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Weather Forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High: 65 Low: 48	High: 70 Low: 50	High: 73 Low: 56

THURSDAY

Fort Riley Post

Club Beyond cleans Junction City wetlands

Youth from Club Beyond, a youth ministry outreach program on post, cleaned up the wetlands in Junction City on May 17.

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Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Walker, Sgt. Dan Charles, Spc. Brandon Eck and Pvt. Adam Hahn of Company B, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, attack Tank Table VII May 8, as part of crew certification. The course is the first live-fire tank qualification the battalion has conducted since returning from a Southwest Asia deployment.

Families view tanks in action

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

For many kids growing up, driving around in a tank or another military vehicle is a wish that they know may never come true. Many kids pretend they are maneuvering a military vehicle as they protect our country and keep America free. However, several kids did get to enjoy climbing around on tanks and seeing them fire rounds down range.

The 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Brigade held their annual Family Day last Friday at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex in order to give family members a chance to see tanks in action. The event also included lunch and a gunnery demonstration.

According to Capt. Christopher Young, personnel officer for the 1st Bn., 34th Armor, family day out at the gunnery range is about seeing what their husbands and fathers do when they're out in the field.

"Family day at gunnery is really just a time when we get the families out here so they can see what goes on with their husbands (and fathers) when they say their at gunnery," he said.

Young added that the kids were real excited about all aspects of family day, especially getting to see tanks.

"The kids are excited about the tanks," he said. "They like the noise and the ground vibrations. They really like to see the soldiers."

Capt. David Gordon IV had a different take on the excitement.

"Ironically, (the kids were excited about) the horns on the vehicles," he said. "They couldn't leave them alone."

Along with family members of the 1st Bn., 34th Armor, a third grade class from Eisenhower Elementary School was able to view the demonstrations.

"We were able to get those children out here to view some of the equipment that we have," Gordon said. "I think we offered them a good time out here."

Combined Scholarship Fund awards presented locally

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

Members of the Scholarship Committee for the Combined Scholarship Fund gave out over $14,000 in scholarships to 14 prospective and continuing college students in a ceremony at Quarters 1 May 15.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, hosted the ceremony and handed out the scholarships along with Dee Hayhurst, chairman of scholarships.

"All of them were so good that I'm glad I didn't have to judge them myself," said Kim Milano, director of the scholarship committee.

"I'm going to tell you a secret," said Metz, "and you don't have to share it with anybody. If you figure out the number of hours you worked to earn the scholarship and you use that as the denominator and then you take the amount of money your getting here and figure out how much per hour you're making, it's a pretty good way to do business."

Hayhurst announced each scholarship winner individually and read a brief excerpt of something they had written or that had been written of them.

Phillip Gurthie received $2,000 to attend either Georgetown, Yale or the University of Washington.

The question of why Gurthie was such an intelligent young man to be considering either of these prestigious schools was answered by a brief excerpt from what one of his high school teachers wrote of him. "Phillip is extremely conscientious and diligent, one of the most intelligent individuals I have had the pleasure to teach," wrote Randy Wewer.

Dana Ward received $1,500 to attend Cloud Community College. Ward attributes much of her success to her marriage, which also makes success that much brighter.

Ward wrote in an essay of her marriage, "We need each other for encouragement and support, but more importantly someone to celebrate with when those dreams have become reality."

Eric Steggeman received $1,200 to attend an as yet undetermined college. Steggeman was thankful to many individuals that had made an impact on his life and the path that brought him to this scholarship.

"I accredit countless instances of limitless faith and moral support from my parents, teachers, friends and counselors for motivating and reinforcing my curiosity," he wrote in an essay.

Joshua Updyke received $1,200 to go to Kansas State University.

"When I was younger, I didn't realize that being educated would affect my future life," Updyke wrote in an essay. "Luckily for me, my father and mother did."

Quenita Likely received $1,000 to go from high school to Auburn University. Likely's worthiness of this money was perhaps best stated in one of her letters of recommendation.

"Quenita has proven to be imaginative, industrious and talented," said Chad Brown, one of Likely's High School teachers. "Of all the students I have known in 10 years of teaching, she is one of the most mature, and surely will experience much success in life."

Romona Arnold received $500 to go to KSU, a school for which she is currently working in the accounting department.

"After being with KSU and working with those forms," said Hayhurst, "I can tell you, Romona is one very smart woman."

Justin Lovejoy received $500 and is a high school student who will go to either KSU or Washington Lee University. Lovejoy believed that his parents had been and will continue to be, a major factor in his quest for higher knowledge.

"My family's love and encouragement

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Visitors can view patch display at Open House

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

Fort Riley's Open House June 1, promises to be filled with many exhibits of Fort Riley and Army history. One such exhibit attendees can look forward to is a display of over 100 historic combat division patches from the World War II era.

"I just started collecting," said Peter Paras, director of Fort Riley security. "They have shows all around the state. It's taken four to five years to collect the set."

The patches hold a lot of history about the Army.

"The young soldiers come in and didn't realize how big the Army was and what they went through,'' said Paras.

Paras explained that of the 108 divisions featured in his collection, only 10 remain active today.

"During World War II, we were loosing 500 soldiers a day and now with the war in Afghanistan, a soldier is wounded and CNN is right on top of it," said Paras.

The patches also reveal some of the Army warfighting tactics. Paras explained the significance of "Phantom" and "Ghost" divisions.

"Divisions created these patches as a diversionary tactic, with no intention to fill them during the Battle of Normandy," said Paras

"With the "Ghost" patches, the Army wanted to create divisions, but casualties from World War II were so great, there was just not enough man power to fill them," explained Paras.

One interesting patch is the old 45th Infantry Division patch. The red and gold patch looks like a Nazi swastika.

"People think it's a swastika but it's not," explained Paras. He said the patch is valuable.

"I bought it from a collector at a show for about $60. It's probably worth $100 today."

Paras said he's looking forward to the open house.

"It's a good chance to speak to the old veterans who actually wore those patches," he said.

New physical readiness course taught

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

Many soldiers on Fort Riley do the same thing for physical training every day. Usually, it's push-ups and sit-ups, followed by a two or three-mile run. Fortunately, with the help of Barton County Community College, soldiers on Fort Riley are learning new ways to do PT.

Twelve soldiers were the first to take the new Physical Readiness Leaders Trainers Course offered on Fort Riley by Barton from May 13-17.

The PRLTC recently took the place of the Master Fitness Course and highlights different stretches and exercises that last longer and cut down on injuries, said Sgt. Robert Mareno, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Maintenance Battalion.

The soldiers learned new exercises, some of which include a variety of lunges that work balance and coordination. The new PT regiment also focuses more on exercises that work the back, including pull-ups and the rope climb. Another new exercise is the bent leg/back twist that loosens up muscles without causing injury. There also are some

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Soldiers in the Physical Readiness Leaders Trainers Course practice an exercise during class. The Barton County Community College class taught soldiers on Fort Riley new ways to execute physical training.

ment, 101st Forward Support Battalion. "This class reenergizes the (noncommissioned officer) and focuses on new techniques and unit fitness."

tant," he said. "It shows the proper techniques to many new exercises that will be coming out when the new physical training manual is released. These soldiers

importance of stretching.

"I feel that it's important to have a better scientific understanding of stretching and exercises," said Brian Schroeder, the

Boating, swimming, water safety must for fun, safe summer

Around Fort Riley: *By Col. Philip Pope, Garrison Commander*

With temperatures increasing, many people will be taking to the water to escape from the heat and begin what we all hope for, a safe and fun filled summer.

Waterfront activities such as boating, water skiing, swimming and operating personal watercraft is exciting. If we keep safety in mind, we can have a summer to remember with all positive experiences. The installation commander and staff want to help keep you and your family safe while around water.

Unfortunately, we had one Fort Riley soldier drown last year. The soldier, a 22-year-old male, was in the act of saving his own brother from drowning when he, himself was overcome by the water and drowned. The soldier was swimming in a non-designated swimming area, had no lifeguard present and overestimated his swimming capabilities. In a rescue attempt, remember that you can't save them if you can't save yourself.

A near-drowning incident related to Fort Riley occurred last year. While a Fort Riley civilian youth group swam at a designated swimming area at Milford Lake, their safety boat drifted too far from shore. A supervisor attempted to retrieve the boat without wearing a life jacket. Once again, he overestimated his own swimming abilities and needed to be rescued. Fortunately, a tragedy was avoided and no one drowned.

According to the National Safety Council, drowning claims the lives of over 4,000 people annually, and young children are at the highest risk of drowning. Most drowning of children happen when they fall into pools or are left alone in bathtubs. To keep children safe when near the water, an adult should always be supervising.

In addition, children should always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when swimming or boating. I also encourage enrolling your children in swimming lessons. To find out how, contact the Eyster Pool at 239-9441.

But remember, swimming lessons do not make your children "drown-proof."

I want to remind everyone that swimming is prohibited in Fort Riley lakes, ponds and streams. This prohibition includes the rivers that border the installation. Soldiers may only swim in designated areas on lakes off the installation.

Alcohol and water do not mix. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, alcohol is involved in 25-50 percent of adolescent and adult drowning deaths. In addition, 40-50 percent of drowning deaths among adolescent boys are alcohol-related.

The U.S. Coast Guard reports that nearly 70 percent of all recreational boating accident victims die by drowning, and nearly 90 percent of the drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket. Many of those lives could have been saved if they simply wore their life jackets. I urge you to wear your life jackets. They float - you don't.

With Memorial Day upon us, Fort Riley is getting ready to kick off our 101 Days of Summer Safety Campaign. Additional information about Fort Riley's specific safety issues can be obtained by contacting the Directorate of Environment and Safety at 239-2514, or by visiting their intranet site at https://intranet.riley.army.mil/des/Safety/Safetyhome.html.

The State of Kansas requires anyone born after January 1, 1989, to complete a boater's safety course in order to operate a motorboat or sailboat on public waters in Kansas. In addition, anyone ages 12-15 who wants to operate a personal watercraft alone is required to successfully complete a boating safety course. For more information on boating safety classes, contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks at 785-296-2281, or visit their website at http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/boating/boating.html.

It is important for all of us to work together and help make our recreation and our neighbor's recreation as safe as possible. We have heard many times that "friends do not allow friends to drive drunk." The same is true for operating power boat, jet skies or other recreational vehicles. If we adhere to safety advise, we will have a happy, fun and safe 101 days of summer.

Vehicle registration clearing easy if prepared

The vehicle registration office would like your assistance so they can assist you with your PCS or ETS move. Listed are the procedures you will need to follow to make your departure from Fort Riley easier.

If you are going to PCS to a CONUS assignment you do not need to remove your DOD decals from your vehicles. To clear the vehicle registration office, you can simply walk in and the clerks will stamp your clearing papers.

If you are going to an overseas assignment, you will need to take a little extra time to clear vehicle registration. Remove the decals for the vehicles you have registered and return them to the vehicle registration office. You can request a temporary pass for your vehicles to assist in getting on post after the decals are removed. This can be done at any time after you receive your clearing papers.

If you are preparing to ETS from the Army, you will need to turn in your decals. Once you receive your clearing papers you can clear the vehicle registration office and request a temporary pass to assist you in getting on post after the decals have been turned in. The same procedures apply to soldiers being chaptered.

If you registered a car and you plan to sell it, replace the windshield, take it to your home of record and leave it or if there is any other reason that the car will not be returned to Fort Riley before you clear the post, you must retrieve the decals and turn them in to the vehicle registration office. Department of Defense Form 2220, vehicle registration decal, is an accountable form and must be returned and destroyed. A record will be made of all lost or stolen decals, so if you can not meet the requirements for clearing the vehicle registration office, you will need to sign a sworn statement attesting to the loss.

If you have questions,call the vehicle registration office at 239-3245.

Grunt *By Wayne Uhden*

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will be the motivation and inspiration I need to make myself successful," he wrote in his essay.

Teresa Wright received $500 to go to Barton County Community College. Wright had accomplished much between her high school graduation and her decision to return to college, and spoke of her reason for making that decision in her essay.

"I made a promise to myself that when my boys graduated I would start back to college and finish my degree in elementary education," she said. "Also, my parents always wanted me to return to school. I really would like to make them proud and see me graduate."

After the ceremony, Metz provided refreshments for the awardees and their families.

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Commentary

Gate security soldiers "Thank you" greatly appreciated

I went to Fort Riley to get a prescription filled and to stop by the commissary for a few things before we move. I only go on post every two or three months, so I haven't inquired about getting a post decal to give me unfettered access. Fort Riley, like every other post, has clamped down on entry to the reservation. If you don't have a post sticker, you're directed to a temporary building where a junior NCO and usually two troops in full battle rattle are waiting to check your driver's license, registration and insurance card. They also want to know your destination and your business on post.

Normally, as soon as they document you're who you say you are, they complete a temporary registration and ask you to display it on the dashboard. You're then on your way to navigate a concrete barrier obstacle course until you're stopped at the next gate where the temporary pass is checked against your driver's license.

That's what normally happens.

Today, however, a young Private approached my car and after checking my registration, insurance card and Kansas driver's license, asked me if I had an ID card.

"Sure," I told him.

I handed it over, and he read the ID card. I thought he was checking it against the driver's license.

As he handed it back to me, he said, "Thank you, sir, for serving."

I nearly had a misfire.

I like to think I'm pretty quick-witted, but he stunned me. When I recovered from the shock of this young fellow telling me that, I told him, "No, thank you for serving your country, young man."

It wasn't really a mutual admiration society meeting, but it was damn close.

Still wondering what that was all about, I pulled away and navigated the concrete obstacles where I was stopped again at the next gate shack.

Another young Private, this one a Pvt. 2, checked my card and said the same thing, "Thank you, sir, for serving."

I've been retired for almost 39 months and exactly three people have said thank you to me for serving my country. Two of the three said it today.

I got to the commissary and an old-timer bagged my groceries. I realized right away that he was a retiree, so I asked him about that business at the gate. He told me the unit was the 541st Maintenance Battalion and they were the only ones who did that.

I ended up calling the unit and talking to the Battalion Commander. He told me it wasn't his idea, nor that of his CSM. Rather, his young NCOs who were pulling the detail decided to add the heartfelt appreciation to everyone who'd ever served and came through the gates during their watch.

I don't advertise that I'm retired and I don't solicit the thanks. Today made me think that we've got some pretty good Joes in our Army - just like we had when I was on active duty. Faces are going to change, but the core tenets won't. As long as we've got good leaders to take care of the troops and money to fund the machine, there's nothing the military can't achieve. And those two privates, like a hundred thousand others, are all part of that machine, keeping it lubed and rolling along, ready to take on all comers.

Just my take, but this experience made my day.

I let a few folks know about this and an active duty SGM who worked for me in Germany let me know that it made him feel good that a retiree was commenting favorably about today's soldiers, and it made him proud that he was still serving.

I told him that I recently began subscribing to the Army Times newspaper again after a three year absence. The last three issues I received had a series of articles extolling the benefits enjoyed by soldiers - the most recent issue did a pay comparison similar jobs in the civilian sector.

I didn't know how good I had it while I was on active duty - and neither will he until he gets out. The Army Times article stated that a particular job pays a certain amount in the military, but the civilian sector may pay even more. What they neglect to mention is that there are a hundred people fighting for that civilian sector job. Some of those jobs might pay more, but there aren't any guarantees soldiers will get them.

In three weeks I'll be leaving Topeka and moving to Grand Junction, CO. I applied for what I thought was a tailor made job in Grand Junction - kind of a cross between an XO, an Adjutant, an investigator, an Inspector General and some Adjutant General officer thrown in. I sent my resume, cover letter and two subsequent letters to more clearly highlight my experience and attempt to correlate it in civilian terms. I felt I could have torn that job up.

I found that the county had received more than 70 applicants for the one position. I didn't even get an interview. When I called to find out what my shortcomings were, I was told there were people who more closely met what the boss was looking for. I was wondering how that could be, but when I reflected on it, it had to be civilians who had held that specific job somewhere else. When you tell them you've done the job in the military, it might not translate effectively. At least that's been my experience in Topeka where even after getting a law degree, I remain unemployed.

So, I've come full circle to the experience at Fort Riley. I get pretty discouraged about not being able to land a job. It seems that people don't relate to the military or understand everything a soldier can do (or at least what a soldier who has had a modicum of responsibility is capable of). And then I go to Fort Riley and a young troop tells me thanks for serving. It just sent me reeling.

Ralph Hamblin
Major, US Army (retired)

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everyday."

Schroeder also thinks that the next class, scheduled for sometime within the first two weeks of June, will be much better than the last.

"The soldiers thought that it was a lot," he said. "But, they receive college credit, so it was worth it. It was a learning experience for everyone. Now, we can tailor it more to their needs. They suggested more PT and I'm more than happy to add more the next time."

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Briefs

Service changes

There have been religious service time change for several services until further notice because of air conditionin g problems. The Gospel service will be at 11 a.m. at Kapaun Chapel, Catholic Mass will be at 9 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel and the Protistant Traditional service will be at 10:45 a.m. also at the Main Post Chapel.

The Lutheran/Liturgical service will change from 8:30 to 9 a.m. beginning on June 2, at St. Mary's Chapel. This worship service is offered for the benefit of soldiers and family members of a Lutheran or liturgical style worship service background. Anyone having questions concerning the Lutheran service can call Chaplain (MAJ) Stephen Nagler at 239-5313/5711.

Public Works Organization Day

Public Works will hold their annual Organization Day with a picnic and award ceremony for employees and their families on June 14. Minimal staffing will be maintained from 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. so that critical functions remain operational.

Handicap bus for Open House

There will be a handicap bus available June 1, during the Open House. The bus is air conditioned and wheel chair accessible. It will make runs though the historic district during the day and will assist handicap visitors getting from one venue to the next. It will NOT run to the CCTT. The bus will make 10 runs over the course of the day, on the hour, starting at 8 a.m. It will start at the information center at the handicap/VIP parking lot, and will travel very slowly, making stops at the Expo Center, museum, dog handler demo, CCTT P/U, Sturgis Field, Arty Field and down to the encampment parking area for turn around. At each stop people will be allowed to get on and off the bus. As the bus returns, it will bring people back to handicap parking area.

EFMP Summer Camp

The first Exceptional Family Member Program Summer Camp will be June 5 - 6, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at Rock Springs 4-H Center Program, 5405 West Highway K157, Junction City. On June 5, children from ages 6-11 will attend. Activites will include horseback riding, swimming, environmental education and canoeing. June 6 youth ages 12-16 will attend. Activites will include horseback riding, canoeing, swimming and archery. There will be a larger group attending on June 5. Registration to attend the camp must be done by June 3. For more information contact Laurie McCauley at 239-9435.

School Liaison Officer

The Army has recently developed School Liaison Officer positions at each installation. The Vision, Mission, and Goals of the School Liaison program are to coordinate and assist school-age children and youth of Army parents with educational opportunities and information necessary to achieve academic success. To work in partnership with local schools to provide caring adults to enhance the education experience."

The Fort Riley School Liaison Officer is Kay Forman. Forman's office is located in building 6620, office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. She is available to brief groups, and to provide school information to parents at all stages of a move, or while assigned to Fort Riley.

Fort Riley and Geary County USD 475 recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement to accept the recommendations of the Secondary Education Transition Study. This study points out problems experienced by mobile high school students, and recommends what can be done to help them move successfully. Signing the SETS MOA.

Forman is also the point of contact for the KIDS 2000 program. This program is the primary means of connecting soldiers with students in the local schools.

Dates Changed

Due to the holiday on Monday, the refuse collection will be modified as follows:

Monday - No Collection

Tuesday - Colyer Manor, Main Post Housing and Marshall Air Field Housing

Wednesday - Ellis Heights, Montieth Heights, Peterson Heights and O'Donnell Heights

May 30 - Burnside Heights and Warner Heights

May 31 - South Peterson, South Warner, McClellan Heights and Meade Heights.

Mass Changed

Catholic Parish Mass and Picnic is planned for June 16, at 10 a.m. in McCormick Park. Father Dave Arnoldt will be welcomed to the parish and Father Dave Kenehan will be farewelled. If your last name begins with A-H bring fruit or veggie dish;

I-Q bring other side dish; R-Z bring dessert. There will be no 9:15 or 11 a.m. Mass on That day.There will, however, be an 6 p.m. Mass at Kapaun Chapel.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School for all military families will be June 17-21 and June 24-28 at the Main Post Chapel. The hours of VBS have changed to 6-9 p.m. each week. VBS will not be able to provide an evening meal for the children. Parents are asked to register their children for one week, at the commissary, June 8, from 1 - 5 p.m. This is the last post-wide registration for VBS available so please come out and register your children.

For more information call 239-5012.

Musicians Needed

The Contemporary Protestant congregation at Fort Riley's Normandy Chapel is looking for the following musicians for their praise and worship band: rhythm guitar, lead guitar, keyboard strings player, back-up piano player. We have instruments available to play for each of these positions. We practice weekly Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. Service time is Sundays at 11 AM. If interested, call Chaplain Paulson at 239-3436. If no answer, please leave a message on answering machine.

Facilities closed

The following facilities will be closed Monday to celebrate Memorial Day: Arts & Crafts, Automotive Skills, Outdoor Rec, ITR, Leonard Fitness Center, Eyster Pool

Main Post Pool and the Middle School/Teen Center

New OB Class

The New OB Class is held every Tues. morning, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., in Ward three B of Irwin Army Community Hospital. A positive pregnancy test is required before scheduling your attendance of the New OB Class. Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier or military dependent are welcome to attend. Expectant mothers will be introduced to the IACH OB/GYN staff members; fill out their OB charts, review medical and genetic history with an OB/GYN staff member, and will also be provided information on available resources offered on the Fort Riley post or local communities. The New OB Class is not a labor and delivery class. To schedule your attendance of the New OB Class, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or dial the toll-free number 1-888-874-9378.

IACH Training Holiday

Irwin Army Community Hospital will be observing the Memorial Day Training Holiday tomorrow. Primary Care Clinic 2, IACH will be open from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for same day acute appointments. This appointment type (acute) is for patients who develop a sudden illness within 24-48 hours. To make an appointment, please call the local TRICARE Service Center at (785) 784-1200 or call toll free 1-888-874-9378.

Cancer Support Group

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting will be June 5 at 6 p.m. at Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic. Participants are ask to bring any news articles pertaining to your cancer diagnosis.

Military service members, their family members and Department of Army Civilians are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged for persons who were recently diagnosed with cancer, family and friends of persons with cancer, and cancer survivors. The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is usually held on the first Wed. of the month. For more information call 239-7163.

Leave donation

A Fort Riley MEDDAC employee has requested that her name be placed in the Leave Donor Program. She is facing the possibility of leave without pay while she tends to her spouse's needs as he awaits cardiac transplantation at St. Luke's Hospital in Wichita. The control number for this request is 02-18 for those wishing to donate leave to this recipient.

Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is seeking volunteers to help with merchandising, sorting and pricing donations, pulling expired items, straightening shelves, customer service and consignments.Thrift Shop business hours are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteer benefits include first choice of new merchandise, discounts on donated items and a friendly working environment. Child care expenses are reimbursed. In addition the Thrift Shop is seeking persons interested in serving on next year's board. Positions open include vice chairman, secretary and publicist. For more information about a specific position please contact the shop at 784-3874 during business hours.

The Shoppe

The Shoppe is the perfect place to find unique handmade crafts, kitchenware, decorative accessories, primitives, and lots of Americana. Located in building 259 on Stuart Avenue, just west of the Fort Riley Honor Guard Stables. Hours of oeration are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday. The Shoppe can be reserved for coffee groups. A discount is given on purchases the night of your function. For more information, call239-2783.

Instructors needed

Instructors are needed in piano, other musical instruments and cheerleading.

Instructors must be experienced and pass background clearances before teaching. All instructors are hired through non-appropriated fund contracts.

For information please contact Cathy Spiegel, supplemental programs and services director at 239-9850.

Mail Training Class

An official mail training class will be offered on Tuesday, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at building 7856. Pre-enrollment is required. For further information or to enroll, please call Sylvia at 239-5411.

Stampede Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to work the Stampede in Manhattan. Volunteers will be working in the beverage serving area. Names are being taken on a first come, first serve basis to fill the slots avail-

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More Briefs

ıble. Shifts will require five hours ɔer day of volunteer time. Bene- its for working the five hours ach day include free admission, ccess to the VIP area seating, two neals per day and a T-shirt. There ıre three shifts to be filled. All olunteers are required to work all hree days, June 28, 29 and 30. Volunteers must be able to com- nit to all three days. There will be ı small number of volunteers ıeeded for the Kick-Off Night on une 27.

There will be a pre-meeting on he June 15 at 11:00 a.m. in McCormick Park on Fort Riley. Requirements will be discussed at hat time, and last minute slots for olunteers will be filled. Be pre- ɔared to have a fun time.

For more information email Mick McCallister at nccallim@riley.army.mil or mail Ken Barteau at Kenneth.Barteau@safetycenter.ar ny.mil.

Youth Volunteers Needed

The Fort Riley Chapter of the American Red Cross is looking or youth volunteers ages 13 to 18, who would like to help their community and learn something n the process, while fulfilling community service requirements or school.

Volunteers will have the oppor- unity to work at Irwin Army Community Hospital and other ıreas on Fort Riley. If you would ike to be a member of the team, ɔlease come and sign up at the Fort Riley Red Cross office.

The office is now located in the Soldier/Family Support Center, ɔuilding 7264, on Custer Hill. It s very important that you bring our parents, as they must sign for heir permission for you to work n the presence of a Red Cross worker. You may not take the orms home to bring back later. The deadline is May 31.

The office will be open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call Anita Watson at 762-4145, or Sharon Rose at the Red Cross ɔffice, 239-1887.

Reunion planned

The 547th Engineer Battalion Association is holding its 16th ınnual reunion Aug. 1-4, in Fort Mitchell, Ky. Active duty, retired ınd honorably discharged person- ıel are welcome to attend. Call Nelson Reinhart at 513-752-8545 ɔr Ursula Allen at 253-582-4649, or more details.

Music nights weekly

Sports USA has begun offering veekly music theme nights. Dance music Friday nights will ransition to the Latin Night for- nat beginning at 11 p.m. Dance nusic Saturday nights will transi- ion to the urban and hip-hop "Late Night with Monroe" show ılso beginning at 11 p.m.

Use ICE

Tell us what you think! Use CE to provide feedback on a vide range of services provided at Fort Riley. The ICE system has grown since we implemented it in November 2001. You can now comment on recreational, educa- ional, training, housing, guest odging, shopping, military inance, dining facilities, informa- ion management, facility mainte- ıance, logistical and personnel upport services. There are cur- ently 109 services on which you can comment and we are continu- ng to add new areas for your eedback on a regular basis. Your eedback helps to insure that we leliver quality services through- ɔut the installation. You can ıccess ICE to make your com- nents by clicking on the ICE logo ɔn the Fort Riley Homepage www.riley.army.mil) or by going o the main ICE Homepage at ıttp://ice.disa.mil and clicking on Fort Riley. ICE can be accessed rom ANY computer with inter- ıet-access. Your questions or sug- gestions regarding ICE should be lirected to the Strategic Planning Office, phone 239-2540 or e-mail SPO@riley.army.mil.

Moms Club

while their children participate in various daytime activities all-month.

Most events are for moms and their children to participate in together during the day, while some are especially for moms with optional child-care available. Children are welcome at all activ- ities. About one third of the mem- bership consists of military wives stationed at Fort Riley.

A monthly business meeting is held the 3rd Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at First Christian Church (not affiliated), Manhat- tan. Annual dues are $18, but try it out without obligation. For more info contact Lisa Schwarz, (785)587-8069.

NAF job fairs

The NAF personnel division will sponsor job fairs at Riley's Conference Center on the follow- ing dates: June 26, July 24, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. Applications will be accepted from 9 - 9:45 a.m., for immediate vacancies in Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities. Interviews will begin at 10:15 a.m. with job offers made as selections are made.

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

Musician Needed

The Contemporary Protestant Service that meets at Normandy Chapel needs a lead guitar player for their praise and worship band. The service meets on Sundays at 11 a.m.; practices are on Wedne- days at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. If interested, call Chaplain Paulson at 239-3436. If no answer, please leave a message.

Club Beyond

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

For more information, contact Don Ericson, Club Beyond Direc- tor, at 238-4436 or dericson@nqks.com. You can check out Club Beyond on the web at www.nqks.com/clubbe- yond.

Child car seat inspections

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

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

Car Seat Inspection appoint- ments are available Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Inspec- tions will take place in the IACH parking area. To schedule a car seat inspection please call Com- munity Health Nursing, at 239-

Prenatal classes offered

The Women Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospi- tal is offering a new series of pre- natal classes, "The Gift of Moth- erhood" on June 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the third floor classroom.

Expectant mothers, between their 12th and 40th week of preg- nancy are eligible to attend. The prenatal classes are free and each participant will receive a personal copy of the book, "The Gift of Motherhood" to take home. Expectant mothers are asked to bring their spouse, significant other or birth coach. The class is limited to 20 participants. The prenatal classes will continue to be held on the third Saturday of every month at IACH.

For more information, please call Capt. Diana Seuss at 239- 7434. To register for "The Gift of Motherhood" prenatal classes, please call the Fort Riley TRI- CARE Service Center at 784- 1200 or toll free is 1-888-874- 9378.

Tobacco cessation

New classes are forming to kick that tobacco habit. Irwin Army Community Hospital offers a four-week tobacco cessation program, which meets on Wednesday from 5 - 6 p.m. or Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. For those concerned about gain- ing weight after kicking the tobac- co habit, a dietician teaches par- ticipants healthy ways to avoid weight gain. Active duty uniform service members, their families, retired military and DoD civilians may participate in the tobacco cessation program. For more information call 239-7323.

Consumer confidence report posted to website

Fort Riley's Directorate of Environment and Safety has pre- pared Fort Riley's Annual Consumer Confidence Report.

"Fort Riley is committed to providing a safe and reliable supply of high-quality drinking water. Fort Riley's drinking water met or surpassed all federal and state drinking water regulations in 2001 and continues to do so," said Larry Ness, DES Water Programs. "Fort Riley has prepared an annual Consumer Confidence Report, which is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act."

The CCR is posted on the Internet at http://www.riley.army.mil.

"From the Fort Riley homepage, follow the link to 'Our Post' and then to the Environmental Stewardship page, which will have a button, 'Quality of Tap Water Report,' Ness said. "Clicking on this button will bring up a copy of the 2001 CCR."

The CCR provides information on the type and source name of the water; information on contaminants including a manda- tory monitoring list; information on detected regulated and unregulated contaminants; any violations associated with mon- itoring and reporting and additional health information for immuno-compromised persons.

The CCR will be updated annually. Information about CCRs can be obtained from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

For additional information about Fort Riley's CCR, con- sumers can contact Ness, DES Water Programs, at 785-239-

Open House Band schedule

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DoD wants to accelerate indirect fires technology

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense wants the Army to lobby Congress to transfer all the funding for the recently canceled Crusader howitzer program to accelerate a number of current indirect fires research and development programs, according to a top DoD official.

Failure to do so could put the programs at risk because the Army plans to field its Future Combat system during the same timeframe the indirect fire programs are currently scheduled for production, said Michael Wynne, principal deputy undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, during a May 15 Pentagon press briefing.

Those programs include upgrades to the currently fielded Paladin 155 mm howitzer, a family of satellite-guided Excalibur artillery munitions, Net Fires System, High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System and a lightweight 155 mm howitzer.

"We want the Army, and we are recommending to the Army, that they package up and recommend to Congress that we accelerate precision munitions and rockets, as we don't want those ultimately competing with the Future Combat System, but basically enhancing the Future Combat System," Wynne said.

With the exception of the lightweight howitzer, the programs are scheduled for production and fielding early next decade — about the same time the Army plans to have its first FCS rolling off the assembly line. The lightweight howitzer is already in production by a Great Britain defense contractor and in use by that country's military.

Accelerated funding for the programs would mean they would be produced between 2006 and 2009 — thus, lessening the chance of budget crunch with the FCS in later years, Wynne said.

The principle deputy said the indirect fires programs support DoD's vision to have more precise fires on the battlefield with systems that can be deployed easier than current systems. He gave the example of using three Excalibur rounds to take out a training center in the middle of a city versus 150 rounds of what is currently available to do the same job. In addition to a smaller logistics tail to supply ammo, precision also means less collateral damage, he said.

Some of the funding already spent on the Crusader will be recaptured, Wynne said, as DoD plans to migrate some of the proven technologies it developed into Paladin upgrades.

"We are hoping that all $9 billion (originally slated for Crusader development and fielding) will not only be returned to the Army, but it will be returned to Army artillery," Wynne said. "And we have asked the Army if they would come forward with a plan to essentially reinvigorate all of these programs, accelerating them, and maintain control and monetary spending authority."

Army Secretary Thomas E. White was given a May 20 deadline to return with an Army artillery modernization program that meets the DoD vision when he was informed of the DoD decision to cancel the Crusader May 7.

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Speeding, drinking while driving can empty pocketbook

By Timothy Thomas
JA Attorney

So you are headed out for the big Memorial Day weekend. Everything is packed, your plans are made, and you are going to enjoy yourself! Watch out! Danger lurks that can take a big hit on your pocketbook, your career or even your life.

Speeding can often be a way to get where you want to go as soon as possible. It can also be a way to make your trip a whole lot more expensive. July 2001 saw Kansas triple the fines for speeding on state highways. Violations of one to 10 MPH over the speed limit carry a $30 fine, 11-20 MPH over will cause you to pay out up to $90, and 21-30 MPH over will see your wallet lightened by up to $180 PLUS $15 per mile for each mile over 30 MPH you go!

Fines in school and construction zones are tripled and now it will cost $300 if you illegally pass a school bus in a school zone, and can cost almost $200 for violations that occur in construction zones. Besides the obvious risk to your safety and that of your family that you take when speeding, now you take one with your paycheck as well.

A couple of beers for the road might seem like a good idea, especially during a long weekend. But, those few drinks may end up costing you quite a bit.

DUI's have recently become career-killers in the Army, but as of last year, in Kansas there has also been an increase in civil penalties attached to them. A first conviction will result in between two days-six months in jail, a fine of at least $500 and a suspension/restriction of your license of 360 days. Subsequent convictions see severe increases in fines of $1,000 or more, jail time of 90 days to one year and suspension or revocation of your license for up to three years! This of course assumes you are fortunate enough not to kill or injure yourself, a loved one, or an innocent motorist!

Seat belts are another concern when driving long distances. Seat belts are mandatory on post and in Kansas. It is not only a good idea to wear a seatbelt, it is the law. With so many people out driving on this Memorial Day weekend, wearing a seatbelt, observing speed limits, and not mixing drinking and driving can help insure that your weekend is spent having fun, and that next year someone won't have to spend Memorial Day remembering you.

Guard troops to stop airport security details nationwide

By Bob Haskell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Many Army National Guard troops are returning to life as they knew it before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks now that they are no longer helping to safeguard the nation's airports.

This month Guard troops are leaving more than 400 airports where they have steadfastly stood watch in their camouflage uniforms at security checkpoints since President George Bush asked the governors for the Guard's help late last September.

The mission for all Guard troops who have become familiar figures to millions of airline passengers from coast to coast will end May 31.

Virginia Army Guard Sgt. Ashma Hodges gained a new respect for the civilian security screeners, and Spc. Derrick Kysar rediscovered that boring could be beautiful during the seven months they served at Reagan National Airport near Washington, D.C.

Both are traditional, or part-time, soldiers in the 29th Infantry Division that ended its mission at Reagan on May's second Sunday, Mother's Day.

"I gained a lot of respect for what the civilian screeners do," said Hodges, who took military leave from his civilian job as a land acquisition negotiator for the Virginia Department of Transportation to do his bit for the war against terrorism.

"It's hard but tedious duty," said Hodges. He added that the civilians with whom he worked closely at passenger-security points "get a lot of abuse, but under the circumstances, they do a really good job."

Kysar, meanwhile, balanced his airport duties with his part-time job as a geology instructor at George Washington University in the District of Columbia.

All told, nearly 9,000 Army and Air Guard troops were assigned to 444 airports by last December after President Bush asked for additional personnel through the holiday season, said Greg Funk of the National Guard Bureau's homeland security staff in Arlington, Va.

Many of them, like Kysar, continued to hold down civilian jobs while pulling regular shifts at airports from Boston to Los Angeles. Others put their civilian jobs and college on hold.

The Guard's numbers were reduced to 5,071 troops at 341 airports by May 10 and then to 2,182 personnel at 223 on the Monday after Mother's Day, Funk added.

"The Transportation Security Administration, being committed to creating a workforce that commands the respect of the traveling public, is in the process of hiring security screeners and supervisors at over 400 airports who are taking and will take the place of our Guard members," stated the National Guard Bureau.

"This has gone extremely well. There was a lot of competition to do this mission, so we were able to select the best National Guard soldiers and airmen," explained Lt. Col. David Green, who coordinated a force of about 50 Army and Air Guard troops for four airports in New Mexico. "It has certainly boosted the National Guard's image."

The fact that the vast majority of passengers accepted the additional security measures made the duty pretty mundane most of the time, said Kysar.

"Hey, boring is good," he added before recalling some less than boring moments.

One man, for example, intentionally dropped his trousers after being asked by a civilian screener to open his belt buckle, Kysar said, because he felt his personal rights were being violated.

Another man threw his shoes at a screener when asked to remove them so they could be checked for wires. The shoes did not hit the screener, Kysar added.

And there was the occasional government official or diplomat who, Kysar said, would try to cut through the security process by impatiently asking the tired old question "Do you know who I am?"

"Usually we could defuse a situation by walking up and making our presence known," he explained.

"Your mere presence at the checkpoints no doubt averted would-be criminals and terrorists who have, presumably, chosen other paths of less resistance," Christopher Browne, Reagan National's vice president and manager, told the departing Guard soldiers."You have been absolutely instrumental in restoring the nation's confidence in this critical mode of transportation."

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Korea after 50 years - Hill fight leads to two Medals of Honor

By Jim Caldwell

Army News Service

On a mission to capture a prisoner, two Marines demonstrated heroism that led to both receiving the Medal of Honor -- one posthumously, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

May 23, 1952 -- During his second day as chief delegate of the U.N. negotiating team at Pannunjom, Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison takes advantage of a communist blunder during discussions and calls a three-day recess.

He favors taking an open-ended recess because the communists will not accept the United Nation's position that prisoners of war who do not want to be repatriated to the Reds will not be forced to do so. At the moment, the Reds have not been informed that the U.N. count of those to be returned has increased from 70,000 to 83,000 of the 170,000 POW population.

Harrison feels that at the plenary sessions, which are now open, the communist propaganda machine has been refueled by the incidents at the POW camp on Koje-do. At each meeting they make more outrageous accusations of how the prisoners are being mistreated. It has reached the point where Western journalists are reporting the claims as fact. By not meeting, the Reds will be deprived of a stage.

Army Secretary Frank Pace Jr. announces that Brig. Gen. Frank T. Dodd, the Koje-do prison camp commander kidnapped by communist prisoners, and his successor Brig. Gen. Charles F. Colson, who acceded to prisoners demands with unfortunate language, were demoted to colonel. Brig. Gen. Paul P. Yount, commander of the 2nd Logistical Command, was reprimanded for not keeping Colson from making the concessions.

President Harry S. Truman signs two bills that allocate $4 million annually to provide cost-of-living raises to pensions and allowances for more than 3 million disabled veterans and dependents, and dependents of deceased veterans.

May 23-29 -- By the end of May, Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, also believes a tougher line should be taken against the communist negotiators. But he has been ordered not to issue an ultimatum over the repatriation issue.

His tack is to have the U.N. negotiators take frequent breaks. The rationale is that U.N. officials are taking the time to complete the screening of the holdout POWs so they can present accurate results to the communists. If that count is rejected, the U.N. team will recess until it is accepted.

On the front, action has settled into a series of patrols, small-unit actions and occasional limited attacks. For troops participating in the actions, however, none are routine.

Troops all along the U.N. defensive line are strengthening their positions at the order of Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander. Since the defenses were thrown up quickly when the line was established last year, improvements are needed. He wants bunkers constructed below the hillcrests and reinforced to withstand light artillery. Weapons must be relocated and sited in so they can lay down effective grazing fire and supporting fires.

Stronger bunker are needed because the communists have increased their artillery and improved their accuracy.

May 24 -- The Fifth Air Force reports that from May 18-24 five F-86 Supersabres were downed in dogfights compared to four MiGs. It's the first weeklong period that more F-86s than MiGs were shot down.

May 28 -- Two platoons from Companies A and C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines leave the regiment's lines just after midnight on a mission to capture at least one prisoner. A's platoon is going to assault Hill 104, about 1,000 yards away, where they will attempt to take a prisoner. C's platoon will set its machine guns on a small rise halfway to 104. They are close enough to provide cover or help to the A Company troops.

Both platoons get into position without incident.

The A platoon starts up the hill, coming under heavy fire very quickly and are pinned down. Cpl. David B. Champagne, 19-year-old fire team leader, and his men somehow make it through automatic weapons fire and grenades and chase Chinese soldiers from the first trench.

They don't have time to get settled in when the communists counterattack. Champagne is hit when the attack begins, but refuses to be evacuated.

He directs his team's fire until a grenade drops into the trench. Champagne picks it up and throws it back toward the enemy. The grenade just leaves his hand and explodes, tearing off the hand. The explosion blows him out of the trench, but Marines on his fire team are not injured.

A mortar round kills Champagne before he can get back into the trench.

C's platoon hears the firefight and puts together a reaction force to help out A platoon. Radioman Pfc. John D. Kelly turns his radio over to another Marine and volunteers to go.

When they reach the first firing line, a bunkered machine gun opens up on them and pins them down. Kelly yells for the other Marines to cover him, and charges the bunker. Bullets don't touch him as he kills the gun team.

Then he charges another bunker. He's hit as he nears it, but keeps going. He tosses a grenade into the bunker, killing three Chinese and ruining the gun.

Kelly goes for a third bunker with a grenade in his had. He's hit several times by a machine gun, but stays on his feet until he's close to the bunker. As he starts to fall he throws the grenade into the bunker, and collapses in front of it.

Champagne and Kelly's heroics inspire the other Marines, but even without the three bunkers Kelly took, enemy fire remains heavy enough to keep A's platoon and the reaction team from disengaging.

The Marines fight until mid-morning when another platoon arrives on the scene to help, but it also gets stuck.

Finally in the early afternoon, close air support drops 500-pound bombs and napalm on the Chinese on the hilltop. That allows the marines to return to their lines.

Champagne and Kelly each are awarded the Medal of Honor. Champagne's younger brother accepts the Medal in a ceremony in their hometown of Wakefield, Rhode Island, in July 1953.

On Sept. 9, 1953, Kelly's parents receive the award from Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

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

Current Veterans Affairs benefit handbook available online at www.va.gov

By Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs has made its comprehensive benefits guide available for free on the Internet at: www.va.gov/pubaff/fedben/Fedben.pdf.

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents is a 100-page handbook describing benefits provided by the VA and an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies.

VA officials estimate most of America's 25 million veterans qualify for at least some VA benefits, but many are unaware of their entitlements.

Most veterans are eligible for health-care and burial benefits. Many are also eligible for home loan guarantees, educational assistance, vocational rehabilitation, life insurance, and compensation for service-connected disabilities.

This guide explains how to access many of these benefits online. The book describes in detail the priority for care and services available. Separate sections describe specialized services available to Gulf War veterans and those exposed to Agent Orange or radiation.

The Montgomery GI Bill and other education benefits are explained in depth. Burial benefits and employment service are also covered, as are rate charts for the various forms of compensation VA provides.

The book can be purchased through the Government Printing Office for $5 for U.S.-based customers and $6.25 for those overseas by calling toll-free (866) 512-1800. Mike Frahm, veterans benefits counselor on Fort Riley, gives a three-hour presentation on veterans benefits as part of the Army Career and Alumni Program program on Fort Riley. "I have not been given copies of the 2002 edition yet, but I will provide those at ACAP when they become available," Frahm said.

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Club Beyond cleans up Junction City wetlands

By Jeremy Heckler
19th PAD

Children from Club Beyond, a youth ministry outreach program on post, cleaned up the wetlands in Junction City on May 17.

Youth from around Fort Riley volunteered their time and labor to clean up their community. Armed with gloves and trash bags they took on areas neglected by others.

"Today we came out to the wetlands and picked up trash," said Joshua Ericson, 11.

He said he picked up soda bottles, plastic bags and other items that came out of the sewer and into the wetlands.

Many of the kids take their environmentally conscious ways back home with them.

"My Mom gets mad if I don't clean up after myself," said Daniel Griffin, 11. He added that they recycle in their house and put glass bottles and cans into the recycling bag, and he is responsible for taking it out.

"A lot of people just throw away their trash and don't recycle," said Elias Guadalupe, 13. "I believe in reduce, reuse and recycle to help out the environment."

"Somebody has got to pick up the trash, otherwise it will keep collecting around here," said Jaki Graves, 14. Graves said she used to coordinate clean-up activities as president of the Ware Elementary Clean-up Committee.

Don Ericson, Club Beyond coordinator, said the group does three or four projects they call "Serve Day" each year. One "Serve Day" event the group held last year was done in conjunction with Operation Santa Claus, where the kids bought Christmas gifts, wrapped them and delivered them to homes.

"This is completely different than the when we do clean ups in the Kansas City area because they are work projects in the inner city and this is out in nature itself," said Ericson.

"Kids like doing things that are messy, and this one certainly qualifies," said Ericson.

"One of the reasons that kids like doing this is just being together, they just love being with each other and they love working," said Ericson.

"They get exciting about picking up trash and giving back to the community and cleaning up the environment."

"I like being with Club Beyond because you get to be with your friends and not have to worry about the drama at school," said Vanessa Colunga, 14.

She also said, "It feels good to know that you get to help out in the community." And Joshua Ericson added, "It's nice to clean up stuff because I know I'm making a difference."

Jaki Graves searches for trash among the grass in the wetlands' area behind Wal-Mart in Junction City during Club Beyond's Serve Day cleanup held May 17.

Photos by Jeremy Heckler

Vanessa Colunga and Elias Guadalupe pull trash out of a water drain off during their wetlands' cleanup activity in Junction City with Club Beyond.

Metz hosts Boy, Girl Scout Recognition Ceremony

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, hosted the Boy and Girl Scout Recognition Ceremony, May 17, at Ware Parade Field in front of Building 500.

The ceremony recognized individuals from the Fort Riley community who freely give their time to help shape the lives of the youth through various scouting programs.

"Today is a great opportunity for volunteers," said Valentina Burton, Cub Master, Cub Scout Pack 560. "A great way for Fort Riley to show its appreciation for it volunteers."

Metz presented each of the volunteers with a special plaque that read, "It is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize your exceptionally meritorious contributions to Fort Riley during the 2001-2002 scouting year. Your selfless dedication and commitment as a volunteer scout leader had a direct and positive impact on the lives of Fort Riley's scouting youth. Your service to the community and caring attitude have contributed to the quality of life enjoyed by Fort Riley families, as well as, to the character development of America's future leaders. You have made a difference. Your efforts reflect great credit upon you, scouting and Fort Riley."

Awardees included Angela Speranza, Brownie Troop 301; Pam Gonzalez, Brownie Troop 370; April Cark, Junior Troop 530; Mary Welsh, Junior Troop 515; Barbara Toner, Cub Scout Pack 260; Anita Skelton, Cub Scout Pack 460; Valentina Burton, Cub Scout Pack 560; George Branton, Cub Scout Pack 660 and Robert Holt Boy Scout Troop 60.

Metz also spoke to the scouts. "I challenge you to challenge yourself to always be responsible for your actions and what you do. To act like a scout, in and out of you uniform, and to always be a scout. I made it all the way to life scout," said Metz.

Dustin Nangle, 9, of Cub Scout Pack 560, said of the event, "It feels good (to be recognized). We're recognizing scouts that are doing a great job."

" I feel special. I've never been to a ceremony like this before," said Jacob Nangle, 11, Cub Scout Pack 560. The boy's mom, Melissa Nangle, said the scouts deserve the recognition. "This ceremony was a lot more than I thought. I'm very impressed." "Scouting is a full time commitment," she said. "Scouting is all about taking steps to become a young man. I'm a very proud mom."

Scouts represented at the ceremony included Daisy Troops 40, 516 and 533; Brownie Troops 301, 369, 370, 310 and 517; Junior Troops 530 and 515; Cadet Troop 513 and Senior Troop 50. Cub Scout Packs included 247, 270, 460, 560 and 660. Boy Scout Troops 60 and 460 participated, as well as Boy Scout Explorer Post 460.

Commissary store information pages on commissaries.com get facelift

By Bonnie Powell
Corporate Communications

FORT LEE, Va. - The surgery s complete and the popular store ages on www.commissaries.com ave a new look - just in time for pring and Commissary Awareness Month. The result of the hange is that commissary customers can find more information bout their favorite store, including answers to questions like where's the ice cream?"

"The new store pages have lmost become a mini Web site within commissaries.com," says Webmaster Corintha Russell of he Defense Commissary Agency. n addition to store hours and phone numbers, commissaries will have the flexibility to upload photos and documents as well as community information, sales information and much more.

"The customers are very excited about the new floor plans. It's their most-requested improvement!" says Russell.

Customers will be able to sort general grocery categories by aisle location or alphabetically by item at their local store - something particularly helpful for new arrivals or new customers. "It's not specifically tied in with the shopping list feature at commissaries.com," says Russell, "but it's a great guideline customers can print out showing them where to find most of the most popular grocery items such as frozen pizza, bread, or dairy items."

The store pages are the most visited areas of www.commissaries.com and can be found under the locations button on the front page. The former store pages were simple one-page information sheets with limited room for basic announcements, hours and "who to contact" information.

"The new pages are more professional looking," said Russell. Web information technology specialist Janice Pavlock has been working on the pages since the fall of 2001, "but it's really been a Web team effort," says Russell.

"Much of the store information is the same, but it definitely allows the stores to be more creative with their sites. They can use them to interest customers in coming back regularly to see 'what's new' at their local commissary," according to Pavlock.

Visitors to Fort Riley's web pages will find out, for example, that they can get Grab-and-Go sandwiches that are made fresh daily for lunch in the store deli, or that the yellow BVI signs by products mean that this is the best price on that product you will find in the area.

The DeCA Web site is a popular spot. Millions of visitors each month can access the shopping area to look up what's on sale at their store the day they make a trip to the commissary. They can even build a shopping list from sale items combined with items they buy every day, and the items are generally in the approximate order of their location in the store. "People write to us and express how much faster their trip is when they have their shopping list in hand," says Russell.

The community information section allows the commissary to tie in more closely with the local military community, according to Rick Brink, Web program manager. "Commissaries.com has become very popular with our customers," says Brink. "It continues to evolve and improve and it increases our ability to make service members more aware of their commissary benefit."

Other features at www.commissaries.com include the latest DeCA customer news and information on the Scholarships for Military Children program. The links page has links to commissary-related Web sites with sales information, newsletters and recipes. Customers can even enter a variety of shopping sprees offered by commercial vendors and vendors can even find out how to do business with DeCA.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of 281 commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families.

Authorized commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices - savings worth more than $2,400 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

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Thrill-seekers will find the new attraction's unusual, exhilarating ride an exciting addition to the Mamba's 75-mile-per-hour, 205-foot-drop and the Boomerang's 2-story corkscrew scream machine. Worlds of Fun continue to offer a total family entertainment experience, from Camp Snoopy for young children and parents to ThunderHawk and other exciting rides from teenage thrill seekers. A "Spring Special" is available during the months of April, May and June. Prices are nearly 50 percent off the regular admission price in celebration of World's of Fun's 30th Anniversary. Discount tickets are now available.

Disneyland Resort

Disneyland Resort has extended the military accommodations offer at the Disneyland Hotel, Paradise Pier Hotel and the Grand Californian Hotel until June 13. Stop by ITR for further information, brochures and discount Disney Park tickets. Let ITR put together a exciting package.

Country Stampede

Have you ever attended a party with thousands of friends, national recording artists, and four days of non-stop music and fun? Country Stampede is a weekend country music and camping festival June 26-30, in Manhattan. The weekend is fun filled and action packed with great performers, fantastic food, colorful crafts, and much, much more! Top performers will include Lonestar, Alan Jackson, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith and more. ITR now taking discount orders now for one-day at $37 and three-day for $67 and a $5 handling fee per order. Gate prices will be $45 and $85 respectively.

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Oceans of Fun

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Cruise Reservations

Military specials still available for numerous sailing dates. Authorized patrons can start taking advantage of special military discounts and bargain cruises. Stop by ITR for brochures and information concerning Carnival Cruise Lines, Holland America, Royal Caribbean and Disney Cruises. Or make an appointment with Teresa by calling 239-5614/4415.

Silver Dollar City

When strolling through the shaded walkways of Silver Dollar City, you can often hear the unique sounds of the craftsmen. Silver Dollar City combines the wholesome family fun of a major theme park with the timeless appeal of crafts and a dedication of preserving 1880s Ozarks culture. Packed with 17 rides and attractions, four major festivals, 60 unique shops and restaurants and 50 dazzling shows a day. Silver Dollar City truly appeals to all ages. Join in a summertime adventure together with your crew when the city lets down any air of well-mannered sophistication and opts for a Feast of Fun during the National Kids Fest, June 1 through Aug. 25. You'll find Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber in a new show where all the Veggie Tales friends teach timeless values in a delightfully wacky way! Let ITR put together a package for a weekend get-a-way or family vacation. Discount tickets are also available to other Branson attractions.

Armed Forces Vacation Fund

For only $234 get a seven-day resort condominium rental at locations around the world. Check out our website at www.offdutytravel.com. Don't forget that Fort Riley is Installation 94 when making reservations. Vacationers also help Fort Riley MWR activities because $22 from each confirmation comes back to the installation.

Heartland Park Topeka

Year 2002 is the fourteenth year for Heartland Park Topeka, and certainly will be the busiest ever. If your group is looking for something exciting, different and down right fun, then make plans now to go racin'. Contact ITR for dates and package information. Discounts are available for May 23-26, NHRA O'Reilly Summer Nationals and June 14-15 for the World of Outlaws.

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Kansas mussels play important roll in environment

By Alan Hynek
DES Biologist

Monkeyface, Pimpleback, and Fat Mucket. Although these colorful names may sound like nicknames for old grade school classmates, they are actually three of 41 species of mussels native to Kansas.

Freshwater mussels are frequently overlooked as native wildlife in Kansas. However, the roles they play in our aquatic systems are very important and equally as interesting. Some species can be found throughout the entire state, while others are limited to specific drainages. As with most plants and wildlife, the diversity of mussels is greater in eastern Kansas than in the west. The Neosho River, which starts at Council Grove, is the only river in the state where all 41 species can be found.

Mussels are an important component of the aquatic community. They constantly filter water, making them excellent indicators of aquatic health. A large mussel like the heelsplitter can filter up to a gallon of water in a day, removing sediments and small organisms from the water. It can also lead to their demise if pollution is a problem in the stream.

Reproduction amongst freshwater mussels is fascinating and unusual. After a short incubation, the young mussels (glochodia) are released into the water. There they must find and attach to the gills of certain species of fish. Some mussels can use a number of host fish while others can only use one. If one or more host fish disappear from the stream, the mussels will be unable to reproduce and eventually will die out.

Mussel shells have been used for a variety of things over the years. The plains Indians ate mussels and used the shells for a variety of items, especially for digging and scraping. More recently, buttons were made from thick-shelled species. In fact, Missouri and Kansas led the nation at one time in buttons produced from mussel shells.

Many modern buttons try to mimic the coloration and texture of the once popular shell buttons.

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One of the biggest button factories in the United States was in Iola Kansas.

Currently, the harvest of mussels in Kansas is regulated by size and species. Most harvested mussels go to the cultured pearl markets overseas.

Freshwater mussels come in all shapes and sizes. In Kansas, the largest is the white heelspliter that can get up to eight inches in diameter. One of the smallest is the fawnsfoot that gets not much bigger than a half-dollar. The most common are the pond mussel and mapleleaf. Mussels are also very long lived, with some reaching over 120-years-old, with 50-year-old mussels being fairly common. Counting the growth rings on the shell will give the approximate age of the individual, although some are difficult to distinguish. The most difficult rings to count are the ones on the outer part of the shell.

Some of the least common mussels in Kansas include the rabbitsfoot, elktoe and mucket.

Two species, the black sandshell and the hickory nut, were once common to the state but are now completely extirpated.

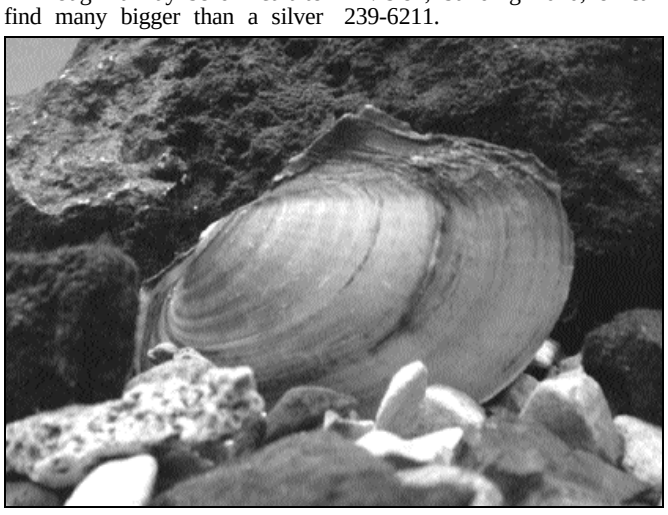
Relics of the hickory nut and black sandshell can be found at the Kansas River on Fort Riley.

While tempting, it would not be a good idea to cook up a mess of Kansas clams.

Since they are so long lived, they can accumulate a high degree of pollution and sediments, and generally do not have a good flavor. One that can be eaten is the Asiatic Clam, which is not native but fairly common in our waters.

Though it may be difficult to find many bigger than a silver dollar.

If you would like more information about freshwater mussels in Kansas and on Fort Riley, please stop by the Conservation Division, building 1020, or call 239-6211.



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The fragile papershell mussel is one of the more common species in this area. It can be found in the Kansas River.

Preventive measures best cure for chigger bites, torment

By Bill Wildman
Environmental Officer

It would be pretty safe to say that not many creatures o earth can cause as much torment for its size as the tiny chigger.

Fort Riley summers usually include Field Training Exercises, where service members are working in grassy areas, and many may have had a first hand experience on just how bad the intense itch caused by this critter can be.

The State of Kansas is home to over 40 species of chigger mites, but luckly only a few species attack people. The tiny larvae stage not only attack soldiers, hikers, fishermen and picnickers, but it feeds on a wide variety of snakes, birds, turtles and small mammals as well.

Chiggers are related to ticks and spiders. And like ticks, they pass through four stages of development: egg, larva, nymph and adult. In the adult stage, chiggers are often seen as a bright red, small mite crawling in the soil. Adults are considered harmless to humans, as they alternatively dine on mosquito eggs in the soil as well as other mites. The adult chiggers over-winter slightly below the soil and become active as the soil starts to warm in the spring. As the soil temperature reaches 60 degrees, the female begins to lay up to 15 eggs per day

Multiple generations may occur in warmer climates within a single season. On Fort Riley, two or three generations develop each season with the life cycle of 50 to 75 days per generation.

The eggs hatch in early summer and the six-legged larvae can be found in almost any vegetation. Chigger larvae prefer grass stems, shrubbery, sticks and leaves in damp and shaded spots. They can cling to either the top of the vegetation or at the bottom near the soil. They are alerted to the approach of a suitable host by many factors. Most commonly they are attracted by the carbon dioxide exhaled from a host or even by their body odor.

As the chigger larvae snags a passer by, it roams around on the skin or clothes unnoticed due to their almost invisible size. They are only about 1/150 of an inch in diameter. Their preferred dining locations are where clothing fits tightly over the skin, such as the belt-line, waistline, under socks or where skin is tender or wrinkled, such as the ankles, the backs of the knees, armpits or the groin.

Chigger larvae do not burrow in humans skin. Nor do they take a blood meal. They bite or pierce the skin and inject powerful digestive enzymes that cause the skin cells to break down and liquefy. As the cells break down, the victims immune system walls off the area where the chigger injected its saliva. This forms a hardened tube, called a stylostome, through which the chigger feeds; just like a straw. If nothing disturbs its meal, it will feed for a few days. After it becomes full, it drops off the host, then transforms into the eight-legged nymph stage that, in time, will mature into an adult chigger. Chiggers are not known to transmit diseases in the United States.

The treatment of chigger bites probably has as many homespun remedies as any medical condition known. With itching this bad, most anything is worth a try. The itch can be severe; amputation can cross one's mind. Scratching is a no-no because it can cause secondary infections. For temporary relief of chigger bites, ointments such as benzocaine, hydrocortisone, calamine lotion and others recommended by your medical doctor or pharmacist may be applied. The sooner treatment is started, the sooner the victim will get relief.

Prevention of the bite is the best way to deal with chiggers. To help reduce the chigger population, cut back weedy areas and thick vegetation to decrease moisture and shady areas.

Another precaution for when troops head out to the field for military training, or go on a family picnic or fishing trip, is to protect everyone by applying insect repellent to clothing and exposed skin surfaces. Check the label on insect repellant formulas made for children and follow the product's instructions.

Servicemembers can avoid being bitten by chiggers if their Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) is sprayed with Permethrin. Also, the uniform sleeves should be rolled down, the pants legs bloused and DEET should be applied to exposed skin surfaces. Apply DEET around the sleeve cuffs and waistband, and at the tops of socks.

Permethrin treatment for clothing is available at hardware and outdoor sports stores and works great for protection against chiggers, ticks, mosquitoes and biting flies. Again, follow the product label. If you have questions about chiggers or arthropods of medical significance, call IACH Environmental Science at 239-7231.

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OPEN HOUSE

Come take a look at us now

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

Main Attractions

"Own the Night" - Interactive Night Vision Exhibit
-Wear night vision goggles while entering a darkened world complete with obstacles, map reading challenges and observation points

Simulated Battle Engagement
-Enter the Close Combat Tactical Trainer and man an M1 Abrams and M2 Bradley weapons system
-Engage in simulated battle scenarios

Weapons Firing Course
-Fire blank ammunition at military targets
-Use the Army's laser engagement system to test firing skills

Tactical vehicle, aircraft and weapons displays
-Interactive displays of military vehicles and equipment

Air Force Flyover
-Combat aircraft flyovers throughout the day

Emergency Equipment Displays
-Police response teams
-Military working dogs
-Kansas Highway Patrol rollover
-Bomb disposal robotics
-Fire rescue

Kid's activities
-Carnival rides
-Pony rides
-Mini-obstacle course
-Camouflage face painting

Fort Riley Honor Guard
-Living history mid-1800s cavalry encampment
-Demonstrations of equestrian skills and saber drills

Tours of Fort Riley's Historic District
-Self-guided walking tour of historic Main Post
-U.S. Cavalry Museum
-Custer House
-Ribbon cutting of the Constabulary Museum
-Outdoor historic vehicle display

Expo Hall featuring a look at...
-Soldier training and readiness
-Support links for soldiers and their families
-Diverse quality of life programs and activities
-Community partnership agencies

Concessions
-Variety of food and beverages throughout post
-Fest Tent
-Face Painting
-Souvenirs

Recruiters
-Active, Army Reserve, National Guard and ROTC
-Interactive displays and attractions

Veterans Tent
A Veterans' Tent with displays depicting WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm will be available near the U.S. Cavalry Museum.

Parking will be available at Marshall Army Air Field, exit 301 off I-70. Shuttle buses will continuously transport visitors to and from the parking area and the Expo Center and to and from the Tactical Trainer Center on Custer Hill. Visitors can walk historic Main Post to the many attractions.

There will be a handicap bus available June 1 during the Open House. The bus is air conditioned and wheel chair accessible. It will make runs though the historic district during the day and will assist handicap visitors getting from one venue to the next. It will NOT run to the CCTT.

The bus will make 10 runs over the course of the day, on the hour, starting at 8 a.m. It will start at the information center at the handicap/VIP parking lot, and will make stops at the Expo Center, museum, dog handler demo, CCTT P/U, Sturgis Field, Arty Field and down to the encampment parking area for turn around.

Weapons display, photos for Vets

By Karen E. Hinkle
K-State Intern

One feature of the Fort Riley Open House to be held June 1 will be an extensive collection of World War II weaponry and field gear.

Tom Burnham from Junction City has amassed his collection for 25 years. His collection includes machine guns, rifles, pistols, canteens, helmets and other artifacts from WWI and WWII.

"I have a variety of WWII rifles and pistols from the United States and the Axis powers," he said.

Burnham first became interested in beginning a collection when someone gave him a German armband. Since then, he has sought out and purchased items from auctions and individuals, including some from WWII veterans.

Burnham has shown his collection several times. He participated in the post's previous open house two years ago and also the post Apple Day.

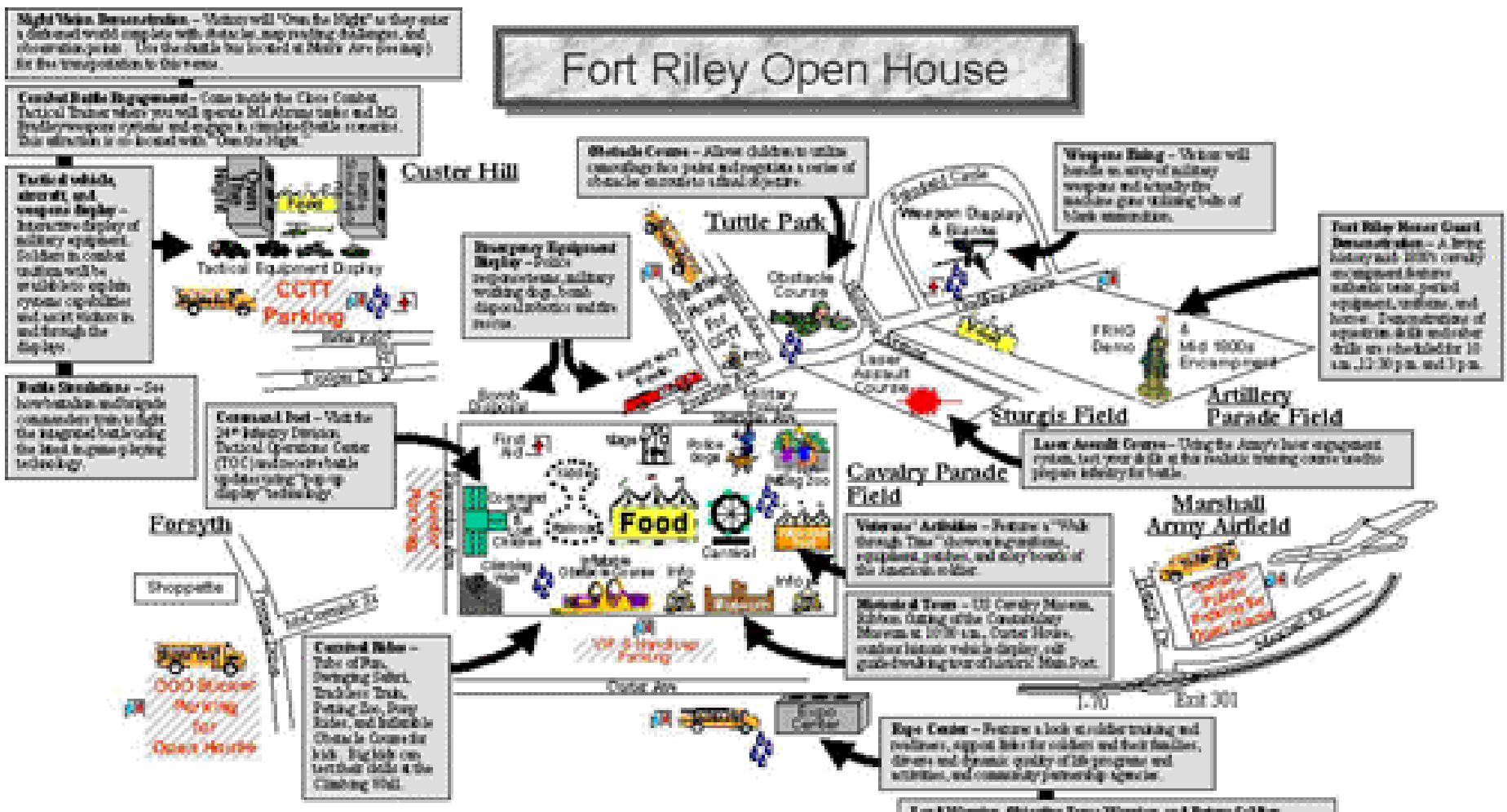
"I enjoy sharing it with people," he said.

He particularly enjoys listening to the conversations brought about by the collection. He said he likes talking to veterans because they have usually used some of these items in battle. He also likes the opportunity to show children what their grandparents used while in the military.

"I enjoy hearing people say. 'That's what your grandpa used,'" he said.

Burnham's collection will be housed in the Veterans' Tent along with a photo display from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm.

Additionally, the area will have documentary videos playing along with several veterans who will reminisce about their time in the service.



Memorial Day

Activities include concert, race car

By Heather Pope
Radford University Intern

Fort Riley is hosting a Memorial Day concert May 27, featuring Kansas, Styx, Pat Green and comedian, AJ Jamal. The concert is open to the public and entertainment begins at 5 p.m. The Festival Tent with concessions opens at 2 p.m. and gates to the concert open at 4 p.m. Green and Jamal are performing the opening acts.

Green has been touring continuously for the past six years and has sold more than 200,000 independently-released records.

"I didn't want people telling me what songs were going to be on my record and what musicians were going to play on them. I wanted it to be my band, my songs, my sound, and my comfort level," said Green.

"I'm not here to buck the system, either. I'm just a guy who likes my job and wants to continue doing it," he said.

Green said he doesn't have a "big dark deep side." "That's one of the things I have to admit. I am an optimist. I have no room in my life for negativity," he said.

Jamal's act will consist of "real-to-life comedy with an urban flavor" for people of all ages. "All of my acts are family oriented. I'm a clean comedian all the way around. I can change my show to fit the audience at any time," he said.

Jamal stated he would be doing a range of impressions throughout his act, including his family members. He likes to do everyday comedy that relates to everyone. He says the more people relate to the material, the funnier they will think it is.

Jamal concluded by jokingly saying, "Don't get married!" Then, he said, "Live everyday almost like it's your last. Watch what you say to certain people. I always try to uplift the spirit."

Parking for the concert is available at Marshall Army Air Field, located off I-70 at exit 301. For security purposes, concertgoers will need their photo IDs and drivers may be asked to show proof of insurance and vehicle registration. Coolers, food, beverages and video or audio devices cannot be brought in. Chairs, bags, still cameras and strollers are allowed but are subject to inspection.

Tickets are $10 per person or $20 for groups of four and can be purchased at Dillons in Junction City, Manhattan, Topeka and Salina; at Montgomery Communications in Junction City and through the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office on Fort Riley. You can also purchase tickets by phone at 785-239-5614 or at the concert.

Seating is festival-style, so concertgoers should bring their own chairs and blankets.

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Spec. Ron Langford and Sgt. George Wible, Jr. HHC, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, checked out the Sarge's dragster when Tony Schumacher visited Fort Riley last May. Soldiers will get the chance to check out the Army Car Monday at the Kansas/Styx concert.

Moment of remembrance scheduled

A moment of remembrance will take place on Memorial Day, May 27 at 3 p.m., honoring those who died while serving the United States of America.

Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Riley noted that the one-minute pause in activities is not intended to replace Memorial Day ceremonies, but to highlight the purpose of Memorial Day.

At 3 p.m. people should pause to reflect on the sacrifice of those who died defending freedom. Those driving should turn on their vehicle's headlights.

"The national moment of remembrance is an act of American unity to honor our heroes, make the day relevant to our younger generations, and demonstrate gratitude and respect. It is a moment that everyone can spare," said Metz.

Fort Riley will also observe Memorial Day at 11:40 a.m. at the Post Cemetery during a wreath laying ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

'Sarge' to visit Fort Riley again

Tony Schumacher "The Sarge" will display his Army Sponsored Top Fuel Dragster at the Styx and Kansas concert from 2 -6 p.m. on Monday, Memorial Day, at Fort Riley, Marshall Army Airfield.

Although he proudly wears the Army's name and the chevrons of a noncommissioned officer, "the Sarge" has never served in the Army.

Schumacker is scheduled to sign autographs starting at 2 p.m. He is coming to Fort Riley after competing this weekend at the O'Reilly Nationals at Heartland Park, Topeka. This marks the ninth race on the 23-race NHRA POWERade Drag Racing Series schedule.

At Schumacher's last race, the 33rd Annual Matco Tools Super Nationals presented by Racing Champions at Old Bridge Township Raceway Park in New Jersey, he made it to the semi-finals, where he lost to Kenny Bernstein in the Budweiser King Dragster. Schumacher currently sits fourth in the points, just 19 points out of third.

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AUSA golf tournament raises money, offers good time for all

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

Golf is not a team sport. It is a sport where one player hits the links to compete against the course and the other competitors by themselves.

For one day, Custer Hills Golf Course opened their gates so the Association of the United States Army and the commanding general could host a golf tournament, which took place May 16. The tournament allowed soldiers here to not only play against the course, but to work as a team with the local chapter of AUSA to help raise money for the association. This fundraiser was the only moneymaking event AUSA puts on all year.

"The purpose of the tournament was to be like a fundraiser for the association," said Gary Drake, vice-president of the Fort Riley chapter of AUSA. "The AUSA is the Army's professional association."

Since 1950, the AUSA has worked to support all aspects of national security while advancing the interest of America's Army and the men and women who serve.

AUSA is a private non-profit educational organization, which supports America's Army, Active, Reserves, National Guard, Civilians, Retirees, and family members.

According to the AUSA website, their mission is to be the voice of all the components in America's Army, fostering public support for the Army's role in national security, and providing professional education and information programs. Their vision is being the premier voice for America's soldiers knowing they are a dedicated committed to building the best professional and representative association for the world's best Army.

"We enjoy coming to the golf course and providing the prizes for the par threes here," said Brian Wells, (CSM Ret.) of First Command Financial Services and vice president of membership with the local chapter of AUSA, which provided the hole-in-one prizes.

The tournament featured those three-hole-in-one chances for prizes. Some of the prizes included a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, tickets to college and professional sporting events, set of golf clubs, and cash.

"We are basically out here to show our support to AUSA and the soldiers at Fort Riley," said Wells.

Drake said AUSA offers many things for soldiers here. "We do many things to support the soldiers," said Drake. "Awards for the NCO and soldier of the month for each battalion, weekend trips, as well as support for the soldiers going to the national conference in Washington D.C. We live by our motto, 'Voice of the Army and support for our soldiers.'"

As the golfers took to the course, they were playing for more than just the chance to win some prizes.

They were also playing to help raise money for an organization, which who says is dedicated to helping the Army and its soldiers.

The effects should still be felt long after the tournament is over.

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Col. Philip Pope, garrison commander, chips a shot onto the green during the First Commanding General's Association of the United States Army golf tournament May 16 at Custer Hill Golf Course.

All-Army Tae kwon do team visits cadets

By Jim Fox
Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — The All-Army Tae kwon do team visited West Point May 11-12 and shared their skills the U.S. Military Academy's cadet Army Martial Arts team.

Master Ji Ho Choi, the Army Martial Arts team's Olympic-style coach said the two teams working together is a natural match.

"We can really get a good relationship going," Choi said. "I know all the All-Army coaches from Nationals. We can really get a good thing going here and help grow the cadet team."

Master Nathan Robinson, the cadet team open-style coach, compared the relationship to a handshake.

"It is the bigger hand (the All-Army team) grabbing the little hand (the cadet team) and lifting them up," Robinson said.

Robinson said the cadet team is like an amateur team compared to the All-Army team.

But while the cadet team may be less experienced, they are no slouches. Five team members are going to the collegiate National competition May 22-24 in Detroit, Mich.

All-Army coaches Staff Sgt. Bongseok Kim and Hyun Suk Lee and their 10 All-Army athletes demonstrated the fundamentals of their training during the visit and put the cadets through training drills and sparring.

The All-Army team competes in Olympic-style events where there is continuous action, similar to a boxing match.

One of the most important things, Kim and Lee stressed to the cadets, is the need to be relaxed when you fight. Robinson agreed wholeheartedly.

"The most experienced fighters are the most relaxed, confident fighters," he said.

Junior Jason Kim, who helped organize the All-Army team visit, said the opportunity to train with the All-Army team was one he couldn't miss.

"It is very, very rare that a team of the caliber of the All-Army Team actually takes the time to come down and work with an amateur team like us," he said.

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