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## Tip helps soldiers apprehend weapons in search

By J.H. French  
82nd Airborne Div.

AR RAMADI, Iraq - What started as a visit to a local businessman's house turned into the largest weapons cache find since the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team arrived in Iraq.

Members of the 1st BCT and 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment, a National Guard Unit from Miami, Fla., formed a cordon before knocking at the home of Mudhir Abed Al Kharbit on Jan. 16 in downtown Ar Ramadi.

"Kharbit is known in western Iraq to have business connections throughout the world," said Maj. Marty M. Leners, 1st BCT operations officer.

"We suspected him of being a financial provider for the insurgency. The purpose of (the operation) was to establish a dialogue with the individual and hear his side of the story," he said.

Coalition forces had reason to believe that Kharbit, who spends most of his time in Jordan and Syria, was in Ar Ramadi that night, "so we went and knocked on his door," Leners said.

"It started off as a very permissive search. We were not raiding the house. We were just there to talk," he said.

"When we got to the house and started searching, we found that Kharbit was in fact not there. The first question you always ask when you go into someone's house is 'do you have any illegal weapons here?'" Leners said.

The people at Kharbit's house said no, but Soldiers of Co. A, 1st Bn., 124th Inf., started noticing discrepancies in their story, he said.

"We started finding limited quantities of weapons, and I immediately became suspicious because their story was not matching what the soldiers were finding," Leners said.

As the search spread, the Soldiers found a freshly dug mound of dirt they suspected could have buried weapons, Leners said.

"As the Soldiers dug, it became obvious that the house was not only used to store small arms weapons but also crew served weapons, mortars and surface-to-air missiles."

From information gathered at the house, Soldiers were led to another location where another

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Sp. Kathryn Carpenter, cadet, Fort Riley Military Police Academy, 342nd Military Police Company, Ohio, sprays her partner Sp. Karrie Sutton with pepper spray during a training exercise held by the MP Academy.

## MP Academy Course emphasis placed on tactics, statutes

By William Biles  
Staff Writer

Cadets from Fort Riley's Provost Marshal's Office Military Police Academy started the second week of their 14-day learning process by dousing each other with pepper spray.

The cadets, Soldiers from the 342nd Military Police Company, based in Ohio are the newest MPs who will be patrolling the Fort Riley community.

Getting a face full of pepper spray isn't the only class they go through. The law enforcers are given refresher classes in the skills they will need when they go on the road.

"The difference between this academy and their AIT (Advanced Individual Training) school is that their AIT is a controlled environment where they are constantly being bombarded with information," said Sgt. 1st Class David Chappell, MP station commander.

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MP Station Commander

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## Raid on suspect's house garners potential IED materials

By J.H. French  
82nd Airborne Div.

AR RAMADI, Iraq - Like ghosts in the darkness, Soldiers surrounded a house outside Ar Ramadi just after midnight. During a lightning fast raid Jan. 6, Soldiers of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, stormed the house and captured a suspected leader of the resistance against coalition forces.

Before raiding the suspect's house, the Battery B Bonecrushers had to get approval from Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, Coalition Joint Task Force 7 commander. Permission was needed because the man was possibly an Imam and associated with several mosques, said Capt. Robin F. Saiz, Battery B commander.

"We had found mortar rounds in one of the mosques he was associated with," Saiz said. "(CJTF-7) told us to do what we had to do."

What the Bonecrushers had to do was knock on the target's door really hard.

After the cordon teams were set in place

and providing perimeter security, the entry team moved in. "I knocked really hard on the door, and it swung open (of its own accord)," said Sgt. 1st Class Steven E. Link, platoon sergeant with Battery B.

"We went in and found the first target still asleep," said Link. "No one even knew we were there."

The detainee team moved in and brought the first suspect out. The female Soldiers of Team Lioness moved in to bring out the rest of the family, Link said.

"We cleared the first and second floor then came back to a separate room of the house. The main target was there, and we detained him," Link said.

After the suspect was detained, the search team went in and took photographs of everything they found, Link said.

"We found a lot of wires, U.S. military equipment, lithium batteries, goggles, and antenna wire," said Sgt. 1st Class Mike J. Ferguson, a platoon sergeant with Battery B and head of the search team.

"Some of the (other materials found) could be used for improvised explosive devices. They were consistent with IEDs found on the side of the road. I'm not saying it was, but it definitely could be," Ferguson said.

While the search team was going through the house, the Soldiers explained to the family what was happening and why the suspect was being detained, Link said.

With the target in custody and the large amount of evidence found in his house, officials deemed the operation was a huge success.

"We got the guy, had no injuries, everything went smoothly and there were no shots fired," said 1st Lt. James T. Ford, the Bonecrushers' executive officer. "We got in and out in less than 25 minutes."

"The way we rehearsed was the way it went," Ferguson said. "It couldn't have been planned any better."

With the mission complete, the Bonecrushers slipped away into the night like ghosts, leaving most of the community with no idea of what had taken place.



Soldiers on the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, search a local Imam's house during a raid to catch the suspected leader of insurgents in the Ar Ramadi area.

## 3rd BCT nets seven loyal to Saddam

By John S. Wollaston  
3rd BCT PAO

BAGHDAD, IRAQ - The steady roundup of former Ba'ath Socialist Party members and Saddam Hussein loyalists continued recently with the Bulldog Brigade capturing seven of the 18 targets captured by the 1st Armored Division.

The Al-Ghafiqi Project raids hit targets simultaneously across the division area of responsibility in an effort to round up the remainder of Saddam's resistance forces who continue to be a thorn in the side of coalition forces. Units from the 3rd Brigade's 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery; 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor; 1st Battalion, 13th Armor; and 70th Engineer Battalion participated in the raids.

"The Al-Ghafiqi Project raid was named after a group within the old Iraqi Intelligence Service," said Maj. Mark Crisman, 3rd Brigade intelligence officer. "Their purpose was to train individuals in explosives and demolition." According to Crisman, Saddam Hussein created a post war contingency plan to deploy people trained by the project to carry out improvised explosive device (IED), remote controlled IED and vehicle-borne IED attacks on coalition forces if they took Baghdad.

A member of the Al-Ghafiqi project captured in October 2003 provided information that set the raid plan in motion. Documents found on the detainee listed names and possible locations of past and current members of the project.

Some of the items found in the raid included materials for making IEDs, large amounts of ammunition and weapons and some documents that indicate possible links to terrorist activity.

The most intriguing of those documents were found on the portion of the raid carried out by the brigade's reconnaissance troop, "Hawk" Troop confiscated several CD-ROMs containing U.S. airline regulatory information and a CD with the title "Pathway to Heaven - September 11th, 2001."

Nearly 200 pounds of an unidentified drug in pill form also was seized.

"When you conduct raids like this, it depletes the resistance of trained people," Crisman said. Crisman said it would be several weeks before the interrogation of the detainees is complete and the documents seized are fully exploited for potential information.



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cally, OCAT is a nationally recognized organization in the United States, and (is) considered the number one training company in the country for OC sprays."

The cadre could have the Soldiers perform tasks after being sprayed to gauge how well they can perform their duties.

"We could make them perform any kind of performance measure after being sprayed - run a 100-yard dash, weapon qualifications - anything that we feel is within the parameters of their job," Chappell stated. "Instead of doing that, we feel it is better for the Soldiers, especially for those who will be experiencing the spray for the first time, to get the hands-on training by spraying their partners and having their partner try to fight his or her way through it to get to the person spraying them."

With the hands-on training, the Soldiers feel it is better preparing them for their mission.

"This training is great. We definitely need to be doing this so we know what it is like. It will especially let us know what we are able to do if we were to get some secondary mist in our face. We will still be able to perform our duty," said Spc. Karrie Sutton, a 342nd MP Co. cadet attending the Fort Riley Military Police Academy.

"I feel this training is definitely getting me better prepared for the field. I feel confident that I can perform my duties if I were to be sprayed, which lessens my chance of being attacked," she said.

The MPs also feel it is important to become OC certified for the safety of all concerned when using the spray control measure.

"This training is vital because it is one of the most important parts of the use of force for containing suspects," said Sgt. Mark Winters, a 342nd MP Co. cadet attending the academy. "If you don't have OC, you automatically have to go to hand-to-hand tactics, and if you don't want to go to that level, then this is a good tool to use."

Some of the Soldiers really enjoyed the training, even though it was painful. However, they realized the importance of what they were learning.

"This is pretty high-speed training, but it literally feels like someone stuck thousands of needles in my eyes. It's the worst feeling I have ever felt before in my life," said Pfc. Daniel Perdue, a 342nd MP cadet attending the academy.

"It was everything I thought it was going to be and worse, and I am not looking forward to the next time I have to do this. But I

feel everything we have done so far is going to help me be a better MP when I get on the road," he said.

The cadre members agree with the importance of using the OC spray as a control tool.

"OC is a fantastic tool in the law enforcement arsenal. With it, I don't have to grab or hit you to stop you. If the person is a very aggressive person, rather than having several MPs rush in and have the chance of an injury, I can stand off at 10 feet and spray you, and you will submit and go down. Then I can walk in when you are completely helpless and handcuff you," Chappell said. "This spray helps limit the possibility of excessive force and injury to the officer or the person being detained."

The training the Soldiers are receiving speaks volumes about the hard work the cadre has put into it to make the academy a valuable educational tool.

"This is a very unique academy. A lot of noncommissioned officers and officers have put a lot of hard work and long hours to ensure its success.

"All of that hard work they have put into this academy has paid off with the quality of learning these Soldiers are receiving," Chappell said.

## Grunt By Wayne Uhden

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large cache was found.

According to MSgt Lewis F. Gordon Jr., battalion operations sergeant with 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st BCT, 34 rocket-propelled grenade launchers and about 350 RPGs were found at the two sites.

Leners said four SA-7 surface-to-air missiles, six mortar tubes

with 55 rounds, 15 heavy caliber anti-aircraft machine guns and three sniper rifles were found along with other weapons and materials.

The Soldiers also found 2,500 pounds of ammunition ranging from 7.62mm all the way up to 82mm, Gordon said.

"We negated an improvised explosive device manufacturer site," Gordon said. Soldiers found seven IEDs ready to go and the materials to make more — explosives, wire and remote control devices similar to that used in the IEDs discovered.

Because so many weapons

were found, the Soldiers detained 14 individuals, Leners said, even though "the purpose (of the mission) was not to detain them. We just went there to talk to Mudhir Kharbit."

Although Kharbit wasn't among the detainees, Leners was able to talk to him via satellite

phone.

"He was staying in a hotel in Damascus, Syria," Leners said. "We encouraged him to come back to Ramadi and discuss the future of Ar Ramadi and the Al Anbar province, but he has yet to show up."

Even though the main suspect

was not home, the mission resulted in a very substantial outcome for operations in the area.

"We basically took their power base away by taking away all of their ammunition," Gordon said.

"It also boosts our morale. We feel great that we have reduced the ability for them to hurt us."

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# Military history detachment prepared to document war

By Christopher Larsen  
101st Military History Det.

FORT RILEY - Few Soldiers have ever heard of a military history detachment. Fewer still have any idea what it does.

Soldiers of the 101st Military History Detachment have been at Fort Riley since mid-December, preparing for deployment to Iraq. With only three Soldiers making up its ranks, a military history detachment is perhaps the smallest type of unit in the Army.

The Army fields 25 military history detachments - 17 in the Army Reserve and seven in the Army National Guard. It fields only one active-duty unit, the 44th MHD, at Fort McPherson, Ga.

A major commands the detachment. It's a branch-immaterial position, meaning that officers of any branch can fill the slot. Having some prior training or interest in military history helps, said Maj. David Johnson, 39, of Wichita, the 101st's commander. An infantry officer, the West Point graduate has a bachelor's degree in history and has done graduate work in area studies - geography, economics, political science and history - at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Johnson's been in command of

the 101st for two years and is no stranger to Fort Riley.

"I was stationed here for almost five years with 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and commanded Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, who are in Iraq right now," Johnson said.

Johnson uses a unique description for a military history detachment's mission.

"An acronym we like to use is PAID," which stands for photographs, artifacts, interviews and documents," he said.

According to the Army Center for Military History, the decision to form specific units to gather historical information came about after World War II. Up until that time, Soldiers were assigned as historians based upon their civilian training, such as in the case of Sgt. Forrest Pogue, who held a doctorate in history and was a university professor before entering the Army.

Pogue, along with Lt. Col. (later Brig. Gen.) S.L.A. Marshall, produced groundbreaking work during World War II. Their teams of historians would often arrive at the scene of battles shortly after fighting had ended to record information while it was still fresh in the minds of the combatants.

A military history detachment

needs Soldiers who are able to get into the field and interview those who have been in combat operations. For that reason, a photojournalist holds the second position in a military history detachment. Since these Soldiers have received extensive training in photography, interviewing techniques and writing, their skills make them a perfect fit for the job.

The 101st's number-two slot is held by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Larsen, 40, of

In Des Moines, Iowa, a graduate of Iowa State University, he holds a bachelor's degree in journalism, with minors in American history and military science.

"I was cross-leveled into the unit as it was being mobilized," Larsen said. He is an active-duty Soldier whose previous assignment was as the Army Public Affairs representative for all Army Reserve units in Iowa.

"I'm very excited to be part of the 101st, since our mission is to go into Iraq and document just about everything that has happened, and is happening, over there.

"To think that what we collect in Iraq is going to become a permanent part of the Army's history is a pretty tremendous responsibility," he added. "I'm really

looking forward to it."

According to Johnson, the main difference between a military history detachment and a public affairs unit - "the two are often confused," he said - lies in the fact that a military history detachment doesn't analyze or interpret the information they gather.

"We're not reporters," he pointed out. "These aren't news stories. After we've gotten everything we can about a particular operation - the interviews, documents, artifacts, whatever - we send them off to the chief of military history. At a later date, when the history of this war is being written, our information will be used to write the books."

A military history detachment is normally assigned to larger elements; a separate brigade is the smallest unit that can have one. In Iraq, military history detachments are usually assigned to Combined Joint Task Force 7 in Baghdad and travel throughout the theater gathering information, documents and artifacts that will be sent back to the States.

"We have to have a good knowledge of tactics and procedures," Johnson said. "We need to be able to recognize things that will be of immediate importance to the combat commanders on the ground."

An administrative noncommissioned officer holds the third spot in a military history detachment. In the 101st, this is Staff Sgt. Troy Simpson, 36, of Wichita. A native of Washington, D.C., Simpson is a graduate of Langston University in Oklahoma, and a physical therapist in civilian life. Simpson said this is his first exposure to a military history unit; he was cross-leveled into the 101st from a medical group.

"I'm excited about my new situation," he said. "I'm looking forward to the new experiences that are waiting for me."

In an MHD, the admin NCO is responsible for helping to trans-

scribe interviews, logging artifacts and interviewing subjects when the need arises. Over the past month, the 101st, because it has two Soldiers new to the field, has been working hard to become a

"Every one of us has talents that we're trying to impart to the others," Larsen said. "I don't have a lot of admin experience, and Sgt. Simpson doesn't have a lot of interviewing experience, so we teach each other. It's working out great."

Johnson said the support the 101st has received from Fort Riley has been "fantastic."

"We couldn't have asked for a better working relationship," he said.

"Everyone, from the staff at the 6025th Garrison Support Unit and the Central Issue Facility, to the folks down at the Equipment Concentration Site, has been terrific. People have gone out of their way to make sure we got what we needed to deploy," Johnson said.

## Temperature monitoring devices offered

In order to avoid damages due to freezing temperatures, the Family Housing Self-Help Store now stocks temperature-monitoring devices.

The devices will be issued to residents on a temporary basis to residents who will leave their government quarters unoccupied for a temporary time or to registered house watchers.

The device consists of a red

strobe light plugged into an electronic thermostat. Its function is to monitor the temperature in quarters. If the temperature falls below a pre-set level, 50 degrees for example, the strobe will flash, alerting passersby.

Individuals observing the flashing red light should call the J&J/BMAR Service Order Desk at 784-2599 to report it.

The contractor can then investi-

gate the situation and ensure that heat is restored to the home.

The device will only be used to monitor unattended government quarters while occupants are absent because of deployments, leave or temporary duty.

It is not intended to replace the requirement for a house watcher, but can be used in conjunction with the Housing House Watch Program.

## Special Forces briefings planned Feb. 2-5

Special Forces briefings will be conducted Feb. 2-5 at the Post Retention Office, building 7626.

Briefing times will be 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Feb. 2 and Feb. 5 and 10 a.m. and 1:30 and 6 p.m. Feb. 3-4.

The Army physical fitness test will be given at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 and 6 at the Long track.

Those being tested should wear battle dress uniforms and running shoes.

All male soldiers in ranks pri-

vate first class through staff sergeant and first and second lieutenants are encouraged to attend the briefings.

For more information, call SFC Bill Roepe at (719)524-1461.



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Sgt. Joshua Truesdell, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion, and Spc. Renada Ford, Company A, 70th Eng. Bn., listen to the orders being read that authorizes them to wear the Purple Heart. Truesdell received his for receiving shrapnel to his back when his camp was hit with enemy mortar fire. Ford received her medal for shrapnel wounds sustained when her vehicle was struck with a Rocket Propelled Grenade.



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# Briefs

## Parents Advisory Council Group To Meet

Child and Youth Services members of the Parent Advisory Council are scheduled to meet the Feb. 6 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the training room of building 6620. All parents are encouraged to attend. The upcoming agenda includes program updates, activities and parent information about pertinent subjects. Parents who attend can earn a 10 percent discount for a month of child care. For more information, call Outreach Services at 239-9850.

## Flu Shots Available To DA Civilians

The Occupational Health Clinic at Irwin Army Community Hospital offers flu shots to Department of the Army civilian employees from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday on a walk-in basis. The clinic is located in the hospital basement inside the Preventive Medicine Service. Those wanting flu shots can enter the clinic through the Preventive Medicine front door or from the hallway across from the dining facility offices.

## Protestant Women Invite Others To Attend

Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all women to join them at Morris Hill Chapel Tuesday at 9 a.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. for fun fellowship and spiritual healing. Sessions centered around this year's theme — Come to the Living Water — will include a choice of multiple Bible studies, outreach opportunities, special programs and activities. Childcare is

available. For more information, call Juli Kelly at 784-8333.

## CPAC To Offer Mailroom Training

CPAC will offer "Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations" classes Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in building 319. Preenrollment is required. To enroll, call 239-5411. Department of Defense requires each commander who has a unit mailroom to appoint a unit postal officer and alternate unit postal officer. Each mailroom must have a primary unit mail clerk and at least two alternates. Prospective mail clerks must attend a class and bring a copy of their memorandum about the required 30 days on-the-job training.

Unit postal officers not involved in mail handling duties only need to attend the class; they do not have to test. Unit postal officers involved in mail handling duties must have a minimum of 20 days OJT and will have to take the unit mail clerk test. Prior to rotations, commanders should ensure they have sufficient personnel appointed to perform necessary mail handling duties.

## UFM Begins Spring Registration

UFM is accepting registrations for spring term classes, including pocket billiards, beginning youth ballet, ballroom dance, belly dancing, martial arts, writing and publishing a novel, juggling, book club for women, basic conversational Chinese, kid's beginning knitting, tennis and bowling. Find class information online at [www.ksu.edu/ufm](http://www.ksu.edu/ufm). For more information, call UFM at 785-539-8763.

## Military Children Scholarship Deadline Nears

The Fisher House Foundation stops accepting applications for the 2004 Scholarships for Military Children Program at the close of business Feb. 18. The foundation administers the program that awards scholarships worth \$1,500. Applications and criteria for the program can be downloaded from <http://www.commissaries.com> or <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

## Thrift Store No Longer Accepts Checks

Personal checks will no longer be accepted for purchases at the post thrift shop. Carr Hall offers the nearest ATM. The Thrift Shop in building 267, Stuart Avenue, is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1

p.m. Feb. 7. The shop accepts consignment items on Tuesdays and donations every day.

For information about needed items or to schedule a pickup for large items, call 784-3874. Volunteers to work for the shop are always appreciated. Benefits include childcare reimbursement, first pick of items and discounts on donated.

## Leavenworth Plans Taste Event

Take a break from the winter doldrums with a trip to Leavenworth, Kan., to attend the second annual "Taste of Leavenworth" on Feb. 28. This event will be at the Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade, Leavenworth from 6-10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. The evening features a sampling of Leavenworth's finest foods and beverages, music and artisans showcasing the best in hometown businesses and activities.

For further information and tickets, contact Melanie Meier at 784-4839.

## Swimming Pool Re-opens

Eyster Pool will re-open Jan. 21 for family use. It will open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and be closed Monday and Tuesday.

## Cancer Support Group

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting will be Feb. 4, 6 p.m., Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic. Participants are asked to bring any news articles pertaining to your cancer diagnosis. Military servicemembers, their family members and Department of Army civilians are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged for persons who were recently diagnosed with cancer, family and friends of persons with cancer

and cancer survivors. The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 239-7163.

## Free Stop-smoking Classes Scheduled

Community Health Nursing of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free tobacco cessation classes. People in the four-week program meet once a week with trained medical professionals. Participants may choose to quit smoking without medication or health care providers may prescribe Zyban. Nicotine patches are also offered during the class. A dietitian teaches those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit healthy ways to avoid weight gain. Active duty military members, their families and DoD civilians are eligible to participate. The next class begins Feb. 25. To register, call Community Health Nursing, 239-7323.

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# Tax filing extensions offered in some cases

**By Sam Robinson**  
*Staff Writer*

Now is the time to start planning for the upcoming tax season. However, several soldiers returning from deployment may still need to file their 2002 taxes along with their 2003 taxes.

According to Capt. Alison Tulud, 2003 installation tax attorney, all soldiers who did not file their 2002 taxes before they deployed, should file a federal and state income tax return when they return home.

"Soldiers that have been out of the U.S. for the entire tax season will be granted a 180-day automatic extension to file a federal income tax return," said Tulud.

Additional time may be given for various, case specific reasons. Soldiers returning during a tax season have the remaining portion of the season plus 180 days to file a return.

The traditional tax season runs Jan. 1 - April 15 for the prior year. For example Jan. 1 - April 15, 2004 will be the tax season for tax year 2003. Taxpayers that file late due to deployment are not subject to late filing fees and penalties.

"Kansas will recognize the federal extension and filing," said Tulud, "but other states should be contacted directly for their regulations."

If soldiers wish to file an income tax return while deployed, they may have a family member or friend do it for them. To have someone else file a return on your behalf, you may use IRS form 2848, limited power of attorney. This is the preferred form, which may be downloaded off the <http://www.irs.gov> site. Form

2848 does not need to be notarized, but it must have the taxpayer's original signature.

An alternative to Form 2848 is a general power of attorney, which must be notarized. "It may cause the IRS to take a look at your return," said Tulud. "The IRS form is preferred."

The person you give power of attorney to does not need to be a relative, but Tulud recommends not using another military person because they may be deployed as well.

"Using Form 2848 speeds up the filing process," said Tulud. "About 95 percent of the soldiers receive refunds and this allows family members to get the refund money sooner."

To file, a taxpayer may use the applicable version of Form 1040. Soldiers filing their 2002 taxes late due to deployment will need to write in capital letters, across the top of the form: COMBAT ZONE or QUALIFIED HAZARDOUS DUTY AREA - (name of zone) and attach a copy of the Soldier's orders to the tax return before mailing it in, Tulud said.

Soldiers who are deployed to a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty zone may qualify for tax-free earnings. Tax-free earnings will not be shown in box one of the W-2 but will be shown in boxes three and five because FICA taxes (social security and medicare) will still be taken.

There are two formats for tax-free earnings:

For enlisted: one day of CZ/QHDA allows you to exclude all wages paid and allowances for the entire month. This includes bonuses and is unlimited for the month.

For officers: one day of

CZ/QHDA allows you to exclude a portion of wages and allowances earned for the month. The cap is equal to E-9 pay plus officers allowance of \$150 per month (\$5,533 per month for 2002).

If a Soldier is deployed for the entire tax year, box one on the W-2 will read \$0 earnings. Tulud urges everyone to look at his or her payroll records and W-2 to verify the information, whether they are deployed or not.

The tax office on post will help taxpayers and family members sort through all the tax regulations. It is in building 7034 on Normandy Avenue, across from Kapaun Chapel.

Capt. Henry Dewoskin will be the 2004 installation tax attorney.

The tax center staff will be trained for the 2003 tax year forms. Forms and electronic filing for federal and Kansas tax returns will be available at the center. States other than Kansas will have traditional paper returns prepared.

"Tax forms for 2002 may not be available at the center," reminds Tulud, "however, staff can assist with the completion of those forms."

Tulud said the following is the information and documentation needed for an appointment at the tax center: voided check if e-filing (for bank account information), social security cards and birth dates for all dependents to be claimed on the tax return and original W-2s (issued by employer) from all sources of income.

Other things the filer might need are the previous year's tax return, if available; 1099-Retirement forms; 1099-INT forms, statements from banks showing interest; 1099-DIV forms; statements of capital gains informa-

tion; educational expenses; and proof of childcare expenses, if both parents work. This includes: childcare receipts, provider's name, address and TAX ID number.

If itemizing the filer will need: Form 1098 for homeowners, educational expenses, medical expenses and professional expenses. Anyone who owns a rental property will need Form 15-1098 showing mortgage interest, total rental income, property taxes and expenses for home improvements.

Home daycare providers with FCC will need totals for income and expenses.

If there is a child of divorced parents, the filer will need a court document specifying his or her right to claim the child on the tax return if the child lives in a home other than the filer's.

Filers claiming tax exemptions must bring a copy of orders from CZ/QHDA.

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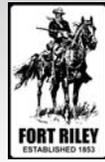




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## Spouses organize spring bazaar

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

The annual spring bazaar comes April 3-4 this year, said Sherrí Weber, second vice president of the Officers and Civilian Spouses Club and the person organizing the bazaar.

The bazaar opens to the general public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 3 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 4.

"People can expect to find beautiful, one-of-a-kind gifts and items for their home, food, fun for the kids and a great way to spend the weekend," Weber said.

The OCS uses the bazaar to raise money to support many charitable organizations throughout the year.

The Fort Riley Scholarship Fund, the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Operation Santa Claus, post schools, local schools, community shelters, outreach programs and other community organizations benefit from the club's charitable contributions, Weber said.

"We have also donated money from this fund to the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka, which is set aside for a military family to use. Our goal this year is to raise \$8,000," Weber said.

This annual event is in its 21st year. The car show that is traditionally held with the bazaar has been canceled this year because of soldier deployments.

"Our past bazaars have been very successful, and we have many vendors that look forward to displaying their crafts at our show year after year," said Weber.

Anyone interested in being a vendor at the bazaar should contact Weber at 537-7781 or by e-mail at sherrweber@cox.net.

## Rally Point planning party

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

Rally Point plans to host a Super Bowl XXXVIII party Feb. 1 for Fort Riley and the general public with food available before and while the game is on television.

"There have been past super bowl parties with great success," Rally Point General Manager Mike Steffens said. "We have been averaging approximately 100 people, but with the troops gone this year we will have to see how attendance will be."

The party is free if all the patron does is watch the game. Rally Point will offer an adult buffet for \$5.95 and a children's buffet for \$3.95, not including a drink.

Fans are encouraged to bring flags, table settings and other signs of support for their team.

## Christain Concert series offered

Fort Riley's installation chaplain has scheduled a series of concerts and special seminars the following day to celebrate the return of active duty and reserve component soldiers from Operation Iraqi Freedom. The general public may attend the concerts but the seminars are reserved for soldiers and their families.

The seminars will cover topics relating to marriage, family and single soldier wellness.

Susie Luchsinger, winner of six Dove Awards for Christian music, and her husband Paul perform in concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at Morris Hill Chapel. The following day, beginning at 9 a.m. in Morris Hill Chapel, the couple, who founded Psalm Ministries to minister at rodeos, will offer a marriage enrichment seminar.

Susie and Paul have three children and live on a ranch in Oklahoma. Besides her Dove Awards, Susie was voted top female artist several times, favorite female Christian country vocalist several times, Christian country artist of the year several times and entertainer of the year for Country Gospel Music Association.

She has appeared on TNN's "Crook and Chase," Johnny Carson, the Liza Gibbons Show and "700 Club."

Billboard Magazine, USA Today and People Magazine all featured her in articles.

The Wives of Warriors offer another marriage enrichment seminar for soldiers and their spouses at 9 a.m. March 6 in Morris Hill Chapel.

Four women form the Wives of Warriors: Paula Halvorson, wife of an active Coast Guard sailor; Judy Rossi and Ileen Stubbs, wives of retired soldiers; and Doris Waldrop, an Air Force widow. Waldrop is a counselor for the Officer's Christian Fellowship and Mission America. Stubbs is a counselor for a church counseling center. Rossi is a Protestant Women of the Chapel speaker who focuses on marriage and parenting. Halvorson is a Bible study leader and speaker.

With their combined skills and experience, The Wives of Warriors present seminars designed to strengthen relationships and families of military personnel.

They provide a ministry of encouragement to military wives of all ranks through scriptural teaching and fellowship, particularly to those who struggle with lengthy separations and deployments.

Sontrek, a Christian rock band comes to Kapaun Chapel at 7 p.m. March 19. The concert is open to the public.

Tim Kaufman performs conservative contemporary music at 7 p.m. April 16 at Morris Hill Chapel. The next day he offers a man's seminar beginning at 7 p.m. in Morris Hill Chapel.

## B.O.S.S. offers sing-a-grams Servicemembers share talent for good cause



By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

"Drink to me only with thine eyes, and I will pledge with mine; or leave a kiss but in the cup, and I'll not look for wine," wrote Ben Jonson, a 17th Century English poet, in his poem "To Celia."

Though old-fashioned, these words still have the power to melt a lover's heart when spoken in the right way and by the right person.

For those seeking more than simple lace and ribbons this Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is offering its services to help make this Valentine's Day a memorable one a spouse or loved one.

BOSS representatives are selling valentine sing-a-grams now through President's Day weekend, when volunteer singers will travel from office to office delivering the songs.

Costumed volunteers armed with balloons and candy will visit and serenade sing-a-gram recipients Feb. 11 and 12. Song selections vary and volunteers will choose their own costume.

"Last year we had one girl dress

up like Dorothy from 'The Wizard of Oz,'" said Spc. Jason Dunlap, BOSS president and the person organizing the sing-a-gram campaign. "It's their opportunity to show off their creativity and talent."

Soldiers wishing to purchase a sing-a-gram for themselves or a friend may visit the Information/Ticketing/Registration office in building 6918 across from the main post exchange or call 239-5614. A short form asks the date and time, before or after lunch, that the song should be delivered, as well as the delivery address.

Sing-a-grams cost \$10 for just the song, \$15 for a balloon and candy and \$20 for a song, balloon and candy.

"This is a BOSS fund-raiser to support all the wonderful programs and recreational trips that BOSS provides throughout the year," Dunlap said.

"Usually we have over 100 people sign up for sing-a-grams," he said. "This is something we've done every year, and we usually have a very good turnout for it. It makes for some memories, and everybody has a good time."

A Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers representative sings to a customer last year for Valentine's Day.

## Commissary offers unlimited shopping

By Bonnie Powell  
DeCa

FORT LEE, Va. - All over the United States, Guardsmen and Reservists are getting rid of their "little pink cards."

The signing of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act signaled unlimited shopping privilege for Reserve component members and their families.

It also signaled the end of issuing, tracking and checking off those little pink Commissary Privilege Cards.

Previously, Reserve component personnel and their families were allowed 24 commissary shopping days per calendar year;

and they had to have their privilege cards initiated at the commissary each day they shopped.

About 1.2 million Guard and Reserve personnel and their authorized family members can now save an average of 32 percent or more over commercial grocery prices - every day if they wish.

A family of four can save more than \$2,700 per year with regular commissary shopping.

Members of the Retired Reserve are also included in the extended benefit, adding about another 200,000 happy shoppers.

These "gray area retirees" were not formerly entitled to unlimited commissary shopping until they reached age 60.

"Although we've recently seen

many Guard and Reserve members with unlimited privileges due to activation," said DeCa Consumer Advocate Bonita Moffett.

"The extra traffic does not really impact the ability of commissaries to handle increased customer shopping. The average customer generally only shops twice a month, and since they are spread out all over the country the impact is very low at any one commissary."

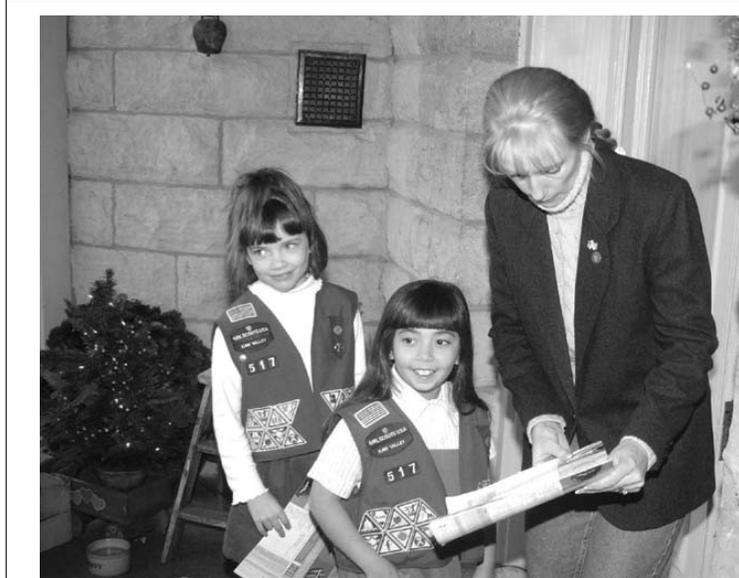
DeCa operates 275 commissaries worldwide.

"The major benefit for Guard and Reserve members now is the convenience of being able to make a quick stop at the commissary to buy a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk, or diapers and

baby food, without worrying about running out of shopping trips for the year," added Moffett.

The extended benefit may not apply worldwide. While Reserve and Guard personnel not on active duty can enjoy unlimited shopping in the United States, Guam or Puerto Rico, many overseas installations are restricted by host nation agreements that limit on-base shopping by non-active-duty personnel.

When visiting or living outside the United States or its territories, Guard and Reserve personnel should always check with appropriate installation authorities about local commissary shopping privilege.



Diane Hardy, wife of Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, makes her selection of Girl Scout cookies, brought to her by Holly Townsend and Mikayla Fernandez of Troop 517. Girl Scout cookies will be available from a booth at the PX between Feb. 21 and March 15 or from one of 140 girls selling this year.





# ITR

## Try a bus

Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers its bus for rent in support of command and unit functions, hails and farewells, family readiness groups, retiree groups, church groups and Fort Riley private organizations. For more information, call Information/Ticketing/Registration at 239-5614.

## Try a condominium vacation

The Armed Forces Vacation Club offers space-available condominium vacations at resorts around the world for only \$249 a unit per week. For anyone who enjoys off-season activities in popular locations without the hassle of high-season prices and crowds, the AFVC off-season vacation options may offer a worthwhile vacation value. For more information, call ITR at 239-5614.

## Transportation arrangements available

KCI Roadrunner provides door-to-door service from home to the Kansas City International airport. Information/Ticketing/Reservations can make travel reservations with KCI Roadrunner. Commissions go to Fort Riley's Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For more information, call ITR at 239-5614.

## McCain performances offered at a discount

Information/Ticketing/Reservations offers military discounts for upcoming performances at McCain Auditorium on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

People with military IDs can pick up a maximum of two discount tickets. Tickets are available for:

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— "Giselle," performed by the Moscow Festival Ballet on Feb. 6

— "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" on Feb. 14

— Moscow State Radio Symphony on Feb. 26

— "Rigoletto" on March 4

— "The Importance of Being Earnest," By Oscar Wilde, March 7

— "Lunasa," Irish folk music for St. Patrick's Day, on March 14

The Regina Carter Quintet performs on April.

Anyone interested in the discount tickets can stop by ITR in building 6918 across the parking lot from the main post exchange.

## Parks, attraction spots to salute military

Many theme parks, regional attractions and vacation destinations will salute the military with free admissions and deep discounts through late fall and early winter.

For more information and low hotel rates, stop by ITR in building 6918 across the parking lot from the main post exchange.

## Rascal Flats, Lipizzaner Stallions

Rascal Flats and special guest Brian McComas perform Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bi-Centennial Center in Salina. The World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions are scheduled to appear Feb. 24 at

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7:30 p.m. Tickets for both shows are available through ITR.

## Florida resorts, attractions

Three Universal Orlando resorts - Portofino Bay, Hard Rock Hotel and Royal Pacific Resort - offer discounted military rates. Discounted attraction tickets also are available for Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure at Information, Ticketing, Reservations.

## Ski Colorado

Current lodging and lift ticket packages are making Winter Park a haven for skiers and snowboarders. Discount lift tickets also are available for Keystone, Breckenridge, Vail, Beaver Creek and Copper Mountain. Representatives at Information/Ticketing/Reservations can put together a weekend get-a-way to include accommodations and ski lessons at great military discounts.

## Space on the prairie

Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center in Hutchinson is becoming the most comprehensive space museum in the world - not what you'd expect to find on the open prairies of Kansas. From the Hall of Space Museum and IMAX dome theater to the million-dollar

multimedia Planetarium, the Cosmosphere is an all-day, all-ages adventure. Discount tickets are available through Information/Ticketing/Reservations.

## Coming home on leave?

Let ITR assist you with planning a Welcome Home Get-away. ITR staff can point out discount rates for cruises and arrange all-inclusive packaging to include Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando, Caesar's Pocono Resorts and numerous other destination packages.

## Learn to ski at Snow Creek

Snow Creek offers a new expanded beginner area where novice skiers will find lots of room to learn. Snow Creek is located in historical Weston, Mo., 15 minutes from Kansas City International Airport.

Active-duty military ski free every Wednesday in February. Family members and guests pay only \$10. The fee includes a special rope-tow ticket for the beginner's area, complete set of rental equipment, beginner lessons and transportation.

Skiers wishing to use the chairlift can purchase a discount lift ticket through Information/Tick-

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Ski tour dates are scheduled for Feb. 11 and 25. Tour cost of \$20 includes a rope-tow ticket and coach bus transportation.

Snow Creek has 100 percent snowmaking capabilities.

## Country Stampede Back in the saddle

Country Stampede returns to Tuttle Creek State Park June 24-27 featuring Brooks & Dunn,

Rascal Flats, Clay Walker and. Advance tickets are now available through ITR.

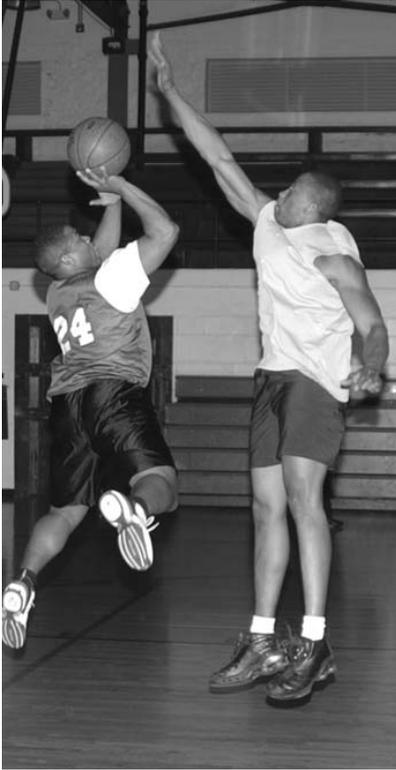
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# Fort Riley Sports



Ricky Tomlin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division, extends his arm to block the shot of teammate Ricky Wilson during a practice scrimmage game Monday night at King Field House.



Ricky Wilson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division, drives the ball around teammate Bobby Allison and toward the hoop during his team's practice Monday at King Field House.

## Team still plays despite no opposition Ghost Riders use time to hone skills, stay on top of league

By William Biles  
Staff Writer

The Ghost Riders of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division, increased their record to 7 - 0 Monday night at King Field House.

They didn't win the game by sinking dazzling three-point shots or crashing through the defense to get to the hoop. They won because the other team forfeited the game by not showing up.

Rather than go home after their quick and easy win, the Ghost Riders opted to use their one-hour court time to get in another practice.

The 13-man roster split into opposing teams and scrimmaged against each other, practicing defensive patterns, passing, dribbling and shooting techniques.

The team wasn't told or asked to stay and practice, they stayed because they are dedicated to winning and want to practice so they can be a tighter playing team.

"We decided to stay here and practice because of dedication. We are on a mission this year to win," said Warren Williams. "I feel with our dedication we will be playing in the final game. We are playing as a team more than we were last year."

Coach Richard Houk agrees with Williams on the players' reason to stay and

practice. He said the extra training session also would help him gauge how well the Ghost Riders will do in future games.

"We stayed because this team is very serious about wanting to win," Houk said. "I believe we are the best team in this league, and we are definitely the fastest team in the league. I build our plays around that speed and design them so that our speed will be used against the other teams we play."

"I would like to see these guys run some of the defenses I like to run during the games, so I can get a feel of how I think they will do in our upcoming games," he said.

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## Wizards top Blue Whales 16-4 in second grade play

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

Two Fort Riley second-grade teams, the Wizards and the Whales, played Jan. 24.

The purple-clad Wizards soared over the Blue Whales 16-4, although the score goes unrecorded because the game focused on learning the rules and on team development, according to the organizer.

"We try to modify the rules a little bit just to make sure everybody has fun and the game doesn't get bogged down in details,"

said Danny Durkee, youth sports director at the Fort Riley Youth Center.

"They're second graders, so they're going to make a few mistakes, and we're more lenient about calling for traveling and double-dribbling and things like that," Durkee said.

The games high scorer, Wizard Dequan Charles, often surged ahead of the defense and made his shot while his blocker was scrambling to find his designated position.

Charles sounded modest about his role in the game.

"I'm only learning from my brother," the quiet 7-year-old said. "I like playing and coming out on the court. I'm learning how to do layups and shoot well."

Charles made all four baskets scored in the first four-minute quarter, but several Whales expressed confidence in their team.

"We work well as a team and do great passes to each other," Allison Aguilar said. "We can win if we try hard."

"We're doing kind of good," said the Whales' Maverick Walter, Whales. "I don't know if we'll

win, but we play well and do good fakes."

The Wizards finished the half with a 12-0 lead.

"I don't think we can come back, but we will be better for the next game when we play," said Tyler Engle of the Whales. "We need to grab the ball better, and we'll do it next time."

The Whales' Immanuel Lee scored the team's first bucket, bringing the score to 12-2. The Wizards scored only two more baskets before the start of the final quarter.

"We need to work on passes,"

Lee said. "We're already good, but we need to improve."

The Whales started the final quarter on a positive. Walter went after an out-of-bounds ball and passed it to Engle, who scored the second Whales basket and making the score 16-4.

After the game, the Wizards retired to the foyer. Their analysis of the game was generally positive while examining what they could have done better.

"I think they did good, but I think I have to work on not being scared of the ball," said the Wizards' Andrew McKnight.

"They did good, shooting and passing, and these are things they will still have to do well next game," said the Wizards' Barrie Royal.

Even the Wizards' head coach expressed surprise over some of the developments in the game.

"They did really well," Aranda Scarborough said. "The referee called a lot of stuff that he didn't in the first game we played, which is good because it lets us know what we have to keep working on. It's a learning experience."



Wildcat guard Laurie Koehn pushes her way into the lane against the Bears.

## Wildcats take bite out of Bears 85-65

### Win moves K-State women to 5-1 in Big 12 Conference

By Sam Robinson  
Staff Writer

Kansas State's women's basketball team bounced back into the win column Tuesday night at Bramlage Coliseum. The No. 12 Wildcats beat the No. 16 Baylor Bears, 85-65.

Missing from the starting line-up for Kansas State was junior Chelsea Domenico. Domenico was recovering from injuries sustained in the game against Nebraska.

Six-foot senior Amy Dutmer took Domenico's place and posted 11 points, making her one of five Wildcats scoring in double digits for the night.

"Without Domenico, against a team of this caliber, I felt confident with the experience Amy brings to the floor" Head Coach Deb Patterson said. "At Nebraska, she made an impression on me that she had confidence within the system. She is always ready for whatever challenge there is."

The Wildcats started sluggishly, hitting less than 40 percent from the field in the first half. Both teams had better luck in the lane, scoring 12 points each from the inside before halftime. Baylor went into the locker room at the half

looking confident. They had been able to keep the heat on and barely trailed the 'Cats.

"We just needed to stay with it. In the first half we had a 12-point lead. We just let them come back on us," Wildcat guard Megan Mahoney said. "We just needed to stay aggressive and make sure everybody knew what was going on."

Just minutes into the second half, K-State rallied with an 80-second scoring spree. Three

"I didn't expect anything less in terms of intensity and our work ethic. I fully believed we'd bring that to the game. I knew we'd play hard and compete hard and compete smart."

Deb Patterson  
K-State Head Coach

Wildcats sank three-pointers, and Kendra Wecker hit two baskets during the rally.

Wecker hammered out a double double with 11 rebounds and 16 points overall.

Nicole Ohlde netted 26 points against the Bears. This was the fifth time this season Ohlde scored 20-plus points in a game.

Free throws contributed 24 points to the Wildcat total. Baylor committed 20 personal fouls. Bears center Stefanie Blackmon fouled out with four minutes left in the game.

K-State was once again out rebounded. The Bears pulled the ball down 48 times during the night.

"They have such a fabulous front line. They rebound extraordinarily well," Patterson said about Baylor. "If you keep (Sophia) Young and Blackmon to low double figures in rebounding, you feel like it's a victory."

Mahoney's eight assists in the game raised her career total to 402, which ranks second all-time at K-State.

Tuesday's win moves K-State to 5-1 in Big 12 conference play. Baylor dropped to 4-3.

"I didn't expect anything less in terms of intensity and our work ethic," said Patterson. "I fully believed we'd bring that to the game. I knew we'd play hard and compete hard and compete smart."



## Commentary

# Quality players, fundamentals, brings these teams to Superbowl

By Kevin Doheny

19th PAD

With Superbowl XXXVIII looming just a few days from now, the rosters from both teams have been picked apart and scrutinized. Both starting quarterbacks have had their strengths and weaknesses showed, both defenses have been viewed as great and the coaches have been called geniuses with the moves they have made from the off-season until now.

With all the X's and O's that go into making a championship football team, one constant is usually true with the 'championship' caliber ones. Teams with quality players that play hard and are fundamentally sound, usually play together and win games. Usually the guys that play harder and play

together are the guys that don't garnish the lucrative contracts during the off-season.

Looking at both of this year's Superbowl teams and seeing why their successes have lead them in to this position, it is easy to see that money isn't everything. Just ask these two teams.

The New England Patriots have been built around a defensive scheme that has troubled opposing offenses all year. There are Pro Bowl players on that defense, but there are no superstars. Ty Law is probably the best corner in football, but he doesn't get the 'showtime' other corners get. Also, players like Willie McGinest, Ted Washington, Rodney Harrison and Ted Bruschi, the Pats defense plays together better than any other in the league. They might not be a league leader in any statistical category, but you

would be hard-pressed to find a better defensive football team.

On the offensive side of the ball the goal is to score just enough points and let the defense win games. Their running game is not what it was in 2001, but they might be a little more explosive. But can you name any of their wide receivers? What about their tight end? Stumped, how about Troy Brown, Deion Branch, David Givens, Bethel Johnson, Christian Fauria and Daniel Graham. Never heard of them? Well that's alright, these might not be household names, but when Tom Brady needs some points, he is always able to find one of these quality receivers.

Bill Belichick is the glue that makes his team go. His decisions during the year and off-season have made this under-paid team the best in the NFL. His schemes

work. His players listen to him and they believe in what he says. In this era of over-paid athletes who don't play hard for their dollars, it is quite refreshing.

The Carolina Panthers players have also flown under the radar this season, well most of them. Yes John Fox's squad has a few devastatingly good players, most are just role guys that produce and most of all, win.

Julius Peppers, Mike Rucker and Stephen Davis are among the leagues best at their position, and I'm sure when contract time comes, they will get rewarded.

Most of the roster though are tough, hard-nose guys that Fox has believing. Start off with an undrafted free agent quarterback from Louisiana-Lafayette. Mix in a bowling ball for a running back and throw in a 5'9", 179-pound

receiver from Utah of all places, and you have the 'big three' for the Panthers on offense. Jake Delhomme, Stephen Davis and Steve Smith put up some pretty big numbers during the season, but other than Davis, the Panthers didn't have to break the bank to have a successful offense.

The Panthers defense probably gamers more 'big name' potential than does their offense.

The Panthers front four are the best in football hands down. Rucker and Peppers might be the marquee guys, but Kris Jenkins, Al Wallace and Brian Allen fly to the ball well as well.

The Panthers have don't have the 'big name' defensive backs, but ask Donavon McNabb if he remembers Ricky Manning Jr.? Manning Jr. picked McNabb off three times in the NFC Championship Game.

John Fox has turned around his team from a 1-15 team to possibly, Superbowl champions. How has he done it? He has hired quality players that don't cause trouble in the locker room, quality guys who play hard for him and quality guys who don't ask for too much.

Why are these two teams so successful when other teams are spending millions upon millions making their teams better?

Cohesion. These teams play together because no one is jealous of the huge contract this guy received or the huge signing bonus that guy received. They just play hard and play as eleven guys accomplishing a mission.

Maybe Daniel Snyder should take a page from these guys' book. The old saying is money doesn't bring happiness, well for these two Superbowl teams, the saying is true.

# Viewing American Bison possible on Konza Prairie near Manhattan

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The sight of the American bison must have been tremendous. Vast herds covered the plains, grazing the tall grasses that are now fodder for our domestic cattle. In a very short time, the bison went from herds numbering in the thousands, to near extinction and back.

In the early 1800s, bison were the king of the plains. They migrated over large tracts of land in search of newly grown grass. Their intensive grazing would completely annihilate an area. The prairie grasses and forbs that

evolved from the repeated disturbance gave rise to the resilient plant community that allows the military to intensively use the prairie of Fort Riley.

The bison soon fell to the long range rifles made famous in the late 19th century. "Skinners" all across the plains harvested the bison without limit. The hides were shipped away and the bones ground for bone meal. With fewer and fewer bison to be found, the Native Americans lost their source for food, shelter and clothing. For a period of time the only remaining bison were found on farms and zoos. In the late 1800's a few hundred head of bison were found wild, roaming Yellowstone

Park.

Although the bison would never freely roam the plains again, the species was saved from extinction through careful breeding programs of the few remaining individuals. Fort Riley was part of the later recovery of the

species, housing bison from the early 1950s until the late 1990s. The bison herd was a popular visitors attraction for many years on post.

At first, they were held in the coral by the Post Cemetery. When they outgrew that, most were placed in a pasture south of

Williston Point Road. When the herd grew to 58, a decision was made to transfer much of the herd to Kansas State University, to be placed on Konza Prairie.

The bison herd was maintained on Fort Riley until recently, when the remainder of the herd was

transferred to Konza Prairie. Today, the Konza Prairie has more than 100 head of bison, many of which are descendants of the Fort Riley herd.

The bison on Konza Prairie are used to study large herbivore impacts to the tallgrass prairie. Today, there are an estimated 1

million bison in North America. Many of these reside on livestock farms around the country.

Closer to home, the Konza Prairie allows visitors to view the

bison as native grazers of the Kansas Flint Hills.

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## Program offers Soldiers chance to get what they need

By Judd Anstey  
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DALLAS - The "Gifts from the Homefront" program sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange System continues to offer deployed Soldiers and their stateside families a level of support an AAFES spokesman said has not been seen in the organization's 108-year history.

"The 'Gifts from the Homefront' program is truly unique because it allows anyone to make a direct impact on the morale of deployed troops," said Lt. Col. Debra Pressley, chief of AAFES' communications division.

Since the program's inception, more than 17,000 Americans have made contributions totaling \$32,475.

The contributions come in the form of gift certificates that can be used for merchandise already stocked at AAFES Operation Iraqi

Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom locations and are a safe alternative to traditional care packages that place unnecessary strain on the military mail system.

Furthermore, Soldiers are sure to get exactly what they need because the certificates can be used to buy a wide range of products.

Reports from Iraq indicate that the certificates that have been distributed are being used for the latest CDs and DVDs, comfort items such as snacks and beverages and phone cards.

The 550-Unit Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone Card is providing a big benefit to deployed Soldiers. The cards, welcome at any of AAFES' 37 phone centers, offers the lowest rate for non-official calls. Consumer Telecommunications Product Manager Yvonne Finch said that while AAFES has worked diligently to provide the most affordable calling options

throughout the operation areas, many Soldiers are finding higher rates when using third party phone cards. "The AAFES team has worked very hard to negotiate the lowest rates possible," said Finch. "Unfortunately, these efforts are negated when someone buys a phone card from another retailer where AAFES has no control over the rates. Other AT&T prepaid cards will work, but troops will get fewer minutes for their dollar.

Americans who wish to offset the cost of phone cards and other items of convenience and necessity can contribute to the "Gifts from the Homefront" by simply logging on to safes.com or calling 877-770-4438 to purchase gift certificates in \$10, \$20, \$25 or \$50 denominations. From there, the "Gift from the Homefront" is sent to an individual service member (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through organizations

such as the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House.

Troops can use "Gifts from the Homefront" certificates at any of AAFES' 52 contingency stores in OIF/OEF. Specifically, AAFES is delivering a bit of home to troops with nine stores in Kuwait and 30 in Iraq. The 430 AAFES associates deployed to the region are living and working right alongside the deployed troops to deliver the benefit that only AAFES can offer.

This 24/7 commitment to deployed customers resulted in AAFES receiving the 2004 American Spirit Award from the National Retail Federation. Past recipients of the prestigious award, which is designed to recognize exceptional achievement and is presented only when circumstances dictate, include former Presidents Jimmy Carter, George Herbert Walker Bush and Senator Bob Dole.



Spec. Tabatha Taylor, Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer for Fort Riley, looks on as Kaitlin Van Zile, a 5th grader at Jefferson Elementary, reads her award winning essay about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The reading was part of a graduation ceremony that completes 10 weeks of DARE training for the 5th grade class.

## Practice

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"I think we have a real good team this year, but we need to get more practice in than we already do because I know all of the other teams out there are practicing just to be able to beat 24th I.D.," said the Ghost Riders' Troy Moshier.

The coach, though confident, realizes hard games lie ahead in the last half of the season. "The rest of our season is going to be hard. We are the No. 1 seed in the league, and the reason we are No. 1 is because all of our games have been easy," he said.

"I was telling the guys that we have to be prepared for these games through preparation and practice, and they are all for that," Houk said. "I feel they are a better team this year than they were last year. These guys also believe they are the best team in the league and are very dedicated to winning those ball games."

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