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	Friday	High:41 Low:26
Thursday (Happy New Year)	High:46 Low:26	High:41 Low:26

WEDNESDAY

Fort Riley Post



Tanker Jesus Gonzales, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, of El Paso, Texas, displays a photo of Saddam Hussein with a bullseye drawn on it. His tank was positioned on the northernmost part of Highway 70 south of Hillah.

2003: Year in Review

War, memorials, family separations, Saddam's capture highlighted

January
Smallpox vaccination mandatory for servicemembers

With the threat of smallpox being used as a bio-weapon against our military forces, President George W. Bush, ordered all Department of Defense military personnel to line up and get a smallpox vaccination.

Forces Command soldiers might start lining this month for their mandatory shots, according to the FORSCOM Surgeon. Just like the anthrax vaccine, smallpox will be mandatory because of force health protection issues.

"It will be implemented soon here at Fort Riley to protect our servicemembers from this dreaded disease," said Capt. (Dr.) Robert Russell, chief of Preventive Medicine, Fort Riley Medical Department Activities.

Tricare beneficiaries alerted about theft

The TRICARE Management Activity, Falls Church, Va., announced Dec. 23, 2002, that computer equipment and files were stolen on Dec. 14, 2002, from its TRICARE Central Region health contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp., Phoenix, Ariz. Beneficiaries are encouraged to protect themselves by contacting each of the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on their credit file and to get copies of their credit reports. The fraud alert will let creditors know to contact you

before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts.

Troops move out, hone skills at NTC

After months of training, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team left for a rotation at the National Training Center Jan. 11.

"We began training for the rotation as far back as July '02, when the brigade provided a tough OPFOR against our National Guard partners during the Hickory Sting Exercise," said Col. Russ Gold, commander, 3rd BCT. The brigade looks forward to gaining experience from NTC, said Gold. "The experience we will gain as a result of our rotation is immeasurable. A rotation is designed to test every soldier and system to the limits of endurance, so we can grow as professionals and leave there in the highest state of readiness possible," he said.

Engineers fine-tune warfighting skills

Soldiers from the 1st Engineer Battalion were in the field recently sharpening their skills during the battalion's company level training exercise, which focused on platoon cohesiveness. Soldiers were put to the test by having to accomplish a variety of tasks within the allotted time limits and to the task's standard.

"We are exercising the individual level of training while incorporating it into a collective squad and platoon level training exercise," said Command Sgt. Maj. William Rozinek, 1st Eng. Bn.

Local leaders observe training

Dignitaries from local communities will spend part of their weekend and the next work week



Memorials for the 20 soldiers who died in Iraq were held in Morris Hill Chapel. The soldiers were taking part in the country's global war on terrorism and died while serving in Iraq.

as "An Army of One" at the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Fort Riley's semi-annual Operation Desert Partner allows people from communities in the immedi-

ate Fort Riley area to become more familiar with the Army. It allows them the opportunity to understand training methodology. Additionally, they get to spend time with the servicemembers and observing their desert warfare training.

Mark Taussig, Manhattan city commissioner; Carolyn Gaston, a public affairs manager for a Fort Riley phone office and Gary Junghans, a Junction City business owner, all visited Fort Riley on Jan. 13 for an orientation and introduction to what they would experience at the NTC.

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Stop movement put into effect

A limited number of active-duty soldiers will not be changing duty stations to maintain unit readiness in case called upon to support a possible conflict.

The Army released a "stop-movement" order, which suspends permanent-change-of-station orders for soldiers in designated units, officials said.

This movement does not apply to the entire Army, officials added.

Devil Brigade prepares for Foal Eagle in Korea

The 1st Brigade Combat Team continues to be a very busy organization.

They will be partaking in a



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training exercise, named Foal Eagle, which will bring the Devil

Brigade to the Republic of Korea. Task Force Dreadnaught, and approximately 800-Soldier task force, primarily from 2nd Battal-

ion, 34th Armor, is scheduled to leave at the end of February. The servicemembers are expected to return about mid-April.

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February**Metz Changes Command**

Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz relinquished command of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley yesterday at a departure ceremony.

On Jan. 30, the Senate confirmed Metz's appointment to the grade of Lieutenant General and assignment as Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood, Fort Hood, Texas, following the President's Dec. 16 nomination.

Metz has served at Fort Riley since November 2001, and he served as the Chief of Staff for U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., for the last three months.

At this time, no replacement for Metz has been named. However, Col. (P) Frank Helmick has assumed the role as the acting commander in the interim.

Helmick has served at Fort Riley since August 2002 as the Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver and filled in as the acting commander during Metz's CENTCOM assignment.

Post recognizes contributions of African-Americans

The 24th Infantry Division (Mech) Equal Opportunity Office hosted an African-American/Black History Month Observance at Normandy Theater Feb. 12 as part of the month-long celebration.

The theme for the observance was "The Souls of Black Folk," in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of W.E.B. DuBois' book by the same name.

DuBois' book is a personal document that is based on the idea that someone may know the soul of a race by knowing the soul of one of its members.

In DuBois' "forethought" of his book, he says that he examines the rise of personal leadership, the struggles of the black peasantry and the relations between sons of master and man.

The observance featured Lt. Gen. Larry R. Jordan, deputy commanding general and chief of staff, Training and Doctrine Command.



Post/Watson

Fort Riley firefighters Dan Peters (right) and Ivan May (left), crew members for Engine No. 2, resuscitate a puppy that inhaled smoke during a house fire that occurred at around 8:55 a.m. Feb. 14 in Warner Heights on post.

Jordan spoke about the importance of observances to the people and the heritage that is being celebrated.

Training Support unit's mission to help Soldiers prepare

The 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support) has called up reservists from three training support battalions to help prepare other reservists who are being deployed to Central Command locations.

More than 300 soldiers from the 583rd Regiment, with battal-

ions located in Des Moines, Iowa, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and St. Louis, Mo., arrived at Fort Riley earlier this month.

The primary mission of Training Support Battalions is to mobilize Reserve Component forces from the Army National Guard and the Army Reserves.

"This is part of Training Support 21, which was developed soon after Desert Storm," said Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Elder, command sergeant major, 3rd Brigade, 75th Div. (TS).

"It provided an asset to the Guard and Reserves to assist them in preparing themselves for war," Elder stated.

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March**Soldiers deploy in support of war on terror**

Infantry soldiers with the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division deployed recently to support the President's global war on terrorism.

Lined up in desert camouflage uniforms and loaded down with weapons and equipment, the soldiers of 3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry manifested on Custer Hill prior to

departing Fort Riley.

"I'm a little sad because I'm leaving behind loved ones, but other than that, it's an experience I'm willing to take to fight for my country if I have to," said Spc. Kendall Smith, a soldier preparing to deploy.

'Opening stages' of Iraqi liberation begins

The War on Terrorism reached

its next level at mach speed as Tomahawk cruise missiles and precision-guided bombs were fired at military targets in Baghdad March 19, commencing "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

"On my orders, coalition forces have begun striking selective targets of military importance to undermine Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war," said President George W. Bush, as he addressed the nation with a furled brow and

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Junk was killed in a riding accident the day before on Fort Riley. The horse also stood riderless with the Honor Guard at the State Capitol during Armed Forces Appreciation Day on March 19.

At 7 p.m. on Monday, Bush announced that Saddam Hussein and his sons had 48 hours to leave Iraq, threatening that their refusal to do so would result in military conflict commenced at a time of his choosing.

Soldier remembered

A riderless horse rode with the Fort Riley Honor Guard in Chapman's St. Patrick's Day parade March 14, as a tribute to its lost rider, Spc. Derek Junk.

Lightning push ends with showdown for 2nd Bn., 70th Armor

NASIRIYAH, Iraq - Explosions near the airport lit up the night sky, giving the hushed soldiers of the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry their first view of the low skyline of this southern Iraqi city they had come to conquer.

After rolling unimpeded for 70 miles in a huge wedge formation across the open Iraqi desert, the tanks and other armor met their first resistance after nightfall on the outskirts of this city on the Euphrates River near the birthplace of the biblical patriarch Abraham.

Using infrared flashlights to study maps, Lt. Col. Jeff Ingram, a tank battalion commander with the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, conferred with his officers over the tailgate of an armored personnel carrier. The problem: How to avoid the dreaded urban warfare into which the Iraqis were trying to lure them.

April

First Fort Riley soldier killed in Iraq

The Department of Defense announced April 2 the identity of a Fort Riley Soldier killed April 1 during a hostile fire incident in Iraq.

Butler was the first Fort Riley soldier killed in the global war on terrorism. He was also the first Kansan to die in this war.

Dead is Sgt. Jacob Lee Butler, 24, of Wellsville, Kan. Butler was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

Butler joined the Army on Nov. 13, 1998, and has been stationed at Fort Riley since Nov. 19, 2001. He was assigned as a cavalry scout in the battalion.

Fort Riley commanders, soldiers, civilian employees and Family Readiness Groups are providing ongoing assistance to all families of Soldiers.

Homeland defense topic of McHale visit

The Homeland Security Level is High (Orange), and that means a credible threat on American soil exists.

Under the high alert level, the public should stay alert and maintain emergency preparedness. If a threat arises, military teams will protect American citizens, Paul McHale, assistant secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense, said.

"We discovered on Sept. 11, 2001 that the bad guys know how to get into our rear area, and if we don't stop them, they could kill a lot of good people - our friends, our neighbors, our families, our property, and if we let them, our freedom, ultimately," McHale



Post/Render

Travis Tritt visits with soldiers who were preparing to deploy. Tritt's visit was part of the Spirit of America Tour, a project of the Robert and Nina Rosenthal Foundation, Inc.

said. "Focus in on your mission. Make sure you understand what is expected of you. Make sure you are good to go," he said. "Because, I give you my word, we are not going to call out the best of what we have unless the enemy threat requires it."

are going to bring freedom from terrorism to the United States," he added.

Brownback said he wanted to meet and look into the eyes of Soldiers who are being deployed, and spouses whose husbands and wives are deployed.

Brownback visits with soldiers preparing for deployment

The Soldiers at Fort Riley and in the Middle East are heroes who are carrying the weight of freedom on their shoulders, according to Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., who visited troops and family members on post Friday.

"You guys are doing your job, and you are going to bring liberty, freedom and an open society to the Iraqi people," said Brownback, in his speech to the Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 13th Armor. "You

Families say farewell to deploying soldiers

Soldiers from the 300th Military Police Company said goodbye to family and friends Saturday as they departed for unknown areas of Central Command operations. A deployment ceremony was held at King Field House, and Lt. Col. Pamela Martis, commander, 924 MP Battalion, gave the soldiers encouragement as they prepared to leave.

The Soldiers entered and moved into formation. They then stood at attention waiting to depart.

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Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., visits with troops from 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, before their deployment. Soldiers asked the senator questions on a variety of subjects.

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Lt. John Kimball of Brooklyn, N.Y., with 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor checks a man for weapons. The Iraqi man was stopped as he was approaching a convoy. Only a few miles away, the city Kerbala was being attacked.

Funston Lake closed due to dry weather, water quality

Dry conditions not only can have negative impacts on farming

and landscaping but also to fish and wildlife. Due to continued lower than average rainfall for the Fort Riley area, many of the fort's ponds and lakes have suffered. In particular, Funston Lake has been closed to fishing due to low water levels and deteriorated water quality. Unless substantial rains come to the area, the Oxbow Lake will likely suffer a fish kill and go dry this summer.

May

Bulldog Brigade deploys to CENTCOM

The Fort Riley community grew a little smaller this week as it said goodbye to the remaining elements of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

The Soldiers weighed in, manifested and received their remaining medical shots at Craig Gym before they boarded a bus to take them to the awaiting plane.

Although the Soldiers were deploying, their spirits were high because the waiting had finally come to an end.

"My feelings about this deployment are great," said Col. Russell Gold, commander, 3rd Brigade Combat Team. "We all want to get over there, and more importantly, we want to get over there with the other three battalions who have been there the last couple of months and get back together as a brigade combat team."

Task Force 2-34 trains in Korea

The 19th Theater Support Command's U.S. Army Materiel Support Center - Korea and the 6th Ordnance Battalion were critical players during the U.S. Army Preposition Site - 4 equipment

draw during this year's Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration Exercise.

Soldiers assigned to Fort Riley's 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment and 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment companies together form TF 2-34, an Army rapid deployment unit.

They deployed to the Republic of Korea to participate in the RSO&I training exercise and draw equipment and supplies from the APS-4 site, move north by rail, participate in live-fire training and return to Camp Carroll to place the equipment back into storage.

Fort Riley economic impact statement released

Fort Riley's economic impact on Kansas was more than \$688 million, from Oct. 1, 2001 to Sept. 30, 2002, according to the latest Economic Impact Report released by the installation's Directorate of Resource Management.

The report is a compilation of data that generalizes the contributions Fort Riley makes to local communities and to the state.

Fort Riley terrain added at Close Combat Tactical Trainer

On June 1, the Fort Riley's

Close Combat Tactical Trainer will upgrade its operation with the addition of Fort Riley's terrain into its library of terrain data programs. Currently, soldiers training at the CCTT have the option of training on virtual terrain programs that replicate the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., Fort Hood, Texas, Europe or Korea. The new Fort Riley database will allow the soldiers to train on something identical to Fort Riley.

Common Access Cards mass issuance begins once again

The Personnel Service Center has started mass issuing of Common Access Cards once again.

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Military youth practice fishing skills at clinic

The Directorate of Environment and Safety and the Directorate of Community Activities sponsored Fort Riley's 2nd Annual Fishing Clinic at Moon Lake.

The clinic was free to soldier's family members 15 years of age and younger.

The stations ranged from casting techniques to fish identification to fishing ethics and boating safety class, as well as hazardous insects and animals in the region.

"The purpose of this event is to teach kids to have an appreciation of the outdoors. If they enjoy fishing, they'll understand that they need to have clean water, clean air and an area free of debris," said Carrin Richardson, education and awareness coordinator, Directorate of Environment and Safety.

The fishing clinic also served as the kick-off for Earth Day.

Each station had displays set up to help the children and their parents understand why it is important to respect the Earth, as well as the Fort Riley region.

The clinic provided 500 pounds of rainbow trout and 800 pounds of catfish that were stocked in the lake.

The clinic also provided a limited number of fishing poles, just in case one of the kid's fishing rigs was broken, Richardson said.

Training support division names Soldier of the Year

Spc. Jeremy Ricci was named 75th Division (Training Support) Soldier of the Year recently.

Ricci, an administrative assistant, has been at Fort Riley for six months. He joined the Army Reserve last year, attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and graduated from Advanced Individual Training in October.

Ricci decided to join the Army for many reasons.

"I will have money for college, and it's a good career choice," he said. "You get a great deal of respect, not only from your co-workers, but civilians, too."

Before competing at the division level, Ricci went to the Soldier of the Quarter board at the brigade level. He won and also beat out the previous Soldiers of the Quarter, which gave him the brigade Soldier of the Year.

Marriage rates rise with deployments

When deployments start, often times marriages follow. More weddings occur as a result of soldiers being deployed, said Chap. (Capt.) Mark Nakazono, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor.

Nakazono said he has performed seven ceremonies since his unit received orders to deploy. In comparison, Nakazono has been with the unit since September 2002, and these were the first ceremonies he had performed.

"I know that another chaplain has performed at least four weddings in the weeks before his unit deployed," said Nakazono. Couples who have been married since deployments began, typically already have plans to be married either this summer or in the future, and just move their weddings up, he added. However one couple he married did get engaged just days before the ceremony.

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Battalion, Detachment 4 and the 1008th Quartermaster Company were called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and they returned home last week - one unit to Illinois, and the

other right here in Kansas.

Hardy takes over as CG of division, post

Fort Riley has a new leader

with a goal to sustain the rich heritage of the installation and prepare its troops for future missions. Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy assumed command of 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley on May 15, on Calvary Parade Field.

Hardy said he is excited, honored and privileged to serve Fort Riley and to keep the history books moving forward. "It is a great day for me and (wife) Diane to be joining this great organization and this great team," he said. "This is a great

team here, and there is a lot of history that has been made here.

Concert series hits post

The weather held up one weekend in May, while Night Ranger

and Cheap Trick rocked the Fort Riley community outdoors at Marshall Army Air Field.

The concert brought approximately 2,500 people to the post. Soldiers and their families and people from hours away came to watch the bands perform.

June

82nd Medical Company welcomed home

Fort Riley welcomed home over 100 Soldiers from the 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance), along with approximately 50 Soldiers from the 205th Area Support Medical Battalion, in Hangar 817 at Marshall Army Air Field June 1.

On hand to welcome the soldiers was Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, assistant division commander of maneuver, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley.

Soldiers earn Expert Infantry Badge

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, as well as elements of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, received their Expert Infantry Badge at Bulldog Parade Field.

The EIB is presented to infantrymen for excellence.

Hearron honored at retirement

An all-star career ended with the retirement of Fort Riley's division command sergeant major.

Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Hearron, outgoing division command sergeant major, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, retired after 30 years and 13 days of service.

Hearron stated that his military career was one that started by chance.



Pfc. Josh Morgan gets a teary welcome from his wife, Krista, at the 82nd Medical Company Redeployment Ceremony Sunday at Hangar 817. Morgan was one of over 100 soldiers returning to Fort Riley from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Soldiers return from Korea

Members of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor returned home to a hero's welcome and the waiting

arms of their loved ones after a deployment to Korea ended. The task force deployed on March 5, for a mission, which was originally slated to last 45 days. Due to the escalating tensions

in the area and the war in Iraq, departure times for the task force were delayed and the unit ended up spending about two months in country.

Fort Riley welcomes new staff to the command

Col. Richard McPhee is the

new Chief of Staff for the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley. He is currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom as Commander of the 75th Field Artillery Brigade, and is anticipated to report to Fort Riley for his new position in July.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert L. Canuela is a new face at Fort Riley now, serving as the Division Command Sergeant Major. His last duty station was the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command where he served as the command sergeant major.

Helmick departs for 101st Air Assault Division

A departure ceremony was held Wednesday for Brig. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, assistant division commander (maneuver), 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, who is leaving to become assistant division commander for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Post-wide graduation ceremony honors students

Soldiers and civilians graduated June 12, to celebrate the graduation of 234 students from five different schools associated with Fort Riley higher education programs.

Eleven masters degrees were awarded at the ceremony, along with 80 bachelor degrees and 142 associates degrees in varying fields.

July

SimMan gives medics realistic training

In an effort to improve training, increase Soldier safety and save lives, the division G3 has acquired one of the newest, most advanced training aides in the medical field. This new device is

called the SimMan.

"The SimMan is the next best thing to learning on live people," said Capt. Jodelle Schroeder, 1st Brigade nurse.

"It is a 5 feet, 2 inch, 70 pound digitalized mannequin. It creates an interactive experience of treating and caring for patients," Schroeder said of the new SimMan.

Fort Riley soldiers act as mayor, vice-mayor of Al Ameria, Iraq

Army Capt. Jonathan Lauer and Lt. John Ruch are both West Point graduates, and they both were among the first Soldiers to cross the berm into Iraq from Kuwait in March. Now, the combat veterans from Fort Riley are

known respectively of the mayor and vice-mayor of Al Ameria, a community of about 2,000 Iraqis living just west of Baghdad.

Ceremony honors fallen vets

As part of the Independence Day celebration, a wreath laying ceremony and a 50 cannon Salute to the Nation was held at the Viet-

nam Memorial at Heritage Park in Junction City during the Sundown Salute activities July 4.

Junction City, Fort Riley celebrate July 4th

Independence Day was celebrated in Junction City and Fort Riley with the Sundown Salute, a

tradition dating back more than 30 years.

"We have been doing this for 31 years," said Junction City Mayor Mick Wunder.

"It started as a parade and fireworks and as the years went by it has grown into quite a family event," Wunder said.

Events for the Sundown Salute began on July 3, with a carnival, a kiddie parade and a street dance.

August

1st Brigade units prepare to deploy

When the 1st Brigade Combat Team deploys to Iraq within the next month, expect them to be gone for up to a year.

This was the message Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, put out while taping an interview for Fort Riley's television show, "In Step with Fort Riley" this week.

Enhanced Separate Brigades alerted

The Army announced this week that it has alerted two U.S. Army National Guard Enhanced Separate Brigades that may participate in the Army unit rotation plan for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The units are the 30th Infantry Brigade from North Carolina, part of the 24th Infantry Division, and the 39th Infantry Brigade from Arkansas.

The 30th Infantry Brigade will be augmented with an infantry battalion from the 27th Infantry Brigade of New York.

Task Force continues Iraqi Freedom mission

Although most of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry has returned from operation Iraqi Freedom, some of the brothers-in-arms, Company A, are still there carrying on with the mission as part of Task Force 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor.

While Soldiers of Company A are gone, their families and spouses will still receive support while their Soldiers are deployed fighting for freedom.

New Army chief of staff sworn in

Gen. Pete Schoomaker was sworn in Aug. 1 at the Pentagon as the Army's 35th chief of staff by Les Brownlee, acting secretary of the Army.

President George W. Bush nominated Schoomaker in June to replace retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, the former Army chief.

Maintenance facility renamed in memory of Robert W. Custer

A ceremony was held Tuesday to rename the Fort Riley Consolidated Maintenance Facility, building 8100, in memory of Robert W. Custer, who participated in the development, planning and design of the building.

On hand at the dedication ceremony was Custer's widow, Dana, and their sons, Mike and Eric, and their daughter, Keri Pinney.

The building, now named the Robert W. Custer Maintenance Facility, consolidates maintenance functions previously performed in 37 different facilities. In 1982, when it was constructed, the facility was a prototype for Army Table of Distribution Maintenance Facilities.

U.S. Senator Sam Brownback visits Fort Riley

U.S. Senator Sam Brownback, visited Fort Riley Aug. 13, to talk to operation Iraqi Freedom veterans in order to get their views on how the war went.

Brownback attended a luncheon with the soldiers of the 82nd Medical Company inside the 1st Brigade's dining facility to discuss how the soldiers felt about their deployment and see how the Iraqi people were reacting to their

Oregon-California Trail Symposium held on Fort Riley

The history of the West and Fort Riley came alive Aug. 16 as

220 members of the Oregon-California Trails Association spent the last day of their seven-day symposium touring the post.

The members wanted to experience the history of Fort Riley and its close connection to the settling of the 'Old West' and the Oregon Trail.

1st AD to purchase hotel for R&R in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Some soldiers with the 1st Armored Division in Baghdad will soon have a chance to trade their heavy body armor for swim suits and their

cramped and dirty quarters for soft beds and clean sheets according to Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, division commander.

The 1st AD is buying an entire hotel in eastern Baghdad that will serve as a rest and relaxation facility for the troops, Dempsey said.



Runners receive cups of water at a water station along the route of the 10-mile portion of the Prairie Run held on post. Each mile marker along the course had a water station set up for the runners to help combat the morning heat.





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September

Rumsfeld urges Americans not to forget attacks on Sept. 11

WASHINGTON-It is important that the people of the world not forget about the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, Defense Secretary

Donald H. Rumsfeld said at the National Press Club on the eve of the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. Rumsfeld, who has just returned from a visit to Iraq and Afghanistan, told reporters that "with coalition forces risking their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan and many other spots on this globe, it is important to pause and remember. The war that began two years ago, the global war on terror, is well begun, but it is only just begun."

High tech video phones bring families together

For the first time since being deployed in April, soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, were given the opportunity to see and talk with their loved ones over a video teleconference system Sept. 12. The soldiers are currently serving in Iraq. Family members were each given five minutes, in a confer-

ence room set up in the Battle Simulation Center on Custer Hill, to speak with their loved ones face to face.

Symposium honors Fort Riley

The Institute for Military History and 20th Century Studies at Kansas State University, hosted a Fort Riley sesquicentennial symposium at Little Theater inside the K-State Union Sept. 11.

The two-day event, "A Celebration of Fort Riley," presented interpretations of the post's past, present and future as a military institution.

Custer Hill Elementary boasts top performance

Using teamwork, innovation and old-fashioned hard work, the teachers and staff of Custer Hill Elementary School have achieved

nationalwide recognition as one of the top performing schools in the country and in Kansas.

The school will soon receive the "No Child Left Behind" Blue Ribbon Award.

The award can be given to schools that either test in the top 10 percent on the state assessment tests or show significant improvement in test scores in a school that has 40 percent or more of the students on the free or reduced lunch program.

October

Cook becomes Fort Riley's fire chief

The Fort Riley Fire Department recently named a new fire chief. Mike Cook has taken over for Fire Chief John Boyd who retired on Wednesday.

Cook, who was the assistant fire chief under Boyd, started his firefighting career as a volunteer in 1977 at a rural fire station in Hope.

Army exceeds recruiting goal for fourth straight year

The United States Army achieved mission success for a fourth straight year. Regular Army projections are for 74,167 accessions for the mission of 73,800, equaling 100.5 percent of the mission. The Army Reserve expects to achieve 27,485 soldiers against a mission of 26,400,

equaling 104.1 percent of the mission. Cadet Command, the parent organization of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, exceeded its fiscal year 2003 mission of commissioning 3,900 officers.

Visitors enjoy Open House at Fort Riley

The Soldiers, civilian employees and families of Fort Riley opened their doors and invited the local community on post for a day of celebration and exploration during the Fort Riley Open House and Apple Day celebration Saturday.

An estimated 7,000 people attended this year's festivities, according to Brad Carlton, supervisory operations and plans specialist. G3, who described the day as having "the feel of a large block party." Historical displays, military vehicle displays, an expo tent with 42 different vendors, weapons firing and much more

was on hand for anyone who wished to tour the post and enjoy the multitude of food and crafts that were available.

Duty statue unveiled, dedicated to cavalry

Throughout the Fort Riley Apple

Day/Open House festival Saturday, there were several key events performed in honor of the post's 150th birthday.

One such event was the official unveiling of Fort Riley's newest statue "Duty" which stands outside the U.S. Cavalry Museum.

The Cavalry Museum Director, Bill McKale, opened the ceremo-

ny by stating who the statue honors and how it is fitting that it be at Fort Riley.

"Today we unveil the statue "Duty," which was designed and sculpted by James Muir. Duty honors all cavalymen - it is fitting that this statue resides at Fort Riley, as Fort Riley will forever be considered the home of the

cavalry," said McKale.

Eisenhower honored with events in Abilene

Kansans and various military and civilian groups from around the country joined in a memorial for President Dwight D. Eisenhower Oct. 11. The event included

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the laying of a wreath sent by President George W. Bush and a ceremony and vigil by members of the American Legion.

The day started with the laying of the presidential wreath inside the Place of Meditation, where Eisenhower, his wife and a son are buried.

Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, incoming assistant division commander (maneuver), 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, command sergeant major, 24th Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, assisted in laying the wreath.

Runners pound pavement in nation's capitol

Over 13,000 people woke up early one Sunday morning, strapped on some running shoes and decided to take a little jog around Washington D.C.

However, many didn't realize that they were going to be part of a historic event that takes place every year.

Thousands of Active Army Soldiers, National Guardsman, reservists, Department of Defense employees and civilians competed in the largest 10-mile race in America.

This was the 19th Annual Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 5.

Kearney welcomed to division, Fort Riley

Fort Riley welcomed its new Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) during a ceremony held on Cavalry Parade Field Oct. 17.

Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney said that it was great to be associated with the post and its surrounding towns.

"The reputation of Fort Riley, Junction City and Manhattan precedes our arrival, and at Fort Bragg, (N.C.) and at the (Special Operations Command), we were routinely told about the great experience we were about to undertake at Fort Riley, Kan," he said.

Operation OK Corral goes smoothly

Operation OK Corral began early Friday morning in the town of Khadidiyah, with several 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division units working in conjunction with the 82nd Airborne Division.

The purpose of Operation OK Corral was to capture high value targets known to be in the area. The operation went smoothly and no shots were fired.

The four-phase plan began with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance done by troops from 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, and military intelligence.

Ghost tours offered scary side of Fort Riley

The Historical and Archaeolog-

ical Society of Fort Riley's annual Ghost Tours, a look at the more frightening side of Fort Riley, were held Oct. 26, with haunted tours beginning and ending at the

Custer House.

A volunteer standing outside each of the 14 stops on the two-mile walking tour spoke about the rumors and legends surrounding

their building, with locations as varied as the Custer House, the Public Affairs Office, Building 500 and Old Trooper Monument.

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Col. Buck Conner, commander, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, teaches an Iraqi boy how to high five.

Post-Bender

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Post/Riles

More than 20 Soldiers from various units on post form a chain to speed up the process of downloading the semi full of care packages. The 6,000 individually wrapped presents, with an estimated value of more than \$210,000, were donated by the the residents of Kirkland, Wash., to Fort Riley Soldiers in Iraq.

November

Infantry wins post championship

The Company B, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry "Head Busters" won a narrow victory over the 3662nd General Support Maintenance Company "Satan's" after going into double overtime during the post flag football championship Oct. 30, at Sturgis Field.

Army's top Soldier visits Fort Riley troops, families

Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Chief of Staff of the Army, spent several hours at Fort Riley, visiting with Soldiers and touring the post.

Schoomaker, who assumed his current position as chief of staff on Aug. 1, has been touring various posts to assess Army readiness and to better acquaint himself with different posts and commanders.

Schoomaker, also presented four Fort Riley Soldiers with Purple Hearts at the 1st Brigade Dining Facility.

The four Soldiers, Staff Sgt. Larry V. Burkhardt and Pfc. Adam J. Zaremba, Service Battery, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, and Spc. Daniel J. Stangel Jr. and Spc. Reginald D. Boyd, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion, returned from Iraq to recover from the wounds they received during the conflict.

International officers visit post, learn about American military

Fort Riley played host to officers from around the world on Oct. 28 when 89 international military officers from 77 different countries toured the post.

The officers, who are attending the Command and General Staff Officer Course at Fort Leavenworth, toured the Close Combat Tactical Trainer, U.S. Cavalry Museum, Soldier and Family Support Center and ate lunch with Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry.

Veterans honored at local events

Members of the Fort Riley, Manhattan, Junction City and other area communities gathered on Veterans Day to participate in the Flint Hills Coalition Veterans Day Honor Parade on Poyntz

Avenue in Manhattan.

The parade's Grand Marshal was Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Riley.

Medical Holdovers receiving prompt care at post hospital

From the medical care standards of Irwin Army Community Hospital to the living accommodations of Fort Riley's 6025th Garrison Support Unit - Brig. Gen. C. William Fox, Jr., said a great job is being done for the Medical Holdover servicemembers. Fox is the commanding general of the Great Plains Regional Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

In addition to Fox, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Health Affairs, Edward P. Wyatt, Jr., Washington, D.C., said that he was going to take Fort Riley's process of caring and managing Medical Holdovers to other military installations as an example of good management practices.

Fox and Wyatt visited IACH and Fort Riley, Nov. 3-5.

Fort Riley Honor Guard donates horses to local organizations

The Fort Riley Honor Guard donated five horses to several organizations in various communities.

The organizations are non-profit agencies that will offer the steeds a less strenuous role, while tending to the needs of their patrons.

Washington residents donate thousands of presents to Soldiers

Fort Riley soldiers unloaded thousands of care packages Nov. 17, at the Camp Funston Transportation Center. The packages will be shipped to the Fort Riley Soldiers deployed to Iraq.

The presents, valued at more than \$210,000 were sent from Kirkland, Wash., thanks to the efforts of Ruth Ann Young.

"This all began from a single lady's desire to do something patriotic for the Soldiers," said Ted Hayden, executive director, Armed Services Young Man's Christian Association.

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December

Dreadnaughts complete gunnery with Tank Table XII

The weather in the plains of Kansas can sometimes be too much for people to handle.

The temperature and winds can sometimes make a situation, or in a Soldier's case, make a field problem, a nightmare.

No matter how thick the gloves are, or how warm the snivel gear is supposed to be, the winds and temperatures cut right through and make life unbearable at times.

For the Dreadnaughts of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, they didn't let the weather conditions or the scenarios downrange stop them from qualifying all their tank platoons on the final table for qualifying, Tank Table XII.

New SMA announced

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and Chief of Staff of the Army General Peter J. Schoomaker announced Nov. 18 that Command Sergeant Major Kenneth O. Preston has been selected as the 13th Sergeant Major of the Army.

Preston will succeed SMA Jack L. Tilley when he retires Jan. 15, 2004.

Mail: Next best thing to Santa Claus

AR RAMADI, Iraq - For troops deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Santa Claus won't be a big fat guy with a long white beard and a bright red suit. Instead Santa will be wearing a desert camouflage uniform and combat boots. And no, he won't have a sleigh and eight tiny reindeer but a Humvee loaded with bright orange bags.

Due to the no fly zone enforced by the coalition over Iraq, mail clerks of the 316th Adjutant General Postal Company and other

units will be filling in for Santa.

Operation Santa Claus makes first big buy at local store

Guest shoppers and elves took over a local retail store in Junction City last week, spending thousands of dollars on toys for less fortunate children.

The shopping spree was the first big buy for Operation Santa Claus 2003 and Charlie Quick, OSC co-organizer, told the shoppers to clear the shelves of any good toys.

Quick gave each guest shopper, who are volunteers from around post, an age group and a dollar amount to spend. After nearly an hour of shopping, 16 overflowing shopping carts were unloaded. The register revealed the final total: \$3,912.80.

Local community leaders gain insight after visit

The 11th class of the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program paid its annual visit to Fort Riley Nov. 13 and toured the post to learn about the military and its way of life.

The leadership class is made up of a broad spectrum of people recruited from Geary, Riley and Pottawatomie Counties.

"We're not just thinking as one community, but as a region of communities," said Deborah Johnston, executive director, Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program.

Commanding General receives second star

Fort Riley's Commanding General Dennis E. Hardy was promoted to major general Dec. 12 in a ceremony at the Soldier and Family Support Center.

Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Inge, commanding general, First United States Army, was the senior reviewing officer. Hardy assumed command of

the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley on May 15.

Brigade conducts major search

ABU GHURAYB, Iraq - The 1st Armored Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team from Fort Riley, Kan., conducted a brigade-sized cordon and search of an Abu Ghurayb apartment complex, northwest of Baghdad, Dec. 4, making it one of the largest military operations since President George W. Bush declared an end to major combat operations in May.

Tree Lighting illuminates post, spirits

Fort Riley held its Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 5 on Ware Parade Field.

While sipping hot chocolate and eating cookies, Fort Riley Soldiers, family members and community supporters braved the cold weather to witness the lighting of the post's holiday tree.

Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, commented on the spirit of the holidays during times of deployment to an audience filled with spouses of deployed soldiers.

"American patriots from Fort Riley, Kan., and other posts around the world defend American liberties in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world, so that all of us here at home can celebrate Christmas in peace in our homeland," he said.

Fort Riley shows off historical homes, decorations to visitors

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley had a tour of Fort Riley's historical homes Dec. 12. The public was able to tour 18 homes as well as Custer House and The Shoppe, located on the Main Post.

The idea was to showcase the variety of styles, sizes and shapes of the houses in different locations throughout the Main Post area, as well as the decorative creativity and individuality of the occupants.

Toy march brings Soldiers, families together

Christmas took a twist on Dec. 17 as students from Fort Riley elementary schools and Soldiers and family members from 70th Engineering Battalion gave Santa toys for Christmas.

The event, the Eighth Annual Operation Santa Claus Toy March, was a change from the traditional toy march of years past, as most of the Soldiers from the unit are currently deployed.

Not wanting to let down the families in need, students from local schools and family members of the deployed Soldiers banded together to gather toys and make the traditional march from the 70th Eng. Bn. headquarters building to the Operation Santa Claus headquarters.



Operation Santa Claus' elves wait in line to purchase the toys they picked out for this season. The elves spent nearly \$5,000 at the first of several major purchases this year.

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