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# FRIDAY

# Fort Riley Post



## General reassigned

Brig. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski, assistant division commander (forward), 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and deputy commanding general (south), First U.S. Army, Fort Jackson, S.C., is being assigned to V Corps, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany, as deputy commanding general.

Replacing him is Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hood, who is currently Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations KFOR (Main), Film City, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. No official date has been established for this transition.

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# Open House draws thousands to historic Fort Riley

By Lori Bultman  
Editor

"It was a long way to get here," said Jeremy Vanbergen, 9, of St. Louis, Mo., as he sat in a Humvee in Cavalry Parade Field during the Fort Riley Open house on Saturday.

Vanbergen's family drove in for the event and picked up several cousins along the way, he said. His words can also be used to describe the tremendous effort that went into making the event possible.

"They have done splendid in putting this whole thing together," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley. "You start with a staff that gets the general plan, and you issue the tasks to the units."

According to Brad Carlton, G-3 Operations, the planning began in early January and work continued until the full rehearsal May 31. The amount of effort people put into making the event a success was enormous he said.

"Over 1,500 soldiers were utilized to construct and operate eight military style attractions, ranging from weapons firing to the Night Vision Demonstration," said Carlton. "And for transportation, Fort Riley leased 150 school buses and provided military drivers who were trained not only on the three bus routes, but also on the history and points of interest along the routes. By the close of Saturday's activities, the visiting crowd was estimated to have been near 10,000."

As Carlton ate lunch under one of the Family Readiness Group

food tents he talked about the Open House activities. "We did a good job of telling about the Army and Fort Riley; who we are and what we do," he said, referring to the Expo Center and the other displays and demonstrations on post. He also liked the music and carnival rides for the kids. "I am very pleased with the festival atmosphere we were able to create."

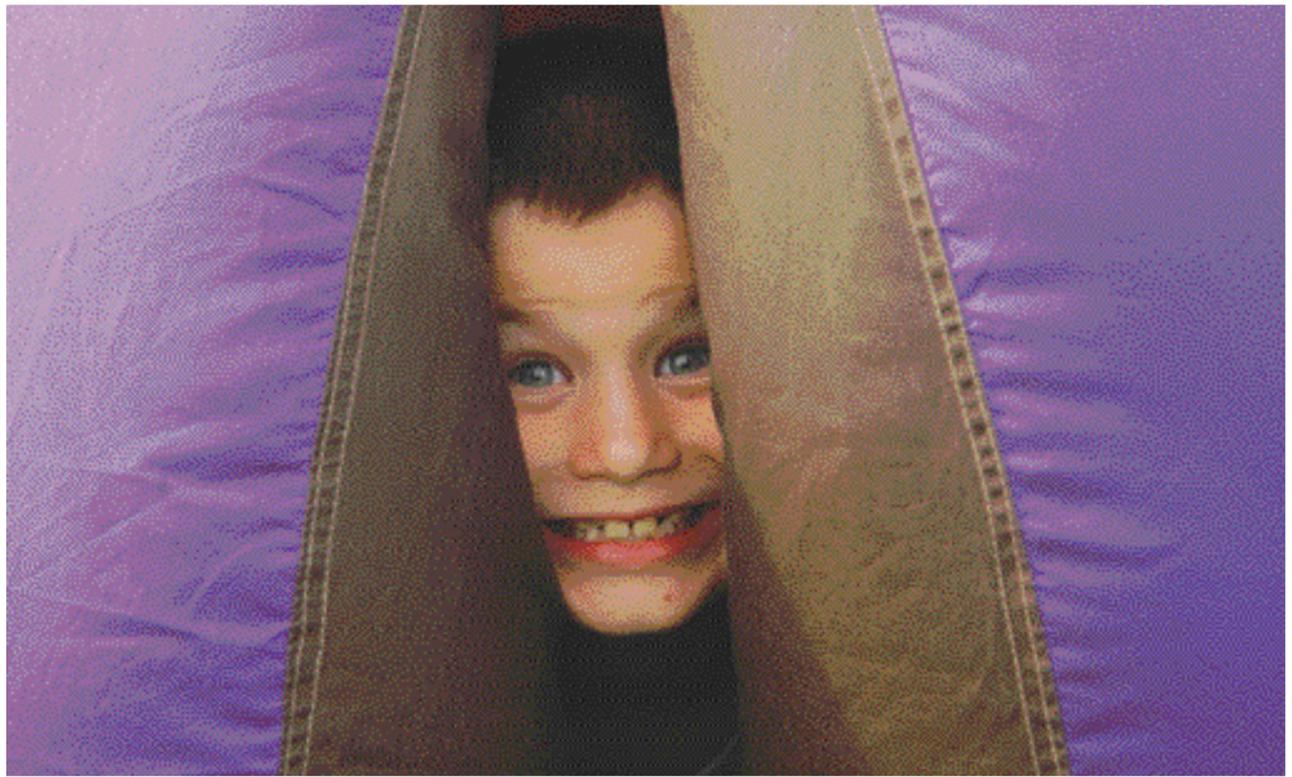
There was certainly plenty to do and lots of food to eat due to the hard work of family support groups. In all, 32 FRGs, teamed up with eight commercial vendors, to serve food to the many guests, Carlton said.

One of the most popular attractions, according to Carlton, was the inflatable obstacle course that the recruiters set up. Kids, and adults, were bouncing and climbing through the course right up to 5 p.m., when the festivities came to a close. "Recruiting is one of the big reasons we do this (Open House)," Carlton said.

And, according to some of the youngsters at the event Saturday, it was a positive influence on their perspective of Army life. "The Army is cool," said a 10-year-old girl as she waited to enter the Bradley Fighting Vehicle simulator. "I live in Manhattan, and I have never been out here. There is a lot of cool stuff to see here."

The Walk Through Time at the Veterans' Tent was also a popular attraction. "It was really an honor to have our veterans as part of the living history display," Carlton said.

Trina Avery, an employee on post, would agree. She spent some time in the Veterans' Tent researching her father's unit from World War II. According to Avery,



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**Jerermiah Clark, 6, of Milford, plays peek-a-boo on the Purple Propella Plane at Fort Riley's Open House on Saturday. The event featured live music, carnival rides, exhibits, food, tank simulators and more. See page 9 for more.**

her father was in the 256th Quartermaster unit attached to the Marines in Okinawa, Japan.

"I am a veteran, and I have always been interested in what my father has done for his country. He is a great man," she said. She coordinated her efforts with Peter Paras, director of Fort Riley physical security, who had several books and a patch collection displayed at the tent.

Avery even called her father in

Indiana on her cell phone in order to get more information to help locate his patch in the display. She said she also enjoyed talking to other WWII veterans at the tent and learning what part they had in the war.

At the Close Combat Tactical Trainer visitors had a chance to test out one of the 31 simulators that are used to train Fort Riley troops, but only after they were checked off on each one at the sta-

tic displays outside, said Mike Kryschtal, CCTT site manager.

There are 14 Bradley, 10 M1A1 tank, six dismounted troop and one Humvee simulator at the CCTT, Kryschtal said. They can all be used together to create a simulated battle just like it would be in the field, he said.

And, this experience was not one just for the kids. There were many adults in the hot seat also. Glenn Fager, a retired Air Force

pilot from Osage City, said he enjoyed his drive in the M1A1 Tank simulator. "I have flown aircraft simulators before, but never anything like this," he said of the M1A1.

Visitors also had a chance to navigate their way through a darkened room full of obstacles with the help of night vision goggles in the Own the Night area of the

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## Reservists receive help preparing for deployment

By Jeremy Heckler  
19th PAD

In the history of the United States, men have laid down the vestiges of their jobs and crafts at a moment's notice for the uniform of their country.

Members of the 329th Quartermaster Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Missouri who is tasked with providing logistical support to a deployed task force in southern Asia and managing their supplies, have carried on that tradition, leaving their careers and families for a future deployment.

"We found out in mid-May that we would be mobilizing on May 28," said Maj. Russell McWaters, 329th Quartermaster Bn. executive officer.

The notification left the unit with about two weeks to put all of their affairs in order before they came to Fort Riley. One of the major concerns for many citizen soldiers is whether their job will be waiting for them when they return home.

"I had just gotten a new job and was hired through a temporary agency which isn't covered by the servicemen's protection act and I was really concerned about what would happen when I got back," said McWaters. "The company said that my job would be waiting for me when I got back, and when I found out it was like the weight of the world was off of my shoulders."

For many of the deploying soldiers, there was no decision involved as they volunteered to be put in harm's way.

"As a reservist, we know it's part of the job and we had more volunteers than vacancies," said Maj. Joe Hruska, support operations officer. Hruska said he signed on after the major originally tasked to go in the position became nondeployable.

"All of our people give up a weekend a month, or two weeks in the summer where they are on leave from the company they work for," said McWaters. "They have a sense of fulfillment in doing their job here."

For many, one of the hardest parts of being deployed is being away from family.

"Being deployed is really hard on the kids. When my daughter asked if she can come and visit me while I'm deployed, I had to tell her no," said Hruska.

"If people didn't stand up to terrorist, more children will die, so there are always certain sacrifices to make," he added.

The unit is currently training on Fort Riley as they put the final pieces in place for their departure.

Preparing them for that departure is the 541st Maintenance Battalion.

"We are providing them with unit maintenance readiness train-

## Legal office wins annual excellence award

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

The Legal Assistance Office of the Fort Riley Staff Judge Advocate won an Excellence in Legal Assistance Award and will receive their certificate later this month.

This award, given annually, recognizes both active duty and reserve legal assistance offices that have demonstrated a consistent efficiency in providing legal services to soldiers and their families.

"This award recognizes excellence in legal assistance as well as creative legal assistance," said Capt. Jason Bell, legal assistance officer.

Although this award covers the fiscal year, from October 2001 to 2002, Bell has only been in the position since January. Still, he believes that the award is the result of many programs and services offered by the legal assistance department.

One of the programs offered by the department is the Fort Riley Tax Center, which runs during the tax season, Feb. 1 through April 15, and assists with tax preparation.

"We function just like a civilian attorney, except our customer is the Army," Bell said. Other services the office provides include notarizing of public documents, powers of attorney, wills, reports

of survey, evaluation reports, family law, naturalization, step-parent adoption, consumer law, bankruptcy, contract reviews and small claims.

"We brief all new soldiers on preventative law, publish periodic articles and write informative customer handouts advising soldiers on legal rights," he said.

Bell said that of the more than 10,000 active duty soldiers on Fort Riley the office served last year, they only scratched the tip of the iceberg.

The office also served 11,699 family members and 16,365 retired soldiers and family members, totaling more than 41,000 people the office served last year.

"Soldiers have Commissary privileges, they have PX privileges and they have legal privileges, which many people don't think about," said Bell.

"We really don't work for the command," he said, "we work on behalf of soldiers. We represent soldiers."

Bell thinks that the legal office definitely has a chance at winning next year's award and has already initiated several new programs to assist with that.

"We're printing more handouts, and we're working with the command financial NCOs (non-commissioned officers)," he said. "It's not only doing it, but doing it well."

## GI to Jobs helps soldiers receive certifications

Army News Service

the certification process in their MOS."

Under this initiative, soldiers will know what is necessary to complete certification or licensure requirements for jobs related to approximately 100 military occupational specialties. All MOS-applicable credentialing examinations are clearly identified and articulated, by MOS, to ensure success.

Some occupations have certain professional and technical standards. The process of meeting these standards and earning official recognition, in the form of credentials, licenses or certificates, is called credentialing. Private and government organizations set credentialing standards to ensure that individuals meet the standards for their profession. There are two primary types of credentialing, licensure and certi-

but great news for the Nation as well," said Frost "The Army offers the best training in the world, and when you add extraordinary experience, additional study and leader development, the country will benefit from GI to Jobs with exceptionally qualified veterans for the 21st century workforce.

"In addition to giving soldiers an opportunity for professional growth and a head start on transition to civilian life after Army," said Frost, "the GI to Jobs initiative also benefits retention and recruiting. Potential recruits want assurance that they will receive the same opportunities in the military that their peers have in civilian careers. The GI to Jobs program, when combined with military training, offers them that advantage and more." She added, however, that the extensive

with the Army's Partnership for Youth Success programs. The PAYS is a recruiting initiative that was initially developed by the U. S. Army Recruiting Command to appeal to young people who are interested in having a quality civilian job after serving in the Army. This unique program will be part of the Army's effort to partner with industry. To show and sell the PaYS skill options available to applicants, the recruiter will have access to information that crosswalks MOSs to industry skills and also depicts long-term job forecasts from participating companies. Army agreements with some companies may provide the soldier with credit for service in the Army or advanced placement based on skill certification. The certification gap analysis and the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Edu-

# "Think Safety First" during summer months

It is time again to kick off the 01 days of summer here on Fort Riley. Soon we will be traveling, going to the lake, participating in outdoor sports and a variety of other summer activities. While planning for your summer activities, I encourage everyone to "Think Safety First". The summer months bring with them many opportunities for fun; however, they have great potential to be dangerous without proper planning. I have listed some common precautions that can help ensure a safe and enjoyable summer.

The single greatest killer of off-duty soldiers on Fort Riley and Army wide is personally owned vehicle accidents. During the summer months, the potential for travel increases the risk of accidents. Be sure to get plenty of rest prior to travel, give yourself adequate travel time to reach your destination, always wear your seat belt and take frequent breaks while on the road. Never drink and drive. Plan carefully to ensure that you and your family return safely.

Now that school is out, everyone including me is looking forward to the summer with excitement and dreams of family fun, fun and relaxation. But summer also poses special fire hazards for you and your family. Summer should be a time to have fun and implementing a few fire safety tips will protect you and your loved ones, and ensure you have a safe summer.

Almost all fires can be traced to a failure either of the equipment or of a human. Most fires however are the result of someone failing to take reasonable precautions that eventually lead to the fire. This is especially critical as we are now cooking outdoors, operating mowers and trimmers, and working with gasoline, paint

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

thinners, and other flammable materials.

With the coming of warm weather I have noticed more families are barbecuing. Last year on Fort Riley we experienced 2 house fires directly related to outside cooking and barbecuing. A BBQ grill, just like a car or truck, needs to have regular preventative maintenance performed to ensure it will operate properly. A loose valve or connection leaks gas, which will catch fire and put you and your whole family at risk. A loose gas line caused one of our BBQ fires last summer, resulting in damaged to the family's quarters. The best way to check your BBQ's gas system is by turning the bottle on and squirting soapy water over all of the connection points. The bubbles created by the escaping gas will identify any leaks. Treat propane with respect, because it's always eager to ignite. All it needs is a static spark, electrical arc, or other source of ignition.

Charcoal Barbecues pose another risk to your family's safe-

ty and should be used with caution. Particularly:

\* Use only an approved starter fluid. Do NOT use gasoline.

\* Store the starter fluid in a safe place that is not accessible to children. Special childproof caps are available at your local dealer. Solid fuel fire starters or electric fire starters are also available.

\* Keep the barbecue area free of twigs, dried leaves and paper products.

\* Place the charcoal barbecue in a well-ventilated area as poisonous gases, especially carbon monoxide, are released from burning charcoal briquettes.

\* When you are finished barbecuing, soak the coals with water to prevent their re-ignition and ensure it is thoroughly extinguished before disposing. Live coals or hot embers can start a fire - be extremely cautious! The safest place for charcoal is in the barbecue grill with the lid close.

\* The use of solid fuel (charcoal or wood) barbecues is NOT permitted on balconies of buildings.

If you are planning to spend your time around water, whether you are swimming, fishing, boating or just sunbathing, take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your family from accidents. Identify all non-swimmers and make sure they wear the proper life preserver, swim only in designated areas, never swim

alone and do not swim beyond your capabilities. While boating or operating any watercraft, always wear a life preserver, use safe boating practices and be sure to watch out for swimmers.

For all of you who plan to participate in any outdoor sport or activity, it is important to take steps to prevent heat related injuries. You should always wear sunscreen to protect your skin from direct sunlight, drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration, be able to recognize the early indications of dehydration and heat stress (headache, nausea, dizziness, etc.) and rest in a shaded area when possible.

If you are going to drink, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTION. Alcohol related accidents are not acceptable in the Fort Riley community. Alcohol will impair your judgment, slow your reaction time and debilitate your physical actions. For your own safety and the safety of everyone around you, NEVER DRINK AND DRIVE!!!!

If we all work together and do our part, we can wrap up this 101 days of summer with a record low in accidents and injuries. We are a team, and each member of the Fort Riley community plays a very important role; we cannot afford to lose anyone to an accident. Proper planning, early prevention measures and watching out for each other is the key to a safe and enjoyable summer. As always, don't forget to "Buckle-up."

## Grunt *By Wayne Ulden*



## Open House *continued from page 1*

CTT. Night vision can be exciting to someone who has never experienced being able to see clearly in the dark. A young girl said, as she placed her goggles to her eyes after the lights went out in the room, "Wow, it's not scary anymore."

In the second phase of Own the Night, guests looked through night vision scopes on weapons. They searched in the dark for tank silhouette targets, but a soldier manning the display gave them some helpful advice, should they ever join the Army and be in a combat situation, "I wouldn't rec-

ommend firing at an Abrams tank though, because it would just make it mad, and give up your position."

In all, the Open House was a big success. Carlton said he was told on several occasions by Military Police that they were very pleased with the crowd demeanor.

Carlton also said that there were no incidents. "Using the historic district of Main Post contributed to the pleasant atmosphere," he said.

In remarking on the day's

events, Metz said that the thing that stood out most to him were the families.

"There are some of our families, and there are families from all over the state and adjoining states, and it's just great to see all these folks show up," he said.

He added that the Open House event is something that he plans to continue in the future. "I think (spring) is the right time of year to get our neighbors to come out and see us, and we look forward to doing it next year."

## Reservists *continued from page 1*

tatus," said Kounas. The unit has been working hard to make sure the quartermaster battalion is ready to go.

"It's been challenging for us with a lot of long hours and a lot of coordination to ensure that we're meeting their needs," said Kounas.

He said this is one in a number of different missions, such as working the Open House, that the battalion has been responsible for.

The experience has been a positive one for both battalions.

"It's been a shared learning experience for us and them," said Master Sgt. Dawyne Jackson, noncommissioned operations officer 541st Maintenance Bn.

"They are learning a lot about their real world mission and I've learned a lot from them as well."

"The quality of training and responsiveness to our questions have been great. Whenever we ask for something there is never a 'no,' but always a 'Yes, we will make it happen,' and they work to make it happen," said McWaters.

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# Korea after 50 years - Red POWs move to smaller, more secure camps

By Jim Caldwell

Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, June 4, 2002) — In an effort to reduce riots and other communist-inspired mischief, the United Nations finished moving Red prisoners of war from large compounds to smaller, more secure facilities, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

June 6, 1952 — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, former U.N. supreme commander in Korea and now NATO commander, visits Ste. Mere Iglese for a D-Day observance. It is here that he led the 82nd Airborne Division airdrop during the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944.

He says communists must not mistake the West's "tolerance and magnanimity" while enduring the "deep anxiety" to Republic of Korea President Syngman Rhee over Rhee's dispute with his country's National Assembly.

Under the ROK constitution, he assembly chooses the president. Rhee wants the constitution

changed to permit national presidential elections.

Rhee has Pusan under martial law. He has some of the assemblymen arrested on charges of endangering the country while it's at war with the communists. Many of the opposition members stay away from Pusan because they fear for their safety.

June 6-12 — Fighting in the I Corps west-central sector above Seoul is some of the fiercest of the year. Most of it takes place in the hills near Chorwon.

From June 10-11 the communists fire more than 6,400 artillery and mortar rounds on U.S. positions. U.N. troops, supported by tanks and aircraft, carry out swift attacks on enemy hilltop positions in the area.

F-86 Supersabre pilots engage in dogfights with the enemy near Manchuria. On June 6, they claim seven MiG-15 kills and two damaged. On June 11 they bag two more MiGs.

June 7 — Air Force officials report that so far in the war U.N. pilots have destroyed 361 enemy planes, probably destroyed 58 more and damaged 507.

June 8-9 — Maj. Gen. Daniel H. Hudelson, former commander of the California Guard's 40th Infantry Division, has returned from Korea to retire from the Army June 8. He says if the com-

munist attack in Korea, the Eighth Army couldn't "stand up to the hordes," even with superior equipment. He's "not sure why we are even fighting."

The next day at a House Military Appropriations Subcommittee Army Secretary Frank Pace and Chief of Staff J. Lawton Collins are asked about Hudelson's remarks. Pace says Hudelson's remarks about the Eighth Army's capabilities are "contrary to everything that our highest military leaders in the field have to report."

June 10-12 — At 6:15 a.m. June 10 about 1,000 troops from 3rd Battalion, 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, tear down part of the fence around Compound 76 in the Koje-do POW camp to subdue the 6,500 North Korean prisoners and move them to new quarters.

This begins the last of Brig. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner's three pledges to restore order when he took command of the camp in May.

The North Koreans are the worst and most violent of the communist prisoners.

The paratroopers line up with bayoneted rifles at port arms and move through the compound, forcing the prisoners back. Rifles are not loaded, and the Americans cannot load and fire unless a commander gives them an order.

Other soldiers and tanks surround the compound to prevent escape attempts.

The prisoners set their huts on fire and soon both sides are covered by thick smoke.

As the North Koreans are pushed back beyond their last trench, they show their spears and knives made in their machine shops. They're yelling and screaming when the GIs throw concussion grenades among them. Many prisoners flee and there's only about 150 left when the two sides clash.

When it's over 43 POWs and one American are dead. Sixteen of the dead were speared by their own side when they tried to run.

The survivors are divided into groups of 500 and marched off to their new homes. Boatner wants to keep the groups small and separated to minimize problems that occur with the large compounds.

The 6,349 prisoners in Compound 78 and 6,200 in 77 witness the fall of Compound 76, so the next day they do not resist when the paratroopers move them.

Compound 66 was prepared to resist, but Boatner escorts the senior officer through Compound 76. The carnage was enough to convince the commander to persuade the other POWs not to put up a fight. They were also relocated without incident June 12.

The 4,800 POWs in Compound 48 are the last to be moved on June 12. As they're being escorted to new facilities, about 500 prisoners break away from the main group and beg for asylum.

Soldiers search the empty compounds. In 76 they find 16 Korean bodies that, the prisoners say, were tried as traitors and killed with spears.

They also find written plans for a mass breakout of all the compounds. Working in synchronization, they were all planning to cut through the fences and all rush toward the hills, killing any people in front of them.

The uprising was scheduled for June 20.

June 11 — A Defense Department spokesman announces the number of U.S. casualties in Korea — 109,712 with 19,317 dead.

President Harry S. Truman approves a suggestion to ask five neutral countries to investigate the mid-May riot and kidnapping of the Koje-do POW camp commander by the prisoners. They will also see the conditions there now. The countries are Pakistan, Indonesia, Sweden, Switzerland and India.

British Parliament Labor members pass a resolution blasting the United States for its treatment of prisoners at Koje-do, and calls for the U.S. to screen again the prisoners for repatriation with a communist observer. It condemns Syngman Rhee's "dictatorship" and demands that a Briton be installed on the U.N. truce negotiating team.

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



## Cooperation key to soldiers readiness

By Glenn Simpkins

1st Finance

Combat readiness and operational readiness are quantifiable readiness postures that ensure military units and organizations are trained, equipped and prepared to accomplish assigned missions when called upon. Both are important to a unit's effectiveness and its success, but to the individual soldier and to that soldier's family, financial readiness is also extremely important.

Ensuring the financial readiness of Fort Riley soldiers is the mission of the 1st Finance Battalion.

"Making sure that our soldiers are paid properly is a shared responsibility," said Lt. Col. Bruce Gubser, 1st Finance Battalion Commander. "Leadership involvement, starting right at the quad level and working its way up through platoon, company, battery, troop, battalion and brigade, is vitally important."

Soldiers arriving at Fort Riley complete inprocessing at the inprocessing center and then are assigned to their units. The unit Personnel Action Center then becomes the next level of defense to ensure a soldier's financial readiness. Unit PACs work closely with the finance office to assist in pay problems and ensure soldiers receive their Leave and Earnings Statements.

"We track soldiers at the company level," said Sergeant First Class Lemon, 1st Finance Battalion Military Pay Operations Chief. "It is vital that we are aware when a soldier arrives at

the unit or transfers units, whether it's within the same battalion or brigade. Knowing the soldier's correct unit is critical to assisting soldiers and being proactive whenever a problem arises."

The LES is the soldier's first indication of pay. Soldiers not receiving their monthly LES should see their unit PAC immediately. Modern technology has assisted in providing LESs to soldiers with the LES ATM located in building 7636, and now military personnel can go online and retrieve their LES through the Employee-Member Self Service web site at <http://emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm>. However, it is important for soldiers to receive their LES from their unit in order to ensure that the finance system has placed the soldier in the correct unit in case notification is necessary.

The next level of defense is the Unit Commander's Finance Report. Unit commanders at the company level receive the UCFR as a tool to ensure their soldiers are receiving the proper entitlements. Commanders "scrub" their

UCFR, annotate changes to be made, with required documentation attached, and then return it to the finance office. The finance office receives the "scrubbed" UCFR with the required documentation and makes the necessary corrections as annotated.

"It is not just the PAC and finance who are the only keys to getting soldiers paid properly," Gubser said. "First, soldiers must have an awareness of what they are getting paid. Next, the soldier's leaders, at all levels, must also know what is going on with their soldiers' pay. And, finally, our local finance office pulls it all together to make sure that soldiers are being paid properly and on time."

Cooperation is the key, and the 1st Finance Battalion is available to provide training to units on all aspects of military pay and entitlements. Units may contact Sgt. 1st Class Lemon at 239-9375 for information on receiving training to assist leaders in ensuring their soldiers are paid properly.

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# Briefs

## Changes of Command

There will be a change of command for 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, on Thursday, 9 a.m., at Cavalry Parade Field. The incoming commander will be Lt. Col. Jeff Swisher and the outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Bart Toward. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Craig Gym. For more information, call 239-4588.

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

The Change of Command ceremony for the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity of Fort Riley will be June 18, 9 a.m., on the Cavalry Parade Field. Col. Arthur Wallace, hospital commander of Irwin Army Community Hospital will relinquish command to Col. Julie Martin, who is presently serving as the deputy commander or administration, Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Due to activities on June 18, the Outpatient Pharmacy will delay opening for business until 1 p.m., on that day. IACH will also have limited patient appointments for June 17 and June 18 to maximize staff support of this ceremony. The staff of IACH appreciates your flexibility and apologizes for any inconvenience. For more information, call Capt. Lisa MacLaren, chief of Clinical Support Division at 239-7152.

## Service changes

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

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

## Mass Changed

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

I-Q brings other side dish; R-Z brings dessert. There will be no Mass at 11 a.m. Mass on that day. There will, however, be an 6 p.m. Mass at Kapaun Chapel.

## 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.

## Amnesty Day

The Junction City Municipal Court Officer announces they will have an Amnesty Day on June 28, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The purpose is for anyone who may have a warrant for outstanding Junction City Municipal Court cases to have the opportunity to go to court on June 28 to take care of their ticket without risk of arrest. The Municipal Court is located at 225 West 7th Street, in Junction City. For more information, call the clerk of the court at 238-3103 ext 272, 270 or 273.

## CPAC Announcements

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be close for organization day June 14, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. They will also be closed all day on the June 17 for an Off-site.

## Military Homeschool Group

The following are the June activities for the Military Families Homeschool Group. Tomorrow 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.

## Leave Donation

Several employees are still in the leave donation program and needing your help. The control numbers of the employees in the program at present are: CPAC01LT11, CPAC02LT14, CPAC02LT16, CPAC02LT18 and CPAC02LT19. Thanks go out to everyone for all the leave that has been donated in the past for all the employees who had to be placed in the Leave donation program. If you need the form to donate leave you can go to the intranet and look for CPAC, 'Leave'. Please submit your form through your POC. For more information, email Sonja C. Elzy at: sonja.elzy@riley.army.mil.

## 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.

## New OB Class

The New OB Class is held every Tuesday morning, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., in Ward three B of Irwin Army Community Hospital. A positive pregnancy test is required before scheduling your attendance of the New OB Class. Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier or military dependent are welcome to attend. Expectant mothers will be introduced to the IACH OB/GYN staff members; fill out their OB charts, review medical and genetic history with an OB/GYN staff member, and will also be provided information on available resources offered on the Fort Riley post or local communities. To schedule your attendance of the New OB Class, call the TRI-CARE Service Center at 784-1200 or dial the toll-free number 1-888-874-9378.

## Cancer Support Group

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

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

## 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 open from 1 - 8 p.m., daily, and the Main Post Pool is open with hours of operation being 1 - 7 p.m. daily.

## Vacation Bible School Training

The next training for VBS volunteers is tomorrow, 9 a.m. in the basement of the Main Post Chapel. Anyone planning to volunteer who did not attend the training on May 30 needs to be there. For information, call Ch.(CPT) James Foster at 239-5012.

## Vacation Bible School

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The Thrift Shop at 784-3874 during business hours.

## The Shoppe

The Shoppe has an eclectic mix of antiques, garden items, kitchenware, decorative accessories, primitives and lots of Americana, just in time for the month of July. There are many great ideas for that special person. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday. The shoppe is located in Building 159, Stuart Avenue, just west of the Fort Riley Honor Guard Stables. Call 239-2783 for more information.

## 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 Wednesday, and again June 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 Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at building 319. For information, call Sylvia, 239-5411.

## 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.

## Use ICE

Tell us what you think! Use ICE to provide feedback on a wide range of services provided at Fort Riley. The ICE system has grown since we implemented it in November 2001. You can now comment on recreational, educational, training, housing, guest

lodging, shopping, military finance, dining facilities, information management, facility maintenance, logistical and personnel support services. There are currently 109 services on which you can comment and we are continuing to add new areas for your feedback on a regular basis. Your feedback helps to insure that we deliver quality services throughout the installation. You can access ICE to make your comments by clicking on the ICE logo on the Fort Riley Homepage ([www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil)) or by going to the main ICE Homepage at <http://ice.disa.mil> and clicking on Fort Riley. ICE can be accessed from ANY computer with internet-access. Your questions or suggestions regarding ICE should be directed to the Strategic Planning Office, phone 239-2540 or e-mail [SPO@riley.army.mil](mailto:SPO@riley.army.mil).

## Moms Club

MOMS Club of East Manhattan is a non-profit club designed for stay-at-home moms (or dads). It provides moms with an opportunity to interact with one another while their children participate in various daytime activities all month.

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

A monthly business meeting is held the 3rd Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at First Christian Church (not affiliated), Manhattan. Annual dues are \$18, but try

it out without obligation. For more info contact Lisa Schwarz, (785) 587-8069.

## NAF Job Fairs

The NAF personnel division will sponsor job fairs at Riley's Conference Center on the following dates: June 26, July 24, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. Applications will be accepted from 9 - 9:45 a.m., for immediate vacancies in Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities. Interviews will begin at 10:15 a.m. with job offers made as selections are made. Contact the Fort Riley CPAC NAF office at (785) 239-2325 for additional information.

## Club Beyond

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

For more information, contact Don Ericson, Club Beyond Director, at 238-4436 or [dericson@nqks.com](mailto:dericson@nqks.com). You can check out Club Beyond on the

web at [www.nqks.com/clubbeyond](http://www.nqks.com/clubbeyond).

## Child Car Seat Inspections

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

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

Car Seat Inspection appointments are available Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Inspections will take place in the IACH parking area. To schedule a car seat inspection please call Community Health Nursing, at 239-

## Prenatal Classes Offered

The Women Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital is offering a new series of prenatal classes, "The Gift of Motherhood" on June 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the third floor classroom.

Expectant mothers, between their 12th and 40th week of pregnancy are eligible to attend. The prenatal classes are free and each participant will receive a personal copy of the book, "The Gift of Motherhood" to take home. Expectant mothers are asked to bring their spouse, significant other or birth coach. The class is limited to 20 participants. The prenatal classes will continue to

be held on the third Saturday of every month at IACH.

For more information, please call Capt. Diana Seuss at 239-7434.

To register for "The Gift of Motherhood" prenatal classes, please call the Fort Riley TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or toll free is 1-888-874-9378.

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# Fort Riley Sports

## Trooper Week chance to take home bragging rights

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

Bragging rights. It is a huge part of sports and is usually associated with college sports. Having bragging rights means one group of fans and players are able to talk trash the whole year until the teams meet again the following year.

Bragging rights aren't just related to college athletics though. Professional, high school, and even intramural sporting events have heated rivalries.

In the Army, units sometimes like a little friendly competition between each other.

It gives them their chance to

have bragging rights.

Bragging rights and much more were on the line May 28-31 as the 2002 Fort Riley Trooper Week came and went with a bang.

Soldiers competed in events ranging from fishing and horse-shoe tournaments to a track and field meet, and much more.

"When I first got here in November, I saw Trooper on the calendar, then I saw it wasn't," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley at the awards ceremony Friday. "Then I called my G-3 and told them they had better make time for it."

Trooper week kicked-off with the fishing and golf tournaments May 27, and closed out with the awards ceremony Friday.

The action was spread out throughout the post. Some events were over in one day and some events needed to take all week to decide the eventual champion.

Many units participated in the events, as many were separated in two to three different levels, separate unit and battalion.

The scores from each event were tallied and each event had point totals, where the placing of the athlete gained points for their respected unit, battalion, or brigade.

The Bulldogs of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team accumulated the most points between the three separate brigades on Fort Riley.

The winning battalion was "Hamilton's Own," 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery. The Separate Unit winner was the 10th Air Support and Operation Squadron.

For some of the soldiers who participated in this post-wide competition, this experience brought the soldiers together for some all-around fun.

"It was great to see all of Fort Riley come together," said Jeston

McMoore, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade. "When we are in our normal work environment, we really never get a chance to see one another. It was fun to have great competition with other units, as well as some of the rivalries."

On the playing fields all across Fort Riley, some intense competition brought to the forefront, rivalries.

Even before Trooper Week certain units already have certain rivalries with other units, making the battle for number one even more intense.

"When it's time to fight, we join as one to fight, but this week gave us the opportunity to play our rivals, along some of the other smaller units here to maybe create some more," said McMoore, whose unit whipped up on the competition to win the separate unit flag football and basketball tournaments. "It was nice to compete to see who would come out with the trophies, and it's nice to add a few more trophies to our display case."

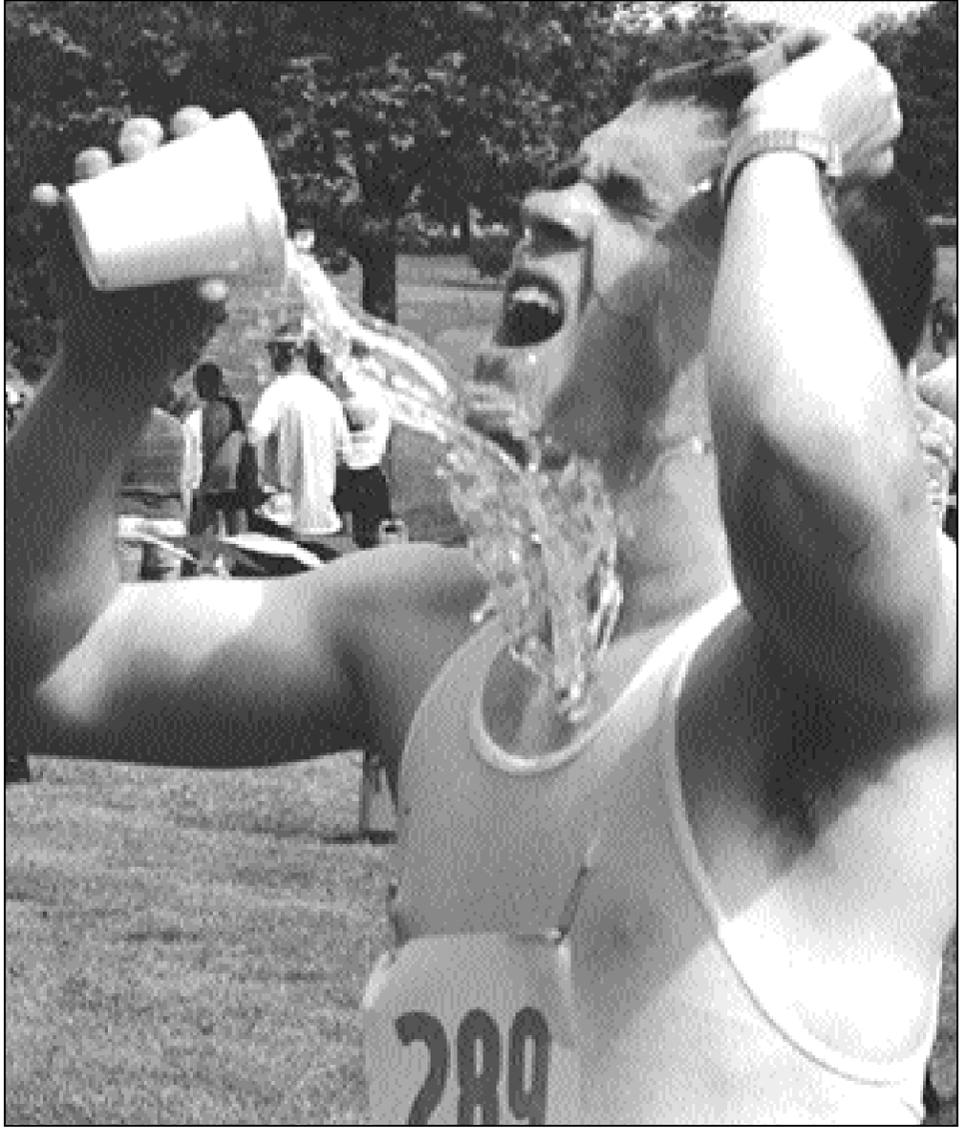
It wasn't just the men, who battled to be Fort Riley's best, the women showed up in force for their competitions as well.

"I'm proud of the significant increase in the number of soldiers in the women's competitions," said Metz.

As the awards were being handed out, and Trooper Week winded down, Metz's speech marked the end of Trooper Week.

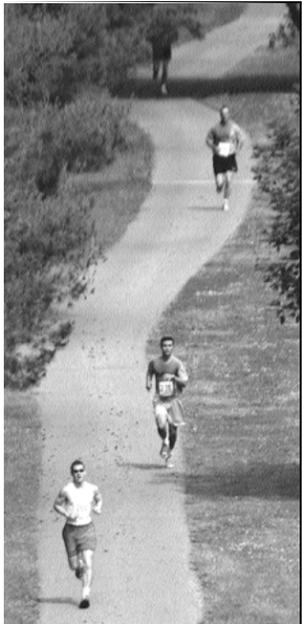
The rivalries should still drive on. The teams, which weren't successful, will try to load up and attempt to win it all next year.

As the champions gloat their victories, and the defeated assess their losses, Trooper Week should be anticipated for next year.



Post/Doheny

Pvt. Christopher Selmek, 19th Public Affairs Detachment, cools down after he finished the Cross Country run event during Trooper Week. Water and a crowd greeted the runners as they crossed the finish line.



Post/Doheny

Runners from the Cross Country event wind their way down the final stretch of the 5.6-mile run at Custer Hill Golf Course.

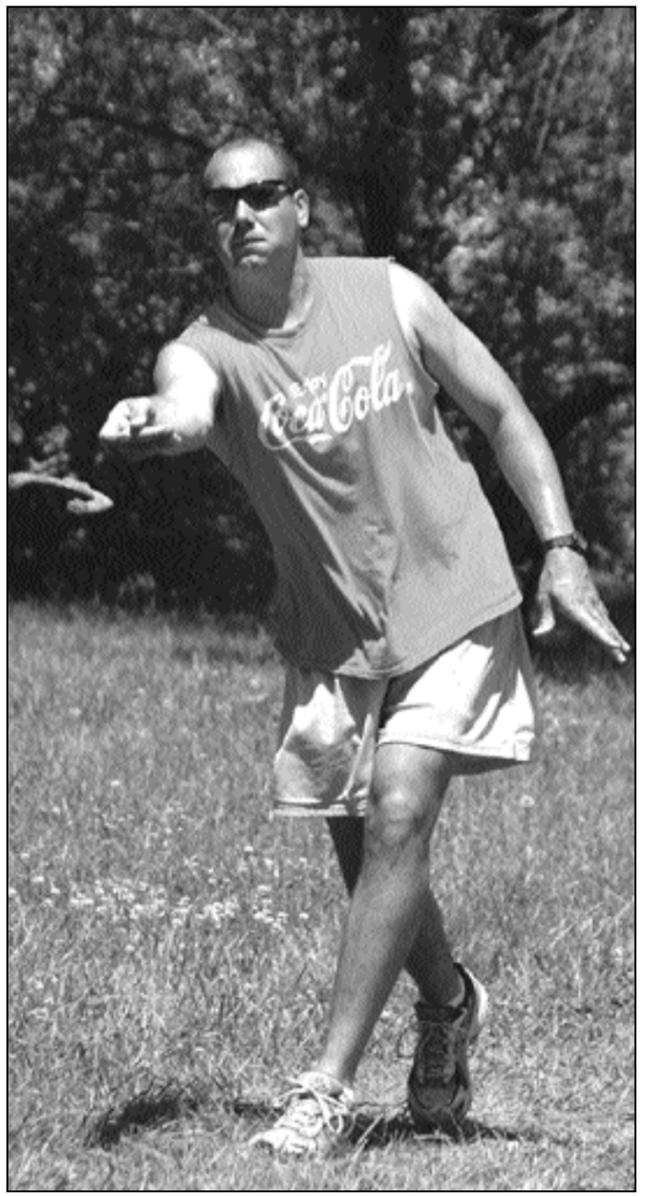
## Trooper Week Results

- Swimming Team**
  - 1st Place:** 70th Engineer Battalion
  - 2nd Place:** 924th Military Police Battalion
  - 3rd Place:** 1st Engineer Battalion
- Soccer**
  - Battalion**
    - 1st Place:** 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery
    - 2nd Place:** 541st Maintenance Battalion
    - 3rd Place:** 1st Engineer Battalion
  - Separate Unit**
    - 1st Place:** Air Force 10th ASOS
    - 2nd Place:** 596th Signal Company
    - 3rd Place:** Battery C, 1-4 Air Defense Artillery
- Basketball**
  - Battalion**
    - 1st Place:** 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor
    - 2nd Place:** 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery
    - 3rd Place:** 1st Battalion, 13th Armor
  - Separate Unit**
    - 1st Place:** Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade
    - 2nd Place:** Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry
    - 3rd Place:** Company C, 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery
  - Women's**
    - 1st Place:** 1st Engineer Battalion

- Volleyball**
  - Men's**
    - 1st Place:** 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor
    - 2nd Place:** 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery
    - 3rd Place:** 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery
  - Women's**
    - 1st Place:** 331st Signal Company
    - 2nd Place:** Troop D, 4th Cavalry
    - 3rd Place:** 1st Engineer Group
- Bowling**
  - 1st Place:** 1st Finance Battalion
  - 2nd Place:** D Troop 4th Cavalry
  - 3rd Place:** 924th Military Police Battalion
  - Women's High Series**
    - Denise Chavis, 924th Military Police Battalion
  - Women's High Game**
    - Denise Chavis, 924th Military Police Battalion
  - Men's High Series**
    - Wayne Bunnell, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery
  - Men's High Game**
    - Wayne Bunnell, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery
- Softball**
  - Battalion**
    - 1st Place:** 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery

- Separate Unit**
  - 1st Place:** C Battery, 4-3 Air Defense Artillery
  - 2nd Place:** 331st Signal Company
  - 3rd Place:** Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade
- Softball**
  - Women's**
    - 1st Place:** 101st Forward Support Battalion
    - 2nd Place:** 541st Maintenance Battalion
    - 3rd Place:** Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division
- Flag Football**
  - Battalion**
    - 1st Place:** 1st Engineer Battalion
    - 2nd Place:** Medical Department Activity
    - 3rd Place:** 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery
  - Separate Unit**
    - 1st Place:** Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade
    - 2nd Place:** 1st Personnel Support Battalion
    - 3rd Place:** 596th Signal Company
- Archery**
  - Traditional**
    - 1st Place:** Trevor Haddy, Headquarters and Headquarters USAG
    - 2nd Place:** Douglas Hewitt,

- 924th Military Police Battalion**
  - 2nd Place:** Lance Williams, Company C, 4th Battalion 1st Field Artillery
  - 3rd Place:** Bruce Williams, Company C, 4th Battalion 1st Field Artillery
- Women's**
  - 1st Place:** Kortney Flete, 24th Transportation Company
  - 2nd Place:** Kyla Rasmussen, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 937th Engineer Group
- Tug of War**
  - 1st Place:** 10th Air Support Operations Squadron
  - 2nd Place:** 331st Signal Company
  - 3rd Place:** 1st Engineers Battalion
- Track & Field**
  - Men's**
    - 1st Place:** 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery
    - 2nd Place:** 924th Military Police Battalion
    - 3rd Place:** 541st Maintenance Battalion
  - Women's**
    - 1st Place:** 70th Engineer Battalion
    - 2nd Place:** 541st Maintenance Battalion
    - 3rd Place:** 101st Forward Support Battalion
- Fishing**
  - White Bass**
    - 1st Place:** Sgt. Troy Gyuran,



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Brandon Temple, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, runs for daylight as members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, try to run him down during the flag football tournament. HHC, 3rd Brigade would eventually make the play on Temple and win the game and the tournament.

# Results continued from page 6

Richard Namisha, 125th Forward Support Battalion  
**3rd Place:** Capt. Lynn Rolf, 924th Military Police Battalion and Staff Sgt. Robert Demogue, 924th Military Police Battalion

**1st Place:** 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Team 2  
**2nd Place:** 70th Engineer Battalion Team 1  
**3rd Place:** 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Team 1

**Black Bass**  
**1st Place:** Marallus Troupe, 924th Military Police Battalion and Joel Lucas, 924th Military Police Battalion

**2nd Place:** Spec. Samuel Flowers, 1st Engineer Battalion and Spec. Brian Ray, 1st Engineer Battalion

**3rd Place:** Nathaniel Callicut, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 3rd Brigade  
John Russell, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 3rd Brigade

**Wipers**  
**1st Place:** CW3 Bobby White, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 937th Engineer Group and Maj. Robert Ruch, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 937th Engineer Group

**2nd Place:** Troy Chapman, 101st Forward Support Battalion and Tina Chapman, 101st Forward Support Battalion

**3rd Place:** Laura Xiong, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 937th Engineer Group and Guy Adams Adkins, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 937th Engineer Group

## Golf

**1st Place:** 937th Engineers Group - 63, CW4 Paul Habnab, Maj. Steve James and 1st Lt. James Scott

**2nd Place:** 1st Personnel Support Battalion, Capt. Rick Montandoh, Command Sgt. Maj. Reynold Domingo and Staff Sgt. Darren Freeman

**3rd Place:** 82nd Medical Company, Spec. Scott Donely, Capt. Patrick Zenk and Spec. Kevin Rubel

## Cross Country

### Women's

**1st Place:** 70th Engineer Battalion

**2nd Place:** 1st Engineer Battalion

### Men's

**1st Place:** 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery

**2nd Place:** 70th Engineers Battalion

**3rd Place:** 924th Military Police Battalion

## Obstacle Course

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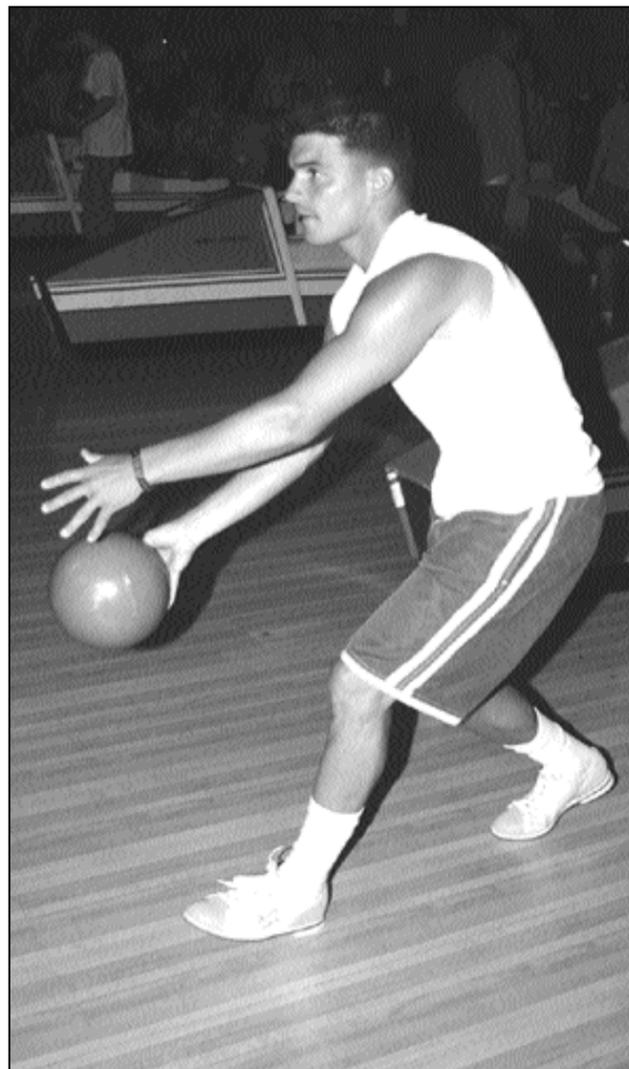
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Making it over the 5 foot, 7 inch mark, a high jumper sails over the bar. The high jump was only one of many events at his year's Trooper Days Track and Field Meet held at the Long Gym track.



Post/Selmeck

1st Lt. Brendan Hupf, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division, bowls during one of the many sporting events soldiers competed in during the Trooper Week activities last week.

## Undaunted courage asset to Army, American badger

By Gibran Suleiman  
DES Biologist

America's Army takes great pride in its undaunted courage in the face of battle, its ability to survive in harsh conditions and its resourcefulness. All of these attributes could also be used to describe a common resident to the prairies of Fort Riley, the American badger.

The American badger (*Taxidea taxus*) is a member of the Mustelid or the weasel family. Other members of the family include skunks and otters. Many mustelids use strong smelling secretions from their anal glands for defense. The American badger lives throughout Western United

States and ranges into Canada. Although they are rarely spotted on Fort Riley, they are fairly common throughout the training areas.

Badgers are known for their incredible digging abilities. There are even stories of badger being

The diet of the American badger is almost entirely carnivorous. Common prey items are small rodents, rabbits, reptiles and ground nesting birds and eggs. In the summer badgers will take advantage of the abundance of insects such as grasshoppers. In the event that a large

the occasion that two badgers encounter each other in their overlapping territories, a fight typically ensues. Badgers do not undergo a true form of hibernation in the winter; they do however, enter a state of semi-dormancy. The majority of the winter is spent below ground in their burrows in a depressed state, but they will emerge periodically for short periods of activities.

For the most part, there is little conflict between man and badger. Badgers provide a valuable service by removing potentially damage causing rodents. Their burrowing tendencies can cause problems for ranchers due to injuries cattle sustain by stepping into badger holes. Badger holes can also potentially be a training hazard to troops training in maneuver areas on Fort Riley. At one time a market existed for badger pelts, but it has become relatively poor in recent times.

The badger is a true survivor of the plains, living a secretive and simple lifestyle. It has survived the many drastic changes that the prairie has undergone throughout time. Next time you find yourself walking through the prairie, keep your eyes open and you might get lucky. To see one stand up on its two hind feet and take a peak at you through the prairie grasses before disappearing is a memory that is not easily forgotten by one with a love for the outdoors.

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able to dig through asphalt. They excavate a number of simple burrows throughout their home range of two square kilometers. They also modify existing burrows of other animals to suit their needs. Most of their dens are 12-15 feet in length and are 6 feet deep. Dens are used for raising young, resting, hibernating and caching food.

prey item is obtained, they will cache any leftover portions in a chamber in their burrow.

The American badger will mate in late summer or early fall. Like many mustelids they undergo delayed implantation. The fertilized egg does not implant onto the uterus until late winter. At that point a six week normal gestation period ensues until the mother gives birth. Female badgers typically give birth to two or three young. Litter sizes up to five have been documented before. The newborn badgers are born blind and helpless. Their eyes will open when they are around five weeks of age. The mother starts to bring in solid food items for her offspring after the seventh week. Female badgers can become sexually mature as early as four months of age, while males take closer to a year to mature. Young badgers typically suffer a high rate of mortality their first two years of life. Starvation poses the biggest threat. Badgers have been known to live up to 14 years in the wild. A captive specimen was documented living 26 years.

Badgers are primarily active during the night, but are occasionally active during daytime hours. Adults live a solitary lifestyle. On



DES/Suleiman

The American badger (*Taxidea taxus*) is a member of the Mustelid or the weasel family.

## Army racing continues

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

It wasn't home sweet home for the driver of the United States Army Top-Fuel Dragster this past weekend at the Chicagoland Dodge Dealers NHRA Nations at Route 66 Raceway.

Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher was hauled down by Doug Herbert in his first round eliminator race Sunday, as Herbert beat him on the punch in their race. Schumacher, whose Army powered machine ran 4.826 seconds at 108.78 mph, was nipped by Herbert's 4.822-second run at 293.09 mph.

This loss sorts of breaks up a mini-streak for the team, they had eached the semi-finals in the previous two races.

Despite his loss, he stills holds onto fourth place in the Top Fuel standings because both Cory McClenathan (in third), and Doug

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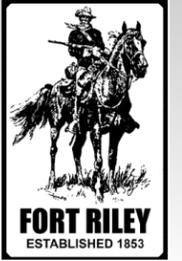
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## Families enjoy Open House

By Steven Cooke  
Staff Writer

The Open House on Fort Riley Saturday featured live music, carnival rides, obstacle courses, exhibits, food, tank simulators and more. The weather could not have been better, with clear blue skies and Kansas' famous winds blowing just right to keep everyone cool. It was definitely the perfect day for a family outing.

"I've been hearing about it, and my sons have been begging me. We gotta go check it out," said Shakisha Cusack, wife of Sgt. Jefflon Cusack. She brought her two sons, her nephew and her friend's daughter to the event.

Her son Joshua, 11, said the best part of the day were the rides, but what he was really looking forward to was trying out the night vision goggles.

"It's going to be dark and we're going to have to crawl and stuff. And lasers. I think it's going to be fun," said Joshua.

"Open House is important because it showcases all the bene-

fits of Fort Riley," said 2nd Lt. Kevin Morgan, Gold Bar Recruiter. "A lot of people don't realize what Fort Riley has to offer."

Jan Clark of Milford brought her four kids, and friends, out for a day of fun and educational activities, too.

"The history brought me out. I wanted to see some of the reenactments, and the kids like the obstacle courses," Clark said.

Sharon Cranes, who came with her two children, her friend and her two sons, had the same idea.

"We came to let the kids enjoy the rides and learn more. There's so much to do, I'm going to try to get everything."

For some, being at the Open House and trying the different exhibits brought back good memories.

"It brings back memories from when I was in the army," said Franklin Tomei of Lawrence, Kan., as he held an M4 with a M203 Grenade launcher attachment in his hands. Tomei brought his wife and two friends to the open house.

"I'm looking forward to firing the M16 because I haven't fired it since basic training." Open House is also an excellent opportunity for residents on post to learn more about their surroundings. "We live here but we don't go anywhere except in and out of housing," said Jennifer Gannon, a military spouse. She believes her family has learned more about the post at Open House. "We've learned where everything is, like the historical buildings."

Aside from having a good time, many families thought the open house was a good opportunity to interact with the community, whether it was the military on Fort Riley or the civilians from the surrounding towns.

"It's the one time military and civilians can come together and see what [soldiers] do," said Sgt. Antonio Johnson, 596th Signal Company. "The civilians can see why it is important to have the best Army in the world." And, his wife, Tivonda Tuclar Johnson added,

"It initiates people to come out and meet each other..."



Post/Bultman

Staff Sgt. Douglas Swanson, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, shows Solia Niupuiwaha, daughter of 1st Lt. Tuihalagatai Niupuiwaha, 70th Engineer Battalion, the basics of the M4 Rifle at Fort Riley's Open House.

## Obstacle course challenges children

By Christie Vanover  
Media Relation

On a hill in the shade in Tuttle Park a man sat posing a group of camouflage face-painted children for a photo. They held their medals high and grinned, although their ear-to-ear smiles were awaiting the growth of some permanent teeth.

The group had just completed their second round of the Fort Riley Obstacle Course. They had maneuvered past enemies and through barricades under the scorching June sun, all with the goal of earning their precious medal and gaining the pride of the photographer, their father.

Staff Sgt. Mark Grant of Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, decided to take his six children to the Fort Riley Open House to show them what being a soldier signifies. Additionally, he brought the son of a fellow soldier who was away on temporary duty.

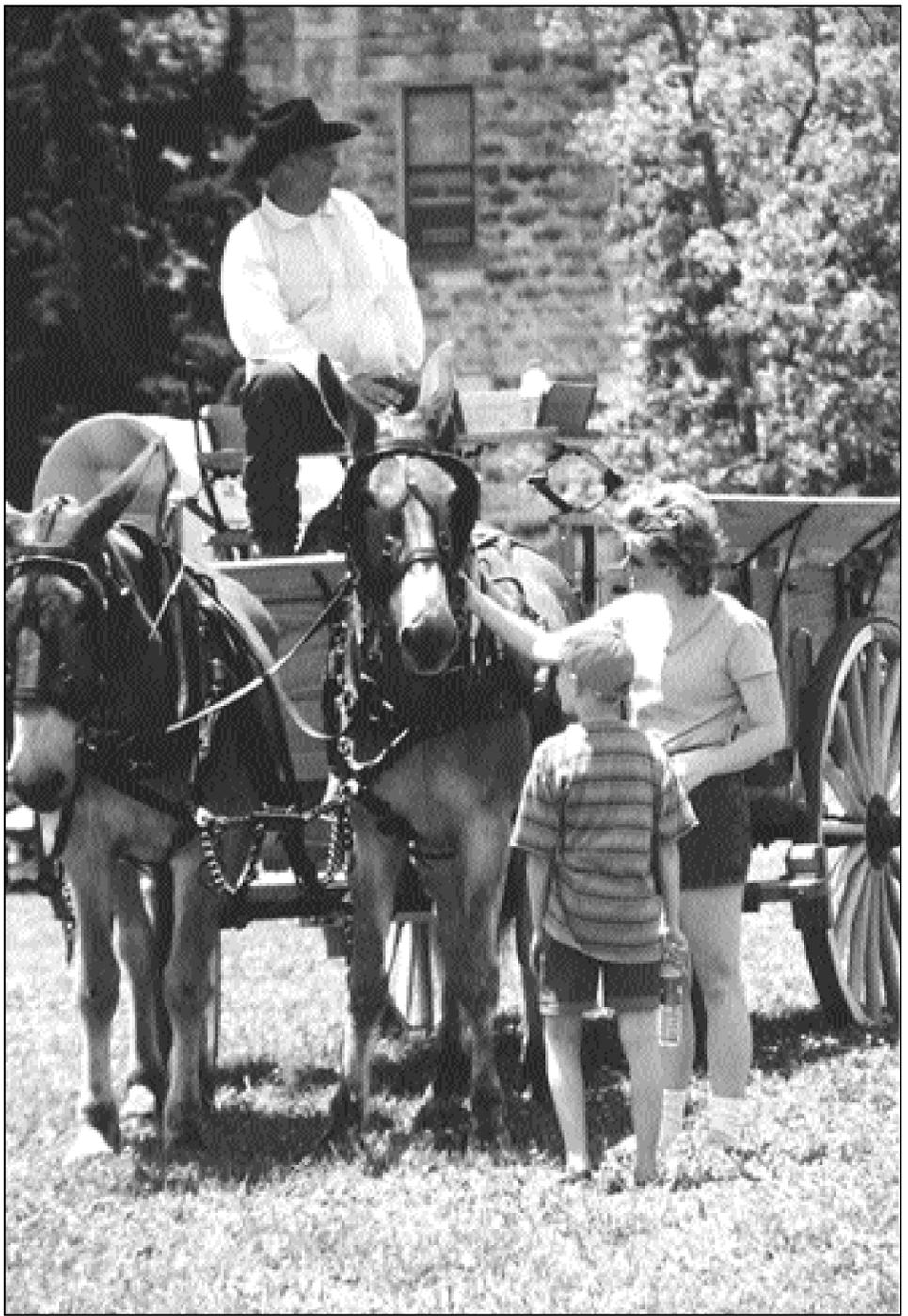
Grant's four medal-winners, Dominic, 10; Lorelei, 9; Heather, 7; and Jacob, 5, came to the open house with their two other brothers, Samuel, 22 months, and Isaiah, four months.



Post/Vanover

Heather Grant, 7, shows off the medal she won after completing the obstacle course. She is with her two brothers, Jacob (left), 5, and Samuel (right), 22 months.

The kids all shouted out how delight extended past the children.



Post/Vanover

A mother and her son stop by Artillery Parade Field during Fort Riley's Open House to pet Lieutenant, one of the Fort Riley Honor Guard's newest additions. The mules, Lieutenant and Captain, pull the unit's new wagon under the direction of Ron Roller, Fort Riley Honor Guard's civilian trainer.

## Open House not just for people

By Deb Skidmore  
Media Relations Officer

Rock and Kiana were thirsty. They drank eagerly from their owners' water bottles and they slurped down the refreshing liquid. Water trickled down their dark muzzles as it splashed onto the grass between their broad chests.

After all, it was a hot, humid day in Kansas, and the pair of canines had walked around Cavalry Parade Field taking in the Fort Riley Open House on Saturday.

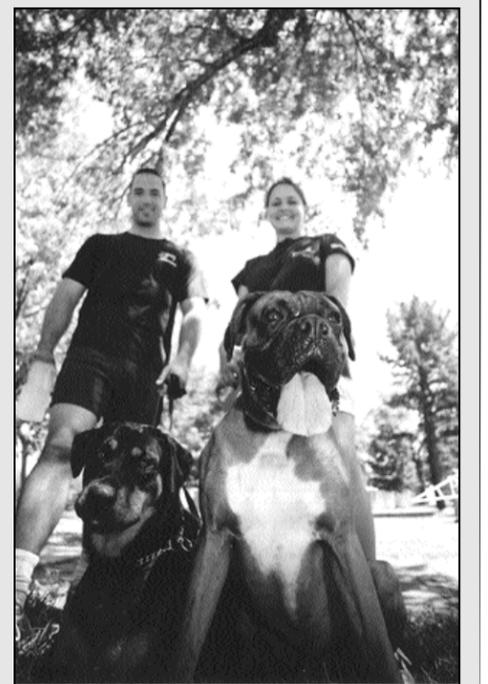
Rock, a 1 1/2-year-old Boxer, owned by Nancy Holt, and Kiana, a 2-year-old Rotweiler, owned by 1st Lt. Vince Boncich, waited patiently for another drink as Holt and Boncich enjoyed the shade of a tree. Kiana reclined to the cool ground, her rippling muscles flexing as Boncich pulled on the choker chain around her neck.

Boncich, a lean, dark complexioned soldier from 568th Engineer Company, said, "We wanted to see how they (the dogs) would do with people and the sound of gun fire."

He said he and his neighbor decided to take in the post event.

"Actually, the sound of the machine gun fire got me out here," he said motioning to the firing areas on Sturgis and Artillery Parade Fields. "Also, Kiana needed a walk."

"Last night, she chewed up a high heel shoe of my wife's. It was a nice, expensive kind," Boncich said as he petted her large, soft head. He went on to explain that Kiana did not get her usual walk



Post/D. Skidmore

Dogs, Kiana and Rock, were on hand for the Open House.

over his short, military hair cut, he added that you still have to be careful around dogs.

"Rots have a bad reputation, but with obedience school, love and constant training, you can have a good dog," he said. Boncich gives most of the credit to his wife for Kiana's extreme obedience.

As for the military Open House, he said, "I've been here almost two years and never seen any-

# Soldiers past, present, future part of post extravaganza

By Jason Shepherd

19th PAD

Approximately 20,000 people attended the second Fort Riley Open House on Saturday. Not only did these people get to see a petting zoo, bands and obstacle courses, they got to see Fort Riley's history from the past, present and future.

The story of the Army soldier started almost 227 years ago. A few soldiers tood up to the King of England and became known as rebels who fought to win the country's independence.

On display at the Open House was Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery. Also called Hamilton's Own, he unit is the oldest in the U.S. Army,

founded in March 1776. Six soldiers stood by a 6-pound Revolutionary War cannon to explain the unit's history and legacy. Dressed in colonial uniforms, Spc. Bryan Enger, a field artilleryman, talked about Battery D.

"I have a great sense of pride in this unit," he said. "We are setting the example for everyone else. The best part about being here at the Open House is actually being apart of a great unit, telling all who come by about us and showing them what we're about."

The Fort Riley Honor Guard also made history come to life at the Open House. With three demonstrations, the unit showed the general public why it was a top draw that day. The soldiers of

the Honor Guard performed many feats on horseback, including passing a milk jug with their sabers and hand to hand combat. Capt. Shane Prunte, Honor Guard commander, said that the era after the Civil War was an important time in American history.

"This was a transitional time," he said. "The U.S. government saw a need for more horses on the new frontier. They saw the horses as a way to be able to expand faster."

The Honor Guard soldiers had an authentic 1871 escort wagon on hand and also wore the cavalry era uniform complete with riding boots, the 1854 uniform, rank and 1861 Light Cavalry sabers. According to Prunte, the average day for

a cavalry soldier was very busy.

"They woke up at about 4:30 to 5 a.m. and cleaned themselves," he said. "Before eating breakfast, they had to maintainance the animals which included watering and feeding. Then they did missions, which included patrolling the frontier and escorting stagecoaches. After that, they took care of their horses before eating dinner. Finally, before going to bed, they sat around the campfire, telling stories and singing songs."

The Open House also had a Veterans' Tent, where visitors came to look at pictures of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm and talk to veterans about the war and what they lived through. There were displays of crests, patches and weapons that brought out many questions and interest from the visitors.

While listening to one of these stories, it's hard to look past the grizzled face and the lines around the eyes of the veteran, who is blinking back the tears. It's these veterans that many people came to talk to at the Open House. While sitting around the Veteran's Tent, under trees and on folding chairs, they talked about things that they saw, things that they felt and things that had changed their life forever.

"It's hard listening to the stories that these vets tell," said Kansas native Joan Franklin. "But I think that you have to listen to them. You also have to tell them that you appreciate the sacrifices that they made for their country. Many of these heroes won't be around much longer. When they die, all the history dies with them."

But the present is now for the men and women who serve their country on Fort Riley. These soldiers were out in force on Saturday, showing what the Army has in its arsenal. There were MPs with their latest equipment and working dogs. There were booths set up where kids fired .50 caliber guns, the M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon and the M-240 Machine Gun. There were other sites where visitors could simulate driving an M1A1 Abrams Tank and put on the newest night vision device and walk around in the dark.

"I loved shooting all the cool guns," said Betty Bunting, a civilian from Salina, Kan. "I've never got to shoot anything like that before and having all this stuff available to shoot made this a great day."

There was also an exhibit in the Expo Center that showed the soldiers of the future. First is the Land Warrior system that is scheduled to be available in 18-24 months. This is a fully functional, durable system that has much to offer over the standard infantry uniform of today. The Land Warrior soldier has a map image that is displayed into an eyepiece worn on the ballistic helmet. They also have voice digital communication, global positioning systems, heat sensors and the ability to send e-mails and instant messages to others on the team.

They also had the Objective Force soldier on hand, which could be released in 2006. This soldier had many of the same benefits of the Land Warrior, but had a new uniform that is able to regulate body temperature.

"This equipment is helping us move forward," said Cpl. Dan Harshman, an infantryman with the Rhode Island National Guard. "It's the evolution of the soldier that's important, and this equipment will help them stay alive in a combat situation."

Finally, there was a soldier straight out of "Starship Troopers," right down to the helmet that will always be ready for any type of nuclear, chemical or biological threat.

"I can't believe how far the Army has come," said John Crest, a veteran of Vietnam. "But if this stuff will help our boys stay alive longer in combat, then I guess it will be a good addition to the military."

Because the Army's heritage, from Revolutionary War to the future soldier concept, the people who came for this year's Open House were able to view the history, pride and prestige of the United States Army soldier.

For many visitors, hearing stories from vets and seeing the present and future of the nation made this day one to remember.



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Spc. Brian Enger and five of his comrades stand guard over Old Thunder, a 6-pound Revolutionary War cannon located outside the Veterans' Tent on Cavalry Parade Field. Members of Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery participated in Fort Riley's second Open House.

## Woman veteran enjoyed exciting tour in Hawaii

By Steven Cooke

Staff Writer

A highlight of Fort Riley's June 1 Open House was the presence of America's veterans. At the veterans tent, Mary Burnham shared her story.

"I served during the Vietnam War, from 1961 to 1967," said Burnham, of Junction City. "I was a captain in the nurse corp."

Burnham remembered a time when she was 22-years-old and stationed in Hawaii.

"I took care of the amputees coming from Vietnam," she said. "One particular amputee I remember was a cable carrier that lost both his legs. I just couldn't understand the injury."

Burnham said she also remembers, being a single female in Hawaii. "It was wonderful. The female nurse's quarters were full so they put two girls and me in billets in the male officers quarters. They treated us royally. We made really good friends."

When her commitment was up, Burnham said she was up for a promotion, and orders were coming in to go to Vietnam herself. She said he considered going Reserve, but at that time the reserves were not really pushed. And besides, she was ready to settle down with a civilian she was in love with and become a housewife.

"At the time, my husband said that if I accepted the promotion and went to Vietnam, he would join the Waiting Wives Club and become the social director," Burnham said with a laugh.

Today Burnham is a nurse with the local high school district, which encompasses Junction City and Fort Riley.

She said that she would tell the schoolgirls of today that joining the military is a, "positively great opportunity for education, to travel and to serve your country."

"I have a special place in my heart for the Army," she said.

"When I see the older veterans it makes me proud to be an American, and proud to have served active Army."

## Youth fires machine gun at Fort Riley's Open House

By Kevin Doheny

Staff Writer

Not being a pest, but rather being inquisitive, young Kendra Cummings, 6, of Maize, asks Spc. Joshua Lichtensteiger, Company A, 70th Engineer Battalion, "How does that big gun work?"

Lichtensteiger replies with the perfect Army answer, but the jubilant youngster doesn't understand one word he just said.

"Huh," she replies. "How does that thing work?"

As Lichtensteiger thinks of a way to explain the process of fire to the interested youth, she blurts out with, "Hey, can I shoot that gun?"

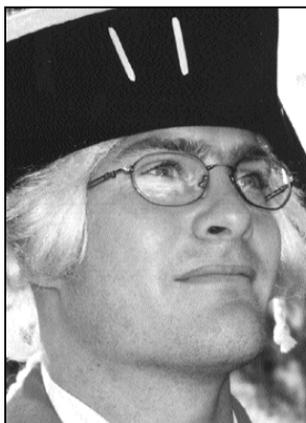
As she finds out, she just made the cut-off size to be able to fire the M240B Machine Gun, 48 inches, her parents look on with initial concern. They are eventually relieved by the fact that the people who are in charge are highly trained professionals.

Lichtensteiger then gives Cummings and the rest of the eager public, who were waiting to get their chance to fire the M240B, a safety briefing.

As he gives them their briefing, Cummings could barely hold herself back, as she tried to bottle up her excitement.

The line finally shrank and it was her turn to fire the powerful weapon. Her and her brother, Devlyn, arrived to the firing line, where other members of Co. A, 70th Eng. Bn., dressed the youth in their personal protective wear, including safety glasses and hearing protection.

Without any sense of being bashful with her weapon, she fired her maximum amount of rounds, 20, without any hesitation.



Post/D. Skidmore

Spc. Brian Enger

## Duty with Old Thunder an honor

By Deb Skidmore

Media Relations Officer

"It's hot in this uniform," said Spc. Brian Enger, as he wiped sweat from his brow.

Enger, attired in a Revolutionary uniform, was taking part in Fort Riley's second Open House. He and five of his comrades were standing guard over Old Thunder, a 6 pound Revolutionary War cannon located outside the Veterans' Tent on Cavalry Parade Field.

"We love this cannon and take good care of it," Enger said in his soft-spoken voice. "I've been on

this detail for two years now."

Standing a little taller in his bright red uniform, he adjusted his white wig on his head and said, "I prime and fire the cannon. I'm called the Number 1 man."

The Mesa, Ariz., native said that the Open House was a good chance for civilians to see what the soldiers do. He also said, "It shows off our heritage - where it all started."

The heritage Enger is speaking of is Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery.

It is the oldest unit in the history of the Army. According to

Enger, it started March 1, 1776.

Quietly, Enger explained how duty with Old Thunder is demanding and requires that soldiers give up a lot of their own time - at least one weekend a month.

However, for Enger, the Open House is just another chance to showcase history, teach people about his unit and interact with the general public.

"The military is a great way to better yourself whether it's military related or not," he said as the unit came to attention in front of Old Thunder.

## Cavalry veteran excited to see Open House

By Deb Skidmore

Media Relations Officer

The wooden cane supported much of his weight as C.W. Crites slowly made his way across Cavalry Parade Field near the Veterans' Tent.

"This is something," Crites said as he stopped and gazed across all the activities occurring on Fort Riley. "I wanted to see it," he said referring to the post Open House June 1.

Realizing he was not going to see everything the Open House had to offer, the U.S. Cavalry veteran of 1942-1948, gladly accept-

ed a ride in a golf cart to see the Fort Riley Honor Guard perform cavalry demonstrations on Artillery Parade Field.

His colorful Hawaiian shirt flapped in the breeze as the cart sped across the parade field and down a paved road. Crites steadied his white ball cap over his gray hair, and adjusted his glasses on his weathered face, as the car continued to maneuver through the crowd of people.

Crites, a resident of Junction City, is in the real estate and auction business. His grin was big as he passed military exhibits, soldiers talking to children and veterans recalling days gone by.

"Will you look at that," he said in amaze-

ment as he passed Public Works equipment lined up in the street. "This is really something."

"The military has been downsized too much," he added as he fiddled with his hearing aid. "They need a drive to get more people in the military. So many of our service-members are deployed." The grin on his face widened as he rolled up to the re-enactors' and cavalry camp. His days of yesteryear were alive as he looked with anticipation at the horses carrying U.S. brands and the cavalry soldiers riding tall in the saddles.

With wonder and pleasure heard in his voice, he said, "Will you look at that!"

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# Custer Hill offers excitement at Open House

By Jeremy Heckler  
19th PAD

Visitors to Fort Riley's Open House stepped off the bus at Custer Hill and into command of the Army's arsenal of M1A1 Abrams tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, night vision goggles and other equipment.

Spectators climbed into Humvees, UH-60 Blackhawk and CH-47 Chinook helicopters, Paladin self-propelled howitzers and other armored personnel carriers. Soldiers gave them a demonstration on how each weapons system worked. After soldiers checked out visitor's sheets at each station, they then headed off to the simulator center.

A line snaked out of the Close-Combat Tactical Trainer, waiting for the chance to enter one of the Army's most realistic training environments.

"We are giving the public an opportunity to see how soldiers train in a virtual reality environment," said Bruce Andrews, training facilitator. Andrews said the "virtual soldiers" get inside a mockup of a Bradley or M1A1 Abrams tanks and participate in a live-fire exercise using every weapon in the vehicle's arsenal.

"As they leave the front gate, a soldier escorts them and puts them in the Bradley's

gunner seat or Bradley commander's seat and shows them how to manipulate and operate the controls. They then get to engage the target and launch a virtual reality TOW (Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided) rocket," said Andrews.

"There are three scenarios," said Spc. Matthew Carter, Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry. "There is one tank to engage with a TOW, and there are two sets of light tanks."

Carter said the targets are not hard to find and are at the same location during each simulation. Each visitor gets to look out the view screen and see what the soldiers see when they are in combat.

"Usually they ask about simple things like 'What does this do,'" said Carter said of the visitors inquisitiveness.

"I got to shoot a tank and it made a lot of big sounds when I did," said Sierra Godinez, 8.

After a trip in the simulator, guests found out why the Army "Owns the Night" as they tried on night vision goggles.

"We are providing the general public with knowledge of how the night vision goggles work and how they benefit the service," said Sgt. Dustin Ward, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat

Team. "Night vision goggles allow us to see the enemy under limited visibility."

After a brief familiarization with the goggles, a group left the lit waiting area for the darkness of the night vision goggle experience. Some didn't take to the experience as well as others.

"We had a few people running into the map board because the goggles have no depth perception, and when they walk toward the map they end up walking into it," said Sgt. Michael Martin, HHC 1st Brigade Combat Team.

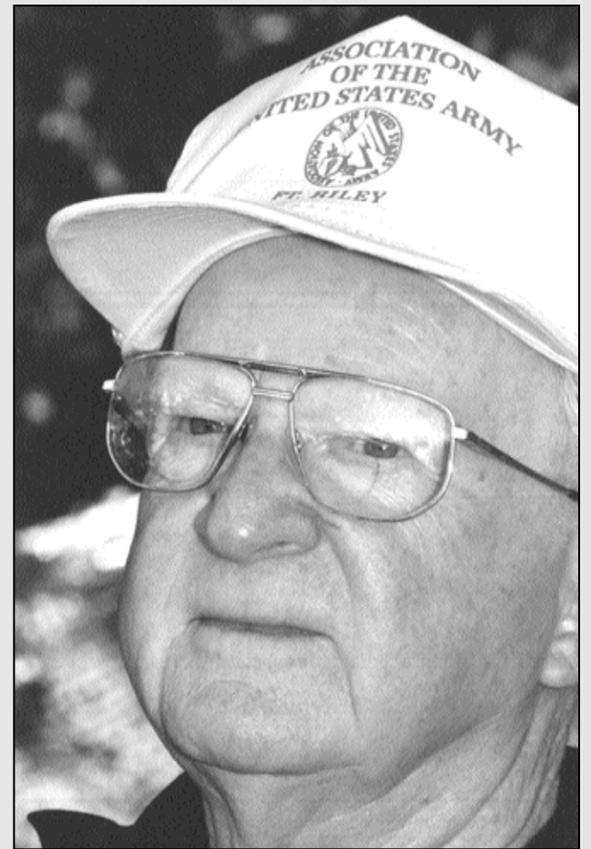
Each person passing through the lines of vehicles and lines to the simulators had their favorite.

"My favorite was playing this (simulator) because you get to shoot stuff," said Godinez.

"The night vision was good, but the gun was so heavy that I couldn't hold it," said Hyo Son Dalgarn. Her daughter Cori was more into the CCTT.

After their visit to Custer Hill, the spectators had a better feel for what soldiers do on Fort Riley day in and day out.

"This is the first time I really got to see Fort Riley in my time here," said Hyo Son.



Post/G. Skidmore

Harold Wilson

## Infantry veteran became long-time Kansas resident

During the hottest part of the day, Harold Wilson found a shady spot under a tree and just watched as visitors to Fort Riley's Open House passed by.

He didn't have a thing to do at the time. He had just finished serving cake to visitors to the Veteran's Tent on Cavalry Parade Field.

"It's hot today," said the World War II veteran of the century mark on the thermostat, as he peered onto the field where the food tents were set up. "This sure is a hot one today."

Like most visiting the veteran's tent, Wilson's war came more than fifty years before. "I joined the Army and was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla., in 1943. I was in the Infantry," said Wilson as he sat a little straighter in his chair. "Sent to Italy and fought there."

Wilson said the one thing he remembers the most about the war was the people he met in the service.

"I was in the service with a kid from Kansas," said Wilson. "He always talked about the place and said if I ever got to Kansas, I should look him up."

When Wilson returned from Italy, he was stationed at Fort Riley, "so one day I went to Edna, Ks., and stopped in the little store in town and asked for Fred Kirkland. The people there said they knew him and called him for me. I told him I wait for him on the main road in town, but he never did show up," said Wilson with a shrug. "But I've been in Kansas ever since."

## Steamy temperatures made water necessary

By Heather Pope  
Intern

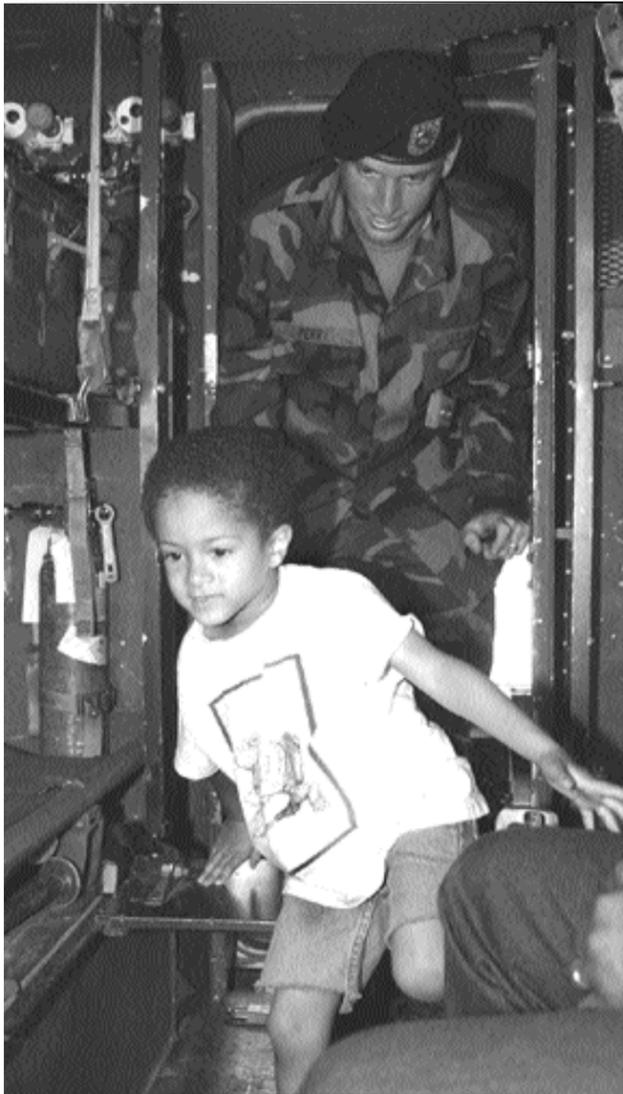
Spec. Chris Bashaw was on a quest of hydration. All six-feet, four-inches of him was dripping with sweat due to the roasting temperature inside the expo center. Bashaw is an Objective Forces Soldier of the Future.

This Land Warrior's BDUs were marked with sweat as he walked forcefully through the horde of people. His light eyes were scanning above and through the crowds in search of water for his scorching comrades and himself.

He peered in the various booths for water as he marched by them along his way. His strides were long and swift. Finally he caught a glimpse of something appealing. His eyes were beaming as spotted the cooler filled with ice-cold refreshment.

Bashaw dug his massive, grimy hand deep down to the bottom of the ice to assure he had the coldest bottles of water he could find. The look on his face when he took the first sip was of pure satisfaction. Absolute fulfillment. Even a Soldier of the Future needs the necessities of today.

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Pfc. James Perry, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, shows off his Humvee to Wyatt Fouts at the post Open House.

## Boys discuss Army futures

Lazing in the shade, waiting for the 3 p.m. Fort Riley Honor Guard performance, two camouflaged young boys discuss their potential roles in the Army when they are grown men.

The first, an enthusiast of the weapons firing course at Open House, decided that he would be firing the M240 B for a living.

"I want to fire the big noisy guns because I'm tough," he said.

The other decided that he wanted to be a member of the Fort Riley Honor Guard.

## Grandfather remembered as woman visits Fort Riley

By Gary Skidmore  
Command Information Officer

When Sarah Turkell was growing up in Norman Okla., she would sit on her grandfathers lap and listen as he talked about his experiences in World War II.

On Saturday, Sarah Turkell came to Fort Riley for one reason, to see where her grandfather had been stationed. She didn't know anything about the military, other than what her grandfather had told her, but she was on a quest.

"Grandpa always talked about Fort Riley and promised that one day he'd show me around," said Turkell.

"He died last year before we could make it up here, so when I heard there was an open house, I came for him."

The thirty-something Sooner found her way to the Veteran's Tent on Cavalry Parade Field and before long was engulfed in the

"I really want to be able to ride those horses and look like a Civil War soldier," he said. "They get to wear cool clothes and shoot old guns, too."

The Open House was a day full of stories like this, adults and children, young and old enviously observing the people that have helped to ensure their freedom.

You will see more small excerpts throughout today's Post describing some of these precious moments in time.

photo display, questioning the eras of each photo she passed.

"Grandpa was in World War II, would he have worn this," she asked pointing to the helmet of one soldier in the picture.

Peter Lufburrow, a veteran of WWII and the Battle of the Bulge stepped forward just then and said yes. I was there and he would have worn that.

"Lufburrow, a Manhattan resident was on hand in the Veteran's Tent as a representative of WWII. He walked through the pictorial history in the tent explaining each photo and answered every question from Turkell.

"I'm going home tomorrow," said Turkell, "and I'm leaving here knowing this is what my Grandfather did and talked about all those years. I have peace knowing what he did and being able to see through all these photos what he lived through."

## Local scouts sell food, have fun

By Steven Cooke  
Staff Writer

Although the main purpose behind Fort Riley's open house may have been to promote the Army and Fort Riley, other organizations used the day to fund raise and raise awareness.

The Boy and Cub Scouts came out armed with hamburgers, cheeseburgers and baked potatoes topped to the heavens. But sales were less than desirable.

"We're not selling much," said

Valentina Burton, Cub Master to Pack 560. "But we're recruiting, meeting parents and kids."

Which is just as good if not better.

"If the boy scouts can get out in uniform and be seen in public, then that's good for us," said Carol Holt, committee chairperson, Fort Riley Boy Scouts Troop 60.

The day is good for the moral of the boys too.

"The boys like it. They think it's a carnival," said Burton. "They haven't seen a carnival this big at

Fort Riley."

"Soldiers and civilians come by and tell the boys really great stories about when they were a scout or an eagle," said Holt.

And of course, what would a scout be without his badges?

"At the activity booth, the boys are recruiting and earning recruiting patches," said Burton. "We're having fun," she said. "We're not getting rich, but we're in the business."

Maybe next year they should think about selling lemonade.

## Tent display honors veterans

By Heather Pope  
Radford Univ. Intern

Dennis (Buz) Bruzina, a Vietnam Veteran came out for Fort Riley's Open House to help with the Veterans' Tent.

The tent was draped in camouflage and filled with memorabilia from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and the Gulf War. The memorabilia included pictures, patches, videos, crests and weapons from the different wars.

Bruzina stood there proudly in his uniform looking at his album of memories, reminiscing of his two tours in Vietnam.

His first tour was in Binhduong Province on a World War II Japanese airstrip called Phuloi. "There were soldiers there from the 1st Division Artillery Headquarters, the 1st of the 4th Calvary and Supple-

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# Patch collection part of Veterans' Tent

By Scott Price

Community Relations

Peter Paras volunteered to bring his World War II Army houlder patch collection to the Open House and display it at the Veterans Tent. "I thought it would be an appropriate display," Paras said.

Paras, still wearing the short crew cut of a drill instructor, said, "It was a great honor to talk with these veterans, walking history books, of which we loose over a thousand a day."

He added that he witnessed many moving and memorable moments during the Open House. For me, I think the most memorable event during the open house, was when many older WWII veterans would come up and put their finger on their old division patch," he said. "No words were spoken, but you could see tears well up in their eyes, with the look of what combat soldiers call the "hundred yard stare," as they recalled distant memories as though they had happened yesterday."

The patch collection comprised

two huge wood and glass panels that contained approximately 135 brightly colored patches denoting the Army's infantry, armor and tank destroyer units. Paras explained to the crowds that thronged around the display that some of the so-called divisions were phantom or "ghost" divisions.

Ghost divisions were divisions that could never really be fleshed out due to pressing need to send replacements to units already engaged in heavy fighting in Africa, Europe or the Pacific. Late in 1944 with such large battles as the battle for the Huertgen Forest, Battle of the Bulge, many of the heavy divisions in Europe were experiencing up to 500 casualties per day. The manpower simply was not there to create these divisions, although the heraldry department went ahead and created the division patches for units they simply could not fill.

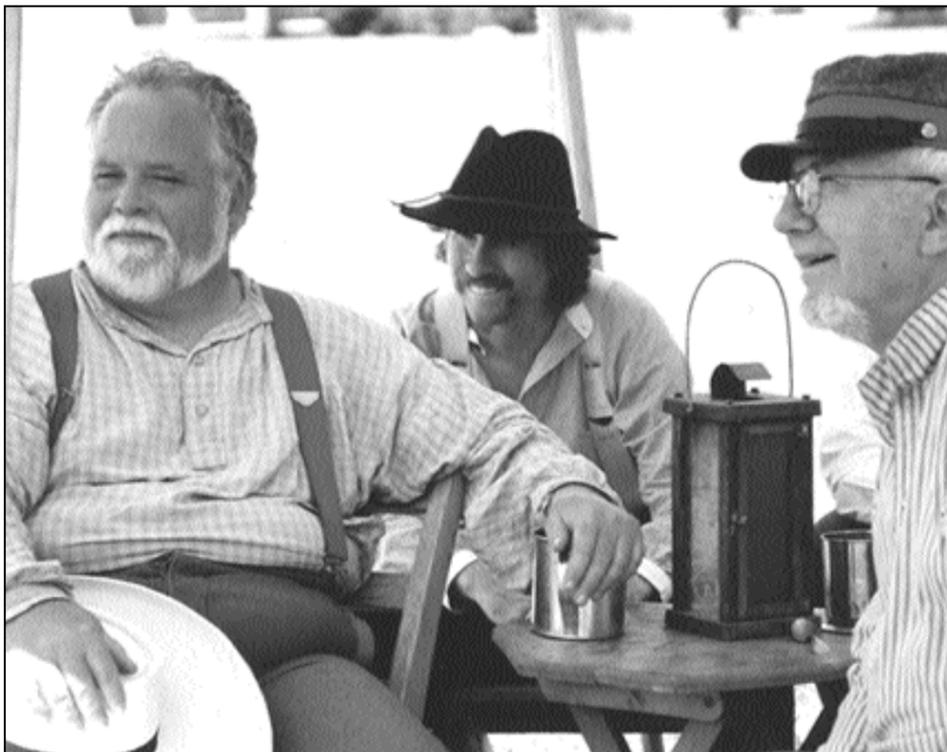
A good example of how heavy the fighting was, the 28th Division, Penn Army National Guard, whose patch is the keystone with a red background, was loosing so many soldiers, they named their

patch "the bloody bucket," Paras explained.

Phantom divisions were decoy divisions used to fool German intelligence during Operation Overlord and the invasion of Europe at Normandy on June 6, 1944. The U.S. Army created false divisions as a deception measure to fool the Germans as to the exact number of divisions making the invasion. They created the division patches and had soldiers wear them on their uniforms. The Germany spies would then report back as to the number of divisions they say.

"As to why I started collecting them?" Paras mused. "They're an instant reminder of why were here at Fort Riley, you take one look at them, and nothing else needs to be said."

Between the two wooden framed cases hung a small eight by ten inch laminated piece of paper that displayed illustrations of the shoulder patches from the ten divisions still on active duty with the Army. "A picture is still worth a thousand words," Paras said.



Post/Vanover

Volunteers at the reenactment portion of Open House sit in the shade of their tents watching the Open Houe activities going on around them. There were many civilian volunteers who dressed in Civil War era clothing and fought short simulated battles for spectators.

# Children's booth popular at Expo Center

By Lillian Flegle

Community Relations

Crayons, paper plates, yarn and glue were the highlights of the Child and Youth Services booth in the Expo Center at King Field House during the Open House.

"It takes kids two to five minutes to draw their pictures on a paper plate, then thread a strand of colored yard through the hole to make a hanging picture," said Jill O'Sullivan, Director of Fort Riley's Youth Services. "A lot of kids came back more than once to make things for their moms and dads, which was kind of nice," she said.

According to Margaret Colbert, recreation specialist, about 200 kids colored their way through their visit to the Youth Services booth.

"Sometimes a family of kids

worked on family projects," said Colbert. "The older kids made pictures with their younger sisters and brothers just for the fun of it," she added.

Younger children, ranging from ages five to eight, gravitated towards the grandmotherly figure Colbert personified. Then she would affectionately wrap her arms around them and read from the literature that Youth Services was providing to the public.

"We normally work with the middle school aged kids," Colbert said. "But today, we're here for kids of all ages and their parents."

O'Sullivan explained that their focus is to help kids adjust to their soldier parents as the family processes into the Fort Riley post, as well as preparing kids for a move to a new military installation.

"We hook kids up who have

just moved to Fort Riley with kids who are regulars at the Youth Services Center and have like interests. We reinforce life skills and help kids learn how to give back to the community," said O'Sullivan.

Colbert added, "We have a program called Character Counts that teaches respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, caring, citizenship and fairness. Through mentoring, kids visit veterans, give care packages to soldiers standing guard at the gates, give teddy bears to smaller kids and donate canned goods at the Friday night dances that go to the Salvation Army."

O'Sullivan feels that kids really need the extra mentoring, and having a booth at the Open is a really good way to get the word out to kids, soldiers and their families.



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The Benders, a 50s and 60s rock and roll band, performed on Saturday, as lead singer, Byron Brewer, holds a rubber chicken as part of the act.

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Members of the Fort Riley Military Police carry the Special Olympics Torch across post on May 29. The 2002 Law Enforcement Torch Run benefitted Special Olympics in Kansas by raising money and awareness.

## Ceremony opens museum

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

Fort Riley is now home to the U.S. Constabulary Forces Museum after a ribbon cutting ceremony on the building during Saturday's Open House events.

This project is the result of efforts by the U.S. Constabulary Forces Society, who first presented the idea to congress 10 years ago.

The U.S. Constabulary was a unique unit," said chairman Bill McKale. "There was never a unit like it before, and there has never been a unit like it since. The U.S. Constabulary was a unique unit designed for the occupation of Germany."

"Today marks the efforts of several groups of individuals to recognize a group of soldiers who have seemingly slipped through the pages of history," he said. "Ten years ago Fort Riley was elected to collect, preserve and maintain the culture of the U.S. Constabulary Forces.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, was on hand to cut the ribbon.

"We cannot allow a piece of history to just slip through the cracks," he said.

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Albin Irzyk also said a few words at the ceremony.

"Even today you ask people if they know about the U.S. Constabulary and they say no. So, we felt that there should be something tangible to preserve this piece of history," he said.

"People who go in this building will know that there was such a thing as the U.S. Constabulary way back when," he said.



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Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commander 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, welcomes visitors to the new U.S. Constabulary Museum.

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## ROTC good opportunity to get education

By Steven Cooke  
Staff Writer

Over the years many people have looked to the U.S. military as a doorway to great opportunity. Believing the military would provide them an education, leadership skills — everything needed to be a success. While this can be true, many don't realize there is more than just the traditional, sign up with a recruiter and run off to boot camp to do it.

Through U.S. Army and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, people can pursue a college degree, and commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army or Air Force.

"There are 270 Army ROTC programs across the country. While undergrad students are perusing their degree, they can undergo a pre-commissioning program," said Lt. Col. Arthur De Groat, Commander Military Science Department at Kansas State University. "70 percent of all officers come from ROTC."

De Groat said the ROTC program KSU is among the top 20 percent in the country. The program has enjoyed a 30 percent increase per year for the past two years.

De Groat explained what the ROTC curriculum consists of.

"They take military science classes, a physical fitness program, structured leadership program, as well as professional and social programs," he said.

"The military classes are run by officers and senior non-commissioned officers," added De Groat.

The cadets also have to attend camps.

Between the junior and senior year, cadets attend the four and a half week long National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Wash.

"This is a very critical part of leadership development," De Groat said of the camp. "It's a very intense leadership challenge. Every candidate in the country goes through that."

The ROTC program is not just for people looking to get into the military for the first time. Prior service soldiers, or those still enlisted but about to exit the service, can also join the program De Groat said. There is even a Green

to Gold scholarship that active duty soldiers can compete for, which can pay for their education.

De Groat explained some of the minimal requirements to the join the program.

Applicant should be U.S. citizens, have an A.C.T. score of at least 19 or an S.A.T. of at least 990, meet rigid physical and medical demands, be accepted in degree producing program at the university, be able to complete the commission before their 31st birthday and obtain a secret security clearance.

The Army ROTC program is looking for individuals that meet the "scholar, athlete, leader" model. "Those with real experience in scholastics, athletics and leadership," said De Groat.

"High school students with 3.0 grade point averages, are varsity athletes, officers of student government or members of the Honor Society," De Groat said are the type students he looks for.

The same applies to soldiers as well. He said he looks for, "Soldiers that wear physical training patches, not just pass their physical training tests."

For many, full scholarships are available.

"About 40 percent of my soldiers are on full scholarships," said De Groat. "About 50 percent of the incoming freshman class will also be on full scholarships," he said. "A full scholarship worth about \$80,000."

Some of the problems cadets usually face are time management issues and transitional problems.

"Cadet's usually have a hard time managing their time and energy. They're not just going to school, they're also going for a commission," he said. "As a developmental challenge, cadets go from student to soldier to officer. That's why it takes two to four years."

"The transition from full time soldier to full time student was a challenge," said 2nd Lt. Kevin Morgan, who graduated from the KSU Army ROTC program in January.

"You have to be very disciplined. No one is going to make you do anything."

For soldiers that do make it, the ROTC experience is one that they'll never forget.

"It was really great. The cadre and staff are really helpful, always

challenging me. It really brought out the best in me," said Morgan.

"It's a great environment to learn in. You're allowed to make your mistakes and learn from them," said Morgan, a Green to Gold scholarship recipient.

Aside from finishing his degree, Morgan said he joined the program because, "I wanted to have a positive influence on people around me. As an Army officer I felt I'd be better able to do that."

Some Army soldiers may feel that life as an Air Force officer is more their speed.

"I wanted to be a pilot. I wanted to fly planes," said Air Force 2nd Lt. Brad Cayword, a former Specialist in the Army National Guard.

"I did look into the Army program, but the Army didn't have career tracks in science and the Air Force did, said Air Force Capt. Paul White, commandant of Cadets at KSU.

"We have eight Army individual interested in joining our program," said Colonel William Conrad, commander of Air Force Detachment 270.

"The Air Force way of life appeals to them," said Conrad. "With no offense to the Army, the Army can be very demanding. Folks see the Air Force as way to have more of a home life, a different way of life."

The Air Force ROTC program is very similar to the Army ROTC program. A big difference though is the standards of acceptance criteria.

Conrad said the Air Force program is "very accessible," as he explained the criteria.

"You have to be accepted to the University, be able to perform 44 sit ups, 30 push ups for males and nine for females, do a two mile run in 18 minutes for males and in 21 minutes for females, and there is a weight standard."

Former Army servicemembers need to have been honorably released to join the program.

Anyone interested in joining the Army ROTC program can contact the education center on post at 239-6841 or the KSU Military Science Office, (785) 532-6754. For the Air Force ROTC program, interested applicants should call Detachment 270 at KSU, (785) 532-6600.

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