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Fort Riley Post



Country Stampede
Red, white and blue were the favored colors at this year's Country Stampede. No matter where you looked, flags flew and banners praised America. **See Page 9**

Wednesday

Honor Guard at Stampede

By Deb Skidmore
Media Relation Chief

Meeting with country music recording artists is not something Fort Riley soldiers do on a regular basis. In fact, most would tell you it's not even in their job description as a servicemember for the United States Army.

However, five soldiers got to do just that Thursday evening when they presented the National and State flags on stage at this year's Country Stampede. Held at Little State Park outside of Manhattan, thousands of country music fans flocked to the Country Stampede kick off party to hear Dustin Evans, Trick Pony and Montgomery Gentry.

As part of the festivities, soldiers from Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion, solemnly marched onto the stage before the final concert and faced the crowd. As the soldiers stood proudly at attention, Shevy Smith, country-recording artist, stepped from the shadows and sang the National Anthem.

When the anthem was over, the roar from the crowd was loud and long.

"I thought this was just awesome," said Sgt. 1st Class Randi

Hamden, 1st Sergeant for Company C, 101st FSB. "It was an honor for us to be able to present the flag tonight and watching the soldiers perform was so humbling for me."

Hamden said that she had volunteered one day last year to work at the Stampede and liked it so much that she decided to do it again this year. She explained that working as a volunteer is how the honor guard participation came about.

Hamden said that her former 1st Sergeant, MSgt. Kenneth Barteau, who was stationed at Fort Riley from 1994 to 2000, is this year's food and beverage/site manager and asked if her soldiers would be interested in presenting the colors.

Barteau has enlisted the services of 250 volunteers for this year's event — 150 of which are soldiers.

"This is something these soldiers won't forget," Hamden said. "This is a once in a lifetime experience."

"This was their 15 minutes of fame," she continued, "and they got to do it in the Army."

Pvt. 2 James McIntosh agreed. "I was really nervous going out

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Post/D. Skidmore

Soldiers from Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion present the National Colors on stage at the Country Stampede Thursday evening during the Kick Off Party. Shevy Smith, a country music recording artist, sang the National Anthem. The soldiers also got to meet Montgomery Gentry backstage.

Infantrymen beat heat, pin on EIB badges

By Kevin Doheny
19th PAD

The importance of the infantryman and his precision with his weapons has lasted the test of time. Making sure battles are won on the ground has been important to this country since the Revolutionary War. Even with the new type of warfare the United States imposes on enemy forces, one thing has not changed, the importance of the infantry.

Just as important to the infantry

as winning the ground portion of the battle is being an expert in their field by earning badges such as the Expert Infantryman Badge.

There were 257 soldiers from Fort Riley, Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Polk, La., who recently sought to be proud recipients of the badge.

After the road march and all lanes were complete, the 71 qualified soldiers stood tall and proud in the Kansas summer heat Friday, as their superiors pinned on their badges.

"Just as it was a proud moment for me to wear the EIB, it is as equally a proud moment to see you all wear the badge as well," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, at the ceremony. "I enjoy seeing the EIB being pinned on such outstanding soldiers as yourselves."

The testing soldiers went through to get their EIB consisted of the carrying their rucksacks on a road march, then going through different lanes or stations, where they completed the individual tasks at each station.

Soldiers receiving a first-time GO on all tasks were recognized as being "True Blue." And, these 21, of the 71 soldiers who qualified, received their EIBs from Metz and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Herron, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley Command Sergeant Major.

"This is a big deal to me, said Sgt. Chad Elston, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Division. "As a leader in the infantry, it's hard to be a leader and not have the EIB. This way my soldiers can ask me a question and can be assured that I know what I'm talking about, and it's one of the most important badges an infantryman can have."

During his speech at the ceremony, Metz spoke of how people

talk of not needing an Army and not needing to fight the kind of war the Army prepares for. He also read a quote from a book, which he supports.

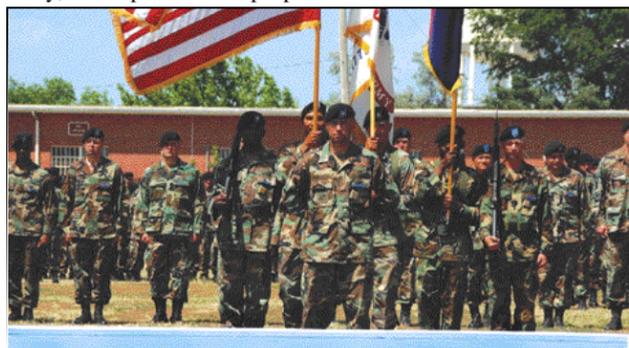
"You could fly over the land forever, you could bomb it, atomize it, pulverize and wipe it clean alike, but if you desire to defend it, protect it and keep it for civilization, you must do this on the ground. The way the Romans Legions did, by putting your young men in the mud," Metz said. "That means infantrymen lead the way and they are as valuable and needed today as they have been throughout the course of mankind."

Metz also spoke of how the soldiers who received the badges should feel proud to wear the EIB.

"We have today before us some special infantrymen," he said. "They have concentrated in a period of time to bring their skills to a very high level and they should feel very proud to accomplish this."

As the newly pinned soldiers broke from formation and celebrated their accomplishments, their superiors and peers greeted them to say a word of congratulations.

These 71 new qualified experts will continue to follow in the footsteps of those infantrymen who came before them.



Anti-terrorism: A job for everyone

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

Ever since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11th against the World Trade Center and Pentagon, people have been bracing themselves for another major attack. According to Bob Campanelli, the force protection security analyst for Fort Riley, terrorist groups sometimes like to target their attacks around significant dates which may include major holidays and events like the Super Bowl, Olympics and World Cup. With the Fourth of July weekend upon us, it's good to keep an eye out for things out of the ordinary.

What is out of the ordinary? According to Campanelli, things that are out of the ordinary can mean different things to different people.

"If a vehicle is sitting by a fence," he said, "you won't really notice that it's out of place unless you're familiar with that area."

"Out of the ordinary is anything that deviates from the norm," added Larry Duch, force protection officer for the installation. "However, there are things that are blatant, such as people taking pictures of the gate or Marshall Army Air Field."

Campanelli added that since Fort Riley is an Army post, operational security is very important. There are certain things that are restricted on the installation. "It all boils down to operational security," he said. "There are certain things that should be private to the installation. Things out of the norm should be noticed. If you should see someone taking pictures or watching anything that they shouldn't be, you should call the police."

For example, if you are out walking your dog and you see a suspicious vehicle parked along the side of the road, there are three things you need to do.

"You have to scan, focus and act," Duch said. "First, you scan your area of operation for anything out of the ordinary. Second, if you see something out of the ordinary, focus on it and find as many details about it as you can. Finally, you have to act on it."

Most of the time, acting on it means calling the military police at 239-MPMP.

"You should tell the MPs everything that you see and observe," he said. "You want to tell them the reason you're calling and what either the suspicious person or vehicle is doing. You also want to make sure that you tell them why this is out of the ordinary."

Having the citizens of Fort Riley looking for things helps the MPs do their job.

"Instead of just the MPs," Duch said, "we have another 60,000 eyes that can see when things aren't right. We need to enlist these eyes and ears."

Campanelli added that terrorist groups target us because of our way of life and the freedoms we enjoy.

"We live in this great country," he said. "We still want you to go out and enjoy the celebration, but we just want you to be aware of



Illegal dumping harmful in many ways -- it's happening on post

The lack of control of solid waste has resulted in undesirable and inadequate solid waste management practices that are detrimental to the health of humans, greatly degrade the quality of the environment and cause economic loss. One of these undesirable practices is known as "illegal dumping" and it is occurring on Fort Riley.

Illegal dumping is the disposal of waste in unauthorized areas such as vacant lots, along roadways, alleys, fields, streams, ditches and construction sites.

There is a misconception that discarding your unwanted trash in a federal, state or private property is harmless. It's really no big deal because its only trash, right? Wrong!

Illegal dumping of trash,

garbage, discarded appliances, old barrels, used tires, furniture, yard debris, oil, antifreeze and pesticides can threaten human health, wildlife and the environment. Illegal dumping of trash and garbage is a continuous problem in the United States and more specifically on Fort Riley.

There are serious health risks associated with illegal dumping.

Many of the areas used by illegal dumpers are easily accessible to people, especially children. There is a high risk of physical injury from items with dangerous protruding nails or sharp edges in addition to possible harmful chemicals or other hazardous materials. Illegal dumpsites attract rats, insects and other vermin that also pose a health risk.

Besides the health risks, decaying garbage and yard debris create unpleasant odors and harm our environment.

Dumped materials containing toxic or hazardous substances could threaten surface or ground water. They also take away from

ed to determine the effect on the environment, the safety risk involved in cleaning up the dumpsite and clues are sought that can identify the dumper.

Once this report is completed, it is forwarded to the Garrison Command Sergeant Major, who is

type of materials, so please leave only those materials that are identified.

We are receiving an abundance of items such as clothing, furniture and appliances that are turning these areas into dumping grounds.

Fort Riley has an established system for the removal of waste from all areas of the installation, therefore there should be no reason for disposing of waste in an unauthorized manner.

If there are questions about waste disposal, please contact DES, Solid Waste at 239-6929 or

Public Works at 239-2727.

In an effort to curb illegal dumping on Fort Riley, the DES has purchased a surveillance system that will be employed to help identify the perpetrators of illegal dumping and also as a deterrent to those who might consider partaking in this type of activity. I encourage soldiers, civilians and tenant activities of Fort Riley to help in the discovery of illegal dumpsites on the Post. If you find an illegal dumpsite on Fort Riley, please contact the DES Solid Waste Program at 239-6929. We only have one Earth, so let's take care of it.

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

the natural beauty of the affected area and surrounding communities.

The Directorate of Environment and Safety first started cataloging illegal dumpsites on Fort Riley on May 18, 2000. There have been 66 illegal dumpsites reported since then.

When a dumpsite is reported or found an investigation is conducted

responsible for ensuring the illegal dumpsites get cleaned up.

One current challenge we face associated with illegal dumping is the recycle collection points at Camp Forsyth and Camp Funston. These areas are not dump locations, but are intended to provide you with a convenient location to take your recyclables. Containers are labeled for the appropriate

Mail restrictions affect 'any servicemember' programs

*By Emily O'Connor
K-State Intern*

After the Sept. 11 tragedies at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center and the anthrax incidents, the Department of Defense discontinued the mail programs known as Dear Abby and Any Servicemember Programs. These programs allowed any person to send a letter, postcard or package to military personnel, showing

support for their service to our country.

According to Jane Moore, Fort Riley installation postal officer, the public has heeded the change because Fort Riley has not received any of this type of letter or care package.

The concerns now lie with the types of packages family members and friends send to soldiers at home and overseas.

"There are several mail-related

restrictions that military family members should be aware of,"

Moore said. "Since there are so many different APOs being used at this time, I would suggest that family members call the United States Postal Service to learn what restrictions are placed on the area where their friends and family are."

Another mail-related problem that the military is currently facing is the shipping of non-mail-

able items to military personnel. Some of these items include alcohol and pornographic materials. Violations of this rule could result in the removal of mail service to deployed military personnel.

"I just want to remind everyone that there are several restrictions on sending out mail," Moore said. "If anyone has questions or wants someone to go over the restrictions with them, they can give me a call at 239-2211."

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here but it was a great experience. It was thrilling to be out here on stage presenting the colors," he said.

McIntosh said that the experience was so good he was going to call home this evening and tell his mom that he got to meet Smith and Montgomery Gentry.

"I'm very patriotic, so this was a big deal for me," said Spc. Jacinta Osborne from the island of Antigua.

"This was an honor for me as a soldier and for my unit. It put us (Fort Riley) on the map," she said.

With a shy smile she added that she too was going to call her mom to share the evening's experience of meeting the recording artists on stage and having pictures taken with them.

"And, I'm going to tell my mom that Mr. Gentry is pretty hot," she blushed.

The soldiers finished the evening enjoying free VIP seating for the Montgomery Gentry concert.

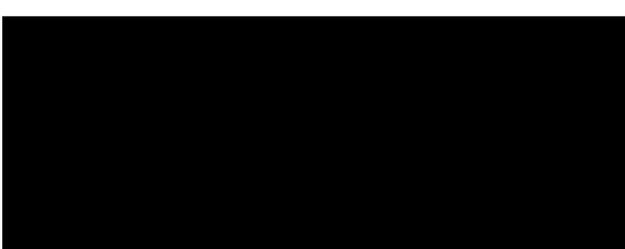
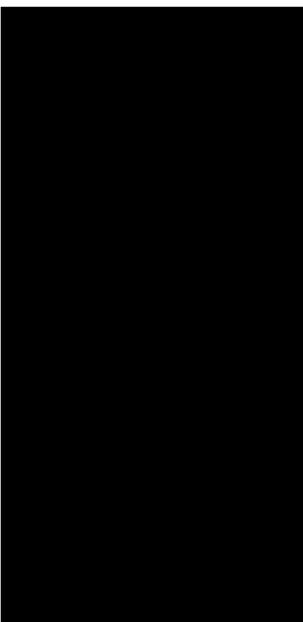
Salute to Nation

Fort Riley's 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery will salute the nation on July 4, with a 50-gun cannon salute on Cavalry Parade Field at noon.

The public is invited to attend to show their patriotism.

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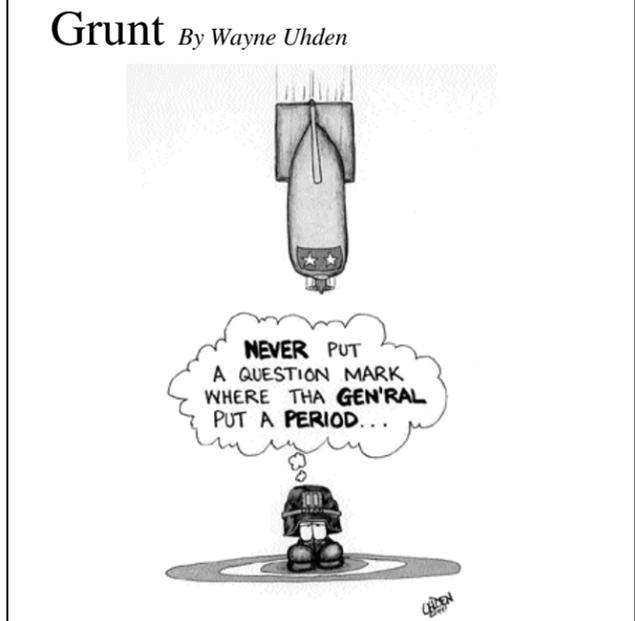


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'Roadrageous' course to help soldiers curb risk-taking behavior

By Kevin Larson

FORSCOM News Service

Aggressive and risky driving behaviors are being targeted by FORSCOM in an effort to save soldiers' lives.

Negative risk driving behaviors have been linked to some of the privately owned vehicle accidents and fatalities involving FORSCOM soldiers.

This year, FORSCOM has had 69 car accidents and 42 FORSCOM soldiers killed in them, said Michael Bledsoe, FORSCOM safety director. The car accident total is down from last year, but is just the Army's goal of only 60 car accidents for the year.

"We've busted that goal by nine," said Bledsoe.

At the root of the problem is the societal trend towards aggressive and risky driving behaviors, a problem that is magnified in the Army, Bledsoe said. That's because soldiers are trained to take risks.

"You want a soldier that can take a measured risk to fight and win the nation's wars," he said. "The problem is there is a difference between positive and negative risk-taking behavior. Our soldiers, who are trained to take positive risks, are going out and taking negative risks on the highway and that's resulting in a large number of fatal traffic accidents."

Negative risks include speeding, weaving in and out of traffic, driving under the influence, not wearing a seat-belt or not wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle. All of these behaviors are

symptoms of aggressive driving, Bledsoe said.

In the past, the focus of safety efforts was to target those symptoms. Today's focus is on treating the aggressive driving behavior, Bledsoe said.

To combat aggressive driving and prevent fatalities and injuries to soldiers, the FORSCOM Safety Office has teamed up with the American Institute for Public Safety to educate soldiers on the risks they face when driving unsafely.

AIPS instructors will travel to all of FORSCOM's installations and teach non-commissioned officers and junior officers how to prevent aggressive driving, said Phyllis Moon, FORSCOM safety manager. The students will then become the teachers.

"We want to get the lesson down to the

lowest level possible," Moon said. "If we teach NCOs and junior officers, they in turn can teach the younger soldiers at the unit."

The schedule for visiting the installations is in the works, said Chris Huffman, president of the American Institute for Public Safety.

The class that AIPS will teach is "Roadrageous," a course that will teach soldiers how to make better decision while driving and how to avoid risky behaviors, said Huffman. It also teaches students how to avoid becoming a victim of other drivers' aggressive behaviors.

"The course gives students a new toolbox on driving attitudes and behaviors that will ultimately save lives," Huffman said.

One aspect stressed by the course is

"supportive driving," Huffman said. Supportive driving promotes having a positive attitude toward other drivers and not viewing cars as objects that need to be overcome because they are in the way.

"When people are on the road, they don't see other cars as having human beings in them," Huffman said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defines aggressive driving as, "when individuals commit a combination of moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other persons or property."

But most people say they don't drive aggressively if you ask them, said Moon. Most people also confuse aggressive driving and road rage.

"Road rage is when aggressive driving turns criminal," she said.

Simulators give Blackhawk pilots valuable hands-on experience

By Jeremy Heckler

19th PAD

It is just before sunrise as aviators are called to their aircraft on a mission. A flawless takeoff and the flight crew is in the air when disaster strikes, both engines fail and the UH-60 Blackhawk is headed for the ground fast. It is up to the aviators to get their helicopter down safely. The two pilots get the aircraft down with nobody injured. A door opens and it's time to go through it again.

Fort Riley is home to a UH-60 Blackhawk simulator and a UH-1

"Huey" helicopter simulator which are used to train both active and reserve component soldiers from Kansas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa and Colorado.

"There are 22 UH-60 devices in the country and this is one of the only devices in this area," said Troy Mattingly, lead instructor.

"The purpose of the device is to provide required Army directed training to aviators assigned to the UH-1 and UH-60," said Mattingly, a retired Army aviator. Based on location, each aviator is required to get 20 hours in the

simulator each year. For many of the reserve component soldiers, the simulator provides a chance to get familiar with a new aircraft.

"Most reserve component units have UH-1s and are transitioning to the UH-60, an aircraft many of them have not qualified in," said Mattingly. "The device gives them a chance to learn about the aircraft before they go to Fort Rucker, (Ala.) for hands on with the actual aircraft."

Entering the facility, it would be hard not to notice the simulator which towers through a glass enclosed area. When the pilots

"take-off" the simulator shoots straight into the air and moves with each of the aircraft's movements. Inside, pilots can look out each of the windows of the aircraft and see a realistic view of where they are.

The facility offers three training periods, five days a week, with one held every other weekend.

Once they arrive in the facility, pilots typically head for the classroom where they can study the characteristics of the aircraft and discuss what they would like to practice with the instructor when they get into the simulator.

"The pilots come in and let us know what sort of training is needed. They receive some pre-mission training and then get in the aircraft," said Mattingly. Every part of the mission is recorded and allows them to break it down when the mission is over.

The classroom also provides up-to-date manuals and schematics of the aircraft. When the pilots have planned out their mission they enter the simulator. While it is not the real thing, aviators treat it as the next best thing.

"Aviators should treat it as an

actual flight, not a video game," said Mattingly. "While sometimes you take risks, if you treat it like the real thing and transpose it to the aircraft, it makes you a better pilot."

Once the crew is locked into the simulator, they start an actual mission. The simulator is set up for a variety of different missions, from simple startup procedures to maneuvering the aircraft as if it is being fired upon.

"We can program in multiple emergencies that can't be done in the air so that when they get into the aircraft and an emergency arises they deal with it as though it is second nature," said Mattingly.

"We are working on emergency procedures and instrument training in order to maintain familiarization in the aircraft," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Daniel Saaboth, 3rd Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, a National Guard unit from Jefferson City, Mo.

"What is really good is you can repeat everything in flight," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Art Schlender, flight instructor, Army Aviation Support Facility, Jeffer-

son City. "In a simulator you can back up three, five or 10 minutes and see what happened and what you did wrong and then back it up so that I can start all over."

Schlender, a 24-year veteran pilot, is transferring over to the Blackhawk from the UH-1. He said the time in the simulator helped him become familiar with the aircraft before he attends the transition course at Fort Rucker.

Mattingly said that the time in the simulator can be a learning experience for both the instructors and the aviators.

"I'm not just doing the educating, they're educating me and I learn a lot everyday," he said. "I become a centralized point, where I can learn something and pass it on."

The simulator is also a valuable tool for each pilot who passes through.

"This is an excellent way to sharpen your skills and become more proficient and able to handle every procedure in the aircraft," said Schlender. "It makes you a safer pilot and able to do the mission you're called upon."

Utility program helps soldiers transition

By Heather Pope

Radford University Intern

Who would want to pay 2.5 times more than the monthly average in deposits for gas or any other utility? According to Col. Philip Pope, garrison commander, the Utility Deposit Waiver Program can help soldiers during their transition to Fort Riley by waiving expensive deposit fees.

This program is a cooperative effort with Westar, formerly Kansas Gas Service, Kansas Power and Light, Junction City Water Department and Fort Riley, according to Ted Freeman, prevention services manager, Directorate of Community Activities. The program works through

five local banks, who will also work with any current bank account someone has. Anyone is eligible, military or civilian, said Freeman.

"In most cases, if a soldier will agree to having his or her bank do automatic payments, that utility company will waive the deposit," said Pope.

This program came about due to statistical information from DCA personnel who are charged with helping soldiers with financial challenges. "Their data clearly showed the need to reduce cost for soldiers arriving to Fort Riley," said Pope. After discussions with DCA professionals, Freeman and Kaye Moseley, it was clear that this program would

make the move for young soldiers less difficult, he said.

"Command Sgt. Maj. (Richard) Hearron and I discussed how to help young soldiers and agreed this is an area that would be helpful," Pope stated. "We want to make transition as easy as possible and this is what it's all about."

"This program is about eliminating the requirement for young soldiers without a credit history from having to pay deposits for utilities including lights, phone, gas, water, etc.," said Pope. "Prior to initiating this program, soldiers paid hundreds of dollars in deposits."

For more information on the Utility Deposit Waiver Program, call Carol Bondurant at 239-9435.

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Briefs

Holiday Closures

Facilities to be closed on Thursday and Friday include: Army Education Center, Soldier and Family Support Center, Administrative offices in DCA Headquarters, ITR, School Age Services, Child Development Center, FCC, SPS and Riley's.

Facilities to be open Thursday and Friday are: Outdoor Rec, all fitness facilities and pools and Custer Hill Golf Course.

Facilities to be closed Thursday only and open on Friday are the Middle School/Teen Center with hours of 2 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Sports USA 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.

IACH Holiday Hours

Health Care Services: Irwin Army Community Hospital will be observing the Fourth of July raining holiday on July 5.

Primary Care Clinic 3 will be open from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or Same Day Acute Appointments.

This appointment type (Acute) is for patients who develop a sudden illness within 24 - 48 hours.

To make an appointment, please call the local TRICARE Service Center at (785) 784-1200 or call toll free 1-888-874-9378.

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, cats and equine 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 for 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. Krist Class Clinton Ball, noncommissioned officer in charge of Veterinary Services at 239-3886 or 239-2732.

Tuition Assistance

Effective Oct. 1, 2002, 100 percent TA (Tuition Assistance) will be paid for soldiers enrolled in post-secondary courses. Soldiers may use 100 percent TA up to \$250 per semester hour and up to \$4500 per year. See an Army Education Counselor for details and to enroll.

Holiday Hours

The Fort Riley Commissary will be closed on the Fourth of July, but open the Friday after the holiday for regular shopping.

Now is the time to be preparing for your 4th of July Picnic. As always, Fort Riley Commissary will be having some great deals to offer on picnic items to help you celebrate the holiday. So stop in and check out the mini sidewalk sale today.

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

Please stop by and see our wonderful selection of hand-crafted gifts and antiques. We have many new items in and lots of Americana. You never know what you will find in our ever-changing inventory. The Shoppe is located in building 259 on Stuart Ave., west of the Fort Riley Honor Guard Stables. Call 239-2783 for more information. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

Holiday Refuse Collection

Due to the July 4 holiday, the refuse collection schedule will change as follows. 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, 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.

Baby-sitting Classes

American Red Cross baby-sitting 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 baby-sitting will be awarded upon course completion. There will not be any infant/toddler Cardiovascular Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) 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.

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.

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

MOMS Club

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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 cavalry 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.

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More Briefs

Musicians needed

The Contemporary Protestant congregation at Fort Riley's Norandy Chapel is looking for the following musicians for their praise and worship band: rhythm guitar, lead guitar, keyboard strings player and back-up piano player. We have instruments available to play for each of these positions. We practice weekly, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. Service time is Sundays at 11 a.m. If interested, call Ch. Paulson at 239-3436. If no answer, please leave a message on answering machine.

Housing Termination Brief

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

ry 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.

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 mail-

room 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.

Use ICE

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

finance, dining facilities, information management, facility maintenance, logistical and personnel support services. Your feedback helps to insure that we deliver quality services throughout the installation. You can access ICE to make your comments by clicking on the ICE logo on the Fort Riley Homepage (www.riley.army.mil) or by going to the main ICE Homepage at http://ice.disa.mil and clicking on Fort Riley. ICE can be accessed from ANY computer with internet-access. Your questions or suggestions regarding ICE should be directed to the Strategic Planning Office, phone 239-2540 or e-mail SPO@riley.army.mil.

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A monthly business meeting is held the 3rd Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at First Christian Church (not affiliated), Manhattan. Annual dues are \$18, but try it out without obligation. For more info contact Lisa Schwarz, (785) 587-8069.

NAF Job Fairs

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

Contact the Fort Riley CPAC NAF office at 239-2325 for additional information.

Club Beyond

Club Beyond and Club Beyond JV are designed for high school and middle school youth, respectively. These meetings include a Christian devotional and the three "F's" of youth ministry: food, fun and friends. Club Beyond meets Sunday nights and CBJV meets Friday nights. Both clubs meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel on Main Post.

The mission of Club Beyond and CBJV is to develop meaningful relationships with military dependent youth, to lead youth into relationships with Christians and with Christ, to help youth grow in Christian faith and to involve youth in Christian service.

For more information, contact Don Ericson, Club Beyond Director, at 238-4436 or dericson@nqks.com. You can check out Club Beyond on the web at www.nqks.com/clubbeyond.

Child Car Seat Inspections

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

Active duty uniform service members, their families, retired military, and DoD civilians are eligible for this service. There is no fee. Car Seat Inspection appointments are available Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Inspections will take place in the IACH parking area. To schedule a car seat inspection please call Community Health Nursing at 239-7323.

Softball Tournament

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Softball Tournament will be held July 20-21, at Fort Riley's Softball Complex.

There will be a horseshoe tournament, raffle, dunk tank and concession stand at the complex as well. The entry fee for the tournament is \$120.00 per team, and there is an ASA Sanction fee of \$15.00 if your team is not ASA sanctioned.

Teams must provide their own ASA .47 core red-stitch balls. Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club College Scholarship Fund.

The first and second place teams will go to the ASA Men's D State Qualifier.

The Consolation Bracket will receive T-shirts.

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40th PAD/Risner

Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment move in on the enemy during their recent live fire exercise.

Training helps maintain readiness

Pfc. Joshua M. Risner
40th PAD

Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment (Mechanized) got down and dirty in a live fire exercise on Range Four in Kuwait recently.

The exercise itself was multifaceted, consisting of obstacle breaching, trench clearing and the utilization of fighting vehicles, tanks, mortars and artillery.

A formation of M2A3 Bradleys, M1A2 Abrams tanks and engineer vehicles laid down the initial assault on the target. After the Bradleys fired upon the site with their 25mm cannons, the

engineers went in and cleared a path through concertina wire and a tank ditch.

After breaching the perimeter, the infantry moved in and dismounted from the Bradleys. They then charged forward, laying down fire with small arms. High winds caused low visibility, but failed to even slow them down as they assaulted the course.

Once the first burm was cleared, the troops entered the trench system. From there, they worked with a sense of urgency, eliminating enemy targets and pushing forward. The soldiers made use of smoke grenades to conceal their movements as they

moved through potentially hostile areas.

The engineers also used satchel bombs to destroy two command bunkers within the area as well as clearing the way for the infantry to get in on the action.

Once the trenches were cleared, soldiers moved on and mounted back up into the Bradleys. Their mission had been a success.

"I think that overall, the mission went great as far as intensity and motivation goes," said Spc. Pete Holdsworth, Co. C., 1st Bn., 41st Inf. Rgt., (Mech). "We only do this about once a quarter, so we try to hit it as hard as we can."



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Engineers overcome obstacles

By Joshua Risner
40th PAD

The trench system at Range Four, near Pennsylvania Kabal, Kuwait, was built using unorthodox methods by the soldiers of the 70th Engineer Battalion. The construction of those trenches in particular posed a unique challenge, forcing the soldiers to improvise.

The trenches are normally dug with the use of backhoes. Shortly after initial construction began, these machines broke down, leaving the 70th with a daunting task before them. "We had no choice but to dig them by hand, using long handled shovels from our pioneer kits," said 2nd Lt. Aaron Dailey, Company B, 70th Eng. Bn.

And dig they did, working during the night and early morning to escape the raging desert heat. More than 800 meters of trench, plus fighting positions and bunkers had to be dug in loose sand.

Thwarted by cave-ins, scorpions and a seemingly insurmountable feat, the soldiers of Company B pressed on undiscouraged. "Our guys were really motivated to accomplish the mission," Dailey said. "We had to literally make them go to sleep when the sun came up."

"It was the first mission assigned to the unit, and they were motivated to complete it. With all the work that we did, I don't think I heard a single complaint," Dailey said.

To prevent the trenches from caving in, the engineers had to angle the walls and put up plywood supports. They were anchored four feet out by pickets driven about three feet into the ground, tied off with 550 cord.

After about three days of rigorous work, they completed their task, also completing construction of eight fighting positions and two command bunkers. "At first, they didn't think they could do it," said Dailey, "but in the end, they found out what they were really capable of."

Conditions improving at Bagram

By Erica Leigh Foley
Army News Service

Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan — Soldiers at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan are seeing drastic improvements in the installation's living and operational facilities.

When soldiers first arrived at Bagram six months ago, their food was plastic-wrapped Meals Ready to Eat, few showers existed and the runway had holes in it.

The base now has dining facilities serving hot meals, showers, a post exchange, laundry service, a gym, morale welfare and recreation tents and a phone tent.

Italian Air Force troops, assisted by Polish and U.S. military engineers, have been working together to make the runway safe by fixing holes created by Taliban bombs.

"Repair to the Bagram airstrip is crucial to the whole operation," said 1st Lt. Tota Giovanni, Italian Air Force chief engineer.

"Bagram is far from all the other American bases and all of the other bases in Afghanistan rely on this airstrip to be operational."

The engineers have not only benefited from each other's help, but also learned a lot in the

working together."

Soldiers have seen living conditions improve along with the runway. Soldiers now receive a hot breakfast and dinner at the dining facility.

Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon, French toast or waffles, oatmeal or grits, fresh fruit and muffins.

Dinner has recently included such entrees as porterhouse steak, crab legs, chicken cordon blue, ribs, fried chicken and spaghetti.

There have also been improvements in the quality and quantity of other facilities.

"When we got here, there were six shower heads for 400 people and we had to walk a mile to use it," said Sgt. Eddie Dirck, 92nd Engineers out of Fort Campbell, Ky. "Now we have showers right across the street."

Housing for the troops is also improving. Local Afghan construction workers on post are building tent frames that sit above

the ground. The frames offer a level floor that allows the tents to drain properly when the rainy season comes.

"It adds stability to the tent," said Capt. Kenneth Goodlow, Combined Joint Task Force 180 safety officer.

"The first week I was here we had 80-mile-per-hour winds."

Goodlow explained that the winds would blow the tents off the ground if they weren't staked down properly.

He also said that the Post Exchange had little to offer.

"Now the PX has coolers, food and movies. It gets better every time you go in," said Dirck.

Candy, cold soda, compact disks, DVDs, personal hygiene items and post cards are just a few of the items available.

And the base gym has free weights for all to use.

"There are improvements to the base everyday," said Dirck.

Mortar platoon vies for squad stakes

By Joshua Risner
40th PAD

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment (Mortar) and the Fire Direction Center competed at New York Kabal, in Kuwait, for squad stakes and bragging rights June 10-12.

"The squad stakes competition is unofficial, but it is a great morale booster," said 1st Lt. Ryan Ahrendt, HHC, 1st Bn., 41 Inf. Reg. "It's to see which squad is the best at soldiering and operating their mortar system. That squad will become the base gunner, which is the most important and highly trained squad we have."

The competition is three days long with 10 events including an obstacle course, road march, five different mortar specific tasks and a written exam. "It's a competition for best score, but it's really just a fun event for the platoon," said Sgt. Terry Long, lightning two, HHC, 1st Bn., 41 Inf. Reg.

The mortar specific tasks took place on the third day of the competition. Soldiers were tested on mounted and dismounted mortar operations.

For the dismounted exam, the soldiers had to first carry a disassembled M121 Battalion Mortar System forward to an area designated by the graders. Then, the weapon had to be made ready to fire.

After that, they were tested on manipulating the system over small and large distances. Laying for small deflection required the gunner to traverse the mortar without assistance after receiving a fire mission. Laying for large distances required aid from the assistant gunner to actually shift the mortar left or right to aim at the target.

The last part of the dismounted exercise dealt with refer/realign,

which makes the mortar fire in a parallel sheaf. This means that all the rounds fired from each gun will land in a straight line. All squads were given the base gun's sight unit data and then had to realign their aiming posts to coincide with the base gun's aim.

The mounted gunner's exam consisted of the same basic elements as the dismounted exam, except that they were now inside an armored personnel carrier. Soldiers started out with the mortar carrier's top hatches closed and the mortar itself in the traveling position. On the command of "go," the hatches were opened and the gunners prepared the mortar for fire.

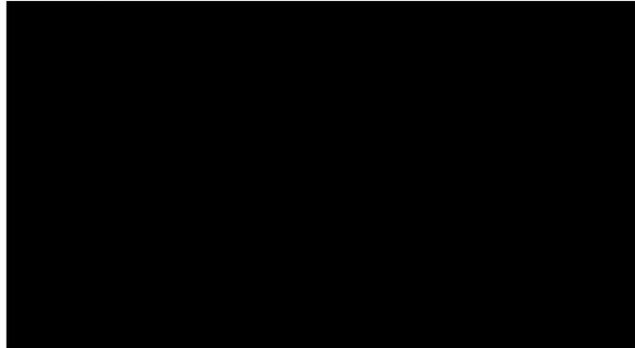
Each squad had a runner who positioned two aiming stakes downrange for the mortars to align with. Soldiers sounded off with "gun up" when they had zeroed in on their direction of fire.

The squads were scored on

both speed and accuracy in the mortar portion of the contest, operating their weapons at the dismounted position and mounted on an armored personnel carrier. "It makes the mortar systems a little harder to handle after a road march and a PT test," said Master Sgt. Michael Greenwalt, HHC, 1st Bn., 41 Inf. Reg.

"It shows what we can accomplish in a real world situation," said Cpl. Shane Mellon, lightning three, HHC, 1st Bn., 41 Inf. Reg. "The competition overall is not a big issue. I just want my crew to perform at the best of their ability."

When it was all said and done, the squad from the Fire Direction Center got the honors and the squad stakes. Since they are not part of the platoon, lightning three got the job of base gunners.



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Contest plans announced for Pentagon Memorial design

By Jonathan Williamson
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army Corps of Engineers announced plans for a contest to design a Pentagon memorial at a news conference June 11.

The memorial will commemorate those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001.

Due to overwhelming interest, the contest will be open to everyone and anyone who submits a design, according to project manager Carol Anderson-Austra.

"I need to tell you that this design competition or this artistic-concept design competition is open to everyone or various reasons: Number one, everyone is interested," Anderson-Austra said. "Every school kid, every architecture stu-

dent, every huge architecture and engineering firm is interested. And, you know, how do you sort through that? Well, we've taken it on ourselves to have this open competition so that anyone may enter."

The deadline for the contest is Sept. 11, 2002.

A jury, consisting of professional designers, "Washington people," and representatives of victim's family, will evaluate the designs as they come in and eventually select a group of at least five designs, according to Anderson-Austra.

The final five designers will be given funding and asked to develop their ideas, create a model and work with the victim's families to ensure that they have an input throughout the entire project.

The winning design is scheduled to be announced in December, and dedicated

on Sept. 11, 2003, however officials are willing to let the process lead them to the outcome, according to Anderson-Austra, whenever that may be.

"It could be something that would really benefit by extending the construction time a bit. So, we are on track to have that second anniversary dedication. We're willing to let the process lead us to the proper outcome, however," Anderson-Austra said.

While project officials have been in "unofficial communication" with authorities in New York and Pennsylvania, the site will be dedicated specifically to those who lost their lives on American Airlines Flight 77 and at the Pentagon.

"We are in sort of unofficial communication with people who are working both in Pennsylvania and New York," Anderson-Austra said. "Certainly this is, in one

way, one tragedy, but the Pentagon or each of the locations is quite — you know, it's really unique, too, in what happened and the results and just the whole situation, the conditions of the land and the people who were involved. So we are coordinating unofficially with them."

The site of the memorial will be outside the Pentagon, very close to the area where the impact occurred, according to Anderson-Austra.

Thus far the construction budget for the memorial is two million dollars, although there is also a provision for donations to the project. If the winning design does require more than the allotted amount, project officials think that funding will be provided, according to Anderson-Austra.

"I think that we will get a great design. And if we require more funding, I think

that — I can't help but think that will be forthcoming, from the American public or whoever," Anderson-Austra said.

Information for the contest will be on the web at <http://memorial.competition.pentagon.mil>. Rules and information can also be obtained by writing: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District, Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203.

Along with the memorial, a Pentagon memorial meditation area, with a meditation chapel and memorial room is scheduled to be finished by Sept. 11, 2002, according to Chaplain (Col.) Donald Hanchett, office of the chief of chaplains.

"It will be a beautiful meditation area for all the folks of the Pentagon and visitors," Hanchett said.

Soldiers of 300th MPs recognized, presented medals by SMA Tilley

By Christie Vanover
Staff Writer

Fort Riley's 300th Military Police Company is currently deployed to the Military District of Washington to support Operation Noble Eagle and while deployed they are taking advantage of opportunities both professionally and personally.

Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley presented 16 of Fort Riley's MPs with Army Achievement Medals recently.

The platoon earned the medals following their deployment to the National Training Center in support of the 1st Brigade.

"Since last September, SMA Tilley has made it a point to check often on all of

the Military Police units deployed here to help secure the Pentagon and other facilities around the area," said Master Sgt. Dave Schad, spokesman for Tilley.

"The MPs at the Pentagon know they can stop by his office anytime to say hi to him, take a picture with him or simply look around his office. When he was asked to participate in their awards ceremony, he looked at it as one more opportunity to see them and thank them for what they're doing here. Their role is important and thousands of servicemen and families are safer because of their presence in the area," he added.

A few of the young soldiers were nervous about meeting Tilley, said 1st Sgt. Anthony Hallenbeck, but added that Tilley was very personable.

"He reiterated why they were here and presented them each a coin," said Hallen-

beck.

The soldiers who received AAMs from the SMA include: Staff Sgt. Amber Gosser, Sgt. Casey Taylor, Sgt. John Smith, Spc. Edgar Arnall, Spc. Brandy Brown, Spc. Robert Graber, Spc. Cruz Munoz, Spc. Joshua Pace, Spc. Christopher Tomlinson, Pfc. Ryan Seddon, Pfc. Thore Hammitt, Pfc. Brandon Lustik, Pfc. Joseph Cole, Pfc. Lilbon Clark, Pfc. Edward Crum and Pfc. Lynae Corral.

Another soldier is taking advantage of her D.C. assignment by requesting to be reenlisted by the highest-ranking female general in the Pentagon. Capt. Jennifer Schroeder, commander, 300th MP Co., is also trying to coordinate special reenlistments with President George W. Bush.

While deployed, the unit is providing critical site security outside the Pentagon and pulling traffic control points under

the command of the 759th MP Battalion out of Fort Carson, Colo. They also work with three National Guard units.

Hollenbeck said the soldiers are well received.

"Four-star generals will often stop and say hi to the MPs. Some are handed coins from different officers." Additionally, some agencies have given the soldiers pens, neck chains and other trinkets.

Despite the perks, the soldiers know their mission is very important to the security of the Pentagon.

"I think that at first they were kind of curious on why we were coming. Once we were on the ground and getting intel reports, it's opened their eyes. There is a purpose and a threat that is ongoing," said Hollenbeck.

"It is a very important mission," said Schroeder. "It is a great chance to deploy

with the company as a commander and experience it in this time in history. The threat is always present here. We've had a lot of suspicious personnel taking pictures or videotaping."

While in D.C., the soldiers' schedules are similar to their Fort Riley schedules. They spend five days working and two days off, and during their time off, they have enjoyed many of the city's sites.

They have toured the U.S. Capitol and other monuments, and have gone deep-sea fishing, to baseball games and to Busch Gardens in Virginia. "There is a lot of opportunity for them to get out and do things," said Schroeder.

The approximate 150 soldiers deployed in April and are scheduled to support the mission for six months, leaving time for many more opportunities.

Korea after 50 years - Prisoner exchange numbers stall truce talks

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- Fighting erupted across the peninsula as truce talks stalled over the number of prisoners to be exchanged by each side, 50 years ago this week in Korea..

July 4, 1952 -- Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the U.N. Supreme Command, tells the troops in Korea that they're fighting "the most sinister, ruthless and cruel despotism the world has ever seen." They're also fighting for "the establishment of the right of people to manage their own affairs without interference, the equality of nations and the God-given right of all men to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," he says.

Canada announces its casualties in Korea number 912, with 60 dead.

At Panmunjom, the truce talks begin in closed session. Neither

side will tell the news media about developments.

In the tent where the two negotiating teams meet, Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, U.N. chief delegate, continues to focus on Article 51, and its language that prisoners both sides hold when the truce is signed will be returned to their sides.

Harrison is counting the 83,000 communists in camps who want to be repatriated, the 26,000 who do not and are being released now, plus 11,000 South Koreans who are awaiting release. That will give the communists more than the 110,000 they insist as the minimum amount acceptable.

The Reds, on the other hand, are sticking to the prisoners the United Nations identified in December as the number they expect to be released.

July 4-10 -- U.N. aircraft heavily damage an enemy headquarters seven miles below the Suiho power plant on the Yalu River. American F-86 pilots claim they

shot down 12 MiG-15s during the mission.

Local but fierce battles are fought all along the front from one side of Korea to the other this week. Infantry and armored patrols engage in vicious fights with the enemy on the western front above Panmunjom July 4-7. Troops near Kumsong on the central front engage the enemy from

July 7-10 and on the east coast near the Sea of Japan coast from July 9-10.

July 6 -- Lt. Gen. Nam Il, North Korean chief of the communist delegation at Panmunjom, tells Harrison if the United Nations will turn over close to 110,000, including all the Chinese prisoners, all barriers to a truce will be

removed.

July 7 -- Republic of Korea President Syngman Rhee signs into law a compromise agreement that he has reached with the South Korean National Assembly. The Assembly voted 163-0 to change the constitution to allow for national presidential elections. They also created two houses of

the legislature and control the president's cabinet.

The U.S. government denies reports that it has asked India to serve as a mediator in the Korean truce talks, adding that there has been "no formal offer of mediation from any quarter."

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