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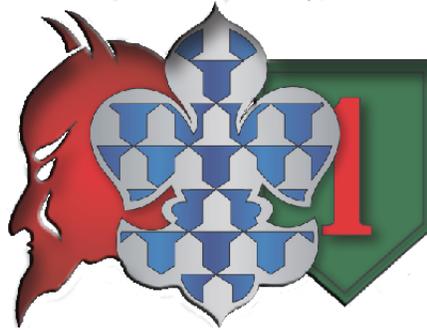
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Pvt. Antoine Liles, 3rd Plt, Co. C, STB, 1st ABCT, uses his grapple to help clear a mock-mine field during in the Obstacle and Breach training exercise Oct. 17 at Training Area 13, Fort Riley.

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To all of the Devil Soldiers,
Family Members, and Friends,

It is an awesome feeling to see the incredible things that the Devil Soldiers are getting done in training this Fall as we continue to focus on the basics of warfighting. We are busy, but in a good way.

We just finished two weeks of exercising our TOCs and Mission Command systems. We finished this training at a much higher level of capability than I was expecting due particularly to the preparatory training that took place and the effectiveness of all the precombat checks and the precombat inspections that took place in the two

months prior to the exercise. Kudos to everyone who was involved in making the complexity of our Tactical Operation Centers function; outstanding work. Devil Soldiers are excelling across the board. Pale Riders, battalion scouts, and the MPs were on the range qualifying crews in unstablized gunnery, Iron Rangers are leading the way on the fielding of our primary combat vehicles out at the range qualifying their Bradley's. We have begun the draw of our tanks and training for tank gunnery. The Destroyers are out firing their big guns and certifying their platoons to provide indirect fire support. The Engineers completed lane training on building and removing obstacles from a battlefield. There is so much going on that I can't list it here, let alone see it all. Rest assured I know how hard everyone is working and how well you are doing it. Keep it up, it will pay off later. This was shown to all by the great support our Soldiers provided to 2nd ABCT's



recent field training both as observer controllers and OPFOR.

As we continue to train hard in the field or garrison, ensure that you do so safely. There is nothing so important during training that we should impart unacceptable risk for injury or getting killed. If it takes 5 extra minutes to do it right then take the 5 minutes. Do not take short cuts. Short cuts lead to accidents. Do what is right, enforce standards, and we will be fine.

We are about to enter the holiday season which to me begins with Veteran's Day and ends with New Year's Day. Holidays are not just about time off. Each of them has a purpose and a meaning. Veteran's Day is about remembering those that have served our Nation's causes and the price that war brings. Remember that each of us currently serving are veterans.

Take the time to go out and meet some of our veterans from other conflicts. You would be surprised how much the war stories are alike. Thanksgiving isn't the only time we should give thanks, but it is a day that we can focus our thoughts on those positive things that matter to most of us and make Americans who and what we are. Christmas and the other religious observances in and around December are a good time to reflect on your inner spiritual health and strength and bond with your Family. And finally, New Years is about starting a fresh new year as we continue to move forward. Please be safe and responsible during your celebrations. Have a plan on how to get home from events and follow through with it. I want to see everyone in 2013.

Duty First!

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I would like to start by saying October turned out to be a great month for the Brigade as we produced the only Sergeant Audie Murphy Club nominee in the 1st Infantry Division for the first quarter FY 13. 1SG (SFC) Gillespie from HHC 1-1 BSTB had a great performance before the board and was unanimously recommended. Also, SGT Sanford from the Iron Ranger Battalion and PFC Lehenev from the Pale Rider Squadron earned the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter honors for the Division and will now compete at the Division NCO and Soldier of the Year competition later in the year. We are extremely proud of them and know they will represent their battalions and the Brigade in a true professional manner.

This month's article I want to focus on volunteering with regard to the Army. First, for anyone in uniform, we are already volunteers to the nation. We all volunteered to serve a specified length of time, while applying a skill to meet the needs of the Army as it fulfills the national defense needs of the country. Volunteering comes in so many forms, from giving personal time, effort, or even charitable donations to those less fortunate. As members of a military organization, it's important to remember that we are consumers of resources. We all require basic needs to be met; we need food, clothing and shelter as examples. Each of those resources must be produced by someone. Military members provide a service to the country which can't be



ordered, purchased, or taxed for any financial gain. I would encourage anyone who wants to give back, to do it through volunteering. Some easy volunteer opportunities can be done through the USO. Schools across post, chapels, churches, MWR, and even the BOSS program are always seeking volunteers. It's not how much you give, what you give, just that you did give, and without the expectation of a return.

Finally, as we prepare for the holiday season in the coming weeks, I would like to say thanks to everyone in the Brigade for all the work and effort in the BCT. There are so many events happening at once it is difficult to keep track. To every Soldier and family member, I would like to extend my best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. If you are traveling, plan

ahead, be safe and we will see each of you next year.

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Finish Well!

The distance of the Olympic marathon was standardized in 1908 when the games were held in London. The Royal Family wanted to watch the start of the race from their home. The distance from this vantage point is Windsor Castle to the finish line in the Olympic stadium was 26 miles, 385 yards. From this point on, the marathon distance was fixed. The first winner of this newly defined marathon should have been Italian candy maker named Dorando Pietri. He was the first runner to enter the stadium at the end of the race and to cross the finish line. But rather than turning right to run the last lap as he entered the stadium, he turned left. He turned the wrong way. When he realized his mistake he staggered and fell from exhaustion. He slowly got up and started running in the right direction. When he was just a few yards from the finish line he fell again. Sympathetic bystanders and even some race official assisted him to his feet and the runner wobbled to the finish to win the race. Meanwhile, Johnny Hayes, running for the United States was racing down the homestretch and finished second. After a lengthy discussion by officials, Hayes was awarded the gold medal for first place, not Dorando Pietri. Olympic officials concluded that Pietri had been unfairly aided by those who helped him get back up near the finish line. A race was ruined by a wrong turn at the end. The lesson is this: finishing well is as important as running well!

As we conclude 2012 let us keep this poor candy maker in mind. Finish 2012 well! As we lean forward to 2013 - let's start strong.

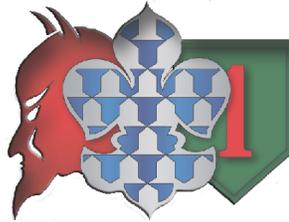
We have some upcoming Strong Bonds Marriage retreats for the Brigade in November and December to help you to finish strong. We also have a Single Soldiers Strong Bond even in December. If you are interested in these events please contact me or your Battalion Chaplain, and we'll give you the specific information.

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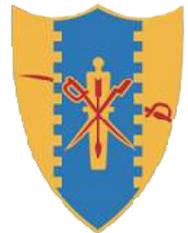
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what makes you **STRONG?**



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My family, because anytime that I have a problem or in trouble I refer back to them for guidance.



*Capt. Tawiana Jenkins
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My faith and family.



*Spc. G'ana Harris
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My number one strength is my son. He is my constant reminder of why I should and need to do and be better.



*1st Lt. Mark Keel
XO, Echo Forward Support Company*

Definitely my faith, as well as my family.

‘Pale Riders’ complete fire mis- sions to register, cer- tify mortar systems

“High-angled hell,” as SPC Russell Link called it, rained down on Mortar Firing Point 14 recently during the 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regt., 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division’s annual mortar certification at Fort Riley.

It had been about two years since the squadron conducted a mortar certification. With 1st ABCT’s most recent deployment and the wave of new personnel, the squadron was in need of registering and certifying its mortar systems.

“This is the first time since the deployment that our scouts have called (for fire), and our mortars have shot,” said 1LT Johnathon Drew, Fire Support Officer, 4th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., while his team was calculating mortar trajectories.

“We’re making sure that all the rounds that we shoot land and impact safely ... And make sure our mortars have the desired effects on target,” he said.

The Squadron Mortar certification is where two entities of the squadron’s mortars section and the squadrons Fire Support teams work together to coordinate fire missions.

The FISTERS maneuver out in



2LT JEFFREY NELSON, 4TH SQDN. 4TH CAV. REGT.

SPC James Haynes, HHT, 4th Sqdn, 4th Cav. Regt., watches the smoke rounds land perfectly on target through a lightweight laser designator rangefinder.

front of the Troop and find important targets that are open for fire. They are the eyes and ears that observe enemy targets before the Troop approaches. When they locate a target and calculating trajectories, they call in the mortar sections to fire rounds on the target.

“Troop support,” is what assistant gunner Link referred them to, while his team prepared another shell.

“That’s the biggest thing: If our guys are taking fire or getting ambushed, we need to be on target in a timely manner. We need to give them fire support right off the bat,” he said.

The squadron’s FISTERS have been training on their plotting, calling for fire, and fires calculating systems during September in

preparation for the exercise.

This is the first time the mortar sections have shot their 120mm mortars from their M1064 track vehicles.

“We’re going through fire for effect missions, adjust fire missions, and we’re doing mortar registration... We train to fight. We need to be able to talk to our guns (mortars) and make sure we’re all on the same page,” said SPC Joshua Reynolds, as 120mm mortars fired in the background.

“Seeing the rounds impact ... When you look at a target that’s 4,000 meters away and get an accurate grid to it, and you see rounds impact on it, that’s just a good feeling,” Sgt. Joseph Beach said as the 120mm smoke rounds landed with a thud.

Soldiers of 1st ABCT receive warm thanks, food from appreciative volunteers



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Soldiers and Family members of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, eat steaks and hot dogs prepared by volunteers of the All-American Beef Battalion during a cookout Oct. 20 at the Custer Hill Bowling Center on Fort Riley.

Soldiers of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, gathered Oct. 20 at Custer Hill Bowling Center on Fort Riley where they received a unique thank you in the form of a meal prepared by volunteers of the All-American Beef Battalion.

“There are a lot of people in this country who want to say ‘thank you’ and don’t know how,” Tim Joyce, All-American Beef Battalion volunteer, said. “This simply boils down to two words: thank you.”

Soldiers of the 1st ABCT brought their Families, where they were served steaks, hot dogs, corn, cheesy hash browns, cookies and beverages. Almost 1,000 adults and 350 children attended. About 1,000 steaks and 400 hot dogs were served.

Music was provided by the 1st Infantry Division band’s Gunpowder and Lead. Soldiers and

their Families were also treated to bowling and other games and wagon rides with the Commanding General’s Mounted Color Guard and their mules, Jenny and Julie.

The All-American Beef Battalion is a non-profit organization established in 2007 by fourth-generation Kansas cattleman Bill Broadie, who wanted to extend his gratitude to today’s Soldiers through hearty steak feeds across the country.

“We love to show our support for the troops and we enjoy what we do,” Broadie said. “We have traveled to roughly 20 different states across the United States and have fed around 140,000 Soldiers and their Families. It’s just our way of saying ‘thank you.’”

Broadie served in the 3rd Marine Division in 1967, according to information from the organization.

“You may be a cowboy, you may be a service member or, like

Bill Broadie, you may be both, but at the end of the day, you all have my greatest respect and gratitude,” Broadie said.

Jessica Leddick, the spouse of a Headquarters and Headquarters Company Soldier, said she appreciated the battalion visiting the post and providing good food and a good atmosphere.

“I think it was awesome that these folks are willing to give up their time to come and cook a meal for us,” she said.

Others appreciated the volunteers who were willing to come to Fort Riley and host the event.

“It’s great that some people of this country are wanting to donate some of their time without regard of getting anything in return,” CSM Mark Kiefer, the brigade’s senior noncommissioned officer, said.

Soldiers train, qualify on grenade launcher

Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division conducted training on the Mk 19 grenade launcher Oct. 3 at Range 29.

"Today's training was intended to identify and qualify as many firers as possible for the battalion," said 2LT Paul Severni, Fire Direction Officer, Battery A, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt.

All of the 42 firers successfully qualified on the Mk 19, Severni said.

The Mk 19 is a belt-fed, blow-back-operated, air-cooled, crew-served, fully automatic weapon that fires 40-mm grenades at its targets.

"We fired the weapon system on top of the field artillery ammunition supply vehicle," Severni said.

The Soldiers fired about 3,000 M918 training rounds at mock-enemy targets at ranges of 400, 600 and 800 meters. Each firer had two 32-round belts to shoot at the targets. "I had a blast shooting the Mk 19 today," said SPC James Norman, gunner, Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt. "It was very cool when the training rounds hit, and you would see the paint from inside go everywhere."

Norman said he hit 10 out of 10 targets, which qualified him for expert.

A shooter has to complete several tasks, ranging from some targets only allowing one shot to some that



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From left to right, SPC Kyle Brown, SSG Howard Cable and SPC Rene Perdomo, all with 1st Bn. 5th FA Regt., prepare to fire the Mk 19 crew-served weapon at mock-enemy targets Oct. 3 at Range 29.

allow two shots. Other tasks the shooter has include multiple targets to shoot at. All of the targets were at various ranges.

For the shooter to qualify as marksman, he has to complete seven to eight tasks - nine tasks completed will rate the Soldier as a sharpshooter, while completing 10 qualifies the Soldier as an expert.

Soldiers who try to qualify with Mk 19 must re-qualify annually.

"I've been to a lot of ranges and this one ran the smoothest," Norman said. "With them having four lanes open, there was no congestion at all, and that really helped things move along. This allowed the firers, i.e., having 20 firers on one weapon.

"I think all the Soldiers really benefitted from the training

because now they know what to expect when firing this weapon at a target or multiple targets," Severni said.

The training allows for new Soldiers to get familiarization with the weapon, and the seasoned Soldiers to refresh their skills, since the weapon isn't a commonly used one.

9 'Pale Riders' earn Purple Hearts

SFC Michael Labadie took shrapnel to the wrist and leg. He had a concussion. He couldn't hear out of his right ear. Still, some of his Soldiers were in worse shape, and he wouldn't quit.

Labadie and his platoon were on a patrol Nov. 17, 2011, in Afghanistan, when a homemade bomb exploded in a nearby house. Six guys were medically evacuated. Two of them are still in the hospital.

Labadie continued after the blast. "We couldn't afford to lose any more," he said recently at Fort Riley.

The cavalry scout and eight others with the 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, were presented with Purple Heart medals during an Oct. 11 ceremony.

Labadie, SGT Mike Morrow, SGT Eli Holsinger, SPC Thomas Pfeil, SPC Matthew Austin, SPC Ryan Hartsock, SPC Mark Springer, SPC William Phillips and SPC Alec Moran received their Purple Hearts after injuries they received during the squadron's deployment to the Zhary District of Kandhar Province, Afghanistan. The troopers returned February to Fort Riley.

BG Donald MacWillie, senior commander, Fort Riley, pinned a Purple Heart on each of the nine troopers and told them the award showed they could have bad days and to never forget who they were and who came before them.

Seeing a Soldier awarded a Purple Heart is a humbling experience, said LTC Scott Woodward, squadron commander, because there was a lot of emotion involved.

"For the Soldier receiving the award, it brings back vibrant mem-



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BG Donald MacWillie, senior commander, Fort Riley, pins a Purple Heart medal on SPC Alec Moran, Troop A, 4th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., during an Oct. 11 ceremony at Fort Riley, Moran was hit with shrapnel when his combat outpost was attacked with an 82mm recoilless rifle during the squadron's most recent deployment to Afghanistan.

ories of the day he was wounded, and, often times, the memories of his fellow Soldiers who were killed or wounded in the same engagement," he said.

Labadie, who has served three combat deployments in his 18 years of service, said he continued to keep in touch with the Soldiers injured that day, including the two still in the hospital.

"It's pretty cool," Labadie said of receiving the Purple Heart during the ceremony, "But it would've been nice if the rest of the platoon was here."

People should know these Soldiers volunteered to serve their country, and, when called upon, they deployed and did their jobs, Woodward said.

"In accomplishing their assigned mission, these troopers courageously faced the enemy and took care of each other," Woodward said.

"In return, each one of them gave a piece or pieces for their body. Some will never be 100 percent physically again, others will have physical scars, all of them will have emo-

tional scars for life."

For the Families and other Soldiers in the unit, the ceremony was a moment of great pride and respect, Woodward said.

Several recipients' Families attended the ceremony, including Labadie's wife, Krystal, and 4-year-old daughter, Lilley. Krystal is set to give birth to their second daughter, Etta Rose.

Krystal didn't learn of her husband's injuries until months after he returned home.

"He was standing in front of me," she said. "It was OK."

Michael didn't tell his wife what happened while he was gone because she "had enough things to worry about."

Watching Michael receive his Purple Heart was a good moment for Krystal and Lilley.

"Very proud of him," Krystal said. "Always."

For more photos from the ceremony, go to www.facebook.com/1stInfantryDivision.

Soldiers complete breach training exercise in October

Soldiers with Company C, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conducted breach training Oct. 17 to 18 at Training Area 13, Fort Riley.

“Our unit has been conducting obstacle emplacement and breach training throughout the month of October,” said 1LT Christopher Dichiara, Executive Officer, Co. C, STB.

The company’s training focused on enhancing its standard operating procedures and night operations. The unit also refined the emplacement of engineer obstacles, breaching, tactics, techniques, and procedures.

The engineer’s job is to allow freedom of maneuver for his or her fellow Soldiers, like clearing mine fields, breach walls or other obstacles. This follows the brigade’s guidance to work on offensive operations.

“The training was planned after the need arose for additional breach training, following a successful iteration of engineer qualification tables in August. We realized that we were not totally in sync,” Dichiara said.

The training enabled the unit to build guidelines for the platoons.

The exercise was squad-level based. It entailed each squad to successfully breach a complex obstacle. The obstacle consisted of breaching one row of concertina wire, making it through a mock mine field and breaching another row of concertina wire. Soldiers had to complete the task in 10 minutes to pass the mission.

“This was my first actual mine field breach,” said PVT Mathew Peachey, marking team member, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Platoon, Co.



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PVT Antoine Liles, 3rd Plt, Co. C, STB, 1st ABCT, uses his fence cutter pliers to cut an opening in the concertina wire during the Obstacle and Breach training exercise Oct. 17 at Training Area 13, Fort Riley.

A, STB. “I love working with my squad. The training really kept us aware to be ready for when we take this beyond a training environment.”

Among the tasks of breaching, the Soldiers dug fighting positions for themselves, crew-served weapons and used the unit’s M9 Armored Combat Earthmover and Interim High-Mobility Engineer Excavator, or IHMEE, to dig 2-tier fighting positions for their M2 Bradley fighting vehicles.

“These Soldiers are also conducting the same exercises for breaching at night using their night vision goggles,” Dichiara said.

The training ensured everyone was on the same page when carrying out their TTPs.

“This enables us to hone our skills and keep them fresh in our minds,” Peachey said.

The training helps troops know their jobs and what to do when the time comes, said SGT David

Ratliff, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Platoon, Co. A, STB.

“All this hands-on training helps my troops to prepare for what mistakes that may happen,” Ratliff said. “It also allows me as a leader to see what deficiencies may occur and to correct them.”

The unit has been training since March, when it received its Bradleys, Dichiara said.

“In May, we conducted a stabilized gunnery range, and, in June, the battalion conducted a field training exercise,” he said. “August was really busy because the unit held M4 qualifications, as well as, crew-served weapons qualification. We also held engineer qualification table and demolition certification.”

The unit redeployed from Iraq last year and has conducted various training exercises designed to keep its Soldiers’ skills sharp.

“These exercises are in preparation for our training next spring,” Dichiara said.

'Devil' Brigade commander speaks at MAC

There's no doubt changes are coming to the U.S. Army. A reduction in forces of 90,000 troops is expected over the next few years, but Fort Riley's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team commander, COL Michael Pappal, said that doesn't stop the Army from modernizing.

During the Oct. 25 Junction City-Geary County Military Affairs Council breakfast, Pappal talked about the steps being taken to modernize the organizational function and structure in the military and the new equipment already in place or on its way to Fort Riley.

Pappal said some reorganization occurred in 2005, and changes are coming again in the next couple years as the troop transition occurs. He also said he believes the changes will increase the brigade by 1,100 and bring in construction engineers.

"Things that were once done at the division level are now at the brigade level," Pappal said.

He said the addition of the construction engineers who build roads, among other activities - adds to the capabilities of the brigade.

"That is just another thing you can do," Pappal said. "Before, you only got them when necessary."

The increases to the brigade bring with them more Bradley fighting vehicles and other equipment.

Pappal also discussed the new and improved equipment, including the most advanced and newest models of the Abrams tank and Bradley Fighting Vehicles at Fort Riley.

He talked specifics about both



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COL Michael Pappal, 1st ABCT commander, speaks Oct. 25 at the Junction City-Geary County Military Affairs Council Breakfast at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel and Geary County Convention Center, Junction City.

vehicles, calling them extremely effective in all warfighting situations.

He called the 70-ton Abrams, a "very impressive vehicle" that can hit three targets in 15 seconds, travel 35 mph, has an effective firing range of 4,000 meters and operates for about eight hours on 504 gallons of fuel.

The Bradley is the most modern fighting vehicle. He said the Bradley and Abrams are the two best vehicles.

Pappal also said a new Paladin, which is a self-propelled howitzer, is expected in 2017. The current model is too slow to keep up with the other vehicles, he said, and added the new one will be capable of keeping up with the other warfighting equipment.

"Sometimes we lose track of how good our stuff is because we don't compare it to other countries," he said.

Additionally, Pappal was quick

to note Fort Riley continues to receive some of the best equipment in the Army.

"Fort Riley will have the premier armored brigade in the Army," he said, adding the force reduction planned would bring the expected 2017 troop levels to the same as they were in 2001. Some of the reductions are expected to occur through attrition, while some will occur because of less recruiting and more stringent retention requirements.

"There's a lot of stuff going on in the Army. We are looking at the drawdown, but we are continuing to modernize," Pappal said.

Pappal's first assignment in the Army was in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, where he served as tank platoon leader and eventually served as the Executive Officer for Headquarters and Headquarters

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Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor.

In 1992, he went to Germany, where he served as the Company D commander, Adjutant and HHC commander. He then deployed to Camp Kime, Bosnia. He also served at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.; Fort Carson, Colo.; the Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany; and in northeast Baghdad and Sadre City, Iraq, during combat operations.

Pappal graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1988 with a bachelor of science degree in computer science. His military education includes the Armor Officer Basic course, Armor Officer Advanced course, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies.

He also has a master of arts degree in general administration from Central Michigan University and a master of Military Arts and science degree from the school of Advanced Military Studies.

Company hosts hiring event on post, aims to hire veterans



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Soldiers, other service members and representatives from FreightCar America and Orion International gathered Oct. 26 at Riley's Conference Center for a hiring event in which 12 current or former service members were hired by FreightCar America.

After five years in uniform, SPC Cedric Morton is set to leave the Army in late January. He's spent the last two years as a cavalry scout with Troop C, 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

The task of finding a job after the Army was a daunting one, he said, and he was beginning to feel the stress. That search came to an end Oct. 26, when he attended a hiring event hosted by FreightCar America and Orion International.

Ten current or former Fort Riley Soldiers, a former Airman and a former Seaman were hired by FreightCar America.

The hiring event was part of the White House's Joining Forces initiative, which connects servicemen and women, veterans and their spouses with resources to find jobs, according to the program's Website, www.whitehouse.gov/joining-forces.

Joining Forces is a comprehensive national initiative to mobilize

all sectors of society to give our service members and their Families the opportunities and support they have earned," read information from the site.

Morton, a native of High Point, N.C., said it was awesome to know he had a job waiting for him after the Army. He worked as a welder before enlisting and will be relying on those skills in his new job.

FreightCar America, a railcar manufacturer based out of Chicago, with locations in Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and Virginia, teamed with Orion International - which specializes in recruiting former service members for the civilian workforce - for the hiring event at Fort Riley.

FreightCar America wanted to hire Soldiers because they have values like integrity, strong work ethic and commitment and are procedural-driven, said James Allen, FreightCar America general manager.

"It's our duty as well," Allen said of hiring veterans.

Soldiers represent 'BRO' at sniper comp



2LT KENT HOLLAND,

SSG John Jasper, sniper section leader, foreground, adjusts the scope on his sniper rifle as SPC Philip Ryan, center, both with HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Infantry Regt., spots and ranges for him during a training event Oct. 23 at Fort Riley. The team was training for the U.S. Army International Sniper competition, which was Nov. 2 to 7 at Fort Benning Ga.

Fort Benning Ga., hosted the U.S. Army International Sniper competition Nov. 2 to 7, where snipers from all over the world tried to ready, aim and fire their way to victory and for the title of "Best Snipers" this year.

SSG John Jasper, SPC Phillip Ryan and SPC Lance Simonton, all with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, represented the "Big Red One" at the competition.

The Fort Riley team consisted of a trigger man, spotter and security man.

Jasper, who is the company's sniper squad section leader, competed for the second time in the competition and said he was ready for the team to see what it could do. The team had been training since earlier this year after returning from Afghanistan.

"This will be a good competition to see how I have developed and

gotten better," Jasper said, prior to the competition.

Representing the Big Red One is a "tremendous opportunity for myself and the sniper section," said Ryan, who served as the team's spotter.

The team competed in various events throughout the competition. Many tasks had to be performed to high physical standards with accuracy. The Soldiers had to successfully engage targets of unknown distance for both day and night firing, with both their primary weapon - a rifle and their secondary weapon - a pistol, according to information from the event's host, the U.S. Army Sniper School.

Teams also had to engage moving targets at varying speeds, move into a firing position, deliver a shot and move out. This was all graded as was how each team communicated effectively and quickly to engage targets, as well as get to the next objective, engage it and then move out.

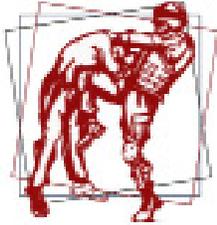
"There are many great teams that will be there, and it will give us a chance to see how we match up and be able to do some networking and get some training from other teams that we can use in our future training," Jasper said.

LTC Roger Crombie, battalion commander, said it was an honor for the team to compete. The Soldiers do great training at Fort Riley, but competing among other sniper elements was a phenomenal training environment, he added.

"Just by competing, they will do well and will learn a lot," he said.

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Fort Riley to host combatives tourneys

By AMANDA KIM STAIRRETT, 1ST INF. DIV.

In an effort to reinvigorate Fort Riley's combatives program, the 1st Infantry Division is hosting a series of tournaments through March. The first is set for Nov. 29 and 30.

Weigh-ins for the graduated-rules, double-elimination tournament are set for 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 28. Qualification rounds start Nov. 29 and progress through each weight class until the final rounds Nov. 30. Standard rules apply. Intermediate rules start on day two, which includes striking.

First through third places will be awarded in eight weight classes. Women will be given a 15 percent weight allowance.

Fighting starts at 8 a.m. each day at Long Fitness Center.

The public is invited to watch the tournament.

Soldiers interested in participating can call 785-240-1956 or visit the onpost fight house at 77670 Fox Lane at the Mission Training Center campus. The fight house hosts open-mat training from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the week. Soldiers also can visit for morning physical training.

Winners may qualify to represent Fort Riley at the all-Army tourna-

ment next year, said MAJ Ivy Williams with the division's training office.

"Soldiers should take the opportunity to participate because it gives them the opportunity to display their skills," he said.

Soldiers do not have to be professional fighters to compete, Williams added.

"They only need to be physically fit and medically cleared," he said. "Although the more experience you have, the better your chances are of winning."

Fort Riley Soldiers competed in the all-Army competition in July at Fort Hood, Texas. SSG Jonnie Kincaid, then of the 1st Engineer Battalion, won third place in the heavy-weight weight class. He defeated SFC William Smith of Fort Carson, Colo., after referee stoppage in the first round of fighting.

The Army has hosted combatives tournaments since 2005, according to information from the division. Because of deployment and training demands, this year's Fort Riley team had less than five weeks to prepare for the all-Army competition.

Fort Riley's 14-Soldier team finished 10th out of 36 teams.

"This is us. This is our Army," BG Donald MacWillie, senior commander, Fort Riley, said of the team during a recognition ceremony in August.

He said then Fort Riley and the 1st Inf. Div. were going to reinvest in what the Soldier athletes started and make combatives a year-round program.

"We will continue this program," said Fort Riley CSM Miguel Rivera during the ceremony.

Combatives provides Soldiers realistic scenarios and facilitates realistic training, Williams said. Modern Army Combatives gives Soldiers confidence in their abilities to defend themselves.

"In many cases, hand-to-hand combat is considered an afterthought or something that may never occur on the battlefield," Williams said. "However, in today's modern operational environment and a constant changing (rules of engagement), hand-to-hand combat occurs more often than people realize. It is not enough to tell a Soldier to be vigilant and aggressive."



1st ABCT conducts mass re-enlistment

SGT KERRY LAWSON, 1ST ABCT

COL Michael Pappal, 1st ABCT commander, re-enlists more than 40 Soldiers at an Oct. 9 mass re-enlistment ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field.

More than 40 Soldiers with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, came together for a mass re-enlistment ceremony in front of family, friends, and peers Oct. 9 at Cavalry Parade Field.

"Today is a great day because you don't always get to re-enlist such a large number of troops," said COL Michael Pappal, 1st ABCT commander.

"The Army enlists Soldiers, but we retain Families," said MSG Brian Byington, retention non-commissioned officer, 1st ABCT. "Spouses have just as much to do with the decision to re-enlist as the Soldier does."

Byington said it is his job to make sure every Soldier is educated on his re-enlistment options.

"Career counselors will answer questions honestly and in accordance with the regulation," he said, "so each counseling session is tailored to qualifications of the Soldier and the needs of their particular Family.

The Army is trying to shape the

force we currently have. Retention is actively working to counsel Soldiers in over-strength specialties and guide them into available training seats."

Byington said the Army has a surplus of Soldiers, but they may not necessarily be in the correct positions. The retention teams are working to move Soldiers to installations that are short on certain military occupational specialties and into jobs that need to be filled. Since certain MOS's were over strength, the Army retains a Soldier and balances the force by placing them in a valid requirement.

Byington also said the Army used to have a standard re-enlistment window. Soldiers used to have 90 days from the end of his current enlistment to re-enlist.

There are some limited opportunities for Soldiers in the 90-day window to continue on active duty.

"The problem is that re-enlistment experiences surges at times, and with the economy experiencing problems, there is no solid answer for when their window of opportu-

nity closes," he said.

The Army is ever changing, he said. Rules put in place change fast, and the career counselors are tasked with keeping Soldiers informed.

"This is no longer about short-term money. It is about long-term stability," Byington said.

Soldiers who aggressively seek self improvement - gaining a clearance or raising their ASVAB scores will be better prepared, Byington said.

This is no longer about the individual; this is about what the individual is willing to do for the team," he said.

"I re-enlisted for three years, and (to have a) choice of duty station and to make a better life for myself and my Family," said SPC Blake Leddick, communications specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st ABCT.

Some options to consider when re-enlisting are staying stateside or going overseas, stabilization and the Bonus Extension And Retraining program, Byington said.



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Division career counselors are now being tasked with the commanding general's Hip-Pocket scholarship for the Green-to-Gold program. Every fiscal year there are five scholarships that can be awarded.

Soldiers interested in re-enlisting must have a current Army physical fitness test, meet height and weight requirements, have no pending UCMJ action and be qualified to re-enlist for a period that allows for one year or more past their current expiration term of service.

Retention's job is to help the Army achieve force alignment, Byington said.

"We also help the Army save money by not having to continually spend money on initial entry training," he said. "The Army issues every command a mission. The numbers are based on what the Army is projected to need to make its end strength requirement.

"The mission is like any other. The division has brought us back to the basics of professional, retention and transition counseling. By taking care of each Soldier ... And providing steady and reliable guidance, the mission will make itself."

For more information on retention, contact a unit career counselor.



Brigade-Level Run

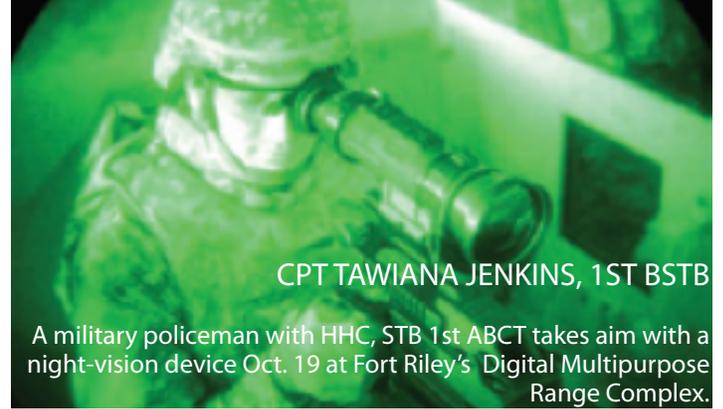


SGT KERRY LAWSON, 1ST ABCT

TOP PHOTO: COL Michael Pappal, commander 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, shares his appreciation of all the Soldiers in the brigade for their hard work following a brigade-level run around Custer Hill and an awards ceremony Sept. 28. Battalion commanders awarded 11 Soldiers commander's coins, two Soldiers with Army Commendation medals and three Soldiers with Combat Action Badges. Pappal also told the Soldiers it's important to not only be safe over the weekend, but also to take extra care in keeping in touch with fellow Soldiers during Suicide Stand-Down Week. Pappal addressed the troops about watching out for their fellow battle buddy. The run, which was part of Suicide Stand-Down Week, culminated with peer-review training classes and watching interactive videos about suicide awareness involving warning signs and symptoms; what to do and not, as well as resources and channels to help prevent suicide.

BOTTOM PHOTO: Soldiers with companies A and B, 1st Battalion 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., competed in a tie-breaker for second and third place for top company within the brigade Sept. 28 after the brigade-level run the unit completed around Custer Hill minutes prior to the award ceremony and tie-breaking event. Also in the competition for second or third place was Company C, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st ABCT.

Training focuses on crew familiarization, qualification



CPT TAWIANA JENKINS, 1ST BSTB

A military policeman with HHC, STB 1st ABCT takes aim with a night-vision device Oct. 19 at Fort Riley's Digital Multipurpose Range Complex.

Military police with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division conducted unstabilized gunnery training with 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., Oct. 15 to 20 at the Digital Multipurpose Range Complex.

The "Punishers" participated in Operation Pale Rider with the scouts. The emphasis during gunnery training was crew familiarization and crew qualification.

Unstabilized gunnery involves shooting a M2A1 .50 caliber machine gun weapon system from an unstabilized platform on top of a HUMVEE. Unstabilized platforms are vehicles that have mounted crew serve weapons, without a control system that provides stabilization.

The MPs provided a total of five crews to train on the vehicles and weapon systems. In preparation for qualification, Soldiers executed both day and night fire exercises.

According to 2LT Jason Jordan, MP platoon leader, STB, each iteration ranged from 30 minutes to an hour-and-a-half per engagement the crews were involved in, including critical crew skills, day- and night-dry fire, basic machine gun, extended range machine gun, basic crew practice and qualifications.

"The significance of unstabilized gunnery for the MP platoon is to certify our crews and provide our Soldiers the opportunity to become proficient and familiar with mission-essential tasks and equipment," said LTC Bran Calvetti, STB commander. "Overall, this training is top priority in preparation for any combat-intense situations."

"The highlight of this training for us is working together and building team cohesion," added SGT Wesley Ulmer, team leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, STB.



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Armor battalion conducts team trench-clearing training exercise



2LT DANIEL KELLY, 2ND BN., 34TH ARMOR REGT.

Soldiers of Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., advance down a narrow trench together during a trench-clearing training event Oct. 10 at Fort Riley. Sixty Soldiers from the company were at the Trench and Mine Facility to develop as a team and gain confidence in a simulated tactical environment.

Soldiers with Company A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor Regt., 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division participated in trench-clearing training at the Trench and Mine Facility Oct. 10 and 11 at Fort Riley. The purpose of the training was to develop as a team and gain confidence in a simulated tactical environment.

About 60 Soldiers armed with paintball guns and masks experienced first-hand the difficulties in combating an enemy in an entrenched position and learned to work as a team in order to clear their objective.

“The intent of this exercise was to have the squads work together and develop squad-level (standard operating procedures), as well as give squad leaders and team leaders the confidence to maneuver their teams,” said CPT Christopher Minter, commander, Co. A. “In

addition, we went over Battle Drill 7 - enter and clear a trench.

Most of the Soldiers had no experience with this battle drill, said 2LT William Osilaja, 3rd Platoon leader, Co. A.

“At the beginning of the training, I had asked who had done it before, and only a few had raised their hands,” Osilaja said. “This is the first time our company has done training like this. Those of us who have done this battle drill haven’t done this in years.”

Each squad was given a dry run to practice its techniques before they attempted to clear the trench at full speed and with paintballs. Paintballs provided realism and demonstrated the dangers of close-quarters combat.

“The purpose of the paintballs was to stress the importance of individual movement techniques and add a level of fun to it that the guys

seemed to really like,” Minter said.

In the close quarters of the trench complex, squad members had to rely on teamwork, communication and proper movement to accomplish their objective and clear the trench.

“People were definitely out of their comfort zone,” Osilaja said. “In the beginning, it wasn’t pretty at all, but toward the end, there was a vast improvement. At the end of the day, the Soldiers definitely had a sense of accomplishment.”

Osilaja said he believed the training was successful in accomplishing its goal.

“It gave the squad leaders a chance to get out there with their men and actually lead them,” he said. “The leadership and control of your squad being stressed out there can be applied not only to trench warfare, but to all battle drills.”

'Bro' Soldiers place 3rd as team in Army 10-Miler

Washington - Seven 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Soldiers ran their way to a top-three team finish at the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 21 in Washington.

PFC Jason Sampson, PVT Vilas Cherubin and SGT LaQuann Brown, all with 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team; SPC Cosmas Sigei and SPC Mathew Chesang, both with the Combat Aviation Brigade; SPC Ben Foreman, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team; and LTC Ted Leblow, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, placed third out of 33 teams in the Active-Duty Men division.

The team of SPC Miguel Matias, Capt. Marietta Squire, 1LT Aric Jensen, 1LT Amanda Stafford, SPC Jenna McKinney and SPC Jose Diaz placed fourth out of 67 teams in the Active-Duty Mixed division.

Chesang, a former Kansas State University track standout and All-American cross country athlete, placed sixth out of 1,857 runners in the Men, 30 to 34 division. He clocked a time of 52:14.

More than 30,000 runners registered for the 28th annual race in Washington, according to information from www.armytenmiler.com. More than 21,000 crossed the finish line, and 648 teams competed.

The top male finisher for the second year in a row, Tesfaye Senedeku-Alemyehu clocked in at 47:48. The top female finisher, Kerri Gallagher, clocked in at 56:09. The male record time is 46:59 and the female record time is 55:25. Both were set in 2009. The event is the third-largest 10-



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Members of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley Army Ten-Miler team run by King Field House in the early hours Oct. 17 as they train for the 28th annual competition. The annual run, the third-largest 10-mile race in the world, took place Oct. 21 in Washington. The race is hosted every year, with proceeds going to the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation program.

mile race in the world, and its goal is to "promote the Army, build esprit de corps, support Army fitness goals and enhance community relations," according to the event's website.

This year's team was led by LTC Ted Leblow, fire and effect chief, DHHB, who finished with a time of 58:34 and placed ninth in the Men, 40 to 44 division. Team members prepared for the ten-miler by participating in group runs every morning, including weekends.

The team was formed this summer after the Victory Week 10-Miler and 10-5-2 Prairie Run. The top finishers in those races were invited to join the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley Army Ten-Miler Team.

Diaz, a fueler in Company A, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd ABCT, qualified for the team during the Victory Week race. He was an athlete who stopped running after high school and college, but picked it up again after joining the Army.

"I love running," he said. "When I got the opportunity to run, it just brought a smile to my face."

Diaz's Army Ten-Miler time was 57:37, placing 46th in the Men, 25 to 29 division.

Matias, a combat medic in the 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st ABCT, also was a high school athlete who missed running and rediscovered his talents after joining the Army.

He entered races, which led to a meeting with Sampson, another 1st ABCT Soldier, during a physical training competition. They began training together and signed up for the Victory Week race with the intention of getting on the Ten-miler team, Matias said.

Matias clocked in with a 59:53 and Sampson with a 1:03:40 at the big race.

Team members ran 60 to 90 miles a week during their training. That is standard for those who want to compete at a high level, Leblow said.

This was the fourth or fifth 10-Miler for Leblow, who ran for the All-Army Marathon and Cross

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Country teams in the early 2000s.

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He said before departing Fort Riley for the race last week this year's team had trained the hardest and was the best team with which he'd ever competed.

Team members rank from private first class to lieutenant colonel and include military occupational specialties across the spectrum. They are a cross-section of the division and include new parents and immigrants, new Soldiers right out of advanced individual training and experienced staff officers.

"I think it's a good representation of the division and the Army as a whole," Leblow said.

Diaz said it was an honor and meant a lot to run on the team and represent the division and the post. He never thought he could be on a team like this, he added.

While Diaz runs because he loves it, he has another motivation that keeps him going; his 2-year-old son Jomarion and the memory of his brother, who passed away in 1996.

Despite their differences, Leblow said each person had the same goal: to do the best they could.



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BG Donald MacWillie, senior commander, Fort Riley, second from right, congratulates SGT Michael Sanford, 1st Bn. 1 6th Inf. Reg., 1st ABCT, second from left, after an Oct. 26 ceremony at Fort Riley naming him the 1st Inf. Div., NCO of the Quarter. PFC Christopher Leheney, 4th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, left was named the Soldier of the Quarter.

Two Soldiers with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team swept the 1st Infantry Division's Soldier and Noncommissioned of the Quarter competition.

Sgt. Michael Sanford, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st ABCT, and Pfc. Christopher Leheney, 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st ABCT, outperformed six other NCOs and Soldiers for the top titles during an Oct. 9 to 12 competition at Fort Riley.

The two were recognized during an Oct. 26 ceremony at division headquarters.

CSM Miguel Rivera, senior non-commissioned officer, Fort Riley, praised the Soldiers and NCOs who competed in the quarterly competition. He said there was no doubt in his mind the Soldier and those in the formations they represented would ensure the Army and division are set for the future.

Sanford is a 23-year-old native of Union, N.J. He said it was important to him as an NCO to lead from the front and ensure his Soldiers were taken care of.

Sanford said the toughest part of the competition, which featured a physical training test, M9 qualification range, board and Army warrior tasks - like treating a casualty and weapons disassembly, and night land navigation. He encouraged Soldiers who want to win future competitions to "study hard."

"It feels great," Sanford said of his win. "I couldn't be happier."

Leheney's mother, brother, girlfriend and friend were in the audience and watched him accept the Soldier of the Quarter title. He is a native of Lee's Summit, Mo., which is about 150 miles east of Fort Riley and 20 miles southeast of Kansas City.

It felt good to know all the hard work paid off, Leheney said. The 24-year-old wanted to win to set himself apart from his peers, he said. His next goals are to win the III Corps competition and go to Ranger school.

The first advice Leheney said he would offer to any Soldier is this: "The Army is what you put into it."

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Post honors fallen Soldier



SSG Powell

The 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley honored one of its fallen Soldiers, SSG Duriel Jay Powell, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., in an Oct. 11 memorial ceremony at Morris Hill Chapel.

Powell died Sept. 28, 2012.

SPC Brice Simpson said Powell was a big-hearted and very approachable person during the Soldier's tribute portion of the memorial ceremony.

"He made it clear that if anyone ever needed help with anything, he would be there to help," Simpson said. "He stuck to his word. I had some issues go on, and SSG Powell welcomed me into his home with open arms. He always told me that I was his adopted kid."

CPT Reimund Manneck, company commander, HHB, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt., said Powell's children were most important to him.

"He loved all of his kids with all his heart and loved his fam-

ily," Manneck said. "Ayana and D'ante always had smiles on their faces when they were around their father," Simpson said.

Friends said Powell also knew how to make work fun, but would be serious when a mission needed to be done.

Powell attended basic training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Okla.

His military assignments include: Q-36 Radar Section, Fort Drum, N.Y., as a radar operator, command driver and senior radar operator; Fort Sill, Okla., as an AIT instructor; Camp Casey, Korea, as a radar operator and senior targeting noncommissioned officer; and most

recently, with 1st Bn. 5th FA Regt., rear detachment as a security/intelligence noncommissioned officer in charge. Powell deployed to Iraq twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Powell's awards and decorations include: The Army Commendation Medal - third award; Army Achievement Medal; Good Conduct Medal - third award; National Defense Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Combat Action Badge and the Driver's Badge.

He is survived by his two children, Ayana and D'ante' and his parents, Alfred and Melissa Powell.

K-State ROTC, Fort Riley foster partnership



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COL Michael Pappal, commander, 1st ABCT, right, speaks to cadets and brigade officers during an ROTC sponsorship social Nov. 2 at division headquarters. Pappal's brigade is taking the lead this year on the sponsorship program, which links senior ROTC cadets at K-State with officers already serving in their branches.

Twenty-five ROTC cadets from Kansas State University joined the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division Family Nov. 2 at Fort Riley.

This is the sixth year for the sponsorship program that matches senior cadets with Fort Riley officers from branches in which the cadets will serve upon their commissioning, said retired LTC Kevin West, Fort Riley secretary of the general staff.

This year, the 1st ABCT provided sponsors from a variety of branches, including medical, aviation, armor, engineer and infantry.

It's an important partnership, said COL Michael Pappal, brigade commander, to the cadets and sponsors. He encouraged the cadets to use their proximity to an Army post to get experience that would put them above their peers in their future units.

"It might not look like much," he said, "but when you're brand-new, that much is a big thing. Take advantage of what you've got because every little thing that you learn now will make you better when you have Soldiers that count on you for doing the right thing."

The program provides cadets with mentorship from officers who can help better prepare them for service as lieutenants, West said. Cadets are often invited to social events with their sponsor's unit, attend leader development sessions, observe training and get a better feel for what active-duty service is like.

"The program also provides an opportunity for spouses of the cadets to become more familiar with Army life and helps them know what to expect when they arrive at their first duty station," West said.

The program is what the cadets make of it, Pappal said.

"If you do this right, I'm hoping you'll have a mentor you can take with you and refer back to in the future," Pappal said.

If the cadets want mentors as they go through their Army careers, there are mentors available, he added. It is important to bounce ideas off them because they have more experience.

BG Donald MacWillie, senior commander, Fort Riley, congratulated the cadets on where they were in their lives, saying it was a great start.

"Mentorship is something that many of us didn't have when we were younger, but we're here to officer it you," he said. "So take advantage of it, link up with your mentor, make it into something and see if you can carry it through your entire career. You never know, you may just have a friend for life."

“Big Red One” Soldiers and their Families filed into Bill Snyder Family Stadium Oct. 1 to participate in Kansas State University’s annual Fort Riley Day football game.

More than 700 Soldiers and their Families from the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley attended the game, which ended with the currently undefeated No.2 K-State Wildcats 44-30 triumph over the Oklahoma State University Cowboys.

The college designates one football game each year to highlight its partnership with the post. The day began with a complimentary tailgate in honor of the Soldiers that included food, beverages and door prizes, all provided for the Soldiers through donations from local residents and businesses.

“This is the first event of its kind that I have witnessed in my 19 and a half years in the Army,” said CW4 Patrick Grove, 1st Inf. Div.’s officer in charge for the event. “It’s a great event that brings the two communities together and allows our Soldiers and Families a chance to attend a top-caliber game at no expense to them.”

The Soldier’s participation with the day’s festivities was prominent from the start as SGT Steven Salas, and SGT Eder Tavera the 1st Inf. Div.’s noncommissioned officer and Soldier of the year, respectively, participated in the coin toss.

Prior to kick-off, all of the Big Red One’s battalion and brigade colors were presented on the field as well as performances by the 1st Inf. Div. Band. Throughout the game, Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., more commonly known as “Hamilton’s Own,” fired their ceremonial cannons after each



AMANDA KIM STAIRRETT, 1ST INF. DIV.

Sgt. Willie, center, leads his team onto the field Nov. 3 at the start of the K-State vs. OSU football game. Sgt. Willie, or Willie the Wildcat, K-State mascot, wears his ACUs when participating in military-related events. K-State hosts a Fort Riley Appreciation Day each year to highlight its partnership with the post and its Soldiers. Fort Riley and 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers joined him in doing pushups after each K-State touchdown during the game.

touchdown or field goal achieved by the Wildcats.

“We’re real pleased to be (at Kansas State University). The relationship (between the post and college) has grown very, very tight over the last several years,” said BG Donald MacWillie, senior commander, Fort Riley, during a pre-game interview at the stadium.

MacWillie praised the partnership that has been established between several K-State sports teams and various units from the post. Each of the partnerships were recognized during the game as the athletes stood on the field next to their Soldier comrades.

“Adversity can be any number of different things. You have adversity on the battlefield; you have adversity here on the football field, baseball fields, basketball and volleyball fields, etc. You can really find a common link between the student-athletes and the Soldiers,” he said. “Our Soldiers get to talk about adversity, leadership and share techniques with world-class athletes -- world-class athletes that

are not just here at K-State but also over at Fort Riley, Kan.”

Throughout the game, spectators were able to watch prerecorded messages from 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers deployed overseas. The videos included a greeting and well wishes from the Wildcats to be victorious from MG William Mayville and CSN Charles Sasser, the division’s commanding general and command sergeant major who are currently serving with the division’s headquarters in Afghanistan.

MacWillie said even though the City of Manhattan may be known as the “Little Apple,” its relationship with the historic post is far from little.

“This partnership provides so much; everything from education to taking care of our wounded Soldiers, to doing things like (the appreciation football game),” he said. “When you got something that is that special, and supported by the leaders of both organizations, it does nothing but help one another.”

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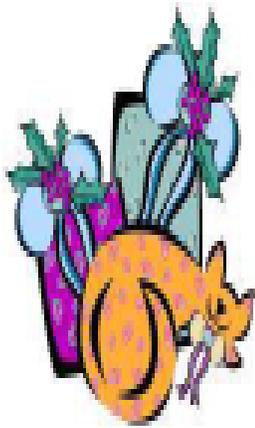
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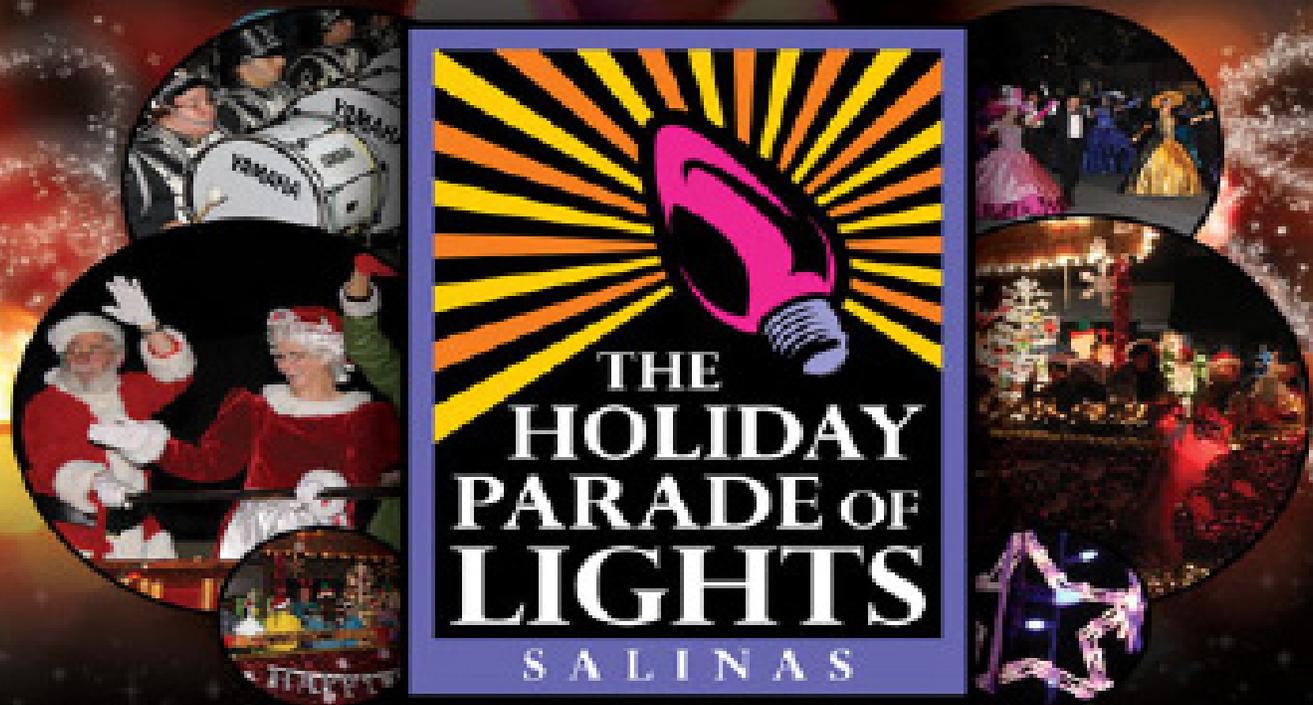
Join our family as we give back to our community this holiday season! The Fort Riley Stray Facility has many animals who need forever homes. In the meantime, the staff at the facility work very hard to take care of those animals while they patiently wait for that special family to rescue them. While the Stray Facility is funded, that funding is not always enough to keep the animals long enough to find that special family. This is where we can help!

Give the gift of life by making a donation of *dog and cat food, kitty litter, newspapers, toys (dog and cat), dog chews, treats, puppy pads, fleece blankets*. We will come get it from you and take all donations to the facility the week of **December 10th, 2012**. Your donation is going to a great resource in our community, and it just may keep an animal around a bit more time to find his or her forever home!

Please contact Julie if you want to help her family's mission by calling (785) 226-1916 or e-mail at julieadam1997@yahoo.com by December 9th. This is not a fundraising drive, just a family charity project that we would love to share with our community!



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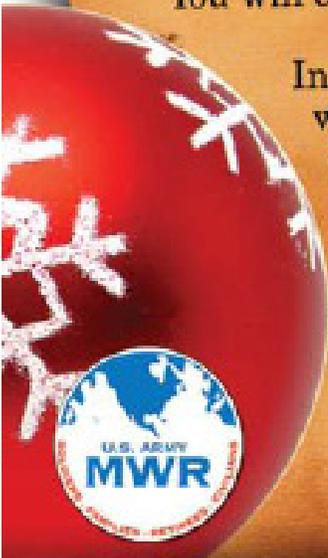
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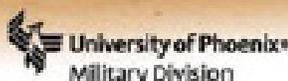
More than 50 local and regional vendors will showcase their handmade and homemade items and gifts perfect for the holidays. You will certainly find something for that special person on your list.

In true holiday spirit this special event will also include mule wagon rides, performances by two local children's choirs, German food, Gluhwein, a snow tent and an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to come face-to-face with one of Santa's cherished reindeer. Thanks to our generous sponsors, each child will receive a free picture with Santa.

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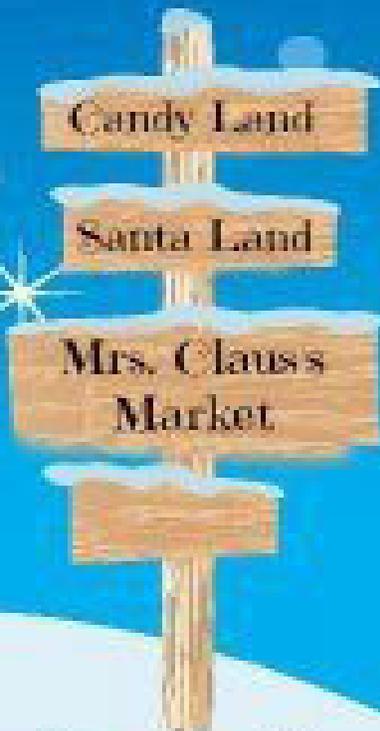
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Outdoor Rec. Activities

DECEMBER

TREES FOR TROOPS

December

Free to Active Duty Military card holders

The Trees for Troops program is back at Ft. Riley! Make a memory by selecting the ideal tree for you, your family or friends. Outdoor Recreation once again will be the place to pick up your holiday tree. Don't forget to check in with your ID prior to proceeding to the pickup location.

FT. RILEY FROSTY CONTEST

Dec-Feb

Outdoor Recreation is kicking off the winter months with a friendly snowman building competition. Whenever it snows grab your family or friends and make a snowman. Take a couple of pictures and submit them for the chance to win prizes from Outdoor Recreation. You can submit multiple times so every time it snows make another snowman and submit those pictures. Make sure you get creative with colors, clothes, and accessories, but make sure they are appropriate for all ages.

INTRODUCTORY TRAP SHOOTING CLINIC

Dec-Feb

Cost: \$11.00/person

Learn the basics of sport shooting by trying your hand at Trap. Rental gun, ammo, ear protection and eye protection is included in the fee. Dates and times are by appointment only. For additional information or to make an appointment please call the Outdoor Recreation Center 239-2363.

LAWRENCE INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER

Dec. 18th 1130am-8pm

Cost: \$6/adult, \$5/children (5-17)

The weather outside may be frightful but the temperature inside the Lawrence water park is wonderful! Kept at a perfect 87 degrees this facility is ideal for those wanting to escape from the severe Kansas winter, at least for the afternoon. The zero-depth entry, play features, slide, diving boards, and lap lanes more than meet the needs from tykes to adults. Cost includes entrance to the park and transportation. Pre-registration is required. Children must be accompanied by parents or guardians.

FAMILY CLIMB TIME

Dec. 21st 2pm-4pm

Are you craving family fun during these winter days? Outdoor Recreation and Craig Fitness Center are teaming up to offer you an exciting escape from your regular routine. Trained staff will belay while you, your family, and your friends climb on the wall. Pre-registration is required.

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