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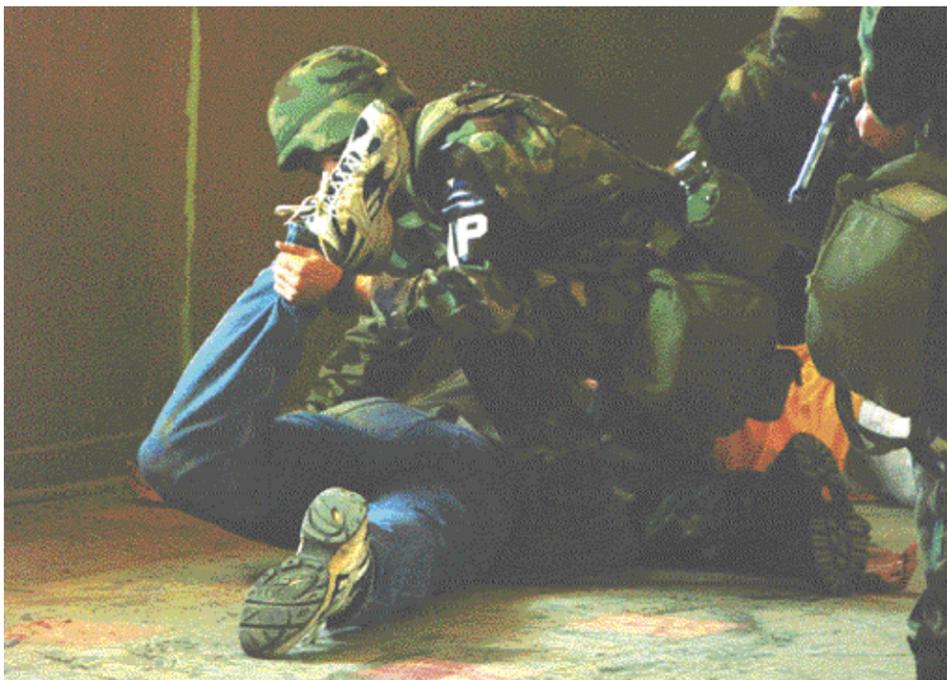
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Fort Riley Post



The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses Club Spring Bazaar took place last weekend. See highlights on page 9.

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A military policeman from the 300th Military Police Company restrains a suspect in a simulated training exercise held recently.

MOUT 300th MP Company trains

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

Certain situations call for certain actions.

In situations which call for extreme actions, a person must be trained and prepared for whatever situation may arise.

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, more and more security precautions have been implemented to try to stop terrorists from creating more dangerous situations. Even though measures were in place before 9-11, more and more time and effort have been put into place to ensure security.

The 300th Military Police Company knows this as well as anyone.

"This type of training has been

in the MP doctrine for many years now," said SSgt. Thomas Cook, of the 300th MPs. "We have recently been concentrating on the urban environment."

Local MPs conducted Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain Training March 25-29, at Camp Forsyth, where they practiced cordon and search training.

"We trained in two types of things, cordoning off an area and actual MPs coming in and searching an area," said Cook.

Cook also said part of the MPs' role in situations like the ones they were training in, which was set up to be an airport terminal, is to be as swift and as tactical as possible. They secure the area and then handle the problem, or problems, as needed.

The role of the MPs in this type of training has increased since the

attacks of Sept. 11.

"The majority of the MP training has been more involved, since the attacks, with different scenarios," said Cook. "This training allows the soldiers to be more proficient as a team. It also allows them to use their training from the past along with allowing them to think on their feet."

During the scenario with the airport terminal, a few of the soldiers from the unit dressed as everyday civilians to make the scenario as real as possible. During the scenario, the "civilian" soldiers acted as if they were in a hostage situation.

"We acted in many situations, from finding weapons to finding anthrax in hostage situations,"

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Vehicle turn-in takes priority at National Training Center

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, Calif. - As their National Training Center rotation comes to an end, Fort Riley soldiers begin one of the final steps in coming home -- vehicle turn in. "Our mission is to conduct pre-quality control inspections prior to vehicle turn-in on the line," said Sgt. 1st Class Richard Rodriguez, noncommissioned officer in charge of the maintenance section, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

When soldiers come to NTC, their units often decide to borrow vehicles to use for getting around. Once they are done with the vehicle, the vehicle has to pass an

inspection before it can be turned back in. Soldiers who borrow the vehicles can not leave NTC until that vehicle passes the inspection.

"The biggest challenge is meeting the deadline," said Rodriguez.

At this point, the soldiers are ready to go home and nobody wants to stay longer because their vehicle can't pass inspection, explained Rodriguez.

Working with six mechanics and four fuelers, Rodriguez said that he and his staff work long hours to get the vehicles in shape.

"We come in at 7 a.m. and stay until 1 or 2 a.m.," he said.

"The day doesn't end until we've put in the last part for the day," said Spec. Nick Jackson, light wheel mechanic, HHC, 1st Brigade.

Despite the pressure and long hours, there are positives to working out here, said Rodriguez. "We get parts a lot quicker out here," he said, comparing NTC to Fort Riley. "Because of the pressure to go home, the [supply] stock is more on hand here."

Jackson said he appreciates the learning experience of working at NTC.

"I'm helping new mechanics, since I've been out here before," he said. "It's a great feeling. You know that you're teaching them something they'll pass on to someone else."

But the mechanics are not the only ones working on vehicles.

"I'm repairing the headlight myself—the small stuff," said Sgt. Arlo Seas, personnel admin-

istration specialist, HHC, 1st Brigade. "But the mechanics will fix the big stuff like replacing shackle rackets."

"The left hand turn signal was not working on my truck," said Sgt. William Joseph, 1st cook, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 101st Forward Support Battalion. "Once I get the parts, I'll fix it myself."

Since soldiers are responsible for their vehicle, it is ultimately their responsibility to make sure the vehicle passes inspection. The mechanics help as much as they can. "I didn't know a lot of the parts," said Seas. "But the mechanics helped me. The mechanics are busy, but once they have the time, they show you what's what."

For the soldiers and mechanics involved, getting a borrowed vehicle ready for turn in can be a long process with a lot of waiting in the sun with no shade. It's just vehicles and pavement. "A challenge working out here is the heat," said Jackson. "It can be tiring and stressful."

Soldiers try to make the most of their time though.

"I'm here from 7:30 a.m. until the evening," said Joseph. "To pass the time, I'm also assisting with the turn in of three other vehicles in my battalion."

"We try to order parts while we're in 'the box' so when we come here, we don't have to wait for parts," said Seas.

The soldiers said they did notice improvements over previ-

ous years.

"It's way better than last year," said Seas. "We were set up in the dirt last year. Now that we're set up on the pavement, it's easier to keep the vehicle clean after you wash it. Just working on the pavement is easier."

"They're (the turn-in personnel) pretty organized," said Joseph. "It's improved since I last turned in a vehicle in 1997. Last time, I was here until dark."

Rodriguez said he is happy with the performance of his crew.

"They're motivated and they know their job," he said.

"It's pretty exciting," said Jackson. Turning in a vehicle in good shape, you have a sense of pride that you're doing your job well out here," he said.

Fort Riley conducts memorial service for fallen soldiers

Gary Skidmore
Cmd Info Officer

When the seven soldiers fired the first volley of the 21-gun salute, mourners at Morris Hill Chapel cringed. They knew there would be two more volleys fired. However, with each "Ready, Aim, Fire," they tensed in anticipation of the next volley.

Then came the mournful notes of a bugler from outside the chapel. His tribute, echoing into the sanctuary, was all it took to bring tears to the mourners inside.

Soldiers and civilians gathered to pay tribute Thursday to three Fort Riley soldiers killed during a raining accident March 29 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

Sgt. Clifton J. Deckler, 22, of Shelton, Wash., Spec. Bobby L. Newton, 27 of New Orleans, La., and Pfc. Oscar Perez-Jimenez, 19, of West Covina, Calif., all from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, were killed when a 20mm mortar round exploded inside their M-1064 Mortar Carrier mortar track during a live fire exercise.

"These three men were great

memory of three of our fallen brothers. Some of you know them as trusted friends, loving family men or fellow soldiers," said Brinegar. "But, all of us know them as great warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice."

Next to Brinegar was a display memorializing the dead. In it were three M-16A2 rifles, turned upside down as if stuck into the ground. They were capped with three Kevlars and anchored with combat boots at the base of the display. A pair of soldiers' dog tags dangled from each rifle identifying the soldiers.

Brinegar gripped the podium as he eulogized his soldiers saying Deckler, Newton and Perez-Jimenez would not have wanted their deaths to hinder training.

"We have still have a duty to our country . . . we still have to put ourselves in harms way," said Brinegar. "This will be a true test of our leadership, a real enemy exists," he said.

After the memorial, Lt. Col. Bart Howard, 1st Brigade Combat Team rear detachment commander, said it's never easy to lose soldiers.

"We are trained to carry on," said Howard. "The same thing





NTC prepares soldiers to accomplish their missions

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

Dust and smoke rushed through the air. Blasts of M-16 rifles and .50-caliber machine guns competed with soldiers' shouts for air space. Soldiers eadied themselves in their foxholes as members of the medical team ran from fighting position to fighting position giving assistance where they could. Targets repre-

senting enemy soldiers and armored vehicles appeared out of nowhere. Planes flew over-head. For the average observer, it looked like total chaos, but for 1st Battalion Combat Team, this was the big moment, the grand finale to NTC. This was the Live Fire Exercise.

Just like a scene out of one of the recent war movies, 1st BCT engaged in the live fire exercise March 27 - 29 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

The exercise is called live fire because they use live training ammunition in a mock battle situation.

"We train just like we'd do it in war," said Capt. James Rogers, assistant plans officer, HHC, 1st BCT. Rogers served as a battle captain in the Tactical Operation Center at NTC.

"Four enemy vehicles passed through Red Lake," said Sgt. Joshua Demond, night vision and chemical maintenance supervisor,

Company B, 101st Forward Support Battalion. Demond continued to describe a scene from the exercise. "Fifteen minutes later the enemy dismounted. Our soldiers engaged the enemy. Our soldiers killed a lot of the enemy. Five minutes later planes were brought in. Two were shot down."

The enemy soldiers were represented by pop up targets.

"The pop up targets were spotted at 800 meters out," said Demond.

As the exercise progressed, the targets would move closer to simulate the enemy advancing, Demond explained.

During the three days, a lot of the time is spent planning the strategy. But when the battle begins, it is non-stop action.

Another aspect of the exercise, was conducting a defense in sector.

"One hundred percent of personnel take their fighting position around the perimeter," explained Demond. When this is done, the soldiers keep watch for the enemy.

While out participating in the exercise, soldiers' step outside of their normal duty to win the battle.

"I was a primary .50-caliber gunner in the defensive sector," said Spc. Jay Guillergan, computer and automated systems repair, Company B, 101st FSB.

Guillergan, who was a secondary gunner at NTC last year, said he trained on the weapon while in Kuwait.

Soldiers can be put out of the

exercise if they get injured or do something deemed unsafe by observer controllers. When this happens, a replacement is sent in or the remaining soldiers have to fight a man down.

Also, when soldiers were injured the medical or the combat life saver teams would be called in to treat casualties or evacuate them to be treated.

"The platoon sergeant was (simulated) killed and a replacement was brought in," Demond said. He explained that the soldiers wear Miles gear, a laser tag type of device, and when it goes off, that means the soldier is "killed."

The soldiers said the live fire exercise went well.

"We were told it was very successful," said Cpl. Robert Rogers, ammunition team chief, Co. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA. "We destroyed pretty much every target."

"We did very well. If it were the real enemy, we would have kept them off," said Demond.



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Soldiers of the 1st Brigade Combat Team ready themselves for the next battle at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. The brigade is returning home after more than a month in the desert.

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aid Sgt. George Greenway, who dressed as one of the civilians. "No matter how many times you train on something, you can always get better." During the week, the MPs learned and acted out many different scenarios, with different endings. "This training is much better than in a classroom," said PFC Adrainne Meier. "I feel it's better for everyone to get a chance to work together...."

Greenway said this is some of the best training they do because it is hands on training.

"During this certification, the soldiers actually get to lay hands on people and get a chance for it to be as real as possible. Instead of reading about it and talking about it, we get a chance to live it. The more opportunities we get to do this type of training, the better off we can be," Greenway said.

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Army compiling Noble Eagle oral history

by Spc. Edgar Gonzalez
WASHINGTON (Army News Service) - Military historians have been using tape recorders to interview survivors of the Sept. 11 Pentagon attack and those involved in the recovery operation.

"Those who don't understand history are doomed to repeat it," said Brig. Gen. John S. Brown, the Army's chief of military history. "Understanding past experiences gives us the priceless opportunity to do better. The September attacks will not be our last tragedies."

The Center of Military History has therefore embarked on the large-scale project of collecting as much information as possible regarding the attack and its aftermath. The historical offices of the other services, especially the Navy's, are paralleling the Army's collection effort, according to Stephen J. Lofgren, the chief of the Oral History Activity at CMH.

To assist the center in compiling the more than 1,000 testimonials, photographs, artifacts and other assorted items of historical

value, two military history detachments - the 305th Military History Detachment out of Pittsburgh and the 46th MHD out of Little Rock, Ark. - have been deployed here. The two are each made up of an administrative specialist, journalist and commander and have been combined to form an MHD Task Force.

"We are interviewing 'anyone with a story' from the Army population, military and civilian," said Lofgren.

And most everyone does have a story.

"Some interviews are packed with invaluable lessons learned," said Capt. George K. Dover, the 46th MHD's commander. "And others are more about what happened, what they did. Those are the interviews that can get pretty overwhelming - seeing the expressions in the soldier's eyes as they describe their missions, why they did them, and the things they saw. Sometimes it's sobering, sometimes it's sad, but it's always inspirational."

Interviewees often have to be encouraged to tell their stories or

be convinced that they have a story to tell.

"One gentleman who worked in the Pentagon had never talked to another person about what he went through that day. He started the interview slowly, answering questions pretty business-like. Then I noticed tears welling up in his eyes, and he just let go," said Dover. "Afterward he thanked me and said he felt incredibly relieved."

Interviews are relatively straightforward, according to Dover. Each historian uses a standard list of questions. They record and photograph the interviewee, ask for any further leads or paperwork that may be helpful and then file all the data at CMH for future use and interpretation.

"You never know where a lead might take you, so we try to follow as many as we can," he said. "We're filling that room up pretty well."

While the center carries the brunt of the load, historians from the Fort Myer Military Community and another MHD working in the office of the chief of Army

Reserve have also collected oral histories.

Interviews with medical providers or about medical procedures have been handled by the Office of the Surgeon General's Historical Office.

Overall, more than 20 people have conducted interviews to date.

With so many interviews, interviewers, subject matters and personalities involved, it is easy to believe that each session is varied and distinct.

Still, according to Smith, there have been some common trends.

"Whether they were in the building at the time of the crash or were part of the rescue effort, people credited their military training. They said, 'The shock of it would have been too much for me to overcome had it not been for my training. It was all automatic.' Others simply said, 'My Army training kept me alive.'"

Lofgren agreed. In the confusion, chaos and fear at the Pentagon in the moments after the

crash, those there not only knew that an efficient and ordered system was vital, he said, they knew how to implement one.

A temporary chain of command was quickly established, and that made the immediate rescue efforts and communication much more successful.

The total number of interviews conducted by historians at the CMH and elsewhere in the Army is well over 900, according to Lofgren.

With the data collected, analyses can take place that could be pivotal in improving the way the Army does business.

The collection will provide valuable insight to questions like, "How can we improve the command structure during emergencies?" "Which directorates need more or less chairs in the Emergency Operations Center?" and possibly other questions we don't know to ask yet, said Frank Shirer, a CMH historian.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense is writing a monograph

(with the lead author coming from the Navy) that should be published in the next year and one half, said Lofgren.

This "broad, comprehensive, definitive and detailed" account of the investigation, along with the CMH's other publications, will be available at <http://www.army.mil/cmhp/catalog/brochure.htm>.

"I want to be a part of that publication," said Smith. "While I know our results will be valuable when they come out, these past few months have already proved to be some of the most inspirational in my life. Any person who says that today's soldiers only care about getting a paycheck hasn't met today's soldiers."

The CMH is still taking in names and information about individuals, documents or artifacts related to the Sept. 11 events.

Anyone with information can contact the center at (202) 685-2717 or visit them on-line at <http://www.army.mil/cmhp/>.

Stryker vehicle gets new armor, decreases in weight

By Marcia Triggs
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON-After putting pieces of the Army's newest combat vehicle through a storm of ammunition, officials discovered that the initial armor proposed by the contractor was not suitable.

But changes are expected to be made in time for the unveiling of the first American-manufactured Stryker by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki April 12 at the plant in Anniston Army Depot, Ala., said Maj. Steven Wall, operations officer with Project Manager Brigade Combat Team.

Since October 2001, the Stryker has been undergoing coupon testing, which is taking small squares of armor and firing at it with various caliber weapons and munitions at varying distances,

Wall said.

"We were able to identify a risk and solve it prior to the first vehicle being built," Wall said. "We saved dollars in retrofitting, cost production and we're going to be able to keep the fielding schedule."

When modifications are made to the armor, the vehicle will be able to stop 7.62mm and 14.5mm armor piercing ammunitions, Wall said. He said the armor modifications could not be explained in detail due to security.

Reducing its weight is another modification the Stryker will undergo before the vehicles arrive in May at 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division and 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, both located at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The Stryker was reported to be 4,000 pounds more than the 38,000-pound requirement. However, Wall said that he expects that

the vehicles will meet weight limits, which will allow them to be loaded and transported on a C-130 cargo plane. This is a requirement necessary to meet Shinseki's goal of having brigade combat teams that can deploy anywhere in the world within four days.

An aggressive weight management team has been routinely meeting to discuss all options available to reduce the weight of

the vehicle, Wall said.

Ongoing testing will continue because each variant of the Stryker requires slightly different testing, Wall said.

One way testing will continue is through a virtual reality booth, known as the cave. It lets engineers, contractors and users identify possible problems and improve the vehicle.

"While standing at a three-

dimensional booth," Wall said, "we've been able to modify seats, change wiring, cable locations and many other items through early involvement with the contractors — General Motors and General Dynamics Land Systems."

Also an Army Transformation Technical Test Office at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., was opened in March to assist in the

fielding of the Stryker and ultimately the Future Combat Systems.

Many of the new weapon systems the Army is trying to field have failed to make the grade when it comes time for operational tests using soldiers, said Maj. Gen. John Marcello, the Army Test and Evaluation Command commander.

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Briefs

Catholic Mass Schedule Changed

Beginning May 4, there will no longer be 5 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's on Saturdays. There will be three Sunday Masses offered on post: 9:15 a.m. at Morris Hill, 11a.m. at St. Mary's and 6 p.m. at Kapaun Chapel. There is a 5:15 p.m. Saturday Mass available in Junction City at St. Xavier's.

Spring Heating, Air Conditioning Schedule

Weather permitting, heat turn off is underway. The order for the turn off is administrative buildings, barracks, BEQ's and BOQ's with individual units, 8000 area, lining facilities and community buildings.

Turn off should be completed by April 19.

Air conditioning systems will be turned on beginning May 6. The order for the turn on is barracks, BOQ's and BEQ's, 8000 area, community buildings, administrative buildings, dining facilities, and motor pools. Air conditioning turn on should be completed by May 17.

The heating and cooling systems in the chapels, medical buildings and dental buildings will be maintained as appropriate.

Family housing occupants control their own heat/air conditioning systems as desired.

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

Personnel Services hours

The 1st Personnel Services Battalion will have limited customer service, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., April 19, due to Red Cycle Train-up.

Additionally, the 1st PSB will be closed for customer service from noon until to close of business, April 23, for a Change of Responsibility for CSM Mitchell Lewis.

Regular customer service hours will resume at 9 a.m., April 24.

For emergencies during this time please call 239-9661.

Before you tell your IG...

Before you contact your Inspector General, be sure you have a problem, not just a peeve.

Also, give your chain of command a chance to solve the problem.

Many problems must be addressed to the chain of command for resolution anyway.

If IG assistance is needed, contact your local IG first. IGs at higher commands will normally refer the case to the local IG for action. Remember to be honest, and don't provide misleading information.

IGs will discover the truth, in most cases, and there are penalties for knowingly providing false information. Keep in mind that IGs are not policy makers and can only recommend, not order a resolution.

Resolution of cases can only be made on the basis of fact, supported with evidence. And, do not expect instant action on your request. Be patient, and be prepared to take "No" for an answer.

Investigations take time, and IGs are actively working a number of cases. But, in any case, if the answer is "Yes" or "No," the

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To complain without fear of reprisal is the right of any soldier, civilian or family member seeking IG help.

After all, problem solving is one of the IG's primary missions.

Mortuary Affairs Reunion

The U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Center, Fort Lee, Va., is planning a reunion of Mortuary Affairs / Memorial Activities/Graves Registration specialists Sept. 19-20 at Fort Lee.

One of the purposes of the reunion is to recognize and honor all those who have served, and those who continue to serve, in this honorable profession.

Interested persons should contact the Mortuary Affairs Center, Deputy Director, Doug Howard at (804) 734-3831 or email howardd@lee.army.mil.

Prenatal classes offered at IACH

The Women Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital (IACH) is offering a new series of prenatal classes, "The Gift of Motherhood" on April 20, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., in the third floor classroom. Expectant mothers between their 12th and 40th week of pregnancy are eligible to attend.

The prenatal classes are free, and each participant will receive a personal copy of the book, "The Gift of Motherhood" to take home. Expectant mothers are asked to bring their spouse, significant other or birth coach. The class is limited to 20 participants.

The classes will continue to be held on the third Saturday of each month at IACH. For more information, please call Capt. Diana Seuss at 239-7434.

To register for "The Gift of Motherhood" prenatal classes, please call the Fort Riley TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or toll free is 1-888-874-9378.

New OB Class

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

A positive pregnancy test is required before scheduling your attendance of the New OB 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 OB Class is not a labor and delivery class.

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

Pregnancy Physical Training Program

Pregnancy Physical Training is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on the basketball court at Long Fitness Center, 8069 Normandy Dr. 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 there is an hour-long education program 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, skin-care during pregnancy and the common discomforts of pregnancy.

Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier are welcome to attend. Participation in the Pregnancy PT program is encouraged, although participation is not mandatory.

For more information, call Sgt. Carrie M. Jensen, 2nd Platoon, 568th Engineer Company at 239-5827 or leave a message at (785)762-7012.

TRICARE Optometry Benefit

Irwin Army Community Hospital anticipates a provider shortage in Optometry this summer. Until the incoming Optometrist arrives at IACH, there will be fewer patient appointments.

An alternative health care choice is to use the TRICARE Optometry benefit. All TRICARE Prime active duty family members, between the ages of 3 and 64, are eligible for a routine annual eye exam at no cost. TRICARE

Prime retirees and their family members (between the ages of 3 and 64) are eligible for an eye exam every two years at no cost.

An Optometrist in the TRICARE network must provide the eye exam or the beneficiary assumes full financial responsibility. Active duty soldiers must receive their eye exams at IACH. Prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses are not covered by TRICARE, except under very limited circumstances.

For questions or a list of TRICARE network Optometrists, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200, Option four or visit the TRICARE Service Center on the fifth floor of the hospital.

Big Sale Planned

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

Youth Volunteers Needed For Summer

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, building 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 deadline is May 31.

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 stops in Salina, 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 Airfield about 9 - 9:15 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 Templeton at 239-3382/776-4305.

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.

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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 239-1729.

Community Life Softball

Registration for Community Life Softball season runs through Sunday.

The registration fee is \$175 per team.

For more information contact Billy Mack at 239-3764.

Home Schooling

People interested in the Military Families Home School Group should contact Lisa Mason at 784-7799 or Krista Persing 784-7576.

April Activities include:

Monday, 5 p.m. - Chess Club - Jarrison home

Thursday, 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 rafting items.

The Shoppe is located in building 259, on Stuart Ave.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday.

Call 785-239-2783 for more information.

Music nights weekly

Sports USA has begun offering weekly music theme nights. Dance music Friday nights will transition to the Latin Night format beginning at 11 p.m. Dance music Saturday nights will transition to the urban and hip-hop 'Late Night with Monroe' show also beginning at 11 p.m.

Recognition announced

The annual Fort Riley Volunteer Recognition Ceremony has been scheduled for Monday, April 12, 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.

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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 throughout 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.

Volunteers needed

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

We need both adult and student volunteers (middle school or older). Contact Jackie at 784-8210 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, and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 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. 267 on Stuart Avenue near the stables.

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

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

Moms Club announced

MOMS Club of East Manhat-

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Ad for April

tan 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 in 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 third Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. 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.

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.

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.

You can check out Club Beyond on the web at www.nqks.com/clubbeyond.

Child Car Seat Inspections

Child car seat inspections are available through Irwin Army Community Hospital's (IACH) Community Health Nursing. Assistance with correct placement and positioning of your child's car seat and information are part of the inspection.

Active duty uniform service members, their families, retired military, and DoD civilians are eligible for this service. There is no fee.

Car Seat Inspection appointments are available Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Inspections will take place in the IACH parking area.

To schedule a car seat inspection please call Community

Health Nursing, at 239-7323.

Tobacco Cessation

New classes are forming to kick that tobacco habit.

Irwin Army Community Hospital offers a four-week tobacco cessation program, which meets Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. or Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dietician teaches participants healthy ways to avoid weight gain.

Active duty uniform service members, their families, retired military, and DoD civilians may participate in the tobacco cessation program.

For more information contact Community Health Nursing at 239-7323

Cancer Support

The Fort Riley Cancer Support

Group meeting will be held Wednesday, May 1, at 6 p.m. at Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic.

Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month and are open to military service members, their family members and Department of Army Civilians.

For more information, call 239-7163.

Marrriage Class

Want to make a good marriage better?

Come learn how to deal with misunderstandings and how to stop the argument cycle at the Marriage Enrichment Class on April 23, from 6-8 p.m., at the Soldier and Family Support Center, room 29. Free child care is provided.

Register by calling 239-3436.

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Benefits available

If you're a reserve component service member called to active duty, you're protected by a law that can save you some legal problems and possibly some money as well.

Under the provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, you may qualify for any or all of the following:

- Reduced interest rate on mortgage payments.
- Reduced interest rate on credit card debt.
- Protection from eviction if your rent is \$1,200 or less.
- Delay of all civil court actions, such as bankruptcy, foreclosure or divorce proceedings.

"Although all service members receive some protections under the SSCRA, additional protections are available to reserve components called to active duty," said Lt. Col. Patrick Lindemann, deputy director for legal policy in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Most active duty service members are familiar with the provisions of the SSCRA that guarantee service members the right to vote in the state of their home of record and protect them from paying taxes in two different states.

One of the most significant provisions under the act limits the amount of interest that may be collected on debts of persons in military service to 6 percent per year during the period of military service. This provision applies to all debts incurred prior to the commencement of active duty and includes interest on credit card debt, mortgages, car loans and other debts. The provision, Lindemann emphasized, applies to pre-

service debts, and the interest rate reduction doesn't occur automatically - service members must request it.

Once a service member requests the rate reduction, the creditor must either comply or apply for court relief. The SSCRA puts the burden on the creditor to show that military service has not "materially affected" a member's ability to repay the debt. The court generally grants relief if the creditor can make his case.

Lindemann advised that service members notify lenders of their intent to invoke the 6 percent cap in writing, along with proof of mobilization/activation to active duty and evidence of the difference in the member's military and civilian pay. This could prevent creditors from attempting to challenge interest rate reduction requests in court.

View a brief history of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act of 1940

The interest rate cap does not apply to federal guaranteed student loans. However, according to Lindemann, the Department of Education has in the past deferred or suspended payments on student loans for reserve component military members called to active duty. Service members should contact their lenders or schools to determine if such a program has been implemented and its eligibility requirements.

Another key provision under the SSCRA protects your dependents from being evicted while you are serving your country. If you rent a house or apartment that is occupied for dwelling purposes and the rent does not exceed \$1,200 per month, the landlord

must obtain a court order authorizing eviction. This provision applies regardless of whether quarters were rented before or after entry into military service.

In cases of eviction from dwelling quarters, courts may grant a stay of up to three months or enter any other "order as may be just" if military service materially affects the service member's ability to pay the rent. This provision is not intended to allow military members to avoid paying rent, said Lindemann, but rather to protect families when they cannot pay the rent because military service has affected their ability to do so.

Another significant protection under the act relates to civil proceedings. Service members involved in civil litigation can request a delay in proceedings if they can show their military responsibilities preclude their proper representation in court. This provision is most often invoked by service members who are on an extended deployment or stationed overseas. "I would recommend a service member contact the unit or installation legal office immediately if they receive notice of court proceedings against them," Lindemann said. "Civil court proceedings can involve very complex issues and no one should do anything, including requesting a stay of proceedings, prior to seeking legal advice."

To learn more about these or other provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, contact your unit or installation legal assistance office. **(DEFENSE LINK)**

Land Warrior coming to post

By Chris Selmek

19th PAD

Who knows what the soldier of tomorrow will look like? Who knows what capabilities he or she may have due to technological advances not yet upon us? Who knows how wars will be won on the battlefield of the future?

Warrior Systems, the Army's foremost Science and Technology initiative, will put on a display of three conceptual designs in King Field House at the Fort Riley Open House on June 1.

Land Warrior is the current concept being tested, which may become the Army standard some time in the near future.

Future Warrior is a notional concept based on existing technology in industry and government programs. This concept is intended as an idea model, meant to provoke thought on the subject of the war-fighting systems of the future, rather than as a realistic prototype.

Land and Future Warriors represent links on the chain leading up to Objective Force Warrior, a projection of what may be possible in the distant future. Objective Forces Warrior is the Army's initiative that will provide the basis for a major system wide

upgrade to the Land Warrior System.

"Our goal is always to increase lethality and survivability while reducing the weight of the uniform," said Patty Welsh, Warrior Systems Public Affairs projector. Every progressive step attempts to put more equipment for enhancing soldier capabilities and monitoring vital status into the same area as before, she said.

If Land Warrior is implemented, she added, it would be the first completely integrated soldier system.

The exhibit will consist of three soldiers, each wearing one of the conceptual uniforms, and two technicians.

Sgt. Joseph Patterson will be wearing the Future Warrior uniform, Daniel Harshman will be in the Objective Forces suit, and their technician will be David Higgins. The Land Warrior and second technician are yet to be announced.

Some points to notice about the uniforms are several computerized subsystems incorporated directly into the suit: Headgear, Combat Uniform, Weapon, Warfighter Physiological Status Monitor, Micro-climate Conditioning and Power Subsystem.

The Headgear Subsystem

includes tactical processing, 180 degree visor display and a 360 combat sensor.

The Combat Uniform Subsystem contains three layers: the protective outer layer, the power centric layer and the life critical layer.

The weapon weighs 5 pounds and combines five tubes of 15mm intelligent seeker munitions and one tube of stacked 4.6mm kinetic energy projectiles.

The Warfighter Physiological Status Monitor Subsystem collects information on the soldier's vital signs, workload capacity and certain states, to include stress level. The WPSM can also recommend remote triage care needed.

The Micro-climate Conditioning Subsystem provides 100 watts of heating or cooling to the warrior through the Life Critical uniform layer.

The Power Subsystem is fueled by ten ounces of liquid hydrocarbon, and can power the suit for up to six days.

Battery patches embedded in the headgear and weapon provide backup power for three hours.

Land Warrior, the most current uniform concept, is estimated by Welsh to possibly be adopted by the Army as soon as 2004.

Test available for job

The Phoenix, Ariz., Police Department will be providing a written test on April 18, starting at 1 p.m., in the ACAP Center Classroom.

The Department will be recruiting for Police Officer Recruits and Communications Operators (911).

For more information or to schedule for the test, please call the ACAP Center at 239-2278 or 239-2068.

NCO Ball planned May 23

The Fort Riley Noncommissioned Officer's Annual Ball is scheduled to be held May 23 at 6 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center. Event organizers are expecting approximately 350 NCOs and spouses to attend.

Several activities will be featured during the ball including the guest speaker, Command Sgt. Maj. Dwight J. Brown, command sergeant major of Headquarters, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Also featured will be a skit depicting the evolution of the NCO Corps rank structure from the Revolutionary War to the present. Members of the Fort Riley Honor Guard will be wearing Civil War uniforms complete with sabers.

The ball is open to all Fort Riley NCOs, from corporal to command sergeant major. Tickets are expected to be available soon, and may be purchased by contacting senior NCOs in the brigades or tenants. Tickets are \$18 for sirloin and \$17 for chicken, and may

fill



Fort Riley invites public to look at historic post

The public-at-large is invited to step within the boundaries of America's Army, June 1 for Fort Riley's Open House. The free event will demonstrate what the Army and Fort Riley do for the nation, community and its citizens.

Main Attractions
"Own the Night" - Interactive Night Vision Exhibit

* Wear night vision goggles while entering a darkened world complete with obstacles, map reading challenges and observation points

Simulated Battle Engagement
* Enter the Close Combat Tactical Trainer and man an M1 Abrams and M2 Bradley weapons system

* Engage in simulated battle scenarios

Operational Forces Display
* Land Warrior, Objective Force Warrior, and Future Soldier.

* Soldiers dressed and equipped in futuristic combat gear will demonstrate systems capabilities designed for high tech battle

Weapons Firing Course
* Handle an array of military weapons

* Fire machine guns utilizing belts of blank ammunition

Laser Assault Course
* Use the Army's laser engagement system

* Test your skills in this realistic training course used to prepare infantry for battle.

Tactical vehicle, aircraft and weapons displays

* Interactive displays of military equipment

* M1A1 Abrams tank, Bradley Fighting Vehicle, Humvees, Blackhawk and CH-47 Chinook helicopters, Paladin artillery platforms and more

Air Force Flyover
* Combat aircraft flyovers throughout the day

Emergency Equipment Displays

* Police response teams
* Military working dogs
* Kansas Highway Patrol rollover
* Bomb disposal robotics
* Fire rescue

Veterans' Tent - Take a walk through history

* WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm displays

* Reunite with fellow veterans
* Get acquainted with America's veterans and reminisce with them as they

share their stories
* Sign the banner that will be sent to the Pentagon

Kid's activities
* Carnival rides
* Pony rides

* Mini-obstacle course
* Camouflage face painting
* Petting zoo

Fort Riley Honor Guard
* Living history mid-1800s cavalry encampment

* Demonstrations of equestrian skills and saber drills

Tours of Fort Riley's Historic District

* Self-guided walking tour of historic Main Post

* U.S. Cavalry Museum
* Custer House
* Ribbon cutting of the Constabulary Museum

* Outdoor historic vehicle display
Old Thunder - vintage cannon, WWII Willy's Jeep, Armored Personnel Carrier and more.

Expo Hall featuring a look at
* Soldier training and readiness
* Support links for soldiers and their families

* Diverse quality of life programs and activities

* Community partnership agencies

Concessions
* Variety of food and beverages throughout post

* Fest Tent
* Face Painting
* Souvenirs
Recruiters

* Active, Army Reserve, National Guard and ROTC

* Interactive displays and attractions

Parking for vehicles without Department of Defense decals will be available at Marshall Army Air Field, exit 301 off I-70. Handicap parking and assistance will be available. Parking for vehicles with DoD stickers will be available at Camp

Forsyth near the Commissary.

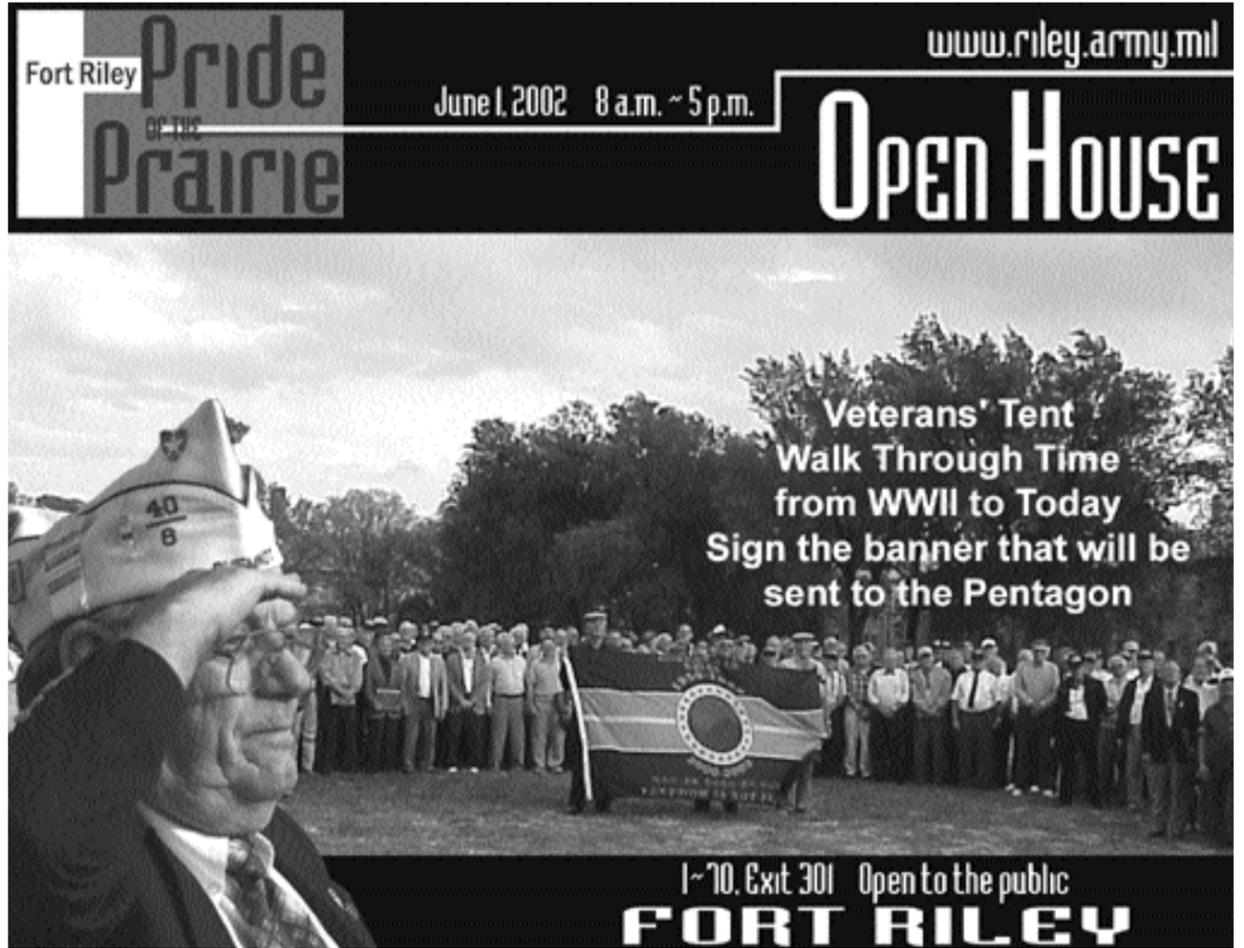
Shuttle buses will continuously transport visitors to and from the parking areas and the Expo Center

on the historic Main Post and to and from the Tactical Trainer Center on Custer Hill. The majority of the attractions will be located on Main

Post within walking distance of each other.

All Army installations have increased their security levels; there-

fore it is important to carry a photo ID at all times. Additionally, bags may be subject to search and coolers will not be allowed.



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Sgt. Charles Payne helps his daughter, Kelsey, select a colorful sand art bottle at one of the booths featured at the Spring Bazaar on Saturday. The bazaar featured a wide variety of attractions for all spectators to view, smell and touch. Arts, crafts, food and fun were all a part of the day.

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Christine Brinegar, right, helps another volunteer at the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor booth prepare popcorn for hungry bazaar spectators.

Rain fails to dampen Spring Bazaar

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

It is said, April showers bring May flowers.

April is the beginning of spring, and with Spring comes rain to the Fort Riley area.

Rain is exactly what was brought to the spectators of the 2002 Fort Riley Spring Bazaar Saturday and Sunday at Hangar 817 at Marshall Army Air Field. Not even the rain, the wind, nor the heavy clouds could keep the spectators from attending. A large crowd assembled to see what was inside the massive

building.

The Bazaar featured many different attractions for the spectators to view.

Patrons brought arts, crafts, food and fun, along with a few other new products.

Also, a few of the family readiness group members from some of the units on post cooked up goodies for the spectators to munch on as they traveled around the building to see all the displays.

"This event gave us the opportunity to have a fundraiser for the community, and for whatever unit is doing the helping here," said Christine Brine-

gar, who helped out at the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor booth selling kettled popcorn to the hungry spectators. "This (money) helps our soldiers out for whatever battalion event we would want to have."

Just outside the doors of Hangar 817 was the main attraction for some.

Tricked up cars, trucks and motorcycles made up the car show.

Brinegar also believes the bazaar is good for the local community. "The Bazaar is a good event to bring people to Fort Riley to see what military life is about," she said.



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A thrilling new ride that lets passengers experience tumbling unique and exhilarating. Thunder Hawk swings back and forth in a cradle-like motion until enough momentum takes riders over the top to a height of approximately six stories.

At the same time, pendulum movements from short pendulum arms rock and loop for complete versions. 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 cream machine. Worlds of Fun continues to offer a total family entertainment experience, from Camp Snoopy for young children and parents to ThunderHawk and other exciting rides for teenage

thrill seekers. Worlds of Fun opened last Friday for its 30th season. A "Spring Special" is available during the months of April, May and June.

UNIVERSAL ORLANDO

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, for one time only and end 30 April.

COUNTRY STAMPEDE

Have you ever attended a party with thousands of friends, national recording artists, and four days of non-stop music and fun? Country Stampede is a weekend country music and camping festival 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 is now taking discount orders now for one-day at \$32 and three-day for \$62, with a \$5 handling fee per order. Gate prices will be \$40 and \$75 respectively.

DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS

are available at ITR 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 experience? Look no further than Winter Park Resort, a haven for skiers and snowboarders hungry for great terrain and the deepest powder of any major Colorado resort. When it comes to snowfall, not many get more than Winter 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 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 Hollywood as well as the opportunity to purchase five tickets for family and friends at a 50 percent discount. This offer is ONLY at the Univer-

sal Studios Hollywood ticket booths. Stop by ITR for brochure and further information.

SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS

So Big. So Close. So Texas! Six Flags Over Texas offers more thrills and family fun than you can possibly imagine. The best rides, the best shows, the best food and attractions...Everyday is a different experience at Six Flags Over Texas...Festivals all year long...something for the entire family. Their Looney Tunes USA section features pint-size thrills for kids of all ages. Escape to Six Flags Over Texas, it's the experience memories are made of. Discount tickets are now available through ITR.

Commissary ready to help when needed

*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 bi-annual Commissary Customer Satisfaction Survey rates customer satisfaction higher than ever. DeCA, formed in 1991 from the separate commissary systems,

is celebrating its tenth 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 and express lunches have been added to stores. Many commis-

saries 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."

Appointments available at Tax Center

*By Brian Ubderrahl**Tax Attorney***TAXES! TAXES! TAXES!**

April 15 is coming quick and tax time is almost over. If you have not filed your taxes yet, you need to do so very soon. April 15 is also the last day the Fort Riley Tax Center is open.

To help with the stress of tax season, the Fort Riley Tax Center is open and waiting to help you.

As in previous years, the Tax Center offers free tax preparation services to active duty service men and women, retirees and military dependents.

The Tax Center is located in Bldg. 7826, across the street from the Normandy Theater. Let the staff help you prepare your taxes and save you the time and money spent on tax preparation.

While the staff at the Tax Center is anxious to offer its assistance in tax preparation, there are a number of things that you can do to make your visit more pleasant and efficient.

First, you must come prepared, with all the documents reflecting earned income from January 2001 through December 2001.

If you are married, your spouse

worked last year and you are filing jointly, you must have all the W-2s.

If your spouse is an on-post child-care provider, he or she must bring a 1099.

If you have a savings account, you must bring your 1099-INT.

Also, if you have investments,

such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, IRAs and the like, you must bring your 1099-R.

It is necessary to have your 1099 because it represents income earned during the 2001 tax year that must be reported.

For appointments, call 239-1040, or just walk-in.

Diabetes Education Class

The diabetes education class will be held, May 2, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Nutrition Care Division Classroom at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

This is a four to five hour class that will cover diabetes types and symptoms; hyperglycemia; nutrition; exercise; glucose monitoring; oral diabetes medication; insulin therapy, and standards of medical care for diabetic patients.

To enroll in the Diabetes Education Class, patients must have a referral from their primary care manager or a community-screening program.

Patients who have a referral for the Diabetes Education Class are to call the local TRICARE Service Center at (785) 784-1200 or call toll free 1-800-874-9378.

Breast-feeding classes

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 breastfeeding moms.

For more information call Capt. Diana Seuss at 239-7434.

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Soccer season starts kids have fun, learn

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

Some college and professional athletes say they enjoyed their particular sports as children more than they do now.

They say the game was more pure; that winning was on their mind, but just having fun was what it was all about.

But, these athletes also say the pressure to perform was as much a part of the sport then as it is in their current situation.

Kids seemed to be having nothing but fun on Saturday at the 2002 soccer season kicked-off for Fort Riley youth according to Omar Lawrence, assistant coach of one of the Fort Riley youth soccer teams. All the fields were packed with soccer action, as the games began at 9 a.m. and ran until 2 p.m. "This means everything to the kids," said Lawrence. "We bring them together and put them out on the field, and they run around and have fun." Teams from Fort Riley and surrounding areas battled one another on Saturday as their coaches, family and friends cheered them on.

Youth soccer, just as with most youth sports, gives young girls and boys a chance to show their parents what they can do on the field.

"Sometimes we bring the kids out on Fridays and the parents also get a chance to come out a spend time with their children."

"I know that my parents are watching me, and I enjoy when people watch me play," said Alan Perry, a young Fort Riley soccer player.

Lawrence also said the kids have a chance to make some new friends.

"They have so much fun," said Lawrence, whose wife Nicole is the team's head coach. "They love to run around and they enjoy the game."

"I love to come out and play with my friends," said Perry. Soccer is my favorite sport."

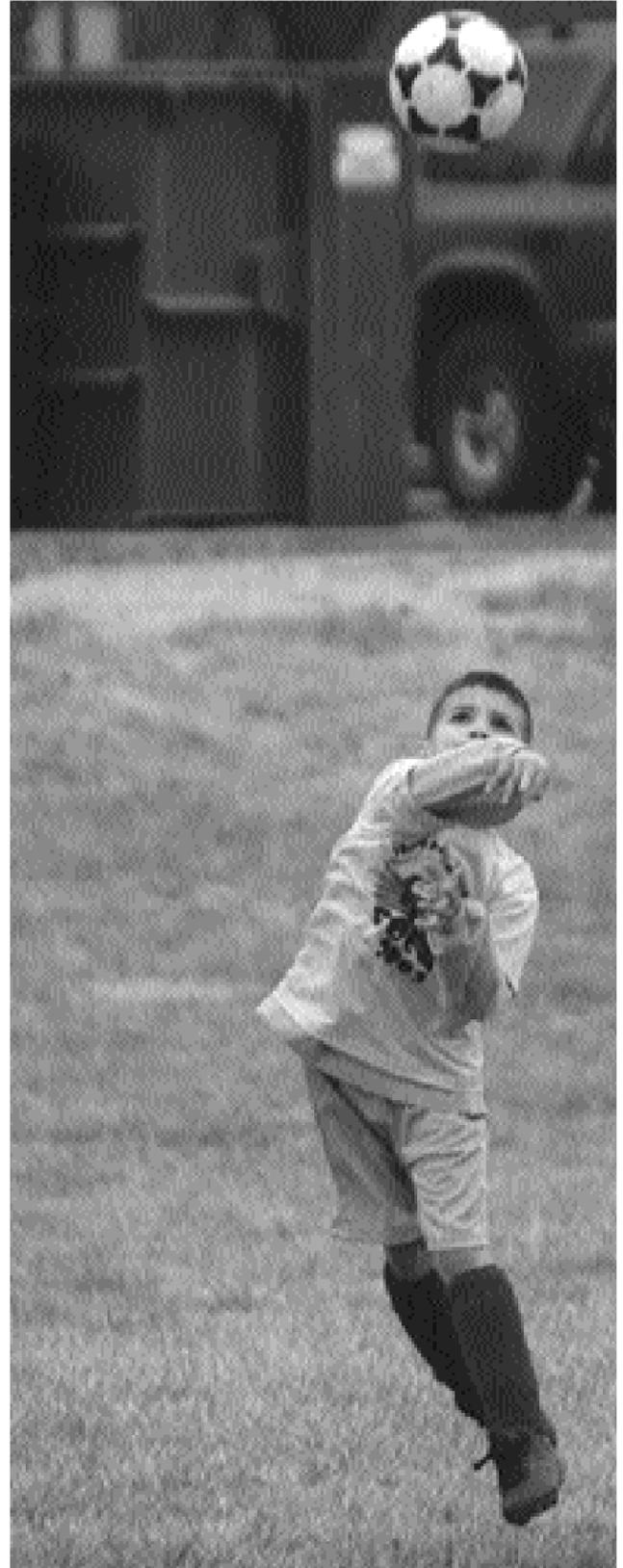
The soccer leagues consist of youth in many different age groups. The young soccer players get a chance to play with other kids both younger and older than themselves.

Lawrence said the level of fun these youth experience while out on the field is unmatched. "It's such a great experience," he said. Soccer means everything to these guys. They love to play this game."

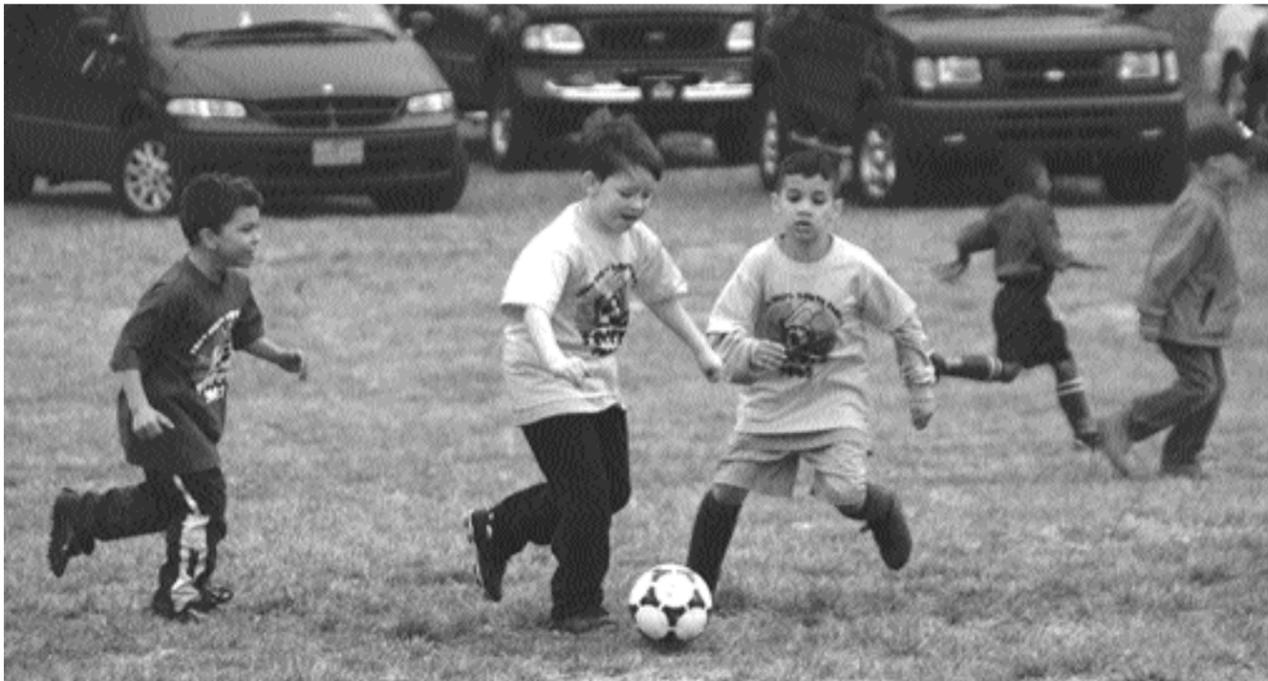
As the soccer season gets under way, these teams will be in action every Saturday until the season concludes May 18. So, for the youth of the Fort Riley soccer league and their parents, Saturdays until May will be filled with lots of exciting soccer action.



Kevin Wilson, kicks the ball down field while Kelsy Provoost and Kira Wilson follow up for support.



Goalie, Austen Serrano, Bulldogs, throws the ball back into play during his first game of the new soccer season.



Kevin Wilson and Austen Serrano, from the Bulldogs, work as a team keeping the ball from the other team during their first game of the season.

Stampede

By Carin Richardson
DES

"Caring for our environment is a daily endeavor in the Army," said General Eric Shinseki, Chief of Staff, United States Army, in his 2002 Earth Day Message. The month of April is the perfect time to dedicate the Army to environmental stewardship. While we are protecting our freedom, we are also preserving the environment - this is our theme for Army Earth Day 2002," he said.

On April 20, 1970, more than 20 million Americans celebrated the first Earth Day. Over thirty years later, 300 million people worldwide are expected to celebrate Earth Day. Earth Day has become an international event demonstrating concern and mobilizing support for the environment. Earth Day is the annual call for public attention toward environmental stewardship.

The Army celebrates Earth Day to place continued emphasis on caring for

cardboard, paper, plastic, clear glass, and aluminum in order to keep these recyclable materials out of the waste stream.

The Directorate of Environment and Safety as Fort Riley's lead environmental organization holds an annual Earth Day event called Ol' Bill's Earth Day Stampede for soldiers, their families, and the surrounding communities. The Fifth Annual Ol' Bill's Earth Day Stampede will be April 20, in conjunction with the Third Annual Outdoor Recreation Open House.

Events include a 5K, 20 lb. Rucksack Unit Challenge Race, a 10K Race, a 2-Mile Adults and Kids Bike Rally, and a 5-Mile Volksmarch.

The Outdoor Recreation equipment and activities will be open to the public at 10 a.m.

All events will begin at the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011, except the Volksmarch, which will begin at Sports U.S.A., building 2600.

The 5K, 20 pound. Rucksack Unit Challenge Race is open to one five per

The 10K Race is open to all runners, limited to a maximum of 300 runners. Awards will be presented to all first-, second-, and third-place male and female runners in the following age groups: 17



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and under, 18-25, 26-35, 36-45, 46-55, and 56 and above.

The 10K Race will begin at 8:30 a.m., again, arrive one hour early to register. Pre-registration fees for the 10K Race (through April 15) are \$12, which includes a free T-shirt.

During the pre-registration period, additional T-shirts (\$12) and commemorative mugs (\$12.50) can be ordered.

After Monday, the registration fee, additional T-shirts, and commemorative mugs will be \$15 each.

The 2-Mile Adults and Kids Bike Rally is open to all ages. Prizes will be presented to the top three individuals who have the best decorated bikes. All bike decorations should support the Earth Day Theme: "Protecting Our Freedom...Preserving the Environment." This event is not considered a race, but a family event. The bike rally begins at 11 a.m.

The 5-Mile Volksmarch is open to all walkers. During the 5-Mile Volksmarch, walkers can enjoy the Earth Day Thim

participants reach the halfway mark and then again at the end point. Participants who answer all the questions correctly and complete the 5-mile walk will receive giveaways. The 5-Mile Volksmarch will be open from noon - 3 p.m.

Pre-registration, through April 15, for the 5K, 20 lb. Rucksack Unit Challenge Race, the 2-Mile Adults and Kids Bike Rally, and the 5-Mile Volksmarch is suggested, but not required. Since these events are free, pre-registration enables participants to order T-shirts (\$12) or commemorative mugs (\$12.50). After April 15, the cost per T-shirt or commemorative mug will be \$15; however, these items will only be available while supplies last. Registration forms are available at the Post Exchange, Commissary, Outdoor Recreation Center, and Sports U.S.A April 1 - 15.

"I encourage you to plan and participate in Earth Day activities at your installation and carry our stewardship theme to our soldiers, civilians, veterans, their families, and to your local community!"

Army wrestles Armed Forces crown from Marines

By Tim Hipps
ARNEWS

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — Led by the final-bout heroics of heavyweights Dremiel Byers and Paul Devlin, the All-Army wrestling team captured the Armed Forces Wrestling Championship March 31.

Byers capped the soldiers' emotional dual-match victory over the Marines by posting a 13-1 technical fall victory over Timothy Taylor to give Army a thrilling 3-12 Greco-Roman victory on Saturday.

"Coach told me not to give up any points," said Byers, 27, a native of Kings Mountain, N.C., competing for his fourth year in the Army's World Class Athlete Program. "A tech or a pin, and it would be ballgame. I have a job to do. I just went out there and completed the mission."

The victory served as redemption for Byers, who was named Outstanding Greco-Roman Wrestler of the Year by USA Wrestling before finishing a disappointing third in the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials. He then rejoined his Army unit and served a year in the field before returning to the mat.

During Byers' down-range time in 2001, Army lost the Armed Forces crown to the Marines for the first time since 1989.

"When I found out that we lost Armed Forces, that just killed me because I knew it was because I wasn't there," Byers said.

"Armed Forces always comes down to the heavyweights. That's the way it's always been."

Sure enough, Freestyle competition on Easter Sunday came down to Marine Frank Workman needing a victory over Army's Paul Devlin to lift his team from a 13-11 deficit to victory in the final match of the two-day tournament. On this weekend, however, the wrestling fates smiled upon the Army.

Devlin, 20, of Livingston, N.J., posted a 6-2 victory over Workman, 27, of Vinita, Okla., to secure Army's 16-12 Freestyle victory over the tired Marines, most of whom had wrestled Greco-Roman the day before. The soldiers, on the other hand, sent eight fresh wrestlers to the mat for Freestyle competition.

"Not making excuses at all, but you notice that my lineup is almost exactly the same [as in Greco-Roman]," Marine Corps coach Jay Antonelli said.

"We only changed one person. We're splitting time while they're coming with a fresh eight guys. It's that competitive spirit that makes us Marines."

"My hat's off to the Army," Antonelli continued. "They have a good program and a good system. It's obviously working."

Army Greco-Roman gold medalists included Glenn Nieradka at 60 kilograms; Keith Sieracki

at 74 kilograms; and Byers at 120 kilograms. In Freestyle, Jeffrey Bedard at 60 kilograms; Maxwell Shingara at 66 kilograms; and Devlin at 120 kilograms struck gold for the Army.

Marine Duaine Martin won the 55-kilogram class in both Greco-Roman and Freestyle, as did Marine Dan Hicks at 96 kilograms.

On Saturday, Hicks posted a 4-0 Greco decision over Army's Jason Loukides. On Sunday, he held on for a thrilling, 6-5, decision over Army's Franklin Lashley to give the Marines a chance to upset the soldiers for the team title in the final bout of the weekend.

"That was a tossup," Marines coach Jay Antonelli said of Hicks' victory over Lashley. "We knew Lashley is tough, but Danny is such a competitor. That's what makes him so successful. You've got to love that."

All-Navy wrestling coach Rob Herman was pleased with his team's progress in the tournament. Although the sailors finished third in Freestyle competition behind Army and the Marines and fourth in Greco-Roman behind Air Force, Herman appreciated his team's effort.

"I came into this tournament not looking for results but for performance," said Herman, 45, head coach of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team and assistant at the 2000 Sydney Games. "Every guy I bring is not ranked, and every guy

they're wrestling against is ranked in the top five in the nation, especially in Greco."

"Even the Air Force has a nucleus of four guys who've been wrestling the last six or seven years for them," Herman said. "We used to have that, too, but I only have one guy back from last year's team. So all this stuff is new to them."

Neal Rodak of Oak Forest, Ill., finished third in both Greco-Roman and Freestyle at 55 kilograms to lead the Navy. He dropped an encouraging, 5-1, decision to Army's Anthony Gibbons.

Aaron Sieracki was the lone gold medalist for Air Force, whose wrestling program is in a rebuilding phase.

"We have a small, small corps of a main group of guys, and our focus is Greco-Roman," said coach Rich Estrella, 45, now in his 15th season of leading the Air Force team, which is based at Colorado Springs, Colo. "And our main corps did very well in Greco."

Air Force's team recently placed second to Army in the international Dave Schultz Tournament at Colorado Springs.

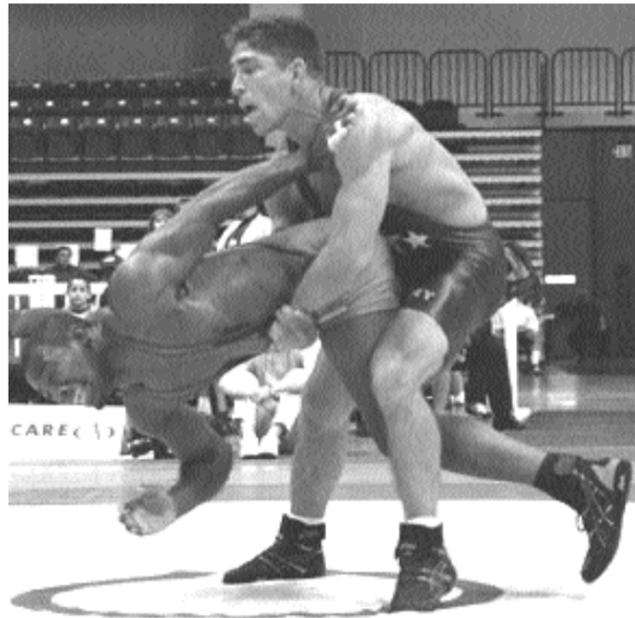
Sieracki, brother of Army wrestling star Keith Sieracki, won the Armed Forces gold medal at 84 kilograms in Greco-Roman. A reservist from Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Sieracki's biggest victory was a 1-1 referee's deci-

sion in overtime against Marine Kenneth Owens. He also posted the Air Force's lone victory in a 21-4 loss to Army with a 3-0 decision over Isaac Wood.

Jacob Hey of Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., placed second in Greco-Roman at 60 kilograms. Steve Woods of Luke Air Force

Base, Ariz., wrestled up a weight class and finished third in Greco at 74 kilos.

Corey Farkas, a native of San Diego, Calif., stationed at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., finished runner-up to Army's Byers in Greco-Roman at 120 kilograms.



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Sgt. Keith Sieracki lifts T.C. Dantzer during the 167.5-pound Greco Roman finals at the World Team Trials in Cincinnati, Ohio, last June.

Artillery shoots down Engineers in two games

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

Some say being crafty in a sport is just as, or even better than, being powerful.

In baseball, some say a crafty pitcher can be just as effective as a power pitcher.

In tennis, some say a serve and volley player can win just as much as a powerful one.

Just as with those two sports, some say volleyball can be the

same way.

In volleyball action, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, defeated the 70th Engineer Battalion in two games (25-16, 25-16), at King Field House Monday by being crafty around the net.

Along with their craftiness, they showed power at all the right times.

"We are still trying to gel as a team at the moment," said Jose Navarez of Artillery. "For some reason, we tend to down play our

opponents. Our returning players from last year are what is helping us out a lot right now."

Navarez also said, during the games they try working on different things in order to prepare for the post-season tournament.

"We are trying to substitute a lot," Navarez said. "We are trying to get different players in at different times. Along with that, we all get a chance to look at different formations by getting a chance to look at our competition."

Artillery is doing their best to wrap up the volleyball crown. They beat the then undefeated 924th Military Police Battalion, and handled the Engineers on Monday.

"As with the win against the MPs, our victory tonight is accredited to our overall teamwork," said Navarez after his team's victory.

In volleyball, each team gets three chances to get the ball over the net." Navarez said, keeping

the game simple is what his team does in order to be successful.

"From the tallest guy to the shortest, we can all get the ball over the net," he said. "It's all about what you do with those three hits. Bump, set, spike, if you stay with those three factors, we are sure to win."

As both the Engineers and Artillery gear up for the post-season tournament being played at the end of the month, others will

be gunning for what all the teams in the league are shooting for, the tournament title.

"If we can get everyone to show up, then we are going to give the MPs a run for the title," said Navarez. "This is our building block toward winning the Commander's Cup next year."

As teams bump, spike and set their way into position and seeding, King Field House will continue to host all the regular season volleyball action.

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CALL team learning lessons from Afghanistan front

A team from the Center for Army Lessons Learned just returned from Afghanistan and is analyzing data collected from soldiers fighting in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The CALL team arrived in Kuwait in late March, upon the request of Lt. Gen. Paul T. Mikosashek, commander, Combined Forces Land Component Command.

CALL, based out of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., has a full-time staff of mostly civilians. The 17-member team sent to Kuwait, though, was hand-picked from various Training and Doctrine Command installations based on individuals' expertise in their field, officials said.

The team members went for-

ward into Afghanistan with a collection plan consisting of a list of predetermined questions that served as a loose guide for information gathering, but allowed for a free exchange with unit representatives, said a CALL team member.

"Often [the interviewed units] are the first ones in and nobody else had done some of the stuff they were doing," said Maj. Dennis McNulty, S-3, 5th Engineer Battalion. "They're normally quite proud of their accomplishments."

These "unsolicited observations" are often the most important ones to the CALL observers, according to McNulty.

"We capture them so next time, when a similar situation occurs,

soldiers will have references and tips on how to handle the problem," McNulty said.

Initially founded in 1985, CALL was created to capture relevant lessons learned at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Ca., because rotating units consistently made similar mistakes. In late 1989, as a result of Operation Just Cause in Panama, CALL expanded its mission, capturing and disseminating wartime lessons learned.

"The test for CALL and the entire lessons learned system is whether it can help soldiers and units perform their missions right the first time, regardless of the mission," said Maj. Leonel Nascimento, CALL operations officer.

CALL also draws from many

resources, Nascimento explained.

"CALL collects and analyzes data from a variety of current and historical sources," Nascimento said, "including Army operations and training events, to produce lessons for military commanders, staff and students."

"Sometimes mistakes not only result in lost time and effort, but sometimes they result in people being injured or even lives being lost," he said.

"Our job is to be as unobtrusive and objective as possible," said Maj. Norman Emery, defense language instructor, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, about the team's information gathering techniques. "We're here because we were invited; we're not the Inspector General or evaluators."

The information gathered not only aids soldiers in current operations, but can also be incorporated into Army training and doctrine.

"What we learn can help improve training at all different schools," Emery said. "What we bring back can be included in the Army schools' curriculum and improve the soldiers that they turn out."

Nascimento said he is often amazed by the number of lessons learned the team collects.

"U.S. soldiers are just so ingenious in the way they do things," he said. "No unit does the same thing all the time. Every unit finds a different way of overcoming a challenge. That's what makes us

special — because we are so unpredictable."

Once the lessons learned are complete, they are distributed throughout the Army in various print and electronic publications. Some of the most popular publications are the bi-monthly News From The front and various Combat Training Center bulletins, newsletters and articles.

All of the publications and reports can be accessed via CALL's webpage at <http://call.army.mil>.

The website also contains an extensive archive of past lessons learned which can be specifically looked up with its high-powered keyword search option.

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