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Fort Hood:

The Sentinel reported April 15, that regular parishioners of the XIII Corps Support Command's chapel were surprised when President George W. Bush, first lady Laura Bush, their daughters and former first lady Barbara Bush and other Washington dignitaries attended the Easter service.

The previous Easter, President Bush attended services with former prisoners of war Chief Warrant Officers David Williams and Ronald Young at the 4th Infantry Division Memorial Chapel.

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

Elmendorf AFB:

The Alaska Post reported April 16, that about 3,000 servicemembers greeted Vice President Dick Cheney when he stopped at the air base April 9, on his way to China and Japan.

Cheney took time to address the troops and to reinforce the importance of the U.S. mission in Southeast Asia. "The terrorists declared war on America, and war is what they got," Cheney said.

For more on this story and other news at Elmendorf AFB and U.S. Army Alaska, visit www.usarak.army.mil on the Internet.

Korea:

The 2nd Infantry Division Indianapolis reported April 7, that Warrior Country would soon have a special course at BOSS Park at Camp Red Cloud for Soldiers to race their radio-controlled cars.

For more about this story and other 2nd Inf. Div. News, visit www.2id.korea.army.mil on the Internet.

Japan:

The Stars and Stripes Pacific Edition reported April 22, that a teacher at Ernest J. King High School at Sasebo Naval Base had thrown a 25-inch television set from a second story window.

The sacrifice of the completely functional TV set was a symbolic gesture done as part of National TV-Turnoff Week.

The teacher, Kevin McGrath, enlisted the aid of other teachers during the week leading up to the national observance to organize a range of activities along the same theme.

One activity let students pitch baseballs as hard as they could into a television.

For more about this story and other military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit www.estrps.com on the Internet.

APG, Maryland:

The APG News reported April 1, that a partnership between the U.S. Army Environmental Center and Edgewood Elementary School earned the Army's top award for community relations.

For more about this story and other news at Aberdeen Proving Ground, visit www.apgnews.army.mil on the Internet.

Hospital pharmacy delays move

Outpatient services postpone temporary relocation two more weeks

By Valerie Dey-Bolejck
105th MPAD

Irwin Army Community Hospital's outpatient pharmacy won't move for a couple more weeks.

Hospital officials had planned to move the outpatient pharmacy

to the hospital's basement as part of a pharmacy renovation project. Publicity about the move stated the pharmacy would be open for business in its temporary location by April 19 or 20, but the move will be delayed at least two more weeks.

The eventual move will put the

outpatient and inpatient pharmacy operations in the same location during the renovation of the ground-floor outpatient pharmacy area. Hospital planners estimate the project will take about six months to complete.

Renovation of the outpatient pharmacy will improve customer

service and help reduce waiting times for prescriptions, said Staff Sgt. Shadd Soper, who works in the outpatient pharmacy.

"The (current service) system is way outdated," Soper said. "It is not set up for the workload we have here. (The renovation) will open up more windows."

Once the renovation is complete, refills for prescriptions, inpatient and outpatient pharmacy services and pharmacy supply will all move to the hospital's ground floor instead of being located on different floors as they

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Shot in the arm



Spec. Joseph McCaslin, medic, gives Spec. Mark Crump, of the 110th Combat Engineers from Fort Sill, Okla., an immunization as part of his processing for deployment overseas. McCaslin's unit's mission at Fort Riley is to perform the medical processing for deploying troops.

105th MPAD/Collins

Medical units help post mobilize Soldiers

By Claudia Bullard
105th MPAD

With thousands of troops moving through Fort Riley, the Soldier Readiness Processing medical team has been working to ensure that Soldiers are in good health when they deploy and that their needs are taken care of when they return home.

Soldiers from three units have come to Fort Riley to perform this mission: the 7230th Medical Support Unit from California, the 396th Combat Support Hospital from Washington and the 75th Combat Support Hospital from Alabama.

Despite the fact the team is made up of several units, Soldier health is their number one priority. Medical personnel check hearing and vision, give immunizations and physicals and draw blood. They also check each Soldier's records.

Master Sgt. Wayne Masiker, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the medical team, said he is proud of the care his team is giving the Soldiers.

"When we're here, we are the SRP team," said Masiker, who confirmed the different units are under different commanders after hours.

Immunization Noncommissioned Officer in Charge Sgt. Richard Walker of the 7230th MSU agrees the units work as one to ensure Soldiers are fit for deployment or redeployment.

"Our job is to identify the needs of the Soldier going out and identify the issues of the Soldiers coming home," Walker said. "The Army does not want to deploy someone who is non-deployable."

He also emphasized the importance for returning Soldiers to get all health-related issues taken care of at the SRP site. "Coming back is just as significant as

going over," he said.

Walker said when the 7230th MSU arrived in June 2003, there was a rush to get Soldiers on the ground overseas. Now that things have slowed, every Soldier should have time to get their questions answered and have their needs met.

"Each individual is important," said Walker, who instructs his team to make a thorough check of a Soldier's records before giving an immunization.

"If an individual is telling you they have had the shot but you don't see it documented, take time to look," Walker said. "Look everywhere you can to find it instead of just giving the shot."

Though many of the medical personnel had hoped to deploy to the combat zone and though the hours processing Soldiers who are going can be long and the work-

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Officials approve civilian system

Plan changes personnel management of 700,000

By K.L. Vantran
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Senior leadership in the Defense Department approved plans for the new National Security Personnel System. Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England announced April 14, England heads the project.

The system, authorized by the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, will introduce changes in the way the department hires, pays, promotes, disciplines and fires its civilian employees.

Six teams of about 25 to 30 people, representing various agencies within DoD, spent the past several weeks reviewing NSPS, England said while meeting with reporters in the Pentagon. Representatives from the Office of Personnel Management and Office of Management and Budget also participated. The teams received briefings from Department of Homeland Security and General Accounting Office personnel.

Earlier this month, England and David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, sent a letter to the department's civilian employees on the progress of NSPS.

"The task before us is to design a transformed system for the department's 700,000 civilian

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Fort Riley honors 36th Soldier to fall in Iraq

Comrades remember Ramirez as epitome of selfless service, strong leader

By Sam Robinson
Staff Writer

Christopher Ramirez epitomized the value of selfless service according to fellow Soldiers who eulogized Fort Riley's latest loss in Operation Iraqi Freedom during a post memorial service April 20.

Ramirez, a sergeant with Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, was killed in action in the Al Anbar province of Iraq April 14.

"It is always a tragedy to lose a Soldier, much less your best friend," Staff Sgt. David Deker-

legend said during his tribute to Ramirez.

"We had made a deal that we would be in Houston for a few beers and stories once we returned from Iraq," Dekerlegend said. "According to Capt. David Newman with the 1st Bn., 16th Inf., rear detachment, Ramirez was killed during the early morning hours leading his team in an offensive operation. Ramirez had begun to move forward to provide covering fire so a wounded Soldier could be recovered. In doing so, Ramirez was injured."

"Iron Rangers no longer need to look to posters and banners for inspirational mottos. We no longer need to look to television

for our heroes. We can look among our ranks," Newman said.

The 34-year-old Texas native was remembered as someone who always stepped forward to answer the call of duty. He had served abroad in Germany, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Kosovo and Iraq during his 13 years in the Army.

Ramirez's awards include the Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

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Who: The 36th Fort Riley Soldier killed in Iraq while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom was 34 years old and hailed from McAllen, Texas.
Where killed: Al Anbar Province, from injuries sustained during combat operations
Unit: Infantryman with Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division
Joined the Army: August 1991
Assigned to Fort Riley: December 2001 (his second assignment at Fort Riley)
Deployed to Iraq: September 2003



Christopher Ramirez





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Post news in brief

CPAC offers Thrift plan info

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has received 173 Thrift Savings Plan Open Season (now-June 30) tri-fold brochures. Anyone wanting some for their organization should request them by e-mail from CPAC or call Nathan Butler at 239-6075, Dawn Barclay at 239-6088 or Karen Brough at 239-6084.

Guest speaker to talk on EEO

Judge Lloyd J. Vasquez Jr., administrative judge for the St. Louis Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, will be a guest lecturer for two training sessions May 5, in building 319.

His first presentation, "Supervisors' Responsibility to EEO," will highlight litigation of numerous complex employment discrimination cases, some of the management mistakes he presided over before joining the commission and sound advice on workplace issues that may result in allegations of employment discrimination. The session will run from 8 to 9:45 a.m.

The second training session, "Reasonable Accommodation and the Rehabilitation Act," will offer information on Army and EEOC regulatory requirements, identify what constitutes a handicapping condition under Title VII law, how to accommodate conditions and potential liabilities if procedures aren't followed properly. The session will run from 10 to 11:45 a.m.

Nominations are required for attendance to either or both of these sessions. Sessions will be limited to 40 participants each. To register, call 239-2595.

DES schedules team training

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

Environmental Team Training, May 3-4

Environmental Team Training Refresher, May 5

HAZCOM Train the Trainer, May 6

All classes are conducted in room 6 of building 407 starting at 9 a.m.

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

Troop clinic, Irwin hospital faces survey

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Irwin Army Community Hospital May 12-14, to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the condition under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey.

Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview.

Requests should be sent to Division of Accreditation Operations, Office of Quality Monitoring, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181; faxed to (630) 792-5636, or e-mailed to complaint@



Sgt. Marlene Cowans of USA Medical Department Activities keys patient information into a computer in the outpatient pharmacy at Irwin Army Community Hospital. The pending renovation of the department will upgrade all the pharmacy's equipment, allowing faster customer service.

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are now. "It is not a functional setup that we have right now," Soper said. The current pharmacy was designed in the 1950s and is no longer adequate for handling the number of prescriptions the hospital fills.

The pharmacy staff fills an average of 250 new prescriptions and about 200 refills each day.

"We are understaffed right now," Soper said, "and that doesn't help with the wait time."

The pharmacy has vacancies for two pharmacists and four technicians. Seven technicians currently work in the outpatient clinic and the refill center.

"Even with the staffing as short as it is right now, (the new system) should allow for less wait time," Soper said.

The renovation project is the most recent effort the hospital has taken to improve customer service at the outpatient pharmacy.

A year ago pharmacists had to use hand-written scripts, forcing patients to stand in a long line. The line would zigzag down the hallway and technicians had to be

careful to keep the filled prescriptions in perfect order.

A new numbering system implemented and the waiting room area expanded within the past year. Now, customers can sit while waiting for their prescriptions to be filled and waiting time was reduced.

The planned renovation will expand the pharmacy's size, combine the inpatient and outpatient pharmacy operations, provide new equipment and open four pick-up windows instead of the two now available.

In the meantime, the interim pharmacy will combine both pharmacy operations and will have more service windows for customers.

"The one downstairs is temporary. It's not going to be a perfect fix," Soper said. "It's going to be a modified one of the new one upstairs."

"When they (customers) go downstairs for the next six months, we are asking that they be patient. It's not the perfect setup. There'll be a little bit of a wait," he said.

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employees that supports our national security mission while treating workers fairly and protecting their rights," the letter stated. "We want to ensure that all stakeholders in the new system - including civilian employees (and) managers ... have an opportunity to provide their thoughts, ideas, views and concerns."

The consensus for the journey ahead, said England, includes a full partnership with the Office of Personnel Management.

"They're working with us, providing assistance and expertise, in developing regulations which are to be signed by the defense secretary and the director of OPM," he added.

"We look forward to this effort," said George Nesterzruk, OPM's senior adviser to the director for the Department of Defense. "It will take a while, but we're going to do it right. The inclusion of employees and key stakeholders is vital to the success of this effort."

England agreed. While NSPS is mission-first, it's also employee-centric, and the secretary said he encourages input from employees. Mechanisms such as Web

pages and town meetings will provide information to the work force and allow for feedback.

The plan also calls for "aggressive, but event-driven schedules," he said. The first milestone is to have a labor-relations draft regulation to the Federal Register by November.

"We have schedules, but they could be longer (or) they could be shorter, because it's event-driven and it depends on how we do each step," England added. "We won't go to the next step until we finish, because we are going to do it right. We won't rush it."

"We'll go through this in stages and phases," he continued. "We'll get feedback, and we'll keep improving the program as we proceed."

England said NSPS is a great opportunity for employees, the Defense Department and America.

"It's a great opportunity to have a terrific program for our employees, and I'm convinced we will," he added. "The process will work and the product will be one that everyone will want to embrace," and be proud to embrace."

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Ramirez was said to be a quiet but strong leader for his fellow Soldiers.

Dekerlegand said that Ramirez was looking forward to having a family someday.

"He was the only one in our group of friends who didn't have kids," Dekerlegand said. "He was good with them."

"My 5-month-old son, Christopher, is named after him. He was

my son's godfather."

The duty and sacrifice of Soldiers of the 1st Brigade were reflected upon by Lt. Col. Oscar Hall, battalion commander of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor. He spoke of the liberties U.S. Soldiers defend and die for.

"One more Iron Ranger has gone," Hall said. "Once again, we feel the cold chill of role call and taps."

Hospital eyes better labor, birth facilities

Renovation move planned for end of month

By Gary Skidmore
Command Info. Officer

Irwin Army Community Hospital's Labor and Delivery and Postpartum unit is temporarily relocating from the third floor to the fifth floor of the hospital beginning next week.

The move will begin at midnight April 27 and be completed on April 29.

According to Dr. (Capt.) Renee Thai, OB/GYN staff physician, the relocation to the fifth floor will affect L&D April 28. After-hour evaluations of all pregnant

women will still be conducted on the third floor L&D until the fifth floor L&D is operational on April 29.

"Upon completion, late 2005, TriCare beneficiaries will have a new mother-baby unit and Ob/Gyn outpatient clinic," Thai said.

Thai said one of the new features of the fifth floor, and one that will also be on the new third floor, will be rooms for labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum rooms.

"This concept of intrapartum care is a friendly, family-centered

approach to labor and delivery care," Thai said. Pregnant women and their families will labor, have their babies and receive after-delivery care in the same room. No more moving between rooms. Thai said. "The LDRPs are spacious, equipped with state of the art technology and facilities to care for both moms and babies," she said.

"The staff's No. 1 goal is that our beneficiaries experience a safe, seamless transition," Thai said. "Plans for this move to the fifth floor have been under way for months," she said.

Season allows thrift plan changes

Staff report

Some federal employees can change their Thrift Savings Plan options now through June 30, during the Open Season, which began April 15.

Federal Employees Retirement System employees may contribute up to 14 percent of their base pay and Civil Service Retirement System employees may contribute up to 9 percent. The IRS elective deferral limit for 2004 is \$13,000. The maximum percentage an employee can contribute has not changed since the last Open Season.

Department of the Army civilian employees wishing to change their options can visit the Army Benefits Center-Civilian Web site at www.abc.army.mil. DA civilian

employees should click on the Benefits/EBIS button, input or create their Point-of-Entry password and input or create their six-digit Personal Identification Number.

Employees who have never created a PIN will need to first create a temporary four-digit PIN that consists of your month and year of birth. A birth date of July 1945 would be entered as 0745.

Once inside the Employee Benefits Information System Web application, employees should click on the Transactions button and make their election in the TSP Current Coverage section.

Employees also may use the Interactive Voice Response System at (877) 276-9287. Callers must press 1 for DA Civilian employee, 2 to bypass the TSP

Catch-Up instructions, 2 for Benefits and Entitlements, and 1 for current Army serviced employee.

Callers will need to enter or create their six-digit PIN and enter and verify their duty telephone number. Employees who have never created their PIN will need to first create a temporary four-digit PIN that consists of their month and year of birth.

At the main menu, press 3 for TSP and follow the prompts to make a TSP Open Season election.

Anyone who has system difficulties should contact the South-west Civilian Personnel Operations Center Helpdesk at (785) 239-2000 or DSN 856-2000. People to help are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Army opts to shift school's training to advance course

By Gary Sheffick
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The last class of the Combined Arms and Services Staff School at Fort Leavenworth will graduate May 19.

CAS3 will be consolidated into the various branch officer advance courses, Army officials said. A one-week combined arms exercise will be added to those advance courses, which now last 18 to 20 weeks.

The one-week exercise, officials said, will provide captains attending the branch schools with much of the combined-arms experience critical to CAS3, which now lasts just over five weeks.

Over the past 22 years, some instruction, such as problem solving or military decision making, has become part of the curriculum at the advance courses and CAS3, said Col. David Thompson, CAS3 director at Fort Leavenworth. He said decision-making is again stressed at a higher echelon at the Command and General Staff College.

"This is not a knee-jerk reac-

tion," said Lt. Col. Dennis Harrington, the G1 Officer Education System liaison at the Pentagon. "This has been considered for years."

The change, planned as part of the Officer Education System transformation, was originally scheduled for fiscal year 2005, but is being moved up for operational reasons, Army officials said.

With the Army at war, captains need to get back to their units," Thompson said, and the change will get them back to units almost four weeks earlier.

The change will affect about 3,100 captains annually.

Fort Leavenworth has been conducting seven classes per year with about 450 students each. Active-duty captains have been attending the five-week CAS3 course at Leavenworth immediately after finishing the advance course at their branch school.

In recent years, most captains have gone to their advance course as a permanent change of station move. In the future, they will go in a temporary duty status and return to their units, officials said.

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load heavy, it's evident the SRP team is proud of their mission at Fort Riley and the part it plays in overall readiness and mission success.

Sgt. Paul Hana, a member of the 396th CSH, quickly preps a Soldier's arm to draw blood and gives it a quick stick. He admits that days are long and hectic but emphasizes that taking care of the Soldier's medical needs is a number one priority on Fort Riley.

"Some days we see over 500 Soldiers a day and sometimes it's only 100," Hana said. Soldiers should be "fit to go over and fit when they come home," he said.

Nearby, at a table in the middle of the crowded floor at Robinson Gym where the SRPs are done, Staff Sgt. Chang Yoo of the 7230th MSU faces an entire set of bleachers full of Soldiers waiting for their individual records check.

Yoo, unflinched by the caseload, checks each file thoroughly on his computer screen. He agrees the workload can be pretty intimidat-

ing. "We have done a pretty good job overall," Yoo said. "At first, we weren't as efficient but then we got laptops and became faster and better organized."

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Ramirez, also from the 7230th MSU, spends his days testing Soldiers' hearing. Though he had hoped to be deployed to a combat zone, he said he is proud of the SRP mission and how well the team has performed, calling its members "unsung heroes."

Ramirez said the team's days often begin around 5 a.m. and end around 10 p.m., and the team works most weekends. Team members have also had to change barracks several times since they arrived.

"These people are truly remarkable," Ramirez said. "They have made it possible for these Soldiers day-in and day-out to get the proper treatment before deployment and after returning from various locations."

Sgt. Jeremy Clawson, a member of the 105th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment currently training at Fort Riley for a year-long deployment to Afghanistan, points out some idiosyncrasies with the M203 to Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting, adjutant general for the Kansas National Guard, during a training exercise in one of the many combat simulators at Fort Riley. To Bunting's left is Kansas National Guard Command Sgt. Major Steve Rodina. The pair visited America's Warfighting Center April 14 to observe the 105th training for their impending deployment.

105th MPAD/Heusel



Kansas adjutant general visits

Bunting checks on training, readiness of public affairs unit

By Darren D. Heusel
105th MPAD

Most people seem to think the primary mission of Army journalists is to take pictures, write stories and produce video products. That's true to an extent, but Air Guard Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting, the Kansas adjutant general, discovered April 14, their mission can be much more diverse.

The Kansas adjutant general and Command Sgt. Major Steve Rodina visited Fort Riley to observe members of the 105th Mobile Public Affairs detachment preparing for a year-long deployment to Afghanistan.

What they discovered is that, while the Army journalists' primary mission is to "tell the Army story," they are Soldiers first. The 105th is a 20-person unit made up of National Guard Soldiers from Kansas and Oklahoma. Their headquarters are in Topeka and Oklahoma City, respectively. Their mission in Afghanistan will be to facilitate media coverage of operations there. The troops have spent the past several weeks gearing up for

all types of situations they might encounter.

When the adjutant general visited, about half of the 105th's Soldiers were using one of the many combat simulators on post honing their skills in a series of "shoot, don't shoot" scenarios.

"We try to visit all our Soldiers during pre-mobilization training to ensure the training they are getting is adequate," Bunting said. "From what I observed, the training is very realistic."

Rodina agreed that the training was top-notch and said he also welcomed the opportunity to check on the morale and welfare of the 105th Soldiers, which he said is "outstanding."

"We wanted to see if there was anything we could do for the Soldiers," Rodina said. "For you folks who are going into harm's way, this is a great way to spend your remaining time here at Fort Riley productively."

Soldiers of the 105th successfully completed their lanes training around the first of March and have spent the past few weeks developing their skills in other areas, such as the combat simulators, flex fire, mounted and dis-

mounted land navigation, hand-to-hand combat and more.

However, Bunting said he can't recall a time when public affairs has been so critical to a mission.

"This war so far has been overall favorable in terms of the media and the public's reaction, but we all know that's something you can't take for granted. That can change at any moment," he said. "I don't know that the typical citizen realizes what we're asking of all our Soldiers these days."

I think most people, when they think of a public affairs detachment, would not envision that they would be dressed in desert camouflage and be going through intensive training ... to pull checkpoint security and provide armed security for media that they're escorting, myself included."

Bunting said he didn't fully appreciate the level of training the 105th would be receiving, but he has talked to a lot of audiences within the Army and it all goes back to being a Soldier first.

"A lot of folks look at the end of June as a big deadline for us

giving up control of Iraq and Afghanistan, and we're as hopeful as anyone. But hope is not a course of action and we continue to have units alerted to upcoming deployments. I expect Fort Riley will be a big part of that."

Maj. Rick Peat, 105th MPAD commander, said having the state's top two officials visit his troops was their way of showing genuine concern for the deployed Soldiers.

"Even though we're a small unit and tend to think we're under the radar in terms of what's going on back home, it's good to know they're still thinking about us and that they're still interested in knowing we're being taken care of," he said.

Peat went on to say the training his troops have received has been "fantastic" and highly applicable to the impending deployment.

"Gates training is based on feedback from Iraq and is primarily geared toward Iraq, but everything being taught is also applicable for Afghanistan," he said.

"We felt like it really prepared us for ongoing operations," he said.

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Law Day proclaimed

Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, signs the document proclaiming May 1 as Law Day for the division and post. This year's theme, "Equality by the Law," is in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the landmark decision *Brown vs. Board of Education*, which desegregated U.S. public schools.

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Call-ups hurt smallest companies most

Two-man law firm loses 50 percent of its manpower when son reports for active duty

By Sam Robinson
Staff writer



These stories comprise the third installment in a four-part series

About the series:

As the Army's mission evolves, the manner in which National Guard and Reserve Soldiers are used is changing. More mobilizations, longer deployments and expanding roles for reserve component Soldiers have created new challenges for America's citizen Soldiers.

Balancing a full-time, long-term career with the duty of military service can test the relationship between a Soldier and his or her employer.

Many businesses across the nation have stepped up to the call of the nation and supported their reserve component employees. Some, despite the law, have questioned the extended absences and pressured the employee not to serve.

As Soldiers begin to return from Iraq and other duty stations, they are faced with the decision of whether or not to re-enlist. With more than 100,000 reserve component Soldiers serving on active duty, reserve strength will translate into the overall strength of America's forces.

This series looks at the law that protects reserve component Soldiers in the civilian workplace and tells the stories of some Reserve Soldiers at Fort Riley.

Eighteen months ago Henry DeWoskin began to hear rumors that the U.S. Army Reserve unit he belongs to, the 6025th Garrison Support Unit, was going to be mobilized. The rumors turned to reality and DeWoskin and other Soldiers of the 6025th arrived at Fort Riley in January 2003.

"Our commander had been telling us to get our affairs in order," DeWoskin said. "We had some notice but it was still hard to pull up stakes and make the move."

DeWoskin left his job at a St. Louis law firm to serve as a captain in the Fort Riley staff judge advocate's office. He became the installation tax attorney.

His father, Alan E. DeWoskin, owns the law firm DeWoskin left. It is a small firm with only the two attorneys. Adjusting to having half of the legal staff gone has been challenging, the younger DeWoskin said.

"It took my dad a while to adjust. I doubled his work load when I left," DeWoskin said. "I dropped everything on him."

DeWoskin is an employee due to mobilization can be an extreme hardship for a business, especially on the small organizations like this one," Alan DeWoskin said. "I have tried to take on the load of cases, but we did have to hire a paralegal assistant to help."

The work DeWoskin is doing at Fort Riley is similar to what he did at the general practice in St. Louis. During his time at Fort Riley, DeWoskin has been able to keep up on training that will help him once he returns to the firm. However he has missed many professional development opportunities.

"So much of practicing law is about networking," Alan DeWoskin said. "Henry will miss a year and a half of case developments and events."

DeWoskin, a Temple Law School graduate, has been in the Army Reserves since his graduation from his undergraduate school, Bucknell University. He was in the Army ROTC program before that. This is his first mobilization and extended absence from home due to service.

"I enjoy the Army Reserves, that's why I stay in," DeWoskin said. "It is a very good part-time job. I didn't really expect it to be full-time and not for over a year."

DeWoskin and members of the 6025th received notice that their time at Fort Riley has been extended until the summer. This has made DeWoskin's absence even more difficult for his father.

"Not knowing when he is going to return is hard," Alan DeWoskin said. "I will continue to manage the work load. I cannot take on another attorney for a year, and a half. No attorney would be available for that short of term. At least not a good one."

"This is a non-plus factor in Henry's professional development," Alan DeWoskin said. "I have not been pleased with his absence but I have had to grin and bear it."

DeWoskin's father is sympathetic to his son's service in the Army Reserves. The senior DeWoskin is a retired colonel who served in Judge Advocate General Corps. DeWoskin feels that his father's knowledge of the Army has made it much easier to communicate about issues relating to employment and mobilization.

"Per Army regulations I am not allowed to have contact with my employer about job details while I am on active duty," DeWoskin said. "But since it is my dad, we stay in touch about what I am doing here."

DeWoskin's main concern is about not being able to help the law firm grow while he is gone.

"It is tough because I am not bringing in any new clients, and my dad can't bring in anyone new



Post/Robinson

Capt. Henry DeWoskin reviews a Soldier's tax return along with Audrey Hilton at the Fort Riley Tax Center. DeWoskin was appointed the installation's tax officer upon his mobilization.

because he has such a load now," DeWoskin said. "I really don't think that we are going to lose any clients, but it could influence them coming back for another case later on."

DeWoskin said his clients and colleagues have been very supportive of his service, and they have been willing to work through his absence. He has tried to stay in touch with other members of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. DeWoskin has written articles about the U.S. Army Reserves for the bar association newsletter.

DeWoskin and his father stress the importance of good communication between Army Reserve Soldiers and their employers.

They also stress that prior work performance influences how absences due to mobilizations will be handled.

"I am not guaranteed a job just because I work with my father. I have to keep up with the clients and cases," DeWoskin said. "Like all Army Reserve Soldiers, I am guaranteed a place when I return; but overall I must keep up with my caseload just like anyone else would have to."

Alan DeWoskin agrees that his son must keep up with the caseload when he is on staff. But he also admits that he is probably more understanding than some employers because of the family ties.

"It is not just a business associ-

ation. We are locked into a relationship," Alan DeWoskin said. "Obviously it should be easier for Henry to talk to me about any issue. Even though we can't talk shop, he can keep me up to date on what is happening with his life and a possible time to expect him home."

Like most Soldiers who have been called to active duty, DeWoskin had several personal matters to attend to before leaving home. Even though he does not have a spouse or dependents to worry about, he still needs his life in St. Louis to continue.

"Our office manager has become my life manager. It's my mom," DeWoskin said. "She has been helping me with a lot of details since I've been gone."

DeWoskin admits that his parents are thankful he is at Fort Riley rather than in Iraq. He admits to being anxious to return home and get back to work. He anticipates that it could take a while to be back in the courtroom after he does return.

"I need to get up to speed with the cases and changes in the law," DeWoskin said. "Plus I have to organize my office. They turned it into storage!"

"Send him back now!" Alan DeWoskin said. "We are ready to have him home."

DeWoskin is not certain how this will affect his career long term, but he does not regret his decision to serve in the Army Reserves. Currently he plans to fulfill his duties at Fort Riley and continue in the reserves until he has completed 20 years of service.

"We are very proud of Henry for his service in the Army, for a lot of things," Alan DeWoskin said. "He has accomplished a lot and should continue his service."

"But I probably would not encourage him to go past the 20-year mark. Being in his career field with reserve and guard Soldiers being used more and more, I think that would be pushing his luck."

DoD compiles reserve employer data

Special to the Post

Implementation of a mandatory Reserve component Civilian Employer Information database began March 31, culminating a yearlong effort to establish a Department of Defense-wide system to capture and understand who employs the 1.2 million members of the seven Reserve components.

Soldiers of the Army National Guard, airmen of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, sailors of the Navy Individual Ready Reserve, and Coast Guard reservists can begin entering their employer data on a new Defense Manpower Data Center Web site,

at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal>.

Army Reserve soldiers will enter their employer data at <https://www.hrc.army.mil>.

Navy selected reservists will enter their employer data at <https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil>.

Marine Reservists will enter their employer data at <https://www.mol.usmc.mil/>.

Guard and Reserve members are required to register information about their civilian employer and job skills in order for the department to meet three different requirements defined in law. The Department of Defense is required to:

-- Give consideration to civilian employment necessary to maintain national health, safety and interest when considering members for recall;

-- Ensure that members with critical civilian skills are not retained in numbers beyond those needed for those skills; and,

-- Inform employers of reservists' of their rights and responsibilities under the Uni-

formed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act.

The goal is to gather and maintain an employer database with 95 percent accuracy of the Selected Reserve and 75 percent accuracy of the Individual Ready Reserve.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Bob S. Stone, bob.stone@osd.mil, or (703) 693-8617.

Re-employment procedures:

For active military service up to 30 days, reserve Soldiers must report back to work at the next regularly scheduled shift on the day following release from the military, safe travel and eight hours of rest.

Reserve Soldiers must apply for re-employment within 14 days following release from active duty if they served 31 to 180 days on active duty. Reserve Soldiers must apply within 90 days if they served 181 days or more on active duty.

An application for reemployment can be a simple phone call alerting an employer of the wish to return to work and when. However, Lt. Col. Rob Robinson, chief, legal assistance at Fort Riley, recommends all communication be in writing to protect the Soldier's interest.

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Commentary

Family Centered Care

Hospital's changes will improve what's already excellent

By Renee Thai
OB/GYN staff physician

Upon completion of the Family Centered Care project, the entire Ob/Gyn department will be conveniently located on the same floor.

Staff will be cross-trained in outpatient and inpatient areas. This will allow for better continuity of care for the patient and more efficient use of staff, thus exceeding the excellent care that we already provide for our beneficiaries.

Women are not required to see their doctors in one building and

go to another building when in labor.

At Irwin Army Community Hospital we provide one-stop health care. Family Centered Care has many other features and advantages for our beneficiaries. Another advantage is the high caliber of the providers at IACH.

There are four Ob/Gyn staff members certified by the American College of Ob/Gyn, two certified nurse midwives accredited by the American College of Nurse Midwives, and an advance practiced nurse certified by the National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecolog-

ic and Neonatal Nursing Specialties to take care of our TriCare beneficiaries.

The obstetricians provide care for high-risk pregnancies. The CNMs and the NP specialize in care for women who are having uncomplicated pregnancies.

A specialized perinatologist comes to IACH every Thursday to perform level II ultrasounds for the women who have pregnancies that require that level of care.

The obstetricians at IACH consult with the perinatologists from Stormont Vail or Kansas University Medical Center for certain rare obstetrical problems.

We are able to manage more than 99 percent of all of our pregnant women in our own service with normal or high-risk pregnancies.

Another reason many patients wish to remain in the military healthcare system is we understand the military family.

If complications develop, we know the appropriate channels to go through to get husbands to come home, and we can arrange for the patient's military family to take care of her or her family.

At IACH, we have the best and fastest air-evacuation team in the area: the 82nd Medical Company.

All our nursing staff is certified in neonatal resuscitation and more than 75 percent are lactation educators.

The Army Nurse Corps has a specialized four-month course in obstetric nursing and the majority of the Army nurses on labor and delivery at IACH have been to the course. The course simply does not exist in the civilian world.

Pediatric, anesthesia providers and obstetrics providers are on-call 24/7.

IACH is equipped with all the necessary life support equipment for mothers and babies. More than 42 percent of our

population lives on-post. It is more convenient to drive five minutes to IACH than to go across town.

Most of all, we spare no expense when it comes to exceeding the standard of care for our patients.

While women have more choices than ever in their health care, more than 99 percent of our pregnant TriCare beneficiaries choose to remain with us at IACH.

The new mother-baby unit is yet another reason for our TriCare beneficiaries to remain at IACH for their family-centered care.

DoD Policy

War strategy: Change way terrorists live not how U.S. lives

By John D. Banusiewicz
AFPS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. strategy in the global war on terror boils down to changing the way terrorists live, rather than changing the way U.S. citizens live, the undersecretary of defense for policy said in an April 14 speech in Chicago.

Douglas J. Feith spoke at the University of Chicago's student-run political union.

He said the aim of the war on terror, as defined by President George W. Bush, is to "defeat terrorism as a threat to our way of life as a free and open society." This, Feith said, meant the nation no longer could rely solely, or even primarily, on a defensive posture.

"If we tried to do so," he said, "we would have to clamp down drastically across America, intruding grossly on the privacy rights and other civil liberties of Americans. As terrorist attacks occurred, U.S. officials would continually be under pressure to

move toward police-state tactics - to sacrifice our freedom and change our way of life."

The alternative, he said, is striking terrorists abroad, where they do much of their recruiting, training, equipping and planning.

"Given that our aim is to preserve our society's liberties, we have no alternative to a strategy of offense," Feith said.

"In other words, we concluded that in dealing with the terrorists we had either to change the way we live, or change the way they live," he said.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, showed that threats previously dismissed as wild speculation or only remotely possible had become the new reality.

Before 9/11

"Before 9/11, terrorism was commonly viewed as political - an action intended to influence or persuade," Feith explained. "Many discussed terrorism as a form of 'political theater,' a way that terrorist groups used shocking actions to call attention - sym-

pathetic attention - to a cause.

That view could hardly explain the Sept. 11 attacks, he said. "The terrorists who killed 3,000 ordinary people at the World Trade Center, where 10 times that number worked on a daily basis, would have been pleased to have killed them all - or many times more than that, if they had had the means to do so," Feith said.

At the root of the U.S. strategy in the war on terror, Feith said, is the president's bold and radical departure from previous policy.

Feith cited four terrorist acts against the United States to illustrate his point: the 1993 first World Trade Center bombing, the 1996 bombing of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, the 1998 destruction of U.S. embassies in East Africa and the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen.

"The U.S. government's response in those cases was to use the FBI to investigate," Feith said. "Our government was looking for individuals to arrest, extradite and prosecute in criminal courts. President Bush broke with that prac-

tice - and with that frame of mind - when he decided that 9/11 meant that we are at war. He decided that the United States would respond not with the FBI and U.S. attorneys, but with our armed forces and every instrument of U.S. national power."

Who was enemy?

Defining the enemy, Feith said, became a key question for policy makers. "The enemy is not a state or group of states; it's not a traditional type of enemy we have faced in war," he said. "The enemy is not a discrete, hierarchical organization either. Rather, the enemy is a far-flung network of terrorist organizations and their state and non-state sponsors.

"Terrorist organizations rely on state sponsors for safe haven, funds, weapons and other types of support," he continued. "We cannot win the war on terrorism if we do not cut off state support for terrorist organizations."

The danger of weapons of mass destruction falling into the hands of terrorists was another essential part of policy makers' thinking in forming the nation's strategy, a consideration that took on "greatly intensified urgency" after the Sept. 11 attacks, Feith said.

Therefore, he said, the main strategic threat in the war on terrorism is the nexus among terrorist organizations, their state sponsors and weapons of mass destruction.

The U.S. strategy for confronting the threat, Feith said, is "to organize and help lead international efforts to deny terrorist groups systematically what they need to operate and survive."

The terrorists' needs, he added, are safe havens, leaders, finances, ideological support and access to targets, and weapons - especially weapons of mass destruction.

The United States has taken three useful, though not entirely distinct, types of action to imple-

ment the strategy, Feith said: disrupting and attacking terrorist networks, protecting the homeland and countering ideological support for terrorism in what he called a battle of ideas.

"The war on terrorism will never end if all we do is disrupt and attack terrorist networks, because while we are doing so, new terrorists are being recruited and indoctrinated - probably faster than anyone on our side can capture or kill them," Feith said.

"If we're going to avoid placing ourselves on an ever-accelerating treadmill, our strategy must aim to stem the flow of people into the ranks of the terrorists. Doing this requires a focus on the widespread ideological support for terrorism," he said.

To win the battle of ideas, he said, the United States is working to de-legitimize terrorism and support the success of models of moderation, especially in the Muslim world.

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Sports news in brief

Sports office to host tourney

The sports office will host the Fort Riley Spring Fling Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament May 1-2. The double-elimination tournament is open to company-level men's teams, battalion-level women's teams and community life teams. Rosters on file with the sports office will determine eligibility of all participants.

Entry fee is \$40 per team. Entry deadline is close of business April 28.

First and second place individual awards and first and second place team awards will be presented.

For more information, call the sports office at 239-3945, 239-3764 or 239-2172.

Outdoor Rec rents new boat

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center in building 9011 on Rifle Range Road now rents a new 21-foot Sun Tracker pontoon boat to eligible users. Cost is \$125 per day or \$200 per weekend. A \$200 deposit is required to reserve the boat.

Maximum capacity is 13 people or 1,800 pounds. A Boater's Safety Test is required before renting the boat.

Law Day golf tourney slated

The annual Law Day Golf Tournament will be April 29, at Custer Hill Golf Course. A rain date of May 6, has been set.

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

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

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

At Custer Hill Golf Course:

April 24 -- Golf Course Gaggle, 7 to 8 a.m.

April 25 -- Golf Course Gaggle, 7 to 8 a.m.

April 30 -- KSU Recreation Society Annual Golf Tournament, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fitness classes offered on post

April 26 -- Aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

April 27 -- "Get on Track" Guidance to Lap Swimming, 9 a.m.

April 29 -- Aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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

5K, 10K runs set in Olathe

The Kansas Heart and Soul Classic 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer runs will take place from 6 to 10:30 a.m. May 1 in downtown Olathe. The certified 10K run is part of the Mid-America Running Association Grand Prix Circuit. The races will begin at 111 Cherry St. in Johnson County Square. For more information, call (913) 492-8360 or visit www.olatherunningclub.com on the Internet.

Having fun

USA MEDDAC player Todd Vento grimaces after hurting his knee on a play against 937th Engineers April 19. Trying to jump over Vento is Justin Fahrenholtz, Engineer Player Jose Villasmil (on the ground) attempts to get up after colliding with Vento. MEDDAC's Joseu Meza (behind Villasmil) and another Engineer player skirt the collision.

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USA MEDDAC, 15th PSB win games

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

USA Medical Department Activity continued its winning ways April 19, defeating 10th ASOS 2-0. The point spread duplicated the April 8 meeting between the two teams but the total score was lower.

In their first encounter, MEDDAC defeated a scrappy ASOS 3-1.

MEDDAC's William Brown scored a goal against the Airmen in the first period April 19. Josue Meza scored the last point of the game, keeping MEDDAC undefeated in battalion-level league play.

Player/coach Craig Noda credited veteran goalie Shane Fesingline with stopping just about anything that came his way. Noda and Brian Valery add strong defensive play.

Offensively, Brown and Caleb Ekaine work together powerfully

to threaten any goalie they play against, Noda said.

Detachment D, 15th Personnel Services Battalion, won the nightcap 2-1 against 937th Engineer Group.

The Delta Dragons took the first shot of the game and challenged the Engineers all over the field during a very physical game that resulted in one Engineer player being ejected and a Delta Dragons player being carded for intentional roughness.

The Engineers showed considerable improvement in their offense compared to their debut outing against MEDDAC the week before. The red-shirted players invaded PSB territory a fair share of the game but the Delta Dragons goalie easily stopped most scoring attempts or the Engineers' kicks soared over or wide of the goal.

PSB got on the scoreboard first about 17 minutes into the

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A kick goes wide of the goal as 924th MP Bn. players Brian Perales (left) Ryan Brockett and goalie William Struck defend against 10th ASOS player Randy Paine April 15. The MPs won the game 1-0.

Three Soldier wrestlers win Greco-Roman championships

By Tim Hipps

Army News Service

LAS VEGAS — Three members of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program won their divisions of the 2004 U.S. National Wrestling Championships April 9-10, at the Las Vegas Convention Center, earning them No. 1 seeds in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Wrestling Team Trials next month at Indianapolis.

Dremiel Byers was named outstanding Greco-Roman wrestler of the tournament after upsetting 2000 Olympic gold medalist Rulon Gardner to win the super-

heavyweight division.

Tina George and Faruk Sahin also earned top-seeded spots in the championship finals of the Olympic Trials, scheduled for May 21-23, at the RCA Dome.

The champions advance directly to a best-of-three championship series in the Olympic Trials, while others must win a rugged mini-tournament to get a shot at them.

In a showdown between former world champions, Byers scored three points on a takedown with 23 seconds remaining in his 3-1 conquest over Gardner, who had prevailed in their last three confrontations at 264.5 pounds.

Byers plans to face Sunkist Kids' Gardner again in Indianapolis for a berth in the 2004 Olympic Games at Athens, Greece.

George, who has won back-to-back silver medals in the women's World Championships, dominated her 4-2 victory over Dave Schultz Wrestling Club's Tela O'Donnell, who she lost to in the 2003 finals in Las Vegas.

Oscar Wood, who stunned five-time national champion Kevin Bracken of New York Athletic Club in the quarterfinals, dropped a 4-0 decision to Sahin in a battle of Soldiers for the 145.5-pound Greco crown.

Army seeks Ironman athletes

Staff report

The U.S. Army wants three ironmen and one iron woman to compete in the 2004 Ironman Triathlon World Championship Oct. 16, in Kona, Hawaii.

All interested Army active duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers must apply by June 1. Applications must be signed by

the athlete's commander and mailed to Betty Raveill, Army Sports & Fitness, 4700 King St., Alexandria, Va. 22302-4418; faxed to Raveill at (703) 681-7245 or DSN 761-7245; or e-mailed to Raveill at betty.raveill@cfsc.army.mil.

Team selection will be made from applications and resumes, so applicants should give specific

competition information to include times.

Active duty Soldiers' application packets should include the application form (DA Form 4762-R) with resume and competition information, a Home Town News Center release form (DD Form 2266) and a copy of current USAF

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Outdoor lovers starting club

By Darren D. Heusel

105th MPAD

If Col. Gasper Gulotta has his way, those with ties to Fort Riley and the surrounding community will soon be well on their way to doing more hunting and fishing within the boundaries of America's Warfighting Center.

The 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support), commander wants to start an outdoorsman's club in the coming months. Membership would include Soldiers and civilians who are enthusiastic about hunting, fishing, shooting and orienteering, a sport that includes hiking, land navigation and nature walks.

The idea, he said, is to challenge every Fort Riley Soldier to help identify ways to make the installation a better place to work and live.

"We live here at Fort Riley, so we should contribute to the quality of life," Gulotta said. "This is a way to provide venues for all interests and to get Soldiers out of the barracks and become a part of the community."

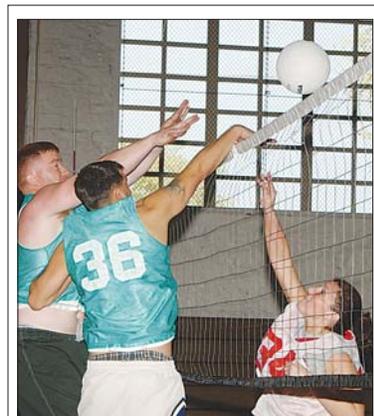
A number of details still need to be finalized, such as coming up with an estimated \$36,000 to build a skeet range and building a facility the club can call home, but Gulotta said several key leaders on post and in the community have already pledged their support to the fledgling organization.

"The Army traditionally says that hunting, fishing, sports like that just aren't high on the priority list," Gulotta said. "That might be true if you live in New York or someplace like that. But, Fort Riley is a sportsman's paradise. My intention is to build a program where folks can take advantage of that."

Gulotta said he firmly believes once Soldiers are introduced to outdoor sports like hunting and fishing "they'll be hooked for life."

He said the outdoorsman's club would meet as a private organization on Fort Riley and operate in concert with Outdoor Recreation.

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Volleyball title play begins

MEDDAC's Riley Yadon (left) and John Hanes push back an attempted spike from PSB's Lurissa Kupchek during play in the first round of the double elimination post volleyball tournament April 20. Tournament play ended too late for this week's paper. Look for the results in next week's Post.





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James Wartil (third from left) heads the ball too high for a 937th Engineer Group score against USA MEDDAC April 19. Other Engineers in on the play are Cyprus Phipps (left), Patrick Lachance (second from left).



Post/Heronemus

Twila Khouri battles with a fill-in player for 10th ASOS April 15, as the 924th Military Police Battalion defeats the Airmen 1-0 in a tightly contested game.

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first period when Manuel Robles headed a corner kick into the net.

The Engineers tied the game before the period ended. A PSB player caught a ball in front of the Delta Dragons' net, setting up a penalty kick that Jose Villasilmi kicked past the goalie.

William King won the game for the Delta Dragons about 16 minutes into the second period. His kick flew across the front of the goal and into the net on the right side of the goalie.

The Engineers might have stopped some hearts of PSB fans in the final minute of play. Three Engineers led opponents down the field toward the goalie but the kick went high. Two quick corner kicks and another short shot at the goal also failed to score in that final minute.

MEDDAC dominates

USA MEDDAC dominated 937th Engineer Group in soccer April 15, winning the day's nightcap 5-0 after the 924th Military Police Battalion held on to post a 1-0 win against 10th ASOS.

The Engineers entered battalion-level soccer play a man short but added the 10th player before the game finished. The Engineers were able to use only nine of their

players during the whole game, but Player Coach Patrick Lachance said he expects more players to join the team. Many of the group's Soldiers recently returned from Iraq, so the team is still recruiting, he said.

MEDDAC Coach Craig Noda predicted earlier this season his team would walk away with the league championship. His players showed that Thursday evening why Noda is so confident about the league's outcome. "MEDDAC's passing is deadly," said Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret) Ed Torres, one of the game's officials.

Torres has coached soccer teams in the Army as well as the Junction City High School varsity.

The Engineers faced a MEDDAC mountain and couldn't seem to climb past the foothills during the first period. MEDDAC got the first two shots of the game and racked up four points on at least 12 attempts by the end of the first period.

William Brown scored the first point for MEDDAC, followed by scores from Mike Kim, John Everett and Rowan Lechue.

The Engineers played most of the first period on their half of the field, defending their goal. They

didn't get across mid-field into MEDDAC territory until nine minutes of the 25-minute first period had lapsed.

MEDDAC called frequent substitutions from its deep bench and kept the Engineers running full-tilt throughout the game. During the break between periods Lachance urged his eight other players to take the play to the MEDDAC players in the second period, and his team responded to the challenge.

The Engineers invaded MEDDAC territory more frequently during the second period and began launching shots on the goalie. The shots went wide, over the goal or into the MEDDAC goalie's hands, however, keeping the Engineers off the scoreboard.

MEDDAC scored only one point in the second period as the Engineers' defense stepped up. The Engineer defenders were left behind on the final scoring play, however, as Everett passed the ball neatly to Russell Trepanier right in front of the Engineers' goal and Trepanier scored easily about eight minutes into the second period.

MPs ground Airmen

It took 924th MP Bn. about eight minutes to score their only

point against 10th ASOS April 15. It took them the rest of the game to keep the rest of the goal before nesting against the net.

The Airmen threatened to score several times throughout the game and might have tied the score about 10 minutes into the second period had an MP player not headed the ball away from the goal.

The Airmen spent much of the first half of the final period playing in MP territory, but several shots for score went wide or behind the goal.

Both teams set a fast pace for the game from the outset. That pace appeared to take its toll physically on both teams. The ball rolled out of bounds frequently during the second period because players opted for long kicks or couldn't run fast enough to keep the ball in play.

The MPs couldn't mount an effective offensive effort after their first score. They attempted several shots in the second period but the Airmen's goalie saved the shots that came close and the rest went over or wide of the net.

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membership.

National Guard Soldiers' applications must include the application form with resume and competition information, DA Form 1058-R, the Home Town News Center release form, State National Guard Letter and a copy of current USAT membership.

Army Reserve Soldiers' applications must include the application form with resume and competition information, DA Form 1058-R, the Home Town News Center release form, DA Form 1058-R and a copy of current USAT membership.

Any Soldier desiring to take leave in conjunction with the competition should also submit a signed DA Form 31 in their application packet.

All applicants must have completed an Ironman distance race of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run within the past 12 months.

All applicants must have completed a half-Ironman distance race of a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike and 13.1-mile run within the calendar year of the race for which they are applying.

The Army Sports Office will provide round-trip airfare from the Soldiers' duty station to Hawaii and return, entry fee and Army uniforms. Soldiers are responsible for their lodging,

meals and any other expenses. Soldiers who have already paid the \$450 entry fee and are subsequently selected for the Army team will be reimbursed.

All members of the team must finish the competition to be eligible for team awards. If any team member drops out during the race, the team is automatically disqualified from the military team awards.

Team members who complete the competition are eligible for the top male and female trophies.

2004 Ironman

What: 2004 Ironman Triathlon World Championship

What: A 2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike race and 26.2-mile run. Competitors have 17 hours to finish. Cut-off times are applied to the swim (2:20 after start of race) and the bike (10:30 after the start of race.)

When: Oct. 16

Where: Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

Purse: A total of \$430,000, the richest in the sport of triathlon. First place gets \$100,000, second gets \$30,000, third gets \$20,000.

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"Fort Riley has not had a viable outdoorsman's club in the past, but this installation has a great deal to offer our Soldiers, their family members and the community," Gulotta said.

He went on to say outdoorsman's clubs typically have served as great activities to bring new and young Soldiers together with other sportsmen on the installation and in the local community and have been viewed in a positive light.

"An outdoorsman's club would provide the venue for many different activities and programs that could be provided to our servicemembers at a relatively low cost," Gulotta said.

In addition to coming up with the initial start-up cost of a facility, he said other costs could include a small monthly fee to support internal activities as well as time from those willing to teach and mentor.

On the plus side, Gulotta said, the gains would include a greater interaction of personnel, a method to introduce younger Soldiers to the benefits of outdoor life and a method to help build mentorship and related programs with the local civilian community.

He said some activities could include a monthly steak night, hunter's safety courses, craft and skill classes such as fly fishing, archery and turkey calling, as well as guided hunts and other activi-

ties like ski trips, canoe trips and other boating activities.

"It's a big vision and one we will need to build," Gulotta said, "but our goal is to have things up and running by next hunting season."

In the meantime, he said, Fort Riley Soldiers should continue to work quality of life issues on post and assist in providing diverse activities to help build the Army family and the community.

While Gulotta is due to transfer

in June, he said the reigns of the budding club would be placed in the capable hands of Maj. Paul Graves, who currently serves as operations officer under Gulotta.

"What we're looking to do essentially is promote the outdoors here at Fort Riley," Graves said.

Anyone interested in learning more about the proposed outdoorsman's club can attend a meeting at 6 p.m. April 29 at Outdoor Recreation in building 9011.

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Above: Erica Manor of Cerritos, Calif., works out with personal trainer Steve Przybylo at the King Field House on Fort Riley. Przybylo shows individuals how to use the pieces of equipment to achieve desired results.

At left: Przybylo coaches Manor on the correct form when using free weights.

Woods trains, teaches at Bragg

By Ryan Smith
Army News Service

FORT BRAGG, N.C.-- Three-time Masters champion golfer Tiger Woods culminated a week on Fort Bragg with a junior golf clinic and exhibition April 16, at Stryker Golf Course.

Woods arrived at Pope Air Force Base April 12 and spent the week training with Soldiers from U.S. Army Special Operations Command and various other units on post. He met with Soldiers, fired various weapon systems and conducted two tandem parachute jumps with the U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights."

The golf clinic and exhibition, sponsored by the Tiger Woods Foundation, an organization devoted to developing the potential of children, let Fort Bragg youth have a chance to interact with Woods. Eight children were chosen by lottery to receive instruction from Woods.

Emily Gaylord, one of the eight winners, said that she enjoyed her time with Woods and found his golf tips helpful.

"It was fun," she said. "I learned some stuff I didn't know before. I was hitting the ball a lot straighter."

Gretchen McLean, another winner, said that she enjoyed the clinic, but admitted to some nervousness.

Family members can use equipment, trainer King Field House hosts exercise, fitness, training programs for spouses

By Anthony H. Broyles
105th MPAD

Fort Riley military families can use facilities at King Field House fitness center to improve their physical conditioning.

Fitness Program Manager Kim Miller heads up family fitness programs, including aerobics sessions.

The aerobics class meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday and Thursday. Price per class is \$1.50 if paid monthly or \$2 if paid the day of the class.

The level of instruction is adjusted for each class to properly

meet individual needs, Miller said.

Recently, the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic began referring patients to the program and Miller said she hopes to form a pregnancy-only class in the future.

Aerobics classes usually range from 10 to 20 people with a maximum of 30 participants.

King Field House also offers free personal trainer services. Steve Przybylo, a graduate from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in diet, nutrition and exercise, is available at the field house from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Przybylo's services have been so popular that he is booked for the next four to six weeks.

"We have gotten tons of Interactive Customer Evaluation comments on him and they have all been satisfactory," Miller said. "Everyone has been really happy with his services."

The one-on-one training consists of an initial consultation to determine personal goals and body fat analysis. A week later, Przybylo will have a personal training plan laid out for the individual and will go over how to correctly perform each exercise. Then, a six-week follow-up appointment is set to evaluate

progress.

While the aerobics class and personal trainer service are the only activities provided for family members now, Miller said she hopes to start a Yoga class in the near future. Once the class gets approval, she will offer free sessions twice a week.

In March Miller started the "Train for the Prairie" conditioning program designed for people who want to increase their running endurance.

The training consists of two days of instruction and one to two days of self-training. The program leads up to the "10-5-2 Prairie Run" on July 24. Entrants run 2, 5

or 10 miles at Fort Riley and 10-milers run to qualify for post teams entered in the annual 10-mile run during the annual Association of the U.S. Army conference in Washington, D.C.

Anyone who trains from April to July will get a T-shirt and free entry in the Fort Riley Prairie Run, Miller said.

May is fitness month and Miller is organizing various family events for the month.

"Family members enjoy the activities and like having something to do, and usually most of our activities don't cost much, if anything at all, so that makes it nice," Miller said.

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The foursome (left to right) of David Hildebrand, Mark Neely, Bob Berroth and Kevin Hildebrand wait for the group in front of them to clear the sixth green during the BOSS tournament April 15 at Custer Hill Golf Course.



Mike Bertucci of the 289th Field Artillery reacts to a missed putt.



Mike Lopez (front), head gardener at Custer Hill Golf Course, and John Stewart, course general manager and superintendent, post a score during the BOSS tourney.

BOSS 'Rusty Club' tourney raises \$350

By Larissa Copeland
105th MPAD

Sunshine and a brisk wind greeted golfers at the first Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Rusty Club Classic April 15 at the Custer Hill Golf Course. Seventeen teams entered the four-player scramble that raised more than \$350 for the BOSS program.

The BOSS program caters to active duty and reserve Soldiers and pursues three objectives: quality of life, community service

and recreation and leisure.

The program began in 1989 and picked up steam during the early '90s. The program moved into the back seat during Desert Shield and Desert Storm before regaining support in the mid-90s.

The idea behind the Fort Riley BOSS tournament has been in the works for a while, according to the group's president, Spc. Jason Dunlap.

"It's something that we have wanted to do for a couple of years now, and this year it finally came

together," Dunlap said.

"We got the commercial sponsorship and support from the golf course, and it's something we thought would work really well," he said.

The opening tournament for the Custer Hill Golf Course season drew nearly 70 players of all ranks, ages and backgrounds, including privates, colonels, civilians and retirees.

Pfc. Jared Bosman, a 4th Finance Battalion BOSS representative and tournament partici-

ant, said, "It (golf) builds a lot of morale. It gets the single Soldiers out and gives them a chance to meet new people and to do something they enjoy."

Course Superintendent John Stewart, said the turnout for the inaugural tournament was superb for this time of year. "Last year, when the war started, it (the BOSS tournament) got cancelled, so this was a good turnout for the first tournament of the year."

The golfer who turned out for the tournament found the course

in good condition, in Stewart's opinion. "We just finished aerating the greens about two weeks ago, so we're way ahead of some of the other courses in the area," he said.

Dunlap said the local BOSS organization is hoping to make the tournament an annual event.

"We'll definitely plan on doing this again next year," he said.

The day concluded with an awards ceremony for the top teams. Prizes were also awarded for the longest and worst drives,

as well as a number of closest-to-the-pin and farthest-from-the-pin contests on the par 3 holes. Leading the Championship Flight with an eight-under-par 64 on the 6,722-yard course was Team Whitlock, followed by Team Kusko and Team McKone with 65 and 66, respectively.

Team Baker took top honors in the 1st Flight with a one-over-par 73. Team Corbit placed second in that flight with a 74 and 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, placed third with a 75.

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Fort Riley Community Life

Community news briefly

Post wide yard sale scheduled May 1

Post residents will be offering some great deals at the post wide yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 1. Participating homes do not have to register for this sale. The sale is open to the general public. For more information, call 239-9435.

One scheduled sale is being planned by Cub Scout Pack 560 at 4904-1 Watie Drive. All proceeds will be used to support pack activities.

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley Mayfest Membership Drive and Benefit will offer \$3 plate lunches from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 1 at the U.S. Cavalry Museum on Main Post for post yard sale shoppers needing a lunch break. A live radio remote broadcast and prize giveaways will be part of the luncheon activities.

Public Works to flush post's water lines

Public Works will flush the post's water distribution system starting April 26. The schedule for flushing is:

April 26 — Main Post/Whiteside Areas

April 27 — Custer Hill Housing Areas

April 28 — Custer Hill Troop Area

April 29 — Custer Hill Motor Pool Areas

April 30 — Forsyth/Funston/Marshall Field Areas

Flushing of the water mains will begin at 8 a.m. each day and continue until complete. Occupants of the affected area must refrain from using hot water during the flushing period.

To facilitate flushing, drivers are asked not to park directly across from fire hydrants.

When flushing of an area is complete, area occupants should clear the water lines in their quarters by opening all cold water faucets and letting them run until the water runs clear. The hot water faucets should be opened next to clear any remaining discoloration.

The time required for the water to clear depends on the amount of water used during the flushing. If the water does not clear up after 30 minutes, occupants should call the Service Order Desk at 239-0900.

Questions concerning the flushing should be addressed to Don Wainwright, Public Works, 239-3908, during normal working hours.

Masons to welcome troops home

To welcome troops home, the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM of Kansas, will host the Grand Ways and Means Black and White Ball from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. May 1-2 at the American Legion Post, 201 E. Fourth St., in Junction City.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling Bob Laster Sr. at 762-5505.

SFSC activities:

April 23 — Newcomer's orientation, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

April 26 — "Got the Mid-Tour Blahs?" spouses session, noon to 3 p.m.

April 28 — PCS-stateside briefing, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

April 30 — Make May Day baskets with the New Parent Support Program and Exceptional Family Member Program.

AER launches annual campaign

Battalion, brigade reps hope to raise \$60,000 to help Army help its own

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Fort Riley kicked off a month-long campaign to raise \$60,000 for the Army Emergency Relief fund. The post's campaign coincides with a national collection

effort to pump up the monetary coffers used to help Soldiers and families navigate financial straits.

This year's goal is \$60,000, the same as last year's goal, said Carol Bondurant, the assistant AER officer on post. Last year's campaign raised more than \$86,000 through one-time contri-

butions and payroll allotments from active duty Soldiers and retirees.

More than 360 requests for help amounting to more than \$146,000 were granted in 2003.

One of the 2003 granted requests for help at Fort Riley kept a military widow from hav-

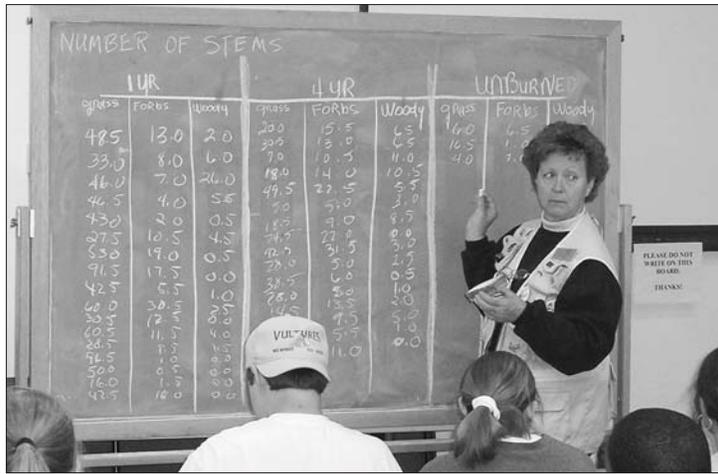
ing her utilities shut off after spending all her money on post-surgery medication. Another provided a spouse with childcare expenses while she traveled to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to be with her critically injured Soldier.

Another granted request helped

a Soldier repair his personal vehicle for essential use. Still another helped a Soldier and his spouse with travel expenses so they could be at his mother-in-law's bedside at a time she was being kept alive by a ventilator.

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Counting plants



Dr. Valerie Wright helps students compile plant data they collected on a field trip to the Konza Prairie Biological Station April 14. They were studying the effects of burning on the tall grass prairie.

FRMS students learn science in the field

By Jeffery Buczkowski
Public Affairs Officer

It's burning season on the Kansas prairie. Fort Riley residents have been aware of that fact because of the smell from billowing clouds of smoke filling the sky almost daily.

But why is the prairie burned?

What happens to the vegetation as a result?

Fort Riley Middle School science students learned the answers to those questions April 14, during a field trip to the Konza Prairie Biological Station.

The trip gave 36 eighth-grade students the opportunity to experience field research first-hand. The goal of the trip was to study the effects of fire on Kansas' native tall grass

prairie. "We want the students to see the impact humans have on the prairie," explained science teacher Heather Tillmington.

The Konza Environmental Education Program keeps several acres of land prepared for this type of research. Paths of closely mown grass separated the Hulbert Demonstration Plots that are burned at varying frequencies and seasons to demonstrate how the plant community changes due to the different stages of plant regrowth that occur after a prairie fire.

The students began their project by observing each plot, then forming hypotheses to prove or disprove. Their ideas included an assumption that the

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Eduardo Espinoza counts plants in a thickly vegetated portion of the Hulbert Demonstration Plots.

AAFES, two other systems to merge

Exchange officials look at new 'chain'

By Gerry J. Gilmore
AFPS

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department will streamline business operations across the military exchange system, much like private sector retail chains did years ago, a former chief of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service said in an April 13 interview.

Economic and strategic realities are driving the transformation of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the Marine Corps Exchange and Navy Exchange operations, said retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles J. Wax.

"Presently, you've got three different organizations that are delivering the same benefit to the same customer," noted Wax, who heads the Unified Exchange Task Force that is working with the services on integration planning.

By eliminating duplicative business operations across the exchange system, "we believe we can provide a better value proposition to the customer," he maintained.

For example, he explained, the three exchange organizations now use different finance and accounting, human resources, information and technology, logistics and merchandising systems.

"The individual Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine is ultimately paying for this duplication," Wax pointed out. Integration of those operations would make the system more efficient and reduce costs, he observed.

Privatization of the military exchange system isn't an option, Wax emphasized. Private sector retail chains wouldn't want to operate remote, but necessary, stores that don't do landmark business, he pointed out. And, he added, no single private retailer

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Craft center caters to many

Art specialist: Skills, talent can be learned

By Terry Welch
105th MPAD

Marilyn Paras has heard all the excuses:

"I'm not artistic."
"I'm just not handy."
"I wouldn't know where to start."

To those excuses, Paras responds with some gentle encouragement. "Try it," she says.

"We have tons of people who say they'll never be able (to do arts and crafts)," Paras said. "Negative, negative attitudes. We're constantly telling them, 'Try it!'"

Paras, the lead art specialist at Fort Riley's Arts and Crafts Center, said she believes just about anyone can learn a skill or a craft. She's seen it before — craft novices who enter the center's doors knowing nothing but after a

class and some practice, leave with a lifelong skill.

The Fort Riley Arts and Crafts Center in building 6918, offers several workshops and classes that prepare people for new hobbies and pastimes. Soldiers and their families can learn framing, scrapbooking, woodworking, engraving, stained glass work, crocheting, sewing and many

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SPC Maggie Bolden-Thompson (right) pours clay from a ceramic mold in the Arts and Crafts Center's ceramics shop.

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105th MPAD/Welch First Sgt. Arlis Hicks sands a display case door in the Arts and Crafts Center's wood-working shop.



Basic ceramics class teacher, Judy Felvus, shows a mug while demonstrating the different types of treatments available to users of the ceramics workshop.

105th MPAD/Welch

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other crafts. Whichever craft one chooses, a proven artistic talent is not required, according to one hobbyist. "I think it brings out the artist in you," said Spc. Maggie Bolden-Thompson, who has enjoyed ceramics for years but had to convince her husband to take an interest in her hobby. "I begged my husband to go in Korea. Then I made him a little car and he came over, started looking at it, then started cutting around the wheels, trying to make them look like rims. After that, he was like, 'What'd you make me?'"

Bolden-Thompson picked the right base on which to continue her hobby. According to Paras, the Arts and Crafts Center has nearly 3,000 ceramic molds, four potter's wheels and five ceramic kilns. In other words, budding and expert ceramic hobby-

ists are limited only by their own imaginations. It's the same story with the other shops in the center. Paras said some of the most impressive crafts she's seen have come from people using the center's woodshop. "I tell people that you can literally build anything (in the woodshop), as long as it fits (through) a garage door," she said. "We've had people come in with a 20-foot canoe and refurbish it."

For a lot of Soldiers who don't have the tools at home, the Arts and Crafts Center is a good place for them to keep up their woodworking skills, said First Sgt. Arlis Hicks while he was taking a break from sanding a display case door. "For the young ones who want to get into woodworking, the Arts and Crafts

Center is a good place to get started. With a lot of help and a lot of patience, they walk out of here with something they can be proud of."

The center also offers services to customers who aren't interested in doing the work themselves. Professional framing and matting is available, as well as engraving, ceramic firing and imprinting. Paras especially recommends that families take advantage of the framing and matting services for their family photos and collectibles. It irks her when she sees work that's done off post that's either more expensive than what's offered at the center or when it's done so cheaply that it will eventually damage what's been framed. "Once something is framed, it shows that it has meaning to you," she said.

Hours

The Arts and Crafts Center is open from 1 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Shops available at Arts and Crafts Center

Woodshop has 4,000 square feet of floor space and all the specialized equipment needed to complete any project. A large selection of hardwoods, plywood and processed materials are available for purchase. A basic wood safety course is required before using the woodshop. **Ceramics studio** offers nearly 3,000 molds, four potter's

wheels and five ceramic kilns. Patrons must take the mold pouring class before using the studio on their own. **Matting and framing studio** has a large selection of mats and frame stock available, including conservation and preservation mats for fine art pieces. An introductory class is required before use. **Computer lab** has two desktop

computers with a wide range of graphics and business software. A flatbed color scanner and color laser printer are available for walk-in use. **Black and white photography lab** offers five enlargers, large sink areas and film and print dryers. **Other studio areas** include stained glass, basket weaving and leather.

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more frequent the burn, the more grass exists and that the diversity of plants depends on the burn treatment.

The students divided into two- and three-person teams and began to meticulously count the number of plants in small sample areas of each plot.

Their counting took place under the watchful eyes of staff and volunteers. The plants were categorized as grasses, forbs (leafy vegetation) and woody (bushes and small trees).

After the count, the students moved into a classroom where Dr. Valerie Wright, an environmental educator and naturalist at the station, helped them compile their data and discuss the results.

The results of their research? The students determined that annual burning increases the amount of grass by killing off other types of vegetation.

They also showed that there is greater biodiversity in areas that are burned every four years than in areas that are never burned and that unburned areas allow more

woody shrubs to grow. Education Assistant Annie Clark said she found working with the students rewarding.

"It's fun when you know they understand," Clark said. Data collected by the students will be entered into a database that can be viewed on-line, Clark explained. Educators around the country can use the database for their instruction.

The students' prairie education continued after lunch with a bus tour of the Konza Prairie Research Natural Area. They were accompanied by docents Wilton Thomas and Sue Hunt.

Thomas provided a narration complete with personal stories of his life on the prairie while the students observed numerous bison, deer and turkeys.

He explained how bare patches of ground were actually "wallowing holes" rolled in by the bison to ease the stings of biting insects.

During one stop Thomas grabbed some sumac branches and demonstrated how they could be used to clean one's teeth.

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The Fort Riley Provost Marshal's Office is partnering with more than 12,000 other law enforcement agencies in a nationwide crackdown against seat belt violators.

During the national "Click-it or Ticket" mobilization, military police officers at Fort Riley will use checkpoints to enforce the seat belt law. Drivers who fail to buckle up or fail to buckle their child passengers will be ticketed.

The leading cause of death for the U.S. Military is traffic acci-

dents in privately owned vehicles.

Deaths among military personnel occurring in private motor vehicle accidents are up 35 percent from 2001. In fiscal year 2002, 321 military personnel of all services lost their lives in traffic accidents.

Nearly half of those young service members who failed to wear seat belts could have survived if they had buckled up, officials said. Military personnel, because of their age and gender, typically epitomize the low seat belt user:

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Community news briefly

Club sponsors etiquette class

The Enlisted Spouses' Club will sponsor a refresher course on military protocol and etiquette from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. April 29 at the Soldier and Family Support Center. Lunch will be provided for participants.

Limited free childcare slots will be available on-site. Participants should bring a sack lunch.

Topics will include receiving lines, dress codes, flag etiquette and any other questions posed. Participants also will receive a booklet of helpful information.

Participants should RSVP to 784-3191 for this event and childcare needs by April 26.

Bible study group starts

A long-term men's Bible study group will start meeting from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. April 29 at Kapaun Chapel on Custer Hill.

This group will meet weekly and all men are invited.

The group will begin by looking at "The Life of David: Sinner and Saint."

For more information, call Chap. (Capt.) Glenn Palmer at 784-8384 or 239-9565.

Crafts center sets classes

April 25 -- Scrapbooking Get-Together, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

April 26 -- Crochet, Knitting, Cross Stitch, 7 p.m.

April 27 -- Matting & Framing Orientation, 6 to 9 p.m.

At the movies:

The doors at Barlow Theater open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children age 5 to 11. Children under age 5 are admitted free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

April 23 -- Secret Window (PG-13)

April 24 -- Spartan (R)

April 25 -- Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (PG-13)

April 29 -- Secret Window (PG-13)

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performs in the wide range of business lines operated by exchanges.

Wax noted that growing competition from numerous private-sector retailers provides another reason to transform the military exchange system.

Statewide military exchanges compete with civilian corporate retailers, Wax pointed out, noting, "that competition is getting more and more cutthroat."

The majority of private-sector chains "have already done what we are now doing, and that is squeezing out duplication" and reducing operating costs, he continued.

Military transformation also necessitates changing the ways exchanges do business, Wax observed.

"We're about to experience a fundamental shift in the way the American military force is deployed," Wax said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld already has talked about the repositioning of significant forces from the European theater and a realignment of U.S. troops stationed in South Korea, he noted.

"That has direct impact on exchanges," Wax explained, "because ... you're also going to see more expeditionary-style bases" in Eastern Europe.

Such temporary, more austere military encampments, Wax said, would have smaller exchanges and make less money, in contrast to profits now being generated at large exchanges in Heidelberg or Ramstein, Germany, that serve larger, permanently based military

populations. Upcoming base realignment and closure actions could cut statewide military facilities by as much as 25 percent, Wax noted.

Regardless of which bases are closed under the 2005 BRAC process, Wax said, "the impact on exchanges is going to be rather large." Exchanges could have access to fewer beneficiaries who live nearby, except for those who shop online or by catalog, he said.

Multi-service basing is another transformation initiative that points to the good business sense of integrating many exchange operations, Wax noted.

"In a multi-service base, wouldn't it be best to have a consolidated, unified-type exchange to provide the benefit across all of the services?" he asked. Exchange

customers cross-shop the various exchanges today, regardless of their service affiliation, he said.

In a May 9, 2003, memorandum, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz called for a single, optimized armed service exchange system for DoD that would require a detailed plan and coordination with Congress.

Oversight of the initiative to integrate the business operations of the service exchange systems was assigned to Charles Abell, the principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

In a previous interview, Abell noted that planning likely would be complete by March 2005. Pending congressional approval, the exchange integration could be implemented during the spring of 2006, he said.

Groceries sell at cost

Commissaries offer gain without any pain

By Bonnie Powell

DeCa

FORT LEE, Va. -- No pain, no gain is a common expression. Bargain hunters go from grocery store to grocery store seeking the best buys, but they may end up paying more for other items that aren't on sale.

A lot of pain, not much gain. Defense Commissary Agency stores sell all their groceries at cost, saving authorized customers an average of 30 percent or more compared to commercial grocery prices.

Commercial stores are profit-motivated. They can offer popular items below cost to get customers into their store and make up the loss on other items priced much higher. It's a common sales tactic known as a "loss leader."

"But, commissaries are a benefit, not a business, and sometimes people lose sight of that," said Maj. Gen. Mike Wiedemer, director of the Defense Commissary Agency.

"It's true we operate in a businesslike fashion, but our sole reason for being here is to deliver the benefit. Our cost is (the customer's) cost."

Prices paid by commissary customers for grocery items equal the government's cost for those items.

"Because we sell at cost, and the U.S. government covers the expenses associated with providing the benefit, that allows us to achieve an overall average customer savings of 30 percent or more over commercial grocery stores," Wiedemer said.

That benefit is worth about \$2,700 a year to a military family of four, if the family shops regularly at a commissary. Put simply,

"We're here to save military families as much as we can, not make money," Wiedemer said.

Like any commercial grocery store, commissaries also have unadvertised sales on hundreds of products on any given day, according to Scott Simpson, DeCa's chief operating officer.

Commissary customers get an additional break by not paying any sales tax when shopping at the commissary. In some locations, that can amount to sizeable savings.

There is one cost born by customers. A 5-percent surcharge, mandated by Congress, is added at the register on the total grocery bill before coupons are deducted.

"The 5-percent surcharge goes right back into the military system to fund the building of new commissaries and the improvement of existing stores," he said.

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Crucifix sees four generations return from harm's way

By Sherree Casper
Army News Service

TIKRIT, Iraq — Priceless. That's how Cpl. Scott W. Fuhs described the simple 18-karat gold crucifix on a silver chain he wears around his neck.

The piece of jewelry dates back more than 85 years. It has a long, rich military history.

Fuhs, 31, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a fourth-generation Soldier to wear the crucifix in harm's way. His great-grandfather, grandfather and uncle wore it in previous conflicts dating back to World War I.

All three served with the 1st Infantry Division, as Fuhs does now.

"No one has ever seen one like it," he said about the crucifix.

Fuhs arrived at Forward Operating Base Danger in Tikrit nearly three months ago with the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion, his Army Reserve unit based in Kalamazoo,

Mich. The civil affairs unit is attached to 1st Infantry Division.

The crucifix was worn by Fuhs' relatives who saw combat twice in Europe and in Southeast Asia. Now, Fuhs is wearing it in Southwest Asia with the Big Red One.

"They figured it is a well-traveled cross and needs to see another continent," Fuhs said about his relatives' desires.

Had it not been for Fuhs' great-grandmother's concern for her war-bound husband's safety, there never would have been a cherished family heirloom to begin with.

In 1917, before his great-grandfather boarded a ship in New York for France to serve in World War I, great-grandma Ada M. Mayo gave her husband, Fredrick J. Mayo, the gold crucifix, according to family lore. She bought the keepsake for an unknown price from a jeweler in Michigan.

Her husband was a cavalry and

"Knowing that this cross has been many places with very special people before me, I intend to pass it down someday."

— Cpl. Scott W. Fuhs
Serving with 415th Civil Affairs Battalion attached to 1st Infantry Division

infantry captain in France. He returned home safely, Fuhs said.

When Fuhs' grandfather, George E. Wiersma, was drafted to serve during World War II, the Mayos gave their son-in-law the crucifix.

While serving from 1943 to 1946 as an Army signalman, Wiersma traveled to Normandy, Fuhs said. He missed the D-Day invasion by a few days.

Wiersma's son, John, had the crucifix with him when he was shipped to Thailand in 1967 with the Army Corps of Engineers during the Vietnam War.

John Wiersma didn't take it off until last Thanksgiving Day. It was then that he passed the crucifix to his nephew who was being deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"My grandfather and Uncle John both felt I deserved to have it," Fuhs said. "I'm honored, very surprised. I'm among good company."

Born and raised Catholic, Fuhs said he gets a "good feeling" from wearing the crucifix. That's why he hopes to continue the tradition by one day by passing it down to a relative who is in the military.

"I feel that it needs to stay in the family, in the military," he said.

Fuhs wears the crucifix alongside a pewter medallion engraved with three patron saints of the military - St. George, St. Michael and St. Christopher.

Embedded in the center of the medallion is the Virgin Mary. The word "Land" is in red on the top left side, "Air" in white on the top right with the words "Sea" and "USA" in blue across the bottom.

His mother, Carol, gave it to him before he deployed to Iraq.

Mother and son were shopping at Isdories Religious store in Grand Rapids, Mich., shortly after Veterans Day last year when the pair found the piece of jewelry.

Fuhs said his mother wanted to give him something appropriate for a Soldier. So they were looking for patron saints of the military.

Coincidentally, they bumped into a Korean War veteran who was in the shop. Fuhs said the

man pointed out the medallion.

"He said it was one designed specifically for the military, so that's the one we chose," Fuhs said.

Fuhs is a 1996 graduate of Grand Valley State University in Michigan. He majored in history and political science.

A former warehouse supervisor, Fuhs joined the Army Reserve in November 2002.

Military life apparently suits Fuhs, who has considered making it a full-time career. There's one stipulation — he wants to stay in Army civil affairs.

"I love the challenges," he said. "It's a whole different world."

So is Iraq, where there is a lot of uncertainty and danger. But the crucifix provides him with a sense of security, Fuhs said.

It protected his relatives in previous conflicts and now is protecting him, he said.

"I feel very safe when wearing this cross," he said. "I intend to pass it down someday."

KSU offers students taste of college life

Special to the Post

MANHATTAN — Student panels, clubs, campus tours and plenty of fun fill the calendar April 27 in Salina.

Junior Day 2004 will help high school juniors and their families experience a little bit of what college life is like at Kansas State University at Salina.

The program is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 27.

"Junior Day is a great chance for high school juniors to start thinking about college and get a head start on the process of choosing a college," said Dixie Schierman, associate dean of student life at K-State at Salina.

"Participants will have a chance to meet current students and faculty members and find out what college is all about," she said.

A forum of student organizations will help participants find out about opportunities for campus leadership and involvement, she said.

"Even students who are thinking about going to a different college should be able to get something out of participating," she said.

"Just thinking about college — the application process, opportunities for involvement and academic standards — it's a great thing to start during your junior year," she said.

There is no charge to participate, but advance registration is strongly recommended to ensure adequate meals and materials.

To reserve a spot during Junior Day 2004, visit www.sal.ksu.edu on the Internet or call toll free at (800) 248-5782 or (785) 826-2640.

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When Soldiers or retirees need financial help, AER can often mean the difference between overcoming a financial hardship or not. Since 1942 AER has helped Army people remain self-reliant by providing enough financial aid to see them through dark times.

Last year's contributions of \$6.5 million Army-wide helped provide more than \$54 million in direct financial assistance to Soldiers, retirees, widows and widowers who needed the help.

AER offers interest-free loans, outright grants when loan repayment would cause a financial hardship, or a combination of a loan and grant.

AER financial assistance can be used to pay for food, rent or utilities; emergency transportation and vehicle repair; funeral expenses; medical or dental expenses; or personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen.

AER cannot help pay for nonessentials, ordinary leave or vacation expenses, fines or legal expenses, liquidation or consolidation of debts, home purchase or improvements, to buy or rent a car, covering bad checks or to pay credit card bills.

A person does not need to contribute to AER in order to be eligible for aid. The amount of aid received depends on the amount needed. AER will meet the Soldier's or retiree's needs.

Contributors to AER can feel confident their donations will be used to utmost advantage. The Reader's Digest counted AER

AER

Irving Berlin helped start Army Emergency Relief in 1942. He wrote the words and music for a stage production titled "This Is the Army." Proceeds from that show went to help Soldiers and royalties still go to AER any-time the play is produced. The show's songs include "I Left My Heart at the Stage Door Canteen," "This Is the Army, Mrs. Jones," "The Army's Made a Man Out of Me" and "My Sergeant and I Are Buddies."

among the nation's best charities in 2003. The magazine article printed in November 2003 described AER and other charities on its list as charity groups the reader could trust with their dollars, as groups that are highly regarded by organizations that investigate and rate charities.

Battalion and brigade representatives who helped kick off this year's campaign April 15 will be passing out information and contribution forms for the annual fund drive.

A contribution thermometer sign was erected April 20 at the intersection of Huebner and 1st Division roads to keep track of the campaign's progress toward the \$60,000 goal.

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Travel & Fun in Kansas

Leisuretime ideas briefly

In Abilene:

Men's Ranch Rodeo — Cowboys from across the state and neighboring states demonstrate skills of ranching, including team penning, double mugging, trailer loading, animal doctoring and stray gathering (not a professional rodeo), 6 p.m. May 1, Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Grounds. For more information, call (785) 263-2521 or (800) 569-5915 or visit [www.abileneityhall.com](http://www.abilenecityhall.com) on the Internet.

In Salina:

ByGone Days — Pancakes, sawmill demonstrations, steam engine, re-enactors, farm demonstrations, rural displays, one-room school in session, kid's activities. April 24-25 during daylight hours, 1100 W. Diamond Drive, Vesteyear Museum. For more information, call (785) 825-8473 or visit www.vesteyearmuseum.com on the Internet.

In Newton:

Apple Blossom Festival — Intergenerational celebration of spring with outdoor hog roast, regional entertainers and fun for children of all ages, from 5 to 8 p.m. April 30, 1200 E. Seventh, Presbyterian Manor grounds. For more information, call (316) 283-5400.

Kansas Sampler Festival — Festival focusing on Kansas communities, entertainers, food, living history, and Kansas manufactured products, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 1 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 2, First and Grandview, Athletic Park. For more information, call (316) 283-2560 or (800) 899-0455 or visit www.kansasamplerfestival.com on the Internet.

In Lindsborg:

Millfest — A family event celebrating the history of the museum and the pioneer heritage of the region. Enjoy tours of the 1898 flour mill in operation, pioneer arts and crafts demonstrations, lively traditional music, and great food, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 1 and from noon to 5 p.m. May 2, 120 Mill St., McPherson County Old Mill Museum. For more information, call

(785) 227-3595 or visit www.oldmillmuseum.org on the Internet.

In Marion:

Lion's Club Car Show — Annual event, several different classes of competition and prizes, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 1, Central Park. For more information, call (620) 382-3304.

In Kansas City, Kan.:

Cinco de Mayo Festival — Non-stop entertainment, booths, carnival, and food, from 5 to 10 p.m. April 30, from noon to 10 p.m. May 1 and from noon to 8 p.m. May 2, 42nd and Mission, Rosedale Park. For more information, call (913) 268-6691.

In White Cloud:

Flea Market — 400 spaces of quality antiques and one-of-a-kind finds, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30-May 1 and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 2, Main Street. For more information, call (785) 595-3320.

In Emporia:

Cinco de Mayo — Taste of Cinco de Mayo, food, music, singers, dancers, car show, and fun for all families, all day May 1-2, Arundel Street and South Avenue, Las Casitas Park. For more information, call (620) 342-2682.

Brown Express Custom Car Show — Super custom car show, featured in Low Rider Magazine. Hot rods, street rods, muscle cars, low riders, classics, and antiques, April 25 from 1 to 7 p.m., Northend Campus, Emporia State University. For more information, call (620) 341-5331 or (800) 279-3730.

Victorian Days — Celebrate 1800s history. English tea at Weaver Hotel, vintage home tours, entertainment at opera house, and Cowboy re-enactments, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (785) 363-2515.

In Waterville:

Victorian Days — Celebrate 1800s history. English tea at Weaver Hotel, vintage home tours, entertainment at opera house, and Cowboy re-enactments, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (785) 363-2515.

Three times 50

South central city recalls history, puts on smiling face for anniversary shindig

Staff report

The citizens of Burlingame celebrate the city's founding every 50 years, and they'll celebrate again from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. May 1, in honor of the city's 150th birthday.

This half-century's event will include a parade, car and tractor show, quilt show, old-time games, bivouac reenactment, antique fire truck rides, wagon rides, kids' games, a petting zoo, vintage clothing style show, a bucket brigade, square dancing, Wild Women of the Frontier, free barbecue, an ice cream social, school play and street dance.

In earlier days, Burlingame was the county seat of a territory now embracing Osage County and portions of Shawnee, Wabunsee, Lyon and Coffey counties. The settlement began in the minds of eastern land settlement promoters who sent a committee to select a site, which would be called Council City and later Burlingame.

When the site was selected, only one person inhabited the area - a Shawnee Indian who had built a cabin on the banks of Switzer Creek. He sold the cabin to another settler, John Frele.

Soon, more settlers arrived; but, in the spring of 1856, Council City was abandoned and another town site, called Fremont, was

If you go

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For more information, call (785) 654-3561.

laid out about two miles south of the abandoned Council City.

The community began to grow as entrepreneurs brought in a sawmill that employed many. The old Council House became a boarding house and was filled to capacity.

Tragedy struck again in 1956 when nearly everyone in the settlement became sick with malarial fever. Several people died from lack of care and medical attention. The residents were badly in need of provisions and had to live on melons, squashes, pumpkins and green corn for a while.

Despite the hardships, settlers continued to arrive and the community continued to grow, and this year Burlingame citizens celebrate a century and a half of perseverance and success against adversity.



Carolyn Strom

A military amphibious vehicle of the mid-1900s rolls down a main street in Burlingame in 1954 during the town's 100th anniversary celebration. This year's celebration includes a parade.



Carolyn Strom

This colorful popcorn wagon was one attraction at the 100th anniversary celebration in Burlingame. The 150th anniversary celebration will feature modern day attractions, too.

Jeff Black back in art center's BirdHouse

Special to the Post

The spring season of Manhattan Arts Center's BirdHouse acoustic music series finishes with a performance from singer-songwriter Jeff Black. Hailed by Music Row as "not only a brilliant songwriter, but a spirit-shaking soul singer who drips with gospel-like fervor," Black will perform at 8 p.m. on April 24, at the Manhattan Arts Center.

The son of truck drivers and farmers, Kansas City native Black chronicles blue-collar life in America with an unflinching eye. His music is full of colorful insights and raw emotion. Currently living and working in Nashville, Black has been called one of the greatest kept secrets of contemporary American songwriting.

Black's current album, "B Sides and Confessions, Volume

One," has been described by American Songwriter magazine as "the kind of music that appeals to the senses as much as to the intellect." The self-produced album features a collection of songs that range from lonely piano ballads like "Slip" to the rich funk of "Holy Roller."

Tickets for the performance can be purchased at the Manhattan Arts Center, The Dusty Bookshelf in Aggieville, Clafin Books

& Copies, at the door, or by phone at (785) 537-4420. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. The Manhattan Arts Center box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 1520 Poyntz Ave.

For more information on this and other performances at the Manhattan Arts Center, visit its Web site at www.manhattanarts.org.

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