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Fort Riley Post



Trooper Week

Fort Riley's finest gathered, as bad weather headed out of Fort Riley Tuesday, Trooper Week kicked off with lots of excitement.

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Promotions earlier for junior soldiers

By Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Changes to the enlisted promotion system will result in 3,500 privates instantaneously rising to the rank of specialist later this year.

Constraints that prohibit soldiers from making sergeant will also be removed in October, said Sgt. Major Gerald Purcell, personnel policy integrator with the Army's G1.

The playing field will be leveled for Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course graduates with similar military occupational specialties, he added.

Privates first class will pin on the rank of specialist after being in the Army 24 months instead of the required 26 months that is currently in effect. The change is designed to help the Army meet its required number of specialists and align the Army's promotion policy with its sister services.

A shortage of specialists in the Army ranks now stems from a recruiting lull three years ago, Purcell said. The Army was forced to look at ways to get more privates first class promoted, he said.

"While researching ways to increase E-4, specialist, promotions, I discovered that under Department of Defense guidance, the services can advance to the grade of E-4 after 24 months of service. The other services are already complying with the guid-

ance," Purcell said.

Part of DoD's guidance was that there couldn't be at any time more than 20 percent of the specialist force with less than 24 months of service. The Army didn't have the technology to accurately track the force, which is why it chose to promote after 26 months, Purcell said.

The early promotion to specialist is considered a good thing for the Army, Purcell said. But it's getting mixed reviews from senior noncommissioned officers.

"I understand the Army needs to meet end strength, but it's not in the best interest of the soldier to promote him before he's ready for the added responsibility that more rank comes with," said 1st Sgt. Charles Greene from Fort Knox, Ky.

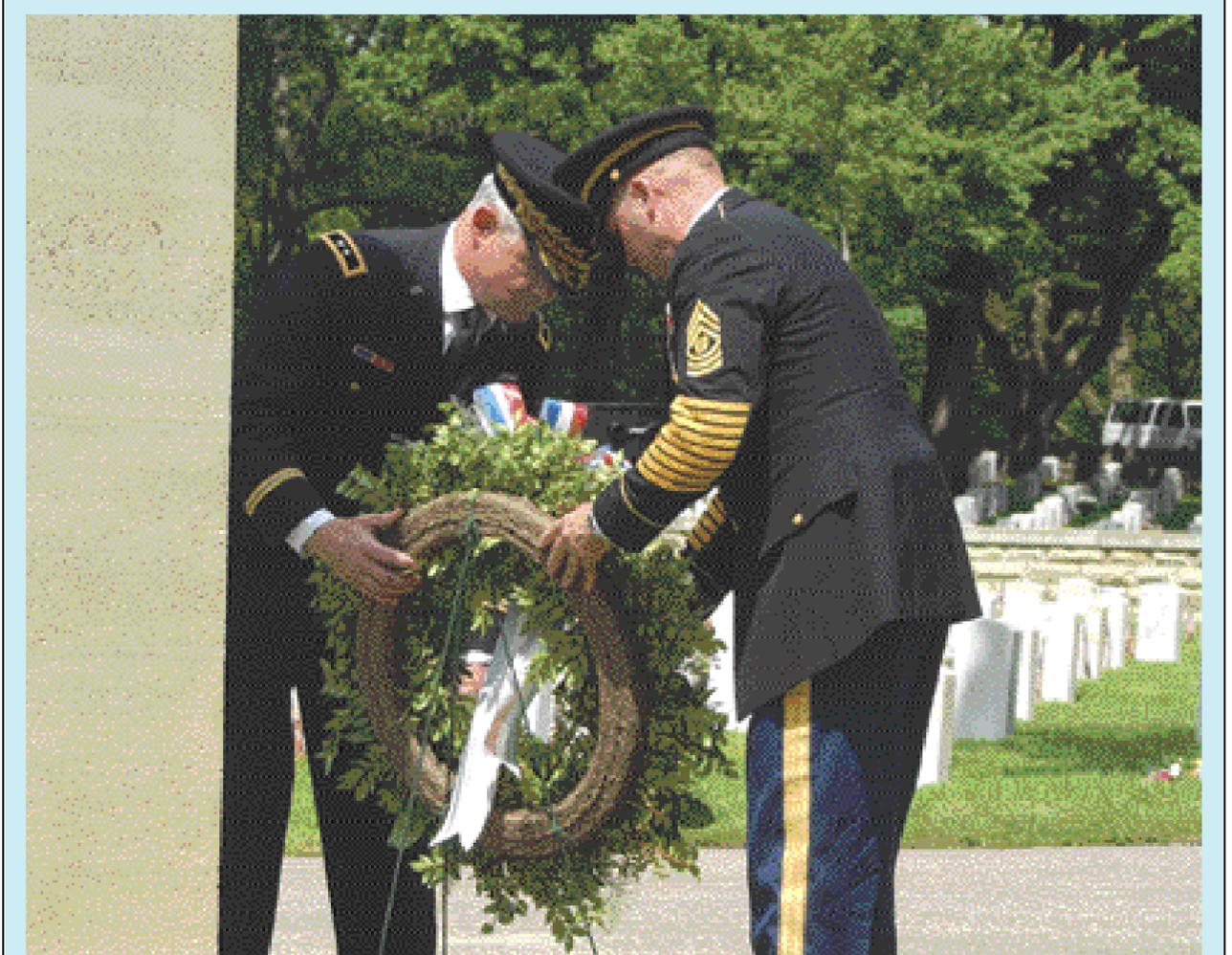
Soldiers who know their jobs and take the initiative to learn more, are the ones who deserve promotion, Greene said.

While not all senior NCOs are ecstatic about the change to the promotion policy, everyone agrees that junior soldiers will be pleased.

"The early promotion will be an overall benefit for the Army because it will increase morale in the junior ranks," said 1st Sgt. Roberto Vielma from Fort Campbell, Ky.

Another policy change initiated to increase morale, and promote more to the NCO corps, is the elimination of the requirement

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Memorial Day

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Hearron, command sergeant major, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), lay a wreath at the Post Cemetery Monday in honor of Memorial Day.

Post/Heckler

June savings bond program designed to educate, motivate

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

The 1st Finance Battalion is hosting a program this June to promote the benefits of using savings bonds.

The program is designed to educate and inform soldiers about the advantages of savings bonds to other forms of investing.

"The goal is to make 100 percent contact with everybody on post," said 2nd Lt. Deborah King, installation savings bond coordinator.

King said she plans to hold a savings bonds class with a representative from every unit on post in attendance.

"We'll ask questions about savings bonds and then we'll answer the questions," she said. "We think it's better to have your co-workers tell you about it, whereas you don't know me from Adam."

The class was originally scheduled for Memorial Day. King said she now plans the meeting to happen sometime next week.

King cited several reasons for why savings bonds were a better option than

other forms of investing, including their growth rate and convenience.

"Savings bonds have competitive rates of return," she said. "They are also exempt from state and local taxes, and federal tax is deferred until they reach maturity. You're also sure not to lose money due to inflation."

According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, U.S. savings bonds earn competitive rates of return compared to other forms of saving. Interest on savings bonds accrues monthly and compounds semiannually.

Savings bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, according to the Department of the Treasury. All savings bonds are registered, so the Treasury can replace them if they're lost, damaged or stolen.

Savings Bonds are easy to cash at most financial institutions, according to the Treasury. So, if bondholders need their money unexpectedly, it's right there for them. The longer people hold onto their bonds the more interest the bonds accumulate, yet they can be redeemed them at any time after six months from the date

they are purchased.

Through the use of displays, advertisements and word of mouth, King said she hopes to make more soldiers interested in investing in savings bonds.

"We can't force anybody to do this," she said. "We only want to let them know that it's a good deal and that the option is out there."

King said her intention for the month of June is for representatives to pass out the information throughout their units and encourage their co-workers to call 1st Finance for more information.

Gates will open early, shuttles running for Open House tomorrow

By Emily O'Connor
K-State Intern

The gates to Fort Riley will be open to the public tomorrow as America's Warfighting Center's Open House showcases its historical past and promising future.

Making the drive down I-70 to exit 101 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., will bring Open House goers to Marshall Army Airfield, where they will park their vehicles and board shuttle buses in and out of the historic post. Shuttles, including a handicapped accessible bus will be running throughout the day.

"The Expo Center at King Field House will be the first stop for all guests," said Brad Carlton, Open House project officer. "Here they will find a variety of displays telling the Fort Riley story. There will be some giveaways, too," said Carlton.

The Expo Center will feature displays showcasing soldier training and readiness, community partnership agencies, support links for soldiers and their families and a diverse group of quality of life programs and activities. Soldiers dressed in futuristic combat gear will demonstrate systems capabilities designed for high tech battle of the future at the Expo Center, too.

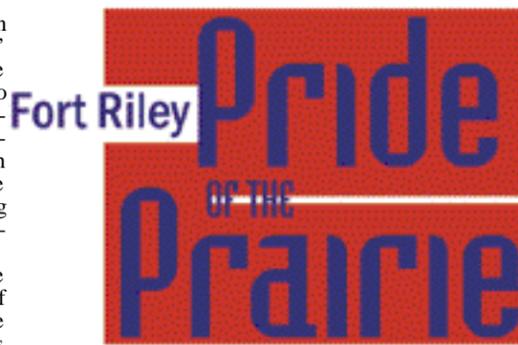
simulated battle situation.

Another popular attraction nearby is the "Own the Night" night vision demonstration. The Army takes pride in its ability to be excellent night fighters. Civilians will now have the opportunity to don a pair of night vision goggles and navigate an obstacle course and take map-reading challenges, all in a darkened environment.

Have you ever wanted to fire military weaponry at targets? If so, the Weapons Firing Course should be one of your priorities for the day. Open House goers will have the opportunity to fire blank ammunition at military targets and use the Army's laser engagement system to test firing skills.

If taking in the sights and sounds of combat techniques from the past is more your style, then stopping by the 1880's encampment at Artillery Parade Field and watching performances by the highly skilled Fort Riley Honor Guard is an attraction you won't want to miss.

Here you will find living history demonstrations, view authentic equipment and uniforms, and watch one of three Fort Riley Honor Guard demonstrations scheduled for 10 a.m., 12:30 and 3 p.m.



Children, ages 5 to 12 years, can test their physical abilities on the Obstacle Course, located in Tuttle Park. The kids will be able to use camouflage face paint and negotiate the obstacles enroute to a final objective.

"Based on what we saw two years ago, the Obstacle Course will be a hit with the kids," Carlton said.

There will also be a chance to celebrate America's veterans and their long, proud history. A Veterans' Tent, located at the Cavalry Parade Field will be available for all visitors to the Open House. Visitors will be able to view photographic displays from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm, while reminiscing with veterans from each war.

signed by veterans that will be sent to the Pentagon, a patch display, showcasing over 100 historic combat division patches from the World War II era and a crest display.

"I just started collecting," said Peter Paras, owner of the display and director of Fort Riley physical security division. "It's taken five years to collect the set."

Throughout the day, music will fill the air, as several bands perform at Cavalry Parade Field. From 9 to 10:15 a.m., North Forty will take the stage, followed by Whiskey Point from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. The Benders will be performing oldies hits from noon to 1:45 and Main Street will end the concerts, playing from 2 to 4 p.m.

Fort Riley has helped to shape Kansas' and America's history. Open House history enthusiasts will have the opportunity to take the Fort Riley Historic Walking Tour. Among some of the destinations include the U. S. Cavalry Museum, the Custer House and the Fort Riley Regimental Museum.

Some of the other activities during the day include carnival and pony rides for children; the chance to speak with Army recruiters and negotiate the 26-foot climbing wall brought in by Army ROTC; and combat Air Force flyovers throughout the day. There will also be many types of food and drinks available throughout the day, located all over the Open House area.

"The Fort Riley Open House provides a great opportunity for the general public to come out to see exactly what Fort Riley does," said Maj. Todd Livick, Fort Riley public affairs officer.

Things to remember

Everyone entering the installation is subject to search.

All adults (18+ years) must have some form of government issued identification, such as a driver's license.

Coolers are prohibited.

Fort Riley civilians best workforce in Army

On May 14, I had the honor of addressing Fort Riley's civilian work force at two separate sessions at Patton Hall. At the beginning of each session, Fort Riley's Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, awarded a number of deserving civilians with honorary awards, ranging from superior civilian service awards to achievement medals.

Following the awards presentation, the packed auditorium listened attentively as Metz provided his opening remarks. Metz' eloquent and genuine words reinforced what we all know is true: Fort Riley civilians are some of the most dedicated, loyal and hardest-working individuals in the Army. As I listened to Metz' remarks, I looked over the crowd that had gathered in the auditorium and recognized many of those in attendance. To say I felt proud to see their Garrison Commander would be an understatement. Every Fort Riley civilian is a valuable team member whose combined efforts provide the critical stability, strength and support necessary to achieve Fort Riley's mission and sustain our recent designation as Army's premiere Warfighting Center. Regardless of what job they hold or organization they are with, Fort Riley civilians are committed to giving 110 percent in carrying out their duties and accomplishing the mission. This loyalty and dedication to duty is unmatched anywhere within Army and Department of Defense.

While Fort Riley is truly blessed with the best civilian work force any Commander can hope for, the stark reality is that we are facing a future critical shortage of knowledgeable and trained civilians to continue this legacy. The current average age of Fort Riley's work force is over 46 years, which means that over the next several years many of our valuable civilians will be leaving the ranks to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Close to 40 percent of our civilian work force is eligible to retire under optional retirement

between now and 2007. Add to that the number of employees who are eligible to retire under voluntary early retirement authority, and the percentage of civilians eligible to retire between now and 2007 increases to nearly 60 percent. A significant number of our potential losses are senior leaders and individuals in journeyman level positions. These startling

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

statistics indicate that Fort Riley must take action now in order to avoid a crisis in the future.

As your Garrison Commander, I have initiated a comprehensive Human Resources Plan to avert this potential crisis. This plan, which is based on an analysis of work force statistics and demographics, is three fold and includes aggressive strategies for: strengthening job satisfaction and employee morale of our current civilian workforce; attaining a successor workforce through internal and external recruitment of top quality candidates to replace significant losses due to attrition and retirements and instituting a training program that provides the total work force the necessary leadership training and development to achieve their full potential and carry out Fort Riley's mission both now and in the future.

One of the initiatives we focused on to improve employee morale was to ensure the awards program was being implemented fairly and consistently across the board. Together with our labor partners, we created an awards board to review monetary award nominations that exceed directorate authority. In addition, we increased the utilization of honorary awards across the board. Fort Riley employees are deserving of proper recognition and we will continue to ensure the awards and recognition system is properly utilized to distinguish and reinforce exceptional performance.

As part of our recruitment strategy in acquiring our successor work force, we have imple-

mented a Student Employment Program at Fort Riley in which college students and other degree-seeking individuals are non-competitively placed in vacant Fort Riley jobs. Together with my senior leaders, we have begun to attend college job fairs, employment expos and have personally visited with college representatives, professors and counselors in

attaining qualified students to begin their career at Fort Riley. Anyone who has a son, daughter, niece, nephew or other relative or friend who is a degree-seeking student, or knows of such a student, may refer them to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center for more information on the Student Employment Program. The CPAC is located at 319 Marshall Avenue, and the phone number is 239-6004. Additionally, internal candidates, current Fort Riley employees, who demonstrate the initiative, motivation and confidence to achieve promotion to higher-level positions are sought out to fill critical positions. Three out of four key Garrison positions were recently filled with internal candidates through merit promotion procedures.

The Fort Riley training and development program focuses on providing our current and future work force quality leadership

training that will allow them to handle the challenges of the 21st century. In that effort, we have partnered with Kansas State University to allow Fort Riley employees to attend the exclusive Landon Lecture Series as part of our leadership development program. We also plan to bring a motivational speaker later in the year to talk to the entire civilian work force on leadership skills. Through the on-site Leadership Education and Development course, supervisors and other individuals who demonstrate potential supervisory abilities are provided an intensive one-week training session on developing and fine-tuning leadership abilities. All employees should log on to the CPAC intranet web site, under "Training," for a wealth of information on specific training courses, career development and other related information.

Although my rotation at Fort Riley is approaching its end, as long as I am your Garrison Commander I will continue my commitment to keep Fort Riley the best Army installation in which to work and live and to ensure that Fort Riley is fully prepared and equipped to face the challenges of the 21st century with a highly trained, motivated and qualified successor work force to support and carry on Fort Riley's mission.

Grunt *By Wayne Udden*



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Streamer awarded for full year without DUI

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion 34th Armor received a new streamer to their guidon for a full year without an incidence of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Brig. Gen. David Gross, the assistant division commander for Maneuver, 24th Infantry Division, presented the new streamer during a ceremony at the company motor pool on May 21.

Gross said he was pleased to be representing the company with such an honor, especially when he

knew some units had difficulties making it 30 days without a DUI.

"Other companies are striving to achieve that same goal," he said. "Sometimes you make it sometimes you don't."

"The way you do that is by having a disciplined outfit with great soldiers, very good sergeants, and a not too bad company commander," he said.

Capt. Darren Fitz Gerald, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, company commander, said that upon reaching the 180-day mark, he and the rest of the leadership challenged the compa-

ny to stretch this record out to a full year.

"Probably the biggest part in all of it is the individual soldiers taking care of one another, making sure they have designated drivers and using the buddy system when they went out," said Fitz Gerald.

"It's a testament to the individual soldiers in the unit looking out for each other and the squad leaders and junior noncommissioned officers taking care of their subordinates," he said.

Fitz Gerald said that a major factor in the success of this unit were the weekly safety briefings warning against the dangers of

drunk driving.

"We don't discourage them from going out and having a good time, just do it smart," he said.

Gross warned against the dangers of driving too far for too long, a danger fast becoming greater than DUI. "It's up to us leaders to set the example and not overextend ourselves," he said.

Gross's final message to the company was one of congratulations and also of hope that this trend will continue.

"Keep up the good work, take care of each other like you have been, and we'll all come back from this long weekend," he said.

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that a soldier have six months of remaining service in order to be promoted to sergeant, Purcell said.

The elimination was at the request of Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude, who served as the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel until he was killed by the attack on the Pentagon Sept. 11.

"He felt that there were too many constraints in the regulation prohibiting soldiers to make sergeant. It was an unnecessary hurdle to overcome," Purcell said.

Until recently, sergeants were under strength in the Army, Purcell said. However, conditional promotions to sergeant have helped increase the numbers.

Specialists who meet the cutoff score for promotion -- but are operationally deployed, on a temporary profile or on the waiting list to attend a Primary Leadership Development Course -- are able to receive a conditional promotion to sergeant. However, they are required to attend PLDC within 12 months.

May marked the 12-month deadline to attend PLDC for the first 500 soldiers that were conditionally promoted a year ago. An extension was given to 44 soldiers and three were administratively

reduced to specialist, Purcell said.

The soldiers who were reduced in rank will not have to reimburse the Army because they did serve in the grade of sergeant, Purcell said. They just didn't meet the conditions of their promotion.

More soldiers were expected not to reach the 12-month requirement and be reduced in rank, but three was too many, Purcell said.

"Every soldier's command that was conditionally promoted committed to getting that soldier trained within the mandated time limit," Purcell said. "We shouldn't have one soldier who is reduced in rank because he hasn't been to school. If the soldier isn't qualified, then there are provisions to get him removed from the promotion list."

Another change in promotion policy this fiscal year will affect promotable sergeants graduating from the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course.

Beginning Aug. 1, soldiers will no longer receive four promotion points per BNCOC course week. Forty points will be awarded to individuals who successfully complete BNCOC, regardless of the course length, Purcell said.

"We're treating BNCOC as an equal element. So as we merge

similar MOSs, no one is at a disadvantage," Purcell said. "The perception is people are going to lose points because their course is longer than 10 weeks. That's not true."

"The point system will be applicable to every soldier in the MOS, and the cut-off score will reflect that."

Soldiers who will mostly be affected are ones that are in MOSs that have been merged, such as the medical field. Last year several medical skills were combined under the umbrella 91W. After the merge, some soldiers had promotion points based on a 12-week BNCOC course while others had points based on an eight-week course.

The new point system will give everyone promotion points based on set standards instead of the length of the course, Purcell said.

In July all Personnel Support Battalions will begin converting the BNCOC points, and adjusting promotion points. Soldiers will not be required to do anything, Purcell said.

New Chapel Schedule

Due to air conditioning repairs at Morris Hill Chapel this summer, the chapel schedule has been changed for several services. Below is the new schedule for services beginning June 2.

Catholic (Sundays)

9 a.m. — Main Post Chapel
11 a.m. — St. Mary's Chapel
6 p.m. - Kapaun Chapel

Jewish (Friday)

6 p.m. - Kapaun Chapel

Protestant (Sunday)

9 a.m. - Main Post Chapel (Liturgical)
9:30 a.m. - Kapaun Chapel (Evangelical)
10:45 a.m. - Main Post Chapel (Traditional)
11 a.m. - Normandy Chapel (Contemporary)
11 a.m. - Kapaun Chapel (Gospel)

Children can attend Vacation Bible School June 17-21 or June 24-28, 6 - 9 p.m., at the Main Post Chapel. For more information on the chapel schedules, call 239-2818.

Law Day celebrates freedoms we enjoy

Law Day is an annual celebration sponsored by the American Bar Association to educate the public on aspects of the law and to celebrate the freedoms the law allows us. This year's theme was "Assuring Equal Justice for All."

As part of this year's celebration, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate sponsored a poster contest for Fort Riley fifth graders. Custer Hill, Fort Riley, Jefferson and Ware Elementary Schools fifth graders participated in the poster contest. Each participant received a certificate of participation and a free soda. Each class winner received free hamburger meals from a local restaurant. The grand prize winner, placing first among all participants, was Anicolle Ortega from Custer Hill Elementary. She took home a \$100 savings bond donated by a local bank. The overall second place winner, Brandi Harding from Ware Elementary, took home a free pizza dinner certificate.

OSJA also hosted a golf tournament which had great weather and even better competition. There were 114 players from Fort Riley and the surrounding local legal and law enforcement community that turned out on May 30 to participate. The team of Neal Woodan, Joe Miller and Joe and Sue Martinez, all from Junction City, shot a 10 under par, 62, and won first place honors. Sgt. 1st Class Troy Parmely, Medical Department Activity, took home both closest to the pin and longest drive honors.

The OSJA staff would like to express a special thank you to all of the participants and sponsors of Law Day 2002. Everyone's participation and generosity made Law Day a success!

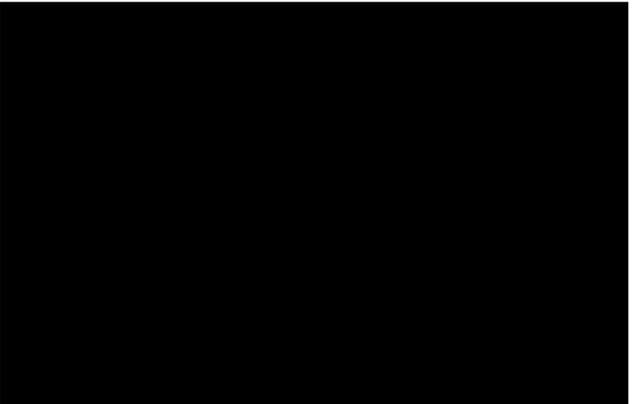
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Briefs

Changes of Command

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team will change command June 24, at 9 a.m. on Cavalry Parade Field. Outgoing commander is Col. John S. Musser II. Incoming commander is Col. Russell D. Gold. The ceremony will be held in Long Gym in case of inclement weather.

On Tuesday, at 10 a.m., 1st Maintenance Company will conduct a change of command ceremony at Pacesetter Field. Capt. David Ware will be departing the unit after 18 months in command. He will be departing the Fort Riley area for Fairfax, Va., where he will be participating in a Training With the Industry assignment at the EXXON Mobil Corporation. The incoming commander is Capt. Kate Trant, who has been in the 541st Maintenance Battalion serving as the battalion S-3.

IG Organization Day

The Office of the Inspector General will be closed June 21. The office will be holding their annual organization day for employees and family members.

Military Homeschool Group

The following are the June activities for the Military Families Homeschool Group. June 3, at 1:30 a.m. will be the regular meeting at St. Mary's Chapel. We will be doing long range planning. Please bring a potluck dish. June 8 at 6 p.m. will be the graduation ice cream social at the Main Post Chapel. On June 14, at 6:15 p.m. there will be a Zoo Overnighter Field Trip to Sunset Zoo. This trip is open to everyone! The cost will be \$11.50 per child, ages five and up. On June 15, at 8:15 a.m. there will be a Parent Pick-up for the Zoo Field Trip to Sunset Zoo and on June 15, at 5 p.m., the Father's Day Bash will be at St. Mary's Chapel. Contact Krista for information on the Girls' Book Club. They will be discussing the American Girls book, Josephine. Gymnastics is over for the summer. For more information, call Lisa

Mason at 784-2799 or Krista Persing at 784-7576.

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 and 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 a.m. If interested, call Ch. Paulson at 239-3436. If no answer, please leave a message on answering machine.

Housing Termination Brief

Residents may now attend the Housing Termination briefing on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. The briefings are held on the third floor of the housing office at 2 p.m. The information provided helps residents understand their responsibilities and options when clearing government quarters.

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.

Pool hours

Post pools are beginning to open for the summer. Custer Hill Pool is already open from 1 - 8 p.m., daily. The Main Post Pool will open Sunday and the hours of operation will be 1 - 7 p.m.

EFMP Summer Camp

The first Exceptional Family Member Program Summer Camp will be Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at Rock

Springs 4-H Center Program, 5405 West Highway K157, Junction City. On Wednesday, children from ages 6-11 will attend. Activities will include horseback riding, swimming, environmental education and canoeing. On Thursday, youth ages 12-16 will attend. Activities will include horseback riding, canoeing, swimming and archery. There will be a larger group attending on Wednesday. Registration to attend the camp must be done by Monday. For more information contact Laurie McCauley at 239-9435.

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.

Thrift Shop open tomorrow

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop will be open tomorrow from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Consignments will be accepted from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Regular 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. Consignments are accepted from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 10 a.m. - noon on open Saturdays.

The Thrift Shop is currently seeking volunteers to help with merchandising, sorting and pricing donations, pulling expired items, straightening shelves, customer service and consignments. 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 call the Thrift 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 operation 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, call 239-2783.

Body Building Competition

In the May 17 Post, one of the body building competition winners was incorrectly identified. The winner in the Women's Masters Division was Paula Lebov, Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion.

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 "Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations" class will be offered on June 12 and 26, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at building 319. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll. DOD 4525.6-M, Vol II, DOD Postal Manual, requires each commander who has a unit mailroom to appoint a unit postal officer and alternate

unit postal officer(s). Each mailroom must also have a primary unit mail clerk and at least two alternate(s), but no more than three. Prospective mail clerks are required to attend a class and bring with them a copy of their memorandum of on-the-job training, 20 days OJT period is required. Testing will be done on an appointment basis by calling 239-5411. Unit postal officers, if not involved in mail handling duties, only need to attend the class; they do not have to take a test. If unit postal officer is involved in mail handling duties, then they must have a minimum of 20 days OJT and will have to take the unit mail test. Prior to rotations, commanders should ensure they have sufficient personnel appointed to perform necessary mail handling duties. An "Official Mail Training" class will be offered on June 13, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at building 319. For information, call Sylvia, 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 available. Shifts will require five hours per day of volunteer time. Benefits for working the five hours each day include free admission, access to the VIP area seating, two meals per day and a T-shirt. There are three shifts to be filled. All volunteers are required to work all three days, June 28, 29 and 30. Volunteers must be able to commit to all three days. There will be a small number of volunteers needed for the Kick-Off Night on June 27.

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

For more information email Mick McCallister at mccallim@riley.army.mil or email Ken Barteau at

Kenneth.Barteau@safetycenter.army.mil.

Music nights weekly

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

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 signifies that there is a shared vision of how the Army and the schools can work together to benefit students. Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 is in the process receiving approval to sign 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.

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Korea after 50 years - Eisenhower retires, makes presidential bid

By Jim Caldwell

TRADOC News Service

WASHINGTON — After weeks of red prisoner of war riots and unrest, U.N. troops swarmed camps to remove communist flags, signs and photos, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

May 30, 1952 — The evidence against the United Nations using germ warfare in the war is "most damning" Peking quotes British Dean of Canterbury Dr. Hewlett Johnson. According to the broadcast, Johnson arrived at the decision after talking to medical personnel and hearing recorded "confessions" of captive U.S. pilots.

May 30 - June 5 — Guards on Kojedo kill five communist prisoners of war who are trying to pass messages between compounds May 30. That touches off a riot within the compound, but Brig. Gen. Jaydon L. Boatner, camp commander, fluent in Mandarin Chinese, uses his knowledge of the Chinese psyche to calm the riot without using force.

Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, visits the island camp June 2 and Boatner briefs Clark. Clark likes what he hears and promises his full support to Boatner.

Then on June 4 Boatner begins the

first of three phases he promised when Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, put him in charge in mid-May.

He told the press then that he will take down the communist flags, photos of Stalin and signs the prisoners have in their compounds, build new facilities for the POWs that are easier to control, and then move the prisoners to the compounds. The new compounds are under construction now.

The deadline passes for the prisoners to voluntarily remove the symbols at noon June 4. The gate to the first compound is opened and two tanks rumble in, followed by infantry. They tear down the flags and posters and leave the compound before the stunned prisoners can react. The troops go through the other three compounds this way.

For the next few days, Boatner has the tanks and troops make a show of force outside the compounds. The communists relent and Boatner achieves his goal without bloodshed.

June 1 — Van Fleet tells reporters that communist troops outnumber U.N. soldiers by 2 1/2 times. But they are "inferior to us in tanks and air capabilities ... It is difficult for me to see how the enemy could win" if they try another theater-

wide offensive.

A Fifth Air Force spokesman reports that during May U.N. pilots shot down 39 communist MiGs, plus five probably destroyed and 21 damaged, against nine U.N. losses in the air. However, 28 allied planes were downed by enemy ground-fire and another eight were lost to



unknown causes.

The United States' 30th atom bomb test again includes soldiers. A bomb atop a 300-foot tower is exploded at 4:55 a.m. and soon after 1,000 troops crawl out of foxholes 7,000 yards away. They advance behind five Patton tanks in a

simulated attack toward the center of the blast. They are stopped before they reach the radiation danger zone at an undisclosed distance from ground zero.

June 1-3 — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower returns to Washington June 1 and goes directly to the White House where he briefs President Harry S. Truman on the state of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Truman gives him a tour of the White House afterwards. Eisenhower retires from the Army June 2 so he can seek the Republican Party presidential nomination. Part of his retirement is held at the White House where Truman awards him with his fourth Distinguished Service Medal for leading the formation of NATO.

Eisenhower's retirement is effective back to May 31. He foregoes his \$19,541.80 retirement pay because he wants to "feel free" to deal with Republican Convention delegates and to keep from "embarrassing the government or the Army."

He's out of uniform when he holds a press conference June 3. He then leaves for Abilene where he'll give a political speech the next day.

June 2 — Three scientists suffer over-exposure in secret atomic tests at Argonne National Laboratory in Chica-

go.

June 2-4 — At the truce talks in Panmunjom, Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U.N. delegate, begins June 2 by offering a recount of communist POWs to North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il. On June 3 Nam refuses the challenge. That keeps the talks stalemated but on June 4, the U.N. team presents 91 more names of allied prisoners verified to be held in communist prison camps, raising the total to 986 troops the enemy didn't account for.

June 4 — The Defense Department releases the tally of U.S. casualties through May 30 — 109,159, including 19,244 dead.

June 5 — Peking radio continues the propaganda about the United Nations mistreating prisoners at Kojedo by calling the actions of POWs "heroic and just." The broadcast says the communists told the United Nations the South Koreans captured with other enemy forces could stay in the South.

Korean war photos can be seen at the Veteran's tent Saturday during Fort Riley's Open House. The display will showcase photos from major military conflicts to include World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Afghanistan.

Recent Fort Riley court martial results released

Recent court martial results on Fort Riley include the following:

Pvt. Robert A. Campbell, Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, was found guilty of disobeying a lawful command, larceny and unlawful entry. While his company was in the field, Campbell entered the barracks room of another soldier and stole a Gortex jacket, a protective mask and a bag containing money. He also disobeyed several orders from his platoon leader. Campbell was sentenced to six months confinement and forfeiture of \$675 pay per month for six months.

Pvt. George Baldowsky, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, was found guilty of carnal knowledge for engaging in intercourse with a female under the age of 16 years. He was sentenced six months confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and reduction to the grade of private, E-1.

A Sergeant from 523d Military Police Team, 924th MP Battalion, 137th Engineer Group, was found guilty of forcible sodomy of a female. The Sergeant's victim was another soldier. The Sergeant was sentenced to 24 months confinement, a Bad Conduct Discharge, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 24 months and reduction to private, E-1.

Spc. Samuel Smith, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, was found guilty of making a false claim, making false official statements, desertion, disobeying a superior noncommissioned officer and failure to repair. Smith was sentenced to confinement for five months, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for five months, a Bad Conduct Discharge and reduction to the grade of private, E-1.

Staff Sgt. Richard P. Nyberg, Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, was found guilty of conspiracy to make a false official statement, making a false official statement and absence without leave. Nyberg was sentenced to 14 months confinement, a Bad Conduct Discharge, forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for 24 months, and reduction to the grade of private, E-1.

Spc. Timothy J. Peterson, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 34th

Armor, was found guilty of desertion, absence without leave, disrespect toward a superior commissioned officer, violating a general order or regulation, assault and aggravated assault. Peterson was sentenced to confinement for four months, a Bad Conduct Discharge, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for four months and reduction to the grade of private, E-1.

Pvt. Matthew W. McBee, Company A, 70th Engineer Battalion, was found guilty of AWOL, wrongful possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, wrongful use of marijuana and conspiracy to wrongfully distribute marijuana. McBee was sentenced to four months confinement, a Bad Conduct Discharge, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for five months and reduction to the grade of private, E-1.

Sgt. Mickel D. Batts, 1st Maintenance Company, 541st Maintenance Battalion, was found guilty of conspiracy to commit larceny, wrongful mail opening, false swearing and larceny. Sergeant Batts was sentenced to confinement for 24 months, a Bad Conduct Discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowance and reduction to the grade of private, E-1.

Pfc. Ryan M. Good, Company B, 1st Battalion, 70th Engineer Group was found not guilty of conspiracy to commit an assault and wrongfully impeding an investigation into the stabbing of Pfc. Lindsay by removing a handgun from the crime scene.

Pfc. George R. Litteral, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, was found guilty of wrongful possession, distribution and use of marijuana. Litteral was sentenced 12 months confinement, a Bad

Conduct Discharge, forfeiture of \$700 pay per month for 12 months and reduction to the grade of private, E-1.

Pvt. Donnell M. Jaja, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, was found guilty of AWOL and wrongful use of marijuana. Jaja was sentenced confinement for 90 days, forfeiture of \$600 pay per month for three months and reduction to the grade of private, E-1.

Pvt. Dominick J. Gilroy, Headquarters and Headquarters Bat-

tery, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, was found guilty of maiming another soldier. The soldier suffered partial paralysis from the neck down. The doctors had to remove one disc in his neck and fuse two others together. He has limited movement with his arms and has a 70 percent chance of walking without assistance. Gilroy was sentenced to 15 months confinement, a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and reduction to the grade of private, E-1.



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Program checks supplies for troops

By Jeremy Heckler
19th PAD

Members of the Inspector General's Command Supply Discipline Program ensure that units on Fort Riley have what they need to fight the nation's battles.

"We measure how well the unit meets the tenets of the program," said Ken Christian, installation command supply discipline program. Christian said the program is mandatory for all units on Fort Riley.

"We determine if units can acquire, maintain and account for equipment," Sgt. 1st Class Ainsworth Jackson, supply inspector.

"The command Supply Discipline program is divided into five different areas, the user level, company level, property book level, battalion level and brigade level," said Christian. He said each additional level is evaluated based on the lower unit's performance.

Before a unit is inspected they can go onto the Fort Riley website and download a checklist of what is expected of them. In addition they can call a toll free number for assistance in advance.

"We show them how to use the staff inspection plan and how to use the ULLS-S4 (computerized supply) system," said Christian.

Once the unit is inspected, the inspectors visually check what is on hand against what is listed on the unit's hand receipts.

"We determine what they have and what they don't have," said Christian. "For each item

that is out of the ordinary they have to provide an explanation."

"If an item is lost and it costs less than \$100 the commander can choose to take care of it, otherwise the cost of the item comes out of the soldier's pocket," said Jackson.

Jackson said that everyone in the unit must participate in order for the program to be successful.

"The logistics section is usually manned by a small number of people, and the trend is for infantrymen and artillerymen detailed to perform the job of the supply clerks," said Jackson. "It is not that they can't do the job, but they just don't know how to do it."

Units are rated green, amber or red, or if they have no supply program in place.

After the inspection, the team goes through and helps the unit improve its rating.

"If the unit is red or has no program, they require follow-up visits until they are amber or green," said Dixie Hostetler, inspection team chief.

Jackson said the inspectors fill that role of teaching them how to properly account for things.

"Our main job is teaching and training soldiers," said Jackson. "Many times a soldier will say 'I didn't know' or 'I was told this' and not told why they do things a certain way and sometimes we need to explain to them how to do it right."

The goal of the program is to save the Army money.

"If a commander goes through his command without paying for anything it is a successful command," said Jackson.

NCO Ball highlights time honored traditions

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

"No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of soldiers. As a noncommissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time honored corps, which is known as the 'backbone of the army.'"

The first part of the "Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer" reminds NCOs of the importance and history of the job that they do everyday for the army. On May 23, over 300 NCOs, officers and family members came together at Riley's Conference Center to celebrate all these aspects of being a 'leader of soldiers' at Fort Riley's annual NCO Ball.

The NCO ball highlighted the progression of NCOs through the ages. Members of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club dressed in period costumes while the narrator talked about changes of the uniform and the duties of the NCO during that era.

Another highlight was Command Sgt. Maj. Dwight J. Brown, command sergeant major for Central Command, who was the guest of

honor.

"This was a great event," he said. "This ceremony is a great statement about this organization to stop and take a night to recognize the legacy of the NCO corps."

Other events from the night included a steak or chicken dinner and a musical presentation from the Junction City High School Patriotic Singers. They sang "America the Beautiful," and Battle Hymn of the Republic.

For Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Bell, operations sergeant for the 24th Infantry Division, thought that the ball sent a great message out to younger NCOs.

"Overall outcome of the ball was nice," he said. "I wish we could do more events together as Noncommissioned Officers and bring the esprit-de-corps back to the corps. This lets the younger soldiers see how great it is to be a sergeant in the Army. If the NCO Corps is on track, soldiers will strive to be a NCO because we are the back bone of the Army."

"We put on balls to preserve our rich heritage of our army," Brown added. "It's important to create this sense of pride in our organization."

After the final toast to the fallen NCOs from the last year, many couples danced the rest of the night away.



Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Hearron and Sgt. John Pierce, the most junior NCO, cut the cake at this year's NCO Ball.



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The Fort Riley Honor Guard salutes the command group before posting the colors to start the NCO Ball.

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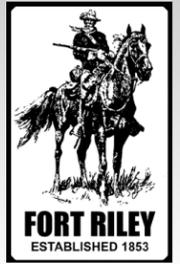
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Approximately 6,000 music fans rocked the night away as headliners, Styx and Kansas played. The concert kicked off Trooper Week and the Memorial Day weekend. Despite a mid-concert rain storm, fans hung in there to hear their favorite bands.

Big name bands rock Fort Riley

Concert kicks off Trooper Week, Memorial Day weekend

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

Bands Kansas and Styx, Tony Schunacher, the Army race car driver, comedian A. J. Jamal and singer Pat Green attracted nearly 6000 people out to the Army Moral, Welfare and Recreation concert tour at Marshall Army Airfield his Monday

This was the first concert on the MWR tour this year. The tour is tentatively scheduled to go to 10 posts across the nation and last until Aug. 24.

All of the acts were pleased to be performing for the Army and supporting the United States on Memorial Day.

"We would respectfully like to thank all the men and women in uniform who work so diligently to serve and protect us," said Robby Steinhardt, Kansas lead singer.

"Sometimes your planets are aligned and everything's right, and where would we rather be on Memorial Day than on an Army base playing for all of you,"

said Tommy Shaw, Styx lead singer.

Pat Green best stated another sentiment shared by each band.

"We've got so many of you out here, we may as well make as much noise as possible," he said.

The evening opened with Jamal who, recently married, covered a lot of material about being a newlywed. Jamal cracked the audience up on subjects as diverse as his parents, singers and cars.

After a brief intermission, allowing for the band to set up its instruments, Pat Green came on and played for about a half hour.

"I wish I was down there having a beer," Green said. "That's the beauty of being the warm up act. I spend thirty minutes on stage and then I can do whatever I want."

There was yet another intermission as Kansas prepared to go on stage.

"I like rock all the way," said Amy Knauss, who came to see Kansas and Styx in concert.

Finally, wild cheers erupted and the

Kansas band appeared on-stage to the sound of fiddle music.

"Good afternoon Kansas and welcome to Kansas!" shouted Steinhardt as fans screamed their approval. "It looks like a great day for rock and roll."

Kansas played many classic favorites such as "Point Of No Return," "Journey Abroad" and "The Preacher," saving its best known songs, "Wayward Son" and "Dust In The Wind," for an encore.

Steinhardt said that the band was now 26-years-old, that it was now a classic rock band and that he could remember when it was still a new band.

"We really appreciate your ears and your hands and your patience," Steinhardt said to all fans of the band.

Just after Kansas left the stage, lightning flashed in the distance and the dark clouds that had been hovering away from the stage descended and began to pour rain onto the airfield.

Most of the crowd held out for about five minutes, but after that short amount of time people began running to the

exits by the hundreds. More left as the storm wore on and many were nervous that the concert would in fact be canceled.

Although the sun did not again shine on the airfield, the rain stopped and the remaining crowd of dedicated fans packed themselves against the stage in a plea for Styx to come out. Wild cheering erupted as men rushed out to wipe down the stage, a clear sign that the show would go on.

If the cheering was loud when the crowd first saw the stage wiped down, it became a roar when Styx walked out on the stage.

Styx played many of its best songs like "Blue Collar Man," "The Grand Illusion" and "Come Sail Away."

"I've been through a lot of Memorial Day's, but this one seems somehow more special," said Shaw before launching into "Suite Madam Blue," a patriotic song originally written for the bicentennial.

Styx taunted the audience by routine-

ly tossing out guitar picks for no particular reason and occasionally only pretending to give one out.

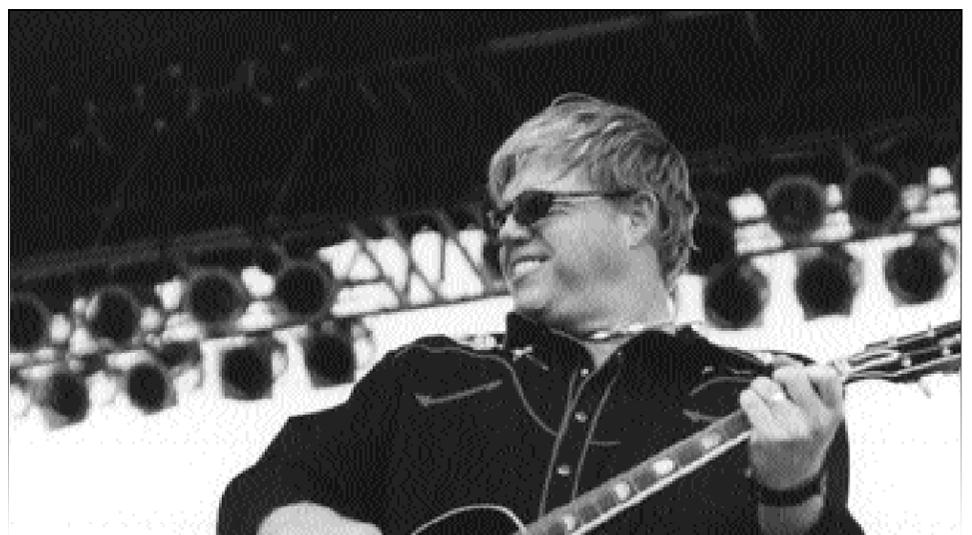
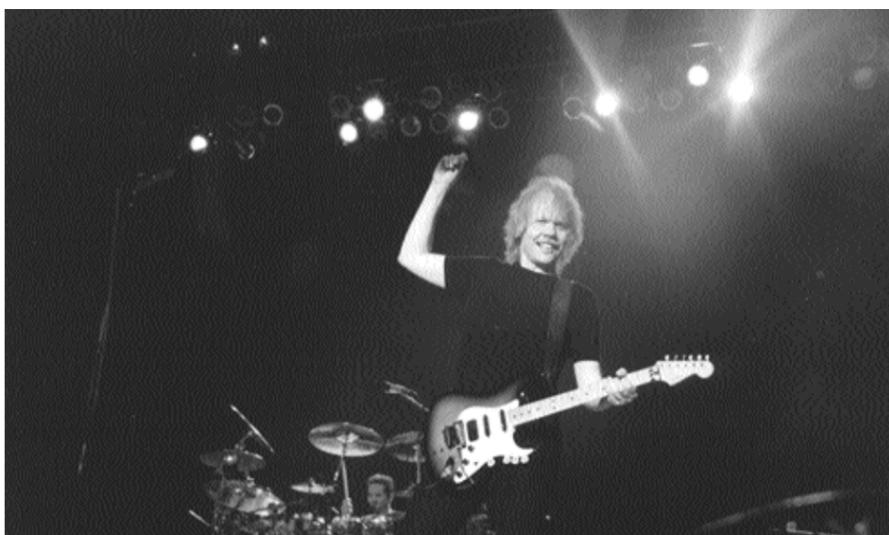
The loud fervor rose in pitch when Styx went off stage, and calls of "We Want Styx," broke out throughout the crowd.

Then the band ran out again carrying an American flag, which they planted at the top of the stage for the duration of the fifteen-minute intermission. They then motioned to the crowd and transformed the cry of "We Want Styx," to "U.S.A."

"I came to see Styx," said Sgt. Jose Zarate, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division. "They're really an awesome band. They really represent the 80's."

"He (Shaw) told me that he liked my shirt," Amber Burton said enthusiastically, wearing a gray shirt of the band.

"I came for a live outdoor concert," said Marc Martin. "It's been a long time. Styx is as fresh today as they were 10 years ago."



Single soldiers tour commissary

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers sponsored a Commissary tour May 21 to promote Commissary Awareness Month, as well as the savings and services available at the commissary.

Wanda Dotson, store director, led the group of roughly one dozen interested soldiers, and made arrangements for free food samples. The participants of this tour had a variety of reasons for choosing to come to the event.

"I came to compare prices from the PX and shoppette to the Commissary," said Pvt. Christy Vargas, Company C, 125th Forward Support Battalion.

"I wanted to learn more about the commissary and find out how beneficial it is for the military," said Pvt. Crystal Andrews, Company C, 125th Forward Support Battalion.

The first stop on the Commissary tour was the pharmacy aisles where medicine is sold. According to Dotson, when families buy the same brand medicine they are

paying mainly for the name, when many of the generic varieties do the same thing.

Dotson next led the group to the produce section, speaking briefly on the cleanliness and variety of the fruit offered, mentioning, before moving on, that seasonal fruits are currently available.

One of the tour's highlights was the international section, which gets deliveries every day and offers types of foods that many soldiers become accustomed to in other countries.

As Dotson passed a shelf of baby food, she pointed out sections with yellow tags beneath them that said, "Best Value."

"That is the stores guarantee that you are getting the best value for that brand," she said. "The commissary beats all outside prices."

"You save an average of 30.4 percent if you shop in the commissary," said Dotson. "If you go anywhere downtown, they're there to make a profit from their markup. There's no markup here."

Dotson then walked to the meat

counter and called out to the meat department manager, Sam Gibbs.

"Every item has a different little recipe," Gibbs said pointing to the preparation suggestion on the label, "and that's just something special we decided to put on."

"Meat comes packaged for single soldiers or for parties," said Gibbs, but added that the meat department can make special orders for special occasions.

"If you ever need a couple hundred hamburgers or steaks, let us know and we can set that up," he said.

The final stop was the deli, which makes fresh bread and prepares sandwiches to order when the flavor you want is not pre-made.

"Our hours are very flexible," said Dotson. "We're open till 8 o'clock every day except Sundays." The commissary is closed on Monday.

"If you ever need transportation and you know there's a sale, call me and I'll come and get you," Dotson told the soldiers. "I feel that strongly about using the commissary."



Post/Selmek

Trudy Barker, Healthy Start home visitor for the Dickinson County Health Department, inspects Ryan Hinman's car seat May 22, during an Installation Prevention Team event for child passenger safety seat check-ups. The event was held at Fort Riley's Child Development Center in conjunction with Buckle Up America Week.

Trooper Night at Sports USA offers music, dancing for soldiers on post

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

Soldiers looking for a new way to spend their Saturday nights need not look any further.

Every Saturday night is Trooper Night

at Sports USA here on post.

"Trooper Night is the hip-hop and R&B night of the week. It's every Saturday from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.," said Atiba Wallace, night operations assistant.

Trooper Night gets a good crowd every week.

"We average between 400 to 500 customers every Saturday night," said Jim Rose, Sports USA general manager. "Last week we had 615 customers."

"Trooper night is our most successful night of the week," said Wallace. "By 1 a.m. we have to do a one-in and one-out policy, and people still wait in line for one and half to two hours."

Wallace explained that the one-in and one-out policy is implemented when the club reaches full capacity. At this point, no one is allowed in until someone else leaves.

"What people like about Trooper Night is that it's the music they want to hear. It's a comfort zone. People feel at home here. People also appreciate the steps we take to create a safe environment," said Rose.

"The best part about Trooper Night is the hip-hop music," said Spec. Marques Harris, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery.

Other customers ask, why go anywhere else?

"The music and atmosphere is good,

and it stays open later than other clubs," said Tiffany Brown.

"Trooper Night is just better than clubs off post," said Pfc. Ateki Coleman, Company B, 125th Forward Support Battalion.

The person at the center of all this is Chris Monroe, who serves as disc jockey and head of security. He said he has been a D.J. for 20 years. "I play everything from hip-hop and R and B to Reggae, slow jams and old school," said Monroe.

"I play records, CDs; in some cases, if I can't find a song I'll bring in my tape deck," Monroe said. "People make request all the time."

Monroe explained some of the details of his security setup.

"On my security staff I have nine males and one female," he said. "All except one is military, and they all rank from E-5 to 1st Sgt., being me."

"We use metal detectors and customers have to empty the contents of their pockets into bowls," said Monroe. He added that the security team also enforces some strict rules.

"We do not allow visible scars, dew rags or head bands. The brims of baseball caps must be worn forward. If you have a walking cane, you must have your doctors profile with you to get in with it," said Monroe.

"And it goes without saying that no weapons are allowed," he said.

"We have two cameras," said Monroe. "One on the crowd at all times and a digital camera to take pictures of customers that break the rules and won't be allowed back into the club." The camera that stays on the crowd seems to be an attraction as well as a security measure.

"We display the video on the big screens," explained Monroe. He said people love to see themselves on TV.

Fun is key at Trooper Night, so Monroe warns those that want otherwise. "We're here to enjoy ourselves," he said. "And if you have other plans, don't come here."

Customers must be 18 to get into Trooper Night and 21 to drink alcoholic beverages, and there is a \$5 cover charge at the door and smoking is permitted.



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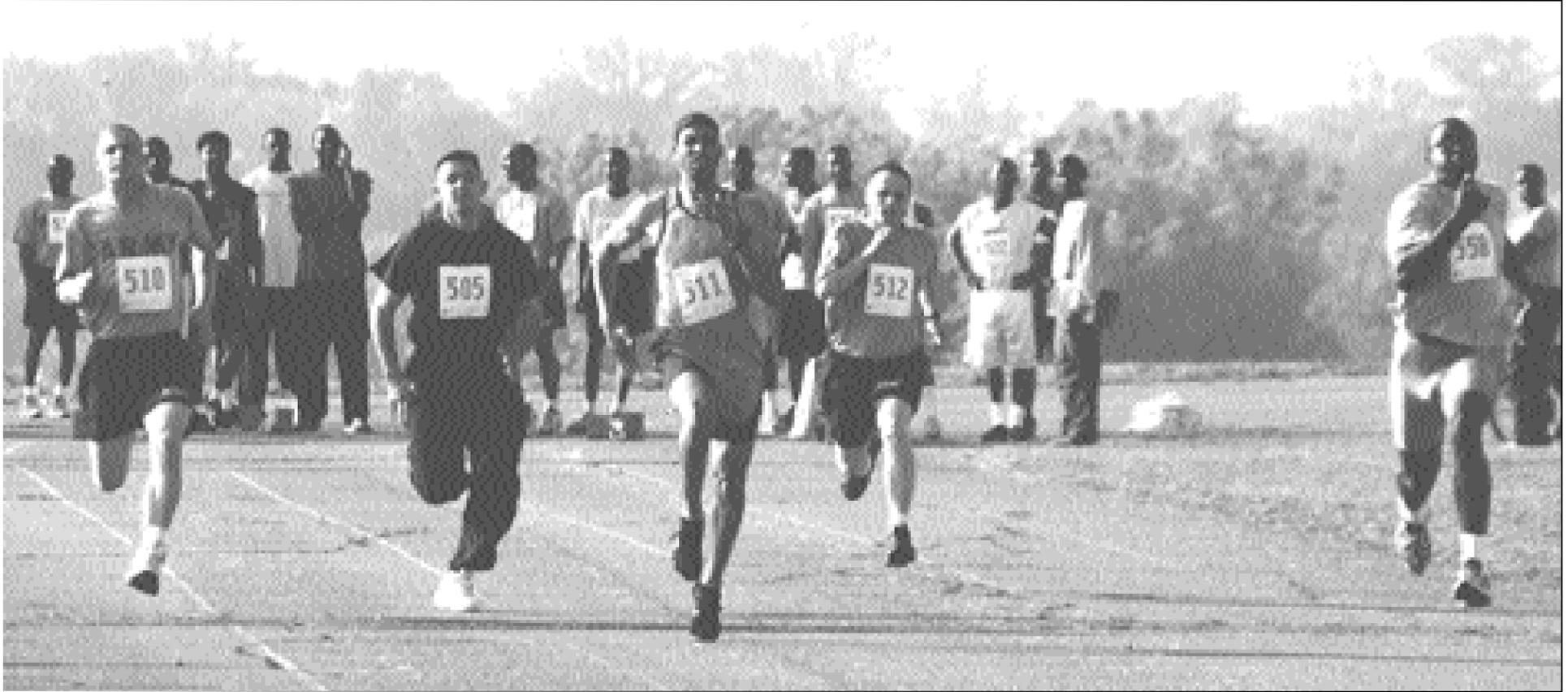
Trooper Night music and dancing go on until the early morning hours.

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Fort Riley Sports

Trooper Week



More than 20 separate events were scheduled during the track and field meet held at the Long Gym Track on Wednesday.

Participants compete during week

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

Fort Riley's finest gathered, as the bad weather headed out of the Fort Riley area Tuesday morning, for the Trooper Week kicked off. Some of Fort Riley's eager fisherman hoped to reel in the "big one," in the fishing tournament beginning at 7 a.m.

The Fishing Tournament was the first of many events, which took place earlier this week. The boats glided on the water in hopes of finding the best fishing

holes on Milford Lake.

As the tournament went into its first few hours, over on post, many were seeing their first action of Trooper Week.

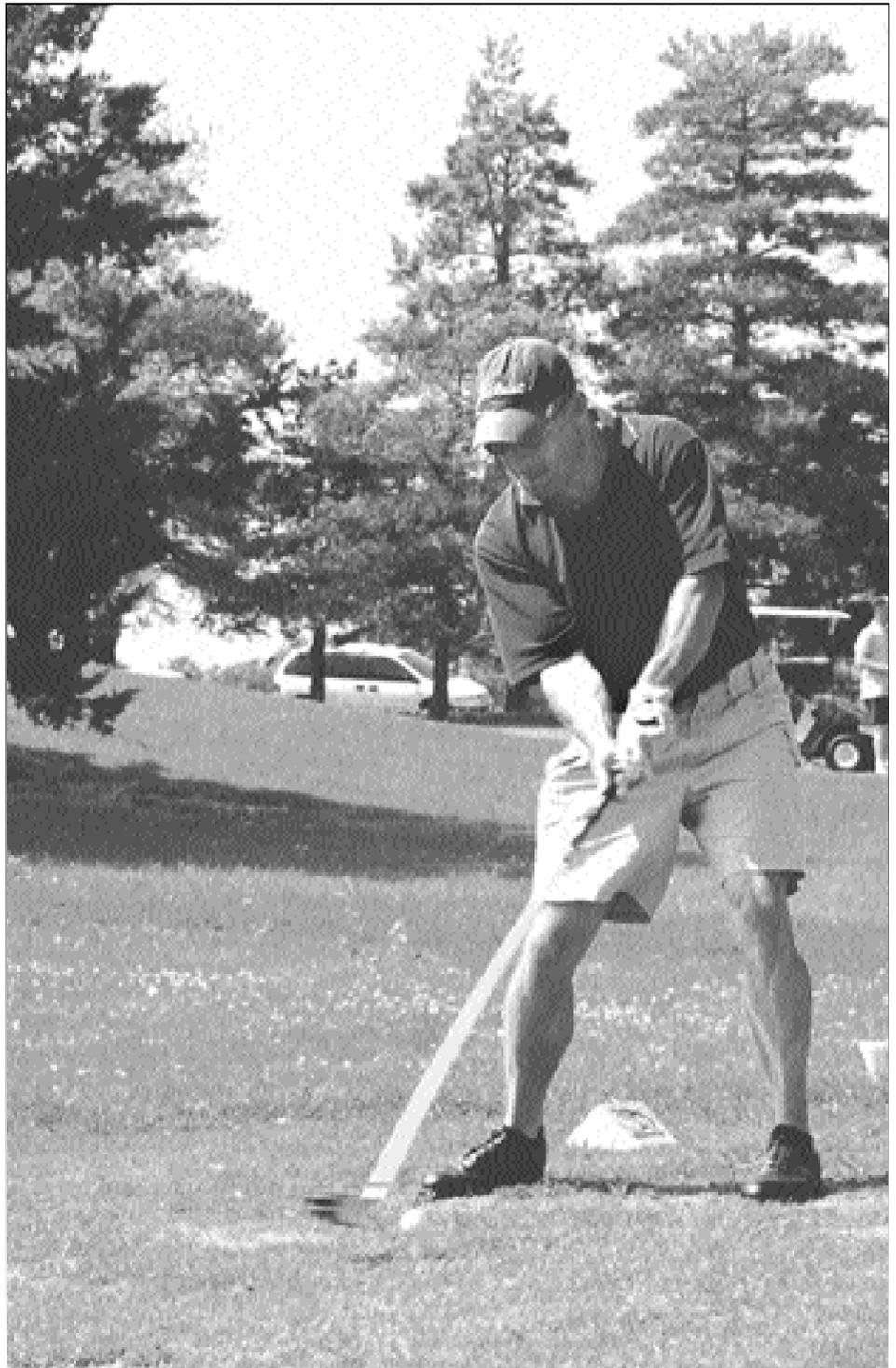
The golf tournament also kicked off early in the morning, with the obstacle course, soccer, flag football, tug-of-war, volleyball, bowling, basketball, horseshoes and softball tournaments, following later on in the day.

"This is a long week of fun and activities," said Barry Sunstrom, intramural sports director at the sports office. "It's a great week with a lot of things going

on, and hoping everyone has a lot of fun."

On Wednesday, the track and field event and the archery tournament swung into action. And on Thursday, the soldiers competing in the swimming relays and the cross-country meet, got down to business.

As the week winds down, the finals of the basketball, flag football and soccer tournaments will be held today. After all is said and done, the awards ceremony will be at 1:30 today. See next weeks edition of the Post for more on Trooper Week activities.



'Sarge' heats up races in Topeka

By Reed Scott

Contributing Writer

Most people think their holiday weekend went by too fast, but speed is exactly what Tony Schumacher, driver of the US ARMY-sponsored Top Fuel dragster was looking for last weekend. The 1999 Top Fuel champion, Schumacher, was at Heartland Park Topeka to compete at the 14th annual O'Reilly Summer Nationals.

What started out as rainy and cold conditions for those that tried to qualify in the professional categories on Friday, turned in to an outstanding event with beautiful temperatures on Sunday for the finals.



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Race goers were able to climb the Army sponsored rock wall.

In honoring the Memorial Day holiday, several vehicles and soldiers from Fort Riley were included in a parade in front of the large crowd. In a fitting tribute to the military, the crowd roared their approval as the vehicles passed. Another highlight from the parade was two individuals that jumped from the Sanyo airship and unfurled a huge American flag as they descended on to the track.

Schumacher represented the Army well by defeating Paul Romine in round one where he covered the quarter mile in 4.64 seconds at over 322 mph. In round two, Schumacher faced Kenny Bernstein in the Bud King. Bernstein had lane choice, but this one was over early when Bernstein's car was unable to do a full burnout, and then shook one of the parachutes loose while trying to recover. Schumacher didn't back off on his single pass posting a time of 4.71 at just over 314 mph.

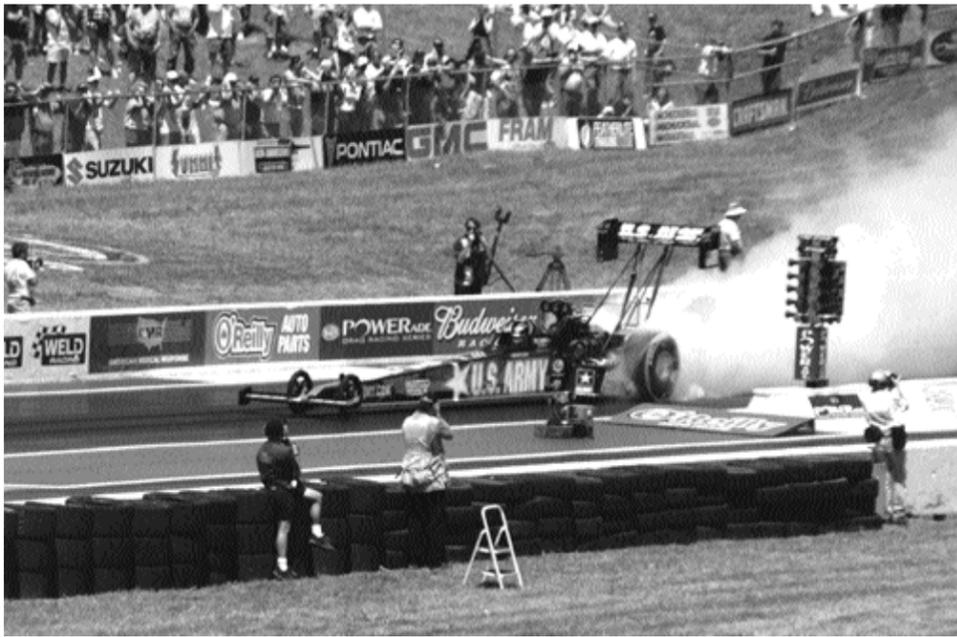
The visit to Topeka started out on a high note for Bernstein on May 23 when Gov. Bill Graves declared it "Kenny Bernstein Day." Bernstein is in his final year, after a 23-year career behind the wheel, and will hand that duty over to his son next year. Despite not being able to compete against the Army car, Bernstein and his crew received a loud and well-deserved ovation from the capacity crowd.

Between rounds, Schumacher spent time signing autographs and talking with fans back in the pit area. The big crowd forming around the popular Army driver, called "The Sarge," consisted of an equal amount of adults and children who received high-fives and had their pictures taken with the personable Schumacher.

In round three, Schumacher took on the leader in the Top Fuel points chase, Larry Dixon in the Miller Lite car. The Army car left first but Dixon drove around him. Dixon ran a 4.65 at 318 mph while Schumacher ran a respectable 4.75 at 313 in the losing effort. Even with the loss to Dixon, Schumacher still left Topeka fourth in the points as the tour heads to Chicago next week. Dixon went on to lose to Darrell Russell in Joe Amato's car in the Top Fuel final. Despite the loss, Dixon still leaves Topeka with a considerable point's lead on Bernstein.

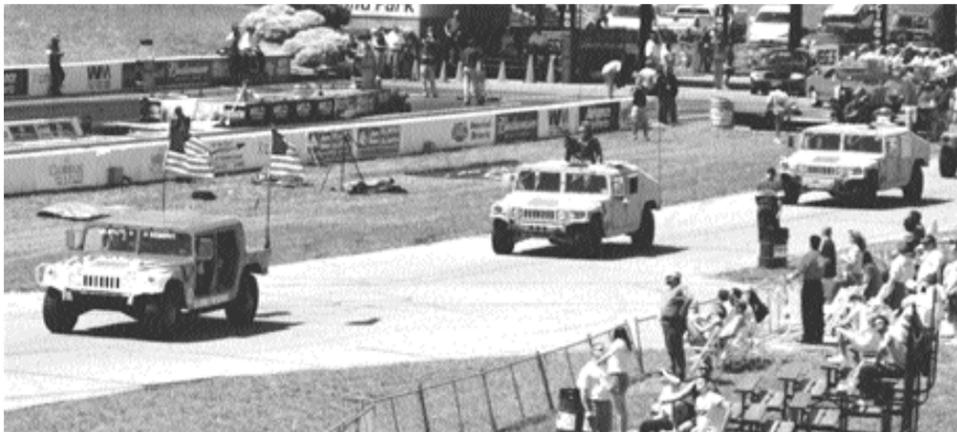
In Funny Car, the John Medlin tuned entry of Tony Pedregon won the final with a 4.91 at 320 mph over Tim Wilkerson's losing 4.99 at 302 mph. The win puts the three John Force-owned cars in positions one through three in points.

In Pro Stock, it was Troy Coughlin posting the win over Mark Whisnat with a 6.92 at 198 mph to beat Whisnat's 6.99 at 197 mph. Although Coughlin took the trophy, Jim Yates left with a 40-point lead over Warren Johnson.



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Tony Schumacher, driver of the US ARMY-sponsored Top Fuel dragster heats his tires as he prepares to face Kenny Bernstein in the quarter finals on Sunday at Heartland Park.



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Fort Riley Humvees took part in a Memorial Day parade at Heartland Park in Topeka.

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Open House features events, fun for adults, kids of all ages

By Heather Pope
Radford University Intern

Attention kids of all ages! Fort Riley's Open House will have an Obstacle Course and Carnival Rides!

The obstacles on the course will include low crawls, tunnels, barrels and wall climbs.

Kids will be given a "secret mission" and will have to navigate through obstacles to the "headquarters." Upon completion of the course, the kids will receive a medal as a reward," said Capt. Brian Kastning, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor.

The course will be set up in three separate lanes, according to age group. The lanes range from age four to 14. Children will go to a tent, where they will find sol-

diers from 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, to help guide them through the course.

Kastning said it's important for children to have fun and be left with a favorable impression of soldiers, Fort Riley and the Army.

The carnival rides will consist of a Trackless Train, a Train with Engineer, Swinging Safari, Tubs of Fun and Propella the Play Plane. These rides are geared toward younger children, while a 26-foot wall climb and weapons firing course are for the teens and adults.

Along with the obstacle course and carnival rides, there will also be pony rides, a mobile petting zoo and face painting. The petting zoo will have llamas and goats along with 16-18 other domestic animals.

"We tried to choose a diverse number of attractions that would be fun for a big group of people,"

said Will Parris, from the Directorate of Community Activities. "The importance of these activities for the kids is to get them actively involved and to create fun for the whole family."

The obstacle course will be located on Main Post in Tuttle Park, while the carnival rides, mobile petting zoo and pony rides will be on Calvary Parade Field.

Because of the array of activities throughout the installation, Fort Riley has established a lost child booth. Children who happen to get separated from their parents will be taken to the command post tent where they can reunite with their parents, said Brad Carlton, open house coordinator.

Hosting this Open House gives Fort Riley an opportunity to showcase its historic district and allows taxpayers to see how defense money is spent through venues for all ages.

ROTC cadets will offer obstacle course, rock wall climb tomorrow at Open House

By Jacob Moulin
K-State Intern

Fort Riley is a blessing for a lot of people, especially the Army Reserve Officer Training Corp Department at Kansas State University. Unlike most of the 250-plus ROTC programs in the United States and surrounding territories, K-State's "Wildcat Battalion" is a major Army post right next door, which comes in handy when you are training future Army officers.

Lt. Col. Arthur DeGroat, professor of Military Science at K-State and former S-3 of 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, believes Fort Riley is an invaluable tool for his cadets.

"Our daily interaction with Fort Riley is the real gem of our program. We benefit greatly from its facilities and leaders."

DeGroat will be back and forth at Open House on Saturday, between his ROTC battalion and the veteran's tent.

"I want to share my Desert Storm experience with people. I would love to hear the stories of other veterans as well," DeGroat said.

From an opposite view, Kansas State is an attractive place from the standpoint of a soldier at Fort Riley. Lt. Kevin Morgan, Goldbar recruiter at KSU ROTC and former soldier in 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, sees K-State as a golden opportunity for soldiers at Fort Riley.

"K-State and Manhattan provide such a wonderful social base that the Army doesn't always provide. Both K-State and Manhattan are very warm, accepting communities," Morgan said.

DeGroat and cadre from the

KSU Army ROTC program will be at the Fort Riley Open House tomorrow.

They will have a variety of activities to offer the public, including an inflatable obstacle course, in a joint effort with U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Kansas City, and a rock wall climb, sponsored by the Kansas Army National Guard. There will also be an opportunity for civilians and soldiers to talk with cadets and cadre about the benefits of Army ROTC.

"My motive is to use my resources and add value to this event. Open House is such a great day for the Army and for America," DeGroat said.

The inflatable obstacle course and rock wall climb activities will be located in the carnival rides area near Pleasonton Avenue during Open House tomorrow.

Open House 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.

MAP

Headhunters defeat Bone Crushers before Trooper Week break

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

Softball teams sometimes have a rough time getting the bats rolling during a game, and with just one base hit, the floodgates can open up and they keep coming and coming.

That is exactly what happened May 23 at the softball complex as the Headhunters of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, defeated the Bone Crushers of 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 11-6.

The game started out with stellar

defensive efforts from both sides. Both pitchers on made key plays to keep the goose eggs on the scoreboard.

As the Headhunters came to bat in the bottom half of the third inning, they motivated each other with cries of "Let's get the sticks rolling."

Getting the sticks rolling is what they did.

After a single by Charles Talley, and with both Brad Berndt and Benn Spielman reaching base safely, Kaaihue Diamond broke the scoreless tie with an RBI-single. After an error on the defense scored another run, Jamal Savage hit a two-RBI triple to make the score 4-0

after three innings.

In the top of the fourth inning, the Bone Crushers had a chance to score some runs, but after a lead-off-triple by Kyle Stow, the inning came to an abrupt end when he was thrown out at home trying to make something happen.

In the bottom half of the fourth, the Headhunters added to their lead, but the Bone Crushers came to bat in the top of the fifth and battled back.

With the score 7-0, they finally woke their bats up and piled on the runs. With runners on first and second, Kevin Gunn scored on an error. Stow then had a sacrifice fly and two runners scored on another

error by the Headhunter defense. Next, Tommy Jones added to the scoring by knocking in a run.

With their lead cut to two runs, the Headhunters answered back.

After a walk and a single, Brian Schieser hit an RBI single. Following Schieser, Kyle Fuchs and Nate Dunham drove in runs of their own, making the score after five innings 11-5.

After a scoreless sixth inning, the Bone Crushers were down to their last at bat.

Things started out promising for them, as they had a leadoff single, but the rally ended with them only being able to

punch one run in.

The game ended with the score at 11-6.

"Our overall performance was good," said Brent Suley. "We overcame and ran our record to 3-0."

"Even though we played worse today than in the past, we were still able to come away with the victory," said Charles Talley. "We got a little lackadaisical out there and almost gave up the lead. We need to go full out the whole game, whenever on the field."

Both the Headhunters and the Bone Crushers will continue Northern League play after the Trooper Week layoff.

Permits required to hunt, fish at Fort Riley

By Tom Duckworth
Fort Riley Game Warden

Fort Riley provides outdoor recreational opportunities for soldiers, their dependents and others with over 60,000 acres of training area open to public access for hunting, fishing and other types of recreation. This area includes 29 lakes and ponds stocked with channel catfish, largemouth bass and rainbow trout.

Fort Riley also stays consistent with the State of Kansas on most hunting and fishing regulations. In some areas, however, Fort Riley is more restrictive than the

state in order to ensure the safety of troops and the conservation of the posts natural resources.

In addition to a state of Kansas hunting or fishing license, a Fort Riley hunting or fishing license is required on post. There are a variety of license combinations available at the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011, Camp Forsyth. Fort Riley hunting and fishing licenses are free to those with rank E-4 and below.

Special regulations for firearms, vehicle access and the harvest of fish and wildlife are all in effect on post. Under current conditions, only Department of

Defense identification card holders are allowed in certain areas of post, and privately owned vehicles may only enter some areas of Fort Riley.

Access to Fort Riley's land for the purpose of outdoor recreation should only be attempted after calling the post's "Open Area Hotline" at 239-6669. A recording is played for the caller that lists areas of Fort Riley that are open on different days and for different activities. It is very important that this listing is consulted each time a person goes a field. Military training always takes precedence over other activities, and open

access areas change daily. Maps, regulation summaries and other information pertinent to outdoor recreation are available at the Conservation Division, DES, building 1020 on Huebner Road, or at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Fort Riley provides opportunities for some of the best fishing, small and large game hunting and non-consumptive uses in the area. But, it is of utmost importance for individuals to check into their pursuits and find out what is required from both the State of Kansas, as well as Fort Riley, before they get started.



Benders set to perform

Tomorrow, the public is invited to Fort Riley for an Open House. The free event will introduce the public to what the U.S. Army and Fort Riley do for the nation, community and its citizens.

For entertainment, the Benders are coming to Fort Riley and will perform beginning a noon on Cavalry Parade Field.

The band will take fans down memory lane as they belt out oldies but goodies made popular by groups like the Platters and Dion and the Belmonts.

The band is a unique blend of costume, dance steps and spontaneous humor, with a solid dance beat.

Their main goal is to provide an entertaining experience. If you like the saxophone, this is a band you won't want to miss.

All across the Midwest the Benders have been the opening act, the main attraction and the band of choice for almost any occasion. And through all these different circumstances, the one single quality that sets them apart from others of their kind is... FUN!

Additionally, many large-scale activities are planned for the Open House, from a weapons firing course to historic tours.

"We have designed the day's activities to be both informative and entertaining," said Brad Carlton, Open House project officer.

"We will showcase the vast amount of military technologies and capabilities resident at Fort Riley, as well as the support systems that make Fort Riley a healthy, vibrant place to live, work and play."

Rolling Thunder in nation's capitol for Memorial Day

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press

WASHINGTON - Their pony tails and beards are now mostly gray. Their faces are worn and grizzled. Yet, the Vietnam veterans who gather here each year on Memorial Day weekend remain determined. They will not let America forget that some of their brothers in arms never came home.

Motorcyclists from across the country rolled two-by-two out of the Pentagon's north parking lot for more than three hours on Sunday. They carried the black and white POW/MIA flag alongside Old Glory. Pentagon security officials estimated the lot held more

than 100,000 motorcycles.

"This is veterans for veterans," said Navy veteran Hugh Bremner, of New Jersey. "After 9-11, people are starting to realize the military does mean something and we've got to take care of it. There are a lot more people here this year and there are a lot more than just bikers here."

The bikers were back in town for Rolling Thunder on Monday, their 15th annual ride to the Vietnam Wall to remind the nation that American prisoners of war and missing in action remain unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. The group staged at the Pentagon parking lot. Tens of thousands of spectators lined the route past the Capitol to the Vietnam Memorial.

Art Foss, president of Rolling Thunder, Inc., Virginia Chapter 3, said there were about 74 veterans in his group. "This is patriotism at its best," said Foss who did two tours in Vietnam and then completed a military career.

Rolling Thunder will always be about the POW/MIA issue, he noted. "We want our government to know we want our POWs and MIAs accounted for."

For the people who are in the military right now, he said, the Vietnam vets want to eliminate any fears they may have that if something happens to them, their country is going to bring them back home. "We're not going to forget anybody and that's the way it should be."

The Vietnam vets are now in their 50s and 60s, Foss said. "Who's going to carry the torch when we're gone. That's why we're trying to educate the public and our children, he said. "That's why we go speak in schools. It's not just to elaborate on what we went through as Vietnam veterans. Somebody has to carry forth after we leave."

Rolling Thunder is about the Vietnam POW/MIAs, but it's also about today's military and the families of all who serve, said Foss who works as a bus driver at Quantico Marine Corps base in Virginia. He said that even after he retired from the military he wanted to stay within the military family.





Tallgrass prairie seldom unbroken in Kansas

By Alan Hynek
DES Biologist

As Lewis and Clark made their way up the Missouri River in 1804, they came upon an unexpected discovery. In the Northeast corner of Kansas they took a left turn up a smaller, yet mighty river, later to be named the Kaw. What they did not anticipate was the end of the deciduous forest and the beginning of the tallgrass prairie.

They had never seen or heard of a prairie like this before. The grasses in the fall of the year were sometimes head-high to a person. Not only were the prairie plants strange, but the wildlife as well. Prairie animals, like bison and prairie dogs, were first encountered on their brief stint up the Kaw River. To the explorers, it was almost like entering a new

world. Today, less than 5 percent of the original tallgrass prairie remains unbroken and in good condition. It is considered by many to be the most endangered ecosystem in North America. Most of the remaining acres of tallgrass prairie are in the Flint

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Hills of Kansas and Oklahoma, simply because the ground was too rocky and the soil too shallow to be useful for crop production. To the east of Fort Riley, most of the remaining tallgrass prairie is found in small hay meadows. States like Missouri have only a few fragments of tallgrass prairie remaining.

Fort Riley is located on the northern edge of the Flint Hills. You can see the characteristic rolling hills on the southern and

eastern parts of the installation. The western part of Fort Riley begins the subtle transition to the Smoky Hills region of Kansas. Across the installation, a host of indigenous wildlife, such as greater prairie chicken, Henslow's sparrow and elk, can be found, even as they are increasingly rare

or absent elsewhere. Lesser-known species, like prairie mole crickets and the regal fritillary butterfly, are also present on Fort Riley, which are indicative of the quality of habitat found on the installation.

Although this area receives enough rainfall to produce an abundance of trees, the occasional wildfire kept the forested areas confined to narrow belts along major streams. There was nothing to stop the fires except for the

large rivers and rainfall. Today, landowners mimic the natural fires by setting prescribed burns in the spring of the year. These fires are critical to keeping the prairies in good condition.

Many factors have shaped the landscape of the Flint Hills, including drought, flood, fire, extreme heat and cold. The many plants and wildlife that inhabit the tallgrass prairie have adapted to life out here on the plains. We see influence from the deserts of the southwest, the deciduous forest to the east and prairie to the north. In essence, it is where east meets west and north meets south. Therein lies the subtle beauty of the Flint Hills of Kansas.

For more information on the tallgrass prairie, stop by the Directorate of Environment and Safety, Conservation Division, building 1020, or call 239-6211.



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East of Fort Riley, most of the tallgrass prairie is found in small hay meadows.

New weight program begins next month

By Emilie Howe
MEDDAC PAO

"Weigh to Stay" is the Army's new weight management and education program to fight obesity.

In June 2002, the Weigh to Stay will be standardized throughout the Army to ensure continuity of care, according to Col. Brenda Forman, nutrition consultant, healthcare operations, Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Forman said it would provide our soldiers with the tools to achieve and maintain Army weight standards. This leads to improved soldier readiness, health status, and fitness for duty.

"I think soldiers need to have a way to evaluate what is a good weight loss program," said Beth Jallagher, a registered dietitian at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

The Nutrition Care Division of ACH will begin Weigh to Stay classes next month. This starts with a two-hour class that will be given by a registered dietitian, and follow-up sessions will continue the education process and offer immediate feedback concerning an individual's progress. There is no class fee. Fort Riley servicemembers who meet the Army weight standard, but want

to lose a few pounds, are encouraged to participate.

According to Forman, soldiers and their family members will learn the basic principles of weight reduction, exercise and behavior modification. Weigh to Stay activities will be analyzing a participant's food and exercise diary, and measuring a person's body composition at certain intervals.

The Weigh to Stay program addresses a problem, said Dr. David Satcher, U.S. Surgeon General, Public Health Services, Washington, D.C. Satcher reports

that 62 percent of Americans are either overweight or obese, compared to 48 percent in 1980. He said that over 300,000 deaths per year are attributed to obesity related illnesses.

For more information about the Weigh to Stay program, see the U.S. Center for Health Promotion and Prevention website at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil>. To sign up for Weigh to Stay classes, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or call toll free at 1-888-874-9378.

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