

COMMUNITY CORNER

Antiterrorism, iWATCH reminds everyone to watch and report

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People drawing or measuring important buildings. Strangers asking questions about security or building security procedures.

Unattended briefcases, backpacks or suitcases. Cars or trucks left in no parking zones in front of important buildings. A person wearing clothes too big and too hot for the weather.

These are all examples of suspicious activity from the Army's Antiterrorism program. You've probably seen some of the messages already, encouraging you to watch out for these types of activities and to report them. These messages are part of the Army's Antiterrorism Month and the new iWATCH campaign.

It's easy to become complacent and forget terrorist attacks can happen, but terrorist activity goes on in our country and even in our state.

The mission of this awareness month and new campaign is to remind everyone to keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

In 2007, a planned terrorist plot against Soldiers at Fort Dix, N.J., was thwarted by an observant store employee. Because he reported a suspicious video that crossed his path, the terrorists were arrested and lives were saved.

If you see something suspicious at Fort Riley, don't



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hesitate to call the police at 785-239-MPMP (6767) and let them decide if it's a threat. Your report could be the difference that saves lives.

On an installation level, we constantly keep vigil at Fort Riley. We prepare, along with our community partners, on how to handle terrorist threats and activities. Our anti-terrorism plans and measures help Fort Riley maintain vigilance and a strong defensive posture against terrorism.

From you at home to our police force and the anti-terrorism team at the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, it's our shared responsibility to keep our community safe. One person can make a difference.

Watch for suspicious activities. Report your suspicions to

AUGUST ANTITERRORISM ACTIVITIES

- Antiterrorism Awareness Level One briefing for Family members from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Aug. 3, at Picerne Military Housing's Forsyth Neighborhood Center.
- Antiterrorism Awareness Level One annual briefing for Department of the Army civilians Aug. 4, at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 319, Main Post.

Those who have not taken the online course at <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil>

authorities, and help keep us all safe.

To report suspicious activities, call the Fort Riley Police Department at 785-239-

can attend the one-hour class. Class times are at: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.

• Antiterrorism Awareness Month and iWATCH brief at the Family Readiness Group Muster at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 13.

• Antiterrorism and iWATCH display booth from 9 to 9 p.m. Aug. 13, at National Night Out.

• Antiterrorism Awareness Level One brief from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Aug. 18, at the

McClellan Place Neighborhood Center.

• An antiterrorism awareness and Ready Army display from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 24, at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Post Exchange on Trooper Drive.

Additionally, an iWATCH page, including a link to report suspicious activities, will be set up on the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley homepage by Aug. 1.

(225-5779).

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MPMP (6767); Antiterrorism office at 785-239-6303 or 239-6044; the 902nd Military Intelligence Detachment at 785-239-2268; or 1-800-CALL-SPY

Pool party, picnic slated for Families of deployed

By Katherine Rosario
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Spouses and Family members of deployed Soldiers can take a dip in the Custer Hill Pool from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 12, and enjoy a free

picnic provided by the Hearts Apart program.

"The 'Take a Dive' event was set up three years ago so Families and spouses could enjoy an afternoon together and cool off from the heat," said Theresa Gale, Hearts Apart program co-

ordinator.

Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by swim time.

"We want spouses and Families to get out of the house and come have some fun," Gale said.

The program is another way to support spouses and Families

of deployed Soldiers, she said.

"It lets them know they are not alone. We teach them that they can handle challenges and support themselves," Gale said.

Hearts Apart allows Family members, waiting for a deployed spouse to return home, the op-

portunity to connect with other waiting Families, by providing 12 programs annually to make spouses more independent and self-reliant.

"We like to educate them on community resources on- and off-post. It gives them the skills

to do for themselves," she said.

More than 150 spouses are currently registered members of the program.

Those interested in attending can register by Aug. 9 by calling, 785-239-9435, 239-9444, or at rlc.dnwracs@conus.army.mil.

Post library offers children story times, movie nights

By Katherine Rosario
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More than 60,000 books sit waiting on shelves in the cool air of the library. One by one, children trickle in and head straight to the back, to the children's section.

An eruption of laughter can be heard every so often from across the room, as they huddle together and read a funny story.

There are only a few children during the early morning, but on story days, they pile into the library by the dozens.

Movie night brings even more children and their parents to the library, for a Family movie and popcorn.

"Getting the kids to the library during the days is the hard part. Once they see what is available to them, and that they can check out a book, they tend to come back," said Leslie Mann, alternate project manager for the library.

The library, located at 5306 Hood Dr., Custer Hill, is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The library offers thousands of books and dozens of magazines, movies and video games to those with a military ID card or post badge, Mann said.

Books can be checked out for 30 days, and a late fee is only applied if a book is never returned. Up to 20 items can be checked out at a time. Three items can be movies and two can be video games. Video games can be checked out for up to two weeks without incurring any late fees.

Books range from children's books to fiction and non-fiction, reference collections, books for testing such as ASVAB, SAT and GRE, and military reading required by the Combined Arms Research Library.

If someone can't locate an item they are looking for, a librarian can perform an interlibrary search and loan out a book from any U.S. Army library in the world.

A variety of video games and other computer software games also can be checked out.

"The children's room even has books written in Spanish and German," Mann said.

Language kits which teach people how to speak another language, and study guides for the GRE or SAT are popular, she said.

"The kid's section is still the most popular though," she said.

Children ages 12 years and older may be in the library without a parent, but anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Story time starts at 1:30 p.m. each week. The next story time will be July 31.

August story times are scheduled for Aug. 7, 14 and 21. Each story time is 45 minutes long, and includes art and crafts and refreshments.

"There are about 15 to 20 kids that come to story time every week," she said.

Movie nights can sometimes see more than 40 people, Mann said, and are always fun Family nights. The next movie night will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21, with popcorn provided by the staff.

"All the movies are children's movies, usually Pixar or Disney," Mann said.

The library also will have a "Back to School" watermelon party, from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 28, with snacks, drinks and activities including a Slip 'n Slide.

The Summer Reading Party for the winners of the library's summer reading program will be

from 6 to 8 p.m. July 31, at the Main Post Pool.

The program began May 30 and ended July 25. It awards points to each child based on age and number of books read. Children ages two to five years of age can have parents read one book to them for one point.

Children ages six to nine years can read books with or without assistant, with one book equaling one point.

Children ages 10 to 15 years can read a book of their choice, with 50 pages equaling one point. Those who attend story time each week also received one point toward their final goal of 35 points.

"About 120 children between the ages of two and 15 have signed up for the contest," Mann said. "About 70 participants have turned in their reading logs so far."

Riley's Conference Center to host dinner, show movie

By Katherine Rosario
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Starting in October, Families can gather together once a month for dinner and a movie at Riley's Conference Center.

"We started the dinner and a movie night approximately eight months ago and began by holding it once a quarter, but because of demand, we will begin hold-

ing it once a month, starting in October," said Jillian Singleton, business manager for Riley's Conference Center.

The buffet-style dinner begins at 6 p.m., with the movie starting at 6:15 p.m.

The next dinner and a movie will be Aug. 12. The movie will be, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," Singleton said.

The price for dinner and a

movie is \$7.95 for adults, \$3.95 for children ages 4 to 10 years, and free for children under four years.

"This price includes an all-you-can-eat buffet, the movie on the big screen and an evening of great entertainment," she said.

The average attendance for dinner and a movie has been about 100 to 200 people, Singleton said.