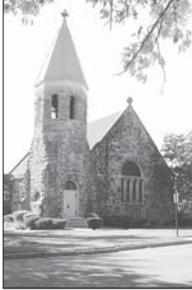


CHapel SERVICES



MAIN POST COMMUNITY PROTESTANT SERVICES
Main Post Chapel, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY/PROTESTANT
Kapaun Chapel, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

GOSPEL/PROTESTANT
Morris Hill Chapel, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday service at 11 a.m.

CATHOLIC
St. Mary's Chapel, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon
Irwin Hospital Chapel, Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon
Morris Hill Chapel, Sunday mass at 9:30 a.m.
St. Mary's Chapel, Sunday mass at 11 a.m., Saturday mass 4:30 p.m.
Camp Funston Field Service, Sunday mass at 11 a.m.

For more information, call 785-239-3359.

RILEY WHEELS

1-4 P.M. & 7-10 P.M. SAT | \$4.25
1-3 P.M. SUN | \$3

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COMMUNITY CORNER



Col. Richard Piscal helps children blow out candles on a cake during a CVSS Army birthday celebration in 2008. Piscal took over as 1st Inf. Div. chief of staff June 5.

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Commander reflects on his time as head of Fort Riley's garrison

By **Col. Richard Piscal**
GARRISON COMMANDER

Farewells are difficult. Our time with the Army is not about tasks or what we do, it is about people—the people we work with and the people we affect. For my final column, I could reflect on all of the tasks and events I saw in my time as garrison commander, but what is more important to me are the people I worked with and the people we affected.

I had the privilege of serving with some of the best people in our Army Family—Army Civilians. There are dedicated people working all around you who have clocked 20, 30 and even 40 years of service. I met Army Civilians who served in the Active Duty or Reserve force and then continued their service to the Army by signing on as a civilian employee for many more years. These people worked long hours around the clock to take care of Soldiers and their Families and their role is often not noticed or applauded. In the past two years, I presided over employee of the month ceremonies where I learned about some of the small miracles that take place on this post every day. From spending New Year's Eve trying to get a sewer line failure fixed to accelerating both the opening of the Army Community Service Annex for Families and deer hunting season for deploying Soldiers—there are happenings that directly benefit Soldiers and



Col. Piscal

Families every day. Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Mathews, the former garrison command sergeant major, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ian Mann both are outstanding non-commissioned officers, and Soldiers like them are the reason we are celebrating 2009 as the Year of the NCO. In our time together, they were dependable, upstanding and epitomized the Army values. I am incredibly grateful for all of the help they provided me. Linda Hoeffner, Deputy Garrison Commander and Col. Joe Schultz and Col. John Dvoracek, Deputy Garrison Commander for Transformation provided me endless support to not only run the post, but also to position us to accommodate the growth we have experienced and will continue to experience. The directors in the garrison are true professionals who made it their mission to support Warfighters and the Families without fail. In recent years, there has been a decided shift in how directorates in the garrison view their work. They know they would not be here if it were not for Soldiers and Families, so everything they do works toward achieving their full satisfaction. Directors continue to find new and innovative ways to better

serve customers. Their efforts are visible in the opening of the marina, the new post exchange, the all-terrain vehicle trail, Riley Ride and the endless other changes that have taken place. What I will remember most are all of the people behind those endeavors. They worked tirelessly to deliver the best service as quickly as possible.

On the whole, all of this work was not done just for a paycheck. The people on this post, including me, love our jobs because we get to serve those who serve. Soldiers and Families in the Army represent our nation's best, and although we may not choose the job for that reason in the first place, it is the reason many of us continue the job and become more dedicated day by day. Soldiers and Families have such storied experiences and well-rounded lives, and it is a pleasure to work with them and for them. The Army Family is a close-knit Family that people, including myself, are proud to be a part of.

We know in the Army that the time always will come to say goodbye. In this case, I am leaving, but I am not going far. I look forward to continued service at Fort Riley with the 1st Infantry Division as the Chief of Staff. I am grateful that I will not be far from all of the great friends who have made the last two years some of the best years of my career. In closing, please accept my thanks to all of the outstanding people I have served with and served. One last time: Duty First, Service Always!