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Fort Riley Post



Custer House Tours
The Custer House, Quarters 24, is a museum that exhibits what life at Fort Riley was like in the post's early days.
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Hickory Sting prepares 30th eSB soldiers for NTC

By Christie Vanover
Staff Writer

Camp Funston, located on the east side of Fort Riley near Ogden, has turned back into a raining area after its establishment 85 years ago this month.

Funston, originally built as a monument for WWI soldiers, is being used now for Operation Hickory Sting, Fort Riley's mission rehearsal exercise for the 30th Enhanced Separate Brigade, North Carolina Army National Guard.

Thousands of soldiers, equipment and logistical supplies are now in place, turning the once sparse camp into a fully functional temporary town or Rotational Joint Bivouac Area.

The Tarheel Task Force and Fort Riley counterparts built the RUBA, which transformed the fields at Camp Funston that consisted of numerous two-story buildings until the end of WWI, into a training site for today's Army.

The RUBA includes 33 large tent structures, nearly 100 portable showers, five mess pads with 10 Army kitchen trailers, 15 refrigerated vans, four 5,000-gallon water tankers, 20 to 30 400-gallon water tankers, more than 100 porta-potties, aid stations, maintenance tents, numerous dumpsters, a Post Exchange and a phone bank, according to Lt. Col. Shane Miller, Fort Riley G4.

"They've really just built a little city with all the life support to be able to feed these soldiers. We're at 1,500 soldiers now and come this weekend we'll top out at 5,000," he said on Tuesday.

"All of their basic human needs are taken care of down here. They have food, water, a covered place

to sleep, a PX and a place to call home," said Miller.

Their basic needs even include ice. The RUBA is going through about 10 pounds of ice per soldier per day, said Miller. Once the 5,000 soldiers arrive this weekend, that will total around 50,000 pounds of ice per day.

This home away from home is only temporary however because the RUBA is merely a staging site. Once the troops are all on the ground, they will maneuver across Huebner Road into Fort Riley's vast training areas where their accommodations will change.

"Their environment will be quite a bit different when they leave the RUBA," said Miller. "When they go to the field, their life gets quite a bit more primitive."

Miller added that despite the downgrade in luxuries, their basic necessities would always be taken care of to ensure soldiers' safety.

Fort Riley is capable of mobilizing the soldiers and supplies for this exercise because of its location and its coherent military and civilian workforce, according to Larry Githerman, directorate of logistics at Fort Riley.

The installation is located just off of Interstate-70 and is minutes away from the Manhattan Regional Airport and Forbes Air Field in Topeka.

"The rail has been upgraded significantly since Desert Storm," Githerman said. "In a matter of days, we've downloaded a brigade's worth of equipment."

"About 2,500 vehicles arrived in railcars from North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, Montana and Massachusetts," according to Dick Wollenberg, Fort Riley's transportation officer.

The railcars were downloaded by the 540th Quartermaster Battalion out of North Carolina, under the watchful eye of the 266th Transportation Detachment assigned to Fort Riley's G4.

"They drove the vehicles off the railcars, put them into an initial staging area and then moved them to a second assembly area for refueling later in the day," he added.

"These 110 soldiers performed a remarkable feat in that they were able to download these 650 railcars in six days despite the heat, and they performed their mission well ahead of when the schedule was projected to be completed on July 19," said Wollenberg.

In addition to the railcars, there

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Soldiers from the North Carolina Army National Guard download M113A3 personnel carriers in preparation for the Hickory Sting exercise at Fort Riley. Hundreds of vehicles arrived at Camp Funston for the exercise.

1st PSB inactivates during ceremony July 12

By Steven Cooke
Staff Writer

The 1st Personnel Services Battalion conducted its inactivation ceremony, July 12, at Ware Parade Field.

The ceremony featured the Artillery "Half Section," the Color Guard and a firing of "Old Hunder," a replica of a 1764 Model six-pound Revolutionary War Era cannon. Soldiers from Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field

Artillery operated the canon.

At the ceremony, the wives of Lt. Col. Harry Williams, commander, 1st PSB and Command Sgt. Maj. Reynald Domingo, Jacqueline and Elaine respectively, were presented with red roses on behalf of 1st PSB. It was announced "The red roses are given to signify their time with the unit which is in full bloom at the completion of their support."

The actual inactivation will not take place until mid-September.

Under the inactivation, the current A and B personnel detachments will reorganize as D and E detachments of the 15th PSB.

The newly designated detachments will continue to perform the direct support dimensions of the personnel information and casualty management systems, manage the Personnel Accounting and Strength Reporting database and provide personnel services to commanders.

The 1st PSB's outgoing commander is confident they will continue to do outstanding work.

"I am confident the detachments will be able to keep up the good work," said Williams. "The soldiers and civilian workforce of the PSB have established a legacy where by the standard is excellence when it comes to taking care of soldiers at Fort Riley."

Williams and his family are on their way to the Total Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) in Alexandria, Va., where Williams will become the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate.

Williams' leaving is of some concern to 1st PSB's soldiers. "I am concerned about the changes because our commander and command sergeant major are leaving," said Spec. Katrina Hale, administrative service specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st PSB. "We downsized a lot, so I wonder if it will be a heavier workload, but I'm confident we can handle it."

"I'm sad because I was just getting to know and build their confidence in me," said Spec. Daniel Briones, personnel services specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st PSB. "And now I have to work harder to get new chain of command to have confidence in me."

Williams understood their concerns. "The soldiers are concerned about the fact they lost their bat-

New program targets risky driving behavior

By Kevin Larson
FORSCOM News Service

Family, friends and comrades-in-arms file quietly into the post chapel. Bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace" fill the chapel with mournful sounds.

As the last of the gathered take their seats, the chaplain steps forward to offer the invocation for a memorial service for soldier who has died while on active duty.

"We entrust the soldier who has left us and his family to your eternal care," he says.

After the invocation, the commander reads the deceased soldier's accomplishments.

A final award is added to the soldier's achievements, but he will never wear his last ribbon.

One by one, those who knew the soldier best or worked with him come forward to share their memories of the soldier.

"He was a great soldier and good friend," one soldier says.

"I saw a very motivated man with potential," another says. "He wanted to be a good husband, a good father and a good soldier."

Another fellow soldier stands and tells of the final good-bye he shared with the soldier being honored.

"I didn't know it would be good-bye forever," he says, obvious sorrow in his every word.

As the soldier's comrades share their memories, the gathered sit quietly and listen or react with a sad little laugh to some of the lighter memories.

With exact military precision, the company commander steps forward and orders the company first sergeant to call roll.

The company first sergeant stands and calls the first name. The soldier jumps to attention, calling out "Here, first sergeant!"

The first sergeant continues calling names.

"Here, first sergeant!"

"Here, first sergeant!"

The first sergeant then calls out the name of the soldier who is gone.

Silence.





Snakes may find refuge in open garages

Fort Riley in July has the reputation of having brutally hot temperatures. Most of us prefer to spend as much time as possible in an air-conditioned environment to escape the heat. This is the time of year when wild critters, especially snakes, also seek refuge from the heat.

Unfortunately snakes sometimes find this refuge in our garages, basements and yards.

One of the most commonly reported wildlife incidents on Fort Riley is a snake in the housing areas.

There are 30 species of snakes that are likely to exist on Fort Riley. They are found in nearly every type of habitat, making it nearly impossible to avoid contact altogether. However, there are certain things that you can do to minimize the chances of an encounter with a snake.

Snakes seek out shelter both for protection from predators and to regulate their body temperature.

Some common objects that

have been known to harbor snakes include woodpiles, toys, doghouses and plastic swimming pools. These items should be picked up or minimized to reduce the chances of a snake seeking shelter under them. Also, be sure to check the plastic/rubber weather strip-

As its name suggests, copperheads are normally copper in color, but vary from reddish brown to gray. If you would like to view one in person, visit the DES Conservation Division building 1020. They have one on display as well as some other

garage or basement, you can call the Family Housing Service Order desk at 784-2599 and a Wildlife Specialist will be dispatched to safely remove the snake.

Many people have an ingrained hatred for snakes for different reasons, but the fact that they are very beneficial to man cannot be denied. They are highly efficient predators of rodents,

serve to keep nature in balance and their presence indicates a healthy environment. So, if you happen to encounter a snake this summer, remember that it is not trying to threaten you. It is likely trying to escape the heat like the rest of us.

If you would like more information on snakes or any other natural resources topic, feel free to call the Conservation Division at 239-6211 or stop by their office, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., or visit their page on Fort Riley's website, www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/Environment/NatResources

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

ping on the bottoms of your garage doors and other doors leading to the garage.

A good seal not only helps out with the winter heating bills, it also can help prevent snakes from gaining access to the garage in the summer.

Although about 99 percent of the snake encounters on Fort Riley involve a harmless snake, there are a few rare encounters with a venomous snake. The copperhead is the only venomous snake known to occur on Fort Riley, although two species of rattlesnakes have been found in the area.

snakes native to this area.

Preventive Medicine informs me that they see an average of two copperhead bites each year. A copperhead bite can be very painful but is not life threatening unless there is an extreme allergic reaction to the venom, which is considered very rare.

Remember that most snakebites occur when they are handled, stepped on or cornered. All too often, people are bitten while trying to kill the snake! If you find a snake in your yard, chances are that it will leave on its own if you leave it alone.

If you find a snake in your

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After a few seconds, the haunting sound of a lone trumpet plays and echoes throughout the chapel.

A memorial service is held for every soldier who dies while on active duty. Family, friends and fellow soldiers join together to honor the memory of the departed. Some soldiers are killed while defending the country, others fall victim to random crime and some succumb to illness.

But some soldiers die in incidents that may have been avoided had they thought about and acted with safety.

This year, Forces Command has had 42 soldiers killed in car accidents, Michael Bledsoe, FORSCOM safety director said. At the root of some of these car accidents are aggressive and risky driving behaviors.

The risky driving behaviors are being targeted with a new education program that will teach soldiers the risks they face when driving unsafely. The program is a joint venture between FORSCOM and the American Institute for Public Safety.

Another safety concern FORSCOM leadership wants soldiers to be aware of is the potential danger of nutritional supplements with ephedra. The supplement, often marketed as a "fat burner," is being further scrutinized in the wake of the recent

death of a FORSCOM soldier at Fort Hood.

All of these soldiers probably had memorial services held in their memory. Memorial services where comrades stood and told of potential loss.

Memorial services where the sad sound of a lone trumpet weeping taps follows the unanswered roll call.

A quiet chapel. The gathered sit and listen to the soldier's comrades tell of a soldier who will no longer get up and put on his BDUs, a soldier who will never advance in rank, a soldier who no longer serves beside them.

At the front of the church during a memorial service, there is a somber reminder. A pair of combat boots sits beneath a standing rifle. Balanced on the butt-stock

of the rifle is a Kevlar helmet. Around the charging handle of the rifle dangle a pair of dog tags.

The departed soldier will never wear the boots again nor will he ever fire the rifle. The helmet won't be strapped and the dog tags won't jangle again.

Not every soldier for whom a memorial service is held dies because he didn't think about safety. But some memorial services just wouldn't need to happen if a seat belt had been worn, a motorcycle helmet strapped on, or one less car passed.

Resisting risky behavior, avoiding unsafe acts and practicing safety at all times could result in the next memorial service not being your own.



Post/Vanover

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, chief of staff of the Army, visited Fort Riley yesterday to meet with Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, and other members of the command group. Shinseki is one of many military and political dignitaries who plan to visit Fort Riley during Operation Hickory Sting. This is Fort Riley's mission rehearsal exercise for the 30th Enhanced Separate Brigade, North Carolina Army National Guard.

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are approximately 200 trucks, hauling various training support brigade cargo, inbound to Camp Johnston and Custer Hill from North Carolina, South Carolina and Kentucky.

"It takes 107 aircraft to support his mission," said Wollenberg. Nearly 55 C-130s and 25 commercial aircraft are flying into the Manhattan Regional Airport and 10 commercial aircraft are flying in and out of Forbes Airfield.

The Division and Garrison staff began preparing support for Hickory Sting more than a year ago, lining up civilian contractors, working with surrounding communities and coordinating with military officials throughout the United States.

"We can deploy troops in and out of Fort Riley via air, road and rail, and we have the great soldiers and civilians to do so," said Witherman. "That's what you need to be a Warfighting Center and Power Projection Platform."

Editors note: Tune into FOX 13 (CH 6) this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for more on this story.



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Green to Gold sends soldiers to college to become officers

By Heather Pope

Radford Univ. Intern

Have you ever thought about a career change in the Army?

The Green to Gold program's purpose is to discover talented young enlisted soldiers who have served at least two years in active duty and would make good officers. These soldiers would be discharged from active duty in order to earn a baccalaureate degree and be commissioned as a second lieutenant according to Sgt. Maj. Thomas Kelley, chief of Command Retention.

Kelley said that these scholarships pay up to \$17,000 annually in tuition, \$600 for books, and a stipend of \$250 to \$350 a month, depending on the soldier's year in school. If a soldier qualifies for the Army College Fund or Montgomery G.I. Bill, they would also receive an extra \$650 to \$1388 a month from those programs, Kelley said. "A soldier can qualify for the G.I. Bill if enlisted for two years and serves 20 months of those two years, or for enlistments of three or more years, serves 30 months," said Kelley.

According to Kelley, soldiers benefit personally as well.

"They learn leadership training, physical training, and military history from their Professor of Military Science."

Every year there are 50 four-year scholarships Army wide, which are highly competitive, Kelley said. However, many of the two and three year scholarships go unused every year. This year, for example, there were 66 three-year scholarships unused, Kelley said.

According to Lt. Col. Art DeGroat, head of Military Science at K-State, "Seventy percent of all Army officers come from ROTC." The Green to Gold Program is valuable because it gives sol-

diers with potential to be officers a mainstream approach to getting there, said DeGroat.

"Green to Gold soldiers add quality to the ROTC program because depending on their rank when they leave the service they have leadership qualities due to their prior experience," DeGroat said.

"I think the main reason many soldiers don't sign up is because they are mission focused and stay busy with their mission within their units," said Kelley.

Kelley clarified some main problems soldiers come across when applying for this program. One of these problems is

time in service. Although this can possibly be waived, a soldier can not be in the Army for less than two years or more than 10 years before they enroll in Green to Gold. The soldier can't be over 30 years old on June 30 of the year they graduate from college and must have a GPA of 2.5 on all their past schoolwork, high school or college.

"The Army is committed to education and soldiers reaching their potential," said DeGroat. "This program demonstrates the Army's devotion to the development of soldiers." For more call Sgt. Maj. Thomas Kelley at 239-4216.

Murphy, Walker quarterly inductees honored

By Steven Cooke

Staff Writer

Fort Riley's chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club held its quarterly induction ceremony recently at the Riley's Conference Center.

Eleven noncommissioned officers were honored with the distinction. The inductees were Sgt. 1st Class Randy Barrer, 331st Signal Co., 1st Brigade Combat Team, Sgt. 1st Class Joanne Cox, 1st Personnel Services Battalion, Sgt. 1st Class James O'Hara, Jr., 2nd Battalion (TS) (AV), 291st Regiment, Staff Sgt. Alexandro Beato, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, Staff Sgt. Brian Dial, Headquarters and Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, Staff Sgt., Andrew Johnson, 331st Signal Company, 1st BCT, Staff Sgt. Marty Kerekes, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 5th FA, Staff Sgt. Robert Koehler, Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, Staff Sgt. Gary Moore, J.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Staff Sgt. John Varney, 1HC, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) George Terry was given the Honorary Inductee distinction.

"The soldiers inducted stand out because they exemplified their leadership skills as an NCO," said Staff Sgt. Torrance Beck, president of the Audie Murphy Club here at Fort Riley.

Beck explained that the induction is open to the ranks of corporal through sergeant first class. The NCO's have to be selected to attend local leadership boards

based on their leadership skills. After they have passed those boards, they attend battalion and brigade boards. Once the NCO's has passed all of these, they can be inducted to the club.

Beck explained that there is no limit to the number of NCO's that can be inducted each quarter.

"You're not competing against anybody, just yourself," said Beck

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club was named after the legendary war hero. Murphy is said to be the most decorated soldier in Army history. He spent 400 days on the front lines and earned 33 military awards, citations and decorations. Among those was every American medal of valor, including the top three medals for valor.

During his time in the Army, Murphy earned a battlefield commission for his courage and leadership ability.

After his time in service, Murphy went on to become an actor and producer in Hollywood. He acted in 44 films. He is best known for his film "To Hell and Back," adapted from his best selling book of the same title.

Soldiers are inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club because they exemplify the characteristics of the Murphy.

For Fort Riley's newly induct-

ed soldiers, being selected was an honor.

"If I were to use only one word to describe how it felt to be inducted into the SAMC, it would be reaffirmed," said Sgt. 1st Class Joanne Cox. "Being with the caliber of NCOs who make up the SAMC reassures me that our soldiers will have the best leadership and will be developed into our future leaders."

"It was a great honor to be inducted into such a prestigious organization," said Sgt. 1st Class James O'Hara Jr. "Being compared to the greatest American war hero, and to be judged worthy to be a member of a club named after him, is a prestigious honor."

O'Hara and Cox offered some words of advice for any NCO considering trying to qualify for the club.

"It takes a lot of hard work and personal sacrifice, but it is well worth it," said O'Hara. "By being selected for induction, it tells everyone that you are an outstanding NCO who has leadership qualities that are among the best. It also shows your younger soldiers and NCOs that you lead from the front. You also set a positive example for them to emulate."

"I would say to any NCO concerned with the future of the

Army and our soldiers, 'Join us,'" said Cox. "The best learn from the best and in a group comprised of the best of the Corps, from 11B to 71L, we have the knowledge and ability to succeed. No single NCO can ensure the Army's future. We have to work for it side by side."

After the NCO's were inducted, five civilian volunteers were honored with the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award for their service to Fort Riley.

The awardees were Britta Dokes, nominated by 331st Signal Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team, Lori Gubser, nominated by 1st Finance Battalion, Deborah Hicks, nominated by Company A, 70th Engineer Battalion, Deidra King-Shepard, nominated by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Tess Sprau, nominated by 2nd Battalion, 289th Regiment (MLRS).

In 1864 Walker was given the Medal of Honor by President Andrew Johnson for her service to the Army as a surgeon. Walker is, today, still the only woman to ever receive the Medal of Honor.

Reserve unit deploys

By Christie Vanover

Media Relations

Nearly 60 reservists with the 329th Quartermaster Battalion out of St. Louis, Mo., deployed to Uzbekistan July 5 to provide command and control for logistic elements in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Prior to deploying, the soldiers arrived on Fort Riley May 31 to conduct personnel, equipment and training readiness assessments.

As of July 10, the total number of soldiers on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 34,436.

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Departure Ceremony

Fort Riley will conduct a departure ceremony for Brig. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski, assistant division commander (forward), 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and deputy commanding general (south), First U.S. Army, Fort Jackson, S.C., at 9 a.m. on Aug. 1, on Ware Parade Field. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be conducted at King Field House.

building 6620, between the hours of noon and 5 p.m.. Call 239-9223 or 239-4847 for more information.

Elections

Primary state elections will be held on Aug. 6. Exercise your right to vote!

Renovations

Fort Riley is planning to renovate building 226, which is located within the Main Post Historic District on the fort. The Main Post Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information about this project, contact Fort Riley's Historic Architect at 239-0443.

Soccer Camp

This year's Youth Soccer Camp will be conducted Aug. 5-9. The camp will be held at the Colyer Manor Youth Sports Complex, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. each day. The cost is \$25 per camper and children entering Kindergarten thru 8th grade are eligible to participate. To sign up your child, please go to Central Registration in building 6620, between the hours of noon and 5 p.m. Call 239-9223 or 239-4847 for more information.

Youth Volleyball Camp

Youth Volleyball Camps will be held Aug. 12-16. The first camp will be for girls and boys entering 5th or 6th grade this fall and will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. each day. The cost for the 5th and 6th grade camp is \$20. The second camp will be for girls entering 7th or 8th grade this fall, and will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. each day. The cost for the 7th and 8th grade camp is \$25. Both camps will be held at the Teen Center, building 1800. Registration can be completed at Central Registration,

(Training Support) will Change of Command July 26, at 9 a.m. on Ware Parade Field. Outgoing commander is Col. Robert Townsend and the incoming commander is Col. Gasper Gulotta. The ceremony will be held in King Field House in case of inclement weather.

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 if pets need vaccinations or need to be seen for other health concerns.

Veterinary Services is located at Marshal Army Airfield, building 814.

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

Standards of Conduct Reminder

In accordance with FORSCOM regulations, only duly appointed contracting officers can obligate the government contractually. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in an "unauthorized commitment" — an agreement that is not binding solely because the Government representative who made it lacked

the authority to enter into that agreement on behalf of the Government. Unauthorized commitments must be investigated, and the perpetrators are subject to adverse actions.

Ordering officers may, by virtue of their written appointment, obligate the Government up to their designated approval limits. Also, Government purchase cardholders may obligate the government when funds are certified by an approved funds certifier, so long as they remain within designated single purchase and monthly purchase limits.

For additional information, contact the Directorate of Contracting at 239-0468.

Softball Tournament

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Softball Tournament will be held this weekend 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.

Tuition Assistance

Effective Oct. 1, 2002, 100 per-

cent 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 \$4,500 per year. See an Army Education Counselor for details and to enroll.

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 handcrafted 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.

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. 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

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lates. K-State cheerleaders will be leading this one-day event!

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 entered 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.

Baby-sitting Classes

An American Red Cross baby-sitting class will be held at Youth

Services on 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 baby-sitting 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.

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 539-9224 or at rcaoldham@earthlink.net.

Museum Gift Shop

The museum gift shop reopened in May. 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.

Musicians Needed

The Contemporary Protestant congregation at Fort Riley's Normandy Chapel is looking for the following musicians for their praise and worship band: rhythm guitar, lead guitar, keyboard strings player and back-up piano player. We have instruments available to play for each of these positions. We practice weekly, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. Service time is Sundays at 11 a.m. If interested, call at 239-3436.

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.

Outdoor Rec

The Outdoor Recreation Center

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

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.

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.

Organizational Day

The Staff Judge Advocate office will be closed July 26 for their Organizational Day. The office will re-open for business on July 29 at 9 a.m.

Women of the Chapel

The Protestant Women of the Chapel meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. The meetings will be at Normandy Chapel.

NAF Job Fair

The NAF personnel division will sponsor a job fair on Tuesday at Riley's Conference Center.

Upcoming job fairs will be on: Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

Applications will be accepted from 9 - 9:45 a.m., for immediate vacancies in Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities.

Interviews will begin at 10:15 a.m. with job offers made as selections are made. Contact the Fort Riley CPAC NAF office at (785) 239-2325 for more.

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"I am sad to see [Williams] leave, yet I am looking forward to the new command and new things to come," said Spec. William Smith, administration service specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st PSB.

"I think with the smaller units we might get noticed more," said Hale.

The 1st PSB has been inactivated three times before. So, it may be back. Either way, Williams said he was glad to be a part of this one.

"On a personal note," he said, "I am extremely honored to be a part of this historic event and to be the last commander of the 1st PSB here at Fort Riley."

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Korea after 50 years - 2nd ID troops fight for 'Old Baldy'

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - U.S. soldiers on a hill called "Old Baldy" inflict heavy casualties on an attacking Chinese battalion 50 years ago this week in Korea, but are eventually forced to fall back.

July 18-21, 1952 - The 2nd Infantry Division has relieved the 15th Infantry Division on Old Baldy and other positions west of Chorwon in I Corps' western sector. July 18 is the second day of attacks against the GIs on Old Baldy by a Chinese reinforced battalion. Companies E and F, 13th Infantry Regiment, throw back the first attack on July 18, but a second attack, accompanied by intense artillery fire, forces the soldiers from their outpost.

The regiment counterattacks with close air support and heavy artillery, but by July 20, the sol-

diers had taken back only a few of their old positions.

A casualty count July 21 shows that the 2nd Division had lost 39 killed, 234 wounded and 84 missing. They had inflicted nearly 1,100 casualties on the Chinese.

Considering the intensity of the battles, American casualties are fairly light. But Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the U.N. Supreme Command, has concerns over the loss of troops in this kind of fighting.

The Korean summer rains will come soon and both sides will be more involved in trying to keep their defenses from crumbling and in resupplying their troops over roads that become goop.

July 18-24, 1952 — There is no progress in the truce meetings during the week, but the communist propaganda machine is in high gear.

A New York Times report from

New Delhi reveals that China had told India it was willing to accept 70,000 prisoners from the U.N. if the remaining 100,000 relocated to a neutral place. Then a U.N. aircraft hits the Yalu River dam and the Chinese break off contact.

On July 20, it's revealed that the American Federation of Labor's Free Trade Committee had told American officials May 23 that during World War II Russia supported voluntary repatriation of prisoners.

In a church service July 20, the dean of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, tells parishioners that the United Nations had used germ warfare in North Korea and China. When he begins to rant about "American aggression," several Americans in attendance walk out of the church.

An interview with Gen. Clark appears in the U.S. News and World Report July 21 issue. Clark discloses that enemy ground forces have doubled in size, from 500,000 to one million men since the truce began. He reports that the enemy also increased its air forces from 1,000 to 2,000 planes.

Even with increasing their forces, the Reds can't sustain an offensive for more than three weeks in the face of allied superior forces, equipment and tactics, he says. U.N. air power, which rules the skies over Korea, will not let enough supplies get through to sustain an attack.

South Korean President Syngman Rhee, who was nominated as the Liberty Party presidential candidate July 19, tells reporters July 21 that the Chinese have grown tired of losing so many men in Korea and are willing to compromise to reach a truce settlement, but the North Koreans "appear unwilling" to give in on the question of voluntary return of prisoners.

Retiring Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, U.N. truce team spokesman, says July 22 that no matter what nationality, all communists are "tarred with the same brush."

The enemy has shown repeat-

edly that he interprets as a sign of weakness any U.N. command willingness to reach a reasonable compromise. Thus a vicious circle is set up, and every time we yield on a point in hope of reaching an armistice, the Reds make additional demands."

A Chinese radio broadcast July 24 asserts that the communists "absolutely cannot" accept voluntary repatriation of prisoners and "are determined to fight to the end" to get them all back.

On July 23, about 200 U.N. combat aircraft raid an enemy supply depot at Osan, on the east coast of Korea. Afterward, pilots say they destroyed or damaged 100 storage building and barracks.

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



DoD begins to survey servicemembers on job satisfaction issues

By Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press

What better way to learn more about what troops think than to ask? The Defense Department this month started a survey program to do just that.

"We hope it'll allow us to adjust our policies more promptly when we see an issue or problem out there that our people are concerned with," said David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

He said letters went out July 8 to 35,000 service members pointing them to a Web-based Status of Forces Survey and advising they have until July 26 to participate, if they wish.

In 2003, DoD officials plan to expand the effort by conducting three such surveys of the active force, two of Guard and Reserve forces and one of civilian employees. By 2004, the plan is for each group to be surveyed quarterly, Chu said.

The current Status of Forces Survey focuses on job satisfaction, retention plans, and spouse employment, among other issues, he said. Previous such surveys looked at morale, welfare and recreation benefits and retention incentives, he added.

This is one of the earlier major survey programs from DoD to be completely Web-based. Chu said this should make it easier for members to participate and for

surveyors to compile results quickly. "It'll give us the ability on a near-real-time basis to understand how people see their lives, whether in uniform or as a civilian employee of the Department of Defense," he said. Chu's plans call for the results of completed

surveys to be posted on a public Defense Manpower Data Center Web site, www.dmdc.osd.mil/surveys.

Chu said officials believe up to half the people ignore mailed survey requests. But then, many of those same people complain poli-

cy makers don't ask and don't understand what issues affect their lives, he remarked.

Surveys provide an opportunity for people to have their opinions heard, and Chu urged those who receive invitations to take a few minutes to complete the survey.

"This is your 'put-up-or-shut-up' opportunity," he said. "Don't just complain. Here is your chance to do something. Here is your chance to vote, so to speak, about your future and about what will be important for the people you work with as well."

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Fort Riley Sports

Ruckers march for charity, marathon

By Jamie Bender
Staff Writer

In America, about 106,700 people each year are diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, according to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's web site. More than 60,000 people die of the diseases each year. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is dedicated to finding treatments and a cure for these deadly diseases.

Staff Sgt. Troy Thorne and five soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, are helping to fund the search for a cure. They joined the Society's Team in Training program in early June and are training to road march the Wichita Marathon in on Oct. 13.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program offers athletes the opportunity to help fund the fight against blood cancers. The program provides participating teams of athletes with a coach. That coach will track the team's progress and offer advice through the teams endurance training. The program also provides transportation and accommodations to the teams chosen competition. In trade, the team raises funds for the Society's research.

Thorne had been interested in road marching a marathon and the Team in Training program offered excellent motivation. Each team has an honored patient that they train in honor or in memory of. All the training is done with the patient in mind and it helps to

keep the team focused on their goal, Thorne said.

Joining Thorne on the Fort Riley Ruckers team are Pvt. 1st Class Mikhail Schork, Pvt. 1st Class Joseph Naylor, Spec. Jason Liska, Spec. Jeremiah Johnson, and Spec. George Schwartz.

The Ruckers began training with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Team in Training program in early June and their first big step in training was the 10k Freedom Run on July 4. Their next step will be the 10-mile Prairie Run on Aug. 3. They also have plans to road march in other 10k races around the area. Thorne would like to find a half marathon to roadmarch as well. Thorne said that the longest distance the team would do before the Wichita marathon would be 20 miles, two

weeks before the marathon.

Because the team consists of medics from the same platoon, morning PT is often a good time for them to train together. On the weekends they get together for a long-distance run or a road march.

Schork joined Thorne in the program because he liked the idea of being able to help fight leukemia. A close relative of Schork died from the disease, and he was immediately interested in helping, he said.

Schork said he has been involved in running races since childhood. He said he ran his first 10k race in grade school by accident. He ran past the two-mile marker and ended up finishing the whole 6.2 miles. Since then, he has competed in about 20 races including the Hawaii Marathon, he said. "I feel very alive when I run. It's a great stress reliever."

Liska said he joined the team because he feels that raising awareness of leukemia and lymphoma is a good cause. He enjoys the challenge of endurance training and said it helps him keep him physically and mentally strong. "I like the feeling of accomplishment that comes from pushing your body further than normal."

Naylor also likes the idea of raising awareness for the Society. He said he enjoys training because it keeps him in shape and helps rid his body of certain youthful indulgences. "I like the rush I get from training, and I think our participation helps the military look good," he said.

Thorne compares the feeling of training to eating large amounts of chocolate. "You get out there and find your pace and your breathing and the endorphins kick in and it feels like you can go forever," he said.



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Fort Riley Ruckers' team, Mikhail Schork, Troy Thorne, Joseph Naylor, Jason Liska, march toward the finish line at the Coors Freedom Run as part of their training program.

Prairie 10-5-2 Run early registration starts

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

The Fort Riley Prairie 10-5-2 run will be held on Aug. 3.

The run consists of three different races, a 10-mile run and a 5-mile run, both beginning at 7:30 a.m. and a 2-mile beginning at 7

a.m. All of the races are open to the Fort Riley community and the general public.

All races start and finish at the King Field House gymnasium.

Dogs, strollers, baby joggers, skateboards, roller skates, motorized vehicles, bicycles or headsets are not permitted on the course during the race for the safety and

convenience of the runners.

The entry fee is \$10 per individual before July 31, which includes a free t-shirt with entry. The price rises to \$12 per individual after July 31 and a t-shirt is not guaranteed.

Packet pickup and same day registration for all three races is between 6 and 6:45 a.m. on race

day.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each gender and age category of each race. An overall first place award will be given to the top male and female finisher in each race.

For more information, contact the King Field House at 239-3868.

HHC, 24th Inf. Div. wins softball tournament

By Steven Cooke
Staff Writer

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) clobbered 1st Battalion, 4th Armor, 20 - 5 on July 13, in the Summer Scorcher Tournament.

The short five-inning game flowed like water. One hit after the other, HHC, 24th Inf. Div.,

knocked the balls out of the park with thirteen runs in the first inning alone.

"Thirteen runs in the first inning was pretty nice," said Coach Rich Everett. "Everybody hit the ball on the nose from top to bottom."

The champions beat 331st Signal Company and then Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, twice to make it to the championship round.

"We're finally coming together as a team," said Everett. "It feels good to play good all day."

So far this season the champions have won 20 games and lost 10.

To the losing teams credit, there was a great catch by Mike Ostman.

Ostman caught a ball in mid-air far out in middle field. His catch put a quick end to a potential home run by HHC, 24th Inf. Div.

Also, 1st Bn., 34th AR, did have to beat out Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, twice and one game against Battery C, 4th Bn., 1st FA.

Even though his team lost, 1st Bn., 34th AR, coach, Oliver Raglin, was pleased with his team's effort.

"We came in together today and we can play anybody. They really came together and pulled together."

Fort Riley Softball standings (July 15)

Northern League

	Wins	Losses
HHC, 1-34 AR	2	4
B 1-34 AR	0	4
C 1-34 AR	1	4
HHC, 2-34 AR	5	2
A 2-34 AR	3	2
B 2-34 AR	4	3
C 2-34 AR	2	3
HHB, 1-5 FA	1	2
A 1-5 FA	4	2
B 1-5 FA	4	2
D 1-5 FA	4	2
SVC 1-5 FA	2	4

Southern League

HHC, 1-16	1	5
B 2-70 AR	0	8
C 1-16	0	5
HHC, 1st EN	2	6
A 1st EN	5	3
B 1st EN	5	3
C 1st EN	5	3
B 101st FSB	2	6
331 Signal	8	0
C 4-3 ADA	7	1
HHC, 1st BDE	6	2

Eastern League

HHC, 1-13 AR	6	2
B 1-13 AR	3	4
HHC, 2-70 AR	7	0
A 2-70 AR	3	6
HHB, 4-1 FA	3	5
B 4-1 FA	4	3
C 4-1 FA	2	5
HHC, 70 EN	1	6
A 70 EN	1	5
C 70 EN	5	3
HHC, 3rd BDE	4	5
596 Signal	7	1
H TRP 1 CAV	0	5

Western League

1st Maintenance	0	3
568 CSE	5	0
172nd Chemical	1	2
HHC 937 EN	4	1
82nd Medical	5	0
1st Finance	1	5
523rd MP	5	1
977 MP	1	4
1st PSB	0	8
HHC, 24 ID	4	1
MEDDAC	3	4
10th ASOS	2	4

Battalion League

HHC, 24 ID	6	4
1-34 AR	2	6
541st	4	4
1-5 FA	9	1
4-1 FA	4	4
MEDDAC	3	7
2-34 AR	8	2
1-16 INF	4	10
101st FSB	0	12
924 MP	9	3

Women's League

HHC, 24 ID	0	6
101st FSB	2	4
Acadia #91 Champs	9	0
Envision Base	2	4
Ada's Hair Biz	5	4

Fort Riley elk herd thrives since reintroduced to post in 1986

By Alan Hynek
DES Biologist

More than 15 years have past since Elk were first reintroduced onto Fort Riley. Over that time, the elk herd has evolved to become a symbol of Fort Riley; A symbol that has restored a native component to the Kansas Flint Hills. For those who have experienced the elk firsthand, it is a sight you most likely will never forget.

Elk were always a part of the Great Plains. Literature records indicate that herds numbering in the thousands could be found in Kansas through mid 1800's. It is fascinating to imagine what the vast herds numbering in the thou-

ter and clothing. At the turn of the century, they were completely gone.

Then, in 1981, the first free ranging elk were reintroduced to the state at the Cimarron National Grassland in southwest Kansas. The herd in that extreme corner of the state grew steadily through the early 1990's to about 200 animals. However, the elk began to migrate into the states of Oklahoma and Colorado. Efforts to keep the elk on the National Grassland failed and a hunting program aimed at reduc-



DES/Suleiman

Several elk and deer graze on Fort Riley. The Fort Riley elk herd was started in 1986 with 12 elk and has a current population of 75-100 animals.

the Madison Creek area on Fort Riley. For several years, the released animals and their offspring stayed in that area.

The Fort Riley herd grew to about 250 animals by 1998, when a herd reduction program was administered by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to reduce conflicts with private landowners. The current population on Fort Riley is 75-100 animals.

There are many ways to enjoy the elk herd, whether through hunt-

you would have to first have to be real lucky. State of Kansas elk permits are granted through a lottery drawing with plenty of competition. Even though your chance of an elk tag is extremely low, there are still many other ways to enjoy the elk herd.

You do not need a permit to photograph or view the elk. However, you do need to be aware of current access restrictions on Fort Riley. Please remember to review all regulations before engaging in any type of recreation on Fort Riley. Persons coming on post must enter the installation through one of the manned access control points and obtain a vehicle pass if they are not in a vehicle with a DoD Vehicle Sticker on the wind-



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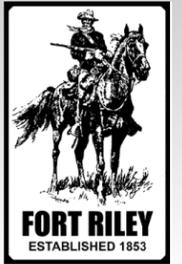
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Discovering Custer House

By Emily O'Connor
K-State Intern

As Fort Riley nears its 150th birthday, its history is showcased through the post's museums as if no time has passed.

The Custer House, Quarters 24, is one of the museums that exhibits what life at Fort Riley was like in the post's early days.

It was built in 1855 of native Kansas limestone during the post's initial construction period. Although named after Gen. George Armstrong Custer, famous for his Indian campaigns and his 'last stand' at the Little Big Horn, he and his family never lived in the home.

The house, which sheltered numerous other Army families over the years, now hosts visitors from Fort Riley and around the world.

Ed and Terry Price of Hollister, California were on their way to a family reunion in Kansas City when they saw a sign for the Custer House on Interstate 70.

"Anyone who is really into history should come take advantage of the Custer House," said Terry. "I think it is quite impressive."

"We didn't even know that Custer was even in Kansas," Ed Price added.

Many people are drawn to Fort Riley's museums, not to tour them, but



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This dress is an example of what may have been found in the closet of a servicemember's wife in the late 1850s.

to see that the history of the post is preserved and passed on to others. One such person is George Hill, Fort Riley museum technician.

Hill said that he enjoys meeting people from all over the world and getting to share Fort Riley's story with the visitors.

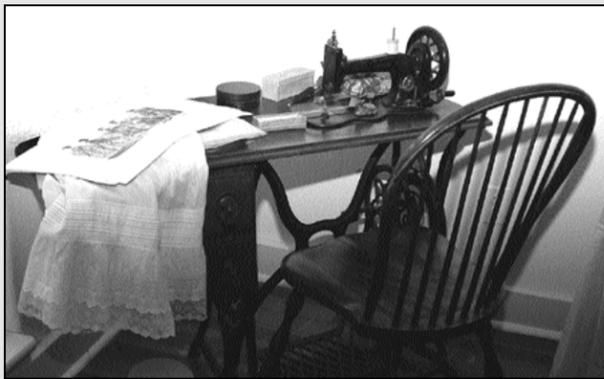
At the Open House on June 1, thousands of people made the trip to Fort Riley to get a glimpse of what Army life is like. Many of these visitors toured the post museums.

"We had a great response to the museums at the Open House," Hill said. "About 1,120 people toured the Custer House alone."

While some people do not know about the Custer House or the other museums on post, others seek them out.

Bob Myers of Jerseyville, Ill., planned a stop at the Custer House as part of a

An antique sewing machine sits in the corner of the upstairs master bedroom of the Custer House.



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cross-country motorcycle vacation. Family history was the reason for the stop.

"My great-great grandfather, Henry Meyer, served with Custer in the Dakotas," Myers said. "He was a muleskinner and got out of the cavalry 13 months before Custer's demise at the Little Big Horn."

Myers plans to head north to the Dakotas to further investigate his great-great grandfather's ties to General Custer.

According to Hill, 80 percent of the Quarters 24 content is original. No major renovations have taken place, except for painting and routine maintenance.

A tour through the house's period rooms showcases furnishings from the

1870s and 1880s, along with a glimpse of life from Fort Riley's early days. The rooms include a front parlor, dining room, kitchen, servant's room, family room and upstairs bedrooms.

"The Custer House is a unique portrayal of the history of the United States. Everyone should come out to see it," Hill said.

The Custer House, located on Sheridan Ave. on Main Post, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon - 4 p.m. through Labor Day.



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The Custer House, Quarters 24, was built in 1855 of native Kansas limestone during the post's initial construction period. Although named after Gen. George Armstrong Custer, he and his family never lived in the home.

Assumption of Stole held for new chaplain

By Lori Bultman
Editor

An Assumption of the Stole ceremony was held Monday in which Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, presented Ch. (Lt. Col.) Timothy Willoughby with the Division Chaplain's stole. Willoughby is replacing Ch. (Lt. Col.) David Kenehan, who has already departed Fort Riley for the War College in Carlisle, Pa.

The Assumption of the Stole is similar to an Assumption of Command according to Willoughby. It takes place when both commanders, or in this case chaplains, can not be at the ceremony, he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Rondal Lang, noncommissioned officer in charge of the division chaplain's office said the stole is seen as a sign of authority and symbol of ministerial responsibility. He said the Division Chaplain's stole symbolizes the pastoral responsibility to perform and provide religious support to soldiers and their families during peacetime and war.

Willoughby said he is very excited about being at Fort Riley. He has been on post since June.

"I am excited in two ways about being here. First, the community is very strong, unlike Fort Bragg where everyone has different missions and is going in different directions. The community here seems to be more unified," said Willoughby. "Secondly, being the Division Chaplain and working with 24th ID enables me to work with the National Guard. That is an interesting focus of this job."

Willoughby, a graduate of the Chaplain Basic and Advanced Courses, has also completed the Airborne and Jumpmaster Courses, the Special Forces Qualification Course, the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course, CAS3, Command and General Staff

Kaw River Nature Trail formerly riverbed

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The Kaw River Nature Trail is a self-guided nature walk that covers almost a mile of what was once the 1855 riverbed next to the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas.

The trail was built in 1986 by Tim Reues, who lived in building 692, now the museum's office. Volunteers maintain the trail, and when an individual works the site, Gary Dierking, the site administrators, has a plaque made and hung on the entrance sign.

The trail begins with a descent down a steep embankment set with railroad tie stairs. The handrail is made from unfinished Osage Orange, the hardest Kansas wood, said Dierking. "I want to try to keep it looking rustic."

There are numerous signs along the trail that explain some of the history and wildlife found in the area.

One of the projects tackled by local kids and their parents was the addition of benches for hikers to rest on, Dierking said. The benches are set just off the chip bark covered path, convenient for taking a breather and watching some of the numerous varieties of wildlife that make the trail area their home.

Dierking said there are about 54 different kinds of birds that can be spotted throughout the year. According to the trail guide book, the Kaw Trail provides habitats for animals including raccoon, rabbits, opossum, skunks, coyote, moles and even a bobcat has been spotted in the area.

The trail is located behind the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas on Huebner Road and is from open from dawn to dusk. Visitors are welcome to take the self-guided tour any day of the week.



August deadline approaching for BRAVO! auditions

By Victoria Palmer

CFSC Public Affairs

Alexandria, Va. - All the world's a stage, and in this case, soldier-actors will literally tour the world as the Morale, Welfare and Recreation "BRAVO!" Army Theatre Touring Company takes to the road for its third season.

BRAVO! is currently seeking soldiers to audition for the eight-member 2003 cast and crew: six performers and two technicians. The all-soldier theater troupe brings live theater to military communities all over the world as part of the Army Entertainment mission of "entertainment for the soldier, by the soldier."

BRAVO! and Army Entertain-

ment are two of more than 200 MWR programs provided for soldiers and families worldwide through the auspices of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

This season's BRAVO! will tour the U.S., Europe, and South-west Asia between November 2002 and March 2003. The production is an original patriotic musical review featuring the work of Irving Berlin, Glenn Miller, modern composers and poets and segments from on and off-Broadway shows.

BRAVO! producer Tim Higdon says he is looking for "motivated soldiers who want to share their love for theater with fellow soldiers and others in their communities" and who understand the rig-

ors of putting together, sustaining and touring a production of this type.

"This is the chance of a lifetime," says Higdon. "Here is an opportunity to participate in a world-wide tour as a paid actor, something even many professionals in the industry never get to experience."

All active duty and reserve component soldiers are eligible to apply. The six performers - three male and three female - must be able to sing, dance and act. The two technicians are a stage manager and lighting and audio engineer who set up, operate and dismantle the stage and equipment.

CFSC officials encourage competitive selections for nominees through local installations and

major Army commands. However, soldiers are also welcome to submit individual audition packets through their installations or MACOMs.

Applications for all positions must include a resumé of acting, singing, dancing or technical theater background with references, VHS audition tape or technical portfolio, full-length official Army photo, copy of personnel qualifications (DA Forms 2A and 2-1 or ERB) and a written "intent to release" from the unit commander for up to 180 days temporary duty assignment.

While BRAVO! is primarily designed to showcase top soldier talent and entertain soldiers and members of military communities, says Higdon, it also "demon-

strates the financial viability of community theater as an important part of an installation's community recreation program for participants and spectators."

Complete information about auditions for BRAVO!, the application process and hosting requirements is outlined in a CFSC Community Recreation memorandum dated May 22, available online at the Army MWR website at www.armymwr.com/Rec&Leisure/Entertainment/BRAVO!

Audition packages for BRAVO! must be postmarked by August 16, to Army Entertainment Division, Attention: BRAVO!, P.O. Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA. 22060.

Fort Riley Army Lodging has variety of facilities available

By Jason Shepherd

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Fort Riley Army Lodging has been providing temporary housing for visitors and personnel not yet settled into their quarters.

"The lodging mission is to provide clean, comfortable housing along with a pleasant, customer-service orientated staff for all eligible personnel," said James Van Zlike, guest housing manager. "While priority for utilizing these quarters is to the Temporary Duty and Permanent Change of Station travelers, other guests are housed in accordance with AR 210-50 Installations Housing Management."

Fort Riley Army Lodging, centered in Carr Hall, is operated around the clock. The lodging system includes 157 rooms located in 11 buildings, all on main post, with the exception of the guesthouse on Custer Hill. There are also eight distinguished visitor quarters.

The average rate per night for renting a room is \$31. This includes \$7 for upgrading the apartments.

Carr Hall, building 45, was

originally a bachelor officer's quarters in 1904 on Barry Avenue. The hall holds 11 one-bedroom suites, each with its own full size living room, microwave and mini refrigerator. It is the only lodging facility with guest rooms containing king size beds and a handicap lift. The lodging rate for Carr Hall is \$31.

Constructed and named by Moses Waters in 1888, Waters Hall, building 170, was best known as a general store and recreation center. In 1897, it became the first Fort Riley Main Exchange. Today, Waters Hall holds six one-bedroom and two two-bedroom suites. Each of the eight guest rooms in Waters Hall contains a full size kitchen and living room. The lodging rates at Waters Hall range from \$38 to \$43 per night.

Bacon Hall, originally constructed in 1889, is a one-story house, available only to Fort Riley distinguished visitors. Bacon Hall contains three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a full size kitchen. The fireplace maintains the cozy atmosphere in both the living room and dining room. The lodging rate at Bacon Hall is \$46 per night.

Grimes Hall is a historical building located next to post headquarters and is available only to Fort Riley distinguished visitors. It has a total of seven suites, all of which are beautifully adorned with draperies and wooden furniture that depict an earlier era. Breakfast is served to guests in the formal dining area. Grimes Hall also includes a number of spacious sunrooms on both ends of the building and a large formal sitting area. The lodging rates at Grimes Hall range from \$26 to \$36 per night.

Located on Huebner Road, Main Post, Graham Hall holds five one-bedroom apartments. Each guest room at Graham Hall contains two double beds, with a full size living room and kitchen. The lodging rate at Graham Hall is \$31 per night.

Hoffman Hall holds four one-bedroom apartments. Each guest room at Hoffman Hall contains two double beds, with a full size living room and kitchen. The lodging rate there is \$31 per night.

Lott Hall holds 30 one-bedroom units along with six suites. Every Lott Hall guest room contains a microwave and mini refrigerator, and each suite

includes a full size living room. The lodging rate is \$26 per night.

Hoyle Hall is located on main post and holds 31 one-bedroom units. Every Hoyle Hall guest room contains a microwave and mini refrigerator. It is mainly used for personnel on TDY and single soldiers that are leaving Fort Riley. The rate is \$26 per night.

Barnes Hall is the only Army Lodging facility in which pets are allowed. Barnes Hall offers one one-bedroom unit, seven two-bedroom units and three three-bedroom units. Each unit at Barnes Hall contains a full size living room and kitchen. Every guest room also includes an outside pet kennel for guest use. The lodging rates at Barnes Hall range from \$36 to \$46 per night.

Kimball Hall, located behind Irwin Army Hospital, holds 12 two-bedroom suites. Each unit contains a master bedroom with one double bed, a second bedroom with two twin beds, a full size living room and kitchen. The units at Kimball Hall afford large families the space they need. The rate is \$36 per night.

Will Hall, located on Fort Riley's Custer Hill, is a family facility. Will Hall offers 27 one-

bedroom suites and three one-bedroom units. Every suite contains two double beds and a full size living room. Each one-bedroom unit contains one double bed and a modest sitting area. All guest rooms at Will Hall include both a microwave and a mini refrigerator. A large community kitchen is also centrally positioned on each floor. It costs from \$26 to \$35 per night.

"All lodging facilities are included in the Total Housing Maintenance Contract," Van Zlike said. "This contract provides Army Lodging facilities with service order support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The THMC also gives Army Lodging the capability to get work done quickly when repairs are needed."

Van Zlike added that temporary lodging allowance is only given when space at Army lodging is not available. The housing division at Public Works only gives this for a stateside maximum of ten days, he said.

Those wishing to make reservation at Fort Riley Lodging can call (785) 239-2830.



Medics participate in Hickory Sting, encourage drinking water

By Robert Carver

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A canteen of water per hour could prevent heat injuries or even save your life.

That's the message of medics from Asheville, N.C.-based Company C of the 161st Area Support Medical Battalion, North Carolina Army National Guard. The unit is part of "Operation Hickory Sting," an unprecedented combat exercise involving more than 1,600 Tarheel soldiers training here in July and August.

With Kansas temperatures topping 100 degrees, the unit has treated nearly a half dozen heat-related injuries in the past week and expects additional patients after more than 6,100 soldiers from 24 states arrive here in the coming days. The number of guardsmen coming to Ft. Riley

will nearly double its soldier population during the training period.

"We've had a couple heat injuries," said Spec. Craig Thieman, a medic from Hickory, N.C., as he stocked supply shelves in one of four Humvee ambulances the unit brought from home, "but we expect a lot more."

Thirty-four Asheville medics, working in two-week rotations, will have made the trek to Kansas by the close of the exercise in mid August.

"Our mission is to provide ambulance evacuation from the rail head and the Rotational Unit Bivouac Area," said Col. Richard Broadhurst, an Asheville physician and commander of the medical unit.

At the Ft. Riley rail head, located at Camp Funston on post, soldiers are doing the dangerous job of unloading wheeled and tracked

vehicles like Humvees and M1A2 Abrams tanks from trains sent here from North Carolina and other states. The RUBA, also at Camp Funston, is where soldiers live during their training deployment before and after deploying to the mock battlefield.

"We can do patient stabilization, heat injury treatments," said Broadhurst. "We have a variety of medicines to treat infectious disease, wounds, sprains and strains."

The unit primarily supports soldiers working behind the front lines, so they would rarely see combat casualties in wartime. More often, they treat soldiers like Staff Sgt. Linda Molensky, a Jacksonville, N.C., resident who serves with the 691st Maintenance Company based in Fremont.

"A medic saw me and came up

and helped me out," said Molensky, who suffered a heat-related ailment due to the effects of medication she is taking. After an evaluation by medics, the Guard is sending her home to recuperate. "They're not going to risk a soldier. A soldier comes first in their eyes."

The training, called a Mission Rehearsal Exercise and dubbed "Operation Hickory Sting!" is designed to prepare North Carolina troops for a deployment to the National Training Center at Ft. Irwin, Calif., in the summer of 2003.

"This is some of the Army's toughest and most realistic battle training available," said Maj. Gen. William Ingram Jr., adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard. "The MRE prepares us for our NTC rotation by putting our soldiers through their paces a year early. The Ft. Riley training will make us better warfighters."

The main unit taking part in the MRE is the 30th Enhanced Separate Brigade, headquartered in Clinton, N.C. The 30th will provide more than 3,500 of the soldiers, called the Brigade Combat Team, involved in the exercise this summer. Soldiers from the 30th will go through heavy combat training while at Ft. Riley.

The 30th HSB is one of eight brigades in the Guard nationwide designated as "enhanced heavy" because it is equipped with heavy armor pieces like the M1A2 Abrams tank. These brigades rotate through the NTC once every eight years, unlike active duty units, which do an NTC rotation every two years.

Training is taking place at Ft. Riley this year, because the 30th HSB is a round-out brigade for the 24th Infantry Division headquartered here.

The exercise in Kansas, like next year's in California, is designed to allow large, mechanized units to conduct what is known as force-on-force training that simulates actual war as closely as possible.

The concept grew out of studies that found that units in battle for the first time usually suffered the worst casualties.

By simulating combat conditions so closely, soldiers learn

what to expect in battle, thereby increasing their ability to survive and win wars.

"It's easy to see why this is such an important event for us," said Ingram.



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Sgt. Sommer Brown of Salisbury, N.C., 1454th Transportation Company boards a bus at the Manhattan Regional Airport Saturday on her way to Fort Riley.



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Spec. Craig Thieman, medic with Company C, 161st Area Support Medical Battalion, North Carolina Army National Guard, puts supplies in a Humvee ambulance. His unit is providing medical support for "Operation Hickory Sting."

VTC helps ease myths, rumors

By Robert Tallman Jr.

Army News Service

SEOUL, Republic of Korea - A video teleconference recently linked 17 locations around the world so that 23 officers and spouses selected for battalion and brigade command in Korea could discuss their upcoming assignments.

The purpose of the far-reaching VTC was not only to welcome the incoming commanders and their spouses, said Eighth Army officials, but also to dispel myths and rumors regarding assignment to Korea. They said the VTC is just one of the many innovative methods being used by command teams at U.S. Forces Korea and Eighth U.S. Army to make Korea the assignment of choice."

The VTC was hosted by Gen. Leon La Porte, USFK commander and his wife Judy, along with Lt. Gen. Daniel Zanini, USFK chief of staff and commander of Eighth J.S. Army, with his wife Jane.

The VTC was also attended by several current battalion and brigade commanders in Korea and several agencies including: family housing, Department of Defense schools and the Dragon Hill Lodge.

Feedback from participants indicated the VTC was effective at dispelling some commonly held rumors about assignment to Korea. Officials said it also validated that Korea is indeed becoming the assignment of choice for soldiers and their families.

Maj. (P) Paul Laughlin, in-charge commander of 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor, said, "the VTC enforced two of the reasons why I wanted to go there: The 'Fight Tonight' mentality and getting the chance to command great soldiers



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