to present a photo ID; all vehicle occupants 16 years of age or older must be in possession of a valid government-issued photo identification card that can be presented if needed.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Night-time Operations: The Trusted Traveler Program has been suspended between 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. During overnight hours, all individuals will present valid DOD identification at access control points or sign-in at Henry Gate ACP.
- Persons identified as trusted travelers, are responsible for the actions of all occupants for whom they sponsor and for meeting all requirements for escort.
- Trusted Travelers cannot vouch for persons with foreign passports or foreign identification cards.
- The trusted Traveler Program is not authorized north of Vinton School Road and applies only to accessing the post, not to facilities or areas inside the installation.
- DOD contractors in possession of a CAC are not authorized Trusted Traveler privileges.
- The Trusted Traveler status of any ID cardholder engaged in conduct detrimental to good order and discipline on the installation will be revoked, including any personnel who are subject to a criminal investigation.

### WHO CAN BE A TRUSTED TRAVELER

- Any uniformed service member or government employee with a valid DOD Common Access Card (CAC).
- Any military retiree with a valid DoD Identification Card.
- Any military family member 18 years of age or older with a valid DOD ID Card.

*The DOD cardholder can be either the driver or occupant.*

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Education Plan] early on in school and he was just kind of getting pushed to the wayside and falling into negative labels.”

When they transferred to Belgium, she tried the European school system, but ended up going back to homeschooling full time. When her husband received orders for Fort Riley, the mother of six, ages 1 through 14, said she knew she would continue.

“My kids are going to be a minority in the Kansas school system — we’re already a minority in the state,” she said. “It’s just so one sided to me. I just can’t put my mind to the fact that they’re going to be at a disadvantage. And I can teach them way ahead of their grade level.”

Her 14-year-old will enroll in Barton County Community College in the summer, which is something she doesn’t believe would’ve happened had he been in public school.

In contrast, the Troyers knew they would homeschool before the children were born.

She was homeschooled and was familiar with what it entailed.

“It was very important to me,” she said. “(David) would have liked either Christian school or homeschool — he was fine with either one. It was something we talked about before we got married.”

Although her husband went through public school, she was homeschooled making her familiar and comfortable with the process.

“I had always helped my younger siblings — I helped them; I enjoyed that, I enjoyed teaching in Sunday school and things like that in church,” she said.

On the other hand, Simmons’ mother and grandparents were public-school teachers. She said her mother supports her choice.

“My mom thinks it’s the most amazing thing in the whole world,” she said. “She sends me stuff all the time. She sends me books; she sends me notebooks and lesson plans and things that she’s done in the past.”

**WILDLIFE** Continued from page 7

its population and trends out here on Fort Riley and the tallgrass prairie in general. We found some novel things ... that had never been discovered before.”

He recently met with U.S. Fish and Wildlife staff in Manhattan

“They were asking us and considering us the experts on the species trends because no one had ever done it before,” he said. “So there are cases where the Army has been the leader in understanding certain species trends, the populations and really been at the forefront of either keeping something from being listed or getting it delisted.”

**BURNING PRAIRIE**

In addition to the surveys, significant mitigation for a tallgrass prairie ecosystem is prescribed burns. Abel said they burn to maintain the prairie and also to mitigate potential wildfires that could result from training.

“The prairie has to be maintained through wildfire and prescribed fires,” Abel said. “And that is not just going out and lighting what we think needs to be burned. It’s also implementing mitigation type projects and doing target prescribed burning to make sure that the Army doesn’t set something on fire and it burns up the whole place. It’s limiting what could happen, limiting what could be burned in a controlled setting so we’ll burn certain areas strategically so that if a wildfire does start from training which happens all the time — it doesn’t completely burn up everything.”

The prairie was once naturally taken care of by the wildlife, particularly the bison.

“When the bison were plentiful on the prairie, the natural process was that the bison would come in and really intensely graze in an area and leave other areas alone so when a wildfire came through it only burned up the areas they had left alone,” Abel said. “That’s how we try to target the prescribed

burning to kind of mimic that (natural process). Burning a certain area and having something right next to it unburned so that a species could move to an area nearby to nest.”

He said there are times when it is important not to burn everything. A lot of species require nesting habitat that has growth from last year like a Henslow’s sparrow. Other species will nest in new green growth. Prairie chickens are the same way — they have to have a certain amount of residual grass from the previous year.

“So it’s got a little bit of everything,” he said. “It’s got some unburned, some that have been burned recently, some that have burned in the fall — kind of off-season. A little bit of everything and that is our target.”

The burns require a coordinated effort between various agencies on Fort Riley including working closely with the fire department to ensure the burns are managed safely.

“We work hand in glove with the fire department every day to get either fire breaks put in or to go out and burn,” Abel said. “We’ve got a great partnership with our fire department. We’ve got a really good relationship with them and good understanding — not just with the fire department but with [Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security] and all the stakeholders.”

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL**

Another important role for the environmental branch is to provide education for Soldiers regarding safe practices and various plants and animals they might encounter while on the range.

“Part of what we do is provide information,” he said. “If you are out there in a tank and you cross a stream — (we tell them) use a stream crossing so it doesn’t affect the stream as much — a mitigating kind of thing we agreed to with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to

use those hardened crossings that don’t cause turbidity in the stream. They can cross it anywhere with a tank obviously but we prefer they cross where the crossings are established. And we tell them why — we don’t want them to just hear use the stream crossings. We tell them why. We explain it to them and they all get it.”

Abel says the Soldiers seem to want to know how to assist in managing the areas they use when they are training.

“The biggest difference in the 30 years I’ve been here — the Soldiers, particularly the young ones nowadays they have a better environmental understanding than I recall back then,” he said. “They get it more in school. There is a lot more environmental awareness now than there used to be. We give the hazardous plants and animals class to a lot of Soldiers — what to be aware of. We love doing that stuff — providing environmental education.”

They are also available to present information to other groups if requested.

In addition to supporting the military mission, the ecosystem at Fort Riley provides opportunities to Soldiers, families and community members for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation.

“The conservation staff protects this unique habitat type and the wide range of species that call it home,” Moon said. “This work supports the military mission by ensuring the plants and animals of Fort Riley will be around for the enjoyment of generations to come.”

For questions or to request someone to speak to your group call 785-239-6211. The phone is not manned at all times as the staff is often out of the office working on projects, so callers may need to leave a message. Additional information is available on the Fort Riley website at <https://home.army.mil/riley/index.php/about/dir-staff/dpw/env-div> or at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net/>.

## PREVENTING COLD-WEATHER INJURIES

Here’s what you can do to defend against cold-weather threats:

**HYPOTHERMIA:**

Medical emergency when body temperature drops, and heart, nervous system, and organs can’t function normally.

**DEFENSES:**

- Move into a warm room or shelter
- Warm chest, neck, and head first
- Remove wet clothing
- Drink warm beverages like tea, hot chocolate, or warm water

**FROSTBITE:**

Freezing of skin and tissue causing skin to become cold and red, then numb, hard, and pale.

**DEFENSES:**

- Seek warm shelter
- Immerse affected area in warm water
- Warm frostbite-affected body parts

**HEART STRAIN and OVEREXERTION:**

Cold weather can cause extra strain on your heart, especially if you have cardiovascular disease.

**DEFENSES:**

- Take frequent rest breaks when shoveling snow or performing hard work in cold weather
- Learn the warning signs of a heart attack and how to perform CPR
- Avoid drinking alcohol before or immediately after shoveling snow or lifting heavy objects

Visit the TRICARE website to learn more about winter safety and protection: <https://go.usa.gov/xpm4k>



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with the honor, Morrisette also was awarded the Bronze Star.

“On March 27, 1943, ... you successfully shot down an enemy plane that was dropping bombs,” he said.

The award came as a surprise to Morrisette, who said his son set it up. In accepting the honor, he did so not just for him but for all the Soldiers of the division.

“I am just one of very many, many, many — some who did not come back from over there,” he said. “But I want to say one thing — I am glad that we helped France out — got them out from under the heel of the Nazi boot.”

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			9					4
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Level: Advanced

## What Is su | do | ku?

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

Last Sudoku's Answers

1	6	9	7	3	5	4	8	2
3	5	8	4	9	2	1	7	6
2	7	4	1	8	6	5	9	3
5	9	7	2	1	8	3	6	4
8	3	1	5	6	4	9	2	7
4	2	6	9	7	3	8	1	5
6	4	2	8	5	1	7	3	9
7	8	3	6	4	9	2	5	1
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# Travel and Fun in Kansas



Spc. Shell is planning to check out a couple of Kansas castles next week.

## Dodge City keeps history of cattle days, Wild West alive

By Gail Parsons  
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The drive to Dodge City from Fort Riley is three to four hours long and goes through miles of open land dotted with small towns. In those miles, the state earns a reputation for being flat.

To get to Dodge City, hop onto Interstate 70 and head west for about 75 miles to Kansas Highway 156 West. Stay on that for 48 miles and turn onto US 56 West for the final stretch of almost 90 miles.

When travelers arrive, they are pulling into a town rich in Old West history. In its early days, men like Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp kept the peace amongst an ar-

ray of saloons, gambling halls and brothels.

Today, that Wild West history is being preserved as is the town's original start at a cattle town, which remains a main point of commerce.

### BOOT HILL

From the outside, the museum sports a modern look, but on the other side of the new building is Front Street, where visitors can stroll down the boardwalk lined with stores reminiscent of the 1870s and 1880s. It is built near the original Boot Hill Cemetery.

In the museum, there are several galleries with exhibits, which bring guests through the frontier experience. The museum website,

<http://www.boothill.org> lists the museum's galleries — among them are:

**Victorian Clothing:** Handmade dresses trimmed with lace, buttons and fur are displayed with assorted accessories. This exhibit includes several artifacts used in the mid to late 1800s.

**Dodge City's Impact on Hollywood:** Fans of the radio and television show Gunsmoke can learn more about Hollywood's fascination with this Wild West town.

**Army and Railroad:** The Army founded many forts along the Santa Fe Trail. Three of them were in the Dodge City area.

Other galleries have exhibits about the Plains people, buffalo hunters, cattle drives and farming.

Outside is Front Street, which replicates the original buildings as they were in the 1870s.

Among the shops is Rath General Store. In its early years, Dodge City had a law against the carrying of firearms. People coming into town had to leave their weapons at Rath General Store during their stay. To view a sample of those weapons, stop in at the Beeson Gallery, where there is an exhibit of

more than 200 rare and historic firearms.

Before heading out, guests can stop in at the Long Branch Saloon to wet their whistle with an ice-cold sarsaparilla.

The Boot Hill Casino and Resort is designed to enhance Old West experience.

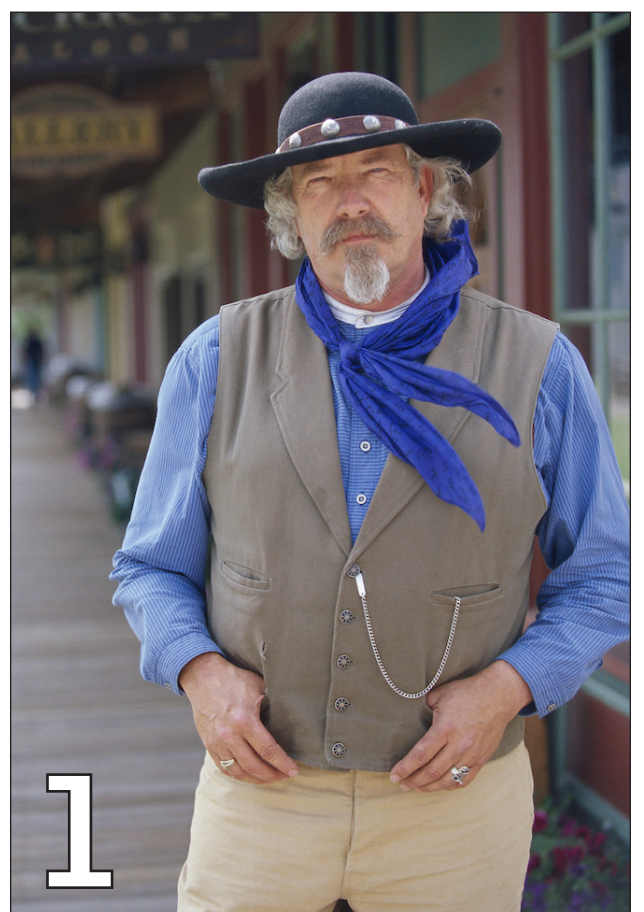
### TRAIL OF FAME WALKING TOUR

The Dodge City Trail of Fame is a walking tour of the Old Dodge City National Historic District. According to <http://www.dodgecitytrailoffame.org/cms/>, the trail is marked with bronze sidewalk medallions and statuary to commemorate famous and infamous residents of historic Dodge City and movie and television stars who portrayed renowned Dodge Citians.

The tour starts at the Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau Information Center on Wyatt Earp Blvd. trail maps are available there and on the website.

### WILD WEST HERITAGE AREA

In the 19th century, livestock was the core of the economy. That heritage is preserved in living exhibits



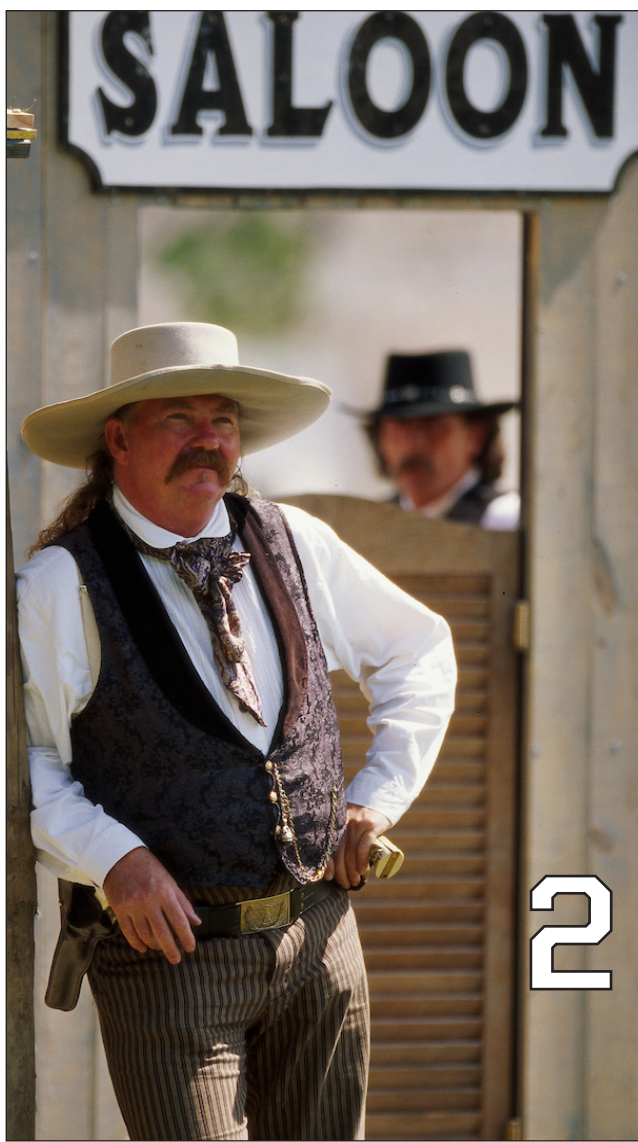
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of the livestock common to Dodge City history.

According to their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/WildWestHeritageFoundation/>, they, "showcase the resources of our past so that new genera-

tions can appreciate what life was really like in the Wild West."

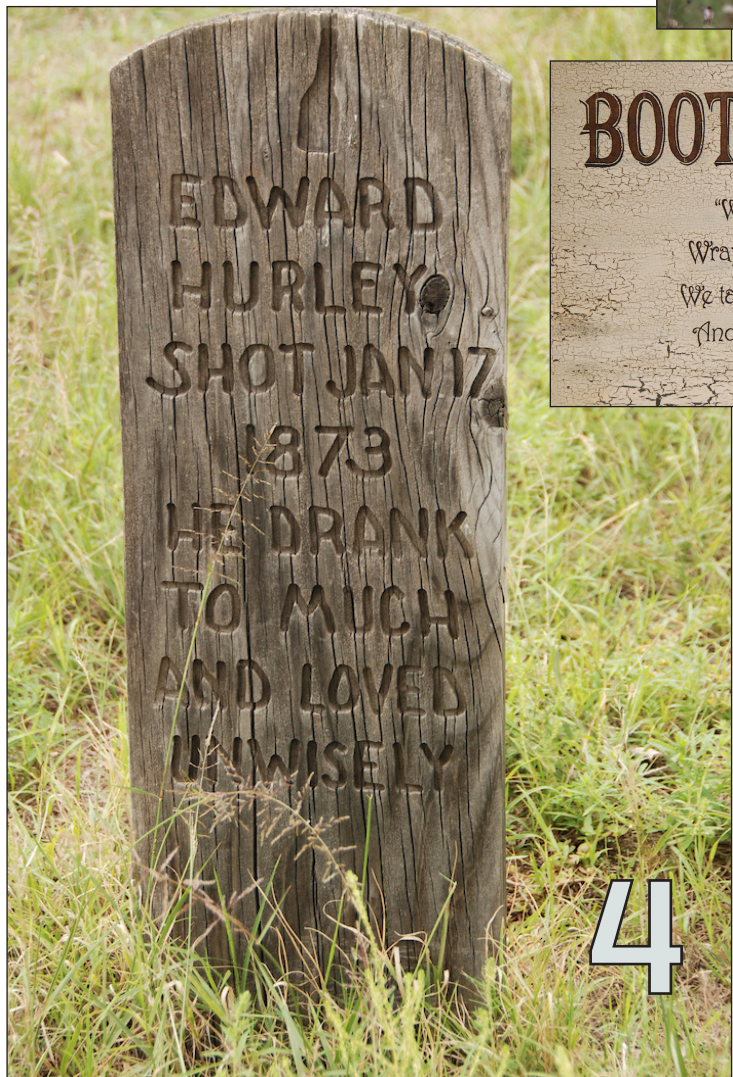
For more information about what there is to do in Dodge City, places to stay and eat, visit <https://visitdodgecity.org/>.



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## BOOT HILL CEMETERY

"Weep not for us who early made our beds,  
Wrapped in our blankets, saddles for our heads;  
We tamed the west when this, our land, was young,  
And sank into our graves unknown---unsung!"  
--Josephine McIntire

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1 and 2. Actors at the Boot Hill Museum tell the story of the Wild West and cattle days of Dodge City. 3. The cattle industry was a major part of the settling of Dodge City and remains an economic driver today. Longhorn cattle can be seen at the Wild West Heritage Area. 4. The original Boot Hill Cemetery is a reminder of Dodge City's rough early years. 5. Boot Hill museum includes a replica of the city's original Front Street, complete with stores and a saloon.