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Rise and shine

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday. Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour to begin enjoying the extra hour of daylight at the end of each day.

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Around The Army

Camp Zama, Japan: Shortstop gets a real keeper

The Torii reported April 1 that Logan Valdez, a Zama American High School freshman and starting varsity shortstop, got a baseball signed by New York Yankees catcher Jorge Posada during a time the players were at Camp Zama's Yano Fitness Center.

Yankee's manager Joe Torre and four players took time to sign autographs and speak to members of the Camp Zama community while in Tokyo to play two regular season games against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and two exhibition games with the Nippon Baseball League's Hanshin Tigers and Yomiuri Giants.

For more about this story and other news at Camp Zama, visit www.torii.army.mil/page1/index.htm on the Internet.

Fort Bliss:

Water project will take years

The Monitor reported March 25 that work was continuing to upgrade water lines across the post. The lines had been in place for more than 30 years and the replacement project was expected to take at least two years to complete.

The Monitor also reported that Sgt. 1st Class Timothy S. Davis of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 56th Air Defense Artillery, had been named the post's Drill Sergeant of the Year.

For more information about these stories and other news at Fort Bliss, visit www.leaven-publishing.com on the Internet.

Walter Reed:

President Bush visits patients

The Stripe reported April 1 that President George W. Bush visited several Operation Iraqi Freedom patients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center March 19 to mark the one-year anniversary of that operation.

The president said the spirit and attitudes of the patients he saw were "terrific."

For more about this story and other news at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, visit www.defamil.com/army/stri page/9 on the Internet.

Fort Hood:

Canadians train without snow

The Sentinel reported March 25 that the 31st Canadian Brigade Group, an Army Reserve component based in Ontario, was training for a week on post.

Exercise Maple Lightning 2004 was conducted at Fort Hood rather than on the brigade's familiar stomping grounds for a number of reasons, most notably the lack of snow.

"We wouldn't have had the maneuverability we do here at this time of year," said Capt. Fred Villegas, who served as an umpire with the enemy forces during the training.

For more information about this story and other news at Fort Hood, visit www.hood.army.mil on the Internet.

Sex offenders face quick prosecution

By Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Senior Army leaders admit they are scrutinizing their system of dealing with sexual assault cases from top

to bottom to ensure that victims don't feel alienated.

To date, about 100 female Soldiers have reported being sexually assaulted and the Army is going to pursue these cases with all the tools at its disposal, said Lt. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck, deputy chief

of staff for personnel, during an interview with Stone Phillips of "Dateline."

Recently, the military came under attack for the number of female Soldiers who complained about sexual misconduct while being deployed in the combat

zones of Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait.

Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee questioned the military's vice chiefs of staff this month about why most of the cases have been unresolved almost a year later. Phillips also

questioned why victims had to wait months before learning the fate of their attackers.

"Thoroughness ... the length of time it takes for the legal process to conclude, is because we want to

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Home at last



Spc. Michael Edwards of 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, shows his helmet to his 15-month-old son, Christopher, while his wife, Natasha, films the reunion on videotape.

375 more Soldiers return to Fort Riley

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

More than 375 Soldiers of Fort Riley's 70th Engineer Battalion; 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery; 125th Forward Support Battalion; and 1st Battalion, 19th Armor, and the Army Reserve's 530th Military Police returned from Iraq March 26-30 to the cheers, handshakes, hugs and kisses of fellow Soldiers, family members, friends and well-wishers.

Another 1,200 Soldiers are expected to return by mid-April.

Spc. Ateri Coleman of Company B, 125th FSB, was waiting March 28, to greet

a couple of his fellow Soldiers in the 125th FSB. He had returned from duty in Iraq less than a week earlier but wanted to be present when his friends arrived.

Coleman's fiancée, Tanya Johnson, was beside him. Johnson said she couldn't think of anything better to do that night than share the happiness of Coleman's friends as they were welcomed home in another of the many homecoming ceremonies Fort Riley staff has prepared for the returning heroes.

A few seats away, near the speaker's stand, Natasha Edwards was already eager to see her husband. She came early, she said, so she wouldn't get lost finding Hangar 817, and so she could sit right up

front with 15-month-old Christopher.

Christopher wore a dog tag around his neck with a photo of his daddy, Spc. Michael Edwards holding him. Edwards said she didn't know if Christopher would remember his daddy, but she hoped he would.

Christopher laughed and giggled, obviously enjoying himself and the attention people paid him.

His mother said the past year had been difficult because she attended night school full-time and had to find someone to care for Christopher while she was in class. She will graduate from Upper Iowa University

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Engineers search for caches

Company A finds 35 weapons repositories

By David P. Marone

Executive officer

Company A,

1st Engineer Battalion

AR RAMADI, Iraq -- Despite the day's intense heat, a line of Soldiers trudged through flooded fields, sweeping the ground with mine detectors.

To the left and right, armored personnel carriers moved forward, its crew scanning the area for enemy activity.

What could have been a scene from the Vietnam War unfolded recently in Iraq as Soldiers of Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion,

made another search for enemy weapons caches near Ar Ramadi.

To prevent confiscation of unauthorized weapons by coalition forces, the enemy has developed a technique of hiding their weapons, munitions and equipment. Weapons are usually coated with oil or grease, wrapped in plastic or cloth and buried in caches in the ground at depths varying from a few inches to several feet. To the untrained eye, the weapons caches are invisible. To a skilled Soldier using a mine detector, the hidden cache is easily identified.

Daily cache sweeps of the local

area have generated more success for the 1st Brigade Combat Team than anyone originally expected.

To date, the Co. A Soldiers have uncovered more than 40,000 pounds of weapons and munitions in the Ar Ramadi area. Most recently, the unit uncovered 35 caches in a period of 22 successive days, earning the company Soldiers the nickname of "Cache Kings." Company A discovered plastic explosives, numerous AK-47 rifles, rocket-propelled grenades, surface-to-air missiles, anti-aircraft guns and mortars in the caches.

Recent interpreter support has

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Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn. photo Soldiers from 1st Platoon, Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion, conduct a cache search near Ar Ramadi, Iraq.



Post news in brief

Learning center adds modules

The DAU Continuous Learning Center has announced the availability of two new continuous learning modules: Defense Logistics Agency Support to the PM and Lean-Six Sigma.

The purpose of the Defense Logistics Agency Support to the PM module is to introduce participants to the capabilities of the Defense Logistics Agency in delivering support to the warfighter.

Students will be provided with an overview of the Defense Logistics Agency and its transition to weapon system support.

Lean-Six Sigma is a developing management concept that blends Lean Manufacturing principles with Six Sigma tools. This approach is gaining increasing use within commercial, defense industry and government facilities as the most effective way to reduce manufacturing cycle time, unit cost and improve product quality.

The module will be of value to any personnel involved in production or preparing for production, to include those involved in the systems engineering process.

The student is urged to have completed the Introduction to Lean Enterprise Concepts and Six Sigma CLC modules before beginning this module.

G-3 selects top employees

Marcus Phillips in the Training Division and Ron Larson of Range Control were recently selected as G3 Employees of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter of fiscal year 2003 and 1st Quarter of fiscal year 2004.

Each employee will receive a monetary award and time off work.

DES schedules team classes

The Directorate of Environment and Safety has scheduled the following classes for personnel needing the training:

Environmental Team Training, April 5-6

Environmental Team Training Refresher, April 13

HAZCOM Train the Trainer, April 15

Environmental Team Training Refresher, April 27

All classes are conducted in room 6 of building 407 starting at 9 a.m. The length is included in the below description.

Environmental Team Training is to certify environmental team leaders and members about how to handle hazardous materials and waste handling spill responses at the unit level, primarily in motor pool areas.

Leaders and team members must attend this course within 60 days of appointment to their duties.

Environmental Team Training Refresher is a 2 1/2-hour annual refresher to the ETT course.

The HAZCOM (Hazard Communication) Train the Trainer course runs four hours. This course is designed to train unit instructors on Hazard Communication requirements.

These trainers train others within their organization on safety precautions and information on chemical health hazards as required by federal law.

Call 239-0446/2334 to enroll or check with a battalion schools noncommissioned officer for more information.

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.

Post tenants responsible for fire losses

Renter's insurance can help

Robyn Haynes
K-State Intern

Fort Riley's Housing Division reported two fires in post quarters since the beginning of 2004. Neither occupant was covered by renter's insurance.

Fire damage was estimated at \$1,000 in one instance and \$176 in the other.

Even in a time when the economy is recovering, some may find themselves pinching pennies, evaluating every cost versus expected benefits of that expense.

Renter's insurance may sometimes be pushed into a category with other expenses considered an unnecessary cost.

Homeowners face a bigger risk without fire insurance, but renters may think the landlord's insurance will pay for the renter's loss property. Not so, said one insurance agent.

Fort Riley residents are no exception. The government does not replace personal property even if it was destroyed in a fire in family housing on post.

Even though housing officials consider renter's insurance a prudent decision for family housing

occupants, the Army can only strongly recommend tenants in post housing buy renter's policies, said Housing Management Specialist Audry Chavis.

"It is completely left up to the occupants," Chavis said. "We cannot even recommend an insurance agency, therefore, the decision lies completely in their hands."

"We have had house fires here on post that have cost \$30,000 to \$40,000 to repair, many without insurance," Chavis said.

Several insurance agencies in the community provide renter's insurance to Soldiers and their families on post.

One agent in Manhattan suggested a basic figure that covers a minimum of \$10,000 of property damage. For that much coverage, tenants can expect to pay an annual premium of about \$75.

In both post fires this year, that premium could have saved families the expense of replacing personal property.

For more information about liability for damages to assigned quarters and about renter's insurance, contact the Housing Division at 239-3301.

Self-Help classes required for cards

School schedules new courses

By Ed Kozlowski
Public Works

Public Works plans to teach a self-help course April 19-23 for anyone who will be involved in basic self-help maintenance and record keeping in their units or organizations.

Classes begin at 9 a.m. daily in building 307. The classes qualify civilian employees and noncommissioned officers in grade E-7 or higher to call in priority two and three service orders or to pick up materials from the self-help warehouse in building 372 for doing unit or organizational repairs or maintenance.

Every company, battery and troop must have a school-trained noncommissioned officer and three school-trained members on a Self-Help Team. These unit teams are an essential part of the installation's facility maintenance team. They free Public Works employees to work on repairs only they can do.

The Public Works Self-Help School schedules the course every month. Besides the April 19 course, future courses are scheduled May 10-14 and June 21-25. Courses are taught in conjunction with Barton County Community College and provide soldiers the opportunity to obtain advanced education credits.

The revised Fort Riley Regulation 420-70, Minor Maintenance Self-Help Program, requires a self-help card for personnel to pick up materials or call in priority two and three service orders.

Public Works has been updating those cards since Nov. 17 and the Public Works Operations Center will no longer allow people with invalid cards to pick up materials at the self-help center.

Attending a two-hour class beginning at 9 a.m. April 27 and again on May 18 in building 307 will enable civilian employees and senior noncommissioned officers to obtain a self-help card.

The Self-Help course incorporates the Installation's Energy Conservation class, which is taught on a Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. This class is mandatory for appointed energy awareness officers and noncommissioned officer, but they do not have to attend the entire Self-Help course.

To enroll in the week long Self-Help Class, an On Post School Request needs to be submitted to the Self-Help School.

To enroll in the Energy Awareness Class or the two-hour class, a memorandum must be submitted to the Self-Help School. It can be e-mailed to kozlowski@riley.army.mil. Enrollment forms may also be faxed to 239-8188, ATTN: Ed, Self-Help School or dropped off at building 307.

For more information, contact Ed Kozlowski at 239-3757 or visit the Public Works Web Site on the Intranet.

If you need to pick-up Self-Help supplies, the Troop Self-Help Store in building 372 is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The store is closed on all federal holidays.

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paid even greater dividends, allowing the Co. A Soldiers to communicate with the local populace and gain intelligence about possible hiding areas.

By speaking with the locals, and in some instances giving them small amounts of U.S. currency in exchange for information, the interpreters have played a vital role in the weapons searches by bridging the communication gap between local Iraqis and coalition forces.

"Our efforts contribute to reducing the ability of the enemy leader.

weapons, munitions and equipment from the enemy, preventing their possible use against coalition forces," said Capt. William B. Moen, Co. A commander. While deployed, the company also has developed new tactics, techniques and procedures for cache searches that are specific to the region.

Engineers will continue to locate and seize enemy weapons caches until they are all found.

"We will continue to take the fight to the enemy every day with every available resource," said 1st Lt. Rich Bendelewski, platoon leader.

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Family members and friends of returning Soldiers cheer as the Soldiers march into Hangar 817 at Marshall Army Airfield March 27, after serving in Iraq.



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Grandmother Kayla Jensen helps young Tanner Reed stand on bleacher seats while the two waited to welcome home Tanner's father, Spc. Landon Reed of Company C, 1st Battalion, 4th Field Artillery.

Volunteers serve when needed

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Some people in the Fort Riley area show up to welcome home Soldiers even though they don't know any of them personally. These volunteers man the canteen table filled with refreshments and children's books parents can use to occupy restless youngsters of the family and friends waiting to reunite with Soldiers returning from deployments.

Members of the Old Trooper Ladies initiated the canteen several years ago. The Old Trooper Ladies is an auxiliary group of the Old Trooper Regiment, Inc., in Junction City. Together, the two groups work to foster positive and long-lasting relationships between the post's leadership and the adjacent civilian communities.

The Old Trooper Ladies still donate the home-baked goods that fill the table at each redeployment and deployment ceremony. Two years ago, volunteers of the American Red Cross chapter on post began helping the Old Trooper Ladies — and some volunteer spouses — man the canteen table. Thomas' husband, Casey, was helping out March 27.

"We usually have two people from the Red Cross and two Old Trooper Ladies," said Joyce Thomas, who was manning the canteen table March 27. The table held a variety of cookies and homemade sweets as well as drinks and the children's books.

The volunteers lay out their spread of treats regardless of when Soldiers return. That can be

eaten at all hours of the day and night. The challenge for the volunteers is to coordinate the times people need to show up, agreed Thomas and Kelly Sutton, director of the Fort Riley American Red Cross office.

Sutton makes those calls to her

volunteers when flights change and ceremony times are altered. Janie Sajo, who lives in Junction City, usually keeps the Old Trooper Ladies apprised of flight and ceremony changes, Thomas said. "We want to be at every ceremony," she said.



Post/Heronemus
Casey Thomas (second from right) and his wife, Joyce Thomas of the Old Trooper Ladies in Junction City, offer refreshments to family members waiting to greet their returning Soldier March 27, at Hangar 817 on Marshall Army Airfield. The refreshments canteen is open for every redeployment ceremony and manned by volunteers of the Old Trooper Ladies and the Fort Riley American Red Cross.

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this term with a bachelor's degree in business management and a minor in human resources management.

Her husband, a Bradley mechanic with 4th Bn., 1st FA, plans to take a break soon from active duty, she said. He's been in six years, but plans to enroll in a college at Fort Lewis Wash., and seek a commission through the ROTC program there, she said.

The year's separation was a good thing, too, Edwards said. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," she explained.

Spc. Daniel Garcia's entire family drove 9 1/2 hours from Plainview, Texas, arriving the same day the cannon crew member of Battery C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, was due back. Monica, his wife of two years, moved to be with family members when Garcia deployed to Iraq. She had only been at Fort Riley two weeks

before Garcia deployed.

Garcia's mother and father, Bertoldo and Maria; his mother-in-law, Florentina Lara; his 15-month-old daughter, Jazlyn; and his cousin, Nellie Almeda, eagerly awaited his arrival, too.

The trip to Fort Riley had been a long one for the returning Soldier and his family, but Monica said she was sure they all would be visiting into the wee hours of the morning despite being tired of traveling.

The Hartman family drove 10 hours from Minnesota the day before just so they could greet Spc. Mark Hartman of the 4th Bn., 1st FA. His wife, Christina, had been living in Minnesota during Hartman's tour of duty in Iraq. No one in the family could wait until Hartman got leave to see him, so they all made the trip — brothers, Adam and David, sister Janet, sister-in-law Amanda,

nephews Danny, 5, Calvin, 2, and baby Oscar, and parents Cheryl and Paul.

The whole family planned to stay through the weekend, although mom didn't think that would really be long enough.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy spoke only long enough to tell the returning Soldiers they had accomplished something great in liberating the people of Iraq and starting the rebuilding of that nation before he released them for the reunions with family and friends everyone had waited so long to begin.

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Army focus: Arrive fast, not alone

Editor's note: This is one article in a series about the 17 Army focus areas.

By Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- The Army's chief and acting secretary were asked by a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee if Sailors and Airmen were being requested to perform Army duties in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I'm not aware of any such request. But we're looking for perfect sense for the other services to give the Army a reprieve," he said.

Schoomaker spent only a couple of minutes trying to explain to members of Congress that the Army is part of a joint force, but he has given Training and Doctrine Command a long-term directive to devise a campaign that will get Soldiers to embody a joint and expeditionary mindset.

The Army has included joint training in its school for senior officers for a few years, but the service will soon start teaching joint tactics earlier in the careers of commissioned and non-commissioned officers, Simpson said.

Blue Force Tracking, a command and control system, is an example of how junior military

persons are talking to each other, officials said. From company- to theater-level commanders, Blue Force Tracking is being used to provide situational awareness and digital command and control for the Army, Marine Corps and Coalition forces, said Michael Lebrun from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition).

Logistics and Technology). "The core of the program is its software," Lebrun said. "Inside of the platform is a digital map that gives you your location. It can also tell you where any other Blue Force Tracking equipped platform is in the area of operations."

It's the first part of reducing the risk of fratricide, Lebrun said. It provides better information on where friendly forces are, and it allows forces to plan better, react better and do a lot of things to mitigate the risk of fratricide, he concluded.

In the near future, hand-held versions of Blue Force Tracking will be fielded in Iraq, Lebrun said.

"A Joint and Expeditionary Army with a Campaign Quality" is one of the Army's focus areas. "Basically we want to maximize each service's capabilities and prepare leaders and Soldiers to fight in uncertain and ambiguous environments."

"The Joint and Expeditionary Task Force is the lens through which we filter many of our transformation efforts," said Bob Simpson, the deputy of the Joint and Expeditionary task force.

Army 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 Force; 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.

Joint Forces Command, in concert with the services, is refining Joint National Training Capability, which will integrate joint training similar to the way the Army has integrated combined arms training at its combat training centers for some years, Simpson said.

JNTC was first conceived in 2002 but is now taking a more robust approach to train joint forces, according to the U.S. Forces Joint Command Web site. Included in the training will be real people in real locations using real equipment; real people in simulators and simulated entities in a simulated environment, according to the Web site.

Department of Defense is not constructing another training center, but is combining live, virtual and constructive training to create a joint training capability that will

eventually include resident capabilities at the installation level, Simpson said. However, right now the focus is starting the capability at Fort Irwin, Calif., and the other Services' western ranges, he said.

Officers and noncommissioned officers also can expect to see joint education initiated earlier in their professional development schools, Simpson said.

Leaders have to see themselves as members of a joint profession, he said. The specifics are being decided in a consensus environment with the other services, he said.

"One of the things about each of the services is that they have unique cultures, and one thing that defines a culture is language," Simpson said.

"So part of this process will be to define a common joint language. An important part of the

process is integrating service and joint doctrine," he said.

The second piece of the focus area addresses expeditionary needs, and Simpson said that Soldiers must realize that the Army's normal state is to be at war.

"We first started trying to change the mindset of the Soldier to a joint and expeditionary one by introducing them to the Warrior's Ethos and the Soldier's Creed," Simpson said.

"The creeds reinforce that they are part of a great Army team," he said.

"I am a warrior and a member of a team -- I stand ready to deploy, engage and destroy the enemies of the United States of America," states the Soldier's Creed.

These words will unconsciously remind Soldiers and leaders that they have to be comfortable with uncertainty, Simpson said.

"Soldiers can't expect to go into a theater where there is an iron mountain of logistics and every pre-condition has been set," Simpson said.

"We don't have a front or a rear. All of our Soldiers deploying into any theater from now on will be in harm's way regardless of where they are on the battlefield," Simpson said.

TRADOC has the lead and is working to change the Army's doctrine, organization, training and leader development. However, Simpson said, every commander has the responsibility to start training all Soldiers to be riflemen first.

AAFES to close McClellan store

AAFES

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will cease operations at Fort McClellan, Ala., when the combined store officially closes July 21, as directed by the deputy undersecretary of defense.

AAFES is working with the Alabama National Guard to establish a small troop support store near the old Ft. McClellan installation.

The decision to close the combined store at Fort McClellan was based on the fact that the store did not meet current Department of Defense operating policy and was losing money. The Fort McClellan combined store served a very limited active duty population and had suffered operating losses since its inception.

AAFES officials said every possible alternative was considered to keep the store open; however, sales over the past three years have necessitated closing the Fort McClellan combined store.

AAFES has served customers in and around the Fort McClellan area since 1917.

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ensure that the investigation is done properly," Hagenbeck said. "But we owe our Soldiers a better answer, and I'm committed to see if we can find ways to speed up this function."

The Army, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, set up a task force to review how the armed forces is conducting investigations and treating the victims. This month, DoD released a toll-free number, (800) 497-6261, for victims or individuals who have information on sexual assault cases.

Hagenbeck said the Army,

overall, takes care of its female Soldiers from legal, psychological and medical angles. According to a 90-day review by the task force, the Army has the right programs and policies in place, but it's going to take leadership from the top to the bottom to ensure the policies are being practiced, he said.

"The mere fact that this happens in our Army, to me, is unacceptable. We go out and form teams, small groups live together, serve together and sometimes die for each other," Hagenbeck said. "The fact that someone in the

same uniform could turn around and commit a criminal offense against one of the members of that team is intolerable."

Within the 30-minute interview, Hagenbeck tried to drill into Phillips that the Army is a value-based organization that takes care of its own. "Sexual assault is a criminal offense, and one is too many," Hagenbeck said.

"We're going to take perpetrators and use full legal authority through all the right channels to prosecute them, while taking care of our Soldiers who have been assaulted," Hagenbeck said.

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Commentary

Women's equality

Women contribute to nation's strength

By Kevin B. Stuart

Medical Department Activity



Kevin Stuart

The story of women in America is one of strong, courageous and persevering women whose responses to inequities and other injustices helped shape our nation. As we continue to march strong in this new millennium, let's remember our past to shape our future.

From pre-colonial times to the present, women have made significant contributions to America, and today's generation owes remembrance and honor of all women of courage and vision. There's a great honor in celebrating women contributing to the growth and strength of our nation because these women have paved the way for others to follow and thus provided hope for America's future.

The theme for Women's History Month 2004 - March — was "Contributing to the Growth and Strength of our Nation."

Many women have made contributions that have greatly enhanced the strength of our nation.

These women, with their exceptional achievements and outstanding contributions to the world, have inspired their contemporaries and brought social change to our country.

One such woman was Harriet Tubman, the first black woman to be honored on a U.S. stamp. She guided more than 300 slaves to their freedom.

Patsy Mink was the first Asian American woman elected to Congress.

Susan B. Anthony founded the women's rights movement and paved the way for women to vote.

Ellen Ochoa was the first Hispanic American woman to go into space.

Condoleezza Rice was the first woman selected to serve as national security advisor for the United States.

Sacajawea, a Native American, guided the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Pacific Northwest.

Linda Chavez-Thompson was the first woman elected to an executive office of the AFL-CIO and currently is the highest-ranking woman in the labor movement.

Dr. Mary E. Walker was the first female doctor in the military and the only woman in any war awarded the Medal of Honor.

Clara Maass was one of the first contract nurses who contributed to the study of yellow fever.

Sybill Ludington, a Revolutionary War heroine, rode 40 miles on horseback through New York, rallying the militia.

Madeleine Albright was the first female selected to serve as U.S. secretary of state.

Amelia Earhart was the first woman to cross the Atlantic in an airplane.

Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

Dorothea Dix was the first woman appointed to federal administration position.

Wilma Mankiller was the first woman to be deputy chief in Cherokee history.

Mary McLeod Bethune was an educator who founded Bethune Cookman College.

Eleanor Roosevelt devoted her life to see women gain representation in government and world affairs.

The women contributing to the growth and strength of our nation are reflections of memorable moments in our country's history. Their stories celebrate the events that shaped America.

These women stood among our founders, leaders, scientists, inventors and famous artists. They played significant roles in important discoveries and inventions and led major causes and movements in our country.

The stories of these women also tell the story of our accomplishments and aspirations, our failures and frustrations, our speak of insights and intelligence, of hope and humanity.

The power of their stories is not adversity, but optimism, resilience of spirit, inner strength, courage and vision. We can clearly

see that the trends, vision and courageous stories of these women have transformed the world we live in.

Hopefully, this will encourage other women to explore, take risks, succeed and transform. Women have challenged social traditions that limited their potential. They have traveled a long journey and suffered, endured and triumphed.

Many women in our country have assumed roles that were once the exclusive domain of men. The end of the Cold War shifted the nation's emphasis from military to domestic issues.

Women have amassed expertise in domestic issues and influence business and politics with new styles of leadership.

Women are becoming social activists in Third World countries, overcoming health, education and welfare issues that threaten to disrupt the world economy.

The diversity of women in the United States is evident, but barriers to unity remain.

Our society must realize that equality does not diminish resources. Rather, it enhances them. The United States would surely become a pluralistic society if our differences would be freely expressed and celebrated.

Exploring the history and positions of women in America helps us understand the human connections we share across generations.

Celebrating women who pioneered our future further contributes to this process.

Grunt *By Wayne Ulden*



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Main Store	Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
MCSS (Military Clothing)	Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun., closed
Custer Hill Shoppette	Mon.-Fri., 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Sat., 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Main Post Shoppette	Mon.-Fri., 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat.-Sun., 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Burger King	Mon.-Fri., 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Sat.-Sun., 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Popeye's	Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun., closed
Pizza Hut	Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun., closed
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News from the Front



82nd Airborne Div./French

Sgt. 1st Class Ken M. Kavanagh pulls four anti-tank land mines out of a sack that leaders of the Abu Al Jeer community pointed out to them after a recent meeting.

Project aids town, 1st BCT Soldiers

Sheiks lead Soldiers to weapons

By J. H. French

82nd Airborne Division

ABU AL JEER, Iraq -- In a dusty barren village 40 kilometers west of Ar Ramadi, people have a new reason to smile -- fresh water.

Soldiers of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, recently began working with residents on a project that will ultimately deliver fresh water to the parched village.

The small village of Abu Al Jeer has been waiting for a water system to be built for the community for more than 35 years, said Sgt. 1st Class Ken M. Kavanagh, civilian military operations non-commissioned officer with 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st BCT.

The project initially started about a year before Saddam came to power. Once he came in, the emphasis went away from improving the country's infrastructure and everything came to a halt, Kavanagh explained.

The project to bring water to the town is a monstrous undertaking for the people working on the project. More than \$240,000 will be spent to complete the project, which is now in the first of five stages, Kavanagh said.

The first stage is digging the trench to hold the water line, Kavanagh continued.

"It will run approximately 20 kilometers from Highway 1 to the town itself," he said.

The second phase will be to lay the pipe for the water to begin flowing into the town, he said.

Phase three will be the actual building of a water plant to process the water in the town, he continued.

The fourth phase will be the network, Kavanagh explained. "A network will run to each house supplying each household with fresh water."

The final phase will just be the finishing touches to make sure everything is complete and working properly, he continued.

Once the water project is complete, the people of Abu Al Jeer will have fresh drinking water.

"Right now [the people] use the water out of their canal. The water is very high in sulfur. You can actually smell it when you go to the town," Kavanagh said.

The original plan was to build a plant to process the water in the canal, he continued. "It was too much money and the sulfur content of the water was too high."

All of the work that the 1st BCT put in to the area is gradually paying off for both sides.

The community gets the fresh water project and had their school refurbished.

In return the people in the community help coalition forces get weapons off the street.

So far the sheiks in the community have led Soldiers to two weapons caches that contained 60 rocket-propelled grenades, 400 rounds of 14.7mm ammunition, propellant and four anti-tank mines, Kavanagh said.

The results in the town can be attributed to friendship as much as to the money or work being done in the area, in Kavanagh's opinion.

Bees invade project

By Aaron J. Orr

82nd Medical Company

The 82nd Medical Company (AA) in Iraq was visited one Sunday morning by a swarm of bees. Around 10 a.m., Sgt. David McIntyre, a flight medic, was outside working on a construction project for the company when he felt something land on him.

"I felt a couple on my face, and I thought they were flies so I swatted at them," he said. "Then I turned around and saw them."

What he saw was thousands of honeybees swarming through the air in pursuit of a new home. "This is a break off of an existing hive," said Rusty Oddo, vector control manager. "They probably came out of the orchard ... just outside the perimeter."

The mission of vector control managers is to assist Preventive Medicine in handling pests that may injure soldiers.

"This happens all over the world at this time of season," Oddo said.

A dozen curious souls moved slowly and cautiously through the air in pursuit of a new home. They snapped photos of the natural phenomenon occurring around them, all the while being careful not to make any sudden moves or set off their cameras' flashes.

The queen bee landed and the bees formed a living hive around her to protect her. No one is absolutely certain why the bees ended up in this part of the camp but Oddo guessed, "Something blew them down to the ground and they disbursed."

1st Lt. Robert Moore, an entomologist and executive officer for the 926th Medical Detachment that is responsible for preventive medicine at Camp Anaconda, said, "Typically we deal with sand flies, mosquitoes, pest control ..."

Once all the bees had settled down, they were gently captured in a plastic trash bag and taken to a distant location for release.

Company medics were on hand to treat any bee stings, but no one was stung despite the presence of thousands of bees.



82nd Med. Co./Orr

Flight Medic Sgt. David McIntyre leans in for a closer look at the docile swarm of bees that temporarily attached itself to a sunshade in the 82nd Medical Company base in Iraq recently.



82nd Med. Co./Orr

Sgt. Joe Renteria, a flight medic from 54th Medical Co. (AA), Fort Lewis, Wash., takes a picture of bees as they swarm and attach themselves to a sunshade while protecting their queen.



82nd Med. Co./Orr

A honeybee takes a brief rest on a fence at Camp Anaconda, Iraq.

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Fort Riley Community Life

Community news briefly

BOSS group plans meeting

A meeting for members of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. April 7, at the Arts and Crafts Center across the parking lot from the main post exchange.

Crafts center sets classes

April 4 - Scrapbooking Get-Together, 1 - 4:30 p.m.
April 5 - Wood Safety, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
April 5 - Crochet, Knitting, Cross Stitch, 7 p.m.
April 5, 6, 12, 19, 20 - Beginning Stained Glass (five-session course), 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
April 6 - Mold Pouring Orientation, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
April 6, 13, 20, 27 - Wood Class Project-Outdoor Floor Boxes (four-session course), 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
April 7, 14, 21, 28 - Beginning Sewing (four-session course), 6:15 to 8:45 p.m.

Club sponsors annual bazaar

The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club members will host the club's annual spring bazaar, with lots of crafts, food and fun for the kids 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.

Post ceremony cites volunteers

Fort Riley will recognize volunteers who worked to benefit the post during 2003 at a special ceremony scheduled for 7 p.m. April 12 in Barlow Theater on Custer Hill. Units and organizations on post selected their Volunteer of the Year to compete for the post-wide Volunteer of the Year. Nearly 45 volunteers were submitted for the post honor. Volunteers help out in almost every section on post. The post Volunteer of the Year will be named at the beginning of the ceremony.

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 frilevelscholar.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.



Brig. Gen. Gina S. Farrissee, the Army's adjutant general, speaks about the contributions women have made to the Army during Fort Riley's observance of Women's History Month March 24 in Barlow Theater.

Values stand firm

Army pushes equality for female Soldiers

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

American women have bravely served in defense of the United States since its earliest days, said Brig. Gen. Gina S. Farrissee, the Army's adjutant general, while speaking to an audience observing Women's History Month March 24 at Barlow Theater on Custer Hill. Since 1901, with the establishment of the Army's nurse's corps, women have proudly served in a variety of critical positions and, today, women make up 15 percent of the active duty military force and 17 percent of the Guard and Army Reserve, she said.

About 9 percent of the Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom forces are women, Farrissee said. About 60,000 women have served in Afghanistan and Iraq since October 1902. Women's roles in combat have increased as a result of the war in Iraq, including flying armed aircraft and patrolling streets with armed machine guns. "Female soldiers in Iraq have killed the

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Soldiers and civilians attending the post's observance of Women's History Month March 24, in Barlow Theater applaud after Brig. Gen. Gina S. Farrissee, the Army's adjutant general, concluded her speech about the contributions women have made to the U.S. military.

Post/Heronemus



Brenda Winters (left) and Lorie Taylor, both employees working for the G-4, and Sgt. Maj. Yvette P. Johnson sample food provided after the Women's History Month program March 24 at Barlow Theater on post.

Post/Heronemus



Female Soldiers fight, die for country

By Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Through the course of liberating Iraq, female Soldiers have conducted air missions, kicked down doors, disarmed mines and shed their own blood. Sixteen female Soldiers have died in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

When 19-year-old Pfc. Rachel Bosveld found out she was going to Iraq, she said, "Dad I got to go, not I have to go," her father, Marvin Bosveld, recounted from Wisconsin. "She was proud and excited about going to battle for her country."

Bosveld was a military police officer with the 527th MP Company based in Giessen, Germany. She narrowly escaped death Sept. 12, when her team came under fire and her Humvee was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

She sent her brother, Craig Bosveld, an e-mail describing the event.

"It was loud; there was shouting; my team leader's seat was on fire. I found my seat belt, but it was stuck. Okay, the door. Open the door. Just my luck, a 400-pound door is stuck. First the seat belt, now this.

More shouting. Seems so far away, like a voice at the end of a tunnel. Got to get the door open or we're going to die."

Bosveld escaped that ambush with a few bruises and stiff muscles, but was killed Oct. 26, in a mortar attack on the Baghdad Police Station.

A violinist and soccer player in high school, Bosveld didn't take a back seat to any one, Marvin said. She would say, "I love arresting these Iraqi men because I know

how they treat their women."

In October 1994 "The Risk Rule," which was used to determine which assignments should be closed to women, was rescinded.

That made 91 percent of the career fields gender neutral, according to officials from the Office of the Chief of Personnel, G1.

That amendment to assignments policy and others like it allowed women like Bosveld and Capt. Kimberly Hampton to get closer to the action, G1 officials said.

Hampton was killed when her OH-58 Kiowa Warrior observation helicopter was attacked near the Iraqi town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad.

She was a company commander with 1st Battalion, 82nd Aviation Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division.

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Post expands annual program

Fort observes Month of Military Child

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Fort Riley's Month of the Military Child expanded this year with new ways to spread information promoting child wellness, said Carolyn Tolliver-Lee, with the post's Family Advocacy Program's social services.

The post uses National Child Abuse Prevention Month - April - to make the Fort Riley community aware of available services and about behavior signs that might point to a need for those services, Tolliver-Lee said.

Tolliver-Lee and her social services colleague, Billy J. May, worked with representatives of Geary County Unified School District 475 and the Early Childhood Family Network, to devise a month-long program of activities to promote prevention of child abuse.

Activities began April 1 with a candlelight vigil sponsored by CASA, a children's advocacy group, on the steps of the Geary County courthouse. The Child Development Center on post planned to kick off the post's observance at 3:30 p.m. April 2 with its annual parade involving about 300 children.

Besides the parade, the most visible events planned include a community fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17, at the Junction City Municipal Building and an information carnival at Fort Riley's main post exchange from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 24.

The post carnival includes Wonderworks, a science exhibit

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Events

April 3 - New Parents Support Program and Exceptional Family Member Program Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. to noon at the Soldier and Family Support Center

April 5 - Proclamation signing, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at SFSC and "Love & Logic" workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at SFSC

April 7 - "Military Blended/Step Families" workshop, 10 a.m. to noon at SFSC

April 14 - "Love & Logic" workshop, 10 a.m. to noon at SFSC and again from 6 to 8 p.m. April 22, and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 26

April 17 - Community Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Junction City Municipal Building

April 20 - Irwin Army Community Hospital outreach program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

April 22 - Fort Riley dining facility outreach program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

April 24 - Community Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at main post exchange

April 27 - "Control of Minors" workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. at SFSC

April 30 - Military families May flower celebration from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at SFSC and "Cinderella" marionette show at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. at Rally Point

Youth services plans activities

Parade kicks off observance

Special to the Post

Child and Youth Services joins other organizations on Fort Riley in celebrating Month of the Military Child observance at Fort Riley and Child Abuse Prevention Month activities in Junction City.

The events also are part of an Army wide movement sponsored by Child and Youth Services and the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, a nonpartisan and nonsectarian alliance of hundreds of schools and youth-service organizations across the country.

"Offering these events is a fun and exciting way to introduce the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS! to our young people and the community, said Youth Services Director Jill O'Sullivan.

The six pillars - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship - mirror the Army's core values.

"This initiative potentially influences the character of children and youth on Fort Riley and

Events

Kickoff parade at the Child Development Center, 3:30 p.m. April 3.

Poster contest with CHARACTER COUNTS! as the theme. Submissions due by April 9.

The youth at the Teen Center have made CHARACTER COUNTS! pledge cards, which they plan to pass out to elementary school children, middle school and high school youth throughout the month of April.

the surrounding areas. Child and Youth Services is proud to take the lead and is fully committed to the role in developing and strengthening character education.

"I believe character education is the best way to make an enduring difference in the life of a child or young person," said School Age Services Director Maxine Williams.

Walker named new school superintendent

Staff report

The local public school board hired Ronald Walker as superintendent for Geary County Unified School District 475 beginning July 1. The district includes the middle school and five elementary schools on Fort Riley.

Walker formerly served the district

as assistant superintendent for personnel. He joined the district in 2003 after filling several education positions in Oklahoma City. As an area administrator in Oklahoma City, he supervised 21 schools with a culturally diverse student population of more than 15,000.

Walker also served six years as a

middle school principal and five years as the equity and affirmative action officer for the Oklahoma City Public Schools. He was superintendent of schools in his hometown of Boley, Okla., from 1981 to 1991.

Walker began his career in education as a middle school science teacher and worked at the high school

level as coordinator of a bio-medical professions program and the Science and Engineering Center at a large urban high school in Oklahoma City. He has extensive involvement in curriculum and instruction, most recently serving as assistant director of curriculum and instruction in Oklahoma City.



Ronald Walker





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Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Hampton supported infantry Soldiers by providing fire support and observing ground action. She was the division's first company commander to die in the war on terror.

"She loved being a Soldier. She didn't consider herself a female Soldier, but a pilot serving her country who just happened to be a female," said Ann Hampton, Kimberly's mother.

"She was an only child, and as a parent you just want your child to be happy," she said. "I miss her, though. It's a physical pain going on without her, knowing that there won't be a wedding or grandchildren. Our lives revolved around Kimberly," Ann said, as she took a break from packing up Kimberly's Fayetteville home.

"I'm terribly sad and empty, but there are 550-some other families who are going through the same grief," she said.

Daughters, wives and mothers are vying for adventure and the chance to serve their country at increasing rates.

"My Kimmie joined the Army because she wanted to do some-

Capt. Gussie M. Jones, 41, of the 31st Combat Support Hospital, 31st Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Pfc. Nichole M. Frye, 19, of the Army Reserve's Company A, 415th Civil Affairs Battalion, based in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Pfc. Holly J. McGeogh, 19, of Company A, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division (Mech.), based at Fort Hood, Texas.

Spc. Tamarra J. Ramos, 24, of 3rd Armor Medical Company, Medical Troop Regimental Support Squadron, 3rd Armored

Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

Sgt. Keicia Melia Hines, 27, of the 108th Military Police Company, 503rd Military Police Battalion (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Capt. Kimberly N. Hampton, 27, of the 1st Battalion, 82nd Aviation Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Kimberly A. Voelz, 27, from 703rd Explosive Ordnance Detachment, Fort Knox, Ky. **Sgt. Linda C. Jimenez, 39,** of the 2nd Squadron Combat Support Aviation (Maintenance),

2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.

Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swarworth, 43, of the Judge Advocate General's Office, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Pentagon

Pfc. Karina S. Lau, 20, of the 16th Signal Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas

Spc. Frances M. Vega, 20, of the 151st Adjutant General Postal Detachment 3, Fort Hood, Texas

Pfc. Rachel K. Bosveld, 19, of the 527th Military Police Company, V Corps, Giessen, Germany

Pfc. Anaura Esparza Gutierrez, 21, of Company A, 4th Forward Support Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas

Spc. Alyssa R. Peterson, 27, of Company C, 311th Military Intelligence Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Sgt. Melissa Valles, 26, from Company B, 64th Forward Support Battalion, Fort Carson, Colo.

Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa, 23, of the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Fallen Female Heroes

thing exciting. So it wasn't surprising when she told me that she was going to be working as an EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) specialist," said Carol Fahnestock, the mother of Staff Sgt. Kimberly Voelz.

Voelz, of the 703rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, Fort Knox, Ky., died in her husband's arm in Baghdad from her

injuries after an improvised explosive device detonated before she could disarm it.

Voelz and her husband, Max, were both staff sergeants serving in Iraq as EOD specialists. "I always knew in the back of my mind that she had a dangerous job, but she never really talked about it," Fahnestock said.

"I never worried about her

because, when it's your time, God will call you home, no matter where you are," she said.

Before "Kimmie" died Fahnestock said she knows her daughter saved countless lives. She excelled at her job, her mother said. She was a team leader and trained a lot of Soldiers under her, she added.

Women can do anything men

can do, Fahnestock said. "Kimmie" held her own, and wanted to retire from the military.

Fahnestock said Voelz had reenlisted a month before her death, and was going to be stationed only hours from her hometown.

"It would have been the first time in seven years that we would have lived near each other," Fahnestock said.

"Now I'm looking forward to helping Max find a house, and hopefully he'll let me help him decorate," she said.

History was made when Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa, a mother of two, from the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company, Fort Bliss, Texas, was the first servicewoman to be killed in the war.

There have not been any female casualties in Afghanistan. Piestewa's unit was considered a support unit, and in countless interviews the surviving members have said that they didn't expect to see any combat.

The Iraqi combat zone doesn't have the imaginary line separating the front lines from the rear. Army officials continuously point out.

Unlike Bosveld, some Soldiers may not recognize the risk of being on a battlefield because they have a noncombatant job. Bosveld told her mom that if someone calls, she's injured, and if someone comes to the door, she's not coming back.

"When the officer came to my door, it was worse than any nightmare," said Mary Bosveld, Rachel's mother. "I just went numb."

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enemy with bombs and with bullets," Farrisee said.

"They have won medals for valor and Purple Hearts for combat wounds. They have been captured as prisoners of war, killed by enemy fire and buried as heroes in Arlington National Cemetery and countless cemeteries across the country," she said.

Sixteen women have died as a result of action in Iraq, Farrisee said. Women know, when they are in Iraq, they are equally at risk, she said.

It is evident, Farrisee contended, that women today play an equal role in the defense of the nation and in accomplishing the Army's missions, whatever they are. The Army counts many success stories in advancing the equality of women Soldiers within its ranks, Farrisee said, but total equality remains an unreach-

Participants

Welcome and closing remarks by Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer A. Boyd

Invocation and benediction by Chap. (Lt. Col.) Daniel A. McClure

National Women's History Month proclamation read by Sgt. Maj. Yvette P. Johnson

In what she termed the new century of enlightenment, Farrisee pointed out that U.S. Central Command reported 112 cases of sexual assault or rape against women Soldiers in its area of responsibility in the past 18

months. These crimes were exacerbated at times by "inadequate medical care, absence of rape kits, alleged incomplete criminal investigations and reports of retaliation by peers for reporting (an) assault," Farrisee said.

"No war comes without cost, but the cost should be borne out of the conflict of the enemy and not because of egregious violations by some of our own," Farrisee quoted Sen. Susan Collins of Maine.

"Perhaps we still have some very serious work to do" in bringing about a true sense of equality between male and female Soldiers, Farrisee said.

Male Soldiers need to treat female Soldiers with the same courtesy, dignity and respect afforded any Soldier, "nothing more, but absolutely nothing

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which often awes young children: the Ident-A-Kid program, entries in the Teen Center poster contest, and informational booths.

The Junction City carnival includes a health fair, the children's carnival, the Ident-A-Kid program, crafts, entertainment, prizes and free lunch.

The post added the children's carnival at the post exchange this year to help families with Soldiers who have recently returned from Iraq get readjusted, Tolliver-Lee said.

In that same vein, Rally Point plans to host professional marionette shows beginning at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. on family night April 30. Elsenpeter Productions of Illinois will present "Cinderella."

May added several family wellness workshops to this year's observance. He scheduled "Love and Logic" workshops six nights during the month.

A one-night workshop will cover special issues confronting "Military Blended/Step Families," and another night's workshop will offer ways parents can learn "Control of Minors."

Tolliver-Lee and May agree that taking time to raise the public's general awareness of child abuse and neglect is important even on a military post.

"Child abuse and neglect has no boundaries, and the military is part of that population," she said.

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Sports news in brief

Law Day golf tourney set

The annual Law Day Golf Tournament will be April 29 at Custer Hill Golf Course. A rain date of May 7 has been set.

The command group, major subordinate and battalion commanders, local dignitaries, members of the Geary and Riley County bar associations and the public will be invited to play in the tournament.

A myriad of prizes, such as for overall winners, longest drive for a male, longest drive for a female, closest drive to the pin for males and for females and closest drive to the line, will be awarded, as well as various door prizes.

For more information, call Capt. Juan F. Garcia at 239-3117.

Exercise programs

April 5 - Aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

April 6 - "Get On Track" Diet and Nutrition Tips and Ideas, 9 a.m.

April 8 - Aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call King Field House at 239-3868.

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 to repair floors

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 entry-way to court, April 26-30

Craig Fitness Center: Racquetball court, May 10-14

Outdoor Rec seeks beards

The Outdoor Recreation Center staff invites all post hunters to enter a Longest Turkey Beard contest. Hunters must register their entries now through April 13 at the center. Cost is \$10 per person.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: typical, non-typical and youth. All turkeys must have been shot on Fort Riley. Beards can be measured by employees at the recreation center, building 9011, or at the natural resources office in building 1020.

The Outdoor Recreation Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call 239-2363 or 239-6368.

Signal Soldiers win flag 'super bowl'



1st BCT/Bender

A Soldier from 331st Signal Company races toward the end zone as a Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, Soldier reaches for his flag, Signal won the camp's Flag Super Bowl 48-0.

By Jamie Bender

1st BCT

AR RAMADI, Iraq -- One of the most anticipated events in America early this year was the Super Bowl. Football fans across the nation wait eagerly each year for the super game. Some fans closely follow the progress of their favorite team throughout the season. Others just tune in for the big game.

Camp Junction City football fans were no different when it came to the JC Super Bowl on Devil's Field in Iraq. The big game concluded the flag football season on March 21, with the 331st Signal Company defeating Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, 48-0.

"The best part of our game was offense," said Camilo Medina, outside linebacker and team coach. "Offense did a great job. The defense had some lapses, but the offense took care of us and scored the points we needed to hold the other guys down."

Lapses or not, the 331st Signal Co. defense kept the Engineers from scoring while the offense kept the touchdowns coming. Wide receiver Jason Schultz caught four touchdown passes during the game.

"It was the most I have done this year," said Schultz. "It feels great. We were just trying to get the offense going, and I guess we found out that I could run past that guy. [Morgan] Barnett was putting the ball in the running, and

it was easy to catch."

The season was not without its challenges for the Signal team.

"We started out kind of slow, not scoring enough points, but that was due to people not making it to the games. As the season went on we had more participation, and that is when the team started to get together. The offense started clicking, defense started clicking and here we are today," Medina said.

The biggest challenge was getting everyone on the same page because we didn't practice a lot," Schultz said. "But, week after week we started to think like each other. It all came together in the championship, and 'Big'

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Olympic shotgun team picked

Marksmanship unit members shoot well

Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. — USA Shooting's Final Olympic Selection Match, held Mar. 17-27 at Fort Benning, Ga., is finished, and the Shotgun Team that will represent the States in this summer's Olympic Games in Athens, Greece has been chosen.

USA Shooting chooses the Olympic Team purely on a performance basis in order to get the very best shooters to represent America at the 2004 Olympic Games.

For the Shotgun Team, one half of the Olympic Selection process was completed last fall on Colorado Springs' Fort Carson ranges.

Athletes carry over their scores from that first selection match and add them to the scores from the final selection match in order to get their final scores and rankings.

In the first event, Collyn Loper from Indian Springs, Ala., and U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Joetta Dement from Seale, Ala., were neck-and-neck throughout most of the competition. It wasn't until a tie-breaking round after the finals that Loper finally defeated Dement by one target.

The 17-year-old Loper, a junior at Oak Mountain High School, is naturally right-handed. Being born blind in her right eye, forced her to train her body to shoot left, an obstacle that doesn't seem to have any affect on her shooting.

In men's trap, two-time Olympians Lance Bade from Colorado Springs, Colo., and the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Bret Erickson from Buena Vista, Ga., crushed their opponents for two spots on the Olympic Team.

There was no big battle for a spot on the men's team. Bade and Erickson went into the final 11 targets up on their competitors. Bade finished with a 501 total score, while Erickson finished with a 499.

Erickson also made a run for the men's double trap team. Although all the pressure to make the team was gone, he once again proved he was a competitor and secured his second spot on the 2004 Olympic Shotgun Team.

Glenn Eller from Houston, Texas, remained consistent through both days of the men's double trap event, shooting a 590 total score and finishing one point

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Infantry reigns



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John Kurtz (38) of USA MEDDAC gets set to return the ball in their game against the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry March 30, while teammate Maribelle Yater (30) looks on.

1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, undefeated

By Darren D. Heusel

105th MPAD

Bump, set, spike...

That's the simplistic formula members of the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, used to near perfection March 30, in reeling off two more wins and remaining unbeaten on the young Fort Riley Battalion Level volleyball season at King Field House.

The infantrymen also benefited from several powerful service aces in upping their record to 4-0.

They earned one win with a 25-16, 25-19 game against Detachment D, 15th Personnel Service Battalion, in the opener and a 25-23, 25-21 victory over the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity in the night-cap.

In the other match of the evening, the 15th PSB evened its record at 2-2 with a hard-fought 25-23, 27-26 triumph over USA MEDDAC, which dipped to 1-3.

"We have guys who have played competitive volleyball for quite a while and we practice constantly," said Derick Hoffman of 1st Bn., 41st Inf.

He put the first game against the 15th PSB away with a service ace.

Infantry vs. 15th PSB

In the first game, the 15th PSB opened a quick 5-2 lead on the infantrymen, but the league leaders came storming back behind the services of Henry Phillips to take an 11-6 advantage.

The 15th PSB cut the lead to 12-9 and the two teams traded side-outs several times before the infantry eventually improved its lead to 24-16 and Hoffman put the game away with the service ace.

In the second game, neither team enjoyed more than a two-point lead early until Scott Horton finally put the 15th PSB up 12-8 with some service aces of his own. The infantry responded by reeling off four unanswered points, however, behind the services of Hoffman.

The 15th PSB improved its lead to 17-14, before the infantry's Joe Nansen emphatically gave his team a demonstrative side-out with a monster spike that split two 15th PSB defenders.

The infantry went on to reel off eight straight points to take a 22-18 advantage

before 15th PSB finally got a well-deserved side-out to stop the bleeding. The infantrymen quickly got the ball back, however, and went on to win the game and the match.

"We mainly try focusing on bumping and setting, because the serves don't make the game," Hoffman said. "As long as you can get (the ball) over the net, it's pretty much up to the other team whether to retaliate or let it go."

"If they do decide to retaliate, that's when the efforts of the other team members come into play."

15th PSB vs. USA MEDDAC

In the second match of the evening, the 15th PSB and USA MEDDAC battled back and forth the entire game before 15th PSB finally emerged victorious. After eking out a close win in the opener, 15th PSB took advantage of a USA MEDDAC miscue in the nightcap to pull out an even narrower victory.

The turning point came with USA MEDDAC leading 25-24 and serving for

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Dogg' showed what it could do." "When we get back to Fort Riley it will be fall season again and we'll get to do this all over again. We'll see them down the line," Medina said.

The whole flag football season "was a great morale booster," Barnett said. "It lifted a lot of spirits. It was something to do other than guard duty, and it gave the Soldiers something to look forward to every weekend. Every Saturday or Sunday we knew we were having a game."

"Just playing was the best part," Schultz said. "When I came out here I thought it was going to be just all military stuff, and when they threw in a recreational sport and gave us something to do and something to look forward to, it was good for our morale."

"It helped us get to know each other," Shultz said. "I was new to the unit coming out here and it helped me get to know everybody, and we came together and it made us closer as friends and coworkers."

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on top of Erickson. At the 2000 Olympics, Eller finished in a disappointing 12th place but looks at the 2004 Games as "another shot" for an Olympic medal.

In women's double trap, it was no surprise Kim Rhode from El Monte, Calif., ran away with it all. Rhode, a two-time Olympic medalist, led the first day by a margin of 23 and increased her lead to 35 by the conclusion of the event.

The men's skeet event was probably the most intense of the entire Olympic Trials. Leading the way into the final was Air Force's Bill Roy, from Colorado Springs, Colo., and the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Todd Graves from Columbus, Ga. They had been neck-and-neck since the Fall Olympic Selection.

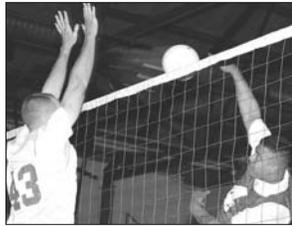
The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Shawn Duloehy changed all that. Duloehy surprised everyone by coming into the finals and running 25 straight.

Duloehy, from Columbus, Ga., finished the finals on top and earned one of the spots in men's skeet. The second spot eventually went to Graves, who after two tie-breaking rounds, just squeezed by Roy to round out the men's Olympic Team.

Connie Smotek from Lyons, Texas, won with a fairly painless victory in the women's skeet event. Smotek finished five targets ahead of Haley Dunn, from Eddyville, Iowa.

Results from Rifle, Pistol and Running Targets' Final Olympic Selection Match will be released in May.

Joe Nansen (4) of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, spikes around the outstretched arms of USA MEDDAC's Gary Moore (43) in their match March 30. 105th MPAD/Heusel



Larissa Kupezyk (41) of Detachment D, 15th Personnel Service Battalion, reaches out to return a serve in a match against USA MEDDAC March 30, while teammate Bruce Keller (15) looks to assist. 105th MPAD/Heusel

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the win. Michael Delong was whistled for serving too early, giving 15th PSB a side-out with the score tied at 25.

After the two teams traded side-outs to even the score at 26, Erica Acevedo's serve sailed out of bounds, giving the 15th PSB the win.

"With the PSB being so small, we don't have as many athletes as some of the other units on post, so it's nice just to have some people to get out and have some fun," said Larissa Kupezyk of 15th PSB.

The team lost two-of-three games to USA MEDDAC in the season opener last week.

"We haven't experienced a whole lot of success, so it was great to have some fun and get a win on top of that," Kupezyk added.

USA MEDDAC lost the point and the serve and the infantry

went on to improve its advantage to 24-19. The medics had a chance to win when Nansen's serve went in the net, giving USA MEDDAC a side-out.

The medics took advantage and went on to cut the lead to 24-23 until Rivera landed a dink shot over a couple of USA MEDDAC defenders for the win.

In the final game of the evening, USA MEDDAC jumped out to an early 5-2 lead and eventually led 20-15, prompting a timeout by the infantry. The timeout seemed to pay off as the infantry quickly got a side-out and reeled off four straight points to trim the deficit to 20-19.

After the two teams traded side-outs, the infantry tied the game at 21 apiece and went on to win, 25-21.

"We played these guys really tough," John Kurtz of USA MEDDAC. "That was the best we've played since we started. Hopefully, we'll get them next time."

"Against the 15th PSB, we were just off our game a little bit and we were missing a couple of our big hitters," he said.

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'Rain birds' hum throughout Kansas

By **Carla Hurlbert**
DES, Conservation Division

On the Wildside: News About Nature



Carla Hurlbert

A ruby-throated hummingbird sucks nectar from a tree blossom. They are common birds in Kansas.
DES



The month of April is associated with spring rains but it is the time of year when the hummingbirds start to return to Kansas. Hummingbirds belong to the family Trochilidae. The ruby-throated hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) is the only specie found here on Fort Riley.

Native Americans regard the hummingbird as "rain bird" because they fly in the rain. Hummingbird metabolism rates are so high the birds must feed often, rain or shine. Other Native Americans call hummingbirds "the sun-beam bird," probably because of how gorgets (throat) respond to sunlight.

The male hummingbird can be identified by its emerald green back, ruby red gorget, sometimes with what appears to be a light ring around the neck. The sides and flanks are a dirty gray with no white tips on the tail feathers. The tail is a deep "V" shape.

The male has a longer tail and a shorter bill than the female.

The female hummingbird has the emerald green back with no

gorget and white tips on the ronder tail, with whitish breast and throat.

Immature hummingbirds look like the female except the male will have some ruby red spots on the throat.

The hummingbird's rapid wingbeat enables it to move forward, backward, upward, and downward as it hovers in a vertical position and maneuvers from flower to flower to feed on nectar.

Hummingbirds can do this because of their strong wing muscles, which are proportionately larger than those of any other bird

species. The rapid movement of hummingbird wings makes a low, buzzing sound, which contributes to the bird's name.

A hummingbird nest is about the size of half a walnut shell.

They use spider webbing, cottonwood seed tufts, pieces of dried grass, and discarded bird feathers to build their nest. Tuft is used mostly for the nest bottom and inner walls. They will use colored material that matches the leaves of the tree to aid in camouflaging the nest. They work the chips of paint, bark, and bits of grass or lichens into the nest sides, stucco-

ing just enough of them to break up its outline. Their pick of color is flawless.

During incubation the nest will be oblong shaped, matching the form of the hen's body. Incubation temperature is between 95 degrees Fahrenheit and 97 degrees Fahrenheit. The hen will raise or lower her body in the nest to regulate incubation temperature. The hen will turn her egg about every two hours with her beak. She'll rotate her position in the nest from 120 degrees to 180 degrees; this will reshape her nest. On cool days, she will use her beak to mold the top edges inward. On warm days, she will open the top to allow for ventilation.

The spider webbing allows the nest to stretch or compress. Growing chicks cause the nest to stretch; this keeps them consistently snug.

It seems Mother Nature intended hummingbirds to lay two eggs. Hummingbirds will use the same nesting spot year after year.

Hummingbirds only have one specialized predator that attacks within hummingbird territory, the

tiny hawk (*Accipiter superciliosus fontaneri*), of the Costa Rican rain forest.

In North America it doesn't face intentional hunters but can be attacked by opportunists. The best snagging hunters are orioles, flycatchers, and small hawks and falcons. Also, leopard frogs, praying mantises, roadrunners, snakes, lizards, spider webs, wasps, and sea gulls are many other opportunist hunters of hummingbirds.

Hummingbirds share an interesting relationship with mites. The mites use the hummingbird to transport them from one flower to another. The mites run onto the beak of a hummingbird while it feeds. They move into the bird's nostrils during transportation. When the bird feeds at another flower, the mites scurry from the nostrils down the beak and onto the flower. The birds can carry about 12 dozen mites at the most.

Loss of habitat is a threat to hummers. Placement of feeders would reduce migration stress on these birds. Use four-part water to one-part sugar solution; use only table sugar and never honey or artificial sugars, to fill the feeder.

You need not add any color or vitamins to the nectar solution.

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Travel & Fun in Kansas

Leisuretime ideas briefly

In Manhattan:

Rockfest — five area bands will perform as one of the free activities being offered at Kansas State University's All-University Open House April 3. Rockfest begins at 10:15 a.m. in the K-State Union plaza stage area with Ten Hour Drive. Other bands will be Tripwire, Tentibule, U.N.I.T. and The Rest of Us, ending at 3:30 p.m.

"Larry the Cable Guy" — coming to 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, 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 on the Internet.

In Abilene:

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, Sterl Hall, 619 N. Rogers. For more information, call (620) 245-9555 or visit www.atcaonline.com on the Internet.

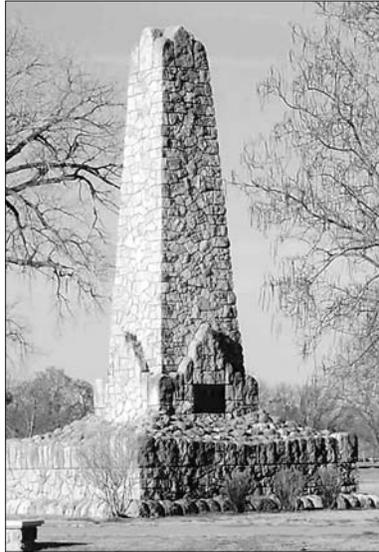
In Leavenworth:

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.

Yard sale — Fort Leavenworth's post-wide yard sale is scheduled for April 24.

History abounds around post

Training camp area bears remnants of training, staging for World War I



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This monument marks the site of Camp Funston on the east side of post. The camp was used to train soldiers for World War I.

Robyn Haynes
K-State Intern

Fort Riley bears symbols left from the World War I training camp that once covered the east side of post.

Camp Funston offers visitors a piece of the post's history and heritage experienced by thousands of soldiers who completed basic training at the camp dedicated to a young Army general officer named Frederick Funston.

Funston earned a reputation for his roles in the Spanish-American and Philippine-American wars. When he was a colonel of the 20th Kansas Volunteer Regiment, Funston received the Medal of Honor for action during the Philippine-American War.

When he was promoted to brigadier general at the age of 35, Funston became a legend on the frontier.

Funston grew up in Iola, Kan. His adventuresome drive towered above his five-foot-four stature.

Despite failing the U.S. Military Academy entrance exam and not meeting the academy's minimum height requirement, Funston was determined to be a Soldier and enlisted in the Army.

Funston never served at Fort Riley, but his courageous reputation earned a place for his name to be used on post for decades to come.

America's entry into World War I resulted in many changes at Fort Riley. Facilities were greatly expanded and a training site named Camp Funston was built



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These remains mark the location of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood's home. He commanded Camp Funston.

five miles east of the permanent post during the summer and fall of 1917.

This training site was one of 16 across the country and could accommodate from 30,00 to 50,000 men.

Soldiers living in the camp were trained to fight and win "the war to end all wars."

People of that time thought World War I would be the last "Great War," not knowing that years later the United States would fight in another, greater war.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood commanded the camp. Cadre under Wood's command trained nearly 50,000 recruits from the Great Plains to fight in World War I.

They became part of the 89th Division that deployed to France in the spring of 1918.

Today, visitors to Camp Funston — located east of Huebner Road near the Ogden gate — can see a stone monument memorializing thousands of Soldiers who spent years training for combat. The monument's inscription reads:

"To the men who trained at Funston for the Great War."

Just a few hundred yards west, across Huebner Road from Camp Funston, visitors can see the remains of Wood's home on the hill overlooking the camp. The house has crumbled, but the stone fireplace and foundation stands.

K-State to host robot competition

Special to the Post

MANHATTAN -- The Robotics League, created in the spring of 2001 by Kansas State University doctoral students Kevin Kramer and William Rust, will host students from elementary to secondary schools across the state in the League's third annual competition from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 3 in Ahearn Field House during the All-University Open House.

The public is welcome to attend. Admission is free.

Among the competitions offered will be sumobots, a

strength competition between robots; capture the flag, where speed and agility enable the winning robot to capture the most flags; oval track racing, a timed racing event; and the maze, where the robot that can make it from start to finish in the shortest amount of time wins.

The league includes more than 70 elementary, middle and secondary schools. Each team builds and programs autonomous robots using LEGO Mindstorms Robot Invention Systems kits. The teams can then test how well their robots perform at competitions sponsored by K-State.

"The Robotics League was conceived to help learn how to apply math, science and technology into a real-life situation and see the outcomes," Kramer said.

"Students work in teams and learn the value of positive attitudes, along with healthy doses of applied math, physics and computer programming," he said.

Having fun also is a key part of the Robotics League, Kramer said. "The league seeks to give kids a taste of how science technology and engineering can be a fun job, and give them a sense of what they'll need to do to prepare for a job in the field."

The league is more than just encouraging kids to pursue careers in engineering, science and technology, he said. "Participants must do real research on what will and will not help the robot perform the way they want it to, including polishing their technology skills in programming."

"Also, they enhance their communication skills by making presentations and they learn about team building and problem solving skills by working together to build their robots," Kramer said.

Joining the league is free, Kramer said. "At the moment, the

league has a limited number of LEGO Mindstorms kits, provided by K-State's College of Education, to assist schools in getting started and participating in league activities. Several of our schools and teams have been able to get funding from their school, a local service organization or businesses to purchase additional robotics kits."

The league offers links on its Web site, www.edu.ksu.edu/robots/ for information on lesson plans, how robotics fit into education standards, robotic activities and other pertinent information.

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Spring break equals fun for post youngsters

A week's vacation from school and warm weather sent crowds of post children to nearby parks to enjoy a break in school work and a respite from chilling weather March 22-26.



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Children and parents enjoy spring break at one of the playgrounds on Fort Riley.



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Shauna, 9, and her brother Antonio, 4, enjoy spring break by playing at the playground. They are the children of Sgt. Anthony and Brittany Counts.



105th MPAD/Dyer
Millie Looney holds 3-year-old daughter Carmela while she hangs from playground equipment.



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Ashlynn McElory, 8, draws pictures on the concrete at a park on Fort Riley during her spring break. She attends Fort Riley Elementary School.

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