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Fort Riley Post



Town Hall Meeting set
A live, televised Fort Riley Town Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, 7 p.m. Call in with your questions, 239-9046, or e-mail townhall@riley.army.mil. The meeting can be seen on post cable channel 2.

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Pfc. Roy Hall, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, reunites with his family after being deployed to Korea for Task Force Foal Eagle. See more on the soldiers' return to Kansas in next week's Fort Riley Post.

National alert up, Fort Riley same

By Michael Watson
Staff writer

The national terror alert level was hiked from yellow to orange last week, based on reports that Al Qaeda terrorists might attempt another attack on the United States. No specific information regarding specific locations threatened or types of attacks were reported, but on May 20, Homeland Security Department Undersecretary for Border and Transportation Security Asa Hutchinson said raids by "assault teams" with small arms, car bombings and suicide bomber attacks are possible. However, while the nation's security level has increased, Fort Riley's force protection level remains unchanged. "There have not been any significant changes at Fort Riley," said Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble, garrison command sergeant major. "However, while the post's force protection level has not changed, we are continuing to enforce the level of security

throughout the post. "Fort Riley is secure." Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge told the House Homeland Security Select Committee last week that the United States needed to be aware of its vulnerabilities. He said protecting the U.S. homeland, its citizens and critical infrastructure from terrorism would be a challenge because of the country's size and long borders. Larry Duch, force protection officer, Fort Riley, said soldiers and civilians should carry on with their normal routines, but be more vigilant. "Measures are being taken to keep the American people safe, but with the increased awareness, everyone needs to be on their toes," he said. "Fort Riley will continue to analyze the threat of terrorism and adjust its security posture accordingly." What Americans can do to help is keep their eyes open and report any suspicious activity. Duch said. "Report anything out of the ordinary to local law enforcement."

Two Fort Riley soldiers, several others killed recently in Iraq

Staff and Wire Reports

WASHINGTON, May 27, 2003 - Several U.S. troops, including two Fort Riley soldiers, were killed by hostile action or accidents in Iraq over the past few days as U.S. coalition and Iraqi operations to enhance law and order in that Middle East country continued. CENTCOM reported that one American soldier, Pfc. David Evans, Jr., was killed and another injured May 25 in southern Iraq in an explosion at a facility, which contained Iraqi ammunition. Evans, an 18-year-old soldier from the 977th Military Police Company, 924th Military Police Battalion, and another soldier were performing security at the site when their steel shelter collapsed

during the initial explosion. The rest of the squad returned after the first explosion and extracted the other soldier, but Evans' remains could not be located until several hours later. Evans, from Buffalo, N.Y., joined the Army in August 2002, and had been stationed at Fort Riley since January. He was assigned as a military policeman. The following day, another Fort Riley soldier, Pfc. Jeremiah D. Smith, was killed and three soldiers were injured when a Humvee apparently ran over a land mine or unexploded ordnance, while escorting heavy equipment transporters. Smith, 25, was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor. Smith, from Odessa, Mo., joined the

Army in February 2002, and had been stationed at Fort Riley since August. He was assigned as a cavalry scout. In a separate incident on the same day, CENTCOM reported that a collision between a U.S. forces' Humvee and a tractor-trailer killed one American soldier and injured two. CENTCOM also reported that another soldier drowned May 26 after diving into an aqueduct located south of the Iraqi town of Kirkuk. In addition, a U.S. military convoy was attacked May 26 near Hadithah, about 120 miles northwest of Baghdad, according to Central Command. One American soldier was killed and another was wounded during the attack, a command release stated, during which the

enemy employed rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine guns. On May 27, one U.S. Army soldier was killed and seven injured during a firefight with hostile forces near Fallujah, according to a U.S. Central Command press release. The release noted the aggressors attacked the American troops with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire from a mosque, which is a violation of the law of war. The U.S. soldiers' response killed two enemy troops, according to the release, while six were captured. Meanwhile, CENTCOM noted that U.S. and coalition operations to improve security throughout Iraq continue. Coalition forces are actively conducting patrols to eliminate crimes against people

and property, weapons sales, explosives and black market goods such as fuel, a command release stated. And the command also reported that coalition forces are continuing joint security patrols with Iraqi police, which improves security and provides valuable training for the Iraqi law enforcement officers. Fort Riley commanders, soldiers, civilian employees and Family Readiness Groups are providing ongoing assistance to all families of soldiers supporting the war effort and are prepared to continue around the clock assistance throughout this operation. Rear Detachments for deployed units are located in the Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 7264 or at 785-239-9435.

Engineers continue preparations for NTC

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Soldiers from 1st Engineer Battalion were at the Gunnery South Complex, Range 18, May 21 performing bound and over-watch tactical movements, two elements of a combat unit moving in synchronization in the battle space, with Armored Personnel Carriers. The training is in preparation for an upcoming deployment to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., and will allow the soldiers to participate in the live fire portion of the 1st Brigade Combat Team's mission there.

"This is certifying us to perform the live fire at the National Training Center. Most engineer battalions aren't allowed to use their .50 caliber at NTC because they haven't completed this certification," said Lt. Col. David Brinkley, commander, 1st Eng. Bn. "By doing this, it put us at a higher level of training and gives us a more robust scenario at NTC. Now we will be able to fight our way to and through the breach, where as, if we didn't complete this training, we wouldn't be able to do so because we wouldn't be allowed to use the ammunition."

The focus of the event was on fire distribution and control. "What we are trying to enforce on our platoons, down to the

squad and track level, is in order to fire out on the battlefield we need to have good communication and battle drills between the elements," said Capt. Tyler Faulk, commander, Company C, 1st Eng. Bn. Having the drills will raise the level of safety for the soldiers when they actually get into a fight, he said. "When we engage the enemy in a fight we have to be able to move from one location to another, while still engaging the enemy and without having any danger to ourselves at the time," said Faulk.



Combat engineers from Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, unload their .50 caliber machine gun at pop up targets at the Gunnery South Complex, Range 18, during a recent training event.

The training exercise was a rare opportunity for the engineers. "This is the first time in a while that the first engineers have been out here on this training area," Faulk said. "It's been at least two years, possibly upward to about four years, since the last time we've been out here." The training was important to the engineers in preparing for real-world situations. "This training is critical. When bullets start flying, we need to know how to respond and react," Faulk said. "As we have seen in Iraq, there are no non-combatants

out on the battlefield. Every unit needs to be able to affectively return fire and counter attack any enemy action. Without that, we will find that we will have too many casualties. This way we will be better prepared for (counter attacking)." The exercise also helped build cohesion between the Armored Personnel Carrier driver and track commander. "This helps to build a sense of reliability between the driver and the TC. The driver needs to know what it feels like to have live rounds being fired, pretty much, above his head. That will give him confidence," said Sgt. 1st Class Roger Newbanks, platoon sergeant, Company C, 1st Eng. Bn. "This training helps build a cohesion between the platoon as a whole by giving them the practice of bounding and overwatching with fire control while using live rounds," said Newbanks.

The hope of Company C's commander for what his soldiers would receive from the training was straightforward. "The most important thing I hope they walk away from here with is the confidence of knowing that, should they get into a combat situation or are ordered into one, they have the skills and ability, as well as the technique, to be able to defeat the enemy in any type of engagement," said Faulk.



Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley and Command Sergeant Major Ronald T. Riling salute just after laying a wreath in honor of servicemembers who died serving their country and freedom. The ceremony was part of the post's observance of Memorial Day, May 26. The ceremony was held at the Post Cemetery.



It's your move -- Learn all you can before starting your next move

By Penny J. Hauserman
DOL

A successful move is not a matter of chance. It is the result of planning and hard work. At the center of these efforts is you -- the shipper. If you expect a good move, you must play an active role.

Documentation is one of the first steps in any move. You must have orders prior to setting up transportation. The earlier you meet with personnel at your transportation office, the greater your chance of moving on the date you select. You will need six copies of orders and amendments, if any, for each type of shipment you need. Different moves can include overseas or domestic household goods, non-temporary storage, unaccompanied baggage, DITY (Do-It-Yourself) and others.

To arrange for pickup of any type of personal property, including a DITY move, soldiers must go the transportation office on a walk in basis and complete the outbound work sheet. After transportation dates are determined, soldiers will be scheduled for a group briefing. Briefings are mandatory! You will be asked to inspect, make any necessary corrections and sign your final paperwork. You will also receive confirmation of move dates and will

be told what company will be handling your move. Missing your briefing could result in the canceling of your shipment to avoid paying an attempted pickup charge.

When you go to the transportation office, be prepared. You should have an idea of when you want to move. Be as flexible as possible. During the summer months, the date you prefer may not be available. Try to have alternate dates in mind. It is recommended that you not schedule leave dates, appointments for clearing quarters or out-processing or give notice to landlords until after you have secured your moving dates. Having an idea of the types of shipments you expect to have and the estimated weight of each shipment is also a good idea.

If your shipment is picking up out of a self-storage unit, you must have a paid-up receipt when making arrangements for your move. Also, have a list of large or unusual items (piano, pool table, trunks, wall units, etc).

Certain types of moves require a bit more sweat on the part of the soldier. DITY moves are authorized for all soldiers and can be accomplished in any type of vehicle, with the exception of RVs and mobile homes. You may do a "Partial DITY" in conjunction with a government move. This is

intended for those needing some household goods enroute or until their household goods shipment arrives, such as a baby crib, television, cooking utensils, toys or other necessary items, or for moving a boat. The combined weight of both shipments must be within your authorized weight allowance and cannot exceed the cost of shipping all items as one shipment at government expense.

Remember to arrange for power of attorney or a letter of authorization if a representative will be handling the move in your absence.

Mobile homes pose a different set of rules and decisions. The cost of moving a mobile home is not based on the weight of the mobile home, but on the cost of moving your household goods weight allowance. Shipment of your mobile home is in lieu of your household goods, and arrangements must be made with the transportation office at least 30 days prior to moving the mobile home. All household goods, with the exception of major appliances, must be removed from the home and the expense of moving those items is borne by the soldier. You must also have a plan for the placement of the mobile home when it arrives.

Other options for soldiers moving mobile homes are available.

Check with the Transportation Office before planning any move to make sure that the specific option you desire is allowed.

Portcall and passports are something else that needs special attention when moving overseas. To arrange for a portcall (flight), as soon as you receive your orders, bring a copy to the Passenger Office. Your options for flights will be discussed at that time. If you are planning to take your family overseas with you, and they will be traveling on government orders, each family member must have a "no-fee" passport. A passport briefing is given each Monday and Tuesday at 1 p.m. Please do not wait on orders to attend this briefing. Servicemembers or their spouse (or both) should attend the briefing as soon as possible after receiving their levy briefing.

Once the documents, move dates and move options have been taken care of, some attention must be spent on weight requirements. Your weight allowance is established under provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation and is the maximum weight that can be moved at government expense related to your pay grade. This allowance includes the weight of household goods you ship, DITY, place in storage or send as unaccompanied baggage.

You -- not your transportation

office or the carrier -- are responsible for staying within this weight allowance. For this reason, estimating the weight of your household goods is very important. A fairly dependable method for making this estimate is to figure 1,000 pounds per room, not including storage or bathrooms, or go to the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) web site at www.mtmc.army.mil and click on personal property, then on domestic. Look under "What's New" on the right side of screen and click on Weight Estimator Pamphlet. Also available on this website is a very helpful booklet entitled "It's Your Move."

Being overweight on a shipment can be very costly to the soldier. Charges for excess weight can range from several hundred to several thousand dollars.

Do not ship valuable items, such as expensive jewelry, valuable coins or coin collections and items of great sentimental value, such as photo albums. Pack them in your suitcase and hand-carry them, as well as your purchase receipts, photos and appraisals.

During pack and pickup, do not leave cash, jewelry or other expensive items unattended. Air-

line tickets and passports are important documents.

Keep these items locked in your car or other safe place. If these items are accidentally packed, it can be costly to you in time and money.

Certain items, such as propane bottles for gas grills, paint or other flammables, may not be shipped. Shipments being picked up out of self-storage units must be made accessible to the moving company. Items must be removed from the unit and boxes opened for inspection and possible repacking.

Upon arrival at your destination, contact the Inbound Section of the destination Transportation Office. The name and phone number for your destination Transportation Office will be provided to you at the mandatory briefing.

The Transportation Office is located in building 210, room 119. Hours of operation are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 7 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.

For more information, call 239-3035 or 239-3036

The Passenger/Portcall Office is also located in building 210, Room 126. Hours of operation are the same and that office can be reached at 239-6332 or 239-0703.

Hearron retiring, moving to Safety Division

By Michael Watson
Staff writer

When Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Hearron, command sergeant major, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, joined the Army, he said he never thought he would be enlisted for 30 years.



Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Hearron

But that is how long he has been a soldier - 30 years and 13 days. Now that he is retiring, he

reflects back on his years of service and is proud to have served the Army.

Hearron has been at Fort Riley since October 1993, and he said he has enjoyed every moment of it.

"I have really enjoyed working with soldiers on a day to day basis," Hearron said.

"That is what kept me hanging around. I love soldiers and my position has allowed me to advise the commanding general about all matters that affect the enlisted force. It has been a great place to serve."

Fort Riley will have a ceremony to bid farewell to Hearron today, 4 p.m., at Cavalry Parade Field. The public is invited to attend.

While Hearron is leaving his

position at headquarters, he is not actually leaving Fort Riley. Instead, he is assuming a new role in the installer's Safety Division.

"I wanted to get a job that would keep me involved with soldiers," he said, "and safety is something I've been involved with since I've been an NCO - it's important."

"My first summer of retirement will be spent at Fort Rucker, Ala., for a safety course."

After four months of learning the ropes in keeping Army soldiers and families safe, Hearron will be back at Fort Riley.

Retiring was one of the hardest decisions Hearron said he ever had to make.

"I struggled with it for several months, but now that the paper-

work is dropped, I'm excited to start my second career," he said. "It keeps me involved with the soldiers and Fort Riley."

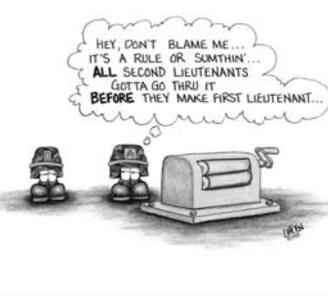
It was a bittersweet decision to retire, he said. It is bitter because he will not be working with enlisted soldiers as much, but it is sweet because he is ending a very successful career, he said.

"There are only 10 active divisions and two integrated divisions in the Army, so retiring as a division command sergeant major is quite an accomplishment."

"I thank the Army for giving me this opportunity to serve," Hearron said.

"I've had a great career, and I hope that I have served the commanders, NCOs and the soldiers to the best of my ability."

Grunt By Wayne Ulden



24th ID troops deploy for NTC

N.C. National Guard PAO

RALEIGH - More than 4,500 soldiers and airmen of the North Carolina National Guard will use California's Mojave Desert, to train for war starting Saturday when they kickoff one of the largest battle training exercises ever held by Tarheel guardsmen during a three-week deployment to the National Training Center (NTC) at Ft. Irwin, Calif.

The 30th Heavy Separate Brigade, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), headquartered in Clinton and with armories spread from Wilmington to Charlotte, will send its soldiers along with guardsmen from 15 other states to the world's premiere heavy combat training schoolhouse. There they will receive the same kind of intense training that the soldiers of Operation Iraqi Freedom received prior to their victory in Southwest Asia.

Ultimately, some 7,000 soldiers and airmen from across the nation will take part in the exercise dubbed "Operation Tarheel Thunder."

"This training is the closest you come to combat without actually going to war," said Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram, Jr., adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard. "It's the toughest training of its kind the Army has to offer. It will make us better war fighters."

The NTC is designed to allow large, heavy, mechanized units to train in scenarios as close to actual combat as possible. The concept comes out of studies finding units in combat for the first time usually suffer the highest losses. This training simulates combat closely so that soldiers know what to expect on a battlefield, which improves their ability to survive and win wars.

The Brigade is one of eight

Guard brigades nationwide designated as "enhanced heavy," because it is equipped with state-of-the-art, heavy armor pieces

like the M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank. The eight Guard brigades rotate through the NTC once every eight years.

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Fort Riley soldiers provide joint security for LP gas distribution

By Brian Sipp
3rd Inf. Div. PAO

After a nearly three-month absence, on May 21, liquid propane gas bottles were once again distributed for sale to the citizens of Baghdad for personal in-home use.

Clearing the way for full-scale distribution of the essential cooking supply, the Iraq Ministry of Oil set the standard price of 250 Dinars per bottle, established a one-for-one exchange requirement to prevent hoarding and asked the U.S. military to provide security for government vehicles from the two major bottling plants to the 18 government-run distribution sites throughout the city.

"Liquid propane gas is used by 99 percent of the population for cooking," explained Capt. Eric Strong, commander, Troop H, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division. "One bot-

tle can last a normal family of five for approximately 22 days. If they are doing a lot of cooking, such as baking bread, a bottle will only last about seven days."

In addition to 1st Armored Division's Troop H, 3rd Infantry Division's Troop D, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, as well as elements from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, combined to escort the delivery vehicles and provide on-site security at the various distribution points throughout Baghdad. Accompanying each team was a Psychological Operations vehicle with loudspeakers, and an interpreter stood ready should the crowds become unruly.

"We have a scripted level of response, depending on the disposition of the crowd," said Capt. Randall Cartmill, commander, Tactical Psy. Op. Detachment 1210, 315th Psy. Op. Company, Upland, Calif.

"Like any commodity that has-

n't been available for over two months, a lot of people want it, they're fearful they won't get it and crowds have been a little rough at times," Strong said. "However, what we've seen over the last few days, as more gas shows up and people see it's coming on a regular basis, the crowds have been more orderly and calm," he added.

Original plans of distribution lasting from May 21-24 have been extended for at least another week due to the enormous need and positive feedback from the Iraqi citizens. "We've delivered over 30,000 bottles so far," said Cartmill.

While liquid propane gas distribution is but one step in restoring normality to life in Baghdad, it is an important step in the chain of services the Iraqi citizens can expect from their government as the Republic of Free Iraq slowly takes shape.

News from 3rd BCT

May 19

It's hard for a unit to say they have "done it all" during combat operations. But during Operation Iraqi Freedom, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry came pretty close.

A platoon from Bushmaster Company escorted the 5th Corps Assault Command Post all the way from the Kuwaiti border to the Baghdad Airport. The battalion also provided the heavy punch for the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, the 18th Military Police Brigade and the 3rd Infantry Division as they made their push into Baghdad.

It's something the entire battalion can point to with pride according to their commander, Lt. Col. George Gecky. He also noted that it was unusual for a battalion to support so many units during one operation. But, in talking with the soldiers, they said they enjoyed the challenge of mechanized and light forces working together.

May 27

It's been a mere 10 days since the Bulldog Brigade's convoy rolled into Baghdad, but they've already taken steps to establish their presence in Baghdad, in very short order. The 3rd Bde. is taking control of the area of responsibility previously handled by the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

The relief was the first of any unit within the 1st Armored Division, and because of the quick change, 3rd Bde. is now attached to the 3rd Infantry Division until the relief in place is completed by the 1st Armored Division.

The brigade is making itself known on the streets of Baghdad, too. From capturing danger-

ous baath party members, to around the clock patrols in the city to providing security for trucks delivering propane gas to Iraqis for the first time in three months to dispatching an engineering team to a hospital to help with plumbing problems. Soldiers of the Bulldog Brigade are having a positive influence on the people of Baghdad. With the 3rd Bde. 1st Armored Div., Spc. John Wollaston, Baghdad, Iraq.

News from 3rd BCT:
Spc. John Wollaston reporting



Butler Remembered

At a bridge crossing the Euphrates River in the town of Al Salmar, Iraq, soldiers from 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry said goodbye to their friend and fellow soldier, Sgt. Jacob Butler.

Butler, a scout with Headquarters Company, was reconing an enemy bridge site when a Humvee in his platoon was struck with a rocket-propelled grenade. In the process of coming to his fellow soldiers aid, Butler's Humvee was struck by an RPG, a memento box was given by the Butlers to a 3rd Brigade soldier to be delivered to 1st Bn. 41st Inf. for burial at the site where Butler died. Battalion Commander Lt. Col. George Gecky spoke to the soldiers in attendance saying, "Sgt. Butler died getting information on this bridge, info we used two days later to defeat the enemy. I think he would be proud. A decision was made to waterproof the box and sink it in the river to prevent looters from stealing it. And, with the battalion colors waving in the breeze, the box was tossed into the Euphrates River, where it quickly sank, forever laying to rest the memory of Sgt. Jacob Butler.



1st Armored Div. PAO/Wollaston

Sgt. Vincent Aguilar, Troop H, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, listens to a Baghdad resident plead his case while waiting to get a bottle of LP Gas at a site in Saddam City, a suburb of Baghdad. The 3rd Brigade Combat Team is providing security at 18 sites in Baghdad.

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Briefs

Country Stampede Volunteers Needed

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

Volunteers are needed to work at the event. The Stampede volunteer staff is required to work five to six hour days, June 26-28.

Volunteers will receive free admission for all four days of the festival, seating alongside the VIP area, a T-shirt and three meals per day, said Mick McCallister, the point of contact for the volunteers.

In past years, McCallister said about 50 percent of volunteers were soldiers and their spouses. This year he said he is opening up more positions for military spouses. "That's the least we can do for the sacrifices they must endure," said McCallister. For more information or to volunteer, contact M e C a l l i s t e r, mccallim@flinthills.com or 762-6615.

Special Forces

A Special Forces recruiter will be visiting Fort Riley Monday - Thursday. Briefings will be held at the Post-Reup building (7626) at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, with an additional briefing at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. A PT test will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m., at Long track. Candidates will

wear BDU's and running shoes. For more information, call (719) 661-1492.

Changes of Command

The 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry changed command in a ceremony May 2 on Cavalry Parade Field. The outgoing commander was Lt. Col. Tony Turner. His next assignment is at Fort Benning, Ga. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Thomas S. Hollis. He arrived at Fort Riley in July 2002 and served as the Deputy Chief of Staff and Secretary General Staff to the 24th Infantry Division (Mech).

The 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery will change command in a ceremony June 12, 9 a.m., on Cavalry Parade Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. David R. Byn, Sr. His next assignment will be as a student at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Mike Cabrey. His previous assignment was as the assistant fire support coordinator for the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps.

Insecticide Spraying

During June, a contractor will be spraying certain trees and shrubs with EPA registered insecticides and fungicides for insect and disease prevention and control. The schedule is: Main Post and Marshall Army Air Field, Monday - June 10, and Colyer Manor and Camp Forsyth, June 11 - 18. For more information, call 239-8402 or 239-22644.

Garrison Commander's Address

The Garrison Commander will address the civilian workforce June 10 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at Barlow Theater. Bus pick up points are: Division Headquarters, Building 500; Irwin Army Community Hospital, Main Entrance; DOL, building 8100; Public Works, building 330; Soldier Family Support Center, building 7264 and DES, building 407. Buses depart at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Legal Assistance Hours Change

The extended hours used by the Fort Riley Legal Assistance Office during mobilization and deployment have been completed. The office is now returning to normal operating hours, which are: Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., for powers of attorney, notarizations and other walk-in business. Appointments are scheduled 1 - 4 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. on Wednesday (Will Day); 9 - 11:30 a.m. on Fridays. If you have any questions or wish to make an appointment, call 239-3117 during walk-in hours.

Battalion Level Tennis Program

The 2003 Fort Riley Battalion Level Tennis Program will be June 23 - 27. Each battalion commander may enter a men's team, consisting of six singles players,

and one doubles team. Each battalion commander may enter a women's team, consisting of four single players, and one doubles team. A roster of battalion team members should be sent to the Sports Office on a roster form signed by the battalion commander no later than close of business June 10. For more information, contact Barry Sunstrom, 239-3945.

Organization Day

Public Works will hold their annual Organization Day with a picnic and award ceremony for employees and their families on June 13. Minimal staffing will be maintained from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. so that critical functions remain operational.

The Division Security Office will be closed on today for G2 Organization Day activities.

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Praise Team Leader/Pianist Needed

The Contemporary Protestant service is looking for a Christian praise team leader and pianist for their praise team. Service meets Sundays at 11 a.m. Rehearsals are Wednesday, 6 p.m. and Sunday, a.m. If interested, call Chaplain Paulson, 239-3436.

Thrift Shop

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

Visit the Thrift Shop in building 267, Stuart Ave., 784-3874. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Volunteer opportunities are available at the Thrift Shop. Childcare expenses are reimbursed, as well as first look at new merchandise. Board positions are still open. If interested, contact Scott Martis, 784-2351.

The Shoppe

The Shoppe has the gifts you need to say "Farewell" or "Thank You" to someone special. Come and see what The Shoppe has to offer!

The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave., 239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

Vacation Bible School

The Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure Vacation Bible School will be held June 9 - 13, 9 a.m. - noon, at the Morris Hill Chapel. Teenage and adult volunteers are needed. Please contact your local chapel or Don Ericson, 239-0979, to volunteer. Registration for children will begin in all chapels on April 20.

Thrift Savings Plan

The Thrift Savings Plan is having an open season until June 30.

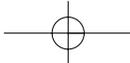
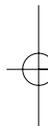
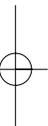
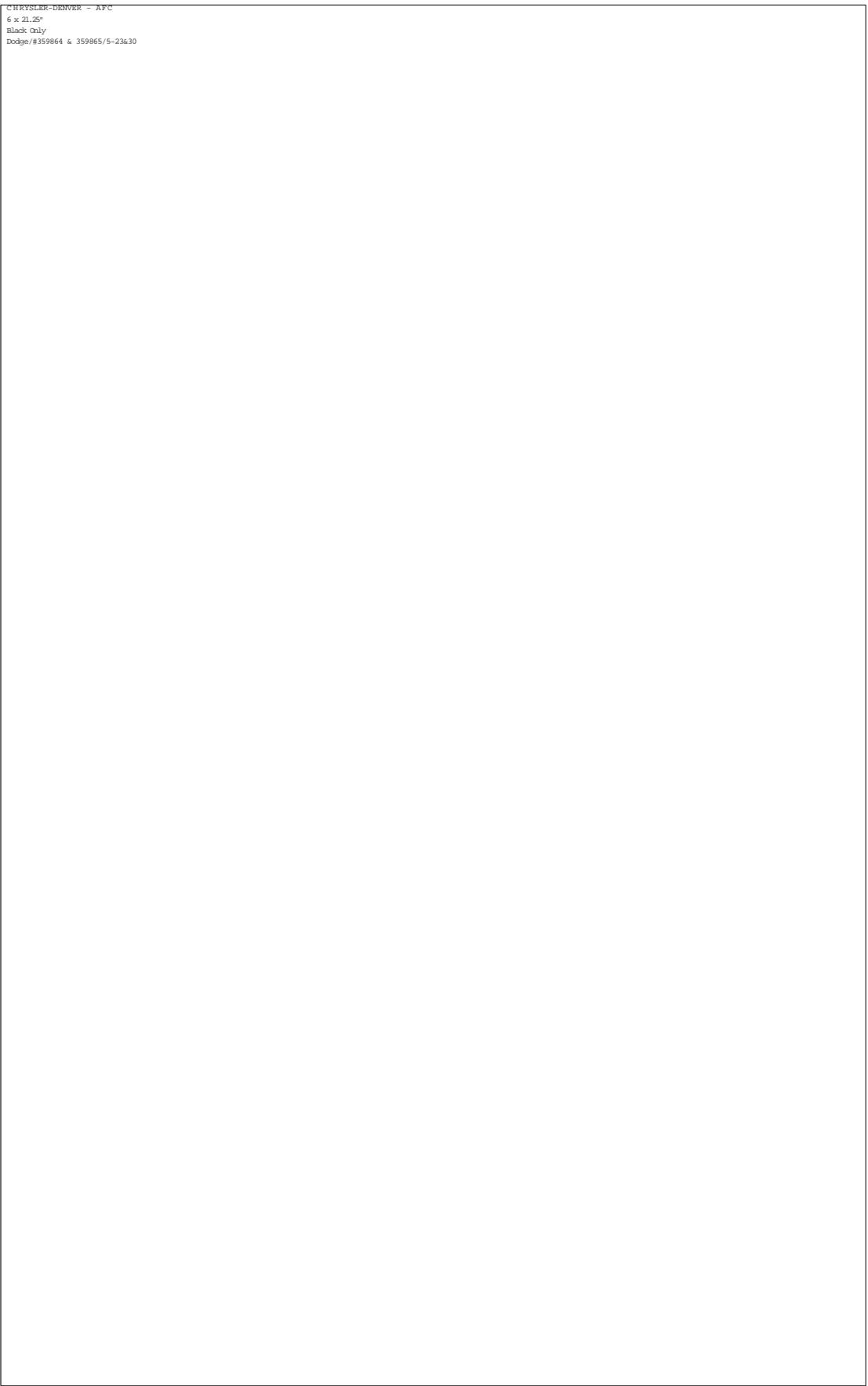
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Mail Training

An Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations class will be offered June 4 and 11, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at building 319. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll.

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Soldiers practice for Infantry badge testing

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry recently performed a 10-day train up at Training Area 24 in preparation for their three-day Expert Infantry Badge event scheduled for earlier this week.

The EIB is a coveted award among the infantry and considered to be their bread and butter for their job.

"This is an event held to give the soldiers a chance to receive the coveted badge, which is a very prestigious award for the infantry soldiers to win," said Staff Sgt. Dennis Tunney, S3 School non-commissioned officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.

The training event was more than just winning the award.

"This training will benefit the

soldier because it is an individual responsibility to the implied tasks, which is common knowledge that the infantry soldier has to have in order to take care of himself, others and his weapon while he is out on the battlefield," Tunney said.

Soldiers participating in the event felt confident in the prospect of earning their badge due to the influx of training.

"This is an awesome training event because it focuses on every aspect of an infantry soldier's job. With all of the training we have been receiving out here, I feel confident I will earn my badge," said Pfc. William Labadie, HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.

The training had meaning for the unit as well.

"The unit benefits from this, for the simple fact that it shows that the individual soldier is technical and tactically proficient on each weapon and at every station

we have out here," Tunney said.

For the soldiers to receive the award, they needed to go through 35 different tasking stations. The event worked on a Go/No Go system, and the soldiers would have to walk the walk of shame if they received two No Go's, Tunney said. "Right now we are giving them a one and a half week train up, and then they will have to earn the badge when we start testing them next week. And so far, all of the soldiers have put forth an outstanding performance."

When a soldier receives a No Go, he is given one hour to retake that specific task. During that hour he will go back to a class setting and be retrained on that task by a subject matter expert. He will then get to practice, with the use of a training aid, what he has been retrained on. Once the soldier feels confident enough, he will then retake the test, Tunney said.

Receiving the EIB, and having the authorization to wear it, is a symbol of pride for the soldier.

"The badge shows they are masters of their jobs and that they know what they're doing and are able to do it in a professionally proficient manner," Tunney said.

The variety of tasks the soldiers had to accomplish ranged from first aid to self-decontamination to performing a functions check and maintaining several types of machine guns. Soldiers even had to employ and recover an M18A1 Claymore land mine.

The soldiers were held to the Army standard for each task and had to finish them to that standard in a set amount of time, Tunney said. "Everything out here is graded strictly to where the soldiers have to perform the tasks, not only in a timely manner, but also in sequence, verbatim," he said.

The chances of a grader missing something were pretty much a non-issue.

The graders for the missions are the soldiers' peers who have already earned the badge. That way, there are no graders evaluating the soldiers' performance that won't know what to look for throughout the process, Tunney said.

If anyone knows what is running through the minds of the soldiers being tested, it would be their graders.

"I was terribly nervous when I took my test," said Sgt. Charles Blackmon, Company C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. "I think I had the shakes the entire time."

In the end, after receiving the badge, the feeling of accomplishment helps boost confidence, and lets the soldiers see their job a little differently.

"The badge gave me a new confidence in myself, because then I knew I know the weapons I use. And even if it has been a little while since I used one, I know I will at least be able to remember the basic functions of each individual setup, as well as the other skills needed for this job," Blackmon said.



Post/Biles



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Staff Sgt. William Howard, squad leader, Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, explains how to perform a functions check on an M16 to his soldier, Pvt. Alex Collazo.

Staff Sgt. Richard Elliot, event grader, Company C, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, explains the proper way to clear the .50 caliber machine gun to Sgt. Daryl Thompson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.

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Blood drive collects well over goal

By Kim Levine
Staff Writer

The blood drive held May 20 and 21, on Fort Riley proved to be very successful, with donations of 217 units of blood, said Sgt. Maj. Larry Adams, Directorate of Community Activities.

Fort Riley's average donation is around 80 to 100 units of blood.

"This is the largest donation by Fort Riley that anyone at the Red Cross can remember," said Adams.

The 1st Brigade Combat Team sponsored the drive, which was held at King Field House, and Adams said they deserve thanks for their support.

"The drive was successful in large part due to the 1st BCT doing an outstanding job getting the word out," said Adams.

Several National Guard and Reserve units also had high showings at the drive, and Army civilians participated as well, said

Adams.

With the current shortage of blood, the drive was a big help to the Red Cross, he said.

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Korea 50 years ago -- Reds focus multiple attacks on Nevada complex

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

Turkish U.N. soldiers got more than their fair share of fighting as the Reds sent multiple attacks against their positions in the Nevada complex, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

May 23, 1953 — The Senate Armed Services Committee subcommittee that investigated retired Gen. James Van Fleet's charges of serious ammunition shortages while he commanded the Eighth Army releases its report.

The report says that such shortages resulted in "needless loss of American lives." They had caused American "military operations" in Korea to suffer "a definite and adverse effect."

No single person is responsible for the "tragic episode," but the report lays blame for it on everyone from former President Harry S. Truman to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Gen. Omar Bradley, JCS chairman, had written a letter to the subcommittee May 11 that ammunition stocks at the beginning of the war were adequate until unexpected entry into the war by China.

May 24-25 — Allied warships enter the North Korean east coast port of Wonsan and shells military targets on May 24.

The next day, the battleship New Jersey anchors off

Pyeongyang's port of Chinnampo on the west coast and blasts shore batteries.

May 25-28 — There are several battles along the front this week, but the most fierce and sustained fighting occurs in the Nevada complex of outposts in I Corps. It was a scene of vicious fighting in March when the Chinese seized Outpost Reno from units of the 1st Marine Division. Outposts Vega, Elko and Carson are still in allied hands.

The 25th Infantry Division now holds positions in I Corps' main line of resistance that belonged to the 1st Marines. The 25th ID shifted from IX Corps in early May, while the 2nd ID moved to IX Corps from I Corps. Maj. Gen. Samuel T. Williams, 25th ID commander, assigns the Nevada complex, along with neighboring Berlin and East Berlin outposts, to the attached Turkish Armed Forces Command.

The Turks are told to hold the outposts at all costs. If they're lost, the Chinese will have commanding heights over the MLR.

On May 25 Chinese artillery begins falling on the three outposts, and increases in intensity each day. Enemy troops are observed moving into position. Answering barrages come from the 25th ID, 1st Marine Division and I Corps artillery. Even 34 tanks of the 1st Marine Tank Battalion join in the counter bombardment.

The attack comes during the evening of May 28. Two battalions attack Vegas, the main objective, which is held by 140 men. One battalion attacks Elko and Carson, and a fourth stages a diversionary assault against Berlin and East Berlin. That movement ends fairly soon.

The Reds seize a finger of land approaching Vegas, and are able to hang on against heavy automatic and rifle fire.

A platoon is sent to reinforce Vegas defenders, and the soldiers get into place just in time to help defeat a three-pronged attack by the Chinese. The enemy reforms and a two-battalion force attacks again. By the time the Turks beat off that attack, they're running low on ammo. A second reinforcing platoon arrives with Korea Service Corps porters carrying more ammunition.

The Turks on Carson and Elko repel the first enemy attack. The Chinese commit another battalion and both of them come at the two outposts. The enemy reaches the defenders' trenches and the Turks engage them in bayonet and grenade fighting.

A Turkish engineering platoon

is added to the fighting and, later, the rest of the engineering company is sent to Carson.

A third assault on Vegas makes it to the trenches and the Turks use their bayonets to lethal effect and repel the communists.

As midnight approaches on May 28, the enemy is seen reforming to continue the offensive.

May 25-28 — Before the truce talks resume at Panmunjon on May 25, Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, and Ambassador Ellis O. Briggs meet with ROK President Syngman Rhee. They know that he will not be happy with the United States proposal the U.N. team will present to the communists later in the day. It is said to be the "final" proposal.

The proposals are nearly the same as the Indian plan presented to the U.N. General Assembly. The specific proposal that Rhee questions is the one that extends the detention of non-communist Korea prisoners held by the U.N. They were to be released when the communist prisoners are repatriated. He is also opposed to India bringing troops into South Korea.

When truce talks reconvene Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U.N. negotiator, requests that proceedings be closed. Since the proposals represent the final concessions the U.N. can make, he doesn't want the communists posturing for reporters who normally observe the meetings. The Reds take a brief recess and then agree to Harrison's request.

Rhee's displeasure is expressed by the absence of Maj. Gen. Choi Duk Shin from the U.N. truce talks team. The United Nations agrees to allow the five-member commission that will oversee the prisoners who do not want to be repatriated decide details by a majority vote rather than forcing a unanimous agreement.

When the communists meet to "explain" to prisoners why they should return home, they cannot use force or threatening language. In fact, U.N. observers must be present at all such meetings.

The explaining period is limited to 90 days. The previous U.N. position was 60 days. The communists wanted four months.

After an additional 30 days, the prisoners who are not convinced by the communists' arguments will be released. Another choice on this point is to turn their fate over to the U.N. General Assembly rather than the five countries on the commission. But they should be released no later than

120 days from the day that the commission takes over their care.

Harrison explains that the United Nations will not compromise on its insistence that prisoners will not be forced to return to North Korea or China if they don't want to.

North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il, senior communist delegate, after quibbling over some of the points, requests a recess until May 29 to consider the proposals, but Harrison insists they take till June 1 because of the gravity connected to this offer.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have told Clark that if the communists turn down the package, the talks will be canceled and Panmunjon will lose its neutrality. However, political leaders would make that decision, they say.

May 27 — About 15 MiGs evade allied air cover and head south to Seoul where they bomb an airport. The allies give no damage reports.

A Fifth Air Force spokesman announces that American F-86 pilots have shot down 51 MiGs since May 1. One Sabrejet was shot down in dogfights.

A Defense Department spokesman says that American casualties in Korea totaled 135,221 as of May 22. The figure includes 24,119 dead.

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



Letters to the Front

"I want to wish my husband well over there in Iraq. He is Sgt. Trevor Vonnahme with Company A, 70th Engineers. I want to tell him that we are all so proud of him and his men over there. We wish them well and a safe and speedy return! You are our hero, baby! Thank you for all that you do! I love you!". Sarah Vonnahme, military spouse, Boone, Iowa

you!!!"- Jen Doyle
"I would just like to express my feelings of gratitude toward

everyone who is fighting for America. We are all extremely grateful for brave people like you. I hope everyone returns to the

United States safely. Thanks for all the courage, and I have all of

you in my prayers."- Carrie Bello, student, Denver, Colo.

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"We would like to wish my son, Pfc. Samuel Shepherd, Co. B, 1st Bn., 13th Armor, a happy birthday on May 23. He is in Iraq somewhere, and we have not been able to talk to him in a while. Please let him know that we love and miss him very much. Happy Birthday, Sam."- Dad, Mom, John and Jared

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