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FRIDAY

# Fort Riley Post




### Change Your Clocks

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday. Don't forget to S P R I N G forward.

# Fort Riley mourns

## Three 1st BCT soldiers killed at NTC

A memorial ceremony was held April 2 at Fort Irwin, Calif., and a Memorial Service was held Thursday here for the three soldiers killed in a training accident March 29.



Post/Doheny

A Flag Detail of 24th Inf. Div. soldiers prepare to lower the flag to half staff at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery Friday.

Dead are Sgt. Clifton J. Decklar, Spc. Bobby L. Newton and

Pvt.2 Oscar Perez-Jimenez. All were assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor as indirect fire infantrymen. They were deployed from Fort Riley, Kan., to the National Training Center.

Injured in the accident was Pfc. Jamie Weare from Indianapolis, Ind. He also is assigned to HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor. He was treated and released.

The soldiers were killed when a 120mm mortar round exploded during a live-fire exercise while being fired from an M-1064 Mortar Carrier. The soldiers who died were inside the track vehicle when the explosion occurred.

Decklar, 22, entered the Army in January 1998. He had been at Fort Riley since June 1998. He was from Shelton, Wash.

Newton, 27, came into the

Army in November 1997. He came to Fort Riley in May 2001. He is from New Orleans, La.

Perez-Jimenez, 19, came into the Army in July 2001. He has been at Fort Riley since January 2002. He is from West Covina, Calif.

The soldiers were a taking part in a training exercise with the 1st Brigade based out of Fort Riley.

The brigade deployed about 3,500 soldiers to the NTC, located at Fort Irwin, Calif., in February. The brigade will return by mid-April.

The accident is under investigation, officials said. The lead agency in the investigation is the Fort Riley Safety Office. Officials are assisting from the National Training Center Safety Office and the United States Army Safety Center out of Fort Rucker, Ala.

## Chaplains take lead in healing process

By Jeremy Heckler  
19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, Ca. - Any time a tragedy strikes soldiers, the Army steps in to fill the emotional breach.

After a training accident claimed three lives during the 1st Brigade Combat Team's National Training Center rotation March 29, members of the brigade unit ministry team went to work helping soldiers cope with their grief.

"We provided ministry and care of several different aspects in concentric circles," said Chap. (Capt.) Maury Stout, unit chaplain, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

"The first circle, the tightest circle was for the wounded soldier and for the three soldiers who passed away."

Chaplains and lay ministers provided prayers for the deceased of both Catholic and Protestant faiths, explained Stout.

A Catholic chaplain from the Fort Irwin ministry team performed Last Rites.

The 1st BCT ministry team next addressed the emotional and

spiritual needs of the mortar platoon of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, the unit of the fallen soldiers.

"We conducted prayers, a critical incident stress debriefing and also a brief memorial service at their request," said Stout.

Critical incident stress debriefing is a way to unload stress by discussing it and moving it from an emotional process to more of a logical process said Stout.

That circle also included the on site medical personnel who were on scene he said.

"It was the Army at it's finest. We focused on meeting the emotional needs of the soldiers," said Stout.

Chaplains progressed to meet the needs of the battalion and the brigade in a memorial ceremony held Tuesday.

"You couldn't have found a better tribute," said Stout. "For these soldiers to pass away wearing the uniform in the line of duty is an honorable death and while a tragedy, they died serving their country and this memorial ceremony paid tribute to them."

The team also provided grief

counseling to the families of the deceased both here and back at Fort Riley.

In addition to the work of the chaplains, the chain of command stepped up and took measures to help soldiers with their grief.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Riley and Col. James Milano, commander 1st BCT, 1st Infantry Division (Mech.) addressed the 2nd Bn., 34th Armor at the end of the ceremony.

"I have wept for these soldiers and I don't consider that a sign of weakness," said Metz. "If you want to weep, you shouldn't feel it is a sign of weakness."

Metz cautioned soldiers to continue to think about their job as servicemembers.

"We have become the greatest land force the world has ever seen," said Metz. "You're a member of that land force. We take you up to your limit. The better you are coming here the higher the bar is going to be and we absolutely must go through live fire and it's dangerous. We in the heavy maneuver force go in harm's way

every single day. In the motor pool of Fort Riley or in live fire of NTC we're in harm's way. Now rest assured we are going to peel the onion and we'll investigate the standard, the training and ask if the soldier followed the standard."

"I understand that bad things happen to very good units," he said.

"Right now as the Army sits in the war on terrorism, there is no finer brigade combat team and no finer task force than the Dreadnaught task force. I'm extremely proud that after such an incident you had the leadership and fortitude to carry on the last mission. It's exactly what you have to do if it occurred in combat and you are ready," Metz said.

"We need to focus on now and tomorrow," said Milano. "When our nation calls, we're not going to ask 'Are you ready?' they are going to say 'Pack your stuff and move out.'"

"I ask all of you to do what's right and focus on staying ready and being the great armor battalion that you are," Milano told the soldiers.



Post/

A 24th Infantry Division Flag Detail lowers the flag to half-staff Friday at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery.

## Dreadnaughts, 1st BCT remember fallen comrades at NTC

By Jeremy Heckler  
19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, Ca. - The Dreadnaughts and the 1st Brigade Combat Team paid tribute to three soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor memorialized Sgt. Clifton Decklar, Spc. Bobby Newton and Pfc. Oscar Perez-Jimenez, Mortar Platoon, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor who died tragically in a training accident at the National Training Center March 29. The soldiers lost their lives when a mortar round exploded during the Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise. The incident is still under investigation.

"All of us know them as great warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice fulfilling the promise we

one can say to take the pain away from losing a husband, a son, a soldier and a friend," said 1st Lt. Brendan Hupf, platoon leader, Mortar Platoon, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor. "These three soldiers died in the early morning of 29 March 2002 doing what they loved doing most."

He told the families of the soldiers present that they would never be forgotten.

"They have all significantly affected myself and every soldier in this battalion," said Hupf.

Newton served as Hupf's driver during the rotation. Hupf said he taught Newton how to play cards. Newton would write letters in a notebook for his wife and young son.

"Erica, he loved you and Derek so much," said Hupf. "I feel like I know you so well because all he would do is talk about you and I

"Perez was constantly joking around, always making light of a bad situation," he said.

"Newton, I don't know if he paid attention to the bad situations," said Spec. Enrico Brown, mortar platoon, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor.

"Sgt Decklar I knew better than the rest. He is my best friend. He always cared more for the soldiers, more than the soldiers knew. He took care of his peers, as we took care of him... like a family should."

Leading the way for the crew was their sergeant, Sgt. Clifton Decklar.

"Sgt Decklar is a great leader. He had the ability to communicate with soldiers, both in a calm way and at times, as loud as possible. He continued to teach them everything he knew and made them better as a team," said SFC. Charles

friends on the other side of the battlefield," said Brinegar. "It was all for fellow Dreadnaughts and the completion of the mission."

He said the healing process would not end today, but that it should not hinder the work of the men of the battalion.

"That memory should be a testimony to what our brotherhood means we must share the hardest of times as well as the good," said Brinegar.

"All of them will continue to influence our family as long as their memories carry on and carry on they will," said Brown.

He concluded that the unit must persevere no matter the cost.

"We have a duty to our country and to our fellow soldiers and that duty sometimes places us in harm's way and sometimes carries a very expensive cost yet that duty

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor took a final roll call as 1st Sgt. Marc Wahlman called out the names of those who would never

raise their voices to meet his and honors were paid to the dead.

Three volleys of seven rose into the California skies as a tribute to the sacrifice they made.





# Exercise identifies what requires decontamination

By Steven Cooke

19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, Ca., — Earlier in this year's National Training Center rotation, Fort Riley soldiers participated in exercise to practice protecting themselves from a chemical attack with Mission Orientated Protective Posture suits. In a related exercise recently, soldiers went a step further, they had to deal with the aftermath of such an attack.

"The purpose of the simulated decontamination exercise is to identify, clean and neutralize chemical agents," said 1st Lt. Timothy Paul, decontamination platoon leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Engineer Battalion.

The platoon's vehicles can detect what kinds and how much of an agent is in an area, explained Paul. Once this is done, the platoon will use the M12 Decontamination Apparatus to clean a pathway for vehicles and people to

travel safely away from the site using a hot soapy water solution. The M12 will then use a super tropical bleach solution that kills the agents with a neutralizing solution, he said.

"The M12 is a power driven decontamination apparatus," said SSgt. Richard Lamonica, HHC, 1st Eng. Bn. "It holds 500 gallons of solution and can cover a 623 square yard area. About the size of two football fields."

Moving at about two to three miles per hour, the M12 can cover

the area in about 45 minutes, explained Lamonica. The M12 can run out of solution before the decontamination process is over. When this happens the platoon will retreat back to a designated area and regroup. To do this means the soldiers and their vehicles will also have to be decontaminated.

In this particular exercise, the decontamination platoon decontaminated a town, which is cause for a different approach than an open land area.

"Location is a definite consideration," said Paul. "The cleaning and neutralizing agents can destroy buildings, electrical equipment. Luckily we have the equipment to do it properly."

Previous exercises provided the basis for this exercise.

"We did an exercise where we decontaminated 30 decontamination vehicles," said Lamonica. "The platoon did very well. The

only challenge was keeping the soldiers hydrated and motivated."

Lamonica explained that the exercise meant soldiers remaining at Mission Orientated Protective Posture suit level four for four hours.

"We don't want to be needed," said Lamonica. "Because, if we are, that means the bad guys are throwing chemicals at us," said Lamonica.

## Pre-combat inspection checks made

By Steven Cooke

19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — In preparation for the live fire training finale at the National Training Center, soldiers fine tuned their firing systems on a weapons range.

"We're getting confirmation on the fire control systems, making sure the computer is giving the correct information to the sights of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle and M1A1 tanks," said Capt. William Symolon, operations officer, 2nd Battalion 34th Armor.

The systems are tested by having vehicles shoot at targets 1500 meters down range. As long as he round hits within the checkered board pattern on the black and white target then the systems are working correctly, said Symolon.

"Basically you fire a round of each type of bullet that the tank carries," explained Symolon.

The actual process is relatively quick.

"It takes about 15 to 20 minutes per vehicle," said Symolon.

"It is an all day process," said Sgt. Bryan Greenlee, tank commander, Company A, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor. "It can take from two to three days to screen two companies of 28 vehicles."

Safety is a top priority at NTC and especially during live-fire when real ammunition is used.

"The confirmation process is a reconfirmation for the basic duties for each stage of firing the tank," said Greenlee. "It's also a good way to compile data for the tank commander to know what is wrong with his equipment."

Greenlee points out that most importantly, the confirmation process builds confidence in armor crews.

"The confirmation process is the most important thing you as a tank commander can do for the

tank crew ensure success," Greenlee said. "You want to make sure you can kill with the main gun on the tank. Even though we're in a

training environment, we need confidence in our equipment and this is the best way to build confidence."

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# Brigade Support Area serves as hub for supplies, support

By **Jeremy Heckler**  
19th PAD

A small outpost away from the battle serves as the lifeline for the units at the front, ensuring that their beans and bullets keep flowing and their bodies and machines stay in one piece.

The Brigade Support Area and 101st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team serves as the clearinghouse bringing needed supplies and repairs to keep the battle rolling.

"We provide the logistical support for the brigade by supplying meals, maintenance and supply in conjunction with a small portion of each battalion in the brigade," said 1st Lt. Jennifer Snezek, adjutant officer, 101st Forward Support Battalion.

Keeping the beans and bullets

rolling is the job of Company A, 101st Forward Support Battalion.

"We are the quartermaster supply company and supply fuel, water and food to units in the brigade," said 1st Sgt. Mary Fitzsimmons, Co. A, 101st FSB. She said the schedule varies each day as each unit comes in and draws supplies from them.

"We offer one-stop shopping and people can come through to pick-up fuel, water and other supplies," said Fitzsimmons. "We're set up so as not to slow them down."

Units come into the support area where their vehicles are filled to the brim with food, water and other necessities that may slow down soldiers in the front.

"The Meals, Ready to Eat go to the guys on the front-lines who don't have time to come out to the BSA and get a meal," said PFC

Gregory Avarbuch, a cook with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry. Avarbuch said he may pick up as much as three days of food from the BSA. The units pick up bread, food, milk, as well as set of meals that look like a battalion's worth of TV dinners.

"We cook a lot of t-rations, which is essentially a Hungry Man dinner, made up of a meat and sauce which we boil and serve for dinner," said Avarbuch. He said the meals range from chicken chow mein to lasagna.

In addition to keeping the unit fed and fully fueled for the fight, the unit has a repair facility that keeps them in the action.

"I am the wrecker operator and I recover and fix trucks that are stuck out in the field," said Cpl. Cassandra Walker, Company B, 101st FSB. Walker said she has

recovered as many as 10 vehicles in a day.

"Most of the vehicles we recover are either out of fuel or get stuck in a ditch and our job is to go out and find them," said Walker.

Once the vehicles get back to the BSA, the battalion's mechanics go to work them, providing full scale mechanical assistance.

The support area also meets the needs of soldiers by medically treating soldiers in the field.

"We provide level two support for soldiers," said SSgt. Rene Trawick, treatment squad leader, Company C, 101st FSB. "We have x-ray and dental support and can take care of anything that they can't take care of at the front or at the Ambulance Exchange Point."

"It doesn't matter whether it is a cut finger, the sniffles or cardiac arrest, we treat them all the

same," said Trawick.

"There are a lot of long hours here, typically we get only three hours of sleep at night," said Spec. Ryan Hutsell, fueler, Company A, 101st FSB.

Hutsell said he not only services vehicles with fuel but pulls guard duty and perimeter security, ensuring the facility runs without a hitch.

The mission at the BSA never stops, even over the course of a move to another location.

"When we have to jump to

another location, we pack up portions of the BSA and move it to another location while the rest of the area continues to provide logistic support to the brigade," said Snezek.

The goal for the unit is not only to keep the brigade rolling but to train for the next battle anywhere around the world.

"I told my soldiers to train like we are at war and do everything to protect the supplies and stay alive," said Fitzsimmons.

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# Army Knowledge Online rule allows forwarding

By **Patrick A. Swan**  
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON - Using an Army Knowledge Online e-mail address doesn't mean soldiers must surrender their current military or commercial e-mail accounts.

In fact, with AKO's forwarding rule, e-mails from "us.army.mil" addresses can be automatically forwarded to any other e-mail address a user selects, AKO officials explained. They said users

can do this by clicking on the "personalize" button after they log on, and then choosing "user profile."

AKO officials set up the forwarding rule because they said they realized most AKO e-mail accounts complement, rather than replace, soldiers' local post and AOL- or Hotmail-type accounts, said Harold Tucker, AKO systems architect.

"Considering how often soldiers move around," added David Hale, AKO webmaster, "it is a

significant advantage for them to have one e-mail address that does not change as they move from post to post or from mission to mission.

"Having a 'us.army.mil' email address is much easier for soldiers' buddies, families and colleagues to remember than the typical installation e-mail address string," Hale said.

The Army's global e-mail directory doesn't always have a soldier's most current e-mail address, Hale said. However, he

said that AKO's global e-mail directory does. "That means you stand a much greater chance of reaching the person you want to contact via e-mail," Hale said.

Also, because soldiers can gain access to their AKO accounts from any Internet terminal in the world, Hale said they can maintain communication at times they wouldn't ordinarily have any Army e-mail address, such as when they are in-between assignments or in jobs that don't provide regular Internet access.

# Laundry services on Fort Riley changed

The laundry services have changed.

The Department of the Army has directed that all quartermaster laundries be privatized. Thus, Fort Riley's quartermaster laundry ceased operation March 27.

"I'm not going to be given funds in the future to subsidize the laundry," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley in a January press conference.

"This is a tough issue because many families pinch pennies and we may hurt them by not subsidizing the laundry, but I have to think about the future of soldiers and their families," he said, referring to allocating the money toward other services and training on Fort Riley.

Those patrons who have per-

## Pilot program underway

The 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery and the 70th Engineer Battalion have begun a pilot cycle training schedule. Duty hours for these battalions will be from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with PT from 4:30 p.m. In support of this training schedule, the Custer Hill morning PT barricades have been moved to Drum Street from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The 4th Bn., 1st FA POC is Capt. McCollor at 239-4316 and the 70th Eng. Bn. POC is 1st Lt. Hoendel at 239-5507.

## Facility reopens May 15

The Hazardous Waste Storage Facility at DRMO has closed for repairs and is not be accepting hazardous waste.

The concrete pad at the HWSF is scheduled to be resealed at this time, the resealing insures that if a spill were to occur the material will be contained and not permeate into the soil below. The HWSF is anticipated to reopen May 15.

For more information, call John Shimp at 239-8436 or Bob Jpdyke at 239-2385.

sonal items in the laundry (Bldg. 183) should pick their items up no later than April 15. Organizational items such as TA-50 can be picked up at Bldg. 229, the old commissary.

All units, organizations and individuals requiring laundry service (TA-50, guest housing, DCA, Honor Guard, etc.) should turn in items to Bldg. 229.

Because the new operation will

not accept personal clothing items, such items can be taken to the AAFES facility on post or to dry cleaners off post.

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# Briefs

## Big Sale Planned

The Fort Riley Commissary is having a four-hour "Welcome Home" sale April 16, from 4-9 p.m.

## Meeting Planned

Fort Riley's Ready Now Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will hold its monthly meeting and luncheon on April 10 from noon-1 p.m., in the Fort Riley Sports USA game room. All current or future members are invited to attend this open event.

The Noncommissioned Officers Association is a congressionally chartered, fraternal, benevolent, patriotic association of non-commissioned and petty officers from all branches of the Armed Forces and Guard and Reserve components. Fort Riley's Ready Now chapter has sponsored many in post activities including Operation Santa Clause and the Special Olympics. For additional information contact Dan Elder at (785) 17-3009.

## Youth Volunteers

The Fort Riley Chapter of the American Red Cross is looking for youth volunteers ages 14 to 18, who would like to help their community and learn something in the process, while fulfilling community service requirements for school. Volunteers will have the opportunity to work at Irwin Army Community Hospital and other areas on Fort Riley. If you would like to be a member of the team, please come and sign up at the Fort Riley Red Cross office. The office is now located in the Soldier/Family Support Center, Bldg. 7264, on Custer Hill. It is very important that you bring your parents, as they must sign for their permission for you to work in the presence of a Red Cross worker. You may not take the forms home to bring back later. The office will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, call Anita Watson at 762-4145, or Sharon Rose at the Red Cross office, 239-1887.

## Wall Comes to Salina

Run For The Wall was started in 1989 as an effort by a couple of Vietnam Veterans who traveled across the Heartland of America on motorcycles to promote awareness that we have thousands of men and women still unaccounted for from all of our wars. Every May, the group leaves California and travels to Washington, D.C., to arrive at the Vietnam Memorial on Memorial Day. Participants join the group all along the way and it has grown over the years to two routes. The Central Route tops in Salina, Kan. on May 19, in Thomas Park.

The group will arrive between 5-6 p.m. There are usually 250 motorcycles and 15-20 trail vehicles. The group leaves Salina about 8 a.m. May 20 and hits Marshall Army Air Field about 9-10:15 a.m. Each year well wishers with flags gather on the overpass to recognize the group as it goes by. This year, the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be in Salina, May 13-19, with displays and programs every night. On May 17 there will be a special program for women veterans. Anyone requesting more information can contact Bonnie Templeon at 239-3382/776-4305.

## Class Offered

An Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations class will be offered on April 10, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Bldg. 7856.

Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 for enrollment.

DOD 4525.6-M, Vol II, DOD Postal Manual, requires each commander who has a unit mailroom to appoint a unit postal officer and alternate unit postal officer. Each mailroom must also have a primary unit mail clerk and at least two alternates but no more than three.

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 of OJT is required. Testing will be done on an appointment basis by calling 239-

involved in mail handling duties, then they must have a minimum of 20 days OJT and will have to take the unit mail test.

Prior to rotations, commanders should ensure they have sufficient personnel appointed to perform necessary mail handling duties. For more information, call 239-5411.

## Employee Recognized

On March 19, Reed Scott, Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation director, was appointed by Manhattan Mayor Bruce Snead to the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The purpose of the Board is to consider actions, improvements and construction of public park and recreation facilities and the institution of new programs in the recreational system. These recommendations are then presented to the City Commission.

Recognized by the National Recreation and Park Association as a Certified Park and Recreational professional, Scott has developed a partnership with Manhattan through membership in the Kansas Parks and Recreation Association. Scott has worked as a civilian employee at Fort Riley for 19 years.

## Reunion planned

The 547th Engineer Battalion Association is holding its 16th annual reunion Aug. 1-4, in Fort Mitchell, Ky. Active duty, retired and honorably discharged personnel are welcome to attend. Please call Nelson Reinhart at 513-752-8545 or Ursula Allen at 253-582-4649 for more details.

## Short Staffed

On the week of May 20-24, 1st Finance will be short staff due to Red Cycle and Spring Clean-up. There may be a long wait for service.

On June 12, the finance office will be closed due to a training holiday.

For more information, call 239-9729.

## Earth Day observed

On April 20, the 5th Annual Ol' Bill's Earth Day Stampede and 3rd Annual Outdoor Recreation Open House, will take place. Events include a 5K, Rucksack Unit Challenge Race starting at 8 a.m., a 10K Race starting at 8:30 a.m., a 2-Mile Adults and Kids Bike Rally starting at 11 a.m. and 5-Mile Volksmarch starting at Sports USA, from noon until 3 p.m.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Commissary, Post Exchange, Outdoor Recreation Center, Sports USA, and the gyms on post.

For more information, contact William Brooks at 239-6493 or Jim Westerhaus at 239-2172.

## Community Life Softball

Registration for Community Life Softball season rund through April 14.

The registration fee is \$175 per team.

For more information contact Billy Mack, 239-3764.

## Home Schooling

People interested in the Military Families Home School Group should contact Lisa Mason, at 784-2799 or Krista Persing 784-7576.

- April Activities include:
  - Tomorrow, 10 a.m. - Book Club - St Mary's Chapel
  - April 12, 9 a.m. - Quilting Project - St. Mary's Chapel
  - April 15, 5 p.m. - Chess Club - Garrison home
  - April 18, 10 a.m. - Fish Hatchery and Nature Center Field Trip (Don't forget a sack lunch).
  - April 26, 9 a.m. - Art and Science Project - St. Mary's Chapel

## The Shoppe News

The Shoppe is full of Spring inventory. The many crafters displaying their works in The Shoppe have been busy making new items. The Shoppe continues to carry antiques, watercolors of different scenes at Fort Riley, lots of Americana, hand made pottery, wreaths, and numerous wood

crafting items. The Shoppe is located in Bldg 259, on Stuart Ave. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Call 785-239-2783 for more information..

## Outdoor Rec Open House

The 3rd Annual Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Open House is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 20. The Open House will feature equipment exhibits, area vendor displays and information about fishing and hunting at Fort Riley and in the region. The Outdoor Recreation Center, located at 9011, Rifle Range Road, Camp Forsyth.

## Ceremony Announced

The annual Fort Riley Volunteer Recognition Ceremony has been scheduled for Monday, April 22, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center. The ceremony will kickoff Volunteer Recognition Week April 22-26.

## Use ICE

Tell us what you think! Use ICE to provide feedback on a wide range of services provided at Fort Riley. The ICE system has grown since we implemented it in November, 2001. You can now comment on recreational, educational, training, housing, guest lodging, shopping, military finance, dining facilities, information management, facility maintenance, logistical and personnel support services. There are currently 109 services on which you can comment and we are continuing to add new areas for your feedback on a regular basis. Your feedback helps to insure that we deliver quality services through-

out the installation. You can access ICE to make your comments by clicking on the ICE logo on the Fort Riley Homepage (www.riley.army.mil) or by going to the main ICE Homepage at http:ice.disa.mil and clicking on Fort Riley. ICE can be accessed from ANY computer with internet access. Your questions or suggestions regarding ICE should be directed to the Strategic Planning Office, phone 239-2540 or e-mail SPO@riley.army.mil.

## Fire Department Calls

The Fort Riley Fire Department responded to a trash can fire at Bldg. 6914 at 12:32 p.m., March. 27. The fire was put out with a fire extinguisher. There were no damages.

The Fort Riley Fire Department responded to family housing

for an individual that was bleeding and going into shock at 6:26 p.m. on March 22. Fire department and Fort Riley ambulance personnel treated the patient. The patient was transported to Irwin Army Community Hospital.

The Fire Dept. responded to family housing for a baby having difficulty breathing 10:42 a.m., March 27. Fire Dept. Personnel applied oxygen and took the patients medical history. The scene was turned over to Fort Riley ambulance personnel.

Fort Riley Fire Department personnel responded to a downed power line by Quarters 3150-3 at 9:41 a.m. on March 24. The line had fallen across the street. Fire department personnel barricaded around the bare wire and notified lic Works.

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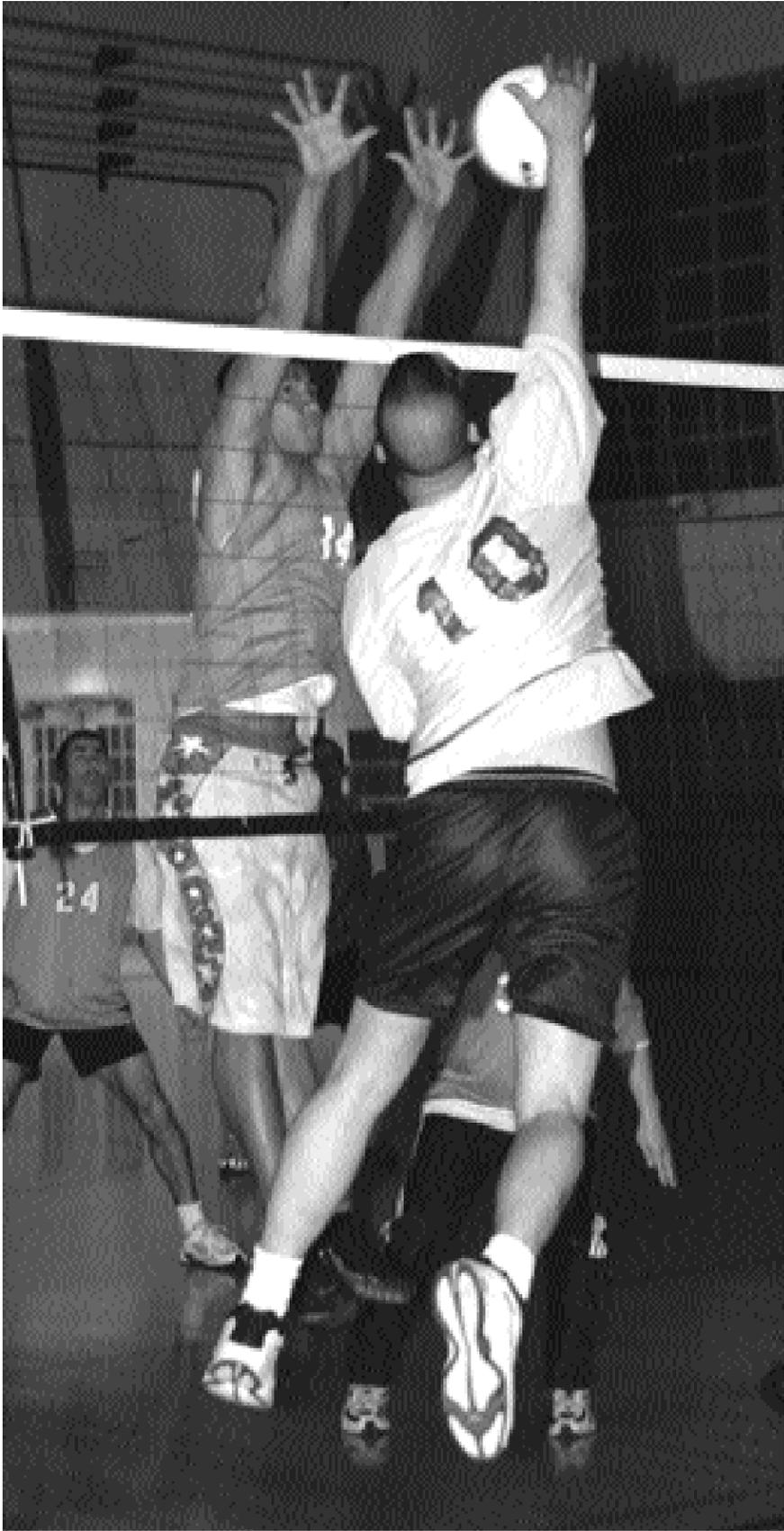
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# Fort Riley Sports



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Richard Foster, 924th Military Police Battalion, spikes the ball as Joseph Nancy, 1st Finance Battalion, attempts to make the block. Foster and Nancy would meet at the net multiple times in the MPs' 2-0 victory over Finance.

## Volleyball

### MPs spike Finance in two sets

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

As Kansas was hit once again with cold, crisp air, the action heated up inside King Field House Tuesday with high-flying volleyball action.

In a game, which featured huge spikes from both teams, 1st Finance Battalion gave the 924th Military Police Battalion a tough battle. However, they fell in two sets (25-20, 25-19) as the MPs kept their perfect season in tact.

"We worked hard and as long as we stopped their big man, we felt we could be successful," said Richard Foster of the MPs. "We had a good serving game also."

As in any sport, volleyball has strategy. The MPs tried to be

aggressive when Joseph Nancy wasn't near the net. They knew Finance didn't have much size and they took advantage.

"When the big man was up front, they had a great net game," said Foster after the game. "The guy can hit the ball from any where upfront. Once he went to the back, all we had to do was basically move to the back and wait for the ball."

Foster, and teammate Richard Casiano, both said after the game, their serving is their strong point.

"We get all of our serves in, and it is a big advantage," said Casiano.

"If we get our serves in, then we have nothing to worry about," said Foster. "We can then just sit back and wait for the ball to come back over the net for good hit-

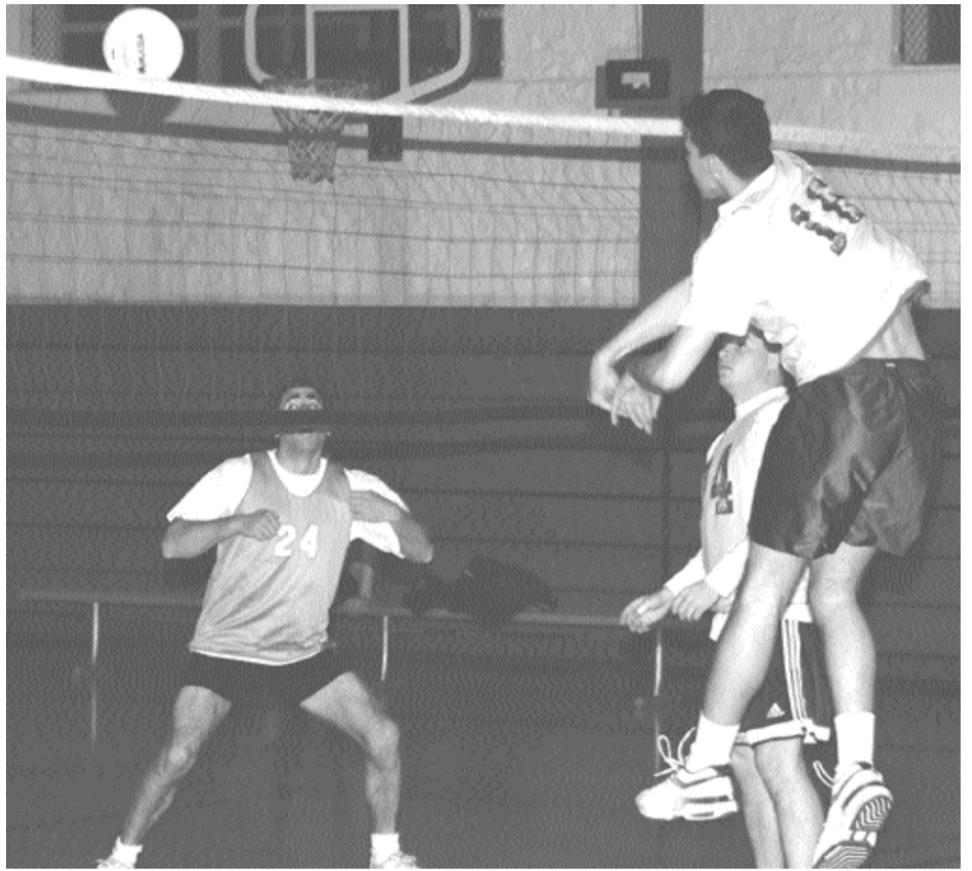
ters." For some teams, improving is always on their minds.

"We don't really know how good of a team we have because, some of the competition hasn't been the best," said Foster. "If we can get our serves in and our hitting is as good as it has been these first few games, then we shouldn't have any problem."

As the MPs roll along with their undefeated season, Finance looks to bounce back Monday against 1st Battalion, 34th Armor at 6 p.m.

The MPs take a week off, and they continue their season April 17 against 596th Signal Company.

The eight-team league prepares for the post-season tournament April 26-28.



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Richard Casiano, 924th MP, slams a ball into 1st Finance's court. Casiano and Richard Foster sent a barrage of hard-hit spikes over the net. The MPs would stay perfect on the season with their win Tuesday.

## Morels: Tasty little fungus found in woodlands

By Gibran Sulieman  
Wildlife Biologist

With the long awaited arrival of spring in its way also come dreams of monster spring gobblers, stringers full of crappie and sacks full of morel mushrooms.

Although many people are unfamiliar with the art of mushroom hunting, morel hunting has quite a following. The morel, genus *Morchella*, is a highly sought-after fungus due to its exquisite taste. Many will argue there is no other mushroom that can beat it, in fact many restaurants will pay top dollar to mushroom hunters in order to be able to run a dinner special featuring morels. For a week or two this spring the woodlands on Fort Riley will have thousands of morels

grow in Kansas, many are toxic to ingest and can even kill you. According to the 1999 Annual Report of the North American Mycological Association Mushroom Poisoning Case Registry, there were 105 human cases of mushroom poisonings reported that year. Two of those were fatal! It is always recommended that when eating a wild mushroom to first take a small nibble and to wait 24 hours before consuming more. There is an old saying amongst mushroom collectors that says: "There are old mushroom hunters and there are bold mushroom hunters, but there are no old, bold mushroom hunters."

There are also many field guides on mushrooms available. One good book for this region is "A Guide to Kansas Mushrooms" written by Bruce Horn, Richard Kay and Dean Able.

There are no set rules to follow when looking for morels since they show up in many places. However timing is very

important. Every seasoned mushroom hunter has his or her own theories on where to search for morels. A good start for beginners would be to look for morels around dead elm trees or cottonwoods along creeks or rivers. But keep in mind that they can be found growing almost anywhere. Sometimes you might find a lone morel, where as other times you might find dozens upon dozens.

You do not need any permits to collect morels on Fort Riley. You do however need to make sure any area you access is open for non-consumptive use and you have a natural

washed well and cooked. One of the simplest ways is to simply sauté them in butter and add a little bit of seasoning. Many people prefer to bread them, while others will stuff them. Whichever way you decide to prepare them, it is wise not to over-indulge. Even though the morel is not toxic, like many things, it can make you sick if you eat too much.

Hunting for morel mushrooms is a favorite pastime for many of those who have tried it. Even if you don't find many being out tromping through the woods in springtime is reward enough. Like with all outdoor activities you embark on, please make an effort to take a young person along on your adventures. It is crucial that responsible sportsman serve as role models for young children

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## Commentary

# SOCCER: Rodney Dangerfield of sporting world

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

It's the most played sport throughout the entire world, and it's also one of the oldest.

So, why don't Americans embrace soccer like other people throughout the world?

I looked at some of the possible reasons why.

Maybe because the sport wasn't created in America, or just the fact that the rest of the world is better at the sport than we are here.

We Americans don't like to be second best to anyone!

Maybe, it's because most of the exciting matches are played overseas.

Point in case, The English Premier League is probably the best league in the world.

Some of the best players from all over the world come to play in the league.

The United States version of this, is Major League Soccer, but it hasn't quite hit the soccer world like the EPL has.

Even with coverage on such channels as ESPN and ABC, the MLS doesn't have the fan base as the EPL or other leagues.

Not only those, but the fans in England, Brazil, Argentina and Mexico, live and die for their soccer.

For example, the 1969 Soccer War between Honduras and El Salvador was fueled by a soccer game.

Also, fans in England getting trampled and there have also been many cases of unruly fans all over the world at different games.

They just see the game differently.

Could you imagine if a war broke out between the states of New York and Massachusetts over a Yankee, Red Sox game?

It's absolutely unreal. The passion and support these fans give their teams cannot be equaled to any sport we play.

To equal the international soccer fan, you would have to mix Southeastern Conference Football Fans, Philadelphia sports fans and Cleveland Brown and Oakland Raider fans and roll them into one.

They would get passion of the sport from the SEC football fans, the wild, uncontrollable actions from the Philly fans and hatred of the opposition from those Brown and Raider fans.

As a matter of fact, we don't get as emotional over any sport here, but it is probably a good thing.

You would figure a sport where only a ball and a net are needed to play would be more popular.

Look at the most popular sports here.

Baseball, you need a \$100 bat, \$60-\$100 cleats, \$80 glove.

Football, you need pads and a helmet, which costs tons of money.

Basketball, you need \$100 basketball shoes and Golf, you need \$1000 set of clubs and balls, which are three, four dollars a piece.

Soccer, you could play with a worn out ball and cleats and kick the ball into a small trash can if you had to.

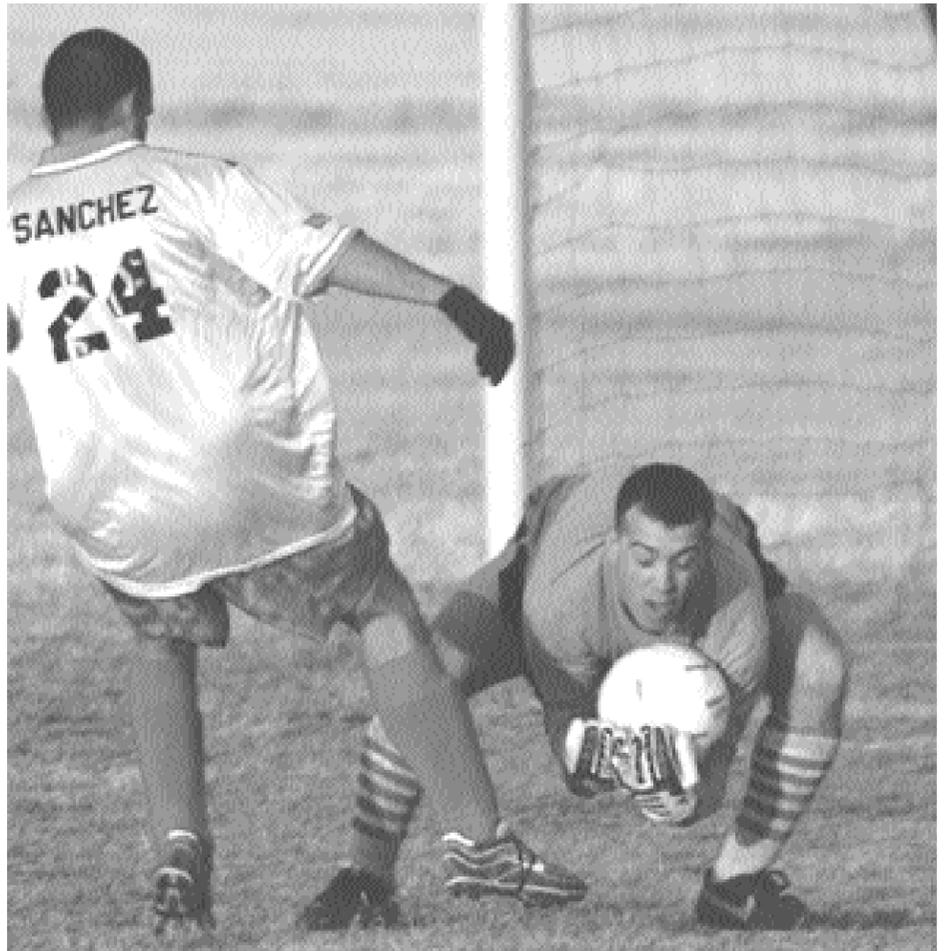
I know, most of us played stickball in the streets or played in the sandlot with a worn out baseball and a crusty old glove, but once you get into upper ages, those sports become expensive.

Trust me, I had my brand new bat and brand new cleats year after year, and they weren't cheap!

I never played soccer, never kicked a ball, never scored a goal, but I know a pure sport when I see one.

Soccer is starting to gain popularity at early ages. Plus, it is played by millions of children throughout the U.S., but for some reason at later ages they lose interest.

Maybe as sport fans we should give soccer a chance to become part of our culture instead of during the Olympics and World Cup.



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**Goalies play a significant part of the game of soccer. They are the only thing standing in the way of the ball and the back of the net. Tuesday at Infantry Parade Field, this MEDDAC goalie makes a save in their 4-1 loss to 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery.**

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# Fort Riley Community



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Anxious children ages 4 and 5 run with their parents to snag their Easter eggs Sunday at the Third-Annual Easter Egg Hunt held behind Riley's Conference Center. The Easter bunny left 4,000 eggs for children to find. The Army and Air Force Exchange and Burger King sponsored the egg hunt and hid prizes in some of the eggs. Along with the Easter Egg Hunt, children had a chance to meet the Easter Bunny and have their faces painted as bunnies.

## IACH Briefs

### Breast-feeding Classes At IACH

The Women and Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free Breast-feeding classes on the third Tuesday of each month. A dietician will address the nutritional requirements for breast-feeding moms and a Breast-feeding Educator will talk about the advantages of breast-feeding and how to prepare for successful nursing. Breast-feeding techniques, troubleshooting advice, and where to find support will also be offered. Classes are held in the Obstetrics classroom on the third floor from 1- 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Capt. Diana Seuss at 239-7434.

### New OB Class Meets Tuesdays

The New OB Class is held every Tuesday morning, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., in Ward 3B of Irwin Army Community Hospital.

A positive pregnancy test is required before scheduling your attendance of the class.

Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier or military dependent are welcome to attend.

Expectant mothers will be introduced to the IACH OB/GYN staff members; fill out their OB charts, review medical and genetic history with an OB/GYN staff member, and will also be provided information on available resources offered on the Fort Riley post or local communities. The new class is not a labor and delivery class.

To schedule your attendance of the class, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or dial the toll-free number 1-888-874-9378.

### Pregnancy Physical Training

Pregnancy Physical Training is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on the basketball court at Long Fitness Center, from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

The program is designed to serve the special needs of the pregnant soldier by providing appropriate physical training and a health education program. Pregnancy PT supports the Fort Riley units by offering consistent health guidance for pregnant soldiers.

Every Tuesday, is an hour-long education program, which is held in the Education Bay, fourth floor of Irwin Army Community Hospital from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Short presentations by health care staff members cover a variety of topics, such as infant car seats; skincare during pregnancy, and the common discomforts of pregnancy.

## Commissary mission is service

By Bonnie Powell

DeCa

You're ready to serve your country. Your commissary is ready to serve you.

"That's our most important mission," says Defense Commissary Agency Director Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr. "Commissaries are an essential part of the worldwide military community, and that's just one of the messages we want to deliver to our service members during Commissary Awareness Month in May."

Actually, every month is commissary awareness month at DeCA.

"Commissaries are a military benefit offering grocery savings of more than 30 percent," says Courter. "Our store directors have been working hard to deliver the good news to the entire military

community, from single service members to families, from retirees to Guard and Reserve members." Savings for a family of four shopping regularly in the commissary can amount to over \$2,400 per year.

"We also want to communicate the message that we are a part of readiness - a core element of military family support," says Courter. "We enable military families to be assigned worldwide with active duty members, and we impact quality of life, retention, and a sense of community. Consistent delivery of U.S. grocery products and great prices worldwide are what we are all about."

Commissaries continue to be a focal point of the military community in 2002, just as they have been for over 135 years, and the biannual Commissary Customer Satisfaction Survey rates customer satisfaction higher than

ever. DeCA, formed in 1991 from the separate commissary systems, is celebrating its 10th year of existence as an agency, but it's still changing, evolving, and striving for improvements.

"Yes, we have a long tradition behind us, but we haven't stopped seeking a higher standard," says Courter. "Our stores now offer the freshest produce at great prices, unbeatable deals on fresh meats and we've developed the Best Value Item and Manager's Specials programs to offer even lower prices. We've also streamlined our operations to control costs, while increasing savings and improving customer service."

Commissaries have been listening and responding to customer feedback through focus groups and the "Your Action Line" program.

As a result, conveniences such as short-term parking, more

express lanes, Grab 'n' Go and quick meal sections, express lunches and have been added to stores.

Many commissaries will "strut their stuff" by planning outreach activities and tours during Commissary Awareness Month. And "Serving Up Savings," a brand new outreach video about commissary shopping, will make its debut along with "Click 'n' Save," a video that helps increase awareness of the commissary Web site and how authorized shoppers can use it to save money.

DeCA will also be announcing recipients in the 2002 "Scholarships for Military Children" program in May. "The scholarship program is just one more way we have become more essential in the lives of military families," says Courter. "Nearly 400 scholarships were awarded in 2001 and that number will grow this year."

## ITR

**WORLDS OF FUN** - A thrilling new ride that lets passengers experience tumbling and unique and exhilarating. ThunderHawk swings back and forth in a cradle-like motion until enough momentum takes riders over the top to a height of approximately 6 stories.

At the same time pendulum movements from short pendulum arms rock and loop for complete inversions. Thrill-seekers will find the new attraction's unusual, exhilarating ride an exciting addition to the Mamba's 75-mile-per-hour, 205-foot-drop and the Boomerang's 12-story corkscrew scream machine. Worlds of Fun continue to offer a total family entertainment experience, from

May and June.

**UNIVERSAL ORLANDO** - is pleased to announce their "Heroes Salute" program. Complimentary admission into Universal, Island of Adventure, and Wet 'n Wild on a 4-Day pass are valid 7 days from first day of visit. Family and friends may purchase this ticket at a 50 percent discount. Active duty military personnel, reservists and national guard may choose free admission on a one-day, one-park, two-day, two-park or three-day, two-park pass.

Family and friends may choose one of these passes at a 50 percent discount off the gate admission. These offers are available at the front gate only and for one time only and ends 30 April.

val June 26-30, in Manhattan. The weekend is fun filled and action packed with great performers, fantastic food, colorful crafts, and much, much more! Top performers will include Lonestar, Alan Jackson, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith and more. ITR now taking discount orders now for one-day at \$32 and three-day for \$62 and a \$5 handling fee per order. Gate prices will be \$40 and \$75 respectively.

**DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS** are available for Carmike Theater in Manhattan and Westside Twin in Junction City at discounts. Buy several as they can be used within a year of purchase.

**SKI COLORADO** - Looking for the perfect Colorado mountain

ter Park. Can anything top their mountain? Probably not, but their lodging and lift packages make Winter Park more affordable than ever. ITR will assist you with "Ski Colorado" packaging for Winter Park, Keystone/Breckenridge, Sol Vista Golf & Ski Ranch and Vail. Discounted military lift tickets are now available.

**UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD MILITARY "HEROES SALUTE"** - Universal Studios Hollywood is pleased to announce that a very special promotion is being launched for our military community through April 30. Active duty military personnel will receive complimentary admission into Universal Studios

# April, child abuse prevention month

By Kevin Doheny

Staff Writer

Children. They are the future of America. They are the next presidents, football stars, actors and actresses.

Most will grow up and develop the skills they need in order to be the best they can be. However, sometimes issues can hinder their developing process.

This month America joins hands to make everyone aware of child abuse and neglect prevention.

According to a United States Department of Health and Human Services Report in April of 2001, child abuse has been on the decline. In 1999, there were almost three million case referrals of possible maltreatment. Of the 10.4 percent, which were investigated, 826,000 victims were victims of abuse or neglect.

"We are encouraged by the continuing decline in the number of children who are maltreated, but so many children are suffering," said HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson. "We will continue to encourage states to do everything they can do to prevent child abuse and neglect."

Fort Riley joins the rest of the country in educating people about National Child Abuse and Neglect Month. Throughout the month, celebrations and many other events will be held.

"April is not only Child Abuse Prevention Month, but it is also Month of the Military Child," said Santos Bonilla, Family Advocacy Program manager at the Family Support Center. "Also, the second week in April is Week of the Young Child. We just enjoy celebrating the joys and wonders of childhood throughout the month of April."

Some of the big events going

on throughout April are tomorrow, at the Municipal Building in Junction City. There will be a celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"This is the first year we are going to have rides," said Michele Mitchell, Family Advocacy representative. "We are also going to have free food. It's going to be a special event."

Also, April 27, at the Teen Center, there will be another big celebration from 1 - 5 p.m.

"This celebration will be similar to the one tomorrow, but it will be just here on post," said Mitchell.

Mitchell also said the importance of the prevention is the responsibility of every adult in the community.

"We need to make sure the welfare of every child is being taken care of," said Mitchell. "We have to all be advocates of children and look out for their well being."

The Family Advocacy Program

does a multitude of things to help out with children on Fort Riley, and their families.

"I teach a child safety class twice per week at School Aide Services here," she said. "I talk about the 17 lures, which a predator could use to abduct a child. They seem to respond very well to the classes."

All month long there will be classes and events around post to make awareness of child abuse well known.

"Everyone should come out and enjoy the two celebrations tomorrow and April 27," said Mitchell. "Over 17 community agencies from Fort Riley and Junction City have joined together to ensure the success of these celebrations. I just want to stress the love and safety of our children should always be a top priority. We must always act as advocates for the well being of each and every child."

## Law Day activities planned

Law Day Activities Planned Law Day is an annual celebration sponsored by the American Bar Association each year on May 1, to educate the public on aspects of the law and to celebrate the freedoms the law allows us. This year the theme is "Assuring Equal Justice for All."

The Fort Riley Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is sponsoring several events in conjunction with Law Day. The first is a poster contest involving fifth grade students from Fort Riley schools. Attorneys from the office will be speaking to the fifth graders the week of April 15, about this year's theme.

According to Capt. Jay Hollingsworth, Law Day officer-in-charge, "the students will be asked to create a poster that demonstrates what 'Assuring Equal Justice for All' means to them."

Posters will be due on April 26. The winners will be announced on May 1, Law Day. The overall winner will receive a \$100 savings bond.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation and an award for their entry.

The office is also sponsoring the Ninth Annual Law Day Golf Tournament at Custer Hills Golf Course.

"We are anticipating 120 participants to play in the tournament which is a four-person scramble this year," said Hollingsworth. "The first place foursome will receive individual trophies. Prizes will also be awarded for closest to the pin, men's and ladies' longest drive, longest putt, and hole-in-one. Door prize drawings will be conducted as well."

Hollingsworth said the poster contest and the golf tournament will give people an opportunity to think about Law Day and its theme.

## Abe Lincoln visits school

Students of Fort Riley Elementary will learn more about Abe Lincoln April 11 when Homer S. Sewell III will visit their school. He will tell the children about Lincoln's life from the 'log cabin to the White House.' Sewell will be at the school from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. His visit is being sponsored by the Fort Riley Historical Society and Fort Riley Elementary PTA. Parents are invited to attend.

Sewell stresses to students that life can be hard but to reach for your dreams. He portrays Lincoln saying, "If a big, tall, ugly guy like me can make it past all that sadness: from my mom, sister, girlfriend, father and two sons dying, all those store failures, all those political failures . . . one right after another, Marfan's disease on top of all of that . . . without ever giving up . . . and going on to become President of this great country of our . . . don't you ever give up! Life can't ever be as hard on you as it was on me! Be a dreamer, a stargazer, a rainbow-chaser and soar with the eagles! Don't ever give up!"

## RV lot gate automated

The new automated gate at the Recreational Vehicle Storage Lot in Camp Forsyth has begun operation. Soldiers who are currently assigned spaces in the lot may report to the Self Help Store on that date to receive a card key. When held in front of the black "sensor" box at the entrance of the lot, the card will activate the gate to unlock and slide open. After a vehicle has passed over and cleared the magnetic sensors in the pavement, the gate will automatically close. Vehicles leaving the lot must pass over a marked area, which also contains a sensor. The Self-Help Store hours beginning April 1 are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday and noon - 7 p.m. on Thursday, and 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays and the store is closed on Monday. Active duty soldiers who desire a space in the lot may fill out a request at the Self Help Store.

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# More Briefs

## Volunteers needed

Vacation Bible School needs volunteers for two joint Catholic and Protestant morning sessions: one 17-21 and June 24-28.

We need both adult and student volunteers (middle school or older). Contact Jackie at 784-3210 if interested."

## Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop will be open tomorrow, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., with consignments accepted from 10 a.m. - noon. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Consignments are taken on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and on open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - noon.

The shop is located in Bldg. #67 on Stuart Avenue near the stables.

Volunteers are needed during business hours to help tag and put locations on the shelves. Child reimbursement is available.

Please call 784-3874 for more information. The Thrift Shop e-mail address is [thrift@oz-online.net](mailto:thrift@oz-online.net), for customer questions or concerns.

## Moms Club announced

MOMS Club of East Manhattan is a non-profit club designed for stay-at-home moms (or dads).

It provides moms with an opportunity to interact with one another while their children participate in various daytime activities all-month. Most events are for moms and their children to participate together during the day, while some are especially for moms with optional child-care available. Children are welcome at all activities. About one third of the membership consists of military wives stationed at Fort Riley. A monthly business meeting is held the 3rd Friday of each month at 0930 at First Christian Church (not affiliated), Manhattan. Annual dues are \$18, but try it out without obligation. For more info contact Lisa Schwarz, (785)587-8069.

## NAF job fairs set

The NAF personnel division will sponsor job fairs at Riley's Conference Center on the following dates:

April 17	Aug. 21,
May 15	Sept. 18
June 26	Oct. 16
July 24	Nov. 13
	Dec. 11

Applications will be accepted from 9 - 9:45 a.m., for immediate vacancies in Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities. Interviews will begin at 10:15 a.m. with job offers made as selections are made.

Contact the Fort Riley CPAC NAF office at (785) 239-2325 for additional information.

## Asian Pacific Month Program

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor Fort Riley's celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month on May 8, at Riley's Conference Center from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The theme for this year's observance is "Unity in Freedom". Please join us as we celebrate in remembrance of contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The program is free and open to all soldiers, their families, civilian employees, and the surrounding communities. For more information, please contact your Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor or the Fort Riley EO Office at 239-2928.

## OCSC Spring Bazaar, Car Show

One stop shopping for fun and games, shopping and much more. The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilian' Spouses' Club is sponsoring its annual Spring Bazaar tomorrow from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Marshall Army Air Field Hangar 817.

Come out and have a great day shopping and visiting with the community. This year an added treat for all car buffs! There will

also be a car show! April 6. Come out and see the Kansas Speed Way Pace Car and much more. Suggested donation for entry is one dollar for both events. Opportunity drawings held hourly. Lots of food, fun and fantastic shopping for families and singles alike. Strollers welcome, but not pets please. Open to the public. To volunteer or make inquiries about the event call Amy at 565-0228.

## Spring Carnival

Fort Riley Elementary School will host its Fort Riley Elementary Spring Carnival April 20 from 4-7 p.m. There will be refreshments, games, entertainment and many other activities. For ticket information call 784-5529.

## Christian Musician Needed

The Contemporary Protestant Service that meets at Normandy Chapel needs a lead guitar player for their praise and worship band.

The service meets on Sundays at 11 a.m.; practices are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. If interested, call Chaplain Paulson at 239-3436, if there is no answer, please leave a message.

## Club Beyond

Club Beyond and Club Beyond JV are designed for high school and middle school youth, respectively. These meetings include a Christian devotional and the three "F's" of youth ministry: food, fun and friends. Club Beyond meets Sunday nights and CBJV meets Friday nights. Both clubs meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel on Main Post. The mission of Club Beyond and CBJV is to develop meaningful relationships with military dependent youth, to lead youth into relationships with Christians and with Christ, to help youth grow in Christian faith and to involve youth in Christian service.

High School and Middle School students are invited to join in cleaning up the wetland wildlife habitat in Junction City, April 27, for its dedication. For more information, contact Don Ericson, Club Beyond Director, at 238-4436 or [dericson@nqks.com](mailto:dericson@nqks.com). You can check out Club Beyond

on the web at [www.nqks.com/clubbeyond](http://www.nqks.com/clubbeyond).  
**Cancer Support**

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is set for April 3, at 6 p.m. at Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic. Military service members, their family members and Department of Army Civilians are welcome.

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