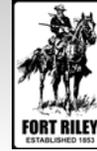




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Dole honored Institute dedicated to former senator

By **Christie Vanover**
Community Relations Officer

"A good friend. The voice of the Heartland. A true American hero."

These were among the many compliments paid to former Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., at his 80th birthday celebration in Lawrence, July 22.

Dole was honored in his native Sunflower state by thousands of supporters at the dedication for the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas.

Rows of red carpet were draped through a crowd of salt and pepper-haired soldiers of yesteryear. Passing active duty generals and 14 WWII Medal of Honor recipients, the rows led to a platform of dignitaries, including former President Jimmy Carter, Dr. Condoe Rice and Dole's fellow congressmen and women.

All were gathered to commemorate the opening of the 28,000 square foot institute, built to foster non-partisan debates and to cultivate future leaders interested in public service.

"Bob Dole, through his own personal heroism and his own

commitment to our nation's security and integrity, has been willing to implant a place for the open and free debates in a free society," said Carter.

Although the institute bears his name, Dole was insistent that the



facility and the dedication represent his generation—the Greatest Generation.

"For more than 30 years, the people of Kansas have entrusted me with their voice in Washington," said Dole.

"Yet no honor that has come my way has ever surpassed the pride I felt wearing my country's uni-

form," he added in a cracked voice, as if he held back tears.

"We were just ordinary Americans who were called on to meet the greatest challenges. Sixty years on, our ranks are dwindling but our memories endure and so do thoughts of those who have gone before us."

He addressed the crowd of his "wartime brothers and sisters," as American flags snapped in the Kansas breeze and as their stars and stripes sparkled in the reflecting pool beneath a 14-foot Kansas state seal.

Prior to allowing the public to tour the facility, Director Richard Norton Smith painted a picture of the interior.

"This is a civic cathedral. Instead of a high altar, visitors will find themselves standing before the world's largest stained glass American flag. Framing the flag are two columns of battered but unbroken steel, each more than 10 feet high.

"The columns once formed part of the World Trade Center in New York City. . . Like silent sentinels, they flank one GI's uniform forev-

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Above, Sgt. 1st Class Joanne Cox, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), stands at a vigil at the Dole Institute of Politics beneath the largest stain glass flag in the world and a beam from the World Trade Center Towers.

Left, a Navy Veteran salutes as the 312th Army Band plays his service's song.

Dr. Condoe Rice, national security advisor, spoke to former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., during the dedication of the Dole Institute of Politics on Tuesday. Rice said Dole is "The Voice of the Heartland."



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Exceptional kids rope, ride at local rodeo

By **Ryan D. Wood**
Staff Writer

Thirty-seven children from the Fort Riley Exceptional Family Member Program and the Junction City area rounded up their brothers and sisters to become cowboys and cowgirls Saturday night during the annual Special Needs Rodeo, organized by EFMP and held at the 4H rodeo grounds in Junction City.

Lynn Schwartz, whose son Samuel took part in the nights activities, brought Samuel's two siblings to the event to make it a family affair.

"They invite anybody who has an EFMP child to come out and enjoy the festivities," said Schwartz. "They even include the brothers and sisters, which makes it very nice, because it becomes a family event. I think that it's an opportunity for my other two children, who are nine and eleven, to come out and support their brother. It's an opportunity for them to do something specifically for Samuel that is oriented around what he might want to do."

Decked out in white cowboy hats, Special Needs Rodeo 2003 T-shirts and red bandannas, children were teamed up with their very own cowboy or cowgirl who

led them through the different events. Bull riding, calf roping, bareback riding and horse racing events were all designed so that children, 3-11 years old, could all participate in every event.

Specially designed, hand rocked bareback horses and bulls

with ropes and bells were on hand to give the children the feel of the eight-second ride. Hay bales with plastic steer heads were targets for roping and real horses were led around the barrel course for the flag-racing event.

The evening of riding and rop-

ing seemed to spark dreams of becoming a cowboy or girl as the night's events rolled on.

"I've had many (kids) tell me 'I'm going to be a rodeo queen just like you!' or 'I'm going to be

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Charity Pennington gets help from several cowboys during a bareback bronc ride at the Special Needs Rodeo.



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Samuel Schwartz ropes his first calf during the Special Needs Rodeo Saturday. Children from Fort Riley and Junction City participated in several different little cowboy events including calf roping, bareback riding and bull riding.



Fort Riley youth stay busy volunteering

By **Jamie Bender**
Staff writer

There are many ways that Fort Riley youth spend their free time during the summer. While some go to the numerous youth camps available, some also spend time volunteering for the Red Cross. Junction City High School freshman Jessica Rodgers is volunteering for her first time this summer at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

"I stamp papers, make beds, put away laundry and take stuff down to the lab," she said. "It gave me something to do for the summer."

While volunteering gives her something to do, it also provides needed school credits. The impor-

tance of school credits may have prompted her to join the volunteer program, but there are more benefits than she expected.

"Best part is meeting new people," she explained. "I'm not a very talkative person, and volunteering makes it easier to meet people in other places in my life."

The experience Rodgers gains as a volunteer this year may help with her plans for her future.

"I want to be a special needs teacher," said Rodgers. "(This experience) will help me understand kids. It also helps me be more sociable and get more outside myself."

Brittany Swisher is also a first year volunteer at IACH.

"I stay with patients, especially young children, if their parents

need a break," she said. "I clean rooms and give lunch to patients and put papers together and a lot of other things."

Swisher is considering a career in the medicine and said she feels the experience volunteering at IACH will give her insight into what it is that doctors do.

"It helps me see if I want to go into the medical field," said Swisher. "It gives me something to think about."

She also feels her time spent at IACH makes her a better person. "I feel like I'm giving back and being a productive member of society," she said.

Brittany's younger sister, Lian Swisher, is also a volunteer. While Brittany gets school credit for her hours, Lian has other benefits in

mind for her service.

"You can win an award for the most hours volunteered," said Lian. "You get a certificate and your name on a plaque."

Lian has several goals she would like to accomplish in her 8th grade year at Fort Riley Middle School, and volunteering is a big part of them.

"Last year I was citizen of the year and I would like to do that again this year," she said. "I would also like to make the honor roll."

Volunteering is a little bit different than Lian expected, though.

"I didn't expect it to be as fun as it is," she explained. "I like knowing that I'm helping people and that I'm having a new experience."

As part of an Army family, volunteering is something familiar the Swisher sisters.

"My mom used to volunteer more, but now she doesn't have a much time because of work," said Brittany. "It's something both my parents encouraged us to do."

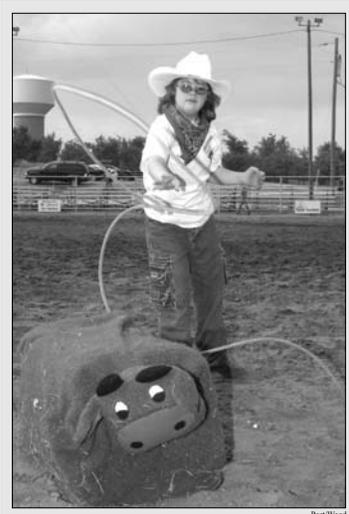
"If we are still here, I will do this again," said Lian of volunteering next summer. "Even if I'm not at Fort Riley, I will try to do some kind of volunteering again."

For Chapman High School sophomore Shontay Osterman, this is her second year as a Red Cross volunteer.

"I do it because it gives me something to do during the summer," said Osterman. "It also gives me experience in different areas of the hospital."

While Osterman's high school doesn't give credit for volunteer hours, she still enjoys other benefits of volunteering.

"It gives me a sense of accomplishment at the end of the day," she said.



Janine Kaheler ropes a calf during the Special Needs Rodeo organized by the Fort Riley Exceptional Family Member Program.

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a cowboy or a bull rider some day! so it's great to hear that," said Prairie Slaven, a member of the rodeo royalty and volunteer for the event.

"I just love it. Look at the smiles on their faces. It's just incredible working with them, and when you are helping them out, the rewards are great when they just smile at you, Slaven said."

Along with rodeo royalty and the cowboys and cowgirls who were participating in the rodeo, seven members of Troop D, 4th Cavalry were also on hand, vol-



Shontay Osterman scans a patient's records as part of her duties as a Red Cross youth volunteer at Outpatient Records, Irwin Army Community Hospital.

BOSS program helps single soldiers find fun

By **Ryan D. Wood**
Staff Writer

BOSS. The word brings to mind raging tyrants, long workdays and pointless begging for a raise, but there is another boss in town and this one is something that you want to be around.

According to the BOSS web page, www.riley.armymil, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is a program organized to support the overall quality of single soldier's lives. The program was established in 1989 to respond to recreational needs of single soldiers. As the program was implemented throughout the Army, it became evident that the quality of life was a primary concern of single soldiers. In 1991, the Chief of Staff of the Army officially expanded BOSS to include all aspects of soldiers lives.

"We base everything we do on the three tenets of BOSS - community service, quality of life and recreation and leisure," said Spc. Jason Dunlap, installation BOSS president. "We try to keep singles soldiers occupied and give them something to do while they are at Fort Riley. We want them to have a more positive idea of what Fort Riley is about and hopefully they will have a more pleasant time here, increasing their morale."

Along with regular trips to local attractions, such as professional sports games and amusement parks, and more exotic trips to locations such as Las Vegas and Orlando, BOSS participates in service projects and in supporting soldiers through the chain of com-

mand to improve quality of life.

Service to the community and other soldiers is a big part of the BOSS experience.

"We come up with ideas for single soldiers so that they can give back to their community," said Dunlap. "We help them sign up if they want to be a youth sports coach or a big brother or big sister. We might help build homes for Habitat for Humanity or help restore a home for an elderly couple. We could help at the zoo, building a chimp climb. We try to come up with a lot of different things for people to do so they can give back to the community."

Quality of life issues are a major concern for BOSS personnel and the soldiers that represent different units on post during BOSS planning meetings.

"We try to assist the chain of command and command group in helping their single soldiers. If someone is interested in putting picnic tables in at their battalion area, we can probably help them with that. We also did a survey when they were doing the Internet cafe, trying to figure out what soldiers wanted in there," said Dunlap.

Probably the best-known aspect of the BOSS program is the recreational activities that they arrange for soldiers. Even though Fort Riley fights a stereotype of being a boring post, Dunlap says it just isn't the case.

"We are an isolated post. It's great if you are into fishing or hunting, but if you want something else to do it's a little more difficult. There are actually lots of

things to do here. You just might have to drive two hours to go see something... and that's not discounting what there is in the local area," said Dunlap. "Once soldiers stop sitting in their rooms saying there is nothing to do and actually get out and try to find something, there is plenty to do."

Activities the BOSS program has planned for the near future include a trip to Las Vegas this weekend and a free trip to Worlds of Fun Aug 23. A 5-night cruise is also in the works for the middle of October, said Dunlap.

"If a Soldier can go on a trip to Disney World and have a great time, they are going to enjoy their

time at Fort Riley more just because of those types of experiences," said Dunlap. "It's going to increase their morale and maybe they won't be so down on Fort Riley because they've had a good time. I think that if soldiers can get involved in things like that, and also get involved in community service and activities like Battle of the Bands, it gives them a lot of alternatives."

For more information on the BOSS program, soldiers should to contact their unit BOSS representative. If a unit is currently lacking a representative, soldiers can volunteer by contacting the BOSS office at 239-8147.

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Back-to-School Fair offers health screenings, entertainment

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

Although it seems that summer has just begun, it is time to start thinking about returning to school and everything that kids need to make it a safe and productive year.

To get a head start on the new school year, USD 475, the local school district which serves the children of Fort Riley, Junction City, Milford and Grandview Plaza, along with numerous community groups and businesses will be sponsoring a Back-to-School Fair. The fair will be held at Junction City High School, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. A carnival will also

be held along with the fair, with discounted rates available to those that attend health screenings.

Originally, the fair started out as a health screening and information event. Over the years, it has expanded to include community information booths, free giveaways of backpacks filled with school supplies to qualifying children and entertainment.

"The fair has come a long way," said Michelle Strong, administrator of Konza Community Health Center and the founder of the fair. "It was modeled after a similar idea from (a Topeka hospital) and the 'Success Before Six' initiative in Topeka. The goal is to get the children in the community to come out and

get their eyes, ears, immunizations and other health readings taken-to identify possible health concerns as early as possible and to get them ready for school. Children are our main focus, but we will do screenings on anyone who comes to the fair."

Six nurses under the direction of Mary Burnham, a USD 475 school nurse, will be available to do several different screenings at the fair.

Along with the screenings, school supplies that have been purchased or donated will be distributed to children who need them, said Kay Foreman, school liaison officer, Fort Riley.

According to Foreman, children who qualify for the free

backpacks and school supplies were screened at the end of the previous school year. A list was compiled of over 500 eligible children who were in USD 475 school last year and were eligible for the free lunch program. To claim a backpack, those students should come to the fair and look for signs directing them to the backpack distribution area. If a child has already received a free backpack and supplies from another organization, such as the Salvation Army, they will not be eligible to receive one at the Back-to-School Fair.

The Back-to-School Fair and backpack give-away program is sponsored by community organizations, which include the Konza

Prairie Community Health Center, Parents-as-Teachers, USD 475, Kansas Children's Service League, Geary County Health Department, Community Action, Fort Riley Child and Youth Services and others.

Fort Riley Child and Youth Services will be heavily involved in this year's event. Youth Services will be on the football field, sponsoring an obstacle course for children. CYS workers will be at the fair doing arts and crafts with the fair visitors. The School Liaison Officer, Instructional Programs, Youth Services and Family Child Care will be handing out literature and talking to those interested in signing up for classes.

The FCC director will also be vis-

iting with any military family members who reside in Junction City and are interested in doing FCC child care in their off-post homes.

All children who come to the fair will receive a golden ticket that may be used to receive a reduced rate admission to the carnival, which will be held on the high school football field. To receive the reduced rate, the golden ticket must be validated at four different booths. Ticket holders must visit the eye, ear and immunization screening booths, plus one other booth of their choice, for the discount.

For more information on the fair, contact Kay Foreman, 239-1558.

Legal offers tax tips for late filers

By Frances Walsh
Legal Assistance Attorney

If you have not yet filed your 2002 federal income tax return, or you have discovered errors on the return you filed, there are several things you can do.

If you knew you would not be able to file your return by the due date, you may have requested an extension by completing Internal Revenue Service Form 4868. If you filed that form by April 15, you received an additional four months — until August 15 — to file your return. Remember that IRS Form 4868 is an extension of the time to file, not an extension of time to pay any balance due. If you owe taxes, you will be charged interest on the unpaid amount, and you may also be charged a penalty for paying the tax late.

If you did not file by April 15 because you were serving in a combat zone or a qualified hazardous duty area, there are special benefits available to soldiers. These include the extension of certain deadlines for filing a

return, payment of income taxes and filing a claim for a refund, as well as the exclusion of certain compensation from gross income. Taxpayers who serve in a combat zone or a qualified hazardous duty area should indicate such service at the top of the front page of their tax return.

What happens if you, or the IRS, find you made an error on your return? If you forgot some of your income, made a math error on your return or forgot to take certain itemized deductions, the return needs to be amended. The IRS form to use is 1040X. You will need a copy of your original return in order to complete IRS Form 1040X. If you forgot to keep a copy, you can obtain a transcript or a copy of the return from IRS by filing IRS Form 4506 or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The charge for a copy of a return is \$23, but there is no charge for a transcript.

For those of you who haven't gotten around to filing a return and have not been concerned because you expect to get a refund, don't forget that there is a time limit for claiming a refund. If

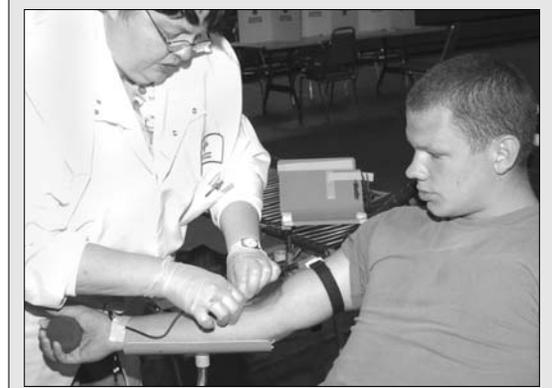
you did not file an original return when it was due, you generally can claim a refund by filing your return within three years from the date the return was originally due to get that refund. So, if you haven't yet filed your 2000 federal income tax return, you still have time to claim a refund.

If you move after you filed your return, notify IRS in writing of your new address. You can use IRS Form 8822. Mail it to the Internal Revenue Service Center serving your old address. If you are expecting a refund, also notify the post office serving your old address.

If you received a refund check but did not cash it right away — if you are holding it for some sentimental reason or because you consider it a "nest egg" — don't forget that checks not cashed within 12 months of the date on the check will be cancelled.

Tax forms and information concerning federal income taxes are available from the IRS, 1-800-829-1040 or www.irs.gov.

If you have questions, contact the Legal Assistance Office, 239-3117.



Shelly Goodenough, Red Cross technician, takes a donation from Spc. Josh Iverson, 3662nd General Support Maintenance Company, North Dakota Army National Guard, during a blood drive at Fort Riley's Craig Gym.

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er bonding the America of Dec. 7 with that of Sept. 11, and reminding us for all time that every generation can be the greatest generation," he said.

The bond between the Greatest Generation and today's current servicemen and women was evident as active and reserve component forces from the military's five services volunteered to assist in the "Greatest Generation's Greatest Celebration."

Two Fort Riley soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Joanne Cox and Staff Sgt. Thomas Ballinger, stood post at a vigil beneath the rusted, encased trade center beams on the eve of the ceremony.

"I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to be a part of this, to support and honor our veterans and our Medal of Honor recipients," said Cox, representing the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and the 24th Infantry Div. (Mech).

"As leaders today, we have to hold fast to the values and standards that they set before us, and we also need to remember that while we look to them as heroes and historians, we have to remember that they're our mentors."

Rice, the National Security advisor, also emphasized the similarities between the generations of our nation's defenders, comparing WWII to the global war against terrorism.

"Once again, we are called to defend not just our people, but the universal values of freedom. Once

again, we are liberating others from totalitarian dictators and murderous ideologies."

"There are many differences between the battle for the Po Valley in Italy and the battles of Afghanistan and Iraq, but there is one overarching similarity. Those battles today, as those battles in the past, are being fought with

skill and bravery by people like Bob Dole who are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice, so that future generations may live in liberty."

"Bob has given more of himself to America than most of us will ever do, and America is grateful," said Rice. "In war and in peace, in good times and in bad,

Bob Dole has rendered his service, his body and his soul to a cause larger than himself—the

cause of freedom."

The institute, which houses the world's largest Congressional

archive, is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

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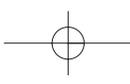
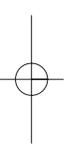


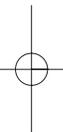
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Korea 50 years ago -- Armistice finally ends active hostilities

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

An uneasy peace settled on Korea after a truce was finally signed, 50 years ago this week.

July 24, 1953 — The United Nations Command expected the truce would be signed today, but unforeseen snags developed. Maps of the line of demarcation and the DMZ had to be printed and then agreed upon by both sides. Work on the building where the signing ceremony is to be held isn't finished, and the communists insist on detailed plans for how the ceremony will be held. So the ceremony is rescheduled for July 27.

July 24-29 — During the delay communist military forces attack U.N. forces all along the line of contact. The actions made no sense because most of the objectives were within the area that would become the demilitarized zone. The Reds would have to vacate it anyway.

All the fighting did was cause unnecessary casualties and needlessly kill people on both sides, and most of the attacks are repelled.

The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division is

on line in I Corps. It has outposts close to the Nevada complex of outposts that was the scene of bloody fighting in May.

Four Marines from the 2nd Battalion have already earned the Medal of Honor during the war. A fifth will earn it on July 25.

Sgt. Ambrosio Guillen is NCO in charge of F Company's rapid reaction platoon. If the enemy attacks the outposts, his platoon will reinforce them.

The Chinese attack comes around 9 p.m.

Guillen pushes his platoon across the terrain between the main line of resistance and the outpost, yelling at them to ignore the mortar shells falling around them.

When they reach the besieged outpost, Guillen places his men on line.

During the fighting, he exposes himself to direct the Marines' fire. Several times he moves across open ground to pull wounded Marines to safety and give them first aid.

The Chinese pull back and the fighting appears to be over. Then the Chinese come back, reinforced and fighting so fiercely that they break into bunkers and trenches.

Guillen gathers the Marines around him and they go down the

trench to kill the Chinese. They run into them and exchange shots at close range, and bayonet against bayonet clangs add to the noise.

Guillen receives a fatal wound. A Marine tries to pull him to cover, and Guillen orders him to help get the enemy out of the outpost.

Savage close quarters fighting rages for about 15 minutes before the Marines oust the Chinese.

However, the enemy continues the attack for about two more hours.

Guillen is almost gone by that time, and he dies from loss of blood before his men can get him to an aid station.

His posthumous Medal of Honor will be presented to his family Aug. 18, 1954.

Guillen is the last American to earn the Medal of Honor in the Korean War.

July 27 — Capt. Ralph S Parr, Apple Valley, Calif., shoots down a Russian-built IL-12 cargo plane south of the Yalu River. It is

Carr's twelfth air kill and the 984th and last communist plane shot down in the Korean War.

At 10:11 a.m. (July 26 in the United States) all officials have signed the truce. Fighting will officially end 12 hours later. Two copies each in English, Korean and Chinese are signed.

Gen. William K. Harrison signs for the U.N. truce talks delegation and Lt. Gen. Nam Il, North Korea, does the same for the communists. Later that day, Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, signs his copies in Tokyo. North Korea dictator Kim Il Sung and Gen. Peng

The-huai, sign at their headquarters in Kaesong.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivers a speech carried by radio and television on the same day in the United States.

"We have won an armistice on a single battleground, not peace in the world," he says. "We may not now relax our guard nor cease our quest. In this struggle we have

seen the United Nations meet the challenge of aggression not with pathetic words of protest, but with deeds of decisive purpose."

The talks started July 10, 1951, and have been the longest in history. Only two members of the negotiating teams remain from the original — Nam and a fellow communist.

The main delegations met 159 times, liaison officers met 227 times and staff officers met 189.

The shortest meeting, 14 seconds, was held April 14, 1952. Troops from both sides along the current contact line must pull back about 1 1/4 miles within 72 hours to create a demilitarized zone.

The truce makes for provisions of returning all prisoners who want to be repatriated within 90 days through a committee staffed with field grade officers from both sides.

South Korea President Syngman Rhee, although still unhappy with the truce, promises to support it.

July 28 — A Fifth Air Force spokesman says that 823 of the Red planes shot down in dogfights were MiG jets. Allies lost 84 in dogfights, 58 of them F-86 Sabrejets.

The Military Armistice Com-

mission holds its first meeting on July 28.

The commission selects Aug. 5 for each side to begin exchanging the prisoners who want to go home. The U.N. will return 69,000 North Koreans and 5,000 Chinese, but holds 14,500 Chinese and 7,800 North Koreans who refused repatriation.

The communists say they will return 12,763 POWs, including 3,312 Americans. They also hold 8,186 South Koreans, 922 Britons, 228 Turks, 40 Filipinos, 22 Colombians, 15 Australians, 14 Canadians, 12 French, six South Africans, three Japanese, one Greek and one Belgian.

The United Nations will send prisoners back at a rate of 2,760 a day to the communists' 300 a day. The exchange must be completed within 88 days.

July 29 — The Defense Department announces July 29 that the American casualty toll in Korea as of July 24 stands at 140,546, with 22,350 dead. The spokesman says it will take months to compile exact figures for the entire war. The spokesman says the estimated communist killed and wounded at 1,350,000.

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



Demobilizing unit honored for service

By Michael Watson
Staff writer

More than 230 soldiers from three units returned home from the Central Command area of responsibility on July 4, after supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers were honored on July 10, at Custer Hill Parade Field for their service. Returning home were soldiers in the 226th Engineer Company, 1013th Quartermaster Company and elements

of 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support).

Brig. Gen. Walter Zink, assistant division commander, 3rd Bde., 75th Div., said these soldiers are heroes, and he thanked them for the sacrifices they made to serve their country.

"When you look back at this mission, years later, and people ask you what you did post-9-11, you can swell with pride," he said. "You were part of history, and we appreciate all that you have done."

Governor asks for ideas for state quarter design

Governor Kathleen Sebelius kicked-off the design stage of the Kansas State Quarter project with announcement of the design submission process. Sebelius said, "The state quarter project is a wonderful opportunity for Kansans to express their spirit and pride about their home state. I encourage young and old to submit their ideas. You don't even need to draw to participate. Just write down what symbols, images or words you think best represent Kansas."

Kansans have until Sept. 10 to submit a design narrative and sketch. The Kansas Commemorative Coin Design Commission will then select five design narratives to submit to the U.S. Mint for approval. Kansas high school students will then vote on the

final design in April 2004.

Sebelius said any Kansas resident may submit an idea by using the form approved by the Coin Commission. Kansans can get the forms by going to www.ks.gov/governor.org or by calling 1-800-748-4408.

All ideas need to be on the appropriate form and should be mailed on or before Sept. 10 to: The Kansas Commemorative Coin Design Commission, c/o Kansas State Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66615-1099.

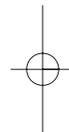
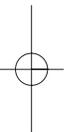
The Coin Commission was designated by the 2003 Kansas Legislature to oversee this project. The commission held it's first meeting on June 26 in Topeka. Coin Commission

meetings are open to the public. Future dates and meeting places are to be announced.

Launched in 1999, the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters Program is a 10-year initiative that honors each of the states in the order that they ratified the Constitution or were admitted into the Union. Each quarter is produced for about 10 weeks and will never be produced again. Surveys show that more than 130 million dollars are collecting the quarters. The Kansas quarter is set for release in August 2005. Other states to be released 2005 are California, Minnesota, Oregon and West Virginia. More information about the other state projects may be found on-line at www.usmint.gov

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Check out the Department of Army Leisure Travel website at www.offdutytravel.com for more great deals on travel. ITR services and discount attractions tickets available to active duty military, retirees, National Guardsmen, reservists, Department of Army Civilians and family members.

Kaw Valley Rodeo

Tickets are on sale for the Kaw Valley Rodeo taking place through tomorrow in Manhattan. Held in conjunction with the Riley County Fair, the rodeo is making its 26th appearance at Wells Arena, C/O Park, Manhattan. Rodeo fans will be treated to professional rodeo performances sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association. There are seven different events: bareback riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, team roping, women's barrel racing and bull riding. The Special Rodeo for challenged children will take place today, 7 p.m., at Wells Arena. The "Coolest Rodeo in Town", the Junior Rodeo, will be held tomorrow at the Manhattan Town Center Mall.

Cruise Packaging

Authorized patrons can start taking advantage of special military discounts and bargain cruises. Stop by ITR and pick up brochures or call 239-5614 and make an appointment with the cruise counselor.

Union Station

See Bugs in 3D at Union Station in Kansas City. Bugs in 3D is a movie about bugs starring real bugs. The movie is a bug's eye view of the fascinating universe

of insects magnified up to 250,000 times their normal size in 3D on the giant screen. The movie is recommended for ages 8 and up. A Science City and Union Station combo ticket is available through ITR.

Honoring Service to America

At Colonial Williamsburg, the restored capitol of 18th-century Virginia, they diligently work each day to bring the nation's cultural and historical legacy to life. During Williamsburg's "Honoring Service to America's Veterans" tribute, they also want to recognize the men and women who work so hard to protect the American way of life today. If you are active-duty, retired or Reserve military personnel, you and your family are invited to visit Colonial Williamsburg on Veterans Day weekend, Nov. 7-9, and receive complimentary admission to the historic area and museums.

For more details on admission, call ITR or (800) History or go to www.colonialwilliamsburg.com on the Internet.

Wet'n Wild Orlando

"Operation: Get Wet!" offers a free 1-day admission for active duty military, reservists and National Guardsmen and up to four accompanying family and friends will receive 50 percent off regular gate admission price (tax not included). Tickets are available at the gate only! For additional information, call (800) 992-WILD or go to www.wetnwildorlando.com

Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center

Located in Hutchinson, the Cosmosphere is quickly becoming the most comprehensive space museum in the world. It is not what you'd expect to find on the open prairies of Kansas, and that's the point exactly. From the jaw-dropping Hall of Space Museum to the million-dollar multimedia planetarium, the Cosmosphere is an all-day, all ages

adventure. Discounts are available through ITR.

Worlds of Fun

Worlds of Fun, Kansas City, Mo., is open for the summer, and "It will leave you screaming for more!" Get ready for another season of your favorite fun-filled rides and attractions at Worlds of Fun. As you make your way through 175 acres of excitement and family entertainment, you're sure to find that Worlds of Fun will always leave you screaming for more! Those looking for intense thrills will be sure to head to the world-famous Mamba and Boomerang roller coasters. After going 75 miles-per-hour on one coaster, then riding through another completely backwards. You'll learn the real meaning of "Open up and say AAAAAH!"

Straight out of the pages of the world-famous comic strip, everyone's favorite bungle and his friends are hosting an exciting collection of family rides and attractions at Camp Snoopy, Worlds of Fun's family playland. Camp Snoopy is over one acre, and is home to rides and attractions designed especially for families.

Oceans of Fun

Oceans of Fun is located next to Worlds of Fun. Guests of Oceans of Fun will be surrounded by the tropical excitement of Paradise Falls, debuting this summer. Paradise Falls brings increased playability to the 60-acre water park. You won't be able to miss the 1,000-gallon bucket located at the top of the water playhouse. Every five minutes, it fills and

empties as water gushes on anyone and everyone below. Paradise Falls is overflowing with fun for children of all ages and is sure to keep everyone busy and soaking wet for hours. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

Six Flags Over Texas

Staying true to its promise to mark its 40th anniversary, Six Flags officials announced a Texas-size expansion of its family and children's section, featuring major new rides and attractions. This coincides with the mounting excitement over their newest addition to the power-packed thrill arsenal, the mighty Titan extreme. Summer special tickets are now available for only \$20. That's a 50 percent savings.

Silver Dollar City

Silver Dollar City, Branson, Mo., is having Military Days through Oct. 26. Purchase a discounted two-day adult ticket through ITR and get a complimentary child ticket by showing your pre-purchased tickets at the Silver Dollar City ticket booth.

There'll be new thrills in the hills! The tales of a peculiar Ozarkian inventor will resound through the hills daily, more than 100-years after the glorious era of Dr. (Doc) Horatio Harris. While many believe the good doctor's sad obsession with powered flight to be but a tale, others say there's some truth to this colorful history. His story may well be part imagination and part suspected truth, but his prized invention, Wildfire, will soon be very real.

Let ITR put together a Branson package for a weekend get-away or family vacation. Discount tick-

ets are available to numerous attractions in Branson.

Six Flags St. Louis

At Six Flags St. Louis kids can lead the way to more than 100 rides and attractions inside the

popular family theme park. A 5,000-foot wooden coaster, the "BOSS," joins Hurricane Harbor Water Park, as one of Six Flags' most recent additions. Purchase a Six Flags St. Louis ticket and get free admission to Hurricane Har-

Tree spraying continues in post housing areas

During the month of August, contractors will be spraying certain trees with E.P.A registered insecticides and fungicides for insect and disease prevention and control. Actual treatment dates and times will be determined daily based on weather conditions.

While contractor personnel take precautions to avoid unnecessary drifting of spray, residents are encouraged to avoid parking underneath trees in areas that are to be treated. Post personnel may contact Best Pest Control Company's Fort Riley office, 239-8402, or DES entomology section, 239-2644, for information concerning treatment or scheduling.

Housing occupants who need trees or shrubs treated should call J&J/BMAR service order desk, 784-2529.

Treatment schedule

Main Post and Marshall Air Field	Aug. 1 - 8
Colyer Manor and Camp Forsyth	Aug. 9 - 16
Custer Hill Family and Troop Housing	Aug. 17 - 24
Whiteside and Camp Funston	Aug. 25 - 31

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