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# Fort Riley Post




**March honors King**  
Braving the bitter-cold temperatures and cloudy skies on Jan. 15, Fort Riley soldiers and civilians marched in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.

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**Maj. Kevin West, S3 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery uses a terrain board in preparation for the next day's battle against the opposing forces at the National Training Center. The battle began at 4 a.m. the next morning.**

## 35th Inf. Div. deploys for duty to Bosnia

By Jamie Bender  
Staff writer

A departure ceremony was held Sunday for the 35th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Task Force Eagle, at Bramlage Coliseum, Kansas State University, Manhattan.

The 35th Inf. Div. will deploy to Bosnia as part of Stabilization Force 13, on a peacekeeping mission. The National Guard unit is headquartered at Fort Leavenworth and is made up of soldiers from several states, including Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, to name a few.

The 35th Infantry Division Band played prelude music as well as the National Anthem and the Army Song during the ceremony.

The ceremony was attended by Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius as well as several other elected officials from around Kansas and the other states that comprise the 35th Inf. Div. (Mech).

In her speech to the soldiers, Sebelius said she was honored to represent the citizens of Kansas in wishing them well as they leave to

complete their mission.

She also commended, not only the soldiers, but their families as well.

"I am proud that you are ready to serve your country and give of your lives to go with peace and do the duties required of you. I am happy to look around this room and see the support of neighbors and friends, and the pride of wives and husbands and sons and daughters and parents," said Sebelius.

She also spoke about the sacrifices the soldiers and their families make to serve their country.

"I see the willingness to proudly bear the cost of wearing the uniform. Being away from family, friends and your jobs, one makes a special sacrifice, a sacrifice of freedom. It requires a person with skills and abilities that lend themselves to keeping the peace. A person who desires to make sure the world is a safer place," said Sebelius.

Sebelius also took a moment to recognize members of the 35th Inf. Div. who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert

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## Army names Fort Riley staffer DA Housing Employee of the Year

By Jamie Bender  
Staff writer

A Fort Riley housing employee received the Department of the Army Housing Employee of the Year award at an award ceremony yesterday in Nashville, Tenn.

Elbert Newman was recognized, along with award recipients from the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, at a banquet during the Professional Housing

Managers Association Professional Development Seminar this week. Newman, a housing management assistant, was nominated for the award by Charlie Williams, Fort Riley Housing manager.

There were several reasons Williams nominated Newman for the award.

"Mr. Newman is a dedicated housing professional who goes the extra mile to improve the quality of life for Army families," said Williams. "He is my go to guy for non-routine requirements. He is always thinking outside the box and is

quick to come up with several courses of action."

Williams said that Newman's dedication and loyalty to the customers sets an outstanding example for his co-workers.

"His timely and innovative approach to problem solving allows better and faster decisions to be made by the decision makers in his chain," Newman, a native Kansan, was an enlisted soldier at Fort Riley in 1979, and aside from some time in Korea, he and his family have been here ever since.

Newman has worked in the housing office on post for over two years. He is responsible for providing data to several Fort Riley agencies, such as the Family Support Program, the Zone and Area Coordinator Program, the Provost Marshal's Office and the housing area mayors and unit sponsors. He also is the administrator for the housing website.

One of the things Newman likes most about his job is being able to teach the people he works with.

"I spend a lot of time showing people

how to create a chart or a document using different software programs," he said.

"I like being able to interface with other people instead of just sitting in front of the computer screen," he added.

One of the biggest challenges in his job is adapting to change, Newman said. "Now days things are changing constantly. It seems daily there is something new."

Newman said he overcomes challenges with perseverance and by sticking to the job until it is done.

## Soldiers to deploy

Approximately 200 soldiers have received orders to prepare for deployment to the Central Command area of responsibility.

Elements of the 937th Engineer Group have received deployment orders to move their soldiers in support of the President's global war against terrorism. The units will sustain operating forces while providing combat support and combat service support.

This movement of forces provides increased military capabilities in the ongoing war on terrorism.

Any further employment of these forces in a future combat role is a Presidential decision.

Our nation's soldiers are trained and ready to deploy on short notice to defend America's interests at home and worldwide.

For security reasons, specific unit information, deployment destinations and dates will not be announced at this time, and 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley officials will not speculate on future deployment of additional forces. (Staff Reports)

## Local Reserve units prepare for deployment

Approximately 800 U.S. Army Reserve soldiers have received orders to conduct training and preparation for deployment in support of Central Command operations.

The soldiers from Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska are conducting personnel, equipment and training readiness at Fort Riley.

Reserve units mobilized for this mission include the following specialties: military police, quartermaster, transportation, medical logistics, firefighting, postal, movement control and engineer.

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As of Jan. 22, the total number of soldiers on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 49,677.

Military Specialties	Location	State
Firefighting	El Dorado	Kan.
Movement Control Team	Manhattan	Kan.
Transportation Corps	Manhattan	Kan.
Engineers	Augusta	Kan.
Transportation Corps	New Century	Kan.
Medical Logistics	Hays	Kan.
Quartermaster	Freemont	Neb.
Military Police	Omaha	Neb.
Military Police	St. Louis	Mo.
Postal	Bethany	Mo.
Quartermaster	Bethany	Mo.

## When soldiers deploy, briefings ease worries

By William Biles  
Staff writer

When soldiers deploy, there are more things to consider than where they are going, why they are going and what will they be doing when they get there.

The other aspect of their deployment is on the home front. The last thing soldiers want to worry about as they are leaving is if everything is taken care of to ensure their family is "Good to go." A way to dismiss those worries is to attend a Family Member Deployment Preparation Briefing.

"The briefing is a way for family members to get information," said Pearl Speer, family programs leader, Army Community Service.

The object of the deployment briefing is to prepare families for separation, Speer said. It will also give family members knowledge of what their sponsor's mission is. It will give them information about the Fort Riley community and how the post's different agencies can assist if they were to have difficulties or need to accomplish things they wouldn't ordinarily do if their sponsor weren't deployed, Speer said.

The briefing's target audience is the spouses.

The briefing gives the spouses a chance to find points of contacts within the community and lets them ask questions of subject matter experts about things they don't fully understand," Speer said.

The briefing is split into two parts. The soldier's unit sponsors

the first part, generally at the battalion level. "The first half hour to 45 minutes of the briefing gives the unit's commander an opportunity to tell the spouses about the up-coming deployment, as well as the when and where of the mission," Speer said.

That is also the part where the family members will receive other basic information, such as mailing addresses, who to see if a pay problem arises and be introduced to the unit's Family Readiness Group members, she said.

"That is the portion of the briefing where they get the information straight from the horse's mouth," she added.

After the soldiers' commander introduces all of the points of contacts for their spouses, they then have the opportunity to speak to subject matter experts from post agencies.

All of the subject matter experts are set up at stations within the Family Readiness Center, Speer said. All in all, there are a total of 15 stations for the soldiers and their spouses to visit. The stations range from the Red Cross to Housing, from the Provost Marshal to Tricare.

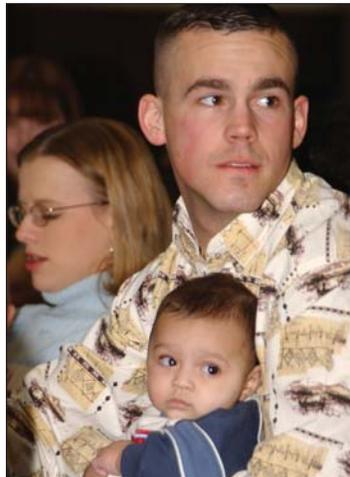
All of the representatives are there to aid and assist the spouses, and the soldiers, too, with any questions or misunderstandings they might have an issue about, Speer said.

"What we ask people to do is to go to each station and find out how they may be able to use the services of each agency."

The one key thing that the patrons should leave with is an understanding of the importance

of looking to the future, Speer said.

"The point of what we are trying to do here is to get people to think ahead and plan for eventualities and have a contingency plan. We want the family to be better prepared prior to the soldier's deployment so they will be able to stand alone and be able to deal with what ever happens," concluded Speer.



**Cypress Phopps holds his son, Javier, during a Family Readiness Briefing at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Fort Riley.**





# New pocket guide offers instant help, guidance to noncommissioned officers

By Dave Enders  
Army News Service

A new, pocket-sized reference for NCOs is only a few mouse clicks away. Field Manual 7-22.7, The Army Noncommissioned Officer Guide, is now available for elec-

tronic download; hard copies of FM 7-22.7 are scheduled to arrive at active-duty units this month. The U.S. Army Publishing Agency will distribute FM 7-22.7 to all established active-duty account holders; however, Army National Guard and Reserve units must order copies. In addition, there is an electronic version for

download at the Gen. Dennis J. Reimer Training & Doctrine Digital Library, [www.adtdl.army.mil/cgi-bin/afdd/dl/fm/7-22.7/fm7-22.7.htm](http://www.adtdl.army.mil/cgi-bin/afdd/dl/fm/7-22.7/fm7-22.7.htm). NCOs can link to the Reimer library through Army Knowledge Online, [www.usarmy.mil](http://www.usarmy.mil). From the AKO home page, go to the Reference section and select "Manuals."

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Storm. Toward the end of the ceremony, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) James AuBuchon, state chairman of the Kansas Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve read a statement of employer support. The statement is to educate and inform employers, elected officials and community leaders and pledges the support of the governor and Kansas employers, said AuBuchon. It recognizes the National Guard and Reserve members as essential to the strength of our nation and the wealth of our community, he said. It states that employment will not be denied because of service in the Guard or Reserves, job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced and employees

will be granted a leave of absence for military training, without sacrifice of vacation. Sebelius signed the statement during a standing ovation. The final speaker at the ceremony was Brig. Gen. Ron Mason, deputy commander, 35th Inf. Div. and commanding general, Task Force Eagle, SFOR 13. Mason said he was inspired by the soldiers of Task Force Eagle. "I am motivated by the presence of these soldiers," he said. "It has been my honor, for the past several months, to watch these soldiers answer the call of the United States of America. "It has been inspiring to watch you bring the different tools of your trades, whether from personnel, logistics, communications or public affairs, to begin to work

together to become a skilled and cohesive team," he said. Mason also spoke about the selfishness of the families of the soldiers. "They are willing to give up their loved ones for a period of time to make the world a better place," he said. "These friends and family members fight a special warfare of their own. Whether it's fulfilling the roll of the single parent or just going it alone for a time because your friend is far away. These are not simple or menial tasks. These are tasks of grave importance that prepare you for the future of this great nation." At the close of the ceremony, Sebelius presented Mason a Kansas State flag to take with them to Bosnia.

## Talk Around Town

### "Do you feel that the food when you are in the field is adequate?"



*"Sometimes it's good, as long as it's hot. When you are out there feeding your soldiers in the field, all they want is hot chow and some coffee."*

*"It really depends on who you're supporting. Some units feed their soldiers better than others. Overall though, the food is fine."*

*"The food that soldiers have in the field is very adequate. Sometimes it may not be hot due to the mission that we do, but it is adequate."*

Spec. Rebecca Martinez  
Company C,  
1st Engineer Battalion

Sgt. Donald Montgomery  
Company A,  
70th Engineer Battalion

Staff Sgt. Leslie Coleman  
Company C,  
1st Engineer Battalion

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# Military court-martial results announced

By SJA

The following cases went to courts-martial during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2002, and resulted in the stated adjudged sentences.

Pvt. 2 Andrew G Elliott, Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, was convicted at a general court-martial of two specifications of wrongful use of marijuana, one specification of conspiracy to commit larceny, one specification of larceny, five specifications of damage to private property, one specification of unlawfully entering the motor pool, one specification of desertion and one specification of drunk driving. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for sixteen months, total forfeitures, reduction to Private, E1, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

Spc. Steven M. Bailey, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery, was convicted at a general court-martial of one specification of larceny of military property. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for one year, total forfeitures, reduction to Private, E1, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

Pfc. Jose J. Gordis III, Company B, 101st Forward Support Battalion, was convicted at a special court-martial of one specification of AWOL. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for eighty days, and reduction to Private.

Pfc. Shawn Simpkins, Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion, was convicted at a summary court-martial of one specification of wrongful use of marijuana, one specification of disobeying a non-commissioned officer and three specifications of dereliction of duty. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for twelve days, forfeiture of \$552 per month for one month, reduction to Private, extra duty for fourteen days and restriction for fourteen days.

Pvt. Brad L. Davis, Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn., was convicted at a summary court-martial of two specifications of wrongful use of marijuana, one specification of dereliction of duty and one specification of misbehavior of a sentinel. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for twenty days, forfeiture of \$650 per month for one month and restriction for fifteen

days.

Pvt. 2 Julius J. Brooks, Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn., was convicted at a summary court-martial of two specifications of wrongful use of marijuana. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for ten days, forfeiture of \$450 per month for one month, reduction to Private, E1, extra duty for fourteen days and restriction for fourteen days.

Sgt. Teflon M. Cusack, Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, was convicted at special court-martial of one specification of making a false official statement, two specifications of disobeying a lawful order by a superior noncommissioned officer, one specification of disrespect to a noncommissioned officer, two specifications of disobeying a lawful command of a superior commissioned officer, one specification of disrespect to a superior commissioned officer, one specification of failure to report and two specifications of missing movement. This soldier was sentenced to forfeiture of \$737 pay per month for six months, reduction to Private and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. Larry M. Rouse, Co. B, 101st FSB, was convicted at a summary court-martial of two specifications of wrongful use of marijuana. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for thirty days.

Pvt. Robert I. O'Brien, Co. B, 101st FSB, was convicted at a summary court-martial of two specifications of wrongful use of marijuana. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for twenty-five days.

Pvt. William D. Hall, Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn., was convicted at a special court-martial of one specification of AWOL. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for eighty days, forfeiture of \$700 pay per month for three months, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

Pfc. Jeremy D. Lucas, Company B, 125th Forward Support Battalion, was convicted at a general court-martial of one specification of conspiracy to commit larceny, one specification of larceny and one specification of housebreaking. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for thirteen months, total forfeitures, reduction to Private and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

Staff Sgt. Edgard Ortiz, 1st Replacement Company, 1st Personnel Service Battalion, was convicted at a general court-martial of one specification of willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer, three specifications of aggravated assault, one specification of obstructing justice and three specifications of communicating a threat. This soldier was sentenced to confinement for

twenty-five months, reduction to Private and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. 2 Jason P. Vasio, 1st Replacement Company, U.S. Army Garrison, was convicted at a general court-martial of three specifications of AWOL, one specification of willfully disobeying a lawful order of a superior commissioned officer, one specification of assault consummated by a battery and one specification of disrespect to a noncommissioned officer.

This soldier was sentenced to confinement for nine months, total forfeitures, reduction to Private and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

Grunt *By Wayne Uhden*



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### Emergency Weather Contacts

Due to the extremely high call volume on the Fort Riley Operations Center business lines during the recent snow storms, the FROC is requesting that persons who need emergency weather information, to include road conditions, call 239-2793, 239-2795 or 239-2798. Information will also be posted on the advisories page on the Fort Riley web page. Go to "Advisories," and on Channel 2 on Fort Riley cable television.

### Annual Meeting

United Way of Riley County announces its 2002 Annual Meeting will be held at the KSU Alumni Center Tuesday at noon. Officers will be elected, board members inducted, volunteer awards presented and the annual business meeting conducted. Reservations may be made by contacting the United Way office, 776-3779, or by email at [office@united-wayre.org](mailto:office@united-wayre.org) by tomorrow.

### Prayer Breakfast

The Fort Riley National Prayer Breakfast will be held on Feb. 27, 6:30 - 8 a.m., at King Field House. The guest speaker is Chaplain (BG) David H. Hicks, Deputy Chief of Chaplains. Tickets are available through command sergeants major. The suggested donation is \$6. Parking is limited. Shuttle service will be available from Riley's parking lot beginning at 5:30 a.m.

### Winter Luau

A Winter Luau will be held at Eyster Indoor Pool, building 6940, Custer Hill, today, 8 - 10 p.m. There will be Hawaiian drinks, snacks, music and lots of games and prizes. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call

239-9441

### Hunter Education

The Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011, will be hosting a Kansas Hunter's Education class Jan. 30 and 31, and Feb. 1. Class will be 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 and 31, and 9 a.m. - noon on Feb. 1. Interested students can sign up at the Outdoor Recreation Center or call 239-2363. The class is free of charge.

### Local OCS Board

Packets need to be turned into Soldier Actions, building 7806, no later than Wednesday. The Local OCS Board will convene on Feb. 12 at 8 a.m., building 8068. For more information, call Spec. Daniel Briones, 239-5901.

### Marriage Enrichment Class

Want to make a good marriage better? Want to better understand your spouse? Want to have your spouse better understand YOU?

Come learn how to deal with misunderstandings and how to stop the argument cycle at the monthly Marriage Enrichment Class tomorrow, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, room 30. Free childcare will be provided, if you bring your child's shot records.

Register by Jan. 23 by calling 239-3436. Presented by Chaplain (MAJ) Paulson, the Fort Riley Family Life Chaplain.

### Black History Month

Fort Riley will be celebrating African-American and Black History Month during the month of February. As part of the month-long celebration, the Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor a free program at Normandy The-

ater on Feb. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The theme of the program is "The Souls of Black Folk (100th Anniversary)." All are invited to attend. For more information about the event, contact the EO office at 239-2928 or 239-2277.

### Thrift Shop

If your organization is planning to solicit funding from the Fort Riley Thrift Shop for your 2003 community projects, please be aware that the deadline for submitting your request is Feb. 13. For questions regarding the application procedure or to secure the proper request forms, please visit the Thrift Shop in building 267 on Stuart Ave., or call Scott Martis, 784-2351.

Clear out your clutter for the New Year! The Thrift Shop will come to your house and pick up any donations (in good condition). The Thrift Shop is located in building 267, Stuart Ave., 784-3874. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

The Thrift Shop closes when schools close for inclement weather and will stop taking winter clothes on Feb. 25 and will begin taking spring clothes on March 4.

### The Shoppe

Beat the winter blues and come check out the new look and new merchandise at The Shoppe! The Shoppe is kicking off the new year with a "winter blahs" sale through Jan. 29. If you mention this ad, you will receive 10 percent off! (some restrictions apply). The Shoppe is located in build-

ing 259, Stuart Ave., 239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

### Mail training

Official Mail Training will be conducted Feb. 7, at bldg 319, CPAC. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll.

### ACAP Job Fair

The Army Career and Alumni Program is sponsoring a Job Fair Jan. 31, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the ACAP Center in building 210, room 7, Custer Avenue on Main Post. There will be local, national and international employers present to talk with and interview prospective employees. A list of employers invited to this Job Fair will be posted in the ACAP Center. Watch for updated list. To prepare for the Job Fair you should, research the companies that you would like to talk to, have your resumes ready (if you have not finished your resume, come anyway, you can always send your resume later), come dressed appropriately for the interview and look and be sharp.

Visit or call the ACAP Center, 239-2278/2248, for more information.

### Advanced AFTB Training

Advanced AFTB class will be held Feb. 5, and will include Military Grade and Command Structure and Understanding the Organization of the Total Army.

Information on other AFTB classes can be found at the Family Readiness Center, building 7264. Classes will be held at the

FRC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 239-9435 for more information or to reserve a spot in any and all classes. Reservations are not necessary, but are preferred.

### Memorial Fund

The Association of the United States Army will be administering a memorial fund and education scholarship award program to honor the memory of Sgt. Maj. Larry L. Strickland (Deputy Chief of Staff for Army Personnel Sergeant Major), a victim of the September 11th attack on the Pentagon.

Strickland was an outstanding active duty soldier who cared deeply about mentoring members of the enlisted force and who believed "if you educate the NCO you educate the soldiers they lead."

The Strickland Educational Leadership Award will be awarded on an annual basis to an NCO who exemplifies the Army's vision and mobilizes others in shaping our future leaders while practicing excellent stewardship of the Nation's most precious resource.

More information, as it becomes available, will be placed on the AUSA website at

[www.ausa.org](http://www.ausa.org). However, during the interim, contributions to the memorial fund may be made to "AUSA/The Larry Strickland Memorial Fund" and mailed to Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Jimmie W. Spencer, 2425 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22201. Spencer will send all contributors a receipt.

### Bible Study

Join the Faithful Men's Bible Study as they discuss "Spiritual Leadership Principles" on Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 a.m., at Kapuan Chapel.

For more information contact Don Ericson, director of religious education, 239-9313.

### Cancer Support Group

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting will be Feb. 5, 6 p.m., at Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic. Military service members, their family members and Department of Army Civilians are welcome to attend. The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 239-7163.

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Donald Houston, a former Fort Riley EO advisor, marches with soldiers and civilians on Jan. 15. While participants marched the route, the Morris Hill Chapel Choir led the group in song.

## March celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.

### Fort Riley honors birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

By Emily O'Connor  
Staff Writer

Braving the bitter-cold temperatures and cloudy skies on Jan. 15, Fort Riley soldiers and civilians marched in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and his crusade for equality in America.

The gathering, which was held at Morris Hill Chapel, started with opening remarks and an invocation.

"Martin Luther King Jr. awakened the collective conscience of our nation," said Maj. Michael Bell, division equal opportunity advisor, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Riley. "America has been blessed with

heroes throughout our history, men and women of vision and courage who have set our feet firmly on the path of freedom and equality," said Col. John Simpson, garrison commander, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech.) and Fort Riley. "Some became heroes by leading us in times of struggle; some by shaping our values and challenging us to greatness. A few, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., have done all this and more."

Donald Houston, a retired equal opportunity advisor who spent time at Fort Riley, entertained and stirred the audience with his reenactments of various parts of some of King's speeches. "I just want to go to God's will. And he's allowed me to go up the mountain. And I've looked over," Houston

said, using King's words. "And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know, tonight, that we as a people will get to the promised land. And, I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

As Houston's thundering words settled into the minds of the audience, they pulled on coats and gloves, scarves and hats, in preparation for the bitterly cold weather that awaited them outside for the one-mile commemoration march.

Marchers were led by a Military Police escort and sang songs such as "We Shall Overcome" and "This Little

Light of Mine" throughout the march. As Morris Hill Chapel once again came into view, the smell of fried chicken greeted the marchers, who reassembled in the sanctuary for a final reenactment speech and then a catered meal.

"He was an awesome leader," said Master Sgt. Mark Clark, EO noncommissioned officer in charge. "He was a team builder, and that's what we do in the Army."

The theme for Martin Luther King Jr. Day was "A day on, not a day off!" This phrase represents the community service projects that are performed by thousands of Americans each year, since 1994, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Donald Houston gives a reenactment of a speech originally delivered by Martin Luther King Jr.

## Family member accepted to attend military academy

By Jamie Bender  
Staff writer

Each year the United States Military Academy admits almost 1,200 young men and women. Next year a Fort Riley resident will join their ranks.

Heather Cobb, a Junction City High School senior, has been accepted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and will report on June 31. She received her acceptance letter at the beginning of December.

Cobb was also accepted to the Naval Academy, but because of her Army background, chose West Point, she said.

The daughter of a First Sergeant, Cobb has been a military family member all her life, she said. "I can't imagine myself being a civilian just yet," she said. "My father has been a big influence in my life. He has been in the Army for 20 years. He is good at what he does and he has a passion for it. He has a big impact on the people he works with."

Cobb said she first thought about attending a military academy when she started high school, and her parents supported the idea.

"Her mother and I supported her idea and provided her with every bit of information we could get our hands on," said 1st Sgt. Raymond Cobb, First Sergeant,

Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion.

"We also attended a seminar that helped her make her choice to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point."

Growing up in an Army family has been beneficial for Cobb personally, she said. "I have been to

"I know the courses are difficult, but I'm sure, if I stay focused, I'll be okay."

—Heather Cobb, Junction City High School senior

Germany and have lived in several places and was able to experience different cultures. I didn't mind traveling; you get used to it. I really liked Hawaii because the weather was so great."

While Cobb is looking forward to the experience, she is a little nervous, she said.

"I know there will be a lot to get used to. I'll have less freedom and more rules than I am used to," she said. "I know the courses are difficult, but I'm sure, if I stay focused, I'll be okay."

Cobb's father said he couldn't think of any big challenges for Heather.

"She's pretty flexible and can adapt to the situation at hand," he said.

"My advice to her is to keep an open mind and not be afraid to learn new things."

She is also aware that there are fewer females than males at the academy, she said. "There are more females every year," she added.

It is a long process to apply to military academies.

"There is a lot of paperwork, but it's worth it," said Cobb. "The hardest part was getting the teacher recommendations done. They kept getting lost," she said.

Cobb plays soccer and is a cross-country runner. She said she plans to continue to play and run before she leaves to keep in shape and be prepared for the physical training at the academy.

According to West Point, cadets must meet requirements specified by public law and must be qualified academically, physically and medically to attend.

Cobb's cadetship will include a fully funded four-year college education. Tuition, room, board, medical and dental care are provided by the Army.

In addition, because cadets are members of the Armed Forces, Cobb will receive a salary that will cover uniforms, books, study materials and living costs. Upon graduation, she will be appointed on active duty as a commissioned officer and is required to serve a minimum of five years in the Army.

## Winterizing tips for your home offered by Fort Riley Public Works

By Paula Fultz  
PW Housing Management Specialist

Winterizing your home may be easier than you think. Start on the outside by disconnecting your hoses from outside faucets and make sure the faucets are closed tightly. In some homes, the outside faucet has a separate water supply that can be shut off during the winter months.

Some water lines in crawl spaces and those of mobile homes may need to be wrapped with heat tape or foam insulation pipe sleeves. If your home is one that has a crawl space with vents, close them during the winter. You should take every precaution to keep your water lines from freezing.

Walk around the exterior of your house to check for cracks, holes or gaps in the foundation, siding, doors, windows, eaves or overhangs. There are a variety of caulking compounds on the market made just for these types of repairs.

About 38 percent of heat in an average home escapes through windows and doors. Add or replace worn weather stripping or caulking around these areas. If you feel a draft around the edge of your window, rope caulk is an easy way to seal this area. If windows leak badly, consider replacing them with energy-saving new ones. Many people who cannot afford window replacements may consider using plastic sheeting. There are two types of sheeting available; one for exterior use and one for interior use. The exterior sheets are nailed to the outside window frame. There are either wooden or cardboard

strips in the packaging, which are applied to help secure the sheet to the frame. The most popular type of sheeting is the type that is applied to the inside of the window. The kit comes with alcohol strips to clean the frame, tape and the sheets. After cleaning the frame, you place the tape as a border for your plastic sheet on the window frame. You then attach the sheet to the tape and shrink the plastic to fit tightly by using an ordinary handheld hair dryer.

It is important that you have adequate insulation in the attic, basement and walls. If you feel cold air around the switch-plates or electrical outlets, install pre-cut foam gaskets that fit behind the switch plate and effectively prevent leaks.

Fireplaces, with their dampers open and not in use, function similar to an open window. The heated air is sucked out through the chimney. Remember, the damper should be open when there is a fire going, but closed when not in use.

Another energy saver you may want to try is to reverse the switch on your ceiling fan so the blades pull the air upwards. This will pull the cooler air from the floor to the ceiling and circulate the warm air from the ceiling to the floor.

You should also clean or change your furnace filter monthly, vacuum the heating ducts as needed and make sure your thermostat is working correctly. Do not set it below 60 degrees.

Initially, winterizing your home may cost you money, but the benefits are worth the investment. You will cut the cost of your heating bill, help conserve energy and create a comfortable living environment.





# ITR

## Normandy Theater

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Sultan; the evil Jafar and of course, Aladdin's hysterical wish granting Genie. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

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Colorado Ski Packages - They've started out the New Year on the right foot with new snow at Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, and Keystone and Winter Park! Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays is over, it's time to plan a relaxing getaway to the mountains. Whether it's a day at the spa, or a day on the slopes, you can be sure to find something at their resorts to help your body unwind. Military discounts available for Colorado lift tickets. Let ITR put together a ski package for you.

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enridge offers something for everyone.

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### Vail Ski Resort

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Adventure Ridge offers on-mountain fun for the whole family with tubing, snow biking, thrill sledding, ice-skating and more.

### Snow Creek Learn to Ski Tour

If you ever wanted to try the sport of skiing or wanted a fried to learn...now is the time! On Monday and Feb. 10, ski in historical Weston, Mo., located 15 minutes from KCI airport. Snow Creek has 100 percent snowmaking capabilities. Cost is \$20 and includes a special rope tow ticket (valid for beginners area only), compete set of rental equipment,

beginner lesson and transportation. Skiers wishing to use the chairlift can purchase a discount lift ticket through ITR. Snowboarding also available. Limited space, so make reservations early. Tour is "FREE" to BOSS (Single Soldiers).

### Sleep to the Slopes

Sleep to the Slopes is the theme of ITR's most popular trip packages. Two, three and four-day trips are offered most weekends throughout the ski season. Trip includes transportation on deluxe sleeper motor coach, hotel or condo lodging and lift tickets for each ski day. On the 40-passenger sleeper motor coach two people face another two people, with a table in-between creating a booth. There are 10 booths on the coach. The seats on this coach convert into bunk beds allowing passengers to lie down horizontally and catch some sleep while driving across Kansas at night. Wake up rested and ready to ski or snowboard the next morning. An example package would cost \$466.00 per person for three ski days and would include lift tickets for three days, hotel accommodations and transportation via sleeper bus. Call ITR for dates and package prices.

### Union Station

Union Station, Kansas City, is a wonderful place to explore history and science. Your best value is a Science City Passport that includes Science City and two shows. In the city, dance with a Samba band, walk through the inside of a human body, see new science demos and explore the

traveling exhibit Robotics in the Exhibit Gallery. See a giant screen movie or planetarium show. Take a guided tour of the building and visit the history exhibit, Candy, Coffee and a Smile. Discount tickets are now available through ITR.

### Commercial Leisure Travel

ITR can now assist you with leisure commercial travel. Make your plans early for better pricing and ticket availability. A computer KIOSK is available at ITR for customer use in booking airlines through the Internet, or call ITR for assistance in booking your commercial travel.

### Walt Disney World

Prepare to be awed, inspired, thrilled and enchanted. This is, without a doubt, the most magical time in your life, visiting the world's vacation kingdom. The Walt Disney World Resort special 50 percent discount military night offer is being extended to Feb 12. All active U.S. military personnel are eligible for these special rates. This includes active members and activated members of the National Guard and Reservists. Activated members of the National Guard or Reservists must show active duty orders.

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## Basketball Standings as of Jan. 17

	Wins-Losses
<b>Southern League</b>	
HHC, 2/70 AR	7-0
HHC, 24 ID	6-0
568 CSE	5-2
977 MP	4-1
HHC, 1-16 INF	4-1
ECHO DET 15th PSB	4-3
HHC, 1st BDE	4-3
331 Signal	3-2
MEDDAC	2-3
300th MP	1-3
CA-3 ADA	1-4
USAG 24 ID	1-6
1st Finance Battalion	0-6
82nd Medical Det.	0-7
<b>Western League</b>	
HHC, 1-34 AR	4-0
D 1-5 FA	4-1
A 1-34 AR	3-2
D TRP 4th CAV	3-3
HHC, 1st EN	2-0
A 2-34 AR	2-0
B 1-5 FA	2-3
SVC, 1-5 FA	2-4
A 1st EN	1-1
B 1st EN	1-1
C 2-34 AR	1-1
HCB, 1-5 FA	1-3
C 1-34 AR	1-4
A 1/161 FA	0-4
<b>Eastern League</b>	
A 70 EN	3-0
HHC, 1-13 AR	3-0
696 Signal	3-0
B 4-1 FA	2-0
24th TRANS	2-1
HCB, 4-1 FA	1-1
SVC, 4-1 FA	1-1
1st Maint. Co.	1-2
A 1-13 AR	1-2
C 70 EN	1-3
C 4-1FA	0-2
172nd Chem.	0-3
C 1-4 ADA	0-3



Thamian Drayton, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, takes the ball to the hoop for two points during a game against the 82nd Medical Company.

## Hellhounds win again, look ahead

By William Biles  
Staff Writer

Team Hellhound, from 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, added another win to their record by defeating the 82nd Medical Company, 55 - 32, at King Field House during a regular season intramural basketball game Jan. 13.

The Hellhounds are on the road to receiving the championship trophy this year and are looking toward a three-peat if they do win.

According to the teams the Hellhounds have played, the team knows how to combine speed and good ball handling, along with accurate passes, to give them the upper hand throughout their games.

"They are the best team on post," said Eddie Ford, forward, 82nd Med. Co.

They play the same players, and that gives them a solid team, he said.

The Hellhounds like to attack from the three-point line, if they are left open to do so, and have the speed to get the open shot off.

"They're all good shooters and are quick, too," said Ford. "We tried to go with man-to-man coverage, but we couldn't keep up."

A lot of the 'Hounds' success comes from the fact they are playing with the same core team, with only having three or four new guys on the team, said Tyrone Sims, Hellhounds coach.

"We have a lot of height on the team, and all of the guys are good athletes," Sims said.

The Hounds' quickness on the court adds to their game. Due to their speed, they have the ability to turn steals into points.

The Hounds' winning momentum is giving them an edge over the other teams.

"I'm not saying there isn't any competition for us on post, what I'm saying is, we just haven't seen it yet," said Sims.

The closest competition the Hounds have faced this season was against soldiers from 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, during the last game of the 2002 Fort Riley Holiday Tournament, said Capt. Jason Hatch, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor.

"All of their other games have been blow-outs by more than 20 points," said Hatch.

The Hounds won the holiday tournament's final game by a score of 63 - 59.

The Hellhounds' next game will be Jan. 27 at the King Field House. They will square off against Detachment E, 15th Personnel Services Battalion at 8 p.m.

## Rally Point offers discounts, 40 screens on Super Bowl Sunday

By William Biles  
Staff Writer

No plans for Super Bowl Sunday? Do you feel there is no need to watch the game Sunday because your favorite team didn't make it to the show?

Fort Riley's Rally Point may have a reason for you to join in with the spirit of the game, even if your favorite team did not make the cut. It's called the Super Bowl Bash.

"Let's start with the eye opening, 'No Cover Charge.'"

If that is not enough to catch your eye, the Rally Point will be issuing the patrons tickets for a chance to win sports related memorabilia and apparel.

"The staff at the Rally Point really put their heads together to make everyone's

experience an enjoyable one," said James Rose, general manager, Rally Point.

"We put more planning into this event than previous ones, and we are giving away better prizes, too," he said.

The game will be shown on 40 televisions throughout the establishment, including three 100-inch big screen televisions.

Rose encourages those who plan to be in attendance to study up on their Super Bowl trivia.

"We plan on having a Super Bowl Trivia Contest. The grand prize that will be awarded at the event will be a DVD player," Rose said.

On top of the no cover charge, door prizes and trivia contest, Rally Point will be lowering their food and beverage prices for the evening.

If these incentives are still not enough

to persuade you, then how about the fact that Super Bowl XXXVII, according to many sports analysts, is projected to be a Super Bowl to remember.



One of the reasons stated on the website [www.superbowl.com](http://www.superbowl.com) for the game's high entertainment value is the fact that the Oakland Raiders' high-powered

offense will be squaring off against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' stingy defense. Several people on Fort Riley have their opinions of the game's outcome.

"The Bucs worked really hard to get where they are now," said Sgt. Cristina Jones, paralegal noncommissioned officer, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. "Quarterback Brad Johnson has done a great job this year. I think Tampa Bay will win the game, 24 - 21."

Agreeing with Jones outcome of the game was Capt. Robert Brown, G4, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division.

"The Bucs have the number one defense in the National Football League. They run and tackle well, and the Raiders haven't faced a 'D' like that. I think the Bucs will win, 24 - 20," he said.

On the opposite side of the fence, Raiders fans see the outcome from a slightly different angle.

"The Raiders will win the game, 24 - 17, because they are the better team,"

said Spc. Matthew Hutzenbiller, Fort Riley Honor Guard. "They have a better quarterback and more veteran players."

In agreement with Hutzenbiller was Bill Mack, supervisor sports specialist, King Field House.

"I think the Raiders will win because they have the better offense. Plus, I feel the raiders coach, Jon Gruden, has an inside into the Bucs since he was their coach last year," he said.

To join in the fun, bring your game face to the Rally Point. The Doors open at 2 p.m. and the game starts at 5:25 p.m. For more information call Rose at 784 - 5434.

## Northern cardinal one of most recognized, favored backyard birds

By Alan E. Hynes  
DES Biologist

The northern cardinal is one of the most recognized backyard birds. Named after the red robes worn by Roman Catholic Cardinals, this species has expanded its range over much of the U.S. Their unique combination of song, color and character makes them a favorite of backyard birding enthusiasts.

Northern cardinals are one of the largest members of the finch family and are related to grosbeaks and buntings, which are also very colorful. Their stout bill is equipped to crack various types of nuts. In fact, cardinals have been known to crack the hard shell of a cherry pit to get the seeds inside. The adult male is a bright red with black face and red bill. The female is a buff color with a red tinge on the crest,

wings and tail. It also has a black face and red bill. The juvenile is much like the female, but with a shorter crest and black bill. They molt into adult plumage in the fall.

The "redbird," as it is commonly called, ranges over most of the eastern U.S. and southeastern Canada. Cardinals have greatly expanded their range over the last 100 years. Known previously as a southeastern bird, cardinals were rarely found north of the Ohio River. By 1895, cardinals had reached the Great Lakes, and by 1910 they could be regularly found in southern Ontario. Cardinals have also moved to the west, becoming fairly common in areas that receive more than 16 inches of precipitation per year.

By sight and sound, cardinals are one of the most easily recognizable birds in the U.S. Their bright red color stands out in any setting, particularly after a blanket

### On the Wildside: News About Nature



Northern cardinals are one of the largest members of the finch family and are related to grosbeaks and buntings. The variable call, a loud cheer, cheer" is easily distinguished by "purty, purty, purty" or "cheer, quished and recognizable.

Northern cardinals mate for life, which is why a male and female are often seen together. The female builds the nest and tends the eggs through incubation, while the male collects food.

The color contrast between the sexes is important during this period. The bright color of the male helps to attract attention and away from the nest, while the toned down look of the female helps disguise her while on the nest. Cardinals are not migratory, but some movement does occur during the year.

The cardinals' distinguishing color and seed eating preference make it a favorite of bird feeders. However, in the 1800s Cardinals were much-sought-after cage birds, highly valued for their color and song. Thousands were trapped in the south in the winter and sent to northern markets, and thousands more were sent to Europe. This trade ceased, fortu-

nately, with the passage of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

Typical habitats are thickets and brushy areas, edges and clearings, riparian woodlands, parks and residential areas. Here, the non-migratory cardinals feed on a variety of foods, including seeds, leaf buds, flowers, berries and fruit. Sunflower seeds seem to be the preferred favorite for cardinals visiting feeders.

Up to one-third of its summer diet can be insects. Its winter diet is 90 percent vegetable matter, especially large seeds. Winter flocks can be very large, up to 60 or 70 individuals in areas of high abundance.

For more information on this or other outdoor topics, contact the Conservation Division at 239-6211 or visit <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/Environment/NatResources> on the Internet.

# American Bird Conservancy designates Fort Riley "Globally Important Bird Area"

By Alan Hynek  
DES Biologist

The American Bird Conservancy has designated Fort Riley "A Globally Important Bird Area" in recognition of the installation's value to the conservation of birds and their habitats. Fort Riley was recognized as being the best site for Henslow's Sparrows in Kansas and one of the very best sites in the world, as some years over 2,000 Henslow's Sparrows may be found breeding on the installation. The fort also contains a representative association of tallgrass prairie birds, including the Greater Prairie-Chicken, Upland Sandpiper, Grasshopper Sparrow and Dickcissel.

The American Bird Conservancy's Important Bird Areas program is founded on the premise

that some places are exceptionally important—even essential—for bird conservation. Identifying these sites and directing protection and management efforts toward them is crucial if viable populations of many species are to survive. These areas may be significant if they hold large numbers or an exceptional diversity of birds, harbor rare or endangered species or contain unique or threatened habitat. Significance for birds can occur during any or all of the breeding, non-breeding or migration periods.

The IBA Program has concentrated on identifying and documenting the very top sites throughout all 50 states—those of significance not just on a national, but a global level. To be considered for Global IBA status, a site must contain habitat critical to:

endangered or threatened species; a Partners in Flight Watch List species, such as Henslow's Sparrow; a species with a limited range or a significantly large concentration of breeding, migrating or wintering birds. A scientific technical committee reviews all nominated sites and identifies those that meet IBA criteria.

From the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge to the Everglades National Park in Florida, IBA sites embody the ongoing effort to conserve wild birds and their habitats throughout the nation, and the importance of preserving America's avian heritage for future generations.

Fort Riley is one of 500 sites included in the book, *The Bird Conservation Handbook*. Globally Important Bird Areas of

the U.S., and is shown on the Important Bird Areas Map. The IBA Program is supported in part by The Nature Conservancy and the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Fort Riley's designation as an IBA does not carry

any regulatory or management implications, nor does it imply a requirement for public access. It simply acknowledges that conservation management practices have resulted in significant benefit to priority bird species.



US Fish and Wildlife Service

**Fort Riley was recognized as being the best site for Henslow's Sparrows in Kansas and one of the very best sites in the world.**

# Hunter Education Class required to hunt on post

Staff Reports

Fort Riley Moral, Welfare and Recreation is offering a Hunter Education Class which begins next week. The classes will be held at the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011, Rifle Range Road.

The Hunter Education Class will be three days, Jan. 30 and 31 and Feb. 1. The first two sessions will be from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. The third, and final, session will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. On the first two nights of class, students will review the student handout, listen to lectures and view a video presentation.

On the third day-lecture, students will be work through field practical problems, will practice firearms familiarization and will shoot shotguns. At the end of the class, students will be given a 54 question multiple choice test. The firearms and ammunition will be provided.

Hunters must attend a Hunter Education Course before they hunt on any Army land. Also, persons born after July 1, 1957, must attend a Hunter Education Class in order to hunt in Kansas. Classes from other states are reciprocal in Kansas, but hunters must have a card from the class with them while hunting.

The maximum size of the class starting on Jan. 30 is 40 students, and although 64 have already signed up, Rick Eyestone, manager, Outdoor Recreation, and lead instructor for the class, said interested people should still put their name on the list for class. "At 5:50 p.m. on Jan. 30, I will read names off of list until 40 are present in the room. Very often there are no-shows, so anyone who shows up may get into the class." Another class will be scheduled for February or March.

Eyestone advises students to dress appropriately for the weather on Feb. 1, when much of the class will take place outdoors. The classes are free of charge and interested participants must pre-register. Call 239-2363 for more information or to register.

# Free roaming outdoor cats kill hundreds of birds, small mammals

American Bird Conservancy

Millions of outdoor cats are killed or injured by cars or in fights with other cats, dogs or wild animals each year. Free-roaming cats can contract debilitating and fatal diseases, such as rabies or feline leukemia, or get lost, stolen or poisoned.

Recent surveys indicate there are more than 66 million pet cats in the U.S. today, approximately 65 percent of which are outdoors some or all of the time. Those people who allow their cats to kill wildlife by letting them roam outdoors, who abandon cats or who feed stray cats in parks and

wildlife areas are needlessly harming cats and wildlife.

Cats and wildlife would be safer if cats stayed indoors all of the time. Scientists estimate that each year, free-roaming domestic cats kill hundreds of millions of birds and small mammals in the U.S., some of which are rare species or in danger of extinction.

The American Bird Conservancy has started a Cats Indoors!

campaign that seeks to correct misinformation about cat predation.



First, cats with bells on their collars do kill wildlife. In fact, a recent study found that cats with bells on their collars killed more animals than those without bells. Second, well-fed cats still kill wildlife because the urge to hunt and the urge to eat are controlled by different portions of a cat's brain. Third, wildlife that

escapes a cat's grasp ultimately dies anyway, because bacteria and viruses transmitted from a cat's teeth or claws are lethal to a small animal unless given immediate medical attention. Even then, very few cat-injured wildlife survive the ordeal.

ABC's Cats Indoors! campaign is supported by thousands of individuals and conservation, animal welfare, wildlife rehabilitation and veterinary organizations, including The Humane Society of the United States, American Humane Association, National Audubon Society and American Birding Association. Campaign education materials include fact

sheets on cat predation on birds and other wildlife, hazards to free-roaming cats and how to make an outdoor cat a happy indoor cat. A four-color brochure and poster are also available. The fact sheets can be downloaded

from ABC's website at: <http://www.abcbirds.org>.

For information on the national Cats Indoors! campaign e-mail Linda Winter, American Bird Conservancy, [lwinter@abcbirds.org](mailto:lwinter@abcbirds.org).

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# Korea 50 years ago - Operation Smack begins, U.S. plane shot down

By Jim Caldwell  
Army News Service

Operation Smack began in Korea 50 years ago this week while off the coast, a Navy N2V Neptune bomber, carrying 13 crewmembers, was shot while patrolling the Formosa Strait.

Jan. 16 — The 15th Field Artillery Battalion fires on positions on the T-Bone hill complex in the opening moves of Operation Smack.

Operation Smack is intended to be an experiment connected with a real mission to assault Spud Hill and capture prisoners. It is to satisfy Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, who directed that a series of experiments be conducted to test the efficiency of air-tank-artillery-infantry operations.

The artillery fire is an attempt to destroy enemy bunkers and fortifications on Spud. The barrage is lifted Jan. 20, five days before the operation begins.

B-29s are redirected from

bridge, road and rail targets around Sinanju below Manchuria to similar targets around Pyongyang on Jan. 16.

Jan. 17 — The Air Force reports Jan. 17 that on the seven days beginning Jan. 11, allied pilots shot down 13 MiGs. Enemy pilots shot down a B-29 over North Korea Jan. 12 while the bomber was dropping psychological warfare leaflets. Eight other allied planes were lost to enemy ground fire and other causes.

On the ground, the Chinese stage attacks against U.N. positions on the central front from Jan. 17-18. Then from Jan. 19-20, U.N. troops conduct harassing attacks on enemy positions all along the entire front. Fighting fades off as temperatures drop to 2 degrees on Jan. 20.



Jan. 18 - A Navy N2V Neptune bomber, carrying 13 crewmembers, is shot down by anti-aircraft fire coming from the enemy-held island of Namoa near Taiwan.

It is the first U.S. plane shot down while patrolling this area in two and a half years.

A U.S. Coast Guard amphibious plane with an eight-man crew lands in rough seas that night and picks up 11 survivors, but it loses an engine taking off and crashes.

On Jan. 19 the destroyer Halsey Powell picks up 10 survivors — seven sailors and three Coast Guardsmen. Six sailors and five Coast guardsmen died.

Peking radio says the U.N. decision to allow convoys into the communist truce talk team's compound at Kaesong only on Sundays is "an attempt to wipe out the

armistice talks in Korea."

Jan. 19 — Individual rotations to and from Korea should be switched to regimental rotations, says Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Cleland, 40th Infantry Division. Commanders in Korea then wouldn't have to devote time to "breaking new men into our fighting units."

Francis Cardinal Spellman returns to New York after a trip to Korea and Rome. He says "time is on the side of our enemies" and can see "no end to the present situation there."

Jan. 20 — Retired General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, 62, is sworn in as the 34th President of the United States in Washington, D.C., at 12:32 p.m.

In his inaugural address, Eisenhower vows that the United States will be a rock of support for all people who believe in freedom, and help such nations build their own power to safeguard their liberty.

Jan. 21 — Peking radio brags that the communists have "built a great wall across Korea" along

their front line that is "impregnable." They also claim they inflicted 28,000 allied casualties in fall fighting at the Triangle Hill complex and Sniper Ridge in IX Corps' area. Actually, South Korean and American units suffered 9,000 casualties combined, to the enemy's 18,000.

South Korean Defense Minister Shinn Tae Yung says that the draft-eligible age range must be expanded to those aged 17-30 years. The country is running short of draftees in the 20-28

range. The new age limits will make 1.1 million men eligible, but Shinn predicts that 40 percent of them won't be fit for service because of physical problems and other drawbacks.

The Defense Department gives a more detailed accounting for the 128,971 casualties as of Jan. 16. The total includes 22,735 dead and 9,288 missing and unaccounted for.

Fort Riley continues to be a Korean War Commemorative Community through 2003.

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# Kansas Guard unit wins Connelly food service award

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Soldiers from the 8th Ordnance Company, 1st Corps Support Command mobile kitchen team can now proudly call themselves the best field cooks in the United States Army.

That title comes from winning first place in the Phillip A. Connelly Awards Program in the active-Army field kitchen category.

The Army National Guard winner was the 995th Maintenance Company of the Kansas Army National Guard, Smith Center, Kan., and the runner-up was Headquarters, 50th Personnel Service Battalion, New Jersey Army National Guard, Lawrenceville, N.J.

The Connelly Award is named in honor of the late Philip A. Connelly, past president of the International Food Service Executives Association, highly regarded as the driving force behind obtaining IFSEA sponsorship for the Department of the Army's recognition of excellence in Army food service.

Fred D. Harris, Food Program Manager for Fort Bragg, served as an installation-level judge for the Connelly competition.

"As judges, we look at the overall layout of the food site and then we focus on food preparation. The preparation and serving of the meal is a major factor in the judging process," said Harris. "The overall teamwork of the unit is assessed the whole time we are

at the site."

Harris also gives advice to winning units after the local competition to give them areas to improve on for the next level.

Civilian and military food service professionals from all across the country judge the Department of Defense food service programs.

The winners will travel to Dallas, Texas, for the Joint Services Excellence in Food Service Awards April 12.

Two soldiers will be chosen to represent the team at the Johnson and Wells Culinary Arts School in

Dallas, Texas.

This prestigious school is another way the IFSEA rewards winners in the competition. The school will provide one week worth of professional culinary education to the troops.

"The food service staff deserves special recognition for their contribution toward improving the Army's food service program, and for their superior efforts in enhancing the quality of food service provided to our Army's soldiers," said officials from the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, Army Center

of Excellence. "All finalists displayed high standards of excellence, were very competitive, and are congratulated for their outstanding performances."

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