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## Around The Army

### Fort Huachuca: New houses open on post

The Fort Huachuca Scout reported March 4 that Pershing Plaza West One, a new housing area on post, had accepted its first residents the previous month. The new housing is located across from Myer Elementary School and will be offered to lower enlisted and junior noncommissioned officer families.

The new houses have phone outlets in every room and Internet and cable television lines already installed throughout. They also have high power exhaust fans for quick ventilation and cooling.

The houses feature child safety features such as rounded counter tops and two peep holes on the door, one low enough for children to see out.

For more information about this story and other news at Fort Huachuca, visit Huachuca-[www.army.mil/USAG/PAO/2004Scouts](http://www.army.mil/USAG/PAO/2004Scouts) on the Internet.

### Fort Sam Houston: Youth services seeks actors

The Fort Sam Houston News Leader reported March 11 the post's youth services would form two performing arts groups. The first group would be known as "The Rainbow Kids" and would be open to boys and girls ages 6 through 13 who like to sing, dance and perform comedy or special acts. They would practice programs for public performance.

The second group would be called "The Morning Kids." It would be for children who prefer acting. After a 10-week rehearsal session, the group would present a program. The 6- through 13-year-old thespians would work with scripts that include songs, some dancing and scenes from famous plays and comedy skits.

For more about this story and other news at Fort Sam Houston, visit [www.cs.amedd.army.mil/pao](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/pao) on the Internet.

### Camp Zama, Japan: Package causes scare

The Torii reported March 19 that military police had responded to a report of a suspicious package left at the Camp Zama post office March 10.

Two bomb-sniffing dogs from the 88th Military Police K-9 Detachment were dispatched to the scene. Neither dog indicated the box contained explosives, but the explosive ordnance disposal team from Yokosuka Naval Base was brought to Camp Zama to safely dispose of the package.

After blowing the box open, the team determined its contents were not hazardous.

For more about this story and other news at Camp Zama, visit [www.torii.army.mil/news](http://www.torii.army.mil/news) on the Internet.

# Controlled burns prevent fires

### Special to the Post

"Each year, the Fort Riley Fire Department performs controlled burns throughout the installation to minimize risks associated with prairie fires," said Mike Cook,

post fire chief. These controlled burns eliminate the heavy accumulation of dried undergrowth that support wildfires and encourage the growth of new surface vegetation.

The burns have the added

advantage of minimizing insects and rodent habitat, reducing their impact on the housing areas, he said.

All controlled burns are carefully planned and coordinated with the Directorate of Environ-

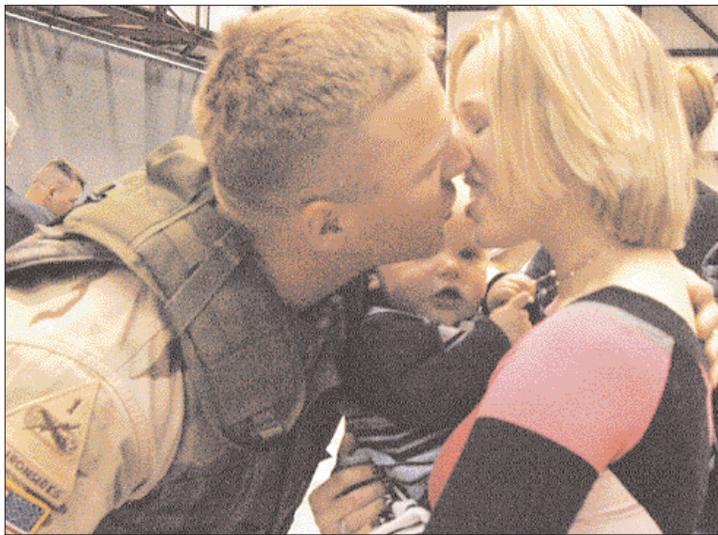
ment and Safety, Public Works, the Fire Department, Range Control and the Provost Marshal's Office to ensure each activity is prepared to assist in controlling the fire and are ready to respond to any related inquiries or requests

for assistance.

This year, Kansas experienced one of the driest winters on record, and Fort Riley has had more than 30 brush fires as a result, Cook said. Controlled

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# Baby, it's Daddy



1st Lt. Britton Crafton of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion, leans close to kiss his wife, Julie, during the redeployment ceremony March 22. Crafton saw his 8-month-old son Jackson for the first time during the ceremony. All smiles, Crafton said he didn't think his son would be so big.

# Post greets 500 more 3rd Brigade Soldiers

### By Gary Skidmore

Command Information Officer

About 500 soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team returned to Fort Riley last week. They arrived in multiple groups throughout the weekend and into the early

part of the week and were honored by short ceremonies reuniting them with their family and friends.

Waiting for Spc. Steven Johnson was his mother Barbara Wilson, his stepfather Anthony Wilson and his sister Briana Wilson, 14, from Indianapolis.

"He's been gone a year this month, said

Johnson's mother. "I'm going to spend a lot of time spoiling him."

Wilson said while her son was deployed, she organized support for her son and the soldiers in his unit by having the school where she works as a teacher's assistant

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# Boca Raton opens arms to Welden

## Community support will continue for others going to Iraq

### By Gary Skidmore

Command Information Officer

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Staff Sgt. Sam Welden flew to Boca Raton, Fla., and visited family last week.

It's not the home he left to join the Army 12 years ago. He's never been to Boca Raton before. It's not the family he said good-bye to in New Jersey. In fact, he had never met these people before.

But when he got off the plane and walked into the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., airport, he was greeted by cheers, applause and hugs. Afterward, he said he felt like he was home and being greeted by family.

First to greet Welden was Connie Tishman, who had been e-mailing Welden while he was in Iraq. Tishman ran to Welden with tears running down her face, followed by more of Welden's newly adopted family. Caught up in the moment, more than 100 people in the security check

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Connie Tishman waits for Staff Sgt. Sam Welden, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, to arrive at the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., airport.



Johanna Suarez (right) and Connie Tishman talk with Staff Sgt. Sam Welden, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, after he arrives at the Fort Lauderdale airport.

# Post honors fallen heroes

## Comrades remember Dunigan, Hill

### By Deb Skidmore

Media Relations Officer

As the words to the special music filtered through Morris Hill Chapel March 18, those paying their last respects for two of Fort Riley's fallen heroes were confronted with the song's actual message: "All gave some. Some gave all."

Staff Sgt. Joe Dunigan Jr. and Spc. Christopher Hill, both of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, gave their all. They died March 11 when their vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device in Fallujah, Iraq.

Dunigan, 37, was a section leader for Company B, Hill, 26, was an infantryman in Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Both Soldiers deployed to Iraq in September 2003.

According to a message from their battalion commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Hollis, in Iraq, "Both men were simple country boys, but they had honor. We owe them much. They both knew hard work," Hollis said. "Their legacy will continue."

Hollis said Dunigan always gave of himself so his family could have a better life. But he added that he also gave his all for the betterment of the team.

"Joe loved being a soldier," Hollis' statement said. "His duty was for his country and his men, but his heart was with his family."

Hollis said that Hill was a stellar Soldier. He relayed that Hill had been selected for the Old Guard, a special ceremonial unit based at Fort Myer, Va., and that during 9-11 was assigned to the Pentagon. The day of the attack, Hill had reported to duty in dress blues for a special mission. Hollis said he was one of many who spent the next 24 hours digging people out of the rubble.

Hollis said Hill loved being a Soldier but "his true love was his wife and daughter."

Friend and fellow Soldier Sgt. Shawn Day recounted memories of Hill choking back emotion.

"He was a country boy who enjoyed the Army," Day said. "He could get things done and was excellent at everything he did, to include sports."

Day recalled that Hill wanted a company barbecue once everyone had returned from Iraq. He said the company would have that barbecue once they all returned, and it would be in Hill's honor.

Spc. Eric Baggett served with Dunigan as his gunner. "Dunigan was highly respected," Baggett said, "and, I respected him as a father figure. He took

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# Post news in brief

## Clarification:

A story published March 5 in the Post about a motorcycle club that had just formed confused it -- the Military Veterans Motorcycle Club -- with another motorcycle club in the area -- the Veterans Motorcycle Club. The two clubs are not associated. The Post regrets the confusion it caused.

## Agencies name top employees

The Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization recently named Ronald Larson and Marcus Phillips as Employees of the Quarter. They will each receive \$125 cash and 16 hours time off.

Gail Ragan was named Directorate of Environment and Safety Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 2004.

Lana M. Pender was named Directorate of Contracting Employee of the Quarter for first quarter, fiscal year 2004.

## Employees seek leave donations

As of March 19, several Fort Riley employees experiencing a personal or family medical emergency and taking a period of more than 24 hours of Leave Without Pay have asked fellow employees to donate unneeded annual leave to cover their absences.

To donate annual leave to any of the individuals listed, employees must complete OPM Form 630-A, located on the CPAC Intranet Web site.

Employees requesting leave, their activity and the control number for their requests are: Barbara Stepe, Directorate of Logistics, CPA/CLT2203; Melody Williams, Medical Department Activity, CPA/CLT2403; Helen Sample, MEDDAC, CPA/CLT0504; Rockford Hauck, MEDDAC, CPA/CLT0704; Karen Green, Directorate of Information Management, CPA/CLT0304; Mary Walter Fleming, Staff Judge Advocate's Office, CPA/CLT0604; Joy Lynn Francis, Southwest Civilian Personnel Operations Center, CPA/CLT0804; Margaret Colbert, Directorate of Community Activities, CPA/CLT0904; and Arnoldo Valdemar, DOL, CPA/CLT1004.

Completed forms should be forwarded to Sonja Elzy at the Civilian Personnel Center.

## 'In Step' moves to new time slot

The post's "In Step with Fort Riley" television program that airs on WBW Channel 13 in Topeka has moved to a new time slot temporarily. It can now be seen at 10:30 a.m. March 27 and April 3.

Channel 13 made the temporary move in time slot to accommodate its coverage of the Big 12 basketball tournament and most of the NCAA basketball tournament games.

"In Step with Fort Riley" will return to its normal time slot, 7 a.m. Sundays, after the NCAA tournament.

## Heating, cooling schedules set

Weather permitting, Fort Riley plans to turn off heating systems April 5-16 in the following sequence: administration buildings first, then barracks, bachelor enlisted quarters with individual units; the 8000 area; dining facilities; community buildings.

Air conditioning systems will be turned on May 3-14 in the following sequence: barracks, BOQs and BEQs first, then the 8000 area; community buildings; administration buildings; dining facilities; and motor pools.

Heating and cooling systems in chapels, medical and dental buildings will be maintained as appropriate. Family housing occupants control their own heating and cooling systems.

The authorized temperature for the cooling season is 76 to 80 degrees.

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burning will reduce the potential for an uncontrolled wildfire in the cantonment and housing areas, he said.

"During the months of March and April, controlled burns are planned for the Custer Hill areas," Cook said. This year the installation needs to remove the accumulation of dried undergrowth around the hill in Training Area 4, located south of Ellis Heights, Morris Hill School and Fort Riley Middle School and the area south of Custer Hill Housing, he said. "The controlled burn will occur near the Ellis Heights housing areas, but it will not pose any danger to housing residents," said Lt. Col. Wesley Anderson, Public Works director.

Smoke from the fires can be a problem for adults and children with asthma or other respiratory ailments. "Residents can minimize or prevent problems by closing all windows and doors allowing the heating/cooling system to filter the interior air," Anderson said. The controlled burn will occur during school hours, as it minimizes the number of children who are outside, he said.

"The Fire Department coordinates the controlled burn plan

with all of the post schools, so they can assist in keeping children away from the fire," Cook said.

The Fire Department and the Conservation Division will also place firefighters in areas between the training area and the housing areas to prevent the fire from entering the housing areas or schools.

"Please rest assured that the installation will take all precautions to ensure everyone's safety," Anderson said. "We will post signs on roads to warn all drivers before they enter an area that may be impacted by smoke so that they can take appropriate precautions, such as slowing down and turning on lights."

"Since wind speed and directions determine when we are able to control burn, we cannot provide specific dates at this time," Cook said. When the weather conditions are right, the installation will notify the public through Channel 2 of the post's cablevision service.

Any residents who have questions or concerns about any burning activity in their area can call the Fort Riley Fire Department,

239-4257, and ask for the on-duty supervisor.



105th MPAD/Bnyoles M-16s, empty boots and empty helmets beside photographs of Staff Sgt. Joe Dunigan Jr. and Spc. Christopher Hill decorate the Morris Hill Chapel during a memorial ceremony March 18. The two Soldiers were deployed to Iraq with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They were killed while conducting link-up operations near Al Fallujah March 11.

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time for me. "He only got upset when he couldn't see his family," Baggett said. "He loved his wife's cooking and always bragged about his sons and how much they were growing." "He was a strong, intelligent and loving man. He will never be

forgotten in our hearts."

As roll call sounded, deafening silence called out for Dunigan and Hill's unanswered responses to "Here, first sergeant!"

The 21-gun salute and mournful notes of "Taps" drove home the special musical message that day. "Some gave all."

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Patsy Canning (right) and Dorothy Guillette hang a sign outside the Grandview Preparatory School in Boca Raton, Fla., to welcome Staff Sgt. Sam Welden of the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, to their community.

Post/Skidmore

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line, waiting to catch departing flights, whooped, cheered and applauded Welden as he entered.

"I was afraid they'd do something like this," said Welden, overwhelmed by the reception. "I'm not a spotlight kinda guy," he said.

Tishman said all this fanfare came about as a result of her nephew, Barry Stockinger, telling her that his boyhood friend, Welden, was in Iraq and could use a morale booster.

Stockinger, who now lives in Kansas, started a drive to help his Kansas friend.

He got neighbors and other community members in Nickerson, to send more than 10 boxes of supplies to Welden and the Soldiers of his platoon. Welden is assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, at Fort Riley.

Tishman spread the word around Boca Raton. The word spread quickly and, before long, Tishman said they were mailing boxes after box to Welden.

Tishman's daughter, Marisa, 13, asked her eighth-grade class at the Grandview Preparatory School in Boca Raton to get involved, too.

By October, people were collecting cards, comic books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and, according to Welden, "just about everything you could think of," to send overseas.

"The school and the community made it possible for us to have Christmas," Welden said during a reception in his honor. "There is no way I can express my thanks for that," he said.

"All of our rooms had a tree. Our hallway had a six-foot lighted tree and every soldier in my platoon got a present because of you," he said.

"As an NCO, that means a lot to me that my guys were taken care of. You made that happen,"

**"We have gathered here today ... to express our full appreciation of the splendid service you gave in Iraq. What you have done is fight for liberty in an oppressed nation."**

— **Johanna Suarez**  
Spanish teacher and school project coordinator

to arrive. When they did get to the veteran, there was so much stuff one person couldn't use it all, so Welden began to spread the wealth.

"I distributed the gifts to as many of my Soldiers as possible," Welden said. "I'd start with the privates and work up."

While visiting his new family, Welden made it a point to meet the people who supported him and his Soldiers. He's also going to visit the Grandview school and speak at an assembly.

Johanna Suarez, the Spanish teacher at the school and primary organizer for the school's support of Welden, said she felt strongly about supporting Soldiers and their efforts.

"I think it's important to support the men and women who are deployed," she said. "They need our support."

Suarez acted as the master of ceremonies during the reception for Welden. In her opening remarks, Suarez said she and the community were proud of his service to the country.

"We have gathered here today to give you a hearty welcome home and we are delighted to express our full appreciation of the splendid service you gave in Iraq. What you have done is fight for liberty in an oppressed nation."

"It is my greatest pleasure to say welcome home Sam. Welcome back to your family and your community. Welcome to the Grandview Preparatory School and Boca Raton where respect for the men and women of the armed forces is as deep as ever before," Suarez said.

Tishman said, as a special gift, she and the community have booked Welden on a trip to the Bahamas.

"He needs some time to relax," Tishman said.

Welden told the people of Boca Raton.

When the people in Boca Raton found out one of Welden's Soldier's wives had just delivered a baby, they sent a box full of items for the baby and some advice for the new dad.

"I was in line, getting ready to check out after buying baby stuff for the Soldier when a lady asked me about having a baby," Tishman said. "When I told her about the Soldier, she left the line and bought the baby a bunch of lollipops."

Tishman said that's been the sort of response she's had ever since she began what she's dubbed "Operation SoS" -- Support our Sam.

Welden and his soldiers, in turn, nicknamed the effort by Tishman and the students as Operation BRAT, for Operation Boca Raton Angel Team.

Tishman said the Angels tried to mail a package a week to Welden. "It didn't always work that way. Sometimes we'd send two or three boxes."

Welden said it took as much as a month for some of the packages



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Marisa Tishman (third from left), Staff Sgt. Sam Welden and Johanna Suarez have their picture taken by Sofie Capins, the director of marketing at the Grandview Preparatory School in Boca Raton.



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Staff Sgt. Sam Welden gets to know his newly adopted family at a reception held in his honor at the Grandview Preparatory School.



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Jay Cashmere of Palm Beach's TV5 WPTV interviews Staff Sgt. Sam Welden after the Soldier's greeting by members of the Boca Raton, Fla., community.



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Eighth-grader Kathy Hanson (left) and Marisa Tishman unveil a portrait of Staff Sgt. Sam Welden during his welcome reception at Grandview Preparatory School.

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adopt the unit.

"We sent a lot of boxes with cookies, books and lots of little things for the soldiers to try to keep their spirits high," Wilson said. "He and the soldiers in his unit knew we were thinking of them."

At another ceremony, Pfc. Jorge Hernandez was greeted by his mother Diana Jones and his two sisters, Ciana, 2, and Bianca, 8, from Portsmouth, Va., and his grandmother, Rogelia Delgado, from New Jersey.

"I worried every day he was gone," Jones said about her son. "I had to be here because he didn't have anyone here and we wanted him to have family here when he walked through the hangar door."

Hernandez's grandmother made sure he'd see they were there by standing in the front of the cheering crowd waving a large American flag.

"He's a hero to us and everyone back home," Jones said.

"The mission that you have accomplished down-range is one that nobody but the Bulldog

Brigade [3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division] could have accomplished," said Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley.

"Almost a year in Baghdad in one of the toughest neighborhoods in that country, on point every day, with over 150 arrests, 50 raids, 40 patrols a day, 41 fixed security sites, including the World Food Program distribution site.

"These are programs you don't read about in newspapers, but you made it happen," Hardy said.

Soldiers redeploying last week and this week are members of Headquarters and Headquarters, 3rd Brigade; 1st Battalion, 13th Armor; 172nd Chemical Company; 70th Engineer Battalion; 125th Forward Support Battalion; and the 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery.

About 6,200 Fort Riley soldiers are still supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom overseas. Those who deployed last spring are redeploying now through April.



*Post/Skidmore*  
**Sgt. James March of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, hugs his daughter Katlin, 12, son Tyler, 9, and wife, Angel.**



*Post/Skidmore*  
**Pfc. Jorge Hernandez enjoys his reunion with his mother, Diana Jones, and sisters Ciara, 2, and Bianca, 8**



*Post/Vanover*  
**Staff Sgt. Willie Gregory is greeted by his wife, Feride, and children, Medina and Emmanuel (not pictured), during a redeployment ceremony. The Soldiers of Company B, 125th Forward Support Battalion, were welcomed home March 21 after a yearlong deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

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# Report: Iraq 1 year later

## Army Chief of Public Affairs

"Our greatest responsibility is the active defense of the American people. Twenty-eight months have passed since Sept. 11, 2001 - over two years without an attack on American soil.

And it is tempting to believe that the danger is behind us. That hope is understandable, comforting - and false. ... The terrorists continue to plot against America and the civilized world.

And by our will and courage, this danger will be defeated."

— President Bush  
Jan 20, 2004

Soldiers died in that Sept. 11 attack that included the Pentagon as a target. Some Soldiers stationed at Fort Riley since were at the Pentagon when it was attacked.

On March 19, 2003, Fort Riley Soldiers were among the first to launch the attack against Saddam

Hussein's tyrannical regime.

Soldiers of the 937th Engineer Group and the 1st Armored Division have or will soon return to America's Warfighting Center on the tallgrass prairie of Kansas, but at one time about 80 percent of the fort's deployable combat and combat service support Soldiers were in Iraq. At least one brigade of Soldiers will remain there at least until fall or winter this year.

## Coalition successes

The United States and its allies liberated 25 million people from the Saddam Hussein regime. Since then, working with its allies and the Iraqi people themselves, the coalition forces have discovered:

— Previously unknown human rights atrocities, including at least 50 mass graves where an estimated 300,000 victims of Saddam's vicious regime are buried; torture chambers and rape rooms run by the Iraqi secret police; and sys-

tematic oppression of Iraqi civilians.

— More evidence of Iraq's links to international terrorism, including first-hand accounts of high-level meetings between Iraqi Intelligence Service officials and al-Qaida.

— A broad coalition of nations is providing support for efforts to stabilize and rebuild Iraq. Thirty-four countries, including 11 of the 19 NATO countries, have provided more than 25,000 troops to help provide security in Iraq.

— The international community has pledged at least \$32 billion to improve schools, health care, roads, water and electricity supplies, agriculture and other essential services.

## Security measures

America's armed forces are taking the offensive against remnants of Saddam Hussein's regime and foreign terrorists, leading more than 1,600 patrols a

day and conducting an average of 180 raids a week.

— Forty-five of the 55 most wanted Hussein regime members have been captured or killed, including the brutal dictator himself, whose capture sent a powerful message to the Iraqi people that the tyranny of the past will never return.

— More than 230,000 Iraqis now provide security for their fellow citizens, and Iraqi security forces now account for the majority of all forces in Iraq.

— Nationwide, about 70,000 policemen have been hired. The new Iraqi Civil Defense Corps has about 21,000 personnel operating and another 3,300 in training.

— About 21,500 Iraqis are in the Border Police Force. About 92,000 are in the Facility Protection Service, protecting vital infrastructure from sabotage and terrorist attacks.

## Post news in brief

### Unit mailroom classes offered

Fort Riley Postal Operations staff will teach an introductory class in unit mailroom operations from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 14 and 28 in building 319.

Pre-enrollment is required. To enroll, call 239-5411.

Each commander who has a unit mailroom must appoint a unit postal officer and alternate unit postal officer.

Each mailroom also must have a primary unit mail clerk and at least two alternates.

Prospective mail clerks are required to attend a class and bring with them a copy of their memorandum of on-the-job training (20 days OJT period is required).

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.

### Official mail training offered

Fort Riley Postal Services staff will offer a class from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 30 in building 319 to train primary and alternate official mail handlers at post units and activities.

Pre-enrollment is required. To enroll, call 239-5411 or 239-5022.

### Quarters briefs mandatory

Effective April 1, all Soldiers requesting retention of government quarters must attend a retention briefing.

The briefing will be given as part of the Permanent Change of Station briefing in the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264, at 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

# Radar detector use may bring trouble

By Steven Cooke

19th PAD

Think using a radar detector on Fort Riley could save you from getting a speeding ticket?

Think again. It might result in Article 92 punishment for failing to obey a lawful order or Army regulation.

Army Regulation 190-5 prohibits use of radar detection devices on Army installations. Failure to shut off a radar detector could bring serious consequences, said Staff Sgt. William Langrell, traffic, accident and investigation non-commissioned officer in

charge for the Fort Riley Provost Marshal's Office.

When a Soldier is caught with one, his commander will receive a notice about the Soldier's violation. The commander can then take judicial action under Article 92, Langrell said.

"The maximum punishment a Soldier can receive under Article 92 is a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and up to two years in a military prison," said Sgt. Christina Jones, paralegal non-commissioned officer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters

Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

Civilians caught with an operating radar detector may face serious consequences as well, Langrell said.

Civilians may be escorted off post immediately and may have their post driving privileges revoked.

Langrell doubts anyone can avoid being caught for speeding just by using a radar detector. "Really, experienced officers know to keep their radar off until they see a potential speeding car," Langrell said.

"When the officer turns on his radar and gets a reading of the speeding car, and that

car driver's radar picks up the officer's radar, it is too late."

For that reason, Langrell said he thinks buying radar detectors are a waste of money. He said when he catches drivers with them, more than anything, he just laughs.

But, for a driver caught and facing the possible consequences for operating one in his or her car while on post, the matter may not be so funny.

Langrell said the Army regulation is important and needs to be followed. "The regulation is to keep people honest and discourage them from speeding," he said.

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# News from the Front



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## Top level gaming

From left, III Corps Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey, 82nd Airborne Division Command Sgt. Maj. Wolf Amaker, 1st Brigade Combat Team Command Sgt. Major Ronald Riling, and 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, Command Sgt. Major Joe Leggette play a game of football in the 1st Bn., 16th Inf., day room in Iraq.

## 'Lt. Dan' works for Iraqi children Supports U.S. Soldiers, too

By Michael E. Duks  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — "Now, you listen to me. We all have a destiny. Nothing just happens; it's all part of a plan," said Lt. Dan in the movie "Forest Gump."

Ten years after the film's release, actor Gary Sinise said he is realizing just how true the words he spoke as Lt. Dan were as he supports Soldiers serving in the Global War on Terrorism.

With the help of the USO, Sinise has been traveling to military bases in Korea, Italy, Iraq, Kuwait and Diego Garcia.

"After the war started and wounded started coming back, I felt it necessary to visit them," Sinise said.

In August, the actor who played an amputee in "Forest Gump" visited Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, where he saw wounded almost directly out of Iraq and Afghanistan.

"One thing I've found most interesting is that when asked where they'd like to be, these Soldiers say in Iraq. That's pretty telling," he said about the wounded Soldiers' dedication and attitude. "These are very courageous individuals."

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## 'Commo' gets job done

By Jamie Bender  
1st BCT

AR RAMADI, Iraq -- One of the things we often take for granted in this age of technology is the ability to communicate electronically. Telephones and e-mail are a part of most people's everyday life.

The ability to communicate in a combat zone is more than a convenience; it is critical. If service-members on patrol or manning observation points couldn't talk to their tactical operation centers, if forward observers couldn't talk to the Soldiers manning the big guns, if battalion staffs couldn't talk to brigade staffs or if brigade staffs couldn't talk to division staffs, how would missions be accomplished?

When the Big Red One's Devil Brigade arrived at Camp Junction City, the first order of business was to establish FM radio communication, said Staff Sgt. Mike Alexander, communications chief for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade.

"There is an order of precedence in how you talk. Making FM communications work was our first priority," he said.

Signal Soldiers faced several challenges, including the environment, in making radio communications work for the brigade.

"The desert is not the ideal place for communication," Alexander said. "The weather and terrain are not what we would like to have good FM communication. You have to make some adjustments. You have to do some things you're not going to find in a book."

So, the communications team made several adjustments to compensate.

"The ideal situation is line of site between here and whoever you are talking to," Alexander said. "But since we cannot have that by any means, getting up higher than you normally would



Post/Bender

Pfc. Gary Book of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, dig a trench to lay speaker wire for the post public address system. Department of Defense requires a public address system for camps the size of Camp Junction City.

be usually works.

"That's what we did. We took antennas that were 33 meters high and made them 43 meters high. We took cables that were 80 feet long and made them 200 feet long," he said.

"When we first got, here we were up a lot of late nights running lines and stuff," said Spec. Josh Muller. "It was a lot of work but it's still a good feeling when you're done."

Once radio communication was established, phone lines were run throughout Camp Junction City.

"It's run just like a telephone company would," Alexander said. "We had to put telephone wire down, hook up junction boxes and get telephones. We put phones in offices so people could talk because, when we first got here, people were walking everywhere."

"After doing this in a real world setting, I know phones," said Spec. Gary Book but "being out here has taught me a lot."

Another problem communicators face is the variety of equipment in use. The equipment the

1st Brigade Combat Team uses is different from the equipment that the 82nd Airborne Division uses.

"We carry around some of the older equipment in the Army," Alexander said. "To be able to make the old stuff talk with the new stuff is kind of difficult. But nobody wants to hear that, all they want is to be able to talk and that's what we had to do. It's tough but it can be done."

"We got some help from the Soldiers from the 82nd [Airborne Division] they sent us," said Master Sgt. Stanley Pearson, 1st Brigade's communications chief.

"They have been able to not only help us but train us as well. They are great workers and very knowledgeable about their jobs."

More than just radios and phones, communication involves computers and e-mail.

"On the tactical side, when you talk about e-mail, we run a secure intranet and a non-secure Internet," Pearson said. "We are able to do both of those with the Army equipment that we have."

"On the morale and welfare side, we have MWR packages which consist of Internet [Protocol] phones and computers," Alexander said. "It's all satellite Internet so it doesn't use any of the bandwidth that we use on the tactical side."

The HHC, 1st Bde., comms Soldiers know how important their jobs are and take pride in what they do.

"The feeling you have, knowing that so many people rely on you for communication, is one of the best parts of the job," Pearson said. "When you're comms, everyone knows who you are."

"Commo rules," Muller said. "It's the best job in the Army, and I'll have experience to be able to get a good job when I get out."

"Commo is the best," Book agreed. "If not for us, no one would be able to talk to anyone else. That's a big responsibility, but it feels good, too."

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# Commentary

## On Women's Equality

### Nation progresses but must do more

Each year since 1987, Fort Riley, the Army and our nation have set aside the month of March to recognize the contributions women have made to our nation since its founding. While America has made great strides in equality, women continue to face obstacles.

Prior to the 1900s, American women assisted the military as camp followers by cooking, sewing and washing clothes for their husbands, sons and brothers. Others provided medical assistance to the wounded.

It was not until the beginning

of the 20th century that women were given the opportunity to officially serve in uniform.

World War I through the Vietnam conflict, the percentage of women in the military remained steady at approximately 2 percent.



Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy

But beginning in the 1970s, the percentage of women dramatically increased. Today, women make up approximately 14 percent of our armed forces.

American women now serve our country in more diverse ways than ever before. American women serve as chief executive officers of corporations, legislators, judges and generals in the armed forces.

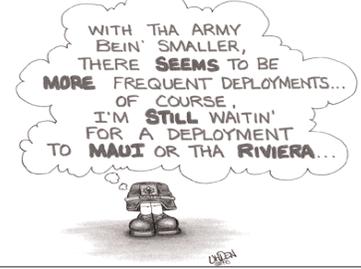
Yet many American women choose to serve in more traditional roles as teachers, medical professionals and homemakers.

Today in the Army 97 percent of officer career fields and 83 percent of enlisted specialties are open to women. We continually make strides but still have a long way to go.

I encourage each of you to take the opportunity to reflect on the many contributions women have made to our nation and the challenges they still face.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy  
Commanding General  
24th Infantry Division  
and Fort Riley

## Grunt *By Wayne Ulden*



## Operation Guardian Angel

### Soldiers returning from war at high risk for injuries

By Jon W. Blake

Program Manager  
U.S. Army Safety Center

During the war, Army buddies watch over each other. When servicemembers leave their buddies and return home, they will need family and friends to watch over and assist them through what could be a difficult time of readjustment.

How can you help? It's easy. Let them know you care and appreciate their service to our country by reminding them to practice safety while they are home.

Why are servicemembers at high risk after the war?

They are returning from a war zone. Many have been there for 12 months or longer. Returning home will be a major adjustment for them. They will have to reintegrate and learn a normal lifestyle again. Driving, social interaction and everyday life will be much different than what they experienced in Iraq. Some may have a tendency to over indulge. Others may experience difficulty in relationships. These factors place them at high risk for accidents and injuries.

Operation Guardian Angel is a program designed to help protect

#### More info?

For more information, visit the Web site <http://safety.army.mil/guardianangel>.

our servicemembers once they return home. Operation Guardian is a national campaign that encourages families, friends, neighborhoods and communities to remind servicemembers to practice safety when they return home.

The campaign aims to help protect servicemembers from

injury or accident, to let them know we are proud of them, and we care, and to provide citizens an opportunity to get involved.

Anyone who cares enough to help our servicemembers stay safe once they return home can be a Guardian Angel and it doesn't take a lot of effort.

Guardian Angels can talk to servicemembers they know and remind them to drive with caution and have a plan for not driving under the influence if they intend to consume alcohol. Guardian Angels can call a cab to help servicemembers get home safely.

Guardian Angels can use the appropriate safety gear and the

buddy system during recreational activities such as hiking and swimming. Guardian Angels can play a significant role in helping our servicemembers by doing anything they can think of that will help ensure the servicemember's safety.

Guardian Angels can recruit others and spread the word about the campaign in their community by contacting local radio and TV stations to make public service announcements, asking groups and local clubs such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, AM Vets, PTA, Jaycees, and other organizations to take part.

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# Task force jump starts Army's future

## Technology acceleration comes after careful assessment of potential impact

By Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

*Editor's note: This is one in a series of articles relating to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker's focus areas.*

WASHINGTON — The "Current to Future Force" initiative is about more than accelerating futuristic technology for use in today's Army, according to a leader of the task force.

"We're creating a new way of doing business," said Ed Mazzanti, deputy of the Capabilities Development Directorate at the Training and Doctrine Command's Future Center.

Mazzanti and his focus area task force identify promising capabilities under development and attempt to rapidly spiral them for use in the current force. They are looking closely at certain aspects of the Future Combat Systems, such as unmanned aerial vehicles and robotics.

The UAVs and robots brought into use today may not have the threshold capabilities intended for 2010, Mazzanti said, but they will

### Army's Focus Areas

**The Army's 17 immediate areas of focus include: The Soldier; The Bench; Combat Training Centers/Battle Command Training Program; Leader Development and Education; Army Aviation; Current to Future Forces; The Network; Modularity; Active Component/Reserve Component Balance; Force Stabilization; Actionable Intelligence; Installations as Flagships; Authorities, Responsibilities, and Accountability; Resource Processes; Strategic Communications; Joint Expeditionary Army with a Campaign-quality Capability; and Logistics.**

To view a brief synopsis of each area, visit *The Way Ahead* at: [www.army.mil/thewayahead/foreword.html](http://www.army.mil/thewayahead/foreword.html)

provide current leaders an opportunity to experience application of the technologies while research continues.

"It really gives us a jump-start toward bringing that future to being," Mazzanti said.

His task force also examines "lessons learned" from Iraq, Afghanistan and other operations to help steer development of future capabilities to what is needed.

"It's really a continuation of

Army transformation," Mazzanti said. "It embraces the notion of adjusting the Army's transformation to what has occurred in the operational environment," especially after Sept. 11, 2001.

This is something Mazzanti's task force calls "current to future," which differs in principle from the "future to current" acceleration of technology.

"Today's Army is very capable, well proven," Mazzanti said, explaining that proven capabili-

ties deserve to stay around for the future. For instance, he said the M-1 Abrams tank will be around for decades into the future.

The third function of his task force is to look at "current to current" capabilities, Mazzanti said.

This means finding capabilities being used successfully in one corner of the Army and adapting them for wider application. Mazzanti said this includes some battle command initiatives fielded to forces in Iraq.

Every six months, his task force — with members from the Pentagon, Army Materiel Command, Joint Forces Command, Army Testing and Evaluation Command, TRADOC and elsewhere — will team up to conduct a capabilities assessment and determine what technologies are ripe for fielding.

"We're casting a very wide net," Mazzanti said, explaining that his group not only has "tentacles across the Army," but is also looking at academia and foreign armies, such as a South African mine detection capability.

The task force is also looking at a Counter Mine Change Detec-

tion Work Station that would process information collected by infrared imagery, cameras and other sensors and analyzes the terrain to determine if it has been disturbed. The software will alert forces to the probability of land mines being present.

They are looking at lightweight mortar radar that can be disassembled and carried by two soldiers.

Active Protective Systems for combat vehicles are being examined, but not necessarily for near-term fielding, Mazzanti said. APS could sense incoming rounds or missiles and enable countermeasures, Mazzanti said.

This type of capability could eventually be added to current combat vehicles, once it is developed further, he said.

One way in which Mazzanti's task force aims to accelerate the

fielding of technology is to "team early" the research and development folks with the acquisition corps.

"The intent is to accelerate," Mazzanti said, "but there are certain statutory requirements in acquisition."

"We still have to operate within the statutory requirements," Mazzanti said. He also stressed that change is never recommended for the sake of change itself.

"You have to be careful about the pace of change," Mazzanti said. He said that the task force weighs the added capability of a change to ensure it merits the turbulence it will create.

Change affects materiel, doctrine and the way units conduct business, Mazzanti said, so the task force constantly balances risk between today and tomorrow.

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# Army combats identity theft

By Andrea Takash  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is working to ensure that thieves can't steal the personal information of Soldiers, their families and Army civilians.

During the past five years, 27 million American adults have been victims of identity theft, according to the Federal Trade Commission's 2003 Identity Theft Survey Report.

"Identity theft was the No. 2 most reported crime to the federal government in 2003, and it is on the rise," said Peter D. Anzulewicz, information assurance analyst, Army Web Risk Assessment Cell.

The Army Web Risk Assessment Cell in the Information Assurance Directorate released a distance learning training course on Feb. 1 that contains a section on Department of Defense and Army Web site policy and an interactive Web site. The interactive Web site will test Web administrators'

## More info?

**For more information on identity theft, go to the Federal Trade Commission's Web site at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft/](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/)**

knowledge of the policies.

"The distance learning training course will teach Web administrators what is and is not permitted on publicly accessible Army Web sites," Anzulewicz said.

"We have been working with other Department of Defense agencies to minimize the risk of identity theft through the removal of inappropriate personal information from Army publicly accessible Web sites during the AWRAC review of Web content," Anzulewicz said.

For example, commanders' biographies on the Web no longer list the names of family members. The publicly accessi-

ble Web sites should only list office names and phone numbers. The only names on the Web sites should be Army spokespeople, Anzulewicz said.

Anzulewicz explained that it is imperative for securing personal information that Web administrators, Web masters and commanders understand the DoD and Army's Web policies. "Criminals don't have to be clever to steal identities; they are just a keyboard away," he said.

In 2003 alone, consumers reported losses totaling more than \$400 million from fraud, according to Consumer Sentinel, the complaint database maintained by the Federal Trade Commission.

Under the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act, it is a federal crime when someone transfers or uses a means of identification of another person with the intent to commit any unlawful activity that constitutes a violation of Federal Law. Identity theft takes only min-

utes for thieves to accomplish while recovering from identity theft takes months to years for the victims of this serious crime, Anzulewicz said.

He said it is more dangerous when Soldiers become victims of identity theft.

"If a Soldier in Baghdad has his credit card stolen, the criminal will max it out without his knowledge. Then, his wife back in the states can't buy food for the kids. The Soldier is thinking of his family starving back in the states. Identity theft makes Soldiers ineffective and puts them in harm's way," Anzulewicz said.

He said Soldiers and their families can protect themselves from identity theft by being cautious about giving out personal information.

Identity theft victims should call the Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline at 1-877-ID-THEFT, Anzulewicz said. When people call the hotline, trained personnel guide them through the steps needed to resolve their issues.

# Kosovo owners paid for property damage

## Brigade leases some land

Army News Service

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo — Multi-national Brigade (East) officials are compensating Kosovo citizens for property used by U.S. forces under a real-estate claims program that began in December.

As of Feb. 29, the real estate claims office issued payment on nine leases and expects to issue payment on an additional 22 leases this month.

Throughout the program, officials distributed 318 claims packets, made contact with 444 potential claimants, assisted in drafting 51 powers of attorney, collected 14 affidavits and collected a total of 156 claims forms. Of those claims, six have been denied because the claimed properties

were not located in areas eligible for reimbursement.

The program was officially announced Dec. 12 and is intended to compensate owners of property that was damaged, occupied or used by U.S. forces since June 10, 1999.

Claimants are required to prove their identity and the ownership of the property. UNMIK travel documents, UNMIK identification card, or a passport are required for identification.

Each claim is reviewed regarding ownership, location and length of military occupation and use, and proper documentation. Claimants receive written notification of the decision.

If the claim is approved, notification will include an offer to pay a specific compensation.

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# College exams offered online

## Special to the Post

The College Board offers servicemembers a quick and inexpensive means to earn college credits for a degree.

The new service, offered in partnership with the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support program, allows active duty, National Guard and reserve servicemembers access computer-based College-Level Examination Program exams at college test centers across the country.

CLEP allows individuals to demonstrate mastery of introductory college-level subjects. By earning a successful score on any of 35 CLEP exams, students can

skip one or more introductory courses and receive college credit for their knowledge.

The examinations have been funded for servicemembers since 1974 but only were available in a paper-and-pencil format and only on military installations. National Guard and Reserve members who did not live near a military base faced difficulties in taking those exams.

Now, instead of traveling to another part of the state - or across state lines - to take a test, National Guard and Reserve members will be able to visit their local college to take the funded exams.

The \$50 exam fee is covered by a contract between the College Board and DANTES, which manages the testing contract for the

Department of Defense. Servicemembers, however, must pay the testing college's registration fee of about \$15.

When servicemembers complete the 90-minute computer-based exam, they receive an instant score report. More than 2,900 colleges grant credit based on CLEP scores.

For more information, visit [www.collegeboard.com/clep](http://www.collegeboard.com/clep) or the DANTES home page at [www.dantes.doded.mil](http://www.dantes.doded.mil).

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# Fort Riley Community Life

## Community news briefly

### OCSC accepts aid requests

The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club is accepting requests through March 31 for funding from its community assistance funds.

Requests must include the name of the organization, a point of contact (name and phone number), a specific amount requested and how the money will be used, and the mission of the organization requesting the money.

Send requests to OCSC, Attn: Community Assistance, P.O. Box 2482, Fort Riley, KS 66442 or e-mail requests to Meegen McClure at [mcluremk@earthlink.net](mailto:mcluremk@earthlink.net). For more information, call McClure at 784-4742.

### Volunteers join Red Cross

The Red Cross welcomed eight new volunteers recently: Latisha Breland, Ronald Blechle, Jessica Nadal, Tina Osterman, Kelli Pirtle, Debbie Tinsley, Ralph Topps and Carla Williams.

During February, 35 Red Cross volunteers contributed 887 hours of service to Red Cross.

The Red Cross also reported its canteen program for deploying and returning ceremonies continues to be successful. In February, 33 volunteers devoted 383.5 hours to the canteen anytime help was needed, day or night.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Red Cross should call 239-1887.

### FRMS to build tennis courts

Geary County Unified School District 475 is advertising for bids to build three new tennis courts at Fort Riley Middle School. The project calls for construction of new post-tensioned type courts and accompanying earthwork, concrete retaining walls, fencing and other features.

Bids will be opened at 3 p.m. March 31 at the Education Support Center, 123 N. Eisenhower Drive, Junction City.

### Agencies offer babysitting

The Armed Services YMCA in Junction City will provide free babysitting for parents attending one of the Soldier and Family Support Center programs or respite programs offered by the New Parents Support Program, Exceptional Family Member Program, Family Advocacy or social services on an on post. For information about the respite programs, call 239-9435.

Youth Services also offers respite for a couple of hours two Saturdays a month for spouses of deployed soldiers. For more information, call Youth Services at 239-4847.

Parents must request the respite services through the Soldier and Family Support Center.

The hours of service differ with the different programs and some evening hours are available. The Armed Services YMCA Armed is at 111 E. 16th St. in Junction City.

## Blue Jays to host Jr. ROTC drills

By Mark Hanson  
105th MPAD

The Blue Jay Battalion of the Jr. ROTC program at Junction City High School will host the 21st annual mid-American invitational drill meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 3 at the school.

The drill meet attracts participating Army, Navy, Air Force and

Marine Corps Jr. ROTC programs from across the Midwest.

Hundreds of junior cadets from a five-state region - Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma - compete in the different categories.

"I usually don't get too nervous about these things, but right now I am undefeated in the individual competition and hopefully I can hold on to my title," said Hedrick

Cintron, a third-year Jr. ROTC member with the Blue Jay Battalion.

The meet features events in several categories, including Color Guard, armed and unarmed regulation drill, armed and unarmed exhibition drill, and individual drill.

Army Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert Kennedy took over the Junction City High School Jr. ROTC pro-

gram four years ago. He said Jr. ROTC is not just about the competition. It helps teach the young participants important values, he said.

"We're helping them develop citizenship and leadership by placing them in an organization with a hierarchical structure and enabling them to experience challenges and to develop as a result," Kennedy said.

"It is amazing to see the competence that these young people demonstrate. ...

"They are incredibly capable at this, and they work extremely hard for it." He said.

A pancake breakfast is scheduled from 8 to 9 a.m. at the start of the meet.

A barbecue luncheon is planned from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free.

## Faith and war



Chap. (Col.) Daniel J.H. Paul, Fort Riley installation chaplain, speaks to a packed King Field House March 17 during the post's National Prayer Luncheon. Paul pointed out that religious faith plays a key role in each person's military service.

### Luncheon recognizes faith's connection

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Soldiers, Fort Riley employees and civilian guests gathered March 17 in King Field House to be reminded that prayer and religious faith have a place in today's Army.

Chap. (Col.) Daniel J.H. Paul, Fort Riley's installation chaplain, spoke to the crowd that filled the field house auditorium. He told the audience he had been called to the ministry at age 16 and had the vision to become a military chaplain at age 17.

Paul pointed out that a Kansas, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, was the first U.S. president to observe a day for national prayer, conducting the first prayer breakfast with members of the government at the beginning of a new congressional year to pray for the country and pray for the leaders faced with important decisions to make.

President George W. Bush called for a national day of prayer following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. His father called for the nation's citizens to pray for the country during the first Gulf War because of what was taking place.

"Our nation has a history and a heritage of praying for God to help and bless us," Paul said.

"Every generation must choose and decide on what they will defend and what they will treasure and hold dear and what they will sacrifice to do that," he said.

When Gen. George Washington's Army was reduced in strength and spirit, Washington sent for chaplains to help minister to his Soldiers and to pray with his people, Paul said.

"The miracle was that the Army stayed together. They found something worth dying for. ... Those patriots believed that

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Brightly colored balloons decorate tables at the Fort Riley National Prayer Luncheon March 17.

## Chiefs running back visits school

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Kansas City Chiefs running back Tony Richardson talked with Morris Hill Elementary School students March 16 about personal behavior and why it's important to be a role model to younger people.

The player, who told students he runs the ball when National Football League record holder Priest Holmes is on the bench and blocks for Holmes when he's playing, claims a background similar to the first-through fifth-graders.

"I was born in Frankfort, Germany. My father was in the Army," he said.

While growing up in Germany

for eight years, "I never thought about being a professional football player," Richardson said. "We only had one television station, AFN [Armed Forces Network], so I didn't see a lot of football. I played some soccer," he said.

While growing up, Richardson said he wanted to follow his father's footsteps and join the Army. That desire changed later in life, he said, but his sister decided to join the Army. She's Staff Sgt. Shonn Goffney, who is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), at Fort Riley. Her son, Andre, attends Morris Hill Elementary School.

Richardson told the students he

spends his off-season time in school. He's pursuing a master's degree and emphasized the importance of getting a good education.

One student asked Richardson what happened when he got an "F" in school. "If I got an 'F,' they would kick me out of school," he said. "So I don't get 'F's."

"You have a chance to do better if you get an 'F,'" Richardson told the students.

Assessing what went wrong and what can be done to improve performance is the sign of a real professional in football and in life, Richardson said. He urged the students to always try to do their best and to take a hard look at ways to do better.

Richardson told the students he



Chiefs running back Tony Richardson talks to Morris Hill Elementary School students about correct behavior.

## K-State to host summer program

Week devoted to exploring engineering, sciences

Special to the Post

MANHATTAN -- The Kansas State University College of Engineering will host its 39th annual Engineering and Science Summer Institute May 31-June 4 on the K-State campus for high school students.

The institute is open to students who have completed either their sophomore or junior year and will provide opportunities for students to learn about engineering, math, physics, chemistry and biology. The program is designed to help students determine their interests in college and in a career.

Students attending the institute will live in K-State residence halls and take part in various interaction opportunities. Activities will include a reverse engineering group project, a team tower-building project and a bowling tournament.

Students interested in attending the institute must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, have scored well on the ACT, PSAT or Iowa Basic standardized tests and have taken math and science courses.

The cost to attend is \$250, which will cover residence halls, meals and supplies. Students can also receive one hour of college credit for the institute. Tuition and fees for the credit will be about \$145. Applications for the program must be received by April 9.

For more information about the institute or to request an application, call (785) 532-5456 or visit the College of Engineering Web site at [www.engineering.k-state.edu](http://www.engineering.k-state.edu).





### Community news briefly

#### JCHS cadets place at meet

The Junction City High School Jr. ROTC Blue Jay Battalion competed at a drill meet at Highland Park High School in Topeka March 6.

The unarmed drill team won in the regulation category. The armed drill team placed second in the regulation category.

The battalion's color guard place fourth in its competition.

Cadets Mari Gutierrez, Rosanna Richardson and Jason Reed placed fifth, seventh and 10th, respectively, in individual drill.

#### Jr. ROTC cadets attend ball

The Junction City High School Blue Jay Battalion hosted its 24th annual military ball March 13 at the Junction City Country Club.

More than 150 students, Jr. ROTC instructors Col. (Ret.) Robert Kennedy and Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Edgar Torres, their wives, Mrs. Rosario Ortiz, Principal Greg Springston and his wife attended.

LT. Col. George Geary of Fort Riley was guest speaker.

Cadets and their guests were greeted by the Saber Guard. Cadet Maj. Martin Delaney served as master of ceremonies. The event was hosted by Cadet Col. Juan Ortiz.

Cadet Maj. Adam Zery led the traditional punch bowl ceremony.

Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Randall Rosado led the crowning of the ball's queen, Cadet Capt. Shannon Cobb.

#### Crafts center sets classes

The Fort Riley Arts and Crafts Center, across from the main post exchange on Custer Hill has planned two craft classes the end of March. A "Scrap-booking Get-Together" is set from 1 to 4:30 p.m. March 28 and crochet, knitting and cross-stitch classes are scheduled to start at 7 p.m. March 29.

#### Human relations meeting planned

The Junction City Human Relations Commission will host a town hall meeting at 1 p.m. March 27 in the Junction City Municipal Building.

The meeting will address war effects on Junction City. Soldiers and family members are invited to attend and talk with commissioners about this matter.

The commissioners hope the town hall meeting will help them determine any needs the Junction City community can provide to Soldiers and their families.

For more information, send e-mail hrcommission@jcks.com or call 238-3103, extension 121.

#### Post club plans annual bazaar

The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club members are in the final stages of coordinating the club's annual spring bazaar, which will offer lots of crafts, food and fun for the kids.

The bazaar is scheduled to be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 3 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 4 in hangar 817 at Marshall Army Airfield.

All profits from the bazaar go toward community assistance.

The club seeks volunteers to make this year's bazaar a great success. Anyone interested in being a volunteer or any vendors interested in having a booth or display area at the bazaar should call Sherri Weber at (785) 537-7781.

#### Programs plan Easter egg hunt

The Exceptional Family Member Program and the New Parent Support Program will host an Easter egg hunt from 10 a.m. to noon April 3 at the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264 on Custer Hill.

Families intending to participate should RSVP by March 24. Call 239-9435 and ask for EFMP or NPSF.



The Junction City High School Lady Blues chorus, directed by Mary Louise Stahl, entertains during the National Prayer Luncheon in King Field House at Fort Riley March 17.

## Luncheon

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freedom and worship worked together and with God's help they could prevent tyranny, that they could protect the innocent, that they could defend the widows and the orphans."

Throughout following wars, the free people of the world and especially those in the United States learned that one victory in war would not stop the need to make similar decisions about what was worth defending for the future, Paul said.

David in the Bible was a Soldier faced with similar decisions, Paul pointed out. "Scripture tells us that David had killed tens of thousands of his enemy and yet he can write (in Psalms 23) about quiet waters and green fields," Paul said.

He posed the question to members of the audience: After seeing so much death and desolation, destroyed fields and destroyed cities, how could he write such a verse?

David's perception focused not on war's death and destruction but on the resulting peace God, Paul said. "We are peace makers, we are creators of peace," Paul reminded those in the audience.

# AAFES delivers first-run movies

## Soldiers see 'Twisted' in Balad, Iraq

By Judd Anstey

AAFES

DALLAS — Major motion pictures have made their way to troops serving in Iraq. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's aggressive efforts to bring the latest Hollywood movies took a big step recently with the opening of a "Reel Time" theater in Balad, Iraq.

With the opening of AAFES' first, 35mm "Reel Time" theater in Iraq, the 16,000 troops at Camp Anaconda, a large U.S. base near Balad, can now take a break from their harsh surroundings to enjoy first-run movies. Col. James Chambers, commander of the 13th COSCOM and Life Sustainment Area Anaconda, and Col. Shelley Richardson, AAFES Europe commander, cut the ribbon which opened the door to the refurbished 745-seat theater.

Richardson said the Balad theater was designed to bring a slice of home to troops in a combat zone.

"Our AAFES team worked tremendously hard right up to the last minute to provide a true home-town theater experience — right down to the popcorn and snacks," she said.

AAFES' motion picture team's opening line-up of movies for the Balad theater, dubbed "Sustainer," included "Twisted," a Paramount film starring Ashley Judd.

First-run movies are a tremendous quality of life benefit, according to AAFES Vice President of Food and Theater Richard Sheff.

### Military Ministry

Chaplain (Col.) Daniel Paul's military ministry includes assignments with 1st Battalion, 66th Armor; 2nd Battalion, 67th Armor; 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry; 197th Ordnance Battalion; 72nd Field Artillery Brigade; VII Corps Artillery; 2nd Brigade, 7th Infantry Division; U.S. Army Europe Forward Command in Tazsar, Hungary, during Operation Joint Endeavor in 1996; senior chaplain at Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown's crash site in Dobrovnick, Croatia; Joint Task Force chaplain to Israel in 1998; and Task Force Hawk chaplain in Albania in 1999.

### Program Participants

Prelude and postlude by Manuel Pasquil  
Invocation and blessing by Chap. (LT. Col.) Karl O. Kuckhan, deputy command chaplain  
Reading from the Old Testament by Capt. Henry Dwoskin, Jewish lay representative  
Reading from the New Testament by Chap. (LT. Col.) Dan McClure, demobilization troop chaplain  
Litany for the nation led by Chap. (LT. Col.) David Arnold, installation Catholic chaplain  
Special music by the Junction City High School Lady Blues chorus, directed by Mary Louise Stahl  
Introduction of guest speaker by Brig. Gen. Francis Kearney, assistant division commander for maneuver  
Commander's remarks by Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley  
Benediction by Chap. (LT. Col.) Timothy Willoughby, 24th Inf. Div. chaplain

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## Community news briefly

### Tim Kaufman concert delayed

The Tim Kaufman conservative contemporary music concert and seminar for men has been rescheduled for April 23-24. Kaufman will perform in concert at 7 p.m. April 23 in the Morris Hill Chapel on post and conduct the seminar beginning at 9 a.m. the following day at the chapel. The concert and seminar were originally scheduled for April 16-17.

Kaufman lives in Florida. He is married and has five children. He was the solo singer for Jack Wyrzten Ministries for nearly 10 years and began his full-time concert and seminar ministry in 1982.

For more information, call Don Ericson at 239-0979.

### Campaign seeks scholars

Fort Riley's Combined Scholarship Campaign is accepting applications for dependents and spouses of active duty military, retirees and widowed spouses of the greater Fort Riley area. Applicants may be graduating seniors, returning college students, vocational technical college applicants or spouses wishing to continue their education.

Applications can be picked up at the high school counselors' offices or downloaded off the Web at [frileyscholar.com](http://frileyscholar.com). Application deadline is April 16.

Last year 16 scholarships totaling more than \$14,000 were awarded. For more information or to receive an application, call 784-3191.

### Private piano lessons offered

Family members can enroll in private piano lessons through Child and Youth Services. Lessons are given in the music room at the Fort Riley Teen Center, building 5800. Weekly 30-minute lessons cost \$45 per month. Enrollment is accepted whenever vacancies exist.

All participants in classes must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Annual CYS registration costs \$15 per child or \$35 per family. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Central Enrollment Registry, building 6620 on Normandy Avenue on Custer Hill.

For more information, call Central Enrollment Registry at 239-4847.

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Chiefs running back Tony Richardson and second-grader Barry Royal (in front of assembled Morris Hill Elementary School students, list to one student's comment about correct behavior.



Staff Sgt. Shonn Goffney (left) and her son, Andre, applaud the introduction of Chiefs running back Tony Richardson, Goffney's brother and Andre's uncle.



Morris Hill Elementary School students listen to words of advice from Chiefs running back Tony Richardson.

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spends as much time as he can talking to youngsters about making good decisions in life and about being a good role model for others.

He speaks at schools in Kansas City whenever he can, he said, and this was his second year speaking at Morris Hill Elementary School.

Being a professional football player, Richardson said he knows it is important for him to behave

in a manner that shows youngsters who look up to him how they should act.

"It's important for you to do the same," he told the Morris Hill students. The fourth-graders look up to the fifth-graders, he said.

"It's important for even you first-graders to be good role models, because the kindergartners look up to you," he said, looking at the students sitting on the floor.



Students wave their hands, eager to make a comment or ask a question.

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# Community news in brief

## Council plans Scouters reunion

The Coronado Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, will host a Wood Badge Reunion for all Scout leaders who have taken Wood Badge training and their spouses at 4 p.m. April 4 at Camp Brown, south of Abilene. A dinner will be served beginning at 4:45 p.m.

Wood Badge is the most advanced training offered by the Boy Scouts and is available to all Scout leaders who have completed basic training.

Leaders who completed course C11-02 will present the program and several leaders will receive their Wood Badge beads for completing their ticket.

Leaders also will learn about the 2004 Wood Badge course being offered at Camp Brown this fall.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation or for more information, call (785) 827-4461 or (866) 950-7750.

## Center offers dance classes

Weekly 50-minute classes in ballet, tap, jazz and lyrical dance are offered Wednesdays at the Fort Riley Teen Center. Boys and girls age 3 to 18 may enroll.

Ballet and tap classes for children 6 to 8 years old run from 5 to 5:50 p.m., for children 3 to 4 years old from 6 to 6:50 p.m. and for children 5 to 6 years old from 7 to 7:50 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per month.

All participants in classes must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Annual CYS registration costs \$15 per child or \$35 per family.

Registration is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Central Enrollment Registry, building 6620 on Normandy Avenue on Custer Hill.

For more information, call Central Enrollment Registry at 239-4847.

## Teen Center plans variety of events

Upcoming activities planned by Teen Center staff include:

- March 26 -- Scavenger hunt, 1 p.m.; middle school dance, 8-10:30 p.m.
- March 27 -- Family potluck with Irish theme, 6-9 p.m.; high school dance, 9-11:30 p.m.
- April 2 - Midnight basketball, 9 p.m. to midnight

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222. The center is located at the corner of Thomas Avenue and Longstreet Drive on Custer Hill.

## Red Cross seeks youth volunteers

The American Red Cross office on post began accepting applications March 1 for its upcoming Summer Youth Program.

Applications are available for new and returning participants.

An orientation for new participants is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 7.

To pick up an application, visit the Red Cross office in the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264.

A chairperson is needed to oversee the program. Anyone interested should call the Red Cross office at 239-1887.

## Arts, crafts deadline nears

Entry deadline for the 2004 Army Arts and Crafts Contest is April 14. All active duty, Army Reserves, retirees, family members and Department of Defense civilian employees may enter.

Contestants may enter up to five works in each category: ceramics, wood, fibers/textiles, glass, metals/jewelry, mixed media - 3D, drawing, printmaking, water-based painting, oil-based painting and mixed media - 2D.

All submissions must be the original work of the entrant and must have been finished within 24 months of the contest year.

Entry blanks and contest rules are available at the Arts and Crafts Center, building 6918.

For more information, call 239-9205.

## At the movies ...

The doors at Barlow Theater open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children age 5 to 11.

Children under age 5 are admitted free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

- March 26 -- Miracle (PG)
- March 27 -- Catch That Kid (PG)
- March 28 -- Against The Ropes (PG-13)
- April 1 -- Miracle (PG)
- April 2 -- 50 First Dates (PG-13)
- April 3 -- Welcome To Moesport (PG-13)

# Lore helps forecast weather

**By Alan Hynek**  
*Fish and Wildlife Biologist  
DES, Conservation Division*

## On the Wildside: News About Nature



Alan Hynek

"A rainbow in the morning is the sailor's warning, a rainbow at night is the sailor's delight."

With the approach of severe weather season, it is appropriate to review severe weather drills. It is also a fun time to review old weather lore. Old-time weather lore has been around for centuries in this country, with much of its history dating back to Native Americans and Old World sayings. But how much of it can be trusted?

Surprisingly, many of these old tales can be backed up by scientific fact. Take the verse mentioned at the beginning of this article, for example. Rainbows are formed by clear sunlight refracting from very moist air around storm clouds or water molecules. A rainbow appears in the part of the sky opposite the sun. Because our weather moves from west to east, a rainbow in the morning (in the west) means that the storm is approaching from the west. A rainbow in the east (evening) means that the storm has already gone east.

Many tales of animal and insect weather lore also turn out to be quite true. One of my favorite weather forecasters is the common black cricket. Most of us have heard their persistent chirp, but did you know that an accurate temperature reading could be derived from this insect. All you do is count the number of chirps the cricket makes in 15 seconds, and add 37 to the number to get the correct temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (30 chirps plus 37 equals 67 degrees). It takes a little

practice but the method is amazingly accurate. One usually accurate sign of a change in weather is when cattle and horses crowd together, most often in the corner of the stall.

Also, dogs seem to be more active and bark more before an approaching weather front. This can be explained from the sharp drop in air pressure and increase in humidity before a storm, which could account for the restlessness of pets; smells are stronger and sound travels farther. This increase in sounds and scents could explain why many dogs seem to bark more before a storm. The dog might hear other dogs at a greater distance or smell more things they may want to investigate. The changing wind direction before a storm could also bring new sounds and smells.

Frogs and toads are also more active and visible when the humidity increases with an approaching storm. There's an old saying: "If frogs come out of their holes in large numbers, it will rain soon." There's also a saying: "If tree frogs call during a rain, the wet weather will stay for a while."

Some animals are said to predict the quality of a coming season by their den or nest building habits. If a crawfish builds up mounds around their holes, it's a

sign of a hot summer. If they don't, it's a sign of a wet summer. Hornets are also said to be good predictors of the quality of a coming winter. If they build their nest high, the winter is supposed to be a difficult one. Low hornets nests are supposed to indicate a mild winter.

Besides animals and insects, many humans say they can feel a change of weather in their bones. These sayings too, have some scientific backing. All fluid bodies are affected by the increased humidity and decreased air pressure caused by an advancing storm, including humans. Since much of our bodies is made up of water molecules, we too are sensitive to external pressures and changes caused by the weather.

This is even more so the case with conditions like arthritis or bursitis. Those who suffer from sinus problems can also feel these changes. Swollen veins in the nasal passage cause most sinus problems, and the rate at which they expand depends partly on external air conditions.

There's no substitute for an accurate weather forecast, but if you keep an eye to nature, you might increase your chances for a true weather prediction and have a little fun in the process.

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## Students win writing contest

Staff report

Eight students in Fort Riley schools were among the winners of a recent writing contest sponsored by the Geary County Reading Association for students in Geary County Unified School District 475.

Two first-graders at Fort Riley Elementary School won for their entries titled "My Dad's a Hero."

Second-grader David Masake Nakazono, also a Fort Riley Elementary School student, won for his entry titled "Traveling to Booklet."

Fort Riley Elementary School third-grader Kevin Martin won for his entry titled "Fell Off the Roof."

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# Fort Riley Sports & Recreation

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## Sports news in brief

### Prairie Run training begins

The Fort Riley Fitness Department will conduct strength and endurance training for any Department of Defense ID card holder 18 years old or older and interested in competing in the annual 2- and 5- and 10-mile Prairie Runs July 24 on Fort Riley.

Training runs April through July with two training days each week devoted to work with the fitness staff and another day for self-training.

Anyone interested in the training program must register with the Fort Riley Sports Department, King Field House, by April 2.

For more information, call 239-2813.

### Fitness centers floors redone

Fitness center floors are scheduled to be sanded and refinished in April and May. Floors will be worked on and unavailable for use according to the following schedule:

King Field House: Floor and racquetball, April 26-May 7

Long Fitness Center: Floor and racquetball, April 5-23

Leonard Fitness Center: Racquetball court and entryway to court, April 26-30

Craig Fitness Center: Racquetball court, May 10-14

### BOSS to host golf tournament

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is hosting the Rusty Club Classic Golf Tournament April 15 at 10 a.m. at Custer Hill Golf Course.

The four-person golf scramble costs \$100 per four-player team and includes lunch, cart, green fees and prizes.

Mulligans will be available and the tournament will be flighted based on scores.

Call the golf course at 784-6000 to register.

### Lanes feature extreme nights

Extreme bowling - bowling under strobe lights - is offered at discounts for families and individual soldiers using Custer Hill Lanes on post.

Families can bowl in the extreme conditions from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sundays for \$10 per family per lane. They can rent bowling shoes for \$1 a pair.

Soldiers can bowl under the extreme conditions from 10 p.m. Fridays to 1 a.m. Saturdays and from 10 p.m. Saturdays to 1 a.m. Sundays for \$11 per person.

### Families can skate together

The Riley Wheels Skating Rink offers family roller skating on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$6 per family of six people. Each additional family member pays \$1.

The roller skating rink also hosts private functions, such as birthday parties, unit parties, youth and school group functions and Scout activities for a rental fee.

For more information, call 239-3764

## 'Sarge' wins Gator nationals race

By Chris Dorato

Army News Service

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — U.S. Army Top Fuel driver Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher, captured the running of the 35th annual Mac Tools Gator nationals March 21 at Gainesville Raceway.

In other action, U.S. Army Pro Stock Bike riders Antron Brown

and Angelle Savoie went out in the second round and first round, respectively.

In banking his second win of the season, Schumacher took center stage. The 1999 Top Fuel world champion beat John Smith, Tim Cullinan and Scott Weis before posting a 4.61-second pass at 312.60 mph en route to a win in the finals over Darrell Russell. It

was his 13th career victory.

With the win, the Chicago native increased his lead in the Top Fuel point standings to 66 points over second-place Doug Kalitta.

"It's still early to seriously count points, but I'm definitely happy we're the one being chased at the moment," he added.

Brown, who qualified sixth,

disposed of Chip Hunter in the first round of eliminations, before dropping a second-round encounter to GT Tonglet.

"While we would have preferred to go deeper into the day, getting to the second-round is somewhat of an accomplishment given the fact we're still refining our new bike," said Brown.

"We'll continue to improve with

each lap and each round." Savoie, who just made it into the 16-bike field after a March 19 qualifying accident, actually recorded a solid first-round pass against Karen Stoffer. While the three-time Pro Stock Bike world champion had the better elapsed time, she lost at the finish line due to Stoffer's better reaction time to the Christmas Tree.

## Infantry attacks

### 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, dominates early matches

By Phillip Witze

105th MPAD

With spirited competition in round-robin play, the Fort Riley Battalion Level volleyball season kicked off the evening of March 23 at King Field House.

With matches consisting of the best two out of three games, Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, were pitted against U.S. Army Medical Department Activity in the first round of matches.

MEDDAC, led by Coach John Kurtz, opened the season by serving to the 1st Bn., 41st Inf. The infantry quickly gained control of the ball and the game, taking an early lead and never looking back.

Strong play from Captain and Coach Henry Phillips guided 1st Bn., 41st Inf., to an easy 25-14 win in game one.

In game two, MEDDAC stayed close early but was unable to keep up as the 1st Bn., 41st Inf. again took control of the game, dominating the net and controlling the ball. MEDDAC fell to 1st Bn., 41st Inf., 25-13.

In match two of the evening, the men of 1st Bn., 41st Inf., squared off against Soldiers of Detachment D, 15th Personnel Service Battalion.

In game one, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., took a commanding 8-1 lead early. They would eventually put away the PSB team 25-13.

In game two of the match, PSB started with a strong show in the opening moments and kept the scoring close before making substitutions. PSB stood within striking distance of 1st Bn., 41st Inf., at the substitution point with the infantry leading 19-15.

But, the infantrymen again took control of the nets and went on to win 25-16, sweeping both matches to establish league dominance early in the season.

In match three of the night, PSB and MEDDAC faced off in what was the most evenly matched game of the young season.

Led by strong defense on both sides of the net, the two teams battled for almost 20 minutes before PSB took control of the game. Well-placed serves helped PSB take the game 25-20.

PSB's celebration was short-lived. In game two, MEDDAC took an early 6-0 lead that they would build on, scoring 10 additional unanswered points before PSB mounted a rally.

PSB pulled within eight points of the leaders but to no avail. MEDDAC asserted itself to pull away to a 25-14 win.



105th MPAD/Witze  
USA MEDDAC player Ginnette Ruth prepares to serve March 23.

### Scores

Match 1  
Game 1 — 1st Bn., 41st Inf. 25, MEDDAC 14  
Game 2 — 1st Bn., 41st Inf. 25, MEDDAC 13

Match 2  
Game 1 — 1st Bn., 41st Inf. 25, 15th PSB 13  
Game 2 — 1st Bn., 41st Inf. 25, 15th PSB 16

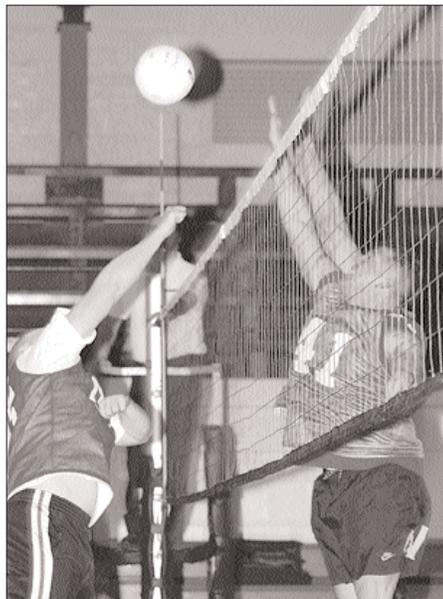
Match 3  
Game 1 — PSB 25, MEDDAC 20  
Game 2 — MEDDAC 25, 15th PSB 14  
Game 3 — MEDDAC 15, 15th PSB 3

### Records

Team	W	L
1st Bn., 41st Inf.	4	0
MEDDAC	2	3
15th PSB	1	4

In game three, played only to 15 points, MEDDAC built a 5-1 lead before losing the ball to PSB. PSB, however, didn't have the ball long enough to mount a rally, giving up control of the ball on a net serve.

MEDDAC capitalized on the turnover and pounded the ball to take a quick game, 15-3.



105th MPAD/Witze  
Rich Holder of 15th Personnel Service Battalion tries to spike against USA MEDDAC team captain, John Kurtz (41) in match three of opening volleyball games March 23.



105th MPAD/Witze  
Louis Lampkin of Detachment D, 15th Personnel Service Battalion, and James Garratt of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry, battle at the net as other team members rush to assist March 23 in a volleyball season opener at King Field House.

## Small arms championships hone combat skills

By Joe Burls

Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. — While the All-Army Small Arms Championships is an M-16 rifle and M-9 pistol competition, this year it was an advanced marksmanship workshop that helped competitors share combat skills with Soldiers at their home units.

More than 170 Soldiers, representing the active force, Army Reserve, National Guard and Cadet Command, participated March 15-25 at Fort Benning, Ga., in the first Small Arms Championships since 1994.

Staff Sgt. Charles Blackwell, individual winner of the last Small Arms Championship in 1994, emerged again as this year's overall champion at the end of individual competition March 19.

Blackwell is a member of the Texas National Guard.

Maj. Timothy Kean, Texas National Guard, finished second overall; and Sgt. 1st Class David Kerin, Pennsylvania National Guard, placed third. Maj. Rhonda Bright, 81st Regional Readiness Command, Birmingham, Ala., was the top female shooter in the overall individual phase.

Attendees first competed in an individual competition consisting of three M-9 pistol matches and

three M-16 matches. The competition then moved to team matches with the M-16 and M-9. The championships finished March 25 with a long-range match with competitors using M-14 or M-24 rifles.

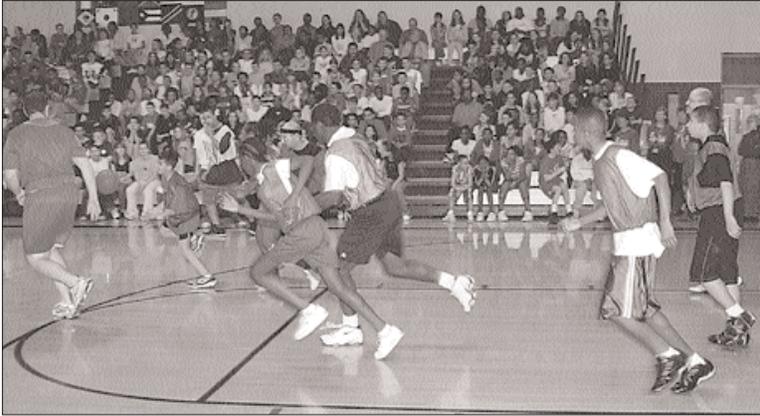
Results were not available to the Post at its press time.

The All-Army marksmanship competition was revived because recent Army operations have demonstrated the need for Sol-

diers to feel confidence in the ability of their weapons to engage targets at ranges beyond what they experience on training ranges, according to Lt. Col. David Livanag, commander of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. USAMU hosted the event.

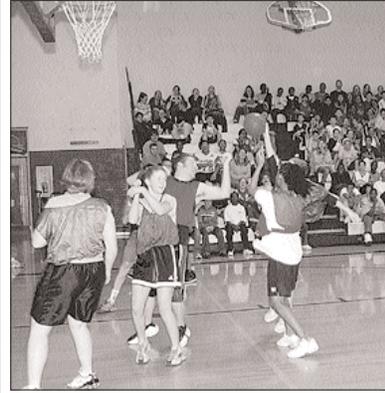
For full results or information on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, visit the USAMU homepage, [www.usarac.army.mil/hqamu](http://www.usarac.army.mil/hqamu).





Post/Heronemus

Fort Riley Middle School teachers and students sprint toward the opposite basket during fund-raiser game March 19.



Post/Heronemus

Students playing in a fund-raiser for Fort Riley Middle School's Behavior Incentives program grab for a rebound March 19.

## Event raises money

Teachers, students play basketball to help

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Stomping feet rattled the bleachers at Fort Riley Middle School March 19. Shouts echoed from the ceiling each time a player made a basket, and it didn't matter which team scored — the players all represented the faculty and student body at the school.

When the final quarter ended, the school won and the students left for spring break, March 22-26.

Physical Education teacher Don Stevens coordinated the semi-annual fund-raiser. The school uses the events to help pay for its behavior incentives program, said Principal Greg Lumb. The money helps fund special trips the school offers to students who make good behavior decisions, he said.

Stevens also coordinates a fund-raiser during the fall volleyball season. This is his 16th year coordinating the events. Students buy tickets to attend the fund-raisers.

Sixteen teachers and 29 students volunteered to play basketball March 19. Stevens mixed the teachers and students onto teams that played in one of five six-minute quarters. Students could play only if all their teachers signed their permission forms, Stevens said. This year, every student who wanted to play got to play, he said. In past years, so many students had volunteered to play that not all got to play.

Between quarters, students competed in shooting accuracy contests that pitted them against the clock and other students to see who could make shots from designated points on the court within 30 seconds. Winners received a can of soda pop.

During the quarters, teachers and students shared shooting opportunities with no one really hogging the ball or dominating play. The purpose of the event was to have fun playing together, not necessarily to win the game.

For Stevens' physical education students, the fund-raiser also served as responsibility training, the teacher said. His students ran the event with a little behind-the-scenes coordination by Stevens. "Someday we may all be called on to run a fund-raiser," Stevens explained.

His students served as game referees, contest judges and public announcers.

Stevens divided the players into two squads, one called the Troopers and the other called Fort Riley. The Troopers wore blue jerseys and were the home team. Fort Riley wore red and played as the guests.

### Fort Riley

Students: *Arrell Adams, Terrell Beard, Taylor Berry, Chris Black, Krizzia Castro, Paul Freeman, Dana Haywood, Kaitlyn Hernandez, Chris Jackson-Smith, Matthew Kapcsak, Jenna McArthur, Brittany McBride, A'vey Owens, Tyler Spence and Michael Wilkerson.*

Faculty: *Jimmy Goheen, Jeff Abernathy, Deborah Roome, Jon Granberry, Carlos Miera, Chad Plummer, Heather Tillinghast and Ashley Wirths.*

### The Troopers

Students: *Johnathon Battle, Jeremy Beale, Gavin Brown, Phillip Cunningham, Brit Dansby, Ashley Ewing, Erika Jones, Brandon Moyer, Allen Perry, Jennifer Pierre, Kayla Soper, Nick Swain, Brittany Watson and Jamie Zvirgzdins.*

Faculty: *Stacy Cooke, Vic Garcia, Terry Heina, Lem James, Mark Mondt, Mike Whaley, Laura Donley and Amber Fetters.*

### Quarter scores

**First:**  
Fort Riley 4, Troopers 3  
**Second:**  
Troopers 13, Fort Riley 4  
**Third:**  
Troopers 6, Fort Riley 2  
**Fourth:**  
Fort Riley 7, Troopers 5  
**Fifth:**  
Fort Riley 5, Troopers 5

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A Fort Riley Middle School student moves in to attempt a steal against a faculty member in the school's fund-raiser March 19.

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# Travel & Fun in Kansas

## Leisuretime news in brief

### In Manhattan:

**David Clark's 2004 Shaking Hands tour** — Songwriter and storyteller appears on stage at Wareham Opera House, 410 Poyntz Avenue, at 8 p.m. March 27. Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the door.

**"Larry the Cable Guy"** — Bramlage Coliseum, Kansas State University on April 21 at 8 p.m. Military Discount of \$10 per ticket are on sale now at Bramlage ONLY! Reserved tickets with \$10 discount are \$22.75 plus service charges.

**Spiritual Journeys: The Art of Robert Sudlow** — An exhibition of work by Kansas artist Robert Sudlow, April 1 through May 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art on the Kansas State University campus, 701 Beach Lane. For more information, call (785) 532-7718 or visit [www.ksu.edu/bma](http://www.ksu.edu/bma) on the Internet.

**In Abilene:**  
**Celebrating Kansas Heritage Quilt Show** — Display of Kansas quilts, demonstrations, merchants mall and silent auction 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 27 and noon to 4 p.m. March 28 in Sierl Hall at Eisenhower Park, 619 N. Rogers St. For more information, call (785) 263-3915.

**Antique Telephone Collectors Spring Show** — Telephone collectors from across the United States meet to buy, sell, trade and exhibit telephones and related artifacts, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 2 and 8 a.m. to noon April 3, Sierl Hall, 619 N. Rogers. For more information, call (620) 245-9555 or visit [www.atcaonline.com](http://www.atcaonline.com) on the Internet.

### In Salina:

**Smoky Hill Contra Dance** — Caller: Liz Granberg. All dances taught. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable, casual clothing and soft-soled shoes. Bring water to drink. Lessons 7 p.m., dance 7:30 p.m., March 27. Dance Elite Studio, 146 S. Santa Fe. For more information, call (785) 819-3292 or visit [www.kansasfolk.org/contra/salina.html](http://www.kansasfolk.org/contra/salina.html) on the Internet.

### In Leavenworth:

**Antique Show and Flea Market** — Two separate shows. Antiques and old collectibles only at the antique show. Most anything at the flea market. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 3 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 4, Riverfront Community Center, 123 Esplanade. For more information, call (913) 758-0193 or (800) 844-4114.

### In Cottonwood Falls:

**Prairie Drifter Sunset Tour** — Open air two-hour ride in 1958 grain truck through 20 miles of scenic Flint Hills back roads. Friday and Saturday nights only, April 1 through Oct. 31. For more information, call (620) 273-6763 or visit [www.grandcentralhotel.com](http://www.grandcentralhotel.com) on the Internet.

### In Lindsborg:

**Messiah Festival of Art and Music** — April 4-11, Bethany College. For more information, call (785) 227-3380 or visit [www.bethanyl.edu](http://www.bethanyl.edu) on the Web.

# Frontier style



**Billy "Hoot" Stone III, 13, fires at chicken targets while standing off-hand. The chicken target is six inches high and about 10 inches wide and are 219 yards from the shooter.**

*Windwalker photo*

## Tappan Range hosts black powder shoot

### Staff report

Black powder enthusiasts will gather at Tappan Hill Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Range near Glasco March 27 and 28. The annual event features long range shooting similar to what was done on the American frontier in buffalo hunting days.

Shooters compete in five classes:  
"B" Class (0 to 9 hits out of 40 shots for score)  
"A" Class (10 to 15 hits out of 40 shots for score)  
"AA" Class (16 to 21 hits out

of 40 shots for score)  
"AAA" Class (22 to 27 hits out of 40 shots for score)  
"Master" Class (28 to 40 hits out of 40 shots for score)

Shooters in each class compete among themselves. This keeps shooters competing with others of the same skill level, promoting fairness in the competition.

A match winner is determined to be the person with the highest total score, regardless of which class he shoots in.

A total of 10 shots for score are taken at each of the four sets of animals:

### If you go

**Location:** 2 miles south and 1 1/4 mile west of the junction of highways 24 and 81, Glasco  
**When:** March 27-28, beginning at 9 a.m. each day

**For more information:**  
Call (785) 568-2388

"Chickens" (shot offhand) at 219 yards  
"Pigs" (can be shot prone with

a set of cross-sticks) at 327 yards  
"Turkeys" (can be shot prone with a set of cross-sticks) at 419 yards

"Rams" (can be shot prone with a set of cross-sticks) at 547 yards

A series of either five standing targets or 10 standing targets in a line are shot at in sequence from left to right, one shot at each target. If a target is missed, it must be left standing and the shooter tries for the next target to the right.

Refreshments will be on hand for shooters and spectators.

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