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Fort Riley Post



Kids learn martial arts
There is a place on post where children kicking, punching and wrestling is not only allowed - it is encouraged. Martial arts classes are being held at the Teen Center this summer through Youth Services. See Page 15

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Armor troops work to protect citizens

By Shauna J. McRoberts
1st Armored Division PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Barefoot children sell warm sodas on the sides of filthy streets. Men and women sit behind deteriorating wooden stalls and offer fruit covered in flies. Cars creep along stuck in the traffic lining the streets. In a crowded Baghdad marketplace, this is another day in the life of the Iraqi people, trying to survive under the scorching afternoon sun.

For the soldiers of 1st Armored Division's 2nd Battalion, 70th Armored Regiment, the marketplace is just another place they are trying to protect. With most of Baghdad's population out of work and struggling to survive after the fall of Saddam's regime, crime is one of the biggest problems Iraqis and Americans face, according to Lt. Col. Jeff Ingram, Task Force 2-70 commander.

"Every single man I have is standing guard or on a patrol, including cooks and mechanics," said Ingram. "Everybody wants security and most of the crime is Iraqi, on Iraqi. Security comes first."

Although American soldiers

are focused on security, Ingram expects the local Iraqi police to stand up as well. He also said a job for every Iraqi is key to keeping the streets safe.

"If every Iraqi was employed, the crime level would drop dramatically," Ingram said.

Ingram and his task force of approximately 750 soldiers are in charge of five zones in Baghdad. In addition to providing security, they are also working with the local town councils of Abu Graib and Ameriya to improve Iraqi living conditions.

"They tell us the problem and we work on a solution," said Ingram.

Ingram said that the common complaints include no electricity, limited water, limited trash pickup, no money, no jobs and the schools that are in disarray.

"The Iraqis expected a lot from the U.S. We're the heroes for the rest of the world," said Ingram.

"The Iraqi people thought that within days of the fall of Saddam, things would be back to normal. They get more frustrated as the days go by."

The task force's Civil Affairs team is working steadily to

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A soldier from Company B, 70th Engineer Battalion, gathers unexploded ordnance for disposal in Iraq. The unit is deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Medics head home to Missouri

By Justin Vinje
129th MPAD

National Guard soldiers who deployed to the Middle East last year received Fort Riley's praise June 5, scant hours before heading to their respective homes.

Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.), addressed members of a detachment from Headquarters Support Company, 205th Area Support Medical Battalion, Kansas City, Mo., during a demobilization ceremony held in their honor.

"What a tremendous Kansas day," Helmick said, opening his remarks. "What a tremendous day to say farewell and thank you."

Helmick expressed sympathy for the death of a soldier from the 205th, Sgt. Michael Barry, 29, who was killed in an auto collision in Qatar.

"You've had your whole world turned upside down," Helmick said, continuing his praise for the 205th, "and you were on the cutting edge. Because of your efforts, we can sleep tonight under a blanket of security."

Following his address, Helmick presented the detachment commander, Maj. Scott Gum, an American flag and spoke briefly with soldiers, honoring them with pins for their efforts during the deployment.

Approximately 50 soldiers from the 205th received the alert call in November. By late December, the medics were flying overseas to serve in Kuwait, Qatar and Iraq, said Staff Sgt. Darrin Anderson, a detachment platoon sergeant.

"On Dec. 12, active duty started," Anderson said. "We mobilized here on Dec. 15 and left on Dec. 27, validating in six days. The rest of the time was training and waiting."

Medics of the 205th carried on medical operations at, among other locations, Camps Arifjan, Doha and Udari in Kuwait, Camp Snoopy in Qatar and at a yet-to-be-established camp north of Baghdad, according to Anderson.

"We were literally in 11 locations," Anderson said. "At one point, we had 22 medics in Kuwait."

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Fort Riley welcomes new staff

Staff Reports

Col. Richard R. McPhee has been announced as the new Chief of Staff for the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley.

He is currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom as Commander of the 75th Field Artillery Brigade, and is anticipated to report to Fort Riley for his new position in July.

McPhee is a 1978 graduate of the military academy at West Point, where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer's Basic Course, The Infantry Officer's Advance Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff Officer's Course, United States Army War College, Ranger School and Airborne School.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Army Achievement Medal.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert L. Canuela is a new face at Fort Riley now, serving as the Division Command Sergeant Major. His last duty station was the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command where he served as the command sergeant major.

He entered the Army in October 1978, and completed One Station Unit Training as an Honor Graduate and attained the 13F Master Blaster at Fort Sill, Okla. He earned the titles of 1st Cavalry Soldier of the Year, 1st Armored DIVARTY NCO (Division Artillery Noncommissioned Officer)

of the Quarter, Infantry DIVARTY NCO of the Year, 25th Infantry Division "Master in Fire Support," Fort Sill Drill Sergeant of the Year (1988) and the U.S. Army and Federal Asian-Pacific American Council Meritorious Service Award.

His military awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Air Assault Badge and Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. Canuela is also a member of the Sergeant Morales Club and Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

Helmick departs for 101st Air Assault Division

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

A departure ceremony was held Wednesday for Brig. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, assistant division commander (maneuver), 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, who is leaving to become assistant division commander for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

The ceremony began with a presentation of flowers to Melissa Helmick by Fort Riley Soldier of the Year, Spc. Michael Huddleston, followed by the firing of Old Thunder, a replica civil war cannon.

Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander, 24th Inf. Div (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Helmick, and the Outstanding Civilian Service award to Melissa Helmick.

Hardy then spoke to those gathered.

"It's not just the soldier we farewell here today, but the team of Melissa, Jamie and Chris," he said. "They are the support network for Frank and for most of our family support programs and our local community."

Hardy spoke about where Helmick is going.

"(Helmick) is headed straight downrange," he said. "He is joining the Screaming Eagles, as you deployed soldiers out of here, you showed that level of competence, leadership, bringing this team together that was absolutely vital to our nation and winning this warfight."

He also thanked Melissa for her service to our Army, and I know that's good news for the soldiers and the troops downrange... It reflects the value that the United States Army places in this great team."

Hardy then spoke about Helmick's accomplishments at Fort Riley.

"Just as I look around Fort Riley, I reflect on the accomplishments — the things you have done over the past year at this post — and I know the value of your competence, tactical and technical, and more important, leadership," said Hardy. "...almost 5,000

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Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, assistant division commander (maneuver), speaks at his departure ceremony June 11. Helmick is going to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

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Georgia Guardsmen train for NTC rotation

By Roy Henry
Army News Service

FORT STEWART, Ga. — More than 4,000 Georgia Army National Guard soldiers are spending two weeks training in the sand and swamps in preparation for a rotation in the deserts of the National Training Center in 2005.

Besides the usual elements of the Georgia Guard providing support to the 48th enhanced Separate Brigade, 24th Infantry Division, selected Army National Guard and Army Reserve units from other states that make up a Multi-State Task Force are at Fort Stewart to provide assistance, said Brig. Gen. Jerry Nesbitt.

Throughout last weekend, soldiers from 27 armories across the state moved into barracks, unpacked their gear and got themselves ready to face an intense two weeks of combat training among the tall pines of Fort Stewart, the largest military reservation east of the Mississippi River.

Spec. Troy Sawyers, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor Regiment, based in

Calhoun, Ga., is one of the 48th Brigade's 2,100 soldiers at Annual Training 2003. Sawyers, a sales associate from Dalton, Ga., said he has looked forward to his two weeks at Fort Stewart.

"This has been really good training," Sawyers said, while checking his equipment. "We've had quite a bit to do and much more to accomplish before training ends."

Fellow medic, Spc. Jeremy Combs, of Ellijay, Ga., also with HHC, 1st Bn, 108th Armor, added that while the training has been good, it's also been hard.

"There's a lot we must do to get ourselves ready for the NTC, and that requires an extra effort on everyone's part to make sure every task is accomplished," he said. "Hard work, however, never hurt anyone."

Brig. Gen. Robley S. Rigdon, of Snellville, Ga., the 48th's Brigade commander, said that elements of the brigade will spend 10 consecutive days in the field. Included among them are soldiers from the 121st Infantry, 108th Armor and 148th Heavy Support Battalion.

Rigdon said that brigade leaders will focus on taking the sol-

diering skills of the individual guardsman and incorporating them into training at the platoon level or the larger company level. Combat arms units, such as the infantry and armor, will concentrate on small-unit training, while the support and service units will focus on training as larger units, Rigdon explained.

There are going to be long days and plenty of hard work between now and June 14 when our citizen-soldiers return to their home stations," he said. "But I'm confident the 48th Brigade will demonstrate the professionalism and dedication for which it's known."

While a successful annual training may be measured by how well units perform the tasks they are given, it's also gauged by the how safely the soldiers complete their assigned missions, Rigdon said.

"Safety, as always, is paramount," he said. "We want annual training 2003 to be a success, but

we also want our soldiers to be healthy and injury free.

"Every unit commander within the 48th, every NCO, from the most senior to the most junior, understands the importance safety plays in the accomplishing the mission," Rigdon added. "I know they will see to it that their soldiers have a great AT and return to their families safe and sound."

The brigade's training this year is preparing them for next year's AT at Fort Riley, Kan., said Rigdon.

When the 48th Brigade does arrive at Fort Irwin, it will come up against one of the best opposition forces the Army has, Rigdon said.

During two weeks of force-on-force combat against this highly trained unit, elements of the 48th will "shoot and move" through the hills and mountains of the Mojave Desert with hopes of soundly beating the active Army force at its own game, Rigdon said.

Grunt *By Wayne Udden*



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Memorial service honors Smith

By **Jamie Bender**
Staff writer

A memorial service was held Wednesday at Morris Hill Chapel in honor of Pvt. 1st Class Jeremiah Smith.

Smith died in Baghdad, Iraq, on May 26 when his vehicle hit unexploded ordnance in the middle of a highway while escorting 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Heavy Equipment Transporter Systems as the lead vehicle driver.

Smith enlisted in the Army in February 2002 and completed Basic Combat Training and Advance Individual Training at Fort Knox, Ky. He came to Fort Riley in August 2002 and was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. In March 2003, he deployed with the 3rd Infantry Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His awards include the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Global Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Capt. David Gordon, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, gave the eulogy. After detailing Smith's Army history and awards, he spoke about Smith's character.

"Everyone has a hero, sometimes a father, sometimes a friend. I know Pfc. Jeremiah Smith was no different," said Gordon. "Jerry was one of the best this country had to offer, and he proved that daily, either through declaration or deed. Always following and exemplifying the Army values, Jerry would go out of his way for fellow soldiers to ensure their success instead of his own. He was respected and appreciated by all."

Staff Sgt. Ryan Rust, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, Smith's platoon sergeant and truck commander,



A memorial to Pfc. Jeremiah Smith who died May 26.

der, gave the soldier's tribute.

"We are here today in remembrance of an outstanding soldier, husband, father and friend," said Rust. "From the first day Pfc. Smith arrived at the unit and was slotted as my driver, I knew immediately he had something very positive to give to the scout platoon. Whether it be a laugh, a joke, a sarcastic remark or a smile when difficult times arose, he always knew the right thing to say or do at the right time. This cavalry trooper was the epitome of a scout. He was very disciplined, self-motivated and hard charging. Never once did he complain or give up on a task. Just these few characteristics were the reason he was chosen to defend this great land."

Rust also spoke about how Smith exemplified the seven Army values.

"Pfc. Smith had every one of these values and more," said Rust. "He was a very professional and positive soldier... He was by far one of the most motivated and dedicated troopers and, in my opinion, had the heart of a lion... I felt a great pride that I was not only his leader and trainer, but his

brother in arms as well."

Lt. Col. Jeff Swisher, battalion commander, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, then gave remarks and remembered the kind of soldier and man that Smith was.

"Jeremiah Smith had many roles," said Swisher. "He was a husband and father of two beautiful daughters. He was a soldier. I knew him in that role — the role of a dedicated soldier. I remember a hard working man with sweat on his brow and determination in his eye every time I saw him. Whether it was in the motor pool, on the range or out in the field, he was always doing something. There was always a task at hand. He wasn't looking for any type of acknowledgement. He wasn't looking for any type of praise. He just did his best to make himself and his crew stronger."

Swisher also spoke about the Smith's death in Iraq. "Jeremiah exemplified the Army values. This is no truer than ten days ago. On May 26, 2003, Pfc. Jeremiah Smith was leading a convoy, performing a security mission for the 3rd Squadron of the 7th Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division. He was out front, as scouts always are. His job is to protect the soldiers with vehicles in that convoy. When the convoy was struck, his actions protected those soldiers from enemy aggression. Those soldiers accomplished their mission because of Jerry."

He also talked about how soldiers can honor Smith's memory.

"We can honor the memory of Pfc. Jeremiah Smith by following his example," Swisher said. "Just as Jerry did, we raised our hand and swore an oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States... Effective teams require everyone to do what they're supposed to do, when they're supposed to do it. That's what Pfc. Smith did. He did not seek awards; he did not seek accolades. He simply did his duty — performing his best to strengthen himself, his crew, his platoon and ultimately his Centurion team. Every time we do our duty, we honor Jerry's memory. Every day we come to work and give our all to make ourselves better, we honor the values that Jerry lived."

Swisher then thanked the Smith family for the love and support they gave Jerry while he served and for allowing the Centurions to share a part of his life.

"We were proud to have served with him. We are honored to have known him," said Swisher. "Fifty years from now, Pfc. Jeremiah Smith will be remembered as a loving husband and father, a trusted friend and a soldier — a patriot who served his country with dignity, courage and honor."

The memorial service concluded with a roll call, the firing of volleys and the playing of Taps.

Talk Around Town

"What do you have planned for the Army birthday?"



"I will prepare a short class on Army history for the soldiers in my squad, so they can reflect on and appreciate the sacrifices made by those who came before them."

Staff Sgt. Ryan McLane
Company A,
1st Bn., 16th Inf.



"I will be participating in the ceremony celebrating the Army's birthday as part of the division color guard."

Sgt. Patrick Parker
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
24th Infantry Division



"I plan to spend the day outside grilling and doing yard work and spending time with my family."

Spc. Jeff Sadler
Company C,
1st Bn., 16th Inf.

Task Force will return to Fort Riley soon

Soldiers with Task Force 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry arrived in Kuwait last week and are preparing for redeployment from Operation Iraqi Freedom. As soon as airflow is approved, the soldiers will return to Fort Riley, where they will be welcomed home in a redeployment ceremony in Hangar 817 on Marshall Army Air Field.

While in Kuwait, the unit is maintaining and turning in equipment, filling out paperwork and attending reintegrating briefings.

For updated information about this redeployment, see the message board in the Army Community Service building or visit the Fort Riley website at www.riley.army.mil

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resolve problems and according to Ingram, "things are getting better every single day." Iraqis and Americans have begun working together on projects that include cleaning up the streets and building new market stalls.

"The key to success is American visibility,"

said Ingram.

"We want the Iraqis to see soldiers out there talking to people, trying to make things better. This is proof that we care. Iraqis just want to see things get back to normal, but they have to realize this is a marathon, not a sprint," he said.

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A soldier plays Taps at a memorial service held June 4 for Pfc. Jeremiah Smith, 1st Bn., 34th Armor.

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Briefs

Organizational Day

Irwin Army Community Hospital will hold an Organization Day on June 20. Primary Care Clinic 1, will be open 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for Same Day Acute Appointments. This appointment type (Acute) is for patients who develop a sudden illness within 24-48 hours. To make an appointment, call the local TRICARE Service Center, 784-1200 or call toll free 1-888-874-9378.

Worship Service Changes

Some of the chapel worship services have changed times. The Sunday Protestant services will be held 9:30 a.m. at Normandy Chapel; 10:30 a.m. at Main Post Chapel; 11 a.m. at Normandy Chapel; 11 a.m. at Morris Hill Chapel and 11 a.m. at Kapaun Chapel. Catholic Masses will be held Monday - Thursday at noon at the Hospital Chapel; Sunday, 9 a.m., at Morris Hill Chapel and 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Chapel. Confessions are 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m., or anytime by appointment at Morris Hill Chapel. The Jewish Religious Service are on Fridays, 6 p.m., at Normandy Chapel.

Softball Scorekeepers Needed

The Fort Riley Sports Office is looking for a few more individuals who would like to become scorekeepers for slow pitch softball games. The games are in the evenings and on weekends. It can be a good source of extra income during the summer months. Anyone that might be interested should contact Barry Sunstrom, 239-3945.

Battle of the Bands

Battle of the Bands 2003 will be held July 11, 9 p.m., at Rally Point. Battle of the Bands is a competition between six local bands. They will be judged in several categories, such as originality, crowd response and musicianship. Bands must perform live for approximately 30 minutes each. Prizes will be awarded. Audition tapes are being accepted now through June 20 to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, building 253. Bands must have a minimum of three members. Tickets will be available in advance at Information, Ticketing and Registration for \$5. They will also be sold at the door. For more information, call 239-8147.

Free Concert

Rally Point will host a free concert June 27, 9 p.m. The first 400 people will get in free to see country singer, Anthony Smith, perform live. Anthony Smith is a new artist, whose first hit, "If That Ain't Country," is rising on the charts. He is performing at Manhattan's Country Stampede the same weekend. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and food and beverage will be available for purchase.

Special Needs Rodeo

The Junction City Rodeo Association will be hosting the Seventh Annual Special Needs Rodeo July 19, 6 p.m. The kids will have their own "rodeo outfits," and each child will be paired up with their one-on-one cowboy or cowgirl partner. The partner will escort the child to each of the events. Kids can also take a horseback ride at the end of the arena. The children can finish up their evening watching the Junction City Rodeo, where they and their families will be special guests. The Special Needs Rodeo will be held at the 4-H Senior Citizen Center on Spring Valley Road, Junction City. For more information or to RSVP, contact Laura McCauley, Exceptional Family Member Program, 239-9435. Please RSVP by July 8.

Soldier Show

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is coming to Fort Riley for two shows in July. The 17-member cast will perform at McCann Audi-

torium at Kansas State University, July 5 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

The fast-paced, family-friendly musical medley features soldiers performing a variety of music styles ranging from current pop hits to patriotic, country to rhythm and blues, contemporary Latin to nostalgic rock and roll and pays special tribute to Irving Berlin, the "founding father" of today's Army Entertainment program. Tickets to the event are free. Advance availability to the military only will begin June 16 at Information, Ticketing and Registration, 239-5614. Any additional tickets will open to the public June 23, and will be available through ITR or McCain Auditorium. For more information, contact ITR or Directorate of Community Activities, 239-9354.

ETS Ceremony

An Expiration time of service ceremony is normally conducted the third Thursday of each month in building 210. This month there will not be an ETS ceremony.

Marriage Enrichment

Want to make a good marriage better? Want to better understand your spouse? Want to have your spouse better understand YOU? Come learn how to deal with misunderstandings and how to stop the argument cycle at the monthly Marriage Enrichment Class June 21, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, room 30. Free childcare will be provided if you bring your child's shot records. Register by June 19 by calling 239-3436. Presented by Chap (Maj) James Paulson, Fort Riley Family Life Chaplain.

Father's Day Event

The Junction City Chapter of the NAACP is sponsoring a Father's Day event June 15, at the Second Missionary Baptist Church, Junction City. The event, "The Courage of Our Fathers - A Program Honoring the Long Proud History of African American Military Service," will begin with an open exhibit at the church at 3:30 p.m., followed by a formal memorial service and concluding with at the Buffalo Soldier Monument in Junction City. This event is free to the public and all are invited to attend.

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EFMP Summer Camp

The Second Annual EFMP Summer Camp will be at Rock Springs 4-H Center, 5405 West Highway K157, Junction City. The all-day summer camp will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m. On July 8, youth ages 12-16 will attend and on July 9, children ages 6-11 will attend. Along with enjoying the Kansas Flint Hills environment, the participants will be participating in activities such as archery, swimming, horseback riding and canoeing. Participants need to be enrolled in EFMP. Parents need to provide transportation. For more information or to RSVP, contact Laura McCauley, Exceptional Family Member Program, 239-9435. Please register before June 20.

Youth Sports

Registration is still being accepted for girls and boys going into 4th through 8th grades who are interested in playing 3-on-3 soccer this summer. The cost is \$5 and registration is at Central Registration, building 6620. Anyone who shows up at the fields on the scheduled day and time can participate, as long as they are registered. For more information, call the Youth Sports office, 239-9223.

Spouses of Deployed Soldiers

Spouses of deployed soldiers can enjoy some time to relax with fun activities and free childcare, courtesy of the Soldier and Family Support Center and Child and Youth Services. Every Monday in June from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., the SFSC, building 7264, will offer activities such as bingo, craft instruction, stress management tips, cooking classes, fashion shows, facials, massages and round robin discussions. Activities are also scheduled for July 14 and 28. June activities include an easy cooking class, a discussion on infant and toddler activities, crafts day, pamper me day and a style show. July activities include Women, Infants and Children information, cooking class and spouse information. Childcare is on a first come first serve basis with a limit of 20 children. No registration is required, but the

SFSC does require shot records for each child. Snacks will be provided. For additional information, call 239-9435.

Adopt-a-Room

Fort Riley organizations are invited to participate in the Women Infant Care Center Adopt-A-Room project. This beautification program is striving to change the appearance of the patient rooms and give them a softer, family oriented look. The rooms are on the third floor in the Women and Infant Care Center. New mothers are encouraged to bring their own pillows, blankets or towels to add to their comfort during their hospital stay. For more information on the Adopt-A-Room program, call Maj. Susanna Iara at 239-7434.

Standards of Conduct Reminder

Only duly appointed contracting officers can obligate the government contractually. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in an "unauthorized commitment" - an agreement that is not binding solely because the government representative who made it lacked the authority to enter into that agreement on behalf of the Government. Unauthorized commitments must be investigated, and the perpetrators are subject to adverse actions. Ordering officers may, by virtue of their written appointment, obligate the government up to their designated approval limits. Also, government purchase cardholders may obligate the government when funds are certified by an approved funds certifier, so long as they remain within designated single purchase and monthly purchase limits. For additional information, contact the Directorate of Contracting, 239-0468.

Employment Readiness Program

The Employment Readiness Program is offering several Orientation/Intake briefs for members of the Army family. Attend an ori-

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entation to learn about the employment assistance offered, get information about the current Kansas job market and complete your enrollment for job search assistance. Orientation briefs are scheduled for June 24 and July 1, 8, 15 and 22, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the Employment Readiness Program, 239-9435 or 239-9437.

Human Patient Simulator

Fort Riley medics are invited to schedule time for using the Human Patient Simulator. Irwin Army Community Hospital will only have the Human Patient Simulator for a 90-day trail. Medical scenarios for certain combat trauma injuries are available. The Human Patient Simulator presents an opportunity for practicing the lessons learned in classes for Emergency Medical Technicians/Paramedics or classes for treatment of battlefield injuries. To reserve a time, call Staff Sgt. Kevin Lockett, NCOIC for the Health Specialist (91W) Transition Program, 239-2111.

Battalion Level Tennis Program

The 2003 Fort Riley Battalion Level Tennis Program will be June 23 - 27. Each battalion commander may enter a men's team, consisting of six singles players, and one doubles team. Each battalion commander may enter a women's team, consisting of four single players, and one doubles team. A roster of battalion team

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members should be sent to the Sports Office on a roster form signed by the battalion commander no later than close of business June 10. For more information, contact Barry Sunstrom, 239-3945.

Legal Assistance Hours

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

Praise Team Leader/Pianist Needed

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

Breast-feeding Classes

The Women and Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free classes on breast-feeding babies on the third Wednesday of each month. A



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dietitian will address the nutritional requirements for breastfeeding moms and a lactation educator will talk about the advantages of breast-feeding and how to prepare for successful nursing. Classes are held in the Obstetrics classroom on the third floor, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Maj. Susanna Itara, 239-7434.

Christian Musicians Needed

Due to deployments, the Contemporary Protestant service is looking for a Christian bass player and back-up drummer for their praise band. Service meets Sundays at 11 a.m. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. If interested, call Ch. John Paulson, 239-3436.

Nursery Workers Needed

Looking for workers who are interested in working at the nursery's on post at any of the chapels (Main Post, Morris Hill, Normandy and Kapaun Chapels). You must be able to work Sunday mornings for worship services. Those who are interested must be 18 years of age or older and must be CPR and First Aide certified, or willing to get certified at their expense. Call Sgt. 1st Class Lang, 239-2799, for more information.

Letters to the Front

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

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Thrift Shop

Are you getting ready to move? Let the Fort Riley Thrift Shop help you get ready for the packers. Sort through your belongings and call the Thrift Shop to come and pick up any donations (in good condition) from your house. Visit the Thrift Shop in building 267, Stuart Ave., 784-3874. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Volunteer opportunities are available at the Thrift Shop. Childcare expenses are reimbursed, as well as first look at new merchandise. Board positions are still open. If interested, contact Scott Martis, 784-2351.

The Shoppe

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

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

Mail Training

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

Soldier Retirement Info

Soldiers with DEIMS dates after Aug. 1, 1986, who are eligible under current Service regulations to serve continuously to 20 years, must choose between the High-3 and the CSB/REDUX retired pay plans between their 14 and a half and 15th year of active duty, although retirement won't occur until the soldier has completed 20 years of service. The 14 and a half to 15 years of active duty is calculated from the soldier's basic active service date (BASD) Not the DEIMS date.

Members who elect CSB/REDUX are entitled to a \$30,000 career status bonus (CSB) payable at their 15th year of active duty. The CSB may be paid in a lump sum or a series of up to five annual payments. In no case will an election become effective until a member's 15th year of active duty. CSB/REDUX retired pay will always lag behind High-3 retired pay, so wise investment of the CSB by members who elect CSB/REDUX is necessary to lessen or possibly eliminate that gap.

All servicemembers who are between their 14 and a half and 15th year of active duty should contact the Retirement Services Office for an appointment to discuss between retired pay plans. The Retirement Services Office is located in building 210, 239-3320 or 239-3667. For more information concerning CSB/REDUX, go to www.odcspet.army.mil/Retirement

Tobacco Cessation

Community Health Nursing of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free Tobacco Cessation classes. This is a four-week program, which meets once a week and is run by trained medical professionals. Participants may choose to quit smoking without medication or healthcare

providers may prescribe Zyban. Nicotine patches are also offered during the class. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dietitian teaches healthy ways to avoid weight gain. Military servicemembers, their families and DoD civilians are eligible to participate. To register, call Community Health Nursing at 239-7323.

Enlisted Spouses Club

The Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses Club is a service organization designed for Enlisted Spouses E1 - E9, active duty, retirees or widows. The club helps support Fort Riley and surrounding communities with donations to worthy causes as well as the donation of time and services to projects. The second purpose of ESC is to foster and promote recreational and social activities among the members while providing a support system for the enlisted spouses of Fort Riley.

For more information on the club or upcoming meetings, call 784-3191.

MOM's Club

MOMS Club of East Manhattan-Kansas is a non-profit club designed for stay-at-home moms (or dads). The club provides moms with an opportunity to interact with one another while their children participate in various daytime activities throughout the 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. 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 you can try it out without obligation. For more information, contact Christa Vizner, 537-1141

or vizner@kansas.net

New OB Class

The New OB Class is held every Tuesday morning, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., on the 4th floor of Irwin Army Community Hospital. A positive home 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. The New OB Class is not a labor and delivery class.

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 given a copy of "Pregnancy and Childbirth." This is a three-ring binder with information about appointment schedules, facts about pregnancy, childbirth, infant care and a local resource directory.

To schedule your attendance of the New OB Class, call the TRICARE Service Center, 784-1200 or toll-free, 1-888-874-9378.

Pregnancy Physical Training

Pregnancy Physical Training is held every Monday and Friday, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m., at the Armed Forces YMCA, 16th and Washington St., Junction City, and on Wednesday, it is held at Normandy Chapel, building 7865, Fort Riley. The program is designed to serve the special needs of the pregnant soldier by providing appropriate physical training and a health education program. Pregnancy PT supports

the Fort Riley units by offering consistent health guidance for pregnant soldiers.

Every Tuesday is an hour-long education program, which is held in the Education Bay, fourth floor, Irwin Army Community Hospital, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Short presentations by health care staff members cover a variety of topics, such as infant car seats, skincare during pregnancy and the common discomforts of pregnancy.

Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier, are welcome to attend. Participation in the Pregnancy PT program is encouraged although participation isn't mandatory.

Limited openings are available for this program. To participate in the Pregnancy PT program, call Sgt. Carrie M. Jensen, Headquarters Platoon, 568th Engineer Company, 239-4260, or leave a message at 762-7012.

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Letters to the Front

"We are all so proud of you. Every day you are in our thoughts and prayers. I want you all to know, especially my husband, Pfc. Robert Ehlers, that we know how hard you are working and we know how hard it is to be separated from your loved ones. You are in my heart always. I love you, Bob. You, and the rest of the 2nd Bn., 70th Armor are heroes." - Love, Jessica Ehlers, military spouse, Staten Island, N.Y.

"Hello! All of you are doing such a great job. You deserve a big round of applause! From what I've seen on the news, it must be one heck of a ride for you guys and women. When I think of all the great and heroic accomplishments you do so willingly every day, I have to say thank you, thank you, thank you and once again, thank you! I cannot say that enough. I know you've probably read so many thank you letters that this must seem quite ordinary to you, however I do have to say that there are no words to express this thank you, other than, thank

you! Excuse my sense of humor; maybe that put a smile on your face. I live in a small town in Iowa, and I cannot imagine ever seeing the soil of Iraq or any other place that a lot of you are stationed at. Just knowing that you are out there, in harsh environments, to protect and serve our country really gives me goose bumps. It just gives me a peace of mind. I hope that all of you can find your own peace of mind if you haven't already. I know the war protesters and activists tend to cloud your minds, but please don't let this bring you down, even to entertain your thoughts for one little second that what you are doing isn't right. Your cause is just, your job is righteous and people like you! Well, keep your heads up and remember, wherever you go, there you are (words from a certain hero)!" - Elisha Robinson, Iowa

"To my fiancée, Cameron Nielsen, I'm so proud of you, baby! I can't wait to see you! I miss so much and I love you more

than anything! Everything is going okay here at home, but would be a lot better if you were here! My new job is going great! Being a waitress is fun, and the people I work with are awesome! I'm doing really well also! Come home soon and be safe! Love you forever." - Rosemary Mewshaw, Rapid City, S.D.

"To Sgt. Olen B. Ice, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor: Just a little message to let you know that we are thinking of you. We love you and can't wait until you come home, whenever that might be. I miss you, baby." - Love, Terri Ice, military spouse, Ogden

"To Sgt. Lawrence William: Caleb and I are thinking about you all the time. We love and miss you very, very much. Please be careful over there. Write me whenever you get a chance. Hope to hear from you soon. Love you!" - Carmen Lawrence, Military Spouse, Fort Riley

"To my boyfriend in 4th Bn.,

1st FA: I am doing fine and still getting ready to deploy. Your son is doing fine. Keep being safe and return home soon. I'll see you soon." - Love, Misty Born, 125th FSB

"To my husband Spc. Kristopher Pascoe, 4th Bn., 1st FA: I love you dearly, and can't wait to see your smiling face. Dustin, Emilie and I miss you so much. We are counting each day until you come home!" - Love, Shana, military spouse

"To Sgt. James D. Skelton, 4th Bn., 1st FA: The boys and I are always thinking of you. We are so proud of you. We miss you with all our hearts. I can't wait to see your face. Take care of yourself and stay safe. We love you and miss you!" - Love, Anita, Danny, Darren and Mason

"To Pfc. Edward J. Hauler: I miss you, Eddie! Hope you are well and safe. Hope you had a good birthday, and hope to hear from you soon." - Love, Mom

"I want to tell Jonathan L. Drake and his company, 977th Military Police Company, that we are so proud of them, and we miss and love them. Write home and let us know how you are doing! Go USA!" - Alice C. Drake, Military Mom, Dothan, Ala.

"To my husband, Sgt. Crocka, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., we love you and are so proud of you and all the soldiers over there. Keep your head up. We are pulling for you to come home soon. You are the best, and I will never forget it. You are my hero! Justin says he is ready to go fishing so you better get ready, too. I hope to hear from you soon." - Brandi Crocka, Army Lodging, Sweet Springs, Mo.

"I am praying for the safe return of everyone. I would like to hear my baby's, Spc. Johnathon Duane Ward, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, voice." - Bertha Raye Adams Ward, Military mother, Stamps, Ark.

"To Pfc. Jonathan Searls, 125th FSB: Hope you're doing okay. Your mom and I have been reading about your battalion on the Fort Riley website and other news sites we found. It's been over four weeks since either of us has heard from you, and we pray to God you are alright. It sounds like you have been patrolling for a couple weeks though, and with so many soldiers in such a close region, I'll bet phone privileges are tight. We know if you were able to call us that you would, so we will wait to hear your voice. Your parents are fine, and Nate is doing well too. He's looking into taking some classes from the base in Alaska. Still haven't received that letter you sent me in early May, we hope you're getting ours to you. Please call me if you have a chance, either at home or on my cell. Let me know that you're okay. Everyone here thinks of you and prays for you often. Look out for yourself and please call." - Your bud, Beth

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at six locations at once. We moved so frequently, we changed our call sign from the Desert Bears to the Gypsy Medics."

Anderson added that the medics saw well over 200 patients that included every day-soldiers, Arab civilians, U.S. Marines and military personnel from other Coalition nations. Medics from the 205th contended with everything from skin rashes to crushing injuries caused by heavy equipment. He said setting bones and completing minor surgeries were all part of a day's work.

The medics' reputation for excellence earned them opportunities to go even closer to the heart of danger, according to Anderson. An Army lieutenant who'd been in the care of the medics asked for volunteers to go across the border, into Iraq and nearer the combat zone. Sgt. Michael Johnston, Spc. Jason Bird and Spc. Eric Colon all volunteered to go.

"We wanted to see other areas of the theatre," Johnston said. They did, setting up an aid station at a former Iraqi air base.

"[The Army] had just gotten there," Johnston said. "The place had probably only been secured a week before."

The three medics lived in the least-damaged rooms of what Johnston said was formerly pilots'

living quarters. Since there was running water, soldiers used "water buffaloes," large cylindrical water trailers, to wash up.

"Our time there was probably the high point for me," Bird said. Capt. Matthew Needham said that overall, the troops performed excellently, working side-by-side with their active-duty Army counterparts. Needham led the detachment for several months when Gum was tasked to work with their command element.

Though Needham said the unit would have served as long as the job took, when the order to demobilize finally came, it was time to go home.

Pfc. Auvery Callahan said the excitement was tangible after the 25-and-a-half hour plane ride back.

"There was a big cheer on the plane when we touched down," she said.

Two hours after the ceremony, a waiting bus took the medics home to their families and loved ones. Anderson said that despite how busy the past few months had been for the soldiers, quite a few had plans for when they got back.

"I'm gonna enjoy personal time with my wife and young boy, Spenser Myles," Anderson said. "He was a little over two years old when I left. We're going to take

walks, ride bikes, paint -- basically make up for lost time."

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Town hall meeting successful

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

In an effort to promote a better flow of information from the command structure to the post and its support structure, Fort Riley held its first live, televised town hall meeting June 2, on post channel 2.

"The intent was to give those who don't normally get a chance to ask questions of the Command an opportunity to do just that," said Scott Rhodes host of "In Step With Fort Riley" and mediator for the town hall meeting. "While callers and e-mailers were asked their name, there was a certain amount of anonymity involved. So, even if somebody was a little nervous, there was that buffer of not actually having to go face to face with a high ranking officer — some folks might be intimidated by them. This format eliminates, or at least greatly reduces, that factor."

Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, assistant division commander for maneuver and Col. John A. Simpson Jr., garrison commander, Fort Riley, hosted the show, answering

questions via live phone calls and e-mail questions.

Before taking callers questions, Simpson addressed the status of the units Fort Riley has in the field. Living conditions, food, showers and mail were all addressed along with requests that some units had for items from home. Simpson also addressed the question of when units would be coming home.

"We don't have any redeployment orders on them yet. As soon as we know, we will tell everybody. We have no control over their movement. The CENTCOM (Central Command) commander, General Franks, and his folks will determine who's going to re-deploy and when," said Simpson.

Simpson also spoke about the Soldier and Family Readiness Center and what programs, such as financial preparedness classes and craft nights, are being offered through that entity for spouses and families of those soldiers on deployment.

Simpson also addressed redeployment and what families should do when they get the word on a loved ones return home.

"After being released to their

families, they will come back 24 hours out and gradually work into a work week of seven days, doing mandatory type classes on a half-day schedule. Then, they will, based on the commander, go on a two-week block leave. Some will get more, some will get less, depending on their situation," said Simpson.

For the remainder of the hour-long show, Simpson and Helmick answered questions ranging from deployment to activities available for kids on post.

"It was the first time that people who, for whatever reason, can't make the Community Action Council meetings had a chance to make their voices heard and get some answers that they may not have had the chance to get in the past. Not only that, but they got to speak directly to the garrison commander and an assistant division commander. I bet not many people ever get the chance to do that," said Rhodes.

With the wide appreciation from the community for the new town hall concept, more live broadcasts are planned for the future. Dates and times will be announced.

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of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Armed Forces Staff College and the U. S. Army War College.

Helmick has served in a variety of command and leadership positions during his time in service. He has served as a platoon leader of both a rifle and mortar platoons and as a company executive officer for the 1st Cavalry Division. He commanded Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division and 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. He has also been the commander for the Ranger Training Brigade, Fort Benning, Ga.

Helmick has held several staff positions from the battalion to Joint Staff level. He served as a liaison officer to the U.S. Forces Caribbean during Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada and as aide to the deputy corps commander, XVIII Airborne Corps.

He served as the battalion S3 with 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Abn. Div. and battalion S3 and executive officer, 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Battalion Combat

Team, Southern European Task Force, Vicenza, Italy.

After battalion command with the 82nd Airborne Division, Helmick served as the G3, 82nd Abn. Div.

His last assignment prior to being assigned as the assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Inf. Div., was as the chief of operations for anti-terrorism in the J3 on the Joint Staff, Washington D.C. Helmick assumed the duties as assistant division commander at Fort Riley in August 2002.

Some of Helmick's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, with one oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, with one oak leaf cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantry Badge and the Master Parachutists Badge, to name a few.

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Letters to the Editor

Fallen military police comrade remembered for heroic deed

A Soldier's Role Call

I looked about, shook my head, how could this be, I am right here, right at your side.

I need them to know, I am here, right here, right beside them.

To the center I moved, turning about, I faced them, standing before you, that gleam in my eye, that pride swelling in my chest, "Present Sir!"

Silence.

Standing there in front of you, I watched as your heads bowed, tears flowed from your sad eyes — some of you were weeping. Why so sad, I asked myself.

I turned about, there, right in front of me, in front of all of my brothers in arms, placed in solemn order, the sign of a Fallen Soldier. My boots, they carried me to

this land.

My dog tags, they displayed a name rich in history.

My rifle, the tool of my trade, I stood there and then I felt it, your love overwhelmed me, and I knew, at that moment, I would always be there, right beside you.

As you walk away, speak my name with pride; know that I am right there, right beside you.

From your hearts, let the world know that I passed through your life, that it was an honor to have served together, and that I am always there, right beside you.

Fallen, but never forgotten.

Memorial day has come and gone and the heavy summer driving and PCS months are just beginning. With the increase in travel, many states and individual posts around the country have instituted increasingly active seatbelt and automotive safety checks.

Thirty states and many military posts, including Kansas and Fort Riley, have adopted the "Click It or Ticket" campaign as one way to help improve automobile safety.

The Click It or Ticket program is a nation-wide mobilization of forces to "intensively enforce" seat belt use, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

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country.

The program is scheduled to continue throughout the next month, with individual states and agencies deciding on how to best enforce the program.

On post, fines and tickets will be given to anyone in a vehicle who does not have a seat belt on while the vehicle is moving. Fines for not wearing a seatbelt start at \$10 per person. Having an unsecured infant in the vehicle will cost \$20.

But safety belt use is more important than just not getting a ticket. According to Jeffrey W. Runge, M.D., administrator of the House of Representatives, safety belt use cuts the risk of death in a crash in half.

The 25 percent of vehicle occupants who failed to use safety belts cost themselves and America 6,800 preventable deaths and 170,000 preventable injuries, resulting in \$18 billion in medical costs, lost productivity and other injury related expenses.

In conjunction with the Click It or Ticket program, Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free car seat inspections by certified inspectors. To schedule an inspection, call the community health nursing office, 239-7325.

Family, friends thank honor guard

Dear Editor:

The family and friends of Edmund H. Schlund, USMC, wish to express their gratitude toward the members of the burial with honors detail dispatched from Fort Riley May 24 to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island, Neb. You performed your duties with impeccable precision. You provided our husband, father,

grand-dad and dear friend to many, with the respect, honor and dignity that we owe those who've served our great country through their sense of duty to serve and to honor God, country and fellow man. We thank you from the bottom to the top of our hearts for your own sense of duty to do the same. Again, you performed flawlessly —impeccable. Though

none may have seen it, there was surely a snappy salute from above. Ed had fought his third battle with cancer and won the greatest honor one who serves could receive.

Thank you.

Family and friends of Edmund H. Schlund, USMC

Click your seat belt or get ticket

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer



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Korea 50 years ago -- Chinese capture outposts, Rhee concedes on peace plan

By Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

Wave after human wave of Chinese soldiers lost their lives attacking outposts in the Nevada complex 50 years ago this week in Korea, but the bloody assaults eventually convinced I Corps to fall back to its main line of resistance.

May 29, 1953 — The Associated Press reports that the total casualties in the war for both sides now stand at more than 2.3 million. China has suffered more than one million of those casualties, while 802,000 North Koreans have been wounded and killed. There are almost 257,000 ROK casualties.

The report uses the Pentagon figures for American casualties as of May 22. They are 135,221, with 24,119 dead. Great Britain is next with 3,763 casualties, followed by Turkey with 2,700 casualties.

The Pentagon update on American casualties was not announced for the week.

May 29-June 4 — The battle for the 25th Infantry Division's Nevada complex of outposts in I Corps continues to rage. Turkish soldiers attached to the division defend the outposts. On Carson they are in serious trouble. A few manage to slip away to join their countrymen still holding Outpost Elko, but most of them die at their positions or in the trenches on Carson. As dawn breaks on May 29, the Chinese own Carson.

Enemy soldiers also take control of the northwest part of Outpost Vegas.

Maj. Gen. Samuel T. Williams, 25th Infantry Division commander, places the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment under the control of the Turk commander, Brig. Gen. Sirri Acar.

Before the GIs can be deployed, the Turks attack straight into the enemy. Using knives, hands and small weapons, the Turks push the Chinese off of Vegas.

Halfway there the Americans begin taking heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire, along with artillery and mortars. The companies have to pull back to Elko.

Two more attempts are made against Carson, but the rain of metal against them is too much each time.

After the last attempt, the Chinese on Carson attack Elko. They repeatedly come through supporting artillery, tank guns and mortars. Twice they get close enough to throw grenades at the Americans. After that, the assault ceases momentarily.

That afternoon Williams and Lt. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, I Corps commander, conclude that the Chinese will continue the attacks until they control the entire Nevada complex. More than 150 Turks and Americans have been killed. Little more than 40 men, many of them wounded, hold Vegas. On Elko there are a little more than 20 and many of them are also wounded.

The Chinese have suffered an estimated 3,000 casualties, but their commanders have shown they were willing to take those losses. Clarke decides the outposts aren't important enough to justify more American and Turkish lives. That evening the troops withdraw to the main line of resistance.

Fighting shifts east to X Corps where the North Koreans capture Hill 812, four miles northeast of the Punchbowl, from the ROK 12th Infantry Division on June 1.

On June 2 Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Eighth Army commander, tells Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. Supreme Commander, of his concerns about two line positions in the I Corps and IX Corps.

Positions north of the Imjin and Hantan Rivers are on easily defended territory, but the lines are thin. If the communists hit those positions using the same human wave assaults as in the most recent battles, they could break through. Once U.N. troops pull back across the rivers, it will result in heavy losses to contain the breakthrough.

Taylor has already taken the only actions he can to try to avoid this situation. He has put his reserves on alert, increased ammunition stocks and has Fifth Air Force flying reconnaissance missions in those areas to track possible enemy movements.

On June 4 North Koreans capture Anchor Hill in the ROK I Corps. Repeated counterattacks by the South Koreans to retake Anchor Hill results in heavy casualties among the communists, but they are losing men, too.

The counterattacks are stopped to keep from incurring more losses. ROK forces are redeployed to positions to keep the North Korean contained on the hills.

May 29-June 2 — Dealing with the communists at the truce table is not the only problem the United States must face to obtain peace in Korea. South Korean government leaders are vehemently opposed to a settlement that leaves a divided Korea. They also don't like some of the proposals in the U.S. truce plan, and their actions could wreck the U.S. peace efforts.

On May 29 acting ROK Premier Pyun Yun Tae says the South Korean Army may be pulled from the front lines to fight elsewhere. One of its missions would be to prevent the landing of "any foreign troops of the five custodial nations."

President Syngman Rhee declares May 30 that his soldiers are "men of steel" and would fight alone to unite Korea. "Peace here is up to ourselves," he said. Rhee has demanded that after a truce is signed that Chinese troops must leave Korea.

The South Koreans are opposed to India being in charge of overseeing the prisoners during the explaining period and the political conference after that. They feel that India will side with the two communist countries on the prisoner commission. They say India has a track record of voting with the Soviet Union in the U.N. General Assembly.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower meets with his political, diplomatic and military staff May 29-30 to find a way to convince Rhee to accept a peace settlement with a divided Korea.

On June 2 Rhee says he has will concede to American pressure after receiving a message from Eisenhower. "Out of gratitude to the U.S." because "common sense and wisdom require that we cooperate with the U.S. at any cost. We must accept anything the U.S. president wants, but to allow Chinese soldiers to stay in our country is similar to a death sentence."

Reporters in Seoul suspect that Rhee changed his mind because Eisenhower guaranteed South Korea security and agreed to provide various loans to the South Korean government for reconstruction after the war.

June 4 — The truce delegations meet on June 4 because on June 1 the communists request two more days to consider the U.N. proposal. Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U.N. delegate, has misgivings with only how the Reds have rewritten the proposal on what is to be done with the POWs who still refuse repatriation if their fate has not been decided at the end of 120 days. His superiors in the United States tell him not to make an issue of it at this time.

Chinese radio has been complaining about the clause that says if the issue isn't settled, the U.N. General Assembly will decide what to do with the POWs. Their sticking point is that the General Assembly, their opposition in the war, will make decisions about Chinese and North Korean prisoners.



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