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Special Reaction Team
Fort Riley's Special Reaction Team held a joint training mission recently with the Fort Riley Fire Department at an abandoned building on Main Post.

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Aviators in their CH-47 helicopters, supported the 2nd Brigade, 34th Infantry Division, Iowa Army National Guard, by airlifting infantry and artillery units all over the Fort Riley maneuver area during the recent BATL-AXE exercise.

Training exercise tests airlifting skills

By Gary Skidmore
Cmd. Information Officer

The largest aviation training exercise ever to take place on Fort Riley peaked last weekend when 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment completed more than 80 sling load missions.

Virtually flying non-stop for more than 24 hours, the aviators in their CH-47 helicopters, supported the 2nd Brigade, 34th Infantry Division, Iowa Army National Guard, by airlifting infantry and artillery units all over the Fort Riley maneuver area.

"This exercise is significant for us because it's the first time in memory that we've had our battalion together to maneuver," said 1st Lt. Charlie Wilson, S-1, 5th Bn., 159th Avn. Regt.

"We've tried working together as a unit in the past, but we've only done it with one or two units. This is significant because we're here with Headquarters Company and Company B, from Fort Eustis, Wash., and a detachment from Iowa."

The exercise, called BATL-AXE, began two weeks ago for the battalion.

"We began supporting the infantry two weeks ago," said Maj. Edward Lizurick, executive

officer, 5th Bn., 159th Avn. Regt.

"Our primary mission is to provide aviation support to the infantry and any other unit that may need air mobile assets. We provided them with that capability here," said Lizurick.

Lizurick said his helicopters have the capability to lift heavy loads.

"We can lift just about anything," said Lizurick. "We can move combat units and their equipment around the battlefield giving them the capability to relocate on the battlefield while the battle is raging."

Acting as observers/controllers for the exercise were members of 2nd Battalion, 291st Training Support Battalion from Fort Riley.

"We are responsible for about 90 aviation units west of the Mississippi," said Capt. Scott Jones, Company A, 2nd Bn., 291st TSB. "We provide a collective training experience for them to actually exercise their aviation expertise in a combined arms environment."

Jones said that his unit considers this exercise significant because they have been successful in combining infantry, engineer and artillery units in the exercise with the aviation assets making the scenarios more real life.

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Summer brings Changes of Command to Fort Riley units

Gold assumes command of 3rd BCT

By Gary Skidmore
Cmd. Information Officer

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team changed command Monday and in doing so, began a new chapter in the history of the 1st Armored Division and 24th Infantry Division.

Col. John Musser II, passed the brigade colors to incoming commander Col. Russell Gold under blue skies and a warm breeze as hundreds of friends, family and well wishers looked on.

"I arrived here knowing I had a brigade combat team ready for war," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley.

"It's not just on the National Training Center battlefield that John Musser excels," said Metz, in his remarks about the outgoing commander.

"Whether it's sending Task Force 2-70 Armor or 1-41 Infantry to Kuwait or participating in NATO Battle Command Training Exercises in Germany, deploying company teams to RTC or developing the right standards for access control, whatever John Musser's Brigade Combat Team does, it does to standard, on time, and it's with that break the inertia, build the momentum, full steam ahead ethic."

Musser began his remarks by praising his soldiers in formation on Cavalry Parade Field.

"Ladies and gentlemen, standing before you are the most outstanding men and women I've ever seen."

Musser continued his praise for his soldiers and singled out his noncommissioned officers as the finest in the Army.

"I'm not going to tell you how great the soldiers of the Bulldog brigade are," said Musser. "But I

the oldest command sergeant major, these NCOs exceed our highest expectations everyday."

Musser continued by saying that the NCOs of his brigade live by a creed, which brings tears of pride to his eyes.

"They don't need anybody to do their job, and they know that sometimes the right thing to do is the hardest thing to do. But, I guarantee these NCOs always do the right thing, even when nobody is watching."

"The NCOs on the field today are my pride and joy and they are

what I'm going to miss the most."

Musser's next position will be as 24th Inf. Div.(M.) Chief of Staff.

In an earlier interview, Musser said he brings his brigade command experience and background to his new job and because of his past command experience, can better relate to the brigade commanders that will follow.

"It's very easy for me to reflect on what a brigade commander is experiencing having been one," said Musser. "I'll be very familiar

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Connor takes command of 1st BCT

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

Col. James Milano bid farewell to the 1st Brigade Combat Team in a change of command ceremony held Tuesday on Cavalry Parade Field.

Col. Arthur Connor took over as commander of the famed Devil Brigade. Milano had spent two years as the commander of the 1st BCT.

The ceremony opened with the firing of "Old Thunder," a replica of a Revolutionary War era cannon, fired by Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment.

The 1st Brigade Combat Team and the Fort Riley Honor Guard were present at the ceremony. The 399th Army Band from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., also performed.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, thanked Milano for his great leadership and vast expertise.

"Not only did he excel on all the major exercises and deployments, he also excelled at the fundamentals," Metz said. "Soldiers and leaders of the Devil Brigade are the most tactically and technically proficient of any unit I've had the pleasure to serve with."

Milano, who will be on the joint staff in the Pentagon, talked about his replacement during his speech.

"There's nothing better in our Army than turning an outfit you love over to someone you know and have complete confidence in and I have no doubt that Buck is going to take this brigade to even a higher level of excellence," he said.

Connor talked about being the new commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team.





TF 1-41 IN/Nelson

Lt. Col. George Geczy III took command of Task Force 1-41 Inf. on June 15 in Kuwait.

Change of Command in Kuwait

By Aaron Nelson
TF 1-41 Inf.

On a hot desert morning, a long row of Task Force Stalwart soldiers stood behind a rainbow of guidons flying brilliantly in the desert wind. Banners from six different 3rd Brigade, 1st Armor Division "Bulldog" battalions and two separate companies fluttered in the blustery desert air.

The soldiers of Task Force 1-41 Infantry had assembled to bid farewell to their outgoing commander and to demonstrate their might before their new commander.

The Change of Command Ceremony for Task Force 1-41 Inf. took place at June 15 on the New York Kabaal in Kuwait, only a few miles from the Iraq border.

Soldiers from all of the Task Force's companies and separate platoons assembled to honor their outgoing commander, Lt. Col. David Boslego, and greet his successor, Lt. Col. George Geczy III.

Among the guests at the ceremony were Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley and Col. John Musser, commander, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

Over 500 soldiers stood in front of a static display of combat and support vehicles, which included M1A2 tanks, M2A2 Infantry fighting vehicles, Bradley Stinger fighting vehicles, M109A6 Paladins, ACEs, HEMMITS, M103s, HMMWVs and AVLBs.

The ceremony itself proceeded flawlessly, from the inspection of the troops and the passing of the colors to the pass in review.

Throughout the ceremony, Stalwart soldiers carried themselves with dignity and professionalism.

In his departing words, Boslego complimented the soldiers of the task force for their diligence and selflessness. He alluded to the precedent of success that the 41st Infantry Regi-

ment established in North Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany in World War II and reminded the soldiers of more recent victories in Operations Desert Storm/Shield. Boslego then spoke of today's War on Terror and the importance of TF Stalwart's real-world mission. Before closing, Boslego told his soldiers, "Continue your preparations to deliver devastating firepower upon your foe. Train to win an overwhelming victory. Train in the toughest conditions imaginable. Train like your life and the fate of our nation depends upon it and you will remain, forever, Straight and Stalwart."

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with the competing demands that the colonel is going through as far as training, force protection, duty cycles and I have a much greater appreciation for the pain he feels as he tries to get his training accomplished and I try to run the post."

Taking command of the 3rd S&CT, Col. Russell Gold said during his remarks that he is here as a result of all the soldiers who have worked with him in the past.

"I am here today not as an individual, but as a representative of a great number of individuals, specifically the hundreds of soldiers I have served with over the past 22 years," said Gold.

"I was given this opportunity to command this great brigade, not because of my own merits, but because of how this distinguished group of past soldiers have guided me to this difficult task.

"To this, I must thank the junior enlisted soldiers who have

always amazed me with their innovativeness and ability to succeed in difficult times, and to the NCOs and officers who have shown their patience for my ignorance and understanding for my beliefs. I take it very serious to represent this group of great

Americans to the best manner that I can and I promise you I will do the same for the brigade."

Editors note: Tune into FOX 43 (CH 6) this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for more on this story.

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Many local events planned for 4th of July

With summer in full swing and the 4th of July holiday just around the corner, I'd like to take a minute to fill you in on some of the great holiday activities planned in the area and emphasize the importance of safety while you're having fun.

Wamego will be hosting the 30th annual 4th of July events on Lincoln Avenue and Wamego City Park. The events start early, with a parade at 11 a.m., amusement

rides at 12:30 p.m. Other events, such as a watermelon feed, swimming, the Chrysler Car Show and an Antique Tractor and Steam Engine Show, will take place throughout the day. At 9:30 p.m. be prepared for a fireworks show!

Manhattan will be celebrating the 4th of July with a 5K-race beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Cico Park. The rest of the action kicks off at 5 p.m. at the park to include food vendors, children's rides, a bicycle race, the Pedal Pull City Band Concert, an Arts in the Park concert featuring "The Exceptions" and many more family activities. A fireworks display will take place at dark.

The annual Junction City Sun-down Salute is expanding its 4th of July celebration into a two-day event July 4 and 5.

Events on July 4 include a 10K Freedom Run and 1-mile Fun Run at 7:30 a.m. starting from Junction City's Heritage Park. The Fort Riley/Junction City Shrine parade down Sixth Street will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the Kansas Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 11:30 a.m.

A car show featuring over 100 classic and late model cars will be displayed at the corner of Eighth and Franklin beginning at 10 a.m. Additionally, Junction City's first ever "Mud Bogg" Race begins at 1 p.m. on Grant Avenue. Free swimming will be available at the Junction City pool located in Fifth Street Park.

Events continue in Heritage

Around Fort Riley:

By Col. Philip Pope, Garrison Commander

Park throughout the day with music by the U.S. Air Force's "Nightwing," the JC Community Band, "Rhythm X" and "Jazz Trio-Michael T. Brown." The entertainment at Heritage Park finishes with a bang as chart-topping Country Music artist Chad Brock is scheduled to perform a free show at 7:30 p.m.

Spectators are then encouraged to travel to Dedication Point at Milford Lake for the spectacular fireworks finale at 10 p.m.

Activities on both July 4 and 5 include the Kids Zone and Hedrick's Petting Zoo in the Water's True Value parking lot, horse and carriage rides, appearances by the Kansas City Chief's Mascot "KC Wolf," a virtual laser hunting gallery and tethered hot air balloon rides.

Entertainment on July 5 at Heritage Park includes "The Benders" and "Soul Project."

During all of these festivities, remember that Fort Riley and Junction City prohibit fire works within the city limits. If you are in an area that allows fireworks, remember the following safety

rules.

1. Don't allow younger children to play with fireworks under any circumstances.

2. If you permit older children to use fireworks, be sure they use them only under close adult supervision. Do not allow any running or horseplay while they are being used.

3. Before using any fireworks,

read and follow all warning instructions printed on the label.

4. Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area from houses and flammable materials. Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and for dousing fireworks that don't go off.

5. Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.

6. Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.

7. Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.

8. Store fireworks in a dry, cool place.

Additional information on fireworks safety can be found at: <https://intranet.riley.army.mil/des/Safety/Safetyhome.html>, <http://www.fireworksafety.com> or <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pub/s/july4/4thjuly.html>.

With all the summer activities, it is the most dangerous time for vehicle accidents. Each of us must

be aware of existing traffic hazards and especially those hazards that we may cause through actions of our own, such as drinking and driving. Responsible actions will aid in avoiding costs in human life, misery and financial expense.

If you've had a few drinks, remember that alcohol affects the nervous system and results in slower reflexes, impaired coordination and blurred vision.

If you are going to drink, don't drive. Always have a non-drinker drive or use public transportation.

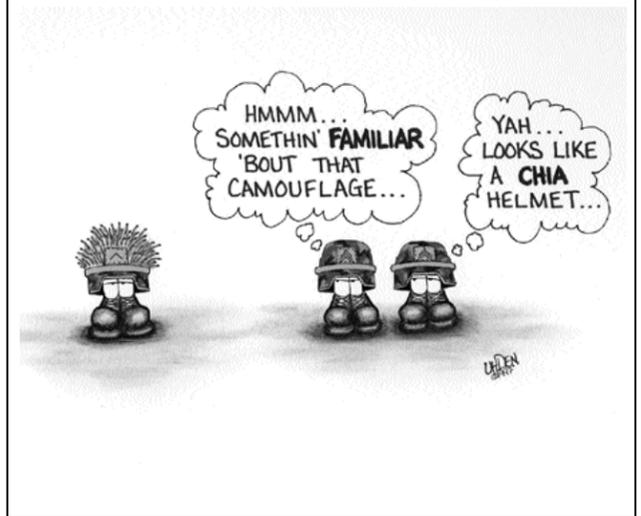
As of June 21, Fort Riley has had 110 fatality free days due to privately owned vehicle crashes, so let's keep up the good work.

The best way to reduce the danger of car crashes is to buckle up and place children into an approved car seat. Remember, it's the law that children riding in a vehicle must be buckled up or secured in an approved car seat at all times.

Additional information on travel safety can be found at: <https://intranet.riley.army.mil/des/Safety/Safetyhome.html> <http://www.aaanewsroom.net/main.asp>

I hope that each and everyone of you will take the opportunity over the 4th of July to participate in the local activities and meet our civilian neighbors who continue to support the soldiers and mission of Fort Riley so fully. I also hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Grunt *By Wayne Ulden*



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"I doubt you would see anything of this magnitude in the active Army side of an exercise like this," said Jones.

Jones said Fort Riley is ideal for this type of exercise because of the outstanding air field and maneuver assets available.

"This is a great training area; it offers easy access and fairly unrestricted flying."

Lizurick said that anytime soldiers and equipment are in a field environment, it's taxing, but commented his soldiers knew what to expect when they got here.

"Maneuvering in a field environment is taxing, especially if you do it all the time," said Lizurick. "Everyone out here is learning and that's the important thing. The learning curve is steep and the soldiers' attitudes are great and we're getting a great training event out of being here."

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Briefs

Pregnancy Physical Training

Pregnancy Physical Training is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on the basketball court at Long Fitness Center, 8069 Normandy Dr., from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. 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 there is an hour-long education program held in the Education Bay, fourth floor of the Twin Army Community Hospital, from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Short presentations by health care staff members cover a variety of topics, such as infant car seats, skin care during pregnancy and the common discomforts of pregnancy. Participation in the Pregnancy PT program is encouraged, although participation is not mandatory.

For more information, call Sgt. Carrie Jensen, 2nd Platoon, 568th Engineer Company at 239-5827 or leave a message at 762-7012.

Holiday Closures

Facilities to be closed July 4 include: Army Education Center, Soldier and Family Support Center, administrative offices in OCA headquarters, ITR, School Age Services, Child Development Center, FCC, SPS and Riley's. Facilities to be open July 4 - 5 are: Outdoor Rec with normal hours of operation, All fitness facilities and pools with normal hours of operation and Custer Hill Golf Course with normal hours of operation. Facilities to be closed on July 4 only and open on July 5 are the Middle School/Teen with hours of 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on July 5, Sports JSA with normal Friday hours of operation, Custer Hill Bowling Center with normal Friday hours of operation, Arts & Crafts with hours on Friday of 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Automotive Skills with Friday hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Library with normal hours of operation on Friday.

Microchip ID for pets

All Fort Riley residents are required to have their pets implanted with a microchip ID. The Fort Riley Veterinary Services will microchip all dogs and cats through July 31, on a walk-in basis. The microchip costs \$17 for the first animal and \$15 for every other animal implanted the same day.

Appointments are still required if pets need vaccinations or need to be seen for other health concerns.

Veterinary Services is located at Marshal Army Air Field, Building 814.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Ball, noncommissioned officer in charge of Veterinary Services at 239-3886 or 239-2732.

Letters from the Front

"The World's Most Decorated Play" is coming to the Junction City, Fort Riley community. Letters From the Front: WWII Show will have two show times at the Junction City High School Auditorium, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are available free of charge from the Fort Riley ITR Office, 239-5614.

"Letters" is a three-act, two-hour "dramedy" that takes place in the World War II home front. The play has been performed at more than 150 military installations worldwide since 1992.

Simply put, Letters from the Front: WWII is a richly staged period piece about the beginning of who we are today. It is made even more compelling by stirring audio/visual effects, an original music score, and even a dance number. The results are poignant, funny, moving — a memorable evening of theatre.

Holiday Hours

The Fort Riley commissary will be closed on the Fourth of July, but open the Friday after the

Outdoor Service

Normandy Chapel's Contemporary Protestant service extends an invitation to join them for an outdoor service at Moon Lake on Sunday. The service begins at 11:15 a.m. Bring a lawn chair and stay for the potluck picnic and games afterward.

Thrift Shop

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

The Shoppe

The Shoppe is located in Building 259 on Stuart Ave., just west

of the Fort Riley Honor Guard Stables. Phone 785-239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday. Visit The Shoppe for a variety of beautiful and unique ideas. It is the place to find a gift, add to a collection or decorate your home.

Holiday refuse collection

Due to the upcoming July 4 holiday, the refuse collection schedule will change as follows. Monday pick-up will be at Colyer Manor, Main Post Housing and Marshall Air Field Housing. On Tuesday, pick-up will be at Ellis Heights, Montieth Heights, O'Donnell Heights and Peterson Heights. Wednesday pick-up will be at Warner Heights and Burnside Heights. Thursday is the holiday and Friday will be pick-up at Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Peterson Heights and South Warner Heights.

Child and Youth Services

Summer youth programs are in full swing, but there are still openings in some programs, and new sessions of current programs will be starting soon!

The Fort Riley Child Development Center has daycare openings for pre-school children, ages 3-5, for both full- and part-day programs. There are also full-day

openings available for children 16-24 months. All children must be registered before spaces can be assigned. Phone Child and Youth Services Central Registration at 239-4847 for further information, and an appointment to register.

Summer Discovery Day Camp has openings for children ages 5-11 years. Children must have completed Kindergarten. Hours for Day Camp are 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Aug. 16. Children need not attend camp for the full day and can register for days or weeks at a time. Activities are based on the theme, "Around the World." Each week a different country is studied. Field trips are scheduled throughout the summer. On field trip days, children must arrive at camp in time to leave on the bus. Day camp is located in building 6620 on Normandy Drive. Phone 239-4847 to register.

Cheerleading clinic

A cheerleading clinic is being planned for a day during the second week of August. Watch for more information and registration dates. K-State cheerleaders will be leading this one day event.

Dance and gymnastics

The School of Arts and Sports will offer dance and gymnastics classes starting in July. Martial

Arts classes are ongoing and accepting new enrollments. All classes are enrolled through CYS Central Registration, 239-4847.

Classes are held at various times at Youth Services, building 5800.

Summer Dance Camp, "Fun Through Movement," is now accepting enrollments for the July 22-26 session. Classes will be held from 9 - 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5 and from 9 - 12 a.m. for children ages 6-18. Dance classes in jazz, tap, ballet, and lyrical are also being planned for the next school year.

Middle school camp

A Middle School and Teen Summer Camp is being held for youth, 11-18. An 11-year-old must have completed 6th grade. Camp runs daily through Aug. 16. Activities and trips are planned daily. Crafts, cooking, swimming, bowling, and field trips will be centered around a different theme each week.

Field trips will be taken to: Wamego, to see the Dutch Wind Mill; Lindsborg, to see how the Swedish Dala horses are made; Sedgewick County Zoo in Wichita; Rolling Hills Wildlife Park near Salina; Kansas City, to see the steamboat Arabia museum; Westridge Mall and the Combat Air Museum in Topeka and Kansas City's Worlds of Fun.

Youth Sports

Soccer and volleyball camps are being offered this summer. Contact the Sports Director at Youth Services for further information at 239-9223/9224.

Babysitting Classes

American Red Cross babysitting classes will be held at Youth Services on July 18 and Aug. 15. Classes are for youth 12 years and older. There is a \$10 registration fee. Each class will be one-day only, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a one hour lunch break. A Red Cross certificate in babysitting will be awarded upon course completion.

There will not be any infant/toddler Cardiovascular Pulmonary Resuscitation offered with these classes. A Red Cross certified instructor will be teaching the classes. Graduates will be eligible to be placed on a babysitting referral list at CYS Central Registration. Call Central Registration at 239-4847 for information and to register.

BOSS Battle of the Bands

The BOSS Battle of the Bands will be at Sports USA July 26, 7 p.m. - 2 a.m. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at ITR or from any BOSS representative.

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More Briefs

Outdoor Rec

The Outdoor Recreation Center is offering equipment rental at half price Tuesday - Thursday through Sept. 3. Call 239-2363 for further information.

Summer Reading Program

There is a summer reading program at the Fort Riley Public Library through July 19.

Party, prizes and fun will be on July 20 at 4:30 p.m. The library is open Tuesday - Saturday, 1-8 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m. It is closed on Mondays.

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 third 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 information, please contact Christi Oldham 339-9224 or at rcaoldham@earthlink.net.

Museum gift shop

The museum gift shop is open. It is under operation of the U. S. Cavalry Association, which is a private organization on post. The store's official title is, Sutler's store and carries a variety of merchandise associated with the cav-

alry and Fort Riley - to include books and special order going away gifts and prints. The store's operating hours are Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. The store number is 239-2743, for more information.

Organization Days

Physical security, civil liaison, automation, vehicle registration and the budget offices of the Provost Marshal Office will be closed for an Organizational Day on Wednesday.

The 101st Forward Support Battalion will be conducting a battalion organizational day on Wednesday beginning at 6:30 a.m. The location will be McCormack Park and Moon Lake. Please note that Direct Support Maintenance for the 1st Brigade will be closed and will resume business on July 8 due to the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Amnesty Day

The Junction City Municipal Court Officer announces they will have an Amnesty Day on today, 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 today to take care of tickets 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.

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. Instruments are available to play for each of these positions. Practice is weekly on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m.

Service time is Sundays at 11 a.m. If interested, call 239-3436. If no answer, please leave a message on answering machine.

Housing Termination Brief

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

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. The New OB Class is not a labor and delivery class. To schedule your attendance of the New OB Class, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or dial the toll-free number 1-888-874-9378.

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 servicemembers, 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 Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 239-7163.

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.

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

An "Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations" class will be offered on July 15, 9 a.m. - 4:40 p.m., at Building 217, room 209 and again July 24, 9 a.m. - 4:40 p.m., at Building 7305. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 for enrollment.

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), 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). 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. For more 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.

Spanish-Speaking Counselor Available

We have a Spanish-speaking counselor available at the Family Life Ministries Center. She is from Paraguay, and speaks Spanish, German, Portuguese and English. Please call 239-3436 to set up an appointment. As with all counseling at the Family Life Ministries Center, spiritual issues can be part of the counseling if you choose. However, they are not forced upon the counselee. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Jim Paulson at 239-3436.

Dwight Summerfest

The Dwight Summerfest will be held Aug. 17-18 in Dwight, Kan. It will begin at 8 a.m. on Aug. 17. Activities on that day will include a car show, arts and crafts, a parade at 10 a.m., entertainment throughout the day at

City Park to include music, comedy, etc., kids games, volleyball and horseshoe tournaments, a street dance from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. and more.

On Aug. 18, there will be a religious service at 11 a.m., a dinner at noon and entertainment to follow.

NAF job fairs

The NAF personnel division will sponsor job fairs at Riley's Conference Center on the following dates: July 24, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. Contact the Fort Riley CPAC NAF office at (785) 239-2325 for additional information.

"Weigh" to Stay

"Weigh" to Stay is the Army's new weight management and education program to fight obesity. As of this month, "Weigh" to Stay, is the new Army standard.

The Nutrition Care Division of Irwin Army Community Hospital will begin "Weigh" to Stay classes in July. This starts with a two-hour class that will be given by a registered dietician and the follow-up sessions will continue the education process and offer immediate feedback concerning an individual's progress. There is no class fee.

Fort Riley servicemembers who meet the Army Weight Standard, but want to lose a few pounds are encouraged to participate. Soldiers and their family members will learn the basic principles of weight reduction and exercise and behavior modification.

"Weigh" to Stay activities will be analyzing a participant's food and exercise diary and measuring a person's body composition at certain intervals. To sign up for the "Weigh" to Stay classes, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or call toll free at 1-888-874-9378.

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Hanson to command Fort Riley DENTAC

By Emilie Howe
MEDDAC PAO

A Change of Command ceremony for the Fort Riley Dental Activity was held June 21 at Ware Parade Field.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, said Col. Randy Davis has had a successful military career of 20 years. He also said that during his command of the Fort Riley DENTAC, he superbly supported the troop deployments and the mobilization of the Army Reserve components.

In Davis' remarks, he said, Cherish the moments. Cherish the days. It's a great life in DENTAC," he said. "I'm leaving you

all in great hands."

Davis plans are to retire and join a dental practice in Manhattan.

Metz said that Fort Riley was blessed to have Col. Larry Hanson as the new commander. Hanson, in his remarks, expressed his thanks to his wife, Col. Debra Spittler, an Army Nurse Corp officer assigned to the Fort Riley Medical Department Activity.

Hanson's last assignment was as the program director of the oral and maxillofacial surgery training program and chief of the oral surgery clinic at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. Hanson is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



Col. Larry Hanson became the new commander of DENTAC at a change of command ceremony on June 21.

Self-Help course offered

It may be a little known fact that every unit on Fort Riley is required to have a noncommissioned officer and three school-trained members on their Self-Help Team. These teams are an essential part of the installation's facility maintenance program. The teams free the Public Works employees to work on those repairs that only they can do. The Public Works Self-Help School can help units establish a good Self-Help Program. A course is held every month, and the next is scheduled to start on July 15. Classes are also scheduled for Aug. 12-16 and Sept. 9-13. The course is taught in conjunction with Barton Community College and provides soldiers the opportunity to obtain advanced education credits.

The Self-Help course also incorporates the installation's

Energy Conservation class, which is taught during the Thursday afternoon class at 1 p.m. Students do not have to attend the Self-Help class to come to the Energy Class. The Energy Conservation class is mandatory for Energy Awareness Officers and NCOs.

To enroll a soldier in any of the classes, the unit needs to submit a request for on-post school space to the Self-Help School. The school is located on Main Post in Building 307, on the corner of Holbrook and Carter Ave. on the upper floor. The on-post school request can also be faxed to 239-8188, attention Self-Help School.

The hours of operation for the school are from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. The school is closed on federal and training holidays. For more information, visit the PW web site on the Intranet or call 239-3757.

Korea after 50 years -- Debate rages on bombing of power plants

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department announced that American casualties in Korea years ago this week had risen to 1,576, including 19,604 dead.

June 28, 1952— Two North Korean soldiers serving in the neutral zone around Panmunjom for the U.N. lines, where they were rendered.

Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief delegate of the U.N. truce negotiating team, is getting fed up with the tirade by North Korean Gen. Nam Il, Harrison's communist counterpart.

Nam repeats the propaganda about U.N. military and political tactics. Then he starts in on U.N. bombing North Korean power generating plants. His voice rises to a scream when he says the communists will not be coerced into accepting U.N. truce terms.

Harrison leads his team out of the tent, declaring another three-day recess.

On June 30 the communists take responsibility for a Russian-made 37mm shell that landed in Panmunjom neutral zone June 27. The shell caused no damage.

On July 1 Harrison returns to the truce talks. He has devised a face-saving approach to the prisoner exchange issue, Article 51 and the final sticking point in the negotiations. His plan is to release the prisoners who do not want to be repatriated - in fact, 26,000 of them are in the process of being released to South Korea.

Once they are all released, the communists can claim that all their prisoners were returned to them.

The basic point in the article is, "All prisoners of war held in the custody of each side at the time this ... becomes effective shall be released and repatriated as soon as possible." Since the U.N. will hold around 83,000 if the truce was ratified now, they would technically be in conformance to the requirement.

However, the communists interpret Harrison's approach as the U.N. changing their minds and are now willing to release all the Chinese and North Korean prisoners. They've already stated they have no objections to captured South Koreans not being returned.

On July 3 their attitude immediately changes. They stop their propaganda-based negotiations and ask for executive sessions beginning the next day to discuss Article 51 in great depth.

To Harrison, the Reds' sudden friendly manner indicates they are ready to move ahead.

But Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the U.N. Supreme Command, and political and military leaders in the U.S. are not so sure. They reject Harrison's request to explain the deal to them.

U.N. planes attack two electrical power plants on the Chungjin Reservoir in eastern North Korea June 27.

Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus, Fifth Air Force commander, tells reporters June 30 that on the June 23 raid on the Suiho dam and power plant on the Yalu River, enemy anti-aircraft batteries in Manchuria fired at U.N. aircraft. No aircraft were hit.

On July 2, Air Force officials in Tokyo said the raid on Suiho and other plants was for a simple reason: "they were supplying electricity" to North Korean plants that were building weapons to use against U.N. forces.

On June 30, the Canadian U.N. delegation releases a statement

from three Canadian scientists that belittles a Canadian clergyman who endorses China's "evidence" of germ warfare by the U.N. The report calls Dr. James Endicott of the United Church of Canada a "dupe and tool" of the communists. On Endicott's return to Canada from China in May, he said that he had seen "foreign" insects dropped by U.N.



aircraft.

On July 3, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jacob A. Malik uses a Russia Security Council vote to

veto a U.S. proposal for the U.N. to have the International Red Cross investigate germ war accusations against U.N. forces.

Great Britain U.N. Ambassador Sir Gladwyn Jebb urges Malik to abstain on the measure, not veto it. June 30-July 2 — A British government white paper is released June 30 on about developments in the truce talks and at the Koje-do POW camp.

The British media has not covered either issue in great detail, so the general has no point of reference on these issues.

On July 1 Prime Minister Winston Churchill defeats a Labor Party motion to censure him by 300-270 in Commons. The motion blamed him for not being able to "secure effective consultation" on the power plant raids on

the Yalu and at two North Korean reservoirs. Churchill then announces that a Britain will be appointed to Gen. Mark Clark's staff in Tokyo.

A week earlier he won out over fellow Conservatives who thought he was too old at 77 to serve as prime minister and lead the party.

Churchill receives help in defeating the censure motion from Acheson who had met with members of Parliament June 26 and said Britain "should have been" consulted.

He blamed a "snafu" in U.N. preparations for the raids.

Clark explains that he received plans for the raid after British Defense Minister Earl Alexander had left Tokyo recently and he didn't have a chance to consult with him.

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Commentary

Travel across America for true adventure, discover as you go

By *Christie Vanover*
Staff Writer

Travel America! Teach your kids about our great land, and each yourself at the same time.

My husband and I got a week's leave and decided to visit his family in Las Vegas, Nev. We could have flown, but a 2 1/2 hour drive to KCI, standing through security lines, a turbulent flight and a meal of peanuts was not our idea of a vacation.

So, for the second time, we decided to drive to Vegas, and it was an experience that only added to the excitement of our vacation.

After dropping the dog off at the kennel and hitting a fast food joint in Junction City, we hit the big open road.

About two hours into the drive, our weather radio warned us of a severe Thunderstorm Warning. After living in Kansas for 4 1/2 years, we knew this could be serious.

Within minutes, quarter-size hail started pounded our new minivan. There were no underpasses to hide under and no exits in sight. We continued on through the hail, as our hearts beat as fast as the hammering of the pellets.

The road was covered in hailstones as if someone had spilled a bag of a thousand marbles upon it. In all our time at Fort Riley, we had never seen a hailstorm like this.

We eventually made it through the hail, with worries that our car was ruined. We glanced at cars that passed us and many of them were covered with dimples.

We finally reached an exit and stopped at a gas station in Hays, Kan. We both jumped out of the car and studied the damage. Surprisingly, we only found two small dents. Relieved, I went inside to get a "big fat" diet cola.

The lady behind the counter asked about our car. She was genuinely concerned that we may have received damage. Her compassion was heartwarming. It was the first act that made me glad we decided to drive.

After filling up with gas, we hit the open road again. And, as we all know Kansas, there were many more weather opportunities to add to our experience.

As we traveled through western Kansas, the sky was a bluish-gray, but the ground was a fog of dust. We knew it wasn't a tornado because the whole horizon was in the blur. As we approached the unsettled ground, we realized it was the Kansas wind whipping up all the dry terrain.

The car shifted from side to side and motorcyclists leaned with the wind just to stay standing. Miles later, tumbleweeds began crossing the road. Like fresh popping popcorn, they danced across the road, nearly impossible to avoid.

I felt like I was playing Frogger as we veered from side to side to avoid the weeds. At this point, my husband and I couldn't help but laugh at all the craziness that we had experienced within just a few hours. These memories will last us forever.

Finally, we reached Colorado, and a pleasant 75 mile-per-hour

speed limit sign. Thunderstorms still lit up the sky to the south of us, but the road ahead was clear and calling our name.

We saw mountain goats alongside the Interstate, which was remarkable—much better than seeing them at the zoo.

Every so often, we came across flashing road signs, warning of fire danger, and stating that no fireworks were allowed in Colorado. This made me glad to be a temporary Kansan. Fourth of July at our house is an explosion of the best fireworks around.

But I digress. When we reached the un-snowcapped mountains of Vail, another road sign flashed a warning that the road was smoked over near mile marker 114.

Anyone who's been watching the news is aware that Colorado has been tackled by forest fires this season, but for us it was just another headline story, until we experienced it ourselves.

We happened to need gas when we reached mile marker 114, near Glenwood Springs, so we stopped. The entire side of the mountain was charred. It looked as if a dark shadow fell along the mountainside, the color was stark, and the smell of smoke lingered. Fortunately, the fire was controlled just before reaching the town, or so we thought.

I wondered about what went through the minds of the mobile home owners as they watched the fire creep their way. After taking a few pictures, I ran in for another "big fat" diet cola, and bumped into three soldiers.

I asked if they were National Guardsmen helping with the fire control, and they were. Two from Colorado and one from New York, the men were proud to be helping the strangers of town, which again made me proud to be an American.

After gassing up, we were ready to hit the road again. As we drove past the town, the damage increased, and we passed a mobile home park that wasn't as lucky as the first we had seen. Approximately five homes were destroyed. It was heart wrenching, and made me realize the importance of the soldiers' mission.

As the sun set beautifully

behind the Rocky Mountains for the night, we drove laughing about our trip, and all of the things we had gone through.

We stopped at a Utah rest stop and happened to park beside a fellow Kansan from Geary County. When I went into the rest stop, the headlines became reality again.

A poster of missing 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart, hung on the door. Although we were 230 miles south of Salt Lake City, another caring American had reached out by posting the flyer. From then on, we noticed a poster at every stop we made in Utah.

After two days, and 18 hours of driving, we finally crested the

mountain and reached the illuminating streets of Vegas. Sure, we could have flown there in half the time, but it wouldn't have been half the adventure.

On top of seeing the open Kansas plains, the Rocky Mountains, the red rock of Utah and Arizona and beautiful American landmarks, we met outstanding Americans along the way—Americans who are the true pillars of our country.

So, for the vacation of a lifetime, I recommend you pack up the family and take in the beauty of this country for your own adventure. Happy traveling.

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KC Chiefs

Limited tickets will be available through ITR. Register for the opportunity to purchase game tickets July 8-12 at ITR.

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New assignment at West Point for 24th ID, Fort Riley Chief of Staff

By Gary Skidmore
Cmd. Information Officer

Summer is the season of turnover for the Army, and this summer has been no exception. On June 21 on Ware Parade field, in front of family and

friends, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley Chief of Staff, Col. Michael Phillips, was farewelled as he leaves Fort Riley for a new assignment at the Military Academy at West Point. "The Army has few officers of Mike's talent, energy level, love of people, caring heart and firm

grasp of our Army's values," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley. "He is indeed the complete soldier in body, mind and soul," Metz said. Metz spoke of three values he thinks set Phillips apart. "The first is loyalty. The transition from one commanding general who is a friend to a new commanding general with whom you've never served requires the fullest sense and measure of the value — loyalty," said Metz. "With tremendous class, Mike made the loyalty switch on the change of command date, setting an example for all of us to follow. "His sense of duty, to meet the massive obligations of the chief of staff for an integrated division and installation has few peers. In addition to an already full plate, Mike handled the abundance of ideas of mine, both good and bad.

"His sense of duty kept all of the balls in the air, and when the one deep staff could not dive to catch a falling ball, Mike was always there to insure nothing hit the ground," said Metz. Metz said Phillips' strongest point is "selfless service. I'm a week away from 36 years of military service and I have never known an officer who served as selflessly as Mike Phillips served," said Metz. "He wakes in the morning and falls asleep in the evening truly not caring whose going to or got the credit. Mike just wants the team to get the job done on time and done right." In his remarks, Phillips noted that having served as the division Chief of Staff proved to be the pinnacle of his career. "Not because I'm the division Chief of Staff, even though that's grand all by its self, but because of the experience I've had here at

Fort Riley, specifically because of the association with the soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and the friends in the civilian community. "In 24 years of service, living throughout this great country and two tours overseas, I have never served with more professional soldiers and civilians. I've never

been more warmly embraced and held so closely by the civilians in the surrounding communities. This is an assignment and duty position that I will never forget and it has transformed me." **Editors note: Tune into FOX 43 (CH 6) this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for more on this story.**



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Col. Michael Phillips, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley chief of staff, was farewelled as he leaves for a new assignment at the Military Academy at West Point.

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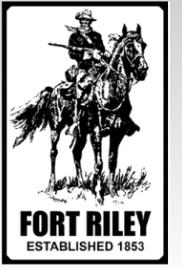
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Arts and Crafts

Framing, wood shop, ceramics available at Fort Riley center



Post/Bender

Tish Snow works on a jewelry armoire she is building for her mother in the Arts and Crafts Center's woodshop.

By Emily O'Connor
K-State Intern

Do you have some spare time on your hands and feel the need to make good use of it? If so, you need to check out the Fort Riley Arts and Crafts Center, located just north of the PX.

"The center gives the soldiers and their family members a way to express themselves and to learn new hobbies," said Marilyn Paras, Arts and Crafts Center art specialist. "It also provides a way to make things for their homes to make them more comfortable."

The center has three primary areas. The matting and framing shop has a large selection of mats and frame stock. The ceramics studio has over 2,000 molds available, along with potters wheels and ceramic kilns. The 4,000 square foot wood shop including very specialized equipment. Each area has a full array of tools, machines and the necessary supplies needed to complete a variety of different projects.

"We have a lot of different things to choose from," Paras said. "If we don't have the craft you would like to learn already, we'll find someone who can

instruct you in that area."

A benefit of using the Arts and Crafts Center on post is that it is cost effective, and there is always someone around to help you if you need it. For example, according to Paras, using the wood shop at the center allows people to make large solid wood furniture at a fraction of the cost one would spend to purchase it elsewhere.

"When our customers build their own furniture, it is as low as one-fourth the cost to purchase it from a store," Paras said. "And that's a solid wood piece of furniture that will last a lifetime, or even be a generation to generation hand-me-down."

Spec. Maverick Thompson, Company A, 70th Engineer Battalion could be considered a "frequent flier" at the wood shop according to Paras. Thompson, who has used the center for about a year now, has created several pieces of furniture for he and his fiancée to share in the future.

"I've made our bed, two end tables, two night stands, country cabinets, a curio cabinet for my brother and a night stand for my mom," Thompson said.

Thompson's current project is a picture frame he is working on for a gift.

"I'm going to give the frame and a picture to my fiancée as a gift on our wedding day," Thompson said. "I spend a lot of time here at the wood shop, but have made a lot of nice furniture."

Over in the matting and framing shop, Tanya Saiz, an Army wife, assembled a print, mat and frame. The picture, "Heavenly Hands," by George Meis, is a gift for a friend who recently lost her daughter.

Saiz says that she uses the matting and framing shop often, while her husband frequents the wood shop.

"We like to come here to work," Saiz said. "This is a wonderful way to get out of the house, away from the kids and spend time together."

During the summer, these lazy, uneventful hot days provide an ideal opportunity to venture out to the Arts and Crafts Center to learn a new skill, according to Paras.

"The bottom line is that the center teaches you how to make these wonderful items while enjoying yourself and spending very little money," Paras said. "Come to the Arts and Crafts Center and enjoy yourself."



Post/Bender

Arts and Crafts Center recreation assistant Judy Felvus helps Staff Sgt. Daryl Moore clean a ceramic Uncle Sam. Felvus teaches ceramic classes at the center.

Red Cross youth volunteers work during summer vacation

By Heather Pope
Radford Univ. Intern

There were 3,018 hours of volunteer work completed through Fort Riley's American Red Cross Youth Volunteer Program last year. A total of 43 local youth participated in the program. If Fort Riley compensated the youth for their work monetarily, that would add up to \$15,542.70!

This year there are 58 youth signed up for this program according to Anita Watson, youth chairman. Young adults ages 13-18 are eligible to volunteer their time while giving back to the community.

Youth volunteers are located around post working a variety of jobs. There are youth volunteers at the Arts and Crafts Center, Automotive Self Help Center, the J.S. Calvary Museum, Veterinary Services and Irwin Army Community Hospital. While the majority of volunteers are at the hospital, stated Watson, there are still several choices for the volunteers.

According to Watson, youth volunteers are working in all the primary care clinics, outpatient records, the labor and delivery ward, as well as other places.

experience and getting to use my people skills as well," she said. Osterman previously volunteered at Army Community Services. She said she enjoys volunteering because it gives her something fun and productive to do over the summer months.

Aundrea Wilkins, 15, of Fort Riley, works on the third floor of IACH in the mother/baby unit. Wilkins has a variety of responsibilities. She makes baby charts, takes care of distribution, makes labels, organizes various storage spaces to make them user friendly and makes up the diaper bags for the new mothers and babies. While Wilkins hasn't observed a birth, she did see an epidural being administered.

"I'm getting to learn medical terminology, organizational skills and time management skills while learning my way around the hospital," she said. Wilkins previously volunteered with her church to make food baskets for the needy as well as with the Valley Rescue Mission.

Frieda Buchanan, 13, of Fort Riley, works in outpatient records. She is getting to learn customer service skills as she volunteers. She works directly with patients, checking their ID cards for experi-

building my resume for the real world, because people respect Red Cross workers," Buchanan said. Although this is her first experience volunteering, she said she will do it again next year and any other time she can.

To become a youth volunteer at Fort Riley, people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian when filling out their application said Watson. The applications can be found at the Red Cross office located in the Family Support Center on Custer Hill.

"We have had a great turn out this year with 58 volunteers to sign up," Watson said.

These youth volunteers are a really big help and are greatly appreciated because they are able to do things that help free up professionals so they can better do their job she said.

"Some of the kids are out here fulfilling their Community Service requirements in order to graduate, but a lot of them are just out here because they love it," she said. There are even kids out here on their second and third year just because they want to be according to Watson.

The youth volunteers work with their supervisors to make

"If the volunteers start a job they don't like or are just unhappy in, we do our best to reassign them to somewhere they will be happy," she said. "We try our best to keep them busy so they aren't bored."

The volunteers began working June 5 and finish up toward the end of July.

"I don't like to work the kids right up until school starts. I like to give them at least a week or so to rest up," Watson said.

At the end of every summer the Red Cross throws a pizza party in the hospital dining facility for the youth volunteers. The hospital commander also comes to hand out the certificates the volunteers

earned said Watson.

"I believe this is a great opportunity for kids," she said. "It's a good introduction into the business world. We teach them how to behave when working with the public, how to address and inform their supervisors and even appropriate dress," she said.



Constabulary reunion reunites veterans

*By Jacob Moulin
K-State Intern*

A sea of yellow hats could be seen as excited veterans gathered, for a reunion, in front of the new U.S. Constabulary Museum at Fort Riley on June 21.

Each hat had a large emblem on it that signified the veteran had served in the U.S. Constabulary between 1946 and 1952.

The Constabulary symbol is known as the "Circle C." It's a blue "C" laid on a yellow background with a red lightning bolt striking through the middle.

The former "Troopers" of the Constabulary sat patiently anticipating the museum's opening.

Most of the yellow hats were decorated in regimental crests, branch insignias and rank.

One particular trooper, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Al Irzyk was very happy to see this day. He was there when the U.S. Constabulary was born.

"I feel like kind of a mid-wife, he said. "I was there during the birthing of the Constabulary."

Irzyk was serving as Chief of Staff for the 4th Armored Division when it was dismantled and reflagged as part of the Constabulary.

"It was a miracle that we got the Constabulary up in running in six months," Irzyk said.

Constabulary troopers got the chance to listen to Irzyk as he told

their story. Irzyk was followed by Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley.

"Your generation was there at the beginning of the Cold War. My generation was there to end it," Metz told the Constabulary Troopers.

Metz went on to remind the veterans that there are soldiers in Europe now, serving a mission not unlike the one they did more than 50 years ago.

"Our soldiers make us proud, just like you did," Metz said.

As the ribbon was cut in front of the museum, the Troopers stormed the museum to see their past. There were remarks of

"remember that" and "I was there" all around.

The Constabulary Museum takes up one floor of the Regimental Museum building and is divided into three sections. It has memorabilia from each year of the Constabulary. Uniforms, equipment, maps and pictures cover the walls.

The museum also highlights the former commanding generals of the Constabulary, including Maj. Gen. E.N. Harmon and Maj. Gen. I.D. White.

"Our soldiers had wonderful discipline. We brought Germany from it's knees," Irzyk said. "I am so proud I was a part of it."

DES gives tips for having nice summer lawns

By DES Staff

Fort Riley lawns are predominately tall fescue, which is a cool season grass that grows most vigorously during the spring and fall. The following tips will help your lawn withstand this summer's hot dry weather and keep it looking good.

During the hot, dry days of summer, it is best to water infrequently and apply just enough water to moisten the root zone. This will encourage roots to grow deep. Since the soil on Fort Riley is mostly clay, adding approximately 1 to 1 1/2 inches, including rainfall, as necessary should be enough to moisten the root zone to a 6-inch depth. Begin watering your lawn when your footprints are visible behind you and leave a grayish or purple-to-blue cast. This is a good indicator that the

lawn is beginning to stress.

Sprinklers put water on lawns at different rates. Don't guess at how much water you are applying to reach the desired depth. Place coffee cans or similar straight-sided containers, marked in inches, on the lawn to catch and measure the water. Measure the length of time it takes to fill the cans to the desired amount of water. For example, a sprinkler that operates for 30 minutes and delivers 1/2 inch of water has a delivery rate of 1 inch per hour.

Stop watering when the water starts to run off the soil surface. It may be necessary to apply the water in two applications, 1/2 to 3/4 inch per application, to ensure it soaks in, because clay soils absorb water at a slow rate.

Water early in the day, between 6 and 9 a.m., when there is less moisture loss due to heat evapora-

tion and when the wind is less likely to blow water away. Early watering also reduces extended periods of leaf wetting, which often occurs following evening watering and can cause lawn diseases.

Tall fescue thrives best when it is mowed at approximately 3 inches or higher. During summer months you should maintain this height and mow often enough so that no more than one-third of the height is removed at one time. For example, if your mowing height is 3 inches you should mow when the grass is less than 4 1/2-inches tall. Mowing at lower heights results in decreased heat tolerance and a higher incidence of insects, disease and weeds.

Do not apply excess nitrogen fertilizer during hot, dry conditions. Nitrogen applied during this time causes additional leaf

growth, which uses stored plant energy that normally would be used to produce roots. Roots are needed for water uptake during the summer months. The best time to fertilize is between September and early November.

During the last few years, Fort Riley has experienced extremely dry summers. By following good lawn-care practices throughout the growing season, you can strengthen your lawn and improve its appearance year around. The Directorate of Environment and Safety published an informational brochure, "Lawn Care Calendar & Helpful Hints." It describes all the steps necessary for a successful lawn-care program. The brochure is available at DES, building 407, the Housing Self-Help Store, Building 289, and the Troop Self-Help Store, Building 372.

U.S. Constabulary Forces important part of history

*By Jacob Moulin
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Fort Riley is home to the new U.S. Constabulary Museum, which officially opened on June 21. The U.S. Constabulary played a key role in post-WWII Europe and the beginning of the "Cold War."

In January of 1946, following the downfall of Nazis, Germany was in ruins. There was no formal government, no economic base and no law enforcement. The homeless, displaced people and refugees were everywhere.

The United States government decided to help Germany by establishing the U.S. Constabulary. The U.S. Army took units from the 1st and 4th Armored Divisions to create what became the nucleus of the U.S. Constabulary.

Maj. Gen. E.N. Harmon took over and vowed that his men would be excellent soldiers. He claimed, "We will be known by the integrity of our troopers."

Harmon's men were recognized by the 81st Congress as "Probably the keenest and most vigilant eye we (the United States) possess."

The mission of the Constabulary soldiers was to bring back a defeated Germany and teach them democracy.

The Constabulary ties to Fort Riley are rooted deep in cavalry blood.

The Constabulary was made up of a lot of "Cavalry Troopers," just like the ones who were stationed at Fort Riley. However, the cavalry of the Constabulary used different equipment, for a totally different mission. This was unlike the mission of World War II.

"We were the eyes of the European theatre," says Gerald Smyth, who served as a platoon leader with the 15th Cavalry Squadron. Smyth attended the Officer Candidate School at Fort Riley, then went to the Constabulary. His platoon drove all over Germany in jeeps and M8 armored cars helping to mend the ruined economy.

"We did a lot of border patrol. There was a lot of ground to cover," Smyth said.

Smyth said that he knows the service he and his brothers conducted at the Constabulary was important. They said they helped bring Germany back.

Smyth said that when their job was done, the Germans were able to continue without help. "We let the Germans take over. They didn't need our help anymore. We had done our job," Smyth said. The U.S. Constabulary operated from 1946 to 1952.

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Fort Riley Sports

Close game for win against Junction City

By Steven Cooke
Staff Writer

Fort Riley Junior Girl's Softball team No. 2 beat the Junction City team No. 3, 9 - 8 in a close and exciting game.

Fort Riley's team held a big lead until the fourth inning when the Junction City girls scored four runs jumping from 4 to 8.

In the first inning, Junction City lead by two. Then, with the bases loaded, Fort Riley hit a single with two RBIs. On the next hit, another player came across the home plate, bringing the score to 4-2.

Fort Riley continued their lead in the second and third innings.

A great pop fly moment happened when Emillie Huckins, of the Fort Riley team, caught the ball with one hand over her head way out in center field.

Then, with Junction City on the field, their player, Ashley Wayant, made great play when she caught the ball and tagged out Fort Riley player Brianna Teal at first base.

The score rose to 9 - 3. There was a tense moment in the third when Fort Riley's

Kattie Bolander caught a ball to the knee on her way to first base and fell in pain. After meeting with the coaches, the umpire called her out. But, when Fort Riley took the field, Bolander wiped away her tears and took her position at first base.

At the end of the third inning, the score was still 9 - 3.

In the fourth inning Junction City hit run after run. Though Fort Riley didn't score again, they did manage to keep their rivals at bay until the game ended at 9-8.

The coaches were very pleased with their girls' performance.

"I think we're doing great," said Fort Riley coach, Shalimar Dennison. "The girls are really hitting tonight and playing together."

"They did the right things," said Mark Kormann, Junction City coach. "They're throwing the ball to the right places. As long as they learn something and have fun I could care less (who wins)."

"They played pretty good," said Carolyn Bowdry, assistant coach to the Fort Riley team. "They really focused on what they had to do."



Jessie Bolander pitches for Fort Riley softball team Number 2 against Junction City team Number 3 on June 18. The Fort Riley team won, 9 - 8.

Stow wins Fort Riley Tennis Tournament

By Steven Cooke
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After three days of play, the 2002 Fort Riley Tennis Tournament Men's Open Singles came to a close with Kyle Stow whooping Eliel Borges 5-4 and 6-4.

From the start the players exhibited very distinct playing styles. Stow very aggressive, Borges easy finesse.

Stow had a strong lead with love-three in the first set. Then Borges started to show why he made it this far in the tournament, picking up three in the last game of the first set.

"It's been an interesting week," said Eric Hilton, who works at King Field House Fitness Center. Hilton covered the games so that he could post the scores at the field house.

"Borges plays soft, then hard, frustrating his opponents. Everyone who loses to him walks away not a very happy camper," said Hilton.

But it was Borges showing frustration at the beginning of the 5th game of the first set.

That frustration drove Borges to take the lead early on in the first few games of the second set. By the end of the third game in that set, Borges lead 4 to Stow's 3.

Then, like a hurricane Stow blew balls all over the court to regain a 6 - 4 lead.

"An aggressive style wins over a flack consistent style," said Stow. "The most challenging part was the lack of rhythm. You have to learn to adjust your shot to his shot."

"I just concentrate on getting balls in," said Borges. "Keeping them in play, I'm not really a power player. I try to get him to make the mistakes."

"It's just cool to see who you start out with (at the beginning of the week) and who you end up with," said Hilton.

Hilton explained that the opponent Borges beat to compete in the final match was the tournaments second place winner last year.

Who was the first place winner this year? Stow. "This is my third year in a row winning, but it was my toughest year," said Stow. "Not my finest hour."

There was a women's competition as well. Angela Nichols beat Pamela Martis in a one set match 7 - 5. Nichols confessed that she just learned to play two weeks prior. "It was a very good game," said Nichols. "Martis kept saying she didn't know how to play. She was very good."



Eliel Borges gives his all in the 2002 Fort Riley Tennis Tournament Men's Open Singles June 26. Kyle Stow went on to win in the men's open singles, 5-4 and 6-4.

Signal takes win over Engineers in softball

By Jamie Bender
Staff Writer

The 331st Signal Company won 17-9 over Company A, 1st Engineering Battalion in a softball game on June 20. This win brings the 331st Signal record to 6-0.

The coach for the 331st Signal, Richard Jimenez, said that his team works well together and he was hoping for an error free game. Because Signal played with only nine players instead of 10, every 10th at bat became an automatic out for their team, making for some short innings for them.

Joe Meinhandt of the 331st Signal started the game at the top of the first inning with a home run, followed by another from Nathan Logan. At the end of the first inning, the score was tied 3-3.

During the second inning, with runners on first and third, Meinhandt hit a single and sent one runner home to bring the score to 4-3.

After Logan's hit was caught by Signal Company's Joseph DeYoung, James Kantak was walked by Signal's coach and pitcher, Steve Milton. Signal's Joe Azevedo then hit a triple to bring the two runners home, bumping the score to 6-3.

Starting the top of the fifth inning, John Freerkson sent the

ball down the third baseline to get to second base. Coach Jimenez then stepped up to hit, landing on third and sending Freerkson home bringing Signal's lead even higher at 10-5. Nathan Logan made it to third base and brought two runners home to bring the score to 14-5.

Next, James Kantak hit a home run and brought Logan home to bring the score to 16-5. Joe Azevedo followed with another home run bringing the score to 17-5, sure to be out of reach of the Engineers.

Engineer player James Bannon came home in the bottom of the fifth to bring the score to 17-6. Engineers scored several more points before the game ended, but were unable to catch the Signal teams lead. The game ended with the score 17-9.

The Signal team was happy with the win, but after the game Meinhandt said he felt that the team made more errors than usual, but as always, played well as a team.

Signal Coach, Jimenez, said that due to the company's heavier than usual mission load, the team lacked the usual sparkle, but the good talent on the team still shined through.

The team's general attitude about the game was expressed by Freerkson who said, "I like softball."

Echinacea used for variety of ailments, can be found on Fort Riley

By Alan Hynek
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The prairies of Kansas are rich in history. Each prairie plant and animal has its own unique story that has unfolded over the centuries. Some contain volumes while others can be told in a short time, possibly waiting for just the right moment in the spotlight. Many of the native prairie plants provided a source of food and medicine to the Native American and early settlers. One of the most important was the purple coneflower.

Fort Riley. All are noted for their long pink petal rays and bristly head that is quite sharp to the touch. A third species called purple coneflower (Echinacea purpurea) may be found just to the east of Fort Riley in Missouri.

The primary medicinal uses of Echinacea are derived from the root. It was used mostly as a painkiller, but was also used for a variety of ailments including sore throat, cough, colds and snakebite. Echinacea was the only prairie plant used extensively by the early European settlers. The first mention of Echinacea by a physician was by Dr. Ferdinand

salesmen from Pawnee City, Neb., made the first claims for the plant in the early medical literature. Although his claims were extravagant, he nonetheless got the attention of other practitioners regarding Echinacea. Some of his claims



ties of the coneflower soared there after. In 1898, the oils from purple coneflower were isolated at the University of Kansas and tested. Many doctors and researchers reported success in curing a number of ailments by mixing four parts alcohol, one

began in 1950 in Germany. They found the root to possess mild antibiotic properties against streptococcus. Testing occurred off and on through the 60's and 70's. Then in 1978, Echinacea was found to possess immunostimulatory properties, which is what the plant is sold for primarily today.

Other uses of this plant include using the dried head as a comb. This was evidently a prominent use among the plains Indians, evidenced by one Omaha name for the plant of "mika-hi", meaning, "comb plant."

The recent popularity in herbal medicine has unfortunately put

and private lands. One of the areas hardest hit has been road right-of-ways, which has prompted the Kansas Department of Transportation to enact new laws against collection of herbs from roadsides.

Echinacea roots may not be harvested on Fort Riley per Range and Safety Regulation 385-12: "Flowers and foliage of plants (excluding trees and shrubs) may be taken for ornamental purposes without a permit provided that no more plant material is taken by any one individual, each day, than can fit into a standard 3-pound coffee can (6 inch diameter open-

Commentary

Pitcher's death as shocking as his curveball

*By Kevin Doheny
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I was just an adolescent when I first saw a young Darryl Kile step onto the mound for the Houston Astros.

I remember watching him, mesmerized by his signature curveball.

You see, as a youth growing up in Central Texas, I was both a Ranger fan and Astros fan. Being in the central part of the state, our local cable provider gave my household the opportunity to watch both of them on television. I spent many nights watching both.

Of course, like most youth, I had my favorite players on both teams. For the Rangers I ultimately liked Ivan Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez, and for the Astros, Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, and a young right-hander from Gardner Grove, Calif., Darryl Kile.

Something about this guy just had me hooked. I would watch his starts and laugh, as he would fool batter after batter with his wicked curveball. A curveball so good, it

was labeled as one of, if not, the best in the game.

Kile, as a young pitcher, was dominating at times with that fabulous curveball, but it seemed as if he was impatient at times, going 12-21 in his first two years in the big leagues. He had his first winning season in 1993, as he went 15-8, striking out 141 batters, while only walking 69.

In 1997, he was the Astros most effective pitcher, finishing the year with a sparkling 2.57 earned-run average and a 19-7 record.

After his best season in '97 with the Astros, he hit the free-agent market and struck it rich with the Colorado Rockies in 1998.

There was just one problem though, the thin air in Denver.

Kile struggled in Colorado to say the least. He had his worst seasons as a professional, as his curveball just didn't turn over in the thin air at Coors Field. In his two seasons with the Rockies, Kile posted ERAs of 5.20 and 6.61.

After the 1999 season, Kile picked up and left the Denver for

St. Louis. The Cardinals welcomed Kile with open arms. The Cardinals were trying to build a winning team, and made some moves to put some veterans together with young talent.

In 2000, Kile anchored a young and talented pitching staff to the division title and the playoffs. He had his first 20-win season and struck out nearly 200 hitters.

In his last full season, Kile won 16 games and once again led his team to the playoffs.

The year 2002 was to be another successful season for Kile, but he started slowly.

After a 2-4 start, he turned his year around by winning three out his next five starts, and dropping his ERA to 3.72.

But then, not even half way into this season, Kile died of an apparent heart attack while in his hotel room on Saturday.

This happened only one week after Jack Buck, the longtime St. Louis Cardinal broadcaster, died, making this a horrible week for all Cardinal fans.

Kile touched many lives during his three-team Major League Baseball career.

I watched as grown men, rough, tough professional athletes, cried on national television. Biggio, Bagwell and Brad Ausmus all couldn't gather enough emotion to start for the Astros Saturday night at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

Bagwell, who drove in the winning run Saturday, could barely hold back his emotions after the game. Rockies slugger Larry Walker could barely speak in a television interview, but he did say what a great person Kile was, and how he felt bad for the family he left behind.

Kile leaves a wife and three children, and the legacy of not missing a start in his career.

When people look back at Kile's career, they will remember his wicked curveball and probably his never missing a start, but they need to remember the lives he touched and memories he gave us.

I will always remember those anxious swings, as the hitters would wail at his dominating curve. It's such a shame this great person and player had his life cut so short.

Ranger gives boating safety tips, rules for Kansas

The following are a few tips one should follow when striving to be a safe boater.

First of all, take a safe boating course. Beginning Jan. 1, 2001, any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1989, must complete an approved boater safety education course in order to operate a boat powered by motor or sail on public waters in Kansas. The overwhelming majority of boat operators that have fatal accidents have never taken a boating course. By taking a course, you will be better educated and have prepared for the situations that you may encounter in the water.

Second, always wear your life- jacket. Lifejackets really do save lives. The majority of boating accidental deaths could have been prevented if the passengers were wearing lifejackets. Children 12 years and under are required by Kansas state law to wear one, however, I urge everyone over age 2 to set a good example by wearing their lifejacket at all times. Also, remember to inspect your lifejacket frequently to ensure that it still fits and is not damaged.

Third, before getting underway, leave a float plan with someone you trust. The float plan should specify departure point, expected time of return and names of all persons onboard.

Fourth, while underway there are a few things you need to remember. Be especially careful if you have a small boat, 20 foot or under. The greatest numbers of capsizings occur on small boats because of sudden weight shifts or overloading. Capacity plates on boats give the appropriate weight information for each individual boat. Do not operate a boat if intoxicated, fatigued or stressed. Also, keep a good lookout for other boaters. Failure to do so causes most collisions.

Next, respect bad weather and carry a weather radio. If you find yourself in a bad weather situation, try to get to the closest shore. Don't worry about getting back to the boat ramp you launched from, just get to shore.

Sixth, always brief your crew. Your passengers need to be aware of the safety features and equipment on board your boat. They need to know the general locations and how and when to use the equipment.

Seventh, learn CPR and First

Aid. The skipper of the boat is responsible for the safety of all passengers aboard, however, all passengers become involved when an emergency occurs. Therefore, take a CPR/First Aid class so you will be prepared to help someone in need.

Eighth, show your respect, not only to other boaters but also to persons close to swimming areas, and be courteous. Respect no-wake zones, keep noise levels to a minimum and never operate your boat recklessly. Also remember to

be courteous at the boat ramps. Many people want to get out of the water, so be respectful to others wants and needs.

Lastly, always ventilate interior compartments and never swim or lay on sundecks behind or near any exhaust areas. Carbon Monoxide is odorless and colorless and can cause dizziness and possible death. If you keep a steady flow of fresh air moving through your boat you will eliminate much if not the entire hazard. The danger comes when pockets

of stagnant air loaded with carbon monoxide are not flushed from your boat.

Get to know your boat and all its safety features. In order to be safe on the water, boaters must take the responsibility of knowing how to operate their boat and also look out for others.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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Special Reaction Team members prepare to enter the abandon building where the 'terrorist' is suppose to be during their recent exercise.

Special Reaction Team holds exercise

By Steven Cooke
Staff Writer

Fort Riley's Special Reaction Team held a joint training mission recently with the Fort Riley Fire Department at an abandoned building on Main Post.

"The exercise is to train to fight bio-terrorism," said Capt. Todd Schroeder, officer in charge, SRT. "It's a simulated terrorist attack dealing with hazardous materials."

The mission was not only to train to fight bio-terrorism, but also to learn to do it as a team with other departments, like the Fire Department. Schroeder explained that though units train regularly on their own, it's good to train together, so when the time comes to work together things run more smoothly.

"In the past, we haven't done a lot of good training with other units," said Schroeder. "We're developing a working relationship. SRT takes out the bad guy, the Fire Department takes of the hazardous materials."

The scenario for this exercise was that a call came in about a terrorist in a building and the person had set off hazardous material. The SRT and the Fire Department had to respond within two hours. When the SRT got on the scene they had to put on Level A chemical/biological suits. The blue suits covered their entire body so no hazardous materials could get to their skin. SRT personnel also had to wear oxygen masks and tanks to breathe. When they first arrived on the scene, fire department per-

sonnel took initial vital signs to make sure they could withstand the pressure of the suit. In addition to that, they also had to wear full body armor.

"I feel a little cramped," said Sgt. Brian Williams, military policeman, SRT, about wearing the suit.

It took about 20 minutes to put on the suits. Once vital signs were checked and the suits were on, the SRT was ready to go inside. A smoke machine filled the building with smoke to simulate the hazardous material. With zero visibility, it was up to the SRT leader to guide the team using a thermal imagery device. This device allows the leader to see anything projecting heat, like the terrorist's body.

Members of the team are glad to have training exercises like the bio-terrorist exercise.

"I think it's essential for us," said Pfc. Daniel Straub, military policeman, SRT. "If a terrorist attacks, it's important for us to clear the threat before the fire-fighters go in."

SRT is an additional duty for military police that perform other full time functions within the 924th MP Battalion.

The exercise this time proved to be a learning experience for all involved.

"After this exercise we and the Fire Department have a much better understanding of each others capabilities and limitations, which is exactly what we wanted to accomplish," Schroeder said.



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