

COMMUNITY CORNER

Show 'by the Soldier, for the Soldier' coming to a stage near you

By Col. William Clark
GARRISON COMMANDER

Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commander, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, called it a show "By the Soldier, for the Soldier" – The 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show, and it's coming to our area.

At 7 p.m. July 13 at Kansas State University's McCain Auditorium, the stage will be filled with about 30 of our brothers and sisters in arms

as they sing, dance, play instruments and provide us with an evening of entertainment.

The Soldier Show is a long-standing Army tradition.

Sponsored by the Army G-1's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program, the 2012 show



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opened April 19 at the home of the Army Entertainment Division, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

This year's 90-minute song-and-dance production was designed to demonstrate "Army Strong," where each moment in the show will reflect the strength of our nation as embodied in the Soldier.

Ferriter said this year's show far exceeded his expectations. And I, for one, am excited to see what these Soldiers have

to show us. I hope you'll join me in supporting this great venture.

Tickets are free, and the event is open to the public. While leftover tickets, if any, will be available at the door the night of the show, tickets are already available at the Leisure Travel Center, Building 6918 on Custer Hill, or at McCain Auditorium, Manhattan.

So make a night of it – take your friends, husband or wife, the kids. Enjoy a free evening

of entertainment – by the Soldier, for the Soldier.

For more information about the Soldier Show, visit www.armymwr.com/recreation/entertainment/soldier-show/default.aspx or www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UpYI1nggm&feature=youtu.be.

To comment on this column or suggest a topic for Community Corner, email usarmymil@mail.mil.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: The 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show

WHEN: July 13. Doors open at 6 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m.

WHERE: McCain Auditorium at K-State

COST: Admission is free, but space is limited. Call 785-239-5614 or 785-239-8990.

'Duke' Brigade engineers spend day with Boy Scouts

By Spc. Toby Cook
3RD IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT KNOX, Ky. – Soldiers of Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division recently had a chance to give back to their community.

Boy Scout Troop #514 out of Indianapolis came to Fort Knox and visited with the Co. A engineers June 22 for an instructional class on improvised explosive devices and some basic combat engineering skills.

Assistant Scout Master Patrick Sweeney coordinated the trip and said the Boy Scouts leadership had been trying to schedule something like this for the past three years.

"It wasn't until three months ago that we were finally able to get a date set," Sweeney said. "We are very thankful for the Company Commander Capt.

Ben Weakley for allowing us here and doing this for us."

During the visit, the Boy Scouts were first greeted by the Co. A Executive Officer 1st Lt. Eric Ng, who welcomed them and answered their initial questions.

Then, the Boy Scouts moved into a conference room and were given a class on IEDs, where much of the material and videos shown were from the unit's recent deployment to Afghanistan.

From there, they were led to an open bay for basic weapons training given by Co. A Soldiers.

The Boy Scout troops listened as the engineers went over each weapon before being given the chance to handle the heavy-duty military fire arms.

After the weapons instruction, the Boy Scouts moved to their final location outside of the company area where they were

shown a couple vehicles used by Army engineers during combat operations.

The Boy Scouts enjoyed the mammoth counter-IED vehicle known as "The Buffalo."

Co. A Soldiers put on a full demonstration of the vehicle's capability, including operating the large hydraulic arm used for IED searches, and allowing the scouts to take a tour of the crew compartment.

Weakley said events like this aren't just good for the community but also for his Soldiers.

"It's good for the Soldiers to be positive role models and to give back to the community," Weakley said. "We in (Co. A) were glad to host the Boy Scouts and show some of what we do. Overall, it was an amazing event."

Weakley also added he felt there is always time to give back to the community.



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Lt. Col. Glen Bollinger III, STB, 3rd IBCT, stops to talk with the Boy Scouts gathered around a weapons exhibit June 22. The Boy Scouts visited combat engineers from Co. A, STB, 3rd IBCT for basic classes on combat engineering skills.

'Dragon' Brigade inducts its volunteers into Order of Dragon

By Sgt. Scott Lamberson
4TH IBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Nine volunteers for the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division who donated their time and resources to volunteering for the brigade and many other organizations were inducted into the Order of The Dragon during a dinner June 28 at the Forsyth Community Center.

As the event kicked off, Maj. D. Bradley Laauwe, rear detachment commander, 4th IBCT, expressed the gratitude of Col. Joseph Wawro and Command Sgt. Maj. Wylie Hutchison, the deployed command team of the "Dragon" Brigade, as well as the gratitude of the deployed Soldiers.

Participants and recognized volunteers as well as the command teams from the rear detachment battalions sat together and enjoyed a meal as they discussed recent events and things going on throughout the brigade.

"It means a lot to have you guys out there – giving back to the brigade and community. I want to thank you for what you do each and every day. It means more than you will ever know," Laauwe said.

Following the meal, vol-



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Maj. D. Bradley Laauwe, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Duenas, right, the commander and senior enlisted adviser of Task Force Sentinel, the rear detachment of the 4th IBCT, present Samantha Ramirez, center, with a certificate of appreciation and a Dragon Brigade pendant after induction into the Order of the Dragon June 28.

All inductees signed the Order of the Dragon Book, officially inducting them into the group.

"It's an honor. It's not often you hear about spouses being recognized. It feels great to be honored by more than just your friends or members of the (Family readiness group)," said Samantha Ramirez, an FRG leader.

"I feel like I can do more than just help my husband get through his deployment. I can help other spouses with whatever it is that they need. Being able to help others feels great."

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Local elementary school to begin foreign language curriculum

By Matthew Blomberg
USD 475 GEARY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Unified School District 475 Geary County Schools recently announced its selection into the Strategic Foreign Language Expansion Program by the Department of Defense Education Activity. The grant will allow for the piloting of a new foreign language program to be admin-

istered at Spring Valley Elementary School, Junction City. Students of Spring Valley will be offered the opportunity to develop a love for foreign language study and the important critical thinking skills that learning a new language provides.

"USD 475 is pleased to partner with (DoDEA) to provide the experience of world

language to students at Spring Valley Elementary School," said USD 475 Superintendent Ron Walker. "This pilot program will benefit students in our district to learn to proficiently speak Spanish. We expect the students in Spring Valley Elementary to benefit greatly from this experience."

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