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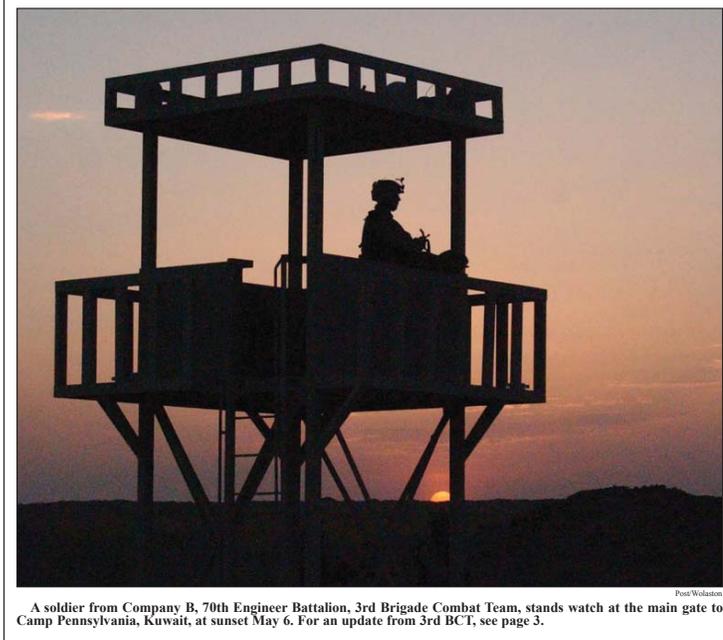
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Soldiers practice decontamination skills in Korea

By Andrea Delp
Deputy PAO, 19th TSC

CAMP CARROLL — A rarely seen convoy of 11 Bradley Fighting Vehicles rolled out to the Camp Carroll Helipad to conduct Operational Decon training with 267th Chemical Company recently.

The Bradleys, normally out-of-sight and out-of-mind in Materiel Support Center - Korea storage areas, were manned by soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. They are among a limited number of forces selected to remain in the Republic of Korea after the annual exercise, Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration/ Foa Eagle 2003, concluded.

Another benefit of their extension in Korea was the opportunity to conduct training with combat support units such as the 23rd Chemical Battalion.

"We've got some hard charging soldiers," said 1st Lt. Claude Cole, executive officer, 1st Bn, 16th Inf. "We'll take every opportunity we can to do training with other units while we're here at Camp Carroll."

While conducting the operational decontamination of 11 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, the main challenge for 267th Chem. Co. was water re-supply.

"Primarily we focus on terrain and fixed-site decon. An operational decon, such as this, requires a significant amount of water," said Capt. Douglas Delp, company commander, 267th Chem. Co. "My platoons must be very creative to come up with ways of getting water re-supplied at the decon site."

The aim of an operational decontamination is to sustain operations, reduce the contact hazard, and limit the spread of contamination. It is restricted to specific parts of operationally essential equipment.

More than 50 percent of the soldiers in the 267th Chem. Co. are Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army soldiers who have never seen a U.S. infantry-fighting vehicle. Conducting an operational decon on combat vehicles, such as the Bradleys, proved to be a learning experience for everyone involved.

"It was a good experience. It taught the infantry soldiers about operational decon, and our soldiers - many of whom had never seen a Bradley before - were trained on where to spray," said 2nd Lt. Clint Graves, a platoon leader for the 267th Chem. Co.

The soldiers of 1st Bn, 16th Inf., were also eager to show off their equipment and provided a quick class on the difference between a Bradley Fighting Vehicle and a tank.

Fort Riley terrain added to database at Close Combat Tactical Trainer

By William Biles
Staff Writer

On June 1, the Fort Riley's Close Combat Tactical Trainer will upgrade its operation with the addition of Fort Riley's terrain into its library of terrain data programs. Currently, soldiers training at the CCTT have the option of training on virtual terrain programs that replicate the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., Fort Hood, Texas, Europe or Korea. The new Fort Riley database will allow the soldiers to train on something identical to Fort Riley.

"What we wanted to do was have the soldiers be able to train on Fort Riley terrain here, and that is what we've done," said George W. Eads, chief, Training Support Center. "This way, if soldiers were going out for a company training exercise, they can come here and do their tasks, then go out to the same land and perform the same maneuvers."

An added advantage to incorporating Fort Riley terrain into the CCTT is that other posts that have a CCTT center will have the Fort Riley database, too. That will allow other units, which are slated to come here to train, to practice maneuvers and get a good idea of the lay of the land before they ever step foot on the post, said Eads.

Because of the attention to detail that went into the new program, the soldiers will be able to benefit when the time comes for them to go to the actual range, Eads said.

"A lot of the larger areas of the post have been done with minimal modeling, but the maneuver areas were written at a higher resolution, with more detail, so it is more exact to what it really is," Eads said. "One of the maneuver areas with a high amount of detail is the Multi-Purposed Range Complex. It is as close to being at the MPRC without actually being there."

Another benefit is how units will be able to get the best training for their money by using the CCTT to prepare for gunneries and training exercises, said Bruce Andrews, training facilitator, Close Combat Tactical Trainer.

"Maneuver training is expensive; fuel, ammunition and repair parts are costly. By rehearsing at the CCTT before executing training, units can make the best use of their training dollars, learning to crawl and walk on simulators so they can run when they hit the field," he said.

With addition of local terrain to the CCTT database, there will be a wide array of possibilities for training at Fort Riley in the future.

"With the software we have in the Battle Simulation Center and the software we're suppose to get in a few years, we will be able to do a brigade level exercise. We can have one battalion in the 'Sim Center,' one battalion in the CCTT and one battalion out in the field, with all of them talking to a Tactical Operations Center and have it all on the same battlefield," said Eads.

In essence, the Brigade Combat Teams could practice a Gauntlet-type exercise before any vehicles hit the ground, he said.

The only downside, for now, is the soldiers in the simulators won't be able to see the soldiers in the field. However, a little further down the line we will be getting an instrumentation package for the vehicles so we know where they are. If you take that information and feed it into the computer, it will allow the soldiers to see it. Unfortunately, the soldiers in the field won't physically see the rest of the force they are part of, other than on map overlays, Eads said.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new terrain module is slated for later in June.

Signal battalion survives raids from OPFOR during exercise

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The 234th Signal Battalion, a National Guard unit from Michigan, was out in the field last week for a Field Training Exercise.

During the exercise, soldiers from the Opposing Forces team of 1st Battalion, 383rd Regiment, 75th Division (Training Support), a reserve unit headquartered in De Moines, Iowa, put the signal company through a series of training scenarios.

Bright and early Tuesday morning the OPFOR team tested the perimeter.

"We did a perimeter assault to test their reaction time and their defenses," said Sgt. 1st Class William McLaren, 1st Sergeant, 1st Bn, 383rd Reg. "A squad element of the OPFOR moved up on a line and engaged their perimeter positions. This is one of the standard techniques that the OPFOR use for training."

The observer/controllers determine the intensity of the actions of the OPFOR team, said McLaren.

"Last night we were doing probes and snipers and didn't go into their perimeter," said McLaren. "We just harassed them and basically made them stay aware. The O/Cs determined that today would be the day for assaults. They want to test their perimeter security and their reactions."

McLaren said that the unit reacted to the assault well, once the soldiers were engaged.

"They might have been a little weak on security this morning, but other than that, they did well," he said.

The OPFOR team tries to incorporate world events into the training for the Reserve and National Guard units.

"We use civilians on the battlefield and media on the battlefield," said McLaren. "We have gotten Bosnian dressed or Arab dressed. We have been civilians just asking for food. Once we had a farmer go down to fish in the water supply of a quartermaster unit to see what they would do."

Having action going on overseas has made training more intense for soldiers called to active duty, said McLaren.

"Prior to action even starting in Iraq, we were given directives that this isn't just annual training — People need to be serious about it," he said. "We have given them the opportunity and given them the information in various



Historical sites hold unseen treasures across Fort Riley

By Michael Waston
Staff writer

Rubble from historic farmsteads and Fort Riley buildings can tell a lot about the past.

There are some sites that date back to the first settlers in Kansas, and there are others that tell what life as a soldier would have been like on the frontier.

Of nearly 900 known archaeological sites on the installation, Archaeologist John Dendy, Directorate of Environment and Safety, said the division's current focus is on the 500 sites that have remains of historic homes and farms.

"We've had 60 of those sites tested in more detail to see if they can provide any significant information about what Kansas and the early days at Fort Riley were like," he said. "We want to protect those sites, so we look at whether they provide any significant information about the economic or social activity in Kansas."

If land is deemed important for historical record, it is not disturbed, Scott Hall, DES archaeological technician, said.

One of the important sites shows a family with one continuous occupation.

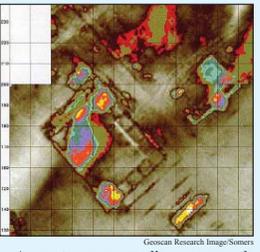
In 1879, Thomas Jones received a patent under the Homestead Act for 80 acres of land. Six children were raised there, and the family farmed the homestead until the federal government purchased Jones' land in 1965 to expand Fort Riley. The site is now protected because it provides significant information about what family life was like in the early days, Dendy said.

Not all sites found will be disturbed.

"We do not necessarily want to excavate all the sites we find," Hall said. "We are mostly interested in the sites we find."

A remote sensory reading was recently used to map Army City, a 216-acre town site with restaurants, hotels, theaters and other attractions.

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Victory Six sends -- Message to spouses

Military spouses are the lifeblood of every Army organization and community. Your hard work and tireless efforts enable our soldiers to focus on service to our nation. Every day, spouses in our military community give freely of their time and energy to

enhance the standard of well being for our soldiers and families. Fort Riley is a better place to live and serve our great nation because of the phenomenal support of our spouses. I want to thank each spouse for your unwavering support. I know

every uniformed servicemember recognizes the burdens you bear and the sacrifices you make. In support and recognition for everything that you do, May 9, 2003 is recognized as Military Spouse Appreciation Day. We are forever indebted to you.

Victory!

**Frank G. Helmick
Commander
24th Infantry Division
and Fort Riley**

Exceptions to war trophy policy little known

**By Bill Putnam
Army News Service**

Some U.S. soldiers are being investigated for illegally sending weapons, or war trophies, home from Iraq.

While still under investigation, the recent smuggling case of a soldier allegedly sending gold-plated firearms home from Iraq through the mail is probably an example of commanders and soldiers not understanding the potential value of such trophies, said David Cole, a curator at the Army Center of Military History.

What some soldiers might not know is that it is possible to send weapons home if certain paperwork is filed, said Cole, who also works on Army museum policy at Fort McNair.

Defining the word "war trophy" is a matter of semantics and legality, Cole said.

It wasn't until after the Grenada and the Panama invasions that the Army recognized that most military museums were filled with stuff taken from past battlefields and drafted a policy governing war trophies, Cole said. That policy was first implemented in Operation Desert Storm and continues to this day in places like Kosovo, Afghanistan and, now, Iraq.

In the regulation that governs historical artifacts, AR 870-20, war trophies are defined as something an individual soldier brings home from war — like a helmet, uniform, flag or even a weapon. An individual soldier buying an item from a market is legal as long as receipts are maintained, Cole said.

"But finding a prayer rug in a bunker during a battle and taking it home is illegal," Cole said. An infantry battalion collecting something to send home shouldn't confuse it as a war trophy, Cole said.

"It's federal property," he said. There are also units called Military History Detachments that collect artifacts to be sent home for research and history, Cole said. And what they do can't be construed as war trophy collection either, said Cole.

From the Army's perspective, sending home weapons, like AK-47s and even tanks, has two purposes: historical and scientific. The items are used by the Army to document and analyze the immediate after effects of a battle or war. Tanks, like Iraqi T-72s or T-55s, were brought home simply to learn "how they fought that war and how they might fight

the next one." By inference, looking at this equipment might show how other countries like Syria, Iran or even North Korea might use it, Cole said. The current Army policy in place is that a battalion can bring home one weapon, he said. Each brigade-level unit is allowed to send home three such weapons, he added.

There isn't a restriction on the number of items like helmets or uniforms that a unit can send, though, Cole added.

Currently, there is an officer at Army Central Command headquarters that acts as a facilitator for requests for war trophies. That officer forwards those requests to the Department of the Army. The paperwork meets the guidelines, an approval document is sent down from Department of the Army, said Cole.



Llona Gold and Tina Hildenbrand tie a ribbon on a tree during the Yellow Ribbon Ceremony outside building 500, May 2. Both have husbands currently deployed.

Signal continued from page 1

ways, so once they get into their theater, they should be able to retain and use it."

The training was also thought provoking for some of the soldiers of the 234th Sig. Co.

"It's very good training — Very realistic," said Sgt. Ron Bickings. "It makes you stop and think about how little infantry tactics a signal company uses."

The training exercise itself was a challenge in addition to the attacks by OPFOR.

"Being up all night kind of runs you down," said Bickings. "You're a little lethargic and not as quick to react as you would be. It tends to wear on you."

The soldiers of 234th Sig. Co. have had more challenges to overcome than just their field training.

"This field exercise has been challenging," said Sgt. Kevin Ordway. "But, the challenge of going from National Guard to active duty was difficult as well because we have guys in our company who were active with other military services. I was in the

Navy and my team chief was a Marine."

Besides changing military branches, some of the activated soldiers have dealt with other difficulties activation can bring to civilian jobs.

"I am a tool and die maker," said Bickings. "I make plastic injection molds for the auto industry. I am a shop owner and had to

put five people on unemployment when I was activated."

In spite of the difficulty of his business, Bickings said he is proud to be on active duty a second time.

"I was active duty from '73 to '76," he said. "My family has mixed emotions about it, but they are proud too. We have a job to do."

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Common Access Cards mass issuance begins once again

By Kim Levine
Staff Writer

The Personnel Service Center has started mass issuing of Common Access Cards once again. The center stopped mass issuing in January to service mobilizing units, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Darryl Sams, chief, Milpo Operations.

CAC cards are issued to active duty military, selective reserves, National Guard, Department of Defense civilian employees and eligible DoD contractors.

To have CAC issued, Sams said officers in charge or representatives of agencies and organizations should call PSB to schedule appointments.

"Our goal is to try to have mass issuing complete by Oct. 1," said

Sams. But Sams also said he hopes the public will be understanding during the transition.

"Demobilization may slow down mass issuing," said Sams, "so please be patient as we go through the process."

To schedule appointments, call the PSB front desk, 239-5667, or Sams at 239-9049.

Soldier Show coming to area

By Victoria Palmer
Army News Service

The U.S. Army soldier show will kick off its 103-performance world tour celebrating the service's "Legacy" this weekend at Fort Belvoir.

The troupe will then embark on a six-month tour with shows at 57 locations in 21 states, the District of Columbia, Korea and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They will perform in the Fort Riley area July 5.

"In order to know where we're going, we need to know where we've been," explained the show's artistic director, Victor Hurtado, Army Entertainment Division, about the show's concept.

The fast-paced 90-minute musical medley features 17 soldiers performing a variety of music styles ranging from current pop hits to contemporary Latin. It also pays special tribute to Irving Berlin, the "founding father" of today's Army Entertainment program.

This year's show turns traditional song arrangements on their head. "We're doing new arrangements of old music, and older arrangements of new music," said Hurtado.

Great dancers in the cast allows more dancing than in previous years, Hurtado said, with jazz, tap, ethnic, Bob Fosse-styled choreography and even a Native American Hoop Dance worked

into the show.

The cast and crew of varying ranks and from career fields from within the Army include active duty, National Guard and Reserve soldiers from 11 states, Japan, Korea and Germany.

The soldiers selected for this year's show — fewer in number because of Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments — understand how important their artistic contribution is during wartime.

The soldiers are attached to the U.S. Army Community and Family Support

Admission is free for all performances. Seating is available on a first come basis and doors open one hour prior to performance time.

Talk Around Town

"What are your plans for Mother's Day?"



"I plan on going home to Nashville and taking my mother out to dinner after shopping."

"I will call my momma and grandmother and tell them Happy Mother's Day."

"I am going to visit with her, as I do every Sunday."

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Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
24th Infantry Division

Spc. Joseph H. Jones Jr.
Company B,
125th Forward Support
Battalion

Linda Rudolph
Health Systems Assistant,
Medical Activity

News from 3rd Brigade

May 2

The Bulldog Brigade of the 1st Armored Division is continuing their preparations to move north from Camp Pennsylvania. Not a whole lot on the slate right now. Setting up Tactical Operation Centers, getting weapons and ammunition issued.

On the schedule, coming up, they will go to the port to get their vehicles off of the ship that has transported them to Southwest Asia.

They will do weapons verifications to make sure the weapons have survived the trip and that they are functioning properly.

Otherwise, it's just set up and clean up after a two-day dust storm and getting ready and looking forward to moving out and starting the mission.

May 5

The fighting Sullivans, the epitome of a family doing its part to serve its country and also the epitome of a family paying the ultimate sacrifice. After all five brothers died on the USS Indianapolis

in 1945, the war department enacted rules to ensure the tragedy suffered by the Sullivan family was never repeated. But that doesn't mean family members don't still serve in combat together. Take the case of Spc. Jonathon Hynrick, a paralegal with 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Judge Advocate General's office. Hynrick and two of his brothers are in Southwest Asia serving in operation Iraqi freedom. One brother is with the 101 Airborne Division and the other is serving with the 4th Infantry Division. According to Spc. Hynrick, the only one who's really worried about all three brothers being in the same location at the same time is their mom. Military service for the Hynricks is not exclusive to the three brothers. Their father is a combat engineer with the Texas Army National Guard.

Editor's Note: Information from the Bulldog Brigade at Camp Pennsylvania reported by Spc. John Wolaston, Fort Riley Public Affairs.

ACAP Job Fair planned

The Army Career and Alumni program is sponsoring a Job Fair May 16, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the ACAP Center on Main Post, building 210, room 207. There will be local, national and international employers present to talk with and interview prospective employees. Updated lists of employers participating in the Job Fair are available for review in the ACAP Center. This is a great opportunity to visit with employers and sell them on the skills and experience you have to offer. Come prepared. Research companies and bring your resume. If you do not have one, come anyway, and provide your resume to the employer later. Be sure to dress appropriately. Mark your calendars so you will not miss this golden opportunity. Visit or call the ACAP Center, 239-2278 or 239-2248, for more information.

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Briefs

Assumption of Command

A new leader is taking the reins at Fort Riley Thursday, 10 a.m. in a Division Assumption of Command Ceremony on Cavalry Parade Field.

Brig Gen. Dennis E. Hardy is the incoming commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley and will replace Brig. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, who took command after Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz's departure.

Hardy was commissioned through Gonzaga University ROTC program where he received a Bachelor's of Art in Accounting and Auditing. He also holds a Master's of Business Administration Degree from Washington State University in Comptrollership.

In Hardy's 31 years of active commissioned service, he has served overseas in Germany, Korea, Bosnia and Kosovo as well as numerous assignments throughout the United States.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with five Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters) and the Army Achievement Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster).

He has earned the Parachute Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Among his many significant positions are Assistant Division Commander (Support), 1st Armored Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; Commander, Task Force Falcon and Multinational Brigade, Operation Joint Guardian, East Kosovo; Commander, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La., and Operations Joint Guard/Joint Forge, Bosnia; and Joint Training Planner, J-7, Operational Plans and Interoperability Directorate, The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

The ceremony will be held at King Field House in the case of inclement weather.

Change of Responsibility

Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth C. Fyffe, garrison command sergeant major, Fort Riley, will change responsibility May 16 to Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble.

The ceremony is at 9 a.m. on Cavalry Parade Field and will be followed by a reception.

During his time at Fort Riley, Noble has served as the command sergeant major of the 1st Battalion, 34th Armor and the Task Force Centurion command sergeant major during Intrinsic Action 01-03.

In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in Hangar 817, Marshall Army Air Field.

AER Fund Drive

The annual Army Emergency Relief fund drive is still in effect until Tuesday. So far, Fort Riley has collected about \$38,000, exceeding the 2003 goal by \$8,000.

Spouses of Deployed Soldiers

The Command Chaplain's Office is sponsoring a one day retreat for families of deployed soldiers. The retreat will be held May 31, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Morris Hill Chapel.

Barbara Bartocci, an inspirational speaker and author, will lead the conference, titled "Finding strength for difficult and unexpected times." The retreat will focus on helping spouses to find the strength to handle whatever may come into their lives.

The conference is free, and childcare and lunch will be provided. Participants must pre-register by May 19. Contact Don Ericson at 239-0979 or don.ericson@riley.army.mil for more information.

Special Forces Recruiter

A Special Forces recruiter will be visiting Fort Riley June 2 - 5. Briefings will be held at the Post-

Reup building (7626) at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, with an additional briefing at 6 p.m. on June 3 and 4. A PT test will be conducted on June 3 and 4, 8 a.m., at Long track. Candidates will wear BDU's and running shoes. For more information, call (719) 661-1492.

Insecticide Spraying

During May, a contractor will be spraying certain trees and shrubs with EPA registered insecticides and fungicides for insect and disease prevention and control. The schedule is: Main Post and Marshall Air Field, next week; Colyer Manor and Camp Forsyth, Saturday - Thursday; Custer Hill Family and Troop Housing, May 17 - 22 and Whit-side and Camp Funston, May 23 - 31. For more information, call 239-8402 or 239-2644.

Celebration Planned

Fort Riley will be celebrating Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month during May. The theme for this year's celebration is "Salute to Liberty."

The Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor a free program Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., at Barlow Theater to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Asian Pacific-Americans. The event is open to all soldiers, family members and civilian employees.

For more information, call the Fort Riley Equal Opportunity Office, 239-2277 or 239-2928.

Spring Clean-out Day for Safes

AR 380-5 reminds all S2s and security managers that spring is the time for cleanout of all security containers. This is a perfect time to review all your classified holdings and destroy non-mission essential documents.

Remember, only DoD approved shredders can be used. The maximum size a shredding can be is 12x24x12". If you have any questions, contact the Director of Security, 239-3607.

DES Closure

The Directorate of Environment and Safety will host its annual Organization Day for employees and their families May 23, noon - 4:30 p.m. Any emergencies, including spills, should be reported to the Fort Riley Fire Department on that day.

Letters to the Front

The Fort Riley Public Affairs Office wants to publish your letters in support of troops deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom. If you have a message you want to send to the troops, e-mail it to: afznpom@riley.army.mil. Please write "letter" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Thrift Savings Plan

The Thrift Savings Plan is having an open season until June 30. The TSP contribution limit for FERS employees for 2003 is 13 percent. The TSP contribution limit for CSRS employees for 2003 is 7 percent. The loan interest rate for new loans is 3.87 percent. You must enroll online for TSP, no hard copies will be

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Security Badges

The old style security badges for access to post headquarters, building 500, will expire June 30. The new PVC badges are now being issued by the Director of Security, top floor, building 509. Military and Department of the Army civilian personnel with a designated need for access to building 500 may obtain their new badge Monday - Friday, 9 - 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Pete Paras, DSEC, 239-3607.

Thrift Shop

Are you getting ready to move? Let the Fort Riley Thrift Shop help you get ready for the packers. Sort through your belongings and call the Thrift Shop to come and pick up any donations (in good condition) from your house.

Visit the Thrift Shop in building 267, Stuart Ave., 784-3874. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Volunteer opportunities are available at the Thrift Shop. Childcare expenses are reimbursed, as well as first look at new merchandise.

Board positions are still open. If you are interested, contact Scott Martis, 784-2351.

The Shoppe

The Shoppe has the gifts you need to say "Farewell" or "Thank You" to someone special. Come and see what The Shoppe has to offer! The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave., 239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

Clog Classes

Fort Riley Youth Services will be offering a week of introductory Clog Dancing instruction for chil-

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dren and youth ages 5-15. Instructor will be Shauna Hopp of Manhattan. The cost will be \$25, and classes will meet daily from July 21-25 at the Teen Center. Classes will be approximately 45 minutes each day. There will be three groups of classes: 5-6-year-olds will meet 9 - 9:45 a.m.; 7-9-year-olds 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 10-15-year-olds will meet 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Enroll at Child and Youth Services, building 6620, May 5-21, 1-5 p.m. Enrollment will remain open as long as there are openings. Call 239-4847.

Mail Training

An Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations class will be offered Wednesday and May 21, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at building 319. An Official Mail Training class will be offered May 14, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at building 319, CPAC. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll.

Barlow Theater

Tonight:

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The Core (PG-13)

Thursday:

7 p.m.
Gangs of New York (R)

Ticket prices:
Adults - \$3
Children - \$1.50

Heritage Observance

2277 or 239-2928.

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Outdoor Recreation Open House

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center is hosting an Open House May 10. The recreation center has rentals for a variety of outdoor activities, including boats, bikes, tents and kayaks. The center also has rentals for events, to include picnic tables, "moonwalks," dunk tanks and grills.

Visitors can take their shot on the archery range and clay target shotgun range while at the center as well. For more information on the Open House, call 239-2363.

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Retreat scheduled for spouses of deployed soldiers

By Kim Levine
Staff Writer

The Fort Riley Command Chaplain's Office is holding a retreat May 31, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., for families of deployed soldiers. The non-denominational retreat, "Finding strength for difficult and unexpected times," will be held at Morris Hill Chapel.

The retreat will be led by Barbara Bartocci, a widely traveled professional speaker and award-winning author of six books. Bartocci is known for her humor, story-telling ability and inspirational messages.

The day-long event will include small-group activities, questions for reflection and quiet time for individual prayer and thought.

"The intent of having the retreat is to give spouses of deployed soldiers a break by taking care of food and childcare for the day and to give encouragement from a spiritual perspective," said Don Ericson, director, Protestant Religious Education.

Bartocci said she understands what military families go through with deployments. Her father was a career Air Force officer, and she married a Naval Academy graduate, who was killed while on duty in Vietnam.

"I was still in my twenties, and suddenly I was a widow with three small children," said Bartocci. "For a time, my husband's death caused me to question my religious beliefs, so I think I understand the challenges facing today's military families."

According to Bartocci, the conference will focus on what is meaningful to military spouses today.

"The goal is for every participant to walk away feeling more confident that he or she has the God-given strength to handle whatever comes into their lives," Bartocci said.

The conference is open to all military families, but is focused on spouses of deployed soldiers, said Ericson. Some of the sessions at the event are: "How to live God's will" and "How to live God's will."

The conference is free, but all participants must pre-register by May 19. Childcare will be provided for children ages 6 weeks to 10 years old. Snacks and a luncheon will also be provided.

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Secretary bids farewell

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as your secretary these last two years; the absolute high point of my professional life. Our soldiers and civilian employees have distinguished themselves in peace and war befitting our heritage and reputation of service to the nation since before its founding. I could not be prouder of the outstanding contributions you have made to our nation's defense and the honorable manner in which you have shouldered the immense sacrifices required of you and your families.

The Army remains at War and transforming. We have significant challenges ahead. We will win the War on Terrorism as part of a Joint team regardless of duration and difficulty. Additionally, it is absolutely vital that we build on our successes and sustain our momentum to realize the vision of Army Transformation as part of the Joint Force.

America's Army turns 228 years old next month. Our enduring commitment to our fellow citizens is to be ready to defend the United States and her allies when called. As I conclude my duty with you I am proud to report to the American people that their respect and admiration for their Army is well founded. God Bless you, the United States Army and the United States of America.

Tom White
74th Army Secretary

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ested in mapping the sites and making sure they are protected in case there is interest in learning more about them in the future.

"Some people travel to Europe to visit 1,000-year-old churches. While Fort Riley is nowhere near that old, it will be in the future," he said. "Our job is to help preserve this younger Kansas heritage so that people in 1,000 years can see what historic Fort Riley was like with the same admiration."

Right now, he said the sites are only about 150 years old or younger.

While many sites are only documented and marked for preservation, there has been some excavation. In 1984, students at Kansas State University dug the privy of the fort's first hospital and found whole and fragmented pieces of rare 19th century whisky bottles, pieces of a child's tea set and a collection of Civil War leather pieces.

In all, 23,000 artifacts were recovered from the dig, dating between 1855 and 1880. Other artifacts recovered included smoking pipes, fragments of textiles and perfume bottles.

Some of the items are now on display at the Calvary Museum.

"The original plan was to excavate the hospital, the Custer House privy and the soldier barracks that used to stand on Cavalry Parade Field," Dendy said.

"We wanted to study the lifestyles and refuse patterns of soldiers and families. But that idea went away because of expense and, basically, a change in the mission of Fort Riley archaeology."

Hall went looking for the barracks buried under the parade field once before, but did not conclusively find the foundations or privies using electronic or geothermal techniques.

However, there is a new technology that uses ground penetrating radar to map sites like these that are harder to find, he said. There is an ongoing partnership between the Department of Energy and the Department of the Defense to develop new remote sensing equipment, which was recently used to map Army City, a 216-acre town site with restaurants, hotels, theaters and other attractions that was adjacent to Camp Funston during World War I.

"The war ended fairly abruptly after Army City was fully operational, and the town didn't last for very long after that," Hall said. "Now the town is just a lonely hay field with hardly any evidence that a bustling town once stood in that very spot."

However, the new technology gives archaeologists a chance to learn about the city and how it affected the soldiers of Fort Riley. The data found from the ground surveys show the outlay of what is under the ground without disturbing the site, Hall said.

Dendy said the new technology could be useful in future projects to help tell the fascinating stories of long ago, and it is something that Hall is happy to be involved in.

"Fort Riley is one of the most interesting places for archaeology that I have worked," he said. "Fort Riley has more than 100,000 acres, and there are interesting sites scattered all over. And, we are constantly being surprised by new things."

Bill McKale, museum director, said the installation's fascinating history has also attracted hobbyists with metal detectors. However, he said any excavation or disturbing of soil or trash pits at Fort Riley violates the 1979 Archeological Resources Protection Act,

which establishes criminal and civil penalties for disturbing archeological sites on federal land.

"If you are disturbing the soil, then you are violating that law," McKale said. "This is an important part of history, and if a site is found, it needs to be mapped and evaluated by a licensed professional."

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Korea 50 years ago -- Reds want time to lure reluctant returnees

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

The Red truce team continued to push for more time to explain to reluctant prisoners of war under United Nations control why they should return to communist rule, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

May 8-14, 1953 — The U.N. and communist negotiation teams begin the week arguing over how the commission that will oversee the communist prisoners who do not wish to go home will work. Members of the commission are Poland, Switzerland, India, Czechoslovakia and Sweden. The idea of one country, Pakistan, taking care of the prisoners has been dropped.

The U.N. team wants to establish procedures for the commission; the communists want to let the commission members figure that among themselves.

Since the communists have made major concessions to restart negotiations, they think the U.N. side should now make reciprocating concessions.

On May 10 Gen. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff, tells Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander that if the Reds agree to four proposals, the prisoner of war issue could be settled quickly.

The proposals included: The repatriation commission can carry out business by unanimous agreement. However, for important matters the commission can arrive at a decision through a vote of members.

The political conference to figure out what to do with prisoners who still reject repatriation following the communists' "explaining" period will last 60 days.

India should supply the troops and other personnel to manage the non-repatriates throughout the explaining time and the period in which the commission works out how the non-communist prisoners should be released.

Fourth, the United States prefers two months instead of the four the Reds want for the commission to decide what to do with the POWs who still refuse repatriation.

When Harrison presents the proposals May 13, the communists are frustrated. U.N. negotiators are using the tactics they displayed during the pre-October 1952 recess. That is, the U.N. team accepts the Reds' concessions and then demands more.

North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il, the communist team leader, and his team members immediately attack the "incooperative" attitude. They say the proposals are "a backward step" and an attempt at "forced retention" of all the prisoners.

Although the reaction is expected, the negotiators make no progress on May 14.

May 9 — The Air Force announces that no MiGs were shot down the previous seven days. The reason allied pilots couldn't shoot them down is that no MiGs flew down from Manchuria to engage them. The record in dogfights between MiGs and F-86 Sabrejets for the war is 685 MiGs downed against 55 F-86s lost.

May 9-14 — There is little significant ground fighting along the front for much of the week.

An Army spokesman in Korea tells reporters for the first time that the U.S. Eighth Army artillerymen have been using a 240-mm. howitzer that fires a 360-pound shell 15 miles. Only the atomic cannon fires a heavier shell.

Heavy rain has limited ground combat, but it lifts on May 12. The Chinese attack Republic of Korea troops on Outpost Texas in the IX Corps area. The South Koreans hold Texas.

So far in the war, allied pilots have kept from attacking dams on rivers in North Korea where the water is used primarily for agriculture. Since the farmers lose most of their crops to the communists, Clark has approved adding dams to the list of military targets.

His decision was made before Operation Little Switch, but the attacks were delayed until the exchange of prisoners was completed.

On May 13 59 F-84 Thunderjets from the 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing hit the dam on the Toksan River that has a three-square-mile lake behind it.

The first of four flights skip-bomb the face of the 2,300-foot high dam. The second flight drops its bombs on the water side. The next group zooms over the length of the bridge, dropping bombs on the top of it. The last group drops their bombs into the water immediately behind the dam to try to increase pressure that will collapse the dam at the points where it has been hit.

The dam is still standing by the time the pilots form up, and they return home.

A reconnaissance the next morning reveals they had been successful after all. The weakened dam had given away overnight. Floodwaters ripped out six miles of rail line and destroyed five rail bridges. Two miles of highway and five road bridges were also wiped out. The raging waters also destroyed buildings, crops and irrigation canals.

mission is elated. Planners immediately begin to schedule missions against other dams.

May 10 — Sabrejet pilot Capt. Manuel J. Fernandez Jr., Miami, shoots down his 13th MiG of his tour. The ace now has shot down more jets than any allied pilot.

May 12 — President Dwight D. Eisenhower announces a complete change in personnel on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Adm. Arthur W. Radford will replace retiring General of the Army Omar Bradley as chairman. Radford is the first Navy chairman. Gen. Matthew Ridgway succeeds Gen. J. Lawton Collins as Army chief of staff. Adm. Robert B. Carney

takes over from Adm. William W. Fichteler as chief of naval operations; and Gen. Nathan F. Twining succeeds Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg as Air Force chief of staff.

The service chiefs take their new offices Aug. 16, but no date was announced for Radford to assume the top job.

May 13 — A Pentagon spokesman announces that as of May 8 American casualties totaled 134,958, with 21,494 of them dead.

Fort Riley continues to be a Korean War Commemorative Community through 2003.



Rock concert coming to Fort Riley

By Kim Levine
Staff Writer

The 2003 Army Summer Concert Series is bringing Cheap Trick and Night Ranger to Fort Riley, Memorial Day weekend.

The concert will be held at Marshall Army Air Field, May 24.

Cheap Trick is a rock-and-roll band of four who released their first album in 1977. The band has had several top 10 hits, including "I want you to want me" and "Ain't no Shame," which was a cover of Fat Domino's version.

According to the official Cheap Trick website, www.cheaptrick.com, "Cheap Trick will keep on rocking through the new millennium."

Night Ranger has been on top of the charts since 1982 with their rock-and-roll music. Some of their hits include, "Sister Christian" and "I did it for love." The band of five will be touring all summer.

The concert is open to the public, and tickets are currently on sale. Tickets are \$12 per person

in advance or \$15 per person at the gate. A group rate is also available for \$25 for groups of four. All guests who purchase group tickets should enter together.

Tickets can be purchased through the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, at participating local Dillon's grocery stores or by calling 239-5614.

Gates will open at 6:30 p.m., and Night Ranger will kick off the show at 8 p.m. Cheap Trick is scheduled to go on at 9:30 p.m.

Seating is festival-style, so concertgoers should bring chairs or blankets. Six concession stands will sell food and beverages at the concert.

Cameras, recording devices, pets, coolers, glass and outside food and beverages are not allowed within the gates.

Free parking is available at the site, which is located right off I-70 at exit 301. For security purposes, concertgoers will need photo identification, vehicle registration and proof of insurance to access the installation.

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Alan Drew, 7th grader at Fort Riley Middle School, climbs a wall in the school gymnasium. The station was provided by local Boy Scouts to stress the importance of physical fitness.

Kids learn overall wellness at fair

By Michael Watson
Staff writer

When children think about good health, they most often think that it means eating right, running a lot or lifting weights, said Janet Hoskins, physical education teacher at Fort Riley Middle School.

However, there is more to good health than just fitness. The five components of wellness include social, emotional, spiritual, mental and physical, she said.

To educate students at Fort Riley Middle School about all the components, the school's Wellness Committee brought in healthcare professionals and various professional agencies from the area to talk to the children at the Wellness Fair on April 30.

"We have someone here from all the components of wellness, and we want the students to know how each is an important aspect of total wellness," Hoskins said. "The displays of 42 different organizations show them a variety of activities that they can do to be active and stay safe."

A few of the fun activities that the students were involved in were step aerobics and making stress balls sponsored by the Junction City YMCA, a climbing wall from local Boy Scouts and a smoke safety trailer provided by the Junction City Fire Department and the Geary County School District. Jackie Carmichael, a 7th grader at the school, said the smoke safety trailer was his favorite stop. It was a simulation of a house being on fire and taught what to do in that situation.

"The house filled up with smoke, and you and to get down on your knees to get out of the house so that you would not inhale the smoke," he said. "I liked it because it teaches you how to get out of

your house safely."

There was also a display from the Army Substance Abuse Prevention Unit on Fort Riley. "Parents and healthcare professional need to talk to students so they have a better chance of preventing the use of cigarettes, alcohol, chewing tobacco and other harmful substances," said Nicole Sizemore, installation prevention team coordinator. "Today students are exposed to many harmful substances that need to be addressed by parents, teachers and healthcare providers. We need to show students that honest and

frank conversations with adults can have a positive impact on their decisions."

The 5th Annual Wellness Fair was a fun, exciting, "hands on" learning experience for the students and staff at Fort Riley Middle School, Hoskins said.

"The organizations were able to touch many lives with their enthusiastic presentations and displays," she said. "Fort Riley Middle School students will be able to use the information they received to make important decisions about their personal health choices."



Monique Ramsey and Kim Lenz, 7th graders at Fort Riley Middle School, take a quiz from Don Ericson, director of religious education. Ericson was at the Wellness Fair station stressing the importance of spiritual health.

Post honors victims, heroes of holocaust

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

Fort Riley observed Days of Remembrance April 30 in honor of those killed in the holocaust during WWII.

On Oct 7, 1980, congress established the Days of Remembrance as our national commemoration of the victims of the Nazi Holocaust. On April 21, Col. John A. Simpson, garrison commander, Fort Riley, established April 30 as the post Days of Remembrance commemoration. In his establishment declaration, Simpson called upon Fort Riley and its citizens to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

This year's ceremony theme, "For Your Freedom and Ours," was chosen to honor the heroes who stood up to the Nazis in the Warsaw ghettos.

Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol, the Rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom in Topeka, KS since 1994, spoke at this year's service held at the Normandy chapel.

According to Karol, on April 23, 1943, the Jewish fighting organization in Warsaw, desperate to inform the world about its plight as they fought the Germans with outdated weapons and handmade bombs, issued a communique in which their passionate determination was characterized in an appeal to the world: "a battle being waged for your freedom as well as ours. For you and our human, civic and national honor and dignity."

Display boards standing in the foyer showed quotes and pictures from 60 years ago that stopped many people as they walked in the

chapel. One picture showed a view of the ovens with a line from a poem underneath, "When we saw the ovens, we were silent, not a word spoken, not Oh Jesus, not What is this, not What have we done..."

Karol spoke of the heroes of the Warsaw Ghettos, of their fight against unimaginable odds and their desire to stand up against certain death with dignity and honor.

"The Jewish fighters and their commanders in Warsaw were under no illusions," said Karol. "They knew that their chances of survival were minimal, but they chose to fight and die to defend the honor of the Jewish people."

Using words and song, Karol painted a picture not only of death and the evil that was prevalent during WWII, but also the heroism and brotherhood that was achieved fighting the destructive power of hate and intolerance.

"In remembering those who took a determined stand against the Nazis, we honor the memory of those who perished, and in turn are reminded that the moral conscience of the individual is one of the greatest weapons against indifference and evil," said Lawrence.

In his declaration to the post, Simpson stated, "we the Fort Riley community should actively rededicate ourselves to the principle of individual freedom in a just society and we must learn not only about the vulnerability of life but also the value of human life. We must remember the terrible price paid for bigotry and hatred and the terrible price paid for indifference and for silence."

Volunteers needed

The Country Stampede is coming to Manhattan once again this June. The country music festival is a full weekend event featuring artists like Hank Williams, Jr., Kenny Chesney, Deanna Carter and many others. The event is being held at Tuttle Creek State Park June 25 and 28.

Volunteers are needed to work at the event. The Stampede volunteer staff is required to work five to six hours, June 26-28. Volunteers will receive free admission for all four days of the festival, seating alongside the VIP

area, a T-shirt and three meals per day, said Mick McCallister, the point of contact for the volunteers.

In past years, McCallister said about 50 percent of volunteers were soldiers and their spouses. This year he said he is opening up more positions for military spouses. "That's the least we can do for the sacrifices they must endure," said McCallister.

For more information or to volunteer, contact McCallister, mcallim@flintheills.com or 762-6615.

Student jurors deliberate Titanic case for Law Day mock trial

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

"Objection!"

"Overruled!"

The crowd murmured in an excited hush as the judge again overruled the defense. The attorneys had battled back and forth in a bitter debate. Witnesses had been questioned and counter questioned. The prosecuting attorney slowly built his case, point by point, but the defense always seemed to be there with a hint of doubt. It was the trial of the century and it was all only an hour long.

No, this isn't the latest trial on T.V., but the mock trial held at Fort Riley Middle School to commemorate Law Day on May 1.

As part of Fort Riley's Law Day celebrations, soldiers from the Staff Judge Advocate office put on a mock trial for the 7th graders at the middle school. White Star Lines was put on trial for the wrongful death of a passenger on the Titanic. Students from the school were used as the jurors for the case.

Capt. David W. Laws, Operational Law Attorney with the Staff Judge Advo-

cate, helped put the concept together for the students.

"Our goal today was to give them a little taste of the real court systems versus the televised, glamorized system," said Laws. "We wanted them to see how the procedure really works... how you can go out there and enforce your individual rights as an individual citizen."

Students watched as the trial was presented and their peers decided the case. Various witnesses were brought forward and questioned by both attorneys. As in a normal trial, objections were raised and countered. The attorneys in the case did not come into the day scripted. Rather, both side were given facts and had to establish their own argument for the students.

"We set this up today with a basic set of facts with the attorneys, and told them 'It's up to you to make your case,'" said Laws. "Your witnesses are going to have facts and (the attorneys) knew what they were, but each side makes its own argument. Whichever side came up with the better set of facts and had the argument and the law would prevail."

Capt. Daniel Kay, trial council, 6025th Garrison Support Unit, presided as the

judge in the case and gave the students a few words to think on as they went out to deliberate.

"Members of the jury, now that you have heard all the evidence and arguments of the attorneys, it is your duty to find the facts from all the evidence of the case," said Kay.

With a reading of the law that was applicable to the trial, the students were sent into a room to deliberate.

Several of the students in the audience asked questions and spoke with the attorneys, while others had their eyes on the door behind which the jurors decided the fate of the case.

Quietly, and in single file, the jurors exited the deliberation room. They resumed their seats, after only five minutes of deliberation. Tiffany Colson, a 7th grader, was picked as the forewoman and stood to hand down the judgment.

"The jury finds for the defendant," said Colson.

Another excited murmur swept the crowd with the reading of the verdict. After the trial, students were told about the appeals process and the path cases take to the Supreme Court, if lawyers feel that an injustice exists in the

case. "It was a very big learning experience to see the way a trial works, all the parts of a jury and how they react," said Colson. "At first, I thought that I was going to think that White Star was accountable for the death, but once I heard all the stories and testimony, I believed a different way."

Another member of the jury, who initially voted for the plaintiff in the case, also had a new view of the legal system.

"I learned how juries work and how the judges and attorneys work," said Brandon Ramos, a 7th grader on the jury. It was cool to be in a jury and figure out who was guilty or not."



Students watch a mock trial held at Fort Riley Middle School to commemorate Law Day on May 1.

Letters to the Front

"I just want to let my husband know that I love him and am very proud of him. I am also very proud of the all the other soldiers over there. I will continue to pray for him and his fellow soldiers over in Iraq until they land back here at Fort Riley, Kan." - Crystal Benitez, military spouse, Milford, Kan.

"David, I just want you to know how much I love you and miss you. I am so ready for you to come back home. I think about you all the time. Remember that I am always here for you, and I am waiting for you to come back. I love you and miss you bunches. Please be very careful. I LOVE YOU!!!!!!" - Shelly Hampton, spouse of Pvt. 2 David Hampton, 1st Bn, 41st Inf. Div.

"Spec. Christopher Cearlock, please stay safe, finish the job and come home soon. You are always in my thoughts and prayers. With all my heart and lots of love." - Paula Stropkay, New York City

"Look ahead into the future, and forget the past and present. God bless you all." - Spc. Donna Evenson, 6025th GSU, Athens, Ga.

"You are doing a great job. Keep up the good work, and come home safe." - Sgt. Chris Sizemore, 1st Bn, 16th Inf.

"Your fight for freedom was not done in vain. It was already told to us several years ago to let freedom ring. Don't forget about your past, because it will show its face again. I love you all like brothers and sisters from the beginning of this war and until its end. God be with you. Wuhua 52." - Spc. James McGee, Jr., 331st Sig. Co., Chicago, Ill.

"Great job. We are praying for you. Come home soon." - Gloria S., Wichita, Kan.

"Great job, and come home safe!" - Angie Morgan, Junction City, Kan.

"To Sgt. Pearson, 977th MP Co. - His family waits for the day he returns. Soon, we pray, he will have a new baby waiting for him, a little girl. He is our son's 'power ranger.' Our son is only three-years-old, and thinks that his daddy is off being a 'power ranger' somewhere. You would think with this being his third deployment, it would be easier, but it never gets easier. He has been with the United States Army for almost six years. In that time, he has seen Kuwait for seven months, Kosovo for six months and now Iraq for however long they are over there. He is doing the job he was and has trained to do during his entire career with the military. His family is very proud of all of his accomplishments and the fact he is doing what he signed up to do - 'defend and protect his country.' We love and miss him and hope he will be home soon." - Jennifer L. Pearson and family, Fort Riley, Kan.

Former POW to speak on post

"Whenever you feel you're not free..." consider what others have given.

Staff Reports

Soldiers and guests will have the opportunity to hear Retired Air Force Col. Tommy H. Kirk Jr., a former Prisoner of War, speak May 19 at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., at Normandy Chapel. Kirk will address the subjects of Duty, Honor, Country, Patriotism, Leadership, Citizenship and much more. Joining Kirk will be Tony Gulizia, a musician born and raised in Omaha, Neb. The program will include remarks from Kirk intertwined with jazz music by both he and Gulizia.

Kirk was a fighter pilot who served 28 years on active duty before his retirement in 1978. He is a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He earned a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from the Virginia Military Institute and a Master's degree in business from the University of Southern California. During his military career, he served worldwide, commanded a fighter squadron in the Vietnam War, commanded a pilot training wing in Alabama, served as deputy commander of Lowry Technical Training Center, Denver, Colo., and was vice commander of all Special Forces in Europe prior to retirement.

Kirk became a POW on Oct. 28, 1967. While leading the largest fighter-bomber raid of the Vietnam Conflict, Kirk's F-105 was hit by anti-aircraft fire over

Hanoi, North Vietnam. With his ship engulfed in flames, he was forced to parachute from the plane. Upon landing, he was captured immediately, and spent five and a half years at the infamous Hanoi Hilton prison camp. He was released at the conflict's end, in March 1973. For his combat leadership and heroism during the war, he was awarded the Air Force Cross, three Silver Stars, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 29 Air Medals and the Purple Heart.

Gulizia started his music career early, at the age of 8, working with his father, and later, with his brother. He studied music at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. It was there that the Gulizia Brothers, a musical group, formed. In 1979, the talented musical duo began working, in conjunction with the Nebraska Arts Council, in the Artists in Schools program. He is currently an accompanist for the Eagle Valley Children's Chorale, which is directed by Liane Gulizia.

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Provost Marshal's Office reminds parents about kids' summer safety

Provost Marshal's Office

The end of the school year is drawing near and summer vacation is quickly approaching. Parents, along with all Fort Riley community members are reminded of children's safety.

All children riding on bicycles, skateboard or scooters are required to wear a helmet. Any additional safety equipment, such as knee and elbow pads, can further reduce the possibility of a serious injury.

Anyone operating a motorized vehicle should pay extra attention to the surroundings in the housing areas. Operators of vehicles should anticipate and be aware of children running out in the street.

Drivers need to ensure they are driving the posted speed limit. They should always ensure the drive-way is clear before backing out. And, you should know where all of your children are at all times, especially if they are playing outdoors.

Parents are reminded to supervise their children all times, especially at the playground or park. Children under the age of 10 are not to be unsupervised in family quarters. Children between 10 and 18 years of age maybe left alone, but not for extended periods. Children 12 years and older may

supervise younger children for a reasonable amount of time. Children under the age of 10 will not be left in vehicles at any time according to Fort Riley Regulation 190-19.

Parents should remind children of the danger of talking to strangers, and who they can trust, such as the police or a fireman.

Parents need to ensure their children's bikes are registered on post. Bike registration forms can be picked up at the Military Police station.

Parents are reminded of Fort Riley curfew times, 10:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday - Thursday and midnight to 5:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday.

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Law Day tournament brings agencies together for day of fun

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The officers from the Staff Judge Advocate office held their tenth annual Law Day Golf Tournament May 2 at Custer Hill Golf Course.



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Maj. Terry Michaels, chief, G3 Training, 24th Infantry Division, winds up to drive the ball down the fairway during the Law Day tournament at Custer Hill Golf Course.

ties' law enforcement agencies and legal offices.

"The tournament gives us (legal and law enforcement communities) the opportunity to get out and meet each other in a social setting, rather than a work environment," said Capt. Jeremy Larchick, special assistant U.S. Attorney, Staff Judge Advocate office.

"A lot of times, we work in a pretty stressful environment," Larchick said. "Usually, when the legal and law enforcement communities come together, it's for something job related, and hopefully today people will be able to talk to each other and get to know each other without that stress," he said.

Many of the participants enjoyed the event and appreciated why it was held. "I think this is a great event," said Lt. Col. Charles Darden, G1, 24th Infantry Division. "This is an opportunity for staff and installation personnel to get together and enjoy the day, and to also support and celebrate Law Day."

Maj. Michael Bell, program manager, Installation Equal Opportunity Office, said, "I think this is a well organized event, and I think things are running smoothly. Plus, the play has been moving quickly, with it being a scramble, and the course is in good condition." Some of the agencies that were represented at the event were: the Geary and Riley County Bar Association, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Kansas and the Federal Public Defender's Office for the District of Kansas. Other offices that were represented were the Federal and State Judges Offices, as

well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to name a few.

The golfers played 18 holes, under the rules of a scramble tournament, Larchick said.

The teams were given a hole to start at, one through 18, and would start there as if it were the first hole, he said.

For the competition, the golfers were split up into teams, and the best-played round for the team was counted.

"We'll take the teams best score, that's whoever shot the best ball on their team, and that helps to keep the scores pretty competitive," Larchick said.

And to the winners, went the booty. "First and second place, overall, will receive trophies and prizes," Larchick said.

However, the golfers did not have to be on a Tiger Woods level of golfing to receive an award.

"After the overall winners are awarded, we break the remainder of the golfers into three flights, where each first place finish of the three flights will receive a trophy as well," said Larchick. "We are also giving away individual prizes in different contests within the tournament, such as the longest drive and closest to the pin contest." Individual door prizes were awarded as well. The tournament's sponsor enhanced the golfer's day on the course with free beverages throughout the day, and a barbecue for lunch.

Lt. Col. Charles Darden, G1, 24th Infantry Division, watches as his ball drops in the cup on the first hole during the 10th Annual Law Day Golf Tournament.



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Centurions win post soccer tournament against MEDDAC

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer



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Brooks Johnson blocks the ball into play during 1st Bn., 34th Armor's 3-1 victory over MEDDAC in the post soccer tournament championship game Saturday.

Capping an undefeated season, the Centurions of 1st Battalion, 34th Armor took the post soccer championship with a solid 3-1 win over Medical Activity on Saturday.

"We knew that we were going to win this game," said John Gutierrez, 1st Bn., 34th Armor. "The hardest game was this morning's 4-1 win so we were pretty confident we were going to take this one."

The single elimination tournament started with two games on May 2 and two early games Saturday. The championship game was played Saturday evening.

MEDDAC came into the game as the underdog, but seemed determined to prove they were there for a reason.

"Our guys got highly motivated about a week ago and decided to take no prisoners and come together," said C.L. Dirk, MEDDAC. "They saw that they could do it and realized how close they

were, and they decided to give it everything that they've got."

The game started with well-matched play as MEDDAC shifted its defensive style to counter a Centurion team heavy with former high school and college soccer players.

"Our defense is pretty strong," said David Jaeger, MEDDAC. "When we are up by the goal line, we send up one of our strong defenders to help out."

Play seasawed from goal to goal early in the game, without either team getting a good look at the opposing net.

Midway through the first half, the Centurions launched a lightning attack down the right side of the field. Centering the ball, they were able to snap a chip shot past the keeper into the corner of the net to take a 1-0 lead.

A few minutes later, the Centurions were again able to tack on a point with a soft bloop into the corner, which bounced off the corner post into the keeper's hands and then back into the net.

The MEDDAC defense seemed to self-destruct, as less

than a minute later the Centurions popped a 20-yard shot in, almost uncontested.

Although they were down 3-0 at the half, MEDDAC went to the side to regroup and recharge.

"We're going to play our game," Jaeger said. "We've been playing their game for a little bit, and we're about to show them what we are made of."

"We've got to play tight D. We need to be aggressive," said Sylvester Jackson, MEDDAC. "We need to go to the ball instead of letting it come to us."

In the second half, the Centurions moved to a defensive posture trying to protect their lead and conserve players.

The MEDDAC team took advantage of the change in play and scored their only point of the game early in the second to close the gap to 3-1.

Even with a little more fire in the game, MEDDAC was unable to overcome the two-point lead.

The Centurions took home the game and one more year of bragging rights, with a 3-1 final score.

Poison ivy can turn outdoor fun into uncomfortable situation

By Alan Hynek
DES Administrator

Poison ivy has long been the ill-fated demise of many fishing, camping and hiking trips. Just the thought of it can make some people itch. However, there are steps that can help you evade the misery of a poison ivy rash while still enjoying the great outdoors.

The best line of defense against contracting this unwanted annoyance is avoidance. Therefore, proper recognition of the plant must first be achieved.

The plant is usually in the form of a vine, clinging to trees and buildings. However, in some instances it can actually stand alone, looking more like a small shrub.

The leaves of poison ivy are characteristically in groups of three, hence the old saying,

"Leaves of three, beware of me." Each leaf is about equal in size and usually has a small notch or lobe on either side. The leaves have a glossy appearance most of year.

In the fall, poison ivy produces a cluster of creamy white berries and the leaves turn a crimson red color.

Despite the fact that it should be avoided, poison ivy is one of the more attractive plants in the fall. It is also one of the first to turn color, signaling the coming cooler weather.

There is a lot of confusion about poisonous plants and which ones occur on Fort Riley.

Poison ivy is very common on post and can be found just about anywhere. The true poison oak occurs very rarely in Southeast Kansas and does not venture this far west.

Poison Sumac is a native to the

lowlands of the eastern U.S. It is most abundant along streams, floodplains and swampy areas.

All three of these plants are in the

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Operation Salute

Anheuser-Busch announced that it will give single-day admission to SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks to active duty military, active reservists, U.S. Coast Guardsmen and as many as four of their direct dependents, beginning the Friday of Memorial Day weekend and concluding Veterans Day, Nov 11.

"Operation Salute" will give free admission at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Busch Gardens Williamsburg, SeaWorld Orlando, SeaWorld San Diego, SeaWorld San Antonio and Sesame Place, Langhorne, Pa. Tickets available at gate only. Let ITR put together a vacation package to include other attractions and hotel accommodations.

Vacation Planning?

Discount military attraction tickets are available to Walt Disney World, Disneyland and Universal properties. Stop by and pick up brochures and let ITR assist you with your dream vacation. Many tickets are not dated, so it's easy to set up a payment savings plan.

Heartland Park Topeka

Welcome to the most intense, earth-shattering sport on the planet! Nowhere else can you actually see your favorite drivers as you stroll through the pits, hear the

thunder of 6,000-horsepower machines and get a taste of what it's like living life in the fast lane. O'Reilly Summer Nationals is coming to Topeka May 22 - 25. Hurry, discount tickets are only available through May 16 at ITR.

Caribbean Celebration

Enjoy the sounds of "Carib Sound's Steel Band," Caribbean food and vendor booths, May 2 - 4 at the Capitol Center Inn in Topeka. Discounted tickets are available through ITR. Make it a weekend get-a-way. The Capitol Center Inn is offering a special military room rate.

Worlds of Fun

It will leave you screaming for more! Worlds of Fun is now open for the season with Spring Special discounted tickets through ITR. Hurry, the special discount ends June 30. Get ready for another season of your favorite fun-filled rides and attractions at

Worlds of Fun. As you make your way through 175 acres of excitement and family entertainment, you're sure to find that Worlds of Fun will always leave you screaming for more! Those looking for intense thrills will be sure to head to the world-famous Mamba and Boomerang roller coasters. After going 75 miles-per-hour on one coaster, then riding through another completely backwards, you'll learn the real meaning of, "Open up and say AAAAGH!" Straight out of the pages of the world-famous comic strip, everybody's favorite beagle and his friends are hosting an exciting collection of family rides and attractions at Camp Snoopy, Worlds of Fun's family play land. Camp Snoopy is over one acre and home to rides and attractions designed especially for families.

Country Stampede

Have you ever attended a party with thousands of friends, national recording artists and four days of non-stop music and fun? Coun-

try Stampede is a weekend country music and camping festival June 26-29 at Tuttle Creek State Park, Manhattan. The weekend is fun filled and action packed with great performers, including: Kenny Chesney, Martina McBride, Chris LeDoux, Sawyer Brown and many more. There will also be fantastic food, colorful crafts and much, much more! Great early bird discounts are still available through ITR.

Kansas State Baseball

Kansas State Baseball "Make the Connections" now offers special military discounted tickets for the remainder of the season. Grab some friends, take the family, for only \$1 per person. Show your Military I.D. at the gate for discounted tickets.

Heritage celebration scheduled

Fort Riley will be celebrating Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month during May. The theme for this year's celebration is "Salute to Liberty."

The Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor a free program on Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Barlow Theater to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Asian Pacific-Americans.

For more information, call the Fort Riley Equal Opportunity Office, 239-2277 or 239-2928.

Army racecar driver seriously injured in crash

U.S. Army's Racing Office

RICHMOND, Va. - U.S. Army racecar driver Jerry Nadeau was critically injured in a crash during practice May 2, at Richmond International Raceway. He has

been upgraded from critical to serious but stable condition, officials said.

Doctors at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center said Nadeau's head injury does not include a skull fracture, and

his improvement is on course for the injuries he sustained. Nadeau, driver of the No. 01 U.S. Army Pontiac, suffered head, lung and rib injuries when his car hit the wall on the driver's side between Turns 1 and 2, only 10 minutes

into the first of two Happy Hour practice sessions. The Nadeau family has requested that get-well wishes be sent to the team's race shop address at: Jerry Nadeau Fan Club, P.O. Box 3610, Mooresville, N.C. 28117.

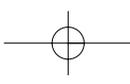
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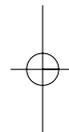
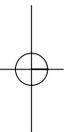
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