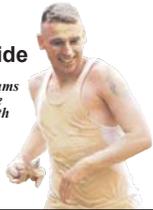




Sandy slide

Post softball teams continue league play -- some with dusty results.

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Retirement comes quietly

Civilian employee ends 38 years with Army.

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Korea:

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported July 29 that a U.S. soldier will be handed over to South Korean authorities next week for pre-trial confinement on an attempted murder charge.

Under revisions to the U.S.-South Korean status of forces agreement made in 2001, South Korean officials can request pre-trial custody of servicemembers charged with any of 12 "serious" crimes. Attempted murder is one of those charges.

For more about this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European Theaters, visit www.estripes.com on the Web.

Fort Knox:

Inside the Turret reported July 29 that hurricane-like winds that roared through Fort Knox July 13 left uprooted trees in yards and public areas across post as vivid reminders of the damage that occurred.

Although obtaining money for projects around post can be a challenge sometimes, family housing ravaged by weather is a priority, according to Knox's Garrison Resource Management Director David Williams. "It's an act of God," he explained. "It's gotta get done. It's a reality."

For more about this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.thenewsenrprise.com on the Web.

Fort Bliss:

The Monitor reported July 22 that two air defense artillery batteries qualified on Table VIII certification with about 55 percent of their crews being Soldiers who had never certified before.

Soldiers in Batteries A and C, 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, are preparing for reassignment to other organizations at Fort Bliss when the rest of the battalion deploys to Korea this fall. In order to join another battalion ready for whatever mission they may be asked to perform, both batteries were directed to certify before being separated from the battalion.

For more about this story and other Fort Bliss news, visit www.lavenpublishing.com/fortblissmonitor.html on the Web.

The Pentagon:

The Pentagon reported July 23 that leaders of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia National Guard forces signed a mutual aid agreement July 15, making it possible for their people to respond to a "critical incident" in the National Capital Region.

Had terrorists crashed an airliner into a target in the District of Columbia Sept. 11, 2001, the D.C. Guard could not have legally assisted for reinforcements from another state to help civilian law enforcement agencies restore order.

Nor were there any legal means for them or Maryland Guard troops on state duty status to support the Virginia Guard after the Pentagon was attacked.

For more on this story and other Pentagon news, visit www.dcmilitary.com/army/pentagon on the Web.

Riley to grow with new brigade

Army selects FY 05, FY 06 sites for location of future units of action

By Sgt. Lorie Jewell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A number of Army installations, including Fort Riley, will grow by 3,400 Soldiers in the next few years as a result of decisions on

where new brigade combat teams/units of action will be temporarily based, according to senior Army officials.

Permanent locations will be decided during the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process, also known as BRAC, the officials said.

The Department of the Army announced July 23 force structure basing decisions for the new BCT/Us in fiscal years 2005 and 2006.

In FY 05, the Army will stand up and temporarily station new modular BCT/Us at Fort Polk, La.; Fort Richardson, Alaska; and

Fort Hood, Texas. As part of the decision, the 2nd Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk will move to Fort Lewis, Wash., and convert to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

In FY 06, pending permanent stationing consistent with BRAC analysis in 2005, the Army will form and temporarily station

BCT/Us at Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Fort Riley.

The temporary stationing of modular BCT/Us is critical to ensure the Army is properly positioned to fully support its strategic

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Ditch disaster

Filling holes helps keep troops safe

By Sam Robinson
Asst. Media Relations Officer

On a dark summer night, Humvees and Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles cut across a Fort Riley prairie left soft and sloppy by recent rains.

One driver scans the open field as he approaches a row of vegetation growing taller than the prairie grass in front of him. He sees nothing important about the change in vegetation and steers his Humvee through the growth and nature jolts him and his passengers to new reality as the vehicle's front end drops into a camouflaged gully.

The vehicle and the training come to a sudden stop. His vehicle is damaged, but the driver and passengers have escaped injury — this time.

"We have gullies on the range that start as foxholes, tank tracks or tracks from mine plows," said Monte Cales, Fort Riley's land rehabilitation and maintenance coordinator. "With rain and time, small soil displacements can turn into trenches 3 or 4 feet deep."

A Humvee going 20 mph can turn over if it hits a trench that deep, Cales said. The cost in equipment damage, lost training time and Soldier injury can add up quickly, he added.

Cales and others on the Integrated Training Area Management staff strive to identify range areas where gullies and trenches may form because of soil displacement and erosion.

Soil erosion increases when surface vegetation is damaged or removed by training activities. Erosion removes protective topsoil and that further decreases the soil's ability to sustain vegetation that helps control erosion, Cales explained.

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Troy Livingston (left) and Monte Cales, right, examine a ditch damaged by maneuvers and retained water.

Effort targets mental distress

Post hospital implements deployment cycle care

By Jan Clark
LACH

The Deployment Cycle Care Management Program at the department of Behavioral Health began in January to decrease difficulties Soldiers and their family members may experience anytime during the deployment cycle.

Clinical social workers Barbara Garber and Jody Koerner run the program that provides direct and indirect services to specific populations: active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers and their families.

A third member will join the team and be housed at Irwin Army Community Hospital. That person will see the majority of emergency walk-ins, Garber said. Soldiers who are, have been or will be deployed, even those home on leave and about to return to an overseas assignment, can be seen.

This unique program aims to prevent as well as treat problems. More than 200 patients have already used Garber and Koerner's services.

Behavioral health patients normally are Soldiers and non-military spouses. However, children, parents and grandparents may use the program. All services are free and Soldiers may continue to be seen for as long as necessary in regard

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Puerto Rican student pursues Army career

Cadet shadows lieutenant to learn duties

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

A busy summer for one Puerto Rican citizen means she will be another season closer to her goal — becoming an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve.

ROTC cadet MS4 Yenitza Calzada leaves Fort Riley July 30, after spending 22 days shadowing 2nd Lt. Jenny Kirk of the 568th CSE (Combat Support Equipment). Calzada was one of 18 ROTC cadets and 18 U.S. Military Academy Cadets scheduled for similar training on post this summer.

The Cadet Troop Leader Training program provides the cadets

with realistic leadership, logistical and administrative experience and first-hand knowledge of the duties, responsibilities and living conditions a lieutenant can expect while serving in the Army.

Calzada attends Turabo University in Puerto Rico. She is majoring in accounting and expects to graduate next year. She is in her second year of ROTC, which means she had to cram a lot of training into her last summer before being commissioned.

Calzada attended advanced camp at Fort Lewis until early July before coming to Fort Riley for her follow-on training. She attended basic camp at Fort Knox, Ky., the previous summer.

The ROTC cadet knows the Army and that's why she opted to pursue a commission. "I liked the Army since being in high school," she said. Her father was a senior noncommissioned officer and she has a cousin who is a sergeant major, she said, describing her early association with military service.

At Fort Riley, Calzada follows Kirk as she performs her normal duties as a line platoon leader in the 2nd Platoon. "My job is to learn what they (second lieutenants) do and learn leadership skills," Calzada said.

Army finance would be Calzada's first option for career field

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Post/Heronemus

Puerto Rican ROTC cadet MS4 Yenitza Calzada (left) mimics 2nd Lt. Jenny Kirk of 568th CSE while in the field.





Post news in brief

541st inducts new sergeants

The 541st Maintenance Battalion conducted a Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony July 22, recognizing eight Soldiers who are now formally recognized as members of the time-honored corps known as the backbone of the Army.

The noncommissioned officers signed the NCO Creed and accepted the NCO charge to carefully and diligently uphold the traditions and standards of the Army.

Inductees were: Sgt. Henry L. Kakaruk, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 541st Maint. Bn.; Sgt. Becky L. Kjelbertson, 172nd Chemical Company; Sgt. Jonathan R. Patterson, 24th Transportation Company; Sgt. Brandy A. McPherson, 172nd Chem. Co.; Sgt. Shalanda R. Dallas, 172nd Chem. Co.; and Sgt. Matthew H. Bremer, 172nd Chem. Co.

Honorary inductees were Staff Sgt. Lamart P. Elkins, 172nd Chem. Co., and Sgt. 1st Class John A. Zvirgindis, 172nd Chem. Co.

Honorary inductees were in ranks higher than sergeant but had not participated in an induction ceremony when promoted to sergeant.

Patriot warrant board to meet

The last warrant officer selection board for Patriot system technicians will be Sept. 13.

Soldiers who wish to apply must be a sergeant or above in rank, hold the MOS of 14E, 14T, 14J, or 27X or have a non-listed MOS with related experience or background in a listed MOS, have four years field experience in MOS 14E or 27X or five years field experience in MOS 14T or 14J and have a physical profile of not less than 111121.

Preferred qualifications include an additional year of experience in feeder MOS, a year in a supervisory position, 20 or more college credit hours with a minimum of six credit hours of college level English and six credit hours of college level Math and a written recommendation from a senior warrant officer in the same career field.

Applications should be sent no later than Aug. 15 to Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, ATTN: RCRO-SM-A, 1307 Third Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121-2725.

For more information, send e-mail to wot-team@usarec.army.mil or visit http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant on the Web.

DES schedules August class

Experienced Rider Course (Motorcycle Defense Driving Course, MDDC) - Aug. 13, 27, 28 and 29 at Marshall Army Airfield. Report to building 407, Room 6, at 9 a.m. on day of class. Instruction lasts six hours.

Riders must possess a valid motorcycle license, a motorcycle in safe operating condition, insurance required by Kansas law and personal protective equipment required by Army Regulation 385-55 and Commanding General's Policy letter 04-2.

All Soldiers, their family members and Department of the Army civilians must complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course prior to registering their motorcycles/mopeds on post.

Class fee class is limited to 18 students.

For more information, call 239-0446 or 239-2334.

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Army rushes equipment to field

Wireless technology advances development of future combat systems

By Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army plans to accelerate the fielding of some Future Combat Systems, such as armed robotic vehicles, unattended ground sensors and unattended munitions.

The Army is taking advantage of leaps and bounds in wireless technology to "spiral" FCS development, said Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

He said spiraling allows for a more flexible approach to system development, to add technology as it emerges.

"The Army evolves by putting future ideas forward as they become available," Yakovac said. Army leaders also plan to field sooner, to more of the force, an automation network known as the "System of Systems Common Operating Environment," or SOSCOE.

Yakovac likened SOSCOE to the "windows" operating system of a computer, but infinitely larger. He said the network would allow units to "plug and play" the FCS pieces.

"We are basically building the Internet you use every day and moving it into battle space," Yakovac said.

Future Combat Systems include:

- Infantry Carrier Vehicle Command and Control Vehicle
- Mounted Combat System
- Recon and Surveillance Vehicle
- Non-Line of Sight Mortar
- NLOS Cannon
- NLOS Launch System
- Medical Treatment and Evacuation vehicle
- Unattended Ground Sensors
- Class I UAV's (small)
- Class III UAV's (fixed-wing)
- Unmanned Countermine and Transport MULEs

Future Combat System technology will be inserted into the brigade-sized units of action the Army is establishing, said Brig. Gen. Charles Cartwright, program manager for the FCS UAs.

He said one of the UAs will be selected as an "experimental unit" to test all the new FCS technology in 2008. A projected 32 of the 43 UAs will be fielded with some FCS capabilities by 2014, he said.

Over the life of the FCS program (2025 plus), 15 selected UAs will become FCS Units of Action, Cartwright said. These units will be fielded with all 18 of the Future Combat Systems, he said, and they will have extraordinary capabilities.

The rest of the modular UAs are slated to receive the network and some of the FCS developments. For instance, the Non-Line of Sight Launch System, or "rock-

ets in a box," as Yakovac called it, is intended to be fielded widely. This pod of missiles can be aimed and fired from miles away.

The unmanned sensors and robotic vehicles are also intended for wide dissemination, officials said. In fact, they said a small, unmanned robotic vehicle is already being used in Iraq and Afghanistan to detect mines.

Part of the FCS announcement included "buying back" five of the Future Combat Systems that had been previously deferred. Added back to the FCS list are:

- Armed Robotic Vehicles (ARV Assault and ARV RSTA [Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition])
- Recovery and Maintenance Vehicle
- Intelligent Munitions Systems
- Class II Unmanned Air

— Class IV UAV's (capable of large payloads of both sensors and weapons and able to hover like a helicopter to maneuver up, down and sideways.)

In order to fund the development of the five new systems, the rate of purchase for the eight manned FCS vehicles will be slowed down slightly, officials said.

Research and development for all the FCS vehicles will continue on schedule, Yakovac said.

A "demonstrator" version of the first manned FCS vehicle, the Non-Line of Sight Cannon, is now being tested at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz.

The NLOS Cannon vehicle has a 155mm weapon and weighs less than 24 tons.

It's light but can handle recoil, said Daniel Pierson, who works for the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

The current NLOS Cannon vehicle runs on rubber tracks, but Yakovac stressed that the decision has not yet been made whether the manned FCS vehicles will be tracked or wheeled.

"We're looking to combine the best of both (wheeled and tracked capabilities) in these vehicles," Yakovac said.

Another change announced is that all manned vehicles will

receive active protective systems. Yakovac said that decision stems from lessons learned in Iraq.

"In a 360-degree fight, everything needs protection," Yakovac said, even support vehicles.

"A lot of capability can be brought to a vehicle by software," Yakovac said. For instance, he said the FCS vehicles would have digital command and control, automatic target acquisition, the Joint Tactical Radio System and the Warfighter Information System - Tactical, known as WIN-T, and more.

Officials plan to field the first FCS vehicles in 2008 and spiral the development to most of the Army by 2025.

In the meantime, and for years into the future, the M-1 Abrams tank, Bradley Fighting Vehicle and other current weapons systems will remain important, said Lt. Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, Army deputy chief of staff for Programs, G8.

When talking about FCS, Yakovac often refers to "18 systems plus one." The one is the "network," he explained.

The Soldier is going to be "a node in the network," Yakovac said.

"The guy in the middle is the Soldier ..." he said, "and if we don't do all that we can to make his life better, then we have failed."

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commitments, including ongoing operations in support of the global war on terror, according to Army planners.

The restructuring also allows the Army to continue its transformation to a campaign-quality force with joint and expeditionary capabilities that meet the future demands of the combat commanders, they said.

The Army selected locations for the new BCT/Us based on existing capacities, available training space and locations of similar units. The Army will reconsider the locations of these units during the 2005 BRAC process.

The new modular forces will be capable of operating across the entire range of military operations. As part of the Army's transformation, capabilities previously found within the divisions and corps will be shifted to the BCT/Us. These new brigades are the first conversions in the Army's transformation and are designed to deploy/employ as independent units in support of the joint force.

On Jan. 30, 2004, the Office of the Secretary of Defense approved increasing the number of active modular BCT/Us from 33 to 43 between FY 04 and FY 06. In accordance with its campaign plan, the Army began converting to modular designs in FY 04 with three BCT/Us temporarily stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; and Fort Drum, N.Y. The FY 05-06 actions are a continuation of that effort.

"It is an operational necessity right now to build these brigade combat team units of action and

Fort Riley's new brigade

An infantry brigade will start arriving sometime after October 2005 (in FY 06).

Buildup will likely be gradual as troops are assigned rather than the entire brigade arriving at once.

The brigade will add about 3,400 Soldiers to the post population. The brigade will be part of the 25th Infantry Division headquartered in Hawaii.

-- Maj. Jeff Buczkowski, Fort Riley Public Affairs Officer

get them into the field as quickly as possible," said Brig. Gen. David Ralston, director of force management in the Army's G-3.

In the thick of fighting the Global War on Terror, the Army is transforming from a division-based force into smaller, more rapidly deployable brigade-based units of action that will provide greater combat power. The National Guard will also transform its current combat force to 34 modular BCT/Us, officials said.

The 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart reset from three brigades into four BCT/Us and is preparing to return to Iraq this winter, officials said. The 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell will begin resetting this fiscal year, as will the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum.

Those changes are expected to add about 1,400 more Soldiers to Fort Stewart, 300 to Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.; 400 to Fort Benning, Ga.; 4,200 to Fort Drum; and 3,000 to Fort Campbell. These numbers are likely to change as the Army continues to

implement plans, officials said. The 2nd Cavalry Regiment's conversion to a Stryker BCT and its move from Fort Polk will add about 3,900 Soldiers to Fort Lewis. New BCT/Us will stand up at Fort Polk, increasing its population by about 300 Soldiers. Other new BCT/Us will stand up at Fort Richardson, where 2,600 additional Soldiers are anticipated; and at Fort Hood, which will grow by about 5,000 Soldiers.

Most Soldiers will be assigned to the new BCT/Us through cross-leveling, permanent change of station moves and assignment straight from advanced individual training.

Some will be transferred from Korea and other overseas locations and after completing drill sergeant and recruiting tours. Officials pledged to limit back-to-back combat tours as much as possible.

Once a Soldier is stationed with a new BCT/Us, the Army will make every effort to keep that Soldier at an installation for up to seven years, officials said.

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to their deployment. "Therapy as you go, whatever it takes to meet the Soldier's needs, that's where our program is," Garber said.

"The Deployment Cycle Care Management Program partners with the Soldier and Family Support Group, family readiness groups throughout Fort Riley and the Chaplain's Office. Also involved are Geary County agency programs, Community Coalitions and other agencies and mental health professionals," Gar-

ber said.

The goal is to make the mental health care system work more effectively and ensure that individuals receive timely assistance in response to their needs, Koerner said. A Soldier's entire deployment cycle is covered, creating a comprehensive safety net that integrates and uses existing support and services to their maximum level, she said.

The support and assistance provided through the program address issues such as dealing

with injuries or death and those diagnosed with Medically Unexplained Symptoms.

The program also provides education and support during Medical and Physical Evaluation Board Processes.

Assistance is also available for financial issues, family stress and benefits while dealing with transitions issues, Koerner said.

Anyone in need of these services should call Garber or Koerner at 239-7208, or stop at building 602.

Book studies medical ethics applied in military health care

*By Andy C. Szul
Army Medical Department*

Washington, DC — Current events in Southwest Asia have once again highlighted the role of U.S. military medicine in providing care for the wounded, whether coalition or enemy.

The ethical necessity of this care is the subject of a long-anticipated and unique two-volume set on military medical ethics just released by the Borden Institute. The volumes are written for military and civilian audiences.

"Military Medical Ethics" explores the ongoing tension between the medical profession and the profession of arms as experienced by the military physician, including an extensive and detailed discussion about the many lessons learned in previous wars. The book also offers various perspectives on past failures of medical ethics, especially during World War II and the Cold War.

"This is the first book to surround the ethical issues surrounding the role of military

medicine in caring for the wounded," said Dr. (Col.) Dave E. Lounsbury, director of the Borden Institute at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The book includes chapters by military and civilian authors, many of whom are world-renowned.

"While controversy is seldom comfortable, it should always be instructive," said Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, the Army's surgeon general. "An excellent organization is willing to publicly examine and discuss its mistakes and to learn from them. 'Military Medical Ethics' is offered in that spirit."

As technological advances play an increasingly important role in military medicine, medical ethics should not be forgotten. "Without an adequate appreciation of military medical ethics, some may find these new technologies so tantalizing that the basics of medical ethics may be set aside," said Thomas E. Beam, specialty editor for "Military Medical Ethics" and a retired Army surgeon with service in the Persian Gulf War.

"Our unifying theme is

straightforward: There is a tension within the individual military physician between the profession of medicine and the profession of arms, and that tension is good," Beam said.

"There is also an ethic to what the military physician does, especially on and off the battlefield," he said. "That is the ethic of conserving the fighting strength by providing excellent medical care to military personnel."

According to the editors, the book will compel readers to think through their own views on ethically challenging issues.

"It should not surprise observers that the ethics of military medicine is the source of more passionate debate than any other aspect of the philosophy of ethics," said Dr. Ronald F. Bellamy, military medical editor of the "Textbooks of Military Medicine" series and a retired Army surgeon.

For more information on the Borden Institute and how to order "Textbooks of Military Medicine," visit the organization online at www.bordeninstitute.army.mil.

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IG blames poor individual discipline

Abu Ghraib report admits need for improvement, but denies system-wide breakdown

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Detainee operations in Iraq and Afghanistan can be improved, an Army Inspector General report admits.

But, cases of reported detainee abuse in those countries were caused primarily by individuals failing to live up to the standards of decency and Army Values they had been taught, according to the same inspection report made public during recent congressional testimony.

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker and the Army's top inspector general, Lt. Gen. Paul Mikolashek, briefed members of the Senate Armed Services Committee July 23 on the report's major findings, observations and recommendations.

For the purposes of the inspection, detainee abuse was defined as any type of theft, physical assault, sexual assault or death of a detainee.

"The abuses that occurred are not representative of policy, doctrine or Soldier training," Mikro-

lashek said. "These abuses should be viewed as what they are — unauthorized actions taken by a few individuals and in some cases, coupled with the failure of a few leaders to provide adequate supervision and oversight."

Brownlee directed the Department of the Army Inspector General on Feb. 10 to conduct an assessment of detainee operations in Iraq and Afghanistan following reports of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison.

Inspectors reviewed 125 reports of detainee abuse in the Central Command areas of responsibility that were known as of June 9 and focused their efforts on a functional analysis of pertinent doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership, personnel and facilities issues — finding no common Army institutional failure among the reported cases.

Of the 125 reports of detainee abuse, 31 were determined to have no substance. Of the 94 remaining cases, some remain undetermined and are under investigation and some have resulted in criminal charges against involved Soldiers under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The report

A copy of the IG final report on its inspection can be downloaded from the features section of the Army homepage, www.army.mil.

"Our Soldiers are warriors of character and that will not change," Schoomaker said. "The inexcusable actions of a few are not representative of the vast majority of the Army."

The report noted that detainee abuse does not occur when Soldiers remain disciplined, follow known procedures and understand their obligation to report abusive behavior. Nor does detainee abuse occur when leaders enforce basic standards of humane treatment, provide oversight and supervision of detainee operations and take corrective action when they see potentially abusive situations develop, it stated.

During the course of the inspection, five Soldiers came forward to IGs to report possible detainee abuse, Mikolashek told

the senators. All of those cases were referred to the Criminal Investigation Command, he said.

Other major report findings and observations include:

— Doctrine does not clearly specify the interdependent and independent roles, missions and responsibilities of military police and military intelligence units in the establishment and operation of interrogation facilities.

— While officially approved Combined Joint Task Force 7 and 180 interrogation policies and procedures generally met legal obligations, some were vague and ambiguous. Further, implementation, training and oversight of those policies were inconsistent.

— MI units do not have enough interrogators and interpreters to conduct timely detainee screenings for usable tactical intelligence.

— Tactical MI officers lack the proper training to manage all aspects of the collection and analysis of human intelligence.

— Of the 16 detention facilities inspected in both countries, Abu Ghraib was the only one in an undesirable location, overcrowded and frequently attacked with mortar and rocket fire.

— Some Central Command civilian interrogation contractors worked without adequate formal training on military interrogation techniques or policy.

— "Just as the current operational environment demands that we adapt, so too we must adapt our organization, doctrine and training — we are making these adjustments," Brownlee said.

Acknowledging that one case of detainee abuse is one too many, Brownlee and Schoomaker asked the senators to put the 125 reported cases of abuse in context of more than 50,000 detainees passing through U.S. military hands, and in some cases, the abuse occurring immediately after the detainee had been trying to kill U.S. forces.

Kansas law now protects DD214s

Special to the Post

The 2004 Kansas Legislative session brought significant changes to the availability of military discharge records filed in the Register of Deeds Office in Riley and Geary counties.

Soldiers were once routinely advised to file their retirement documents with their local county clerk or other appropriate office so they would have access to copies should the originals be destroyed or lost.

Charlotte Shawver, Riley County register of deeds, and Diane Brestensky, Geary County register of deeds, worked closely with the Fort Riley Retiree Advisory Council to get this important legislation passed.

House Bill 2758 amended K.S.A. 45-221 to limit access to military discharges. Since July 1, military discharges (DD Forms 214) were no longer considered public records if filed in a county office.

That change protects the personal information contained on the records.

DD 214s will be available only to the veterans, their immediate family members and specified agencies, such as funeral homes or military recruiting offices.

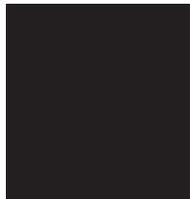
In order to track recipients of copies of DD 214s filed in Riley and Geary counties, personal identification is required of anyone requesting copies. Logs are maintained showing information about those requesting copies of the document.

Other county offices may have different requirements for releasing copies of DD 214s.

Images of the discharge forms have never been available for public viewing on Riley County public access machines and the new law brings few changes in that office's process.

"We will continue to require identification and maintain a record of all requests but can now deny unauthorized individuals access to the records," Shawver said.

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Pfc. Lynch rescuer attends Guard's training in Kansas

Officer candidate led five rangers in 'well-synchronized operation that had a good plan'

By John Payne
1st Battalion, 235th Regiment

As millions of Americans use the summer months to take time off from work and go on vacations, hundreds of National Guardsmen from the central United States converge on the Kansas Regional Training Center to begin a rigorous year-and-a-half-long rite of passage.

These individuals attend Officer Candidate School as part of their arduous journey to a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army National Guard.

"The program we run is accredited by the commanding general of the Army Infantry School," said Lt. Col. Robert Windham of Junction City, commander of 1st Battalion, 235th Regiment, Region F.

"The staff and cadre are handpicked and the Soldiers who are accepted and

enter the program as officer candidates must meet stringent entrance and commissioning requirements," said Windham, who is a civilian employee at Fort Riley when not performing National Guard duties.

The candidates come from nine states across the central and south-central United States: Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Candidate Ellis Taylor of Dallas, a square-jawed and serious looking man, is different from many of his peers attending training this summer and with good reason. He saw combat in Afghanistan and Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 75th Rangers. His last operation with "The Regiment," as they are commonly referred to, was the rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch.

Candidate Taylor was a sergeant at the time he led a squad of five rangers on

what he called, "a well-synchronized operation that had a good plan." He said that it "pretty much went off like clockwork."

Taylor's platoon was tasked with assaulting the compound in which Lynch was a captive. "Second platoon did a text-book breach of the reinforced cinder-block walls of the compound. My platoon assaulted through the breach. On the way through I tore five ligaments in my angle on a cinder block. The medics gave me some pain killers and I drove on into the compound."

After clearing five buildings and linking with the rest of the rescue team that had already found Lynch, Taylor again hit his ankle, was given painkillers and continued on his mission.

He and the rest of the rescue team linked up with CH-47 Chinook helicopters that carried them to an area some

eight kilometers away. It was not until a day-and-a-half later that he was able to receive any major medical attention.

"They told me that it would have been better to have just broken my ankle," Taylor said. With an injury like torn ligaments, he faced a long and drawn out recovery. Not wishing to hold his unit back, he chose to leave the Rangers and active duty.

Taylor returned to Dallas in August 2003 and was reunited with his family, wife Jennifer and son Ellis Jr. in August 2003.

But he got restless.

"I missed the Army," he said. He also was frustrated with what he calls the apathy and laziness exhibited by many of his college classmates. He joined a Texas

National Guard aviation unit in April 2004, just six months after his return from Iraq.

Taylor immediately enrolled in OCS and two months later found himself with dozens of other officer candidates in Kansas.

Unlike the majority of his classmates, Taylor is on what is called the "fast track" commissioning program. When he completes his two weeks at the Kansas Regional Training Center in Salina, he will attend the four-week-long second phase at Fort Meade, S.D.

Taylor will finish OCS in a final two-week camp at Fort Lewis, Wash., and be commissioned a second lieutenant by fall.

Taylor wants to become a helicopter pilot or rejoin the infantry in the National Guard. "I'd like to do something that I want to but may end up doing what I love," which is being an infantryman.

National Night Out observed

In an effort to deter crime, Fort Riley and Junction City will celebrate National Night Out on three nights: July 31, Aug. 1 and Aug. 3.

Junction City's celebration July 31 will be at Heritage Park. They include:

* 3 p.m. - Games, food and displays

* 6 p.m. - "Wizard of Oz" costume contest, all ages

* 7 p.m. - JCPD K-9 demonstration

* 7:30 p.m. - JCPD Tactical Team demonstration

* 9 p.m. - Movie, "Wizard of Oz"

Fireworks will follow the movie.

Fort Riley's celebrations will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 1 at Cavalry Parade Field. A movie will be shown from 9 to 11 p.m.

The event includes a variety of demonstrations and displays. Various post and community organizations will be on-hand, including Fort Riley Special Reaction Team, D.A.R.E., American Red Cross and the Little Listeners. Military Police Investigators will provide child ID kits, a helicopter static display provided by the 1256th Medical Evacuation Company (Air). The Fort Riley K-9 Section will put on a demonstration as well.

Sponsored by the 523rd Military Police Detachment, the event is an effort to allow the community to take that stand together and to build stronger ties with local community support organizations.

All who attend will be asked to bring blankets and lawn chairs for viewing of the movie.

The National Night Out program is designed to bring the community together in a united effort to deter crime. Across the nation, people are asked to turn on their porch light and stay outdoors at home. The official date is Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Junction City's events Aug. 3 include displays at the Municipal Building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Neighborhood Watch block parties from 6 to 8 p.m. and Lights Out Against Crime from 8 to 10 p.m.

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Farm helps Army fight bioterrorism

Research facility harvests antibodies used for detecting top 10 known biothreat agents

By Karen Fleming-Michael
Army News Service

FORT DETRICK, Md. — The farm runs like most agrarian ventures: its workers muck stalls, feed animals, grow hay and bale it when the weather cooperates.

But this farm, dubbed the Large Animal Research Facility, is home to valuable assets in the fight against bioterrorism.

Ten of the farm's goats are currently enrolled in a homeland defense program that harvests antibodies for tests to rapidly detect the top 10 biothreat agents.

"The reason for the rapid diagnostic test is because some of the agents that are used, you don't want to be messing around with them, especially if you need to get (a patient) on treatment or decontaminate them," Maj. Len Murray said.

The goats get a shot each month so they will produce the antibodies for the tests.

"They're in no danger of getting the diseases they're producing antibodies for," said Murray, who ran a large animal vet practice in North Carolina before joining the Army. "They just receive proteins that stimulate their

immune systems to make antibodies, just like humans when they get flu shots."

Murray's Southern drawl beckons the goats, sheep, geese and horses who live at the farm on Area B to come closer and get a carrot, apple or a hearty scratch from the veterinarian who claims this is one of the best jobs in the Army.

As hip hop music blares inside the barn on a brisk winter morning, veterinary technician Pfc. Reese Baker, dressed in a winter farming outfit of insulated coveralls over his uniform, helps his noncommissioned officer in charge, Spc. Edwin Picado, take blood samples from the penned goats whose antibodies will be harvested the next day.

"We have people out there every day, no matter if there's snow or ice," Murray said. "We're like the postal service. Our animals have never gone one day without being cared for."

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases has operated the farm for more than 20 years.

Healthy animals

In the midst of muck from

melting snow in the barnyard, the goats are so clean they look more like entries in a county fair than barnyard goats.

"If you're a goat at USAMRIID, basically all you have to do is give blood every couple weeks and otherwise be treated like you're a queen," said Lt. Col. Carol Eisenhauer, chief of the Veterinary Medicine Division at USAMRIID.

Keeping the animals in top shape benefits both the animal and research results.

"If you start with a sick animal or an animal that's under a great deal of stress, you're not going to get really good research results," she said. "Our business is humane animal care and good research, hand in hand."

In fact, the division has about 70 people — veterinarians, veterinary technicians and animal caretakers — all dedicated to caring for the farm animals as well as the institute's other animals, which include monkeys, rabbits, mice, hamsters and guinea pigs.

The division's \$3.2 million budget supplies the animals' food, bedding, medical supplies, cages and toys as well as salaries and training for the staff.

Eisenhauer's staff and the institute's scientists regularly meet to ensure research projects involving animals comply with the regulations that govern animal research in government labs.

"Investigators have a lot of time invested in their research — it can take 10 years to develop a vaccine — and they know if they don't do everything right, it won't pass FDA inspection and the vaccine will never be out there to help people," she said.

The Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International accredits the institute, which means the lab has met the "gold standard" for taking care of its animals, she said.

The 10 veterinarians on staff — three of whom are board certified as laboratory animal vets — take care of the animals' medical needs, and outside help to clean horses' teeth and shear sheep visit seasonally.

A day's work

After a day of observation to make sure the 10 goats are healthy, the goats become blood donors. At the outset of the program, the veterinarians decided

that pheresis — a method of separating plasma from red blood cells and returning the red cells to the donor — was the route to take because the program needed only the antibody-rich plasma.

"It takes about 30 days for these guys to regenerate the red blood cells if we take the whole blood. We would have ended up throwing the red blood cells away and putting the goats at risk for acute anemia crisis because of their low red cell levels. If we only take the plasma, they can regenerate the plasma and proteins in about a week," Murray said.

The pheresis machine is on-site at the farm, so the goats stay in familiar surroundings. When they enter the sanitized pheresis room, the goats are put in a suspended sling with four leg holes. They remain in the room for about 30 minutes.

"We've been doing this for three months, and the animals are fine. They just relax when they get in there," Murray said. "If it were traumatic for them, I can tell

you that every time we went into the field to feed them or check on them, they wouldn't come up." Begun in September 2003, the

critical re-agents program will have 50 to 80 goats when it's fully operational. Twenty-one Nubian goats recently joined the herd farm in January, and a few more will arrive in the spring.

Valuable assets

All the animals at the farm are precious commodities for medical research, and not just for USAMRIID. Sheep blood is harvested to make blood agar plates for the labs at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense. Goose blood is shipped to USAMRICD for West Nile virus research.

Eisenhauer said animal medical research helps animals as well as humans. Operations such as kidney and heart transplants that were pioneered on animals for humans are now available for pets at major veterinary schools.

Eisenhauer saw the results of that research firsthand when her daughter needed an emergency laparoscopic appendectomy this past summer.

"That would not have come about if they had not learned how to do that and develop that technique on animals," she said.

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Commentary

Personal Improvement

Mentors make meaningful difference

By Fred J. Rodriguez
Director, Ed. Directorate



Fred Rodriguez

The commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, has become a mentor through eArmyU.

eArmyU, a new educational program for Soldiers, is a commander's program that revolutionizes education by providing distance learning opportunities anywhere, anytime across the Army.

eArmyU is developing educated, technologically skillful Soldiers for the current force while advancing Army distance learning in support of a global, customer-focused education plat-

form. At Fort Riley we are aggressively extending this educational program to a number of Soldiers stationed here, as well as to those preparing to mobilize to Iraq.

A key to the program's success, however, will be mentoring — other Soldiers leaders investing the time to encourage these young men and women as they juggle the great demands put on

them during this critical era in U.S. history as they attempt to advance their academic and professional careers at the same time.

As we all cheer for the K-State team during the upcoming football season, remember those who are sacrificing their lives to ensure that we enjoy a safe, secure community.

By becoming a mentor, you can play a vital role in supporting our Soldiers as they strive to further their education.

Through this strategic mentoring initiative we will track outcomes to determine which approaches to mentoring advance both personal and institutional goals.

Retention of quality Soldiers is key to the military's success and mission.

eArmyU has been instrumental in reaching the command's recruitment goal. However, enlisting is only the first half of the game.

The second half remains, and that is retaining and graduating the talent. Quality mentoring molds "blue-chippers," encouraging and creating a ripple effect.

What does it take to become a mentor?

It simply takes the desire to support any Soldier who is enrolled in the eArmyU program.

To sign up to become a mentor, send an email to eArmyU@riley.army.mil.

Criminal Behavior

Military shoplifting puts career at risk

By Amanda Glenn
AAFES

VICTORY BASE, Iraq — More than 120 soldiers were apprehended for shoplifting from Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities in Iraq between Jan. 1 and March 31. These shoplifting cases equated to more than \$34,000 of lost merchandise and an incalculable loss in integrity, careers and respect.

The worst part, according to David Drake, AAFES Iraq loss prevention area manager, is that most of the soldiers apprehended had enough money on hand to pay for the items they stole. They just didn't think they'd get caught.

"Most of our stores have some kind of surveillance, whether it's cameras, detectives or both," Drake said. "My estimation is that on any given day, we catch a tenth of the people who steal from AAFES. If you shoplift repeatedly, you will eventually get caught. I wonder if those soldiers ask themselves, if their military career is worth a one in 10 shot of getting caught?"

Drake and Baghdad Loss Prevention Manager Rich Cubbage said they have heard all kinds of reasons and excuses as to why soldiers steal, but the one they hear the most is, "I forgot I had it." "I was going to pay for it later," is another, said Cubbage, who has frequently caught more than one person a day. "I've detained everyone from privates to majors," he continued.

The things people steal make Cubbage and Drake raise their eyebrows. They said once they caught a coalition soldier who stole four pairs of gloves — each on separate occasions — but only the left-handed glove. Recently, it was light bulbs, Cubbage said. "They were stealing the light bulbs out of the mini-Mag-Lites. They left the flash light and stole the bulb," he explained.

"Even if someone only takes a part of the item, it's still shoplifting," Drake said. "Shoplifting," defined Drake, "is stealing any item or part of an item, or changing the price to pay less than it is marked."

When Drake, Cubbage or the many Loss Prevention Specialists throughout AAFES facilities

observe someone shoplift, they will watch the person until they exit the building. Then they will stop them, identify themselves, ask for an ID, explain why they stopped them and escort them to their office. There, they call the military police and wait for them to arrive and take control of the individual.

"We start our paperwork and for the most part, they sit quietly. Most realize it will make the situation worse if they get belligerent. But some do," Cubbage said. The Loss Prevention Specialist also explains the civil recovery act. "We charge all U.S. military and their supporters a \$200 fee per shoplifting incident. They can pay that on the spot, which some do, or they can make payments in an allotted amount of time," Drake said.

When the MPs arrive, they will take statements, recover the items and release individuals back to their unit for Uniform Code of Military Justice action.

Whatever action the unit takes, "they're going to lose a heck of a lot more in pay than what the item was worth. Add to that the loss of their career, and it's just not worth it," Drake said.

Cubbage listed their most shoplifted items as CDs, video games, electronics, DVDs, sunglasses and Soldier-accessory items like head wraps and Butt-stock ammunition holders.

In addition to the cameras and detectives, Cubbage said the locally hired workers also watch out for shoplifters. "We lock the high-ticket stuff up and train the entire work force to watch and ask questions," he said.

"AAFES gives all customers a chance to pay for merchandise. After they leave the store, it's too late. AAFES has a 100 percent prosecution rate. It's up to the military police to determine the reality of if they stole, not us," Cubbage said.

"We have to turn everyone in," Drake said.

Grunt By Wayne Udden



Riley Roundtable next week

The Post revives its Soldier, employee, family member opinion column next week with a new name: Riley Roundtable.

Staff members will be asking people around post their opinion on certain issues or their ideas for improving life at Fort Riley and in the Army.

But you don't have to wait for a staff member to ask your opinion. Next week's question will be: "If you could change one thing at Fort Riley, what would you change, and why?"

If you want to offer your suggestions for publication in the column, send your ideas in an e-mail to mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil. Include your complete name and a phone number so we can contact you if needed.

Mike Heronemus, editor

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Soldiers should watch language

By Bridgett Siter
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Fort Benning, Ga.

The other day I found myself in the waiting room of a post clinic, surrounded by Soldiers, including a young man with a very limited vocabulary. He was peppering his conversation with words that would make a Sailor blush.

I'd been there no more than five minutes when a civilian clerk leaned over the counter and barked at the young man. "Hey, you! You need to shut your mouth. Can't you see there's a lady present?"

I was reminded of another incident, relayed to me by a Soldier friend, who recently encountered a group of angry young female Soldiers in a local restaurant. Apparently they became belligerent when a diner at the next table objected to the language they were using within earshot of her child.

She asked them to "keep it down," and they retaliated, upped the volume and increased the frequency.

My Soldier friend, dining across the restaurant with his family, stepped in to diffuse the situation. He made an on-the-spot correction and took down their names and units. They were shocked, and the poor patron was grateful. But too late for the child, no doubt disillusioned, who will remember the behavior of the Soldiers in uniform long after he's forgotten the man who stepped in to straighten them out.

On-the-spot corrections were once practiced regularly by Soldiers who believed it was their responsibility to help maintain

the integrity of the uniform. It was drilled into them in basic training: "If your buddy's jacked up, square him away. If you don't do it, someone else will."

These days, few Soldiers seem willing to step outside their comfort zone outside the combat zone. On-the-spot corrections are definitely uncomfortable for everyone involved, including those who observe the situation from afar.

As the wife of a young Soldier, I used to cringe when my husband would get up from the table, cross the mall or heaven help us, stop the car to correct another Soldier for what I perceived to be minor infractions. "Who's it hurting if his headgear's on wrong?" I asked. Who cares if their music's too loud? Don't make a scene. Let someone else handle it.

These days, with the eyes of the world focused on America's military, I understand the importance of minding our manners, so to speak, here and abroad. Soldiers are ambassadors wherever they go, in uniform or in blue jeans, whether they're lunching with friends or launching an attack on terrorists.

If it's true the real measure of a man's character is his behavior when no one is watching, it follows that the measure of a Soldier's character is his behavior at home, at the clinic, at the restaurant or theater. And furthermore, the real measure of a Soldier's character is his willingness to speak out when the behavior of other Soldiers threatens to jeopardize the integrity of the uniform they wear.

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U.S., Korea reach accord for moving forces south

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The Department of Defense announced the latter part of July that South Korean and U.S. representatives finalized agreements to move all U.S. forces from the Seoul metropolitan area to the Pyongtaek area.

They reached that decision during the 10th round of the Future of the Alliance talks in Washington, D.C. The agreement fulfills a commitment made by President Bush and President Roh at their summit meeting in Washington in May 2003.

About 8,000 U.S. servicemembers serve in the Seoul metropolitan area.

The relocation of U.S. forces Seoul will be completed by December 2008.

U.S. and South Korean representatives also finalized amendments to the Land Partnership Plan that allow for the eventual relocation of the 2nd Infantry Division from its existing camps north of Seoul to enduring facilities in the Pyongtaek area, approximately 50 miles south of Seoul. A final decision on the timing of the 2nd Infantry Division move will be decided at a later date.

"This relocation agreement helps us meet our enduring commitment to the defense of Korea and to the security and stability of the region," said Richard Lawless, the U.S. deputy under secretary of defense for Asia Pacific affairs.

Pentagon launches transfer initiative

Operation Blue to Green invites Airmen, Sailors to switch service

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Sailors and Airmen may soon be able to "Go Army" under a new Defense Department program intended to rebalance the size of the military.

The program is generating new opportunities for continued service and career advancement for those willing to transfer into the Army from other services.

Under "Operation Blue to Green," the Army will reach out to Sailors and Airmen and underscore the advantages of swapping their present uniform for Army green.

"We admire everyone who serves in the nation's uniform," said Lt. Gen. "Buster" Hagenbeck, the Army's uniformed personnel chief, "but I know that anyone who looks closely at today's Army will find a lot to be excited about — we are growing, and we need experienced people to lead that transition."

The House and the Senate have shown an interest in hiking Army strength by perhaps tens of thousands over the next few years, although the final number has not yet been set, officials said.

At the same time, the Navy is planning a force reduction of 8,000 in fiscal 2005 and the Air Force plans to trim more than 20,000 during the same period.

When the shifts are done, officials said, Pentagon leaders are determined to see to it that the best people are still in uniform — even if that means a different uniform. They plan to achieve that outcome entirely by way of voluntary

choice.

Where necessary, the Army plans to use bonuses to stimulate the needed service transfers and to carefully guide the experience mix so that promotions stay strong.

The focus of the effort centers on grades E-1 through E-5, but other grades will be considered in meeting Army needs, officials said. For example, the Army will continue to have a sizable demand in areas that share much common ground with other services in knowledge, skill and ability. These include law enforcement, health care, communications and intelligence.

As an incentive to join the Army under Operation Blue to Green, bonuses are being offered to those who have skills that convert to the Army's most needed military occupational specialties.

Many specialties identical

"There are 120 Air Force specialty codes that will transfer into 37 Army MOSs, and the Navy has 112 ratings that will transfer into 42 Army MOSs," said Col. Norvel Dillard, chief of the Army's Enlisted Accessions Division. "Those are 'Job One,' but we're looking at others as well. We're also looking for officers, primarily junior officers."

Anyone who makes the shift would carry over all creditable active federal service and procedures will ensure that those migrating within the active force experience no break in service.

Hagenbeck said the program is being designed to make certain there is no break in service and no impact on Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits already "banked" by a member.

In the past few weeks, more than 1,000 Sailors and Airmen have checked out the Operation Blue to Green information on the Web and answered a questionnaire and indicated intent to transfer. Nearly three-fourths of those exploring the option say they are "very interested" or "ready to transfer."

The procedure is generally expected to operate like this:

The Army will first match its needs to the skills in other services. An outgrowth of that effort will be the identification of places where that audience is concentrated, so that an orientation team can be scheduled to visit that base. They would then meet with interested members and their families and explain the options.

Following a short presentation, one-to-one dialogue would be encouraged with team members on the spot — some from the Army's Recruiting Command, who can explain the mechanics of the program, and some from operational Army units eager to explain the Army today.

The Blue to Green Web link also is being expanded to include chat rooms.

"We are eager to tell our story," said Hagenbeck, "and we'll take whatever time a person needs to make a fully informed choice and to be comfortable with their decisions. ... We look forward to that dialogue."

Once a person's eligibility is confirmed, the losing service would be contacted to effect an agreement to release.

New service agreements would be drafted, and the Sailor or Airman would make the move. In many cases, they would carry a directly transferable skill. Otherwise, training in the new skill

would be scheduled as part of the move.

In order to qualify, the Sailor or Airman must be eligible for re-enlistment, must be physically fit and meet Army height and weight standards.

Transition, not boot camp

If the skill is transferable, the new Soldier would be scheduled for a new four-week Warrior Transition Course where he or she will be offered a curriculum that provides essential skills and abilities needed in their new service. Topics would include an orientation on organization, rank, uniform wear and career progression. The first WTC is scheduled to start in September at Fort Knox, Ky. It is planned as transition training, not boot camp, officials said.

Those transitioning to a new skill, particularly in combat-arms areas like special operations, would participate in the full range of developmental training to hone current talents and provide a new set of skills and abilities.

Officers would not attend WTC, but would normally attend training unique to their branch depending on their grade and experience, officials said.

Upon transfer, new Soldiers would be eligible to compete for promotion so long as they meet Army minimums, which can be years shorter than other services.

The Army's recruiting goal for the fiscal year 2005, which begins in October, is about 80,000. Of that number, the Army hopes to recruit at least 8,000 prior-service troops.

More information on Operation Blue to Green can be found at www.goarmy.com.

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Soldiers of the 568th Combat Support Equipment work on an earthen berm which will stand 8 feet tall once completed. The berm will surround a forward operating base training facility near the Outdoor Recreation Center. *Post/Heronemus*

after being commissioned, she said, but after experiencing the engineer work being done by the 568th CSE, the engineers might be a good option, too, she admitted.

Kirk's platoon has been in the field and tasked with building a forward operating base training facility across the road south of the Outdoor Recreation Center in the Camp Forsyth area.

Learning what a second lieutenant in an engineer unit does can be applied to what a second lieutenant does in any career field, Calzada said. "They (second lieutenants) must do the same kind of leading and rely on their Soldiers' expertise and knowledge (of the tasks being done)."

Calzada said one thing she has learned leaders must do is to talk first with their platoon sergeants

about problems. "You should never talk to the Soldiers first," she said.

One of the most interesting things Calzada said she's learned is how platoon sergeants and platoon leaders communicate. "How well they communicate is the key for success," she said.

Another key rule, she said, is to take care of her Soldiers so they can do their job. "I know that it is the NCOs that make everything happen," Calzada said. "As a leader, I have to take care of them and supervise."

Especially with the engineers Calzada has been training with at Fort Riley, safety always takes a front seat in the leader's mind, she said as Kirk nodded her head affirmatively. "You must plan well and make sure safety comes first," Calzada emphasized.

Tele-training saves money

Soldiers attend advancement courses on post

By Amanda Wiltse
KSU intern

Fort Riley will save more than \$100,000 by conducting video tele-training for the first phases of Basic Noncommissioned Officers and Advanced Noncommissioned Officers courses at the Digital Training Facility on Custer Hill.

This is a new program for Fort Riley. Before, Soldiers would have to travel to other locations, such as Fort Benning, Ga., for 13 weeks to conduct their training, said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Gentry, an instructor for the program.

Before the tele-training was offered at Fort Riley, it cost about \$1,000 for each Soldier to travel to other posts to take this course, said Digital Training Facility Manager Kyle Carroll. That cost included food, lodging and travel expenses.

The training has been under way since July 11 and will end Oct. 8, time enough for all eligible Soldiers to be trained before their next deployment, Carroll said.

Thirty Soldiers enrolled in the first Phase I training for the Basic Noncommissioned Offi-

cers Course; 11 soldiers enrolled in the Phase I course for the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course. Both training periods last two weeks, Gentry said.

Some of the material that the Soldiers will cover during their training include risk assessment, how to set up training management and physical fitness, Gentry said.

The video tele-training course is taught at the Fort Riley Digital Training Facility by an instructor with the Nebraska National Guard located at Camp Ashland, Neb. The video of the instructor at Camp Ashland is projected on a television screen in a classroom for the Soldiers at Fort Riley. The video of the Soldiers in the classroom is simultaneously transmitted to a television monitor with the instructor at Camp Ashland.

It's a great program because the Soldiers can have face to face contact with an instructor that is in Nebraska, Carroll said.

However, at least one of the students did not have the same opinion of the class. Sgt. 1st Class Carlton Howard said that he found the class impersonal. He said the quality of the video sometimes makes it difficult for

the instructor to see if the students are comprehending the information being taught.

"It's hard because we are tested over material that we don't understand. The instructor can't see our faces well enough to know if we're frustrated," Howard said.

The training begins at 5:30 a.m. with physical training and then the Soldiers take classes via video from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Some Soldiers don't end their day at 5 p.m. Staff Sgt. Kevin White said he downloaded the software needed for the class onto his own computer and will work for about an hour and a half each night at home reviewing his lessons.

Even though White has to do homework, he said he's glad the class is taking place at Fort Riley so that he can spend more time with his wife and two young boys after class.

Fort Riley Soldiers will still have to travel when they pursue Phase II of their training.

The Phase II courses are not available at Fort Riley. It is offered at academies on posts around the country and Soldiers must travel to those posts to receive their military occupation skill-specific training.

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A line of sunflowers seemingly out of place among prairie grasses may indicate the edge of a gully that could damage vehicles accidentally driven into it.

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Left unchecked, the erosion can create gullies that obstruct training and present a safety hazard. The eroded soil may be deposited in streams and water courses, causing off-site pollution problems, he said.

Soil must remain stable and production in order to sustain military training on Fort Riley, according to ITAM's staff.

ITAM's primary goal is to provide Fort Riley Soldiers with the safest, most realistic training "classroom" possible, said Phil Woodford, ITAM coordinator. Range management and sustainability plans look five, 10 and even 50 years ahead.

"Training on the range is one of the most important tools we can give our Soldiers," said Garrison Commander Col. John Simpson. "It is the closest thing to a real combat situation we can offer. We must keep the range in good shape for successful training maneuvers."

Troubled areas of the range are identified in several ways, Cales

said. Soldiers who train can give locations of trenches and gullies by noting map coordinates or using Geographic Positioning System devices. GPS is used to locate sites via satellite photos. Cales monitors high-traffic training areas and areas that are prone to recurring problems.

"Fort Riley is ahead of other posts when it comes to sustaining the range," Woodford said. "We are creating a database that will help us identify and examine areas with recurring issues."

Problems prioritized

Cales prioritizes areas identified for improvement. Correcting the problem could be as simple as lightly grading an area, seeding new grass or applying mulch, he said, but the process is often much more complicated and involves a cooperative effort between several offices.

"This entire process is a great example of inter-agency cooperation," Woodford said. "We have ITAM, NRCS, Public Works,

Kansas State University, the Corps of Engineers and many other groups working together on a daily bases."

Cales said an area will often need to be completely reshaped by flattening the slope of the gully walls. This practice stabilizes the channel, removes the safety hazard and prepares the site for seeding.

Stone riprap walls are used to shape channels if storm water cannot be safely diverted or if vegetation cannot be established because of heavy training loads. Grading and shaping consists of filling abandoned excavations and leveling ruts, Cales said.

Some gullies and trenches are so deep it is not cost effective to reshape them. If possible, diversions, such as dead trees and limbs, are used to fill the area and keep Soldiers and equipment out, he said.

In addition to trenches and gullies that can swallow Humvees and Bradleys, deep holes in the range result from foxholes that

have washed out. Sometimes these holes, which appear to be simple mud puddles, can be 3 or more feet deep.

"If a Soldier was to walk off into a hole like that, there would be an injury," Cales said. "Who hasn't stepped into a puddle? The person next to you could walk right through, in just inches of water. That's the danger."

"Safety of the Soldier is our top concern," Simpson said. "Training accidents can and unfortunately do happen. It is our job to do whatever we can to identify problems and take care of it before the Soldier is out there training."

The key to successfully improving the areas of the range that have been damaged is using materials that are available and natural to Fort Riley for repairs without inhibiting the training of Soldiers, Simpson and the ITAM staff agreed.

In the past, "We were having problems with the ditches getting tore up and creating a lot of run-off," Cales said. "We tried to plow

the ditches so Soldiers would stay out of them. We tried to put in barricades to keep vehicles out. No matter what we did the ditches were getting used because they provide good cover during maneuvers.

"Now, instead of trying to alter the behavior or tactics during training, we are going with it. We rock the ditches to prevent the run-off and allow the vehicles to safely travel that way."

Program successful

The land rehabilitation and maintenance program has been successful, Cales insisted. In 2003, six hardened low-water stream crossings were completed and 32,448 linear feet of gully stabilization was installed, he said.

Also, the post built seven hardened approaches, repaired 38,700 linear feet of erosion, completed 12,760 linear feet of graded diversions, replanted 65 acres of land and repaired maneuver damage on 4.2 acres of the training area, including 25 abandoned defilades,

Cales said. In addition to the soil damage, the ITAM staff monitors the soil displacement. Maintaining the appropriate levels of soil and sediment entering the water supply is an important part of every maintenance plan, he said.

Planning and placing waterway crossings is as imperative to training successfully as is gully repair. Without the proper crossing, vehicles can easily get stuck and create new trenches, Cales pointed out.

ITAM also is establishing an extensive test plot for native Kansas grasses. The plot will be used to determine which grasses help best to prevent run-off and resist damage, he said.

"Sometimes it seems like a never-ending process. Well, it is a never-ending process," Cales said. "But it is worth keeping after, for sure. The work that I am doing can prevent a Soldier from being injured, and that's what it is all about."

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Sports news in brief

Post slates golf tourney

The 2004 Fort Riley Battalion Level Golf Tournament will be played Aug. 7-8 at the Custer Hill Golf Course.

Each battalion commander may enter one men's team and one women's team consisting of five players each.

Tournament entrants will play 36 holes of stroke play. The top four scores of each team will be counted toward the team championship.

A roster of battalion team members with approximate handicaps must be sent to the sports office by close of business Aug. 3.

Participants who are not monthly or yearly members of Custer Hill Golf Course must pay green fees each day of play.

For more information, call 239-3945.

ITR offers Wildcat tickets

The Information, Ticketing and Registration office at Fort Riley is selling discount tickets for Fort Riley Day at Kansas State University Sept. 11, when the Wildcats play Fresno State.

Tickets for soldiers, their families and Department of the Army civilians cost \$19.

For more information, call Teresa Mayes at 239-5614.

Golf course activities:

Aug. 7 — First 18 Holes of "Club" Handicap Tournament. Handicap is determined by posted scores in Golfprac.

Aug. 8 — Final 18 Holes of "Club" Handicap Tournament. For more information, call Custer Hill Golf Course at 784-6000.

Fitness activities:

Aug. 2 — 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., aerobics at King Field House

Aug. 5 — 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., aerobics at King Field House

For more information, call 239-2813.

Royals plan military day

The Kansas City Royals will host the third annual Military Appreciation Day Aug. 21, at Kauffman Stadium. The baseball game begins at 6:05 p.m.

Pre-game events include a ceremony honoring all military branches, static military displays, military flyovers and the posting of the colors by Fort Riley Soldiers recently redeployed from Iraq.

Discounted tickets ranging from \$6 to \$12 are available for Soldiers and family members at the Information, Ticketing and Registration office at Fort Riley.

Concessions at the game will cost \$1.

For more information on the events, call Sgt. John Edwards at (816) 318-0007, ext. 2610. To buy tickets, call ITR at 239-5614 or 239-4415.

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Runner Rush



Runners start the two-mile Prairie Run at Fort Riley July 24. Competitors also ran 10-mile and 5-mile races. Post/Blackmon

Michigan man wins 10-mile Prairie Run

Staff report

Pouring rain and unseasonably cool temperatures did not keep runners from the annual 10-, five- and two-mile Prairie Runs July 24 at Fort Riley. Nearly 150 participants competed in the three races.

Luke Williams of Wayland, Mich., won the overall men's 10-mile race with a time of 55:16. Trisha Culbertson of Manhattan won the overall women's 10-mile race with a time of 62:05.

Kipchuba Rogers of Manhattan, took first place overall in the men's five-mile race, finishing in 26:35. Fort Riley's Jody Weierholt won the women's overall five-mile title with a time of 29:22.

Ray Doffney of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) won the men's overall two-mile race with a time of 14:32. The overall female winner was Jocelyn Aguilar of Fort Riley, who ran the two-mile race in 16:49.

Age group winners in the races were:

2-mile race 12 and under
Male: Greyson Rogers, Fort Riley, 16:30
Female: Jocelyn Aguilar, Fort Riley, 16:49

13-17 years
Female: Kelsey Williams, Wayland, Mich., 18:04

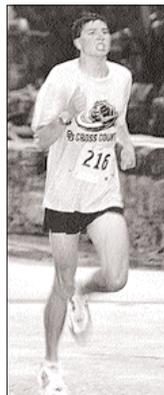
18-25 years
Male: Ray Doffney, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 14:32
Female: Kari Goylar, Manhattan, 21:23

26-35 years
Male: Ryan Rogers, 1st Bn., 383rd TSB, 17:36
Female: Ines Corbet, Fort Riley, 17:30

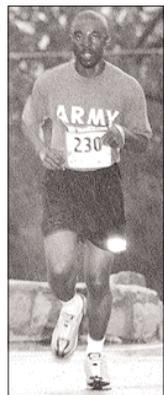
36-45 years
Male: Donald Peters, 23:58
Female: Tracy Jordan, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 17:21

5-mile race 17 and under
Male: Daniel Bredenstein, Milford, 31:04
Female: Tiesha Scipio, Fort Riley, 48:20

18-25 years
Male: Kipchuba Rogers, Manhattan, 26:35



Ray Doffney of Wayland, Mich., finishes the 10-mile Prairie Run in 55:16. Post/Blackmon



Ray Doffney of 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) nears the finish line of the 2-mile Prairie Run July 24. With a time of 14:32, Doffney finished nearly two minutes ahead of the overall second-place finisher, Greyson Rogers of Fort Riley. Post/Blackmon

Female: Brook Brenner, Hopkins, Mich., 34:03

26-35 years
Male: Brett Butler, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 29:06
Female: Jody Weierholt, Fort Riley, 29:22

36-45 years
Male: Paul Nakasone, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 36:42
Female: Cindy Zumbrunn, Chapman, 37:38

46-55 years
Male: Dennis E. Hardy, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 37:16
Female: Wendy Black, Junction City, 48:12

10-mile race 17 years and under
Male: Ian Silovsky, Milford, 64:41
Female: "Gus" (Augusta) Newmeyer, Clay Center, 69:38

18-25 years
Male: Luke Williams, Wayland, Mich., 55:16
Female: Trisha Culbertson, Manhattan, 62:05

26-35 years
Male: Michael Adams, 3rd Bde., 75th Div. (TS), 59:50
Female: Susan Chase, Manhattan, 69:42

36-45 years
Male: Joseph Aguilar, 937th Eng. Grp., 62:51
Female: Cathryn Cabrey, Fort Riley, 79:02

46-55 years
Male: Mark Moore, Green, 67:34
Female: Barbara Johnson, Abilene

56 years and over
Male: Geoffrey Moss, Danbury, Conn., 94:36
Female: Donna Romans, Kansas City, Mo., 87:16

Nunn earns Athens berth

Soldier takes second place in 20K trials

By Tim Hips

Army News Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Army's John Nunn earned an Olympic berth July 17, with a second-place finish in the 20-kilometer race walk in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team Trials held at Sacramento State University.

Nunn, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., completed the early morning trek in 1 hour, 26 minutes and 23 seconds.

The U.S. Air Force's Kevin Eastler, a missile combat crew commander stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., also made Team USA for the Athens Games by finishing third in 1:28.49.

New York Athletic Club's Tim Seaman, a three-time national champion and U.S. record-holder in the event, won the race in 1:25.40.

Around the 11-kilometer mark, Nunn pulled away from fourth-place finisher Curt Clausen of NYAC.

"I sensed when Curt fell off of me that if I could just hold this pace, there was a good chance that I could finish in the top three," said Nunn, who later passed Eastler. "When I went by Kevin, he said, 'I just don't have it today. It's just not working.' At that point, I said to myself, 'I've got it.'"

"It doesn't actually hit you until you've finished the race," Nunn said about earning a trip to Athens. "I was getting a little excited with less than two kilometers to go and with one kilometer left, my arms started to cramp up. I just tried to relax."

Nunn said he tried everything in his power to catch Seaman. When he realized the leader was out of reach, Nunn's thoughts turned to his family waiting at the finish line. His father, Les, a retired Air Force captain and mother, Jeanie, were there, with his wife, Leah, and their 5-month-old daughter, Ella.

"I definitely couldn't have done this without my wife," said Nunn, 26, of Evansville, Ind. "She's my biggest supporter and she's made a lot of sacrifices over the last four years. She's been the ultimate team player."

Nunn also applauded his extended family in the Army World Class Athlete Program.

"WCAP has bent over backwards with giving me the opportunity to chase my dream and to help make it a reality," he said. "I can't thank them enough."

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Baltimore oriole sings in Fort Riley woods



Carla Hurlbert

By Carla Hurlbert
Fish and Wildlife Biologist

The Baltimore oriole (*Icterus galbula*) returned to Fort Riley in the spring. Males can be heard in many areas as they constantly whistle short, individualized flute-like songs.

By mid-May, most orioles have mated, which means fewer individuals singing. However, many first-year birds will continue to sing late into

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the season until they migrate in August.

The oriole's song is flute-like, a low "heew li." The song is whistled in single or double notes in short, distinct phrases with much individual variation.

The Baltimore oriole ranges from southern Canada to the Eastern and Central United States during the sum-

mer. During the winter, they migrate from southern Mexico to Colombia and Venezuela. Sometimes they can be found in southeastern Canada and the eastern United States.

Baltimore orioles started moving westward and expanding their range as European settlers created suitable habitat by planting trees on their farms. With the advent of modern

agriculture and the plowing of the prairies, Baltimore orioles have continued to expand west along streams and rivers.

Fort Riley's many wooded areas provide the suitable habitat that attracts these birds.

The Baltimore oriole is also known as the northern oriole. The northern oriole is the Baltimore oriole and the western Bullock's (*Icterus bullockii*)

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Umpire Rick Doll watches the play at second, then decides the throw to Derek Popp of 2nd Bn., 34th Armor and subsequent tag on the 924th Military Police Battalion's Michael Walter came to late. He called Walter safe in the battalion level slow-pitch softball game July 22. Post/Blackmon

Six teams book undefeated week of play

Staff report

Six Fort Riley teams went undefeated in battalion and company level softball July 20 and 22. In battalion play, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, won its double header against 70th Engineer Battalion, 22-4 and 14-9 July 22. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, defeated the 977th Military Police Company, 19-8 July 20 and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 14-5. The MEDDAC team defeated Co. B and Co. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, July 22. The Medics smoked the two teams, 29-1 and 12-3, respectively. Co. A, 1st Bn., 13th Armor, won its three games. The Tankers defeated the 300th MP Bn., 11-10, and Co. B, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 11-8 on July 20. They defeated Detachment D, 15th Personnel Services Battalion, 18-10 July 22. The HHC, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), company team crushed HHC, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, 27-5 July 20 and defeated Co. B and Co. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 9-4 and 16-8, respectively, on July 22. In company-level play July 22, Co. C, 70th Engineer Bn. defeated Co. B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 15-8, and were credited with a forfeit win from HHC, 937th Eng. Bn. The 596th Signal Company team fell to Co. B and Co. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 4-12 and 1-8, respectively. In other games July 20: The 342nd MP Co. defeated HHC, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 17-5. The 977th MP Co. beat the 300th MPs, 16-12 but lost to Co. B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 7-13. HHC, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, defeated Co. B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor 24-15. The 924th MPs lost their first game to 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 3-5, but came back to win the second game 8-6. Service Btry., 4th Bn., 1st FA, forfeited to Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, and HHC, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor.

Officer calls on friends, family, others for soccer gear to build Iraqi goodwill

By Blair Larson
Army News Service

MOSUL, Iraq — A civil affairs officer in northern Iraq is providing young people there with the equipment they need to pursue the popular sport of soccer. Capt. Alex Fyfe of the 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, said soccer has given him the opportunity to touch the lives of many local Iraqi children. Fyfe started the project in March while he was at a meeting with local village mayors. One mayor said his village could use sports equipment. Fyfe had often seen children playing soccer on dirt fields with bare feet and improvised balls. Seeing an opportunity to help, Fyfe talked to his high school soccer coaches and friends in Rocky Point, N.Y., to see if they could donate some used soccer equipment. The response was overwhelming. What began as an inquiry to a few friends spread through word of mouth until people Fyfe didn't even know were sending boxes filled with uniforms, balls, shoes and school supplies. The children love getting these gifts, Fyfe said, and the looks on their faces prove the message is getting through. Soldiers may not speak the same language as Iraqi children but smiles and laughter are universally understood.

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Irwin muscleman sets lift records

By Jan Clark
IACH

Ten-plus years of competitive weight lifting experience paid off June 25 and 26 for Larry Fenti of Irwin Army Community Hospital. Fenti won the 220- to 242-pound weight class at the Amateur Athletic Union Military Nationals at Little Rock, Ark. Fenti bench pressed 461 pounds and set records in the squat with a lift of 677 1/2 pounds and in the dead lift with 671 pounds. He lifted a total weight of 1,809 pounds to claim the title. Fenti advanced to the nationals

after winning the Kansas State meet, the Kansas State Regionals and the Natural Nationals during the past year. IACH's Timothy Siebel placed third in the 198- to 219-pound weight class. Siebel had only participated in one previous competition. The nationals brought 69 competitors representing Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine organizations around the world. Their performances in the nationals qualify both Soldiers for the All World's Powerlifting and International Bench competition scheduled for Dec. 3-5 in Laughlin, Nev.



Larry Fenti (right) holds the award he won in the powerlifting competition the end of June in Little Rock, Ark. Timothy Siebel placed third in his weight category during the Amateur Athletic Union Military Nationals.

IACH/Clark

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combined into a single species. When the two species extended their ranges and met, they interbred. It was found that most birds in the central plains were hybrids. Now it seems that in some places the birds are choosing mates of their own type, and they are considered separate species again. The male Baltimore is the only oriole with a fully black hood and back with orange in the tail. The rump, breast and shoulder patch are flaming orange. Females have an olive-brown back with burnt orange and yellow under parts and two dull white wing bars. The Baltimore oriole was named after Lord Baltimore of the 17th century, whose coat of arms displayed the same colors. The early settlers named the bird in his honor. Baltimore orioles prefer deciduous woodlands and large shade trees. Before the tree's decline, the American elm was a favorite nesting site for the eastern bird. Orioles spend much of their time in the dense foliage of shade trees, gleaning insects from the leaves and twigs. Caterpillars are an important food source, usually making up more than 33 percent of the total diet. The bird has been known to eradicate local infestations of orchard tent caterpillars. Moths, beetles, ants, bugs, scale insects, aphids and woodborers are among other food insects. Wild fruit, garden peas and flower nectar are also consumed. Nectar feeders and oranges cut in half attract orioles to feeding stations. The nest is a hanging pouch that is tightly woven of plant fibers, strips of bark, grapevines, grass, yarn and string, plant down and hair. The nest is very resilient but will not be used a second time. The female lays four to six white eggs with dark blotches. They hatch in 12 to 14 days and the young leave the nest in about two weeks. They will have only one brood per season. In mid-August, about two weeks before they migrate south, the birds' song can be heard, especially in the early morning.

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Nunn said representing the Army would make the trip to Greece extra meaningful. "It gives me a bigger sense of pride than just representing the country," he said. "I went to sergeant's school and met guys who had either come back from Iraq or were going over to Iraq. That kind of put some things in real perspective about the opportunity that I've been given within the Army, and that I am obviously still a Soldier first and at any point in time could go when called." Nunn also senses a need to represent race walkers, a misunderstood group of athletes who use different sets of muscle groups than runners, with one foot always touching the ground. "It's an oxymoron," explained Nunn, who never has drawn more than one red flag in a race. "You're trying to keep one foot on the ground at all times and landing the foot with a straight leg. With running, you're working

your quads and calves by pushing and pumping. With walking, it's all reverse; it's your hamstrings and shins. "All the while, you're trying to walk as fast as you can, getting down well under seven minutes a mile. It takes a long time to get used to it." Nunn began race walking as a youngster with his family but said he "despised" the sport. After playing basketball his freshman year of high school in Indiana, he began running on the track. He eventually rediscovered race walking and earned a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Nunn's appreciation for race walking skyrocketed when he began beating runners on a regular basis. "Some of the road runners get upset and some of them realize it's really not a joke," he said. With a straight face, Nunn predicted that he'd need outside help

to reach the Olympic podium Aug. 20 when he competes against the world's best. "I think it would have to be on my best day and everyone else's worst day," he said. "It's going to be extremely tough with my personal-best of 1:22:31. The top person in the world is walking 1:17, so they are going well under

four-minute [per kilometer] pace. I'm just hoping that I'm well in the middle of the group." Nunn trains with Seaman and Clausen at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif. Tim Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support System.

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Fort Riley Community Life

Community news briefly

BOSS plans talent show

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program is looking for talented and not so talented people for the 2004 BOSS Talent Show. A three-minute act is all this is required to enter. For more information, call 239-8147 or visit with your unit's BOSS representative.

U.S. Soldier Show coming

The 2004 U.S. Army Soldier show takes the stage at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 and at 2 and 7 p.m. Sept. 15, at McCain Auditorium on the Kansas State University campus. Nineteen of the Army's most talented Soldiers perform in a high-energy family-friendly music and dance production guaranteed to amaze and move anyone in the audience. Admission is free. For more information, call 239-6398.

Crafts center sets classes

Aug. 1 — 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together
Aug. 2 — 9:30 a.m., quilting workshop - Split Rail Lap Quilt
Aug. 2 — 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., pottery class
Aug. 2 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., woodworking safety orientation (required to use woodworking equipment)
Aug. 2 — 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross-stitch
Aug. 4 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., woodworking safety orientation (required to use woodworking equipment)
Aug. 5 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., mold pouring orientation
For more information, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 239-9205.

Prayer group plans to meet

A prayer group will meet on Tuesday mornings in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel starting Aug. 3. The group will meet from 5:30 to 6:10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Don Ericson, director of Religious Education, at 239-0979.

BOSS slates activities:

Aug. 7 — Royals baseball trip, KC Royals vs. Anaheim. For more information, call 239-8147 or visit with your unit's BOSS representative.

Baby-sitting class slated

Red Cross will conduct a course Aug. 7 at building 5800 for youth ages 11 and older who are interested in baby-sitting. Youth must be 12 years old to be placed on the babysitter referral list. Cost for the class is \$10 and prior registration is required. To register, call Central Enrollment Registration at 239-9478.

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Families enjoy night

Rally Point program draws hundreds for fun

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

Rally Point offers a family movie night every Friday evening, from 5 to 8 p.m., featuring a "G" rated movie and dancing for the children. Admission is free and the pizza

buffet costs \$5.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children. Drinks are included. "This is wonderful because there's not much to do in this area that's geared toward families," said Angeliner Parlor. "This is a really good idea they had." The movie usually lasts an

hour to 90 minutes, according to Mike Steffens, Rally Point general manager, although he has been known to cut it short if the children appear to be losing interest. The night's main attraction, he claims, is the dance.

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Beverly Rachelcau and Rosi Tunney enjoy a Friday evening out with their kids at the Rally Point family movie night, July 23rd.

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For love of it



Coaches Jason Shepherd (left), Tim Hanson (center) and Kevin Doheny point out the Expos' good and bad plays after a game in the Manhattan Parks and Rec-sponsored youth baseball league. The three Fort Riley Soldiers volunteered their services in Manhattan because they wanted to pass on their love of the game to youngsters. There were no Fort Riley teams that needed coaches.

Post/Blackmon

'Game Sergeants' coach youth players

By April Blackmon
Staff writer



Expos' coaches Kevin Doheny (left) and Tim Hanson talk with Dakota Thorton between innings.

Post/Blackmon

The Expos received a little baseball help from the Army this year. Staff Sgt. Jason Shepherd, Sgt. Kevin Doheny and Spc. Tim Hanson with the 19th Public Affairs Detachment volunteered to coach the Manhattan-based youth baseball team. All three Soldiers profess to be avid baseball fans, and they decided to share their love and knowledge of the game with the 13- and 14-year-old players. "I thought it'd be a great experience for me, having never really played baseball or coached before. It was an opportunity not only to learn the game of baseball, but to work with some of the kids and the local community as well," Shepherd said. "Basically, my time playing is over, but teaching the game, I have plenty more years in my life to be able to do that," Doheny said. "I used to coach and thought it would be fun to get back into it," Hanson said. "Being able to see the kids mature as baseball players puts a smile on my face." The three Soldiers looked for a team on Fort Riley first, but no coaching slots were available. They called Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department and found a team in need of coaches. "I really wanted to coach this season, and it was odd that there was just one position left ... for us," Doheny said. The Expos' season ran from June through July. Although

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Blood drive needs donors

Nation faces summertime shortages

Special to the Post

Fort Riley Soldiers, employees and family members can help ease a national shortage of blood by participating in the Red Cross blood drive in August. The blood drive is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 17 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 18 at King Field House, building 202, on Custer Avenue.

Red Cross officials claim the severe shortage of blood this summer has caused cancellations of some surgery scheduled for patients in the northeastern United States.

Irwin Army Community Hospital uses an average of 12 to 14 units of blood each month, said Jan Clark, hospital spokeswoman.

Red Cross officials for the region where Fort Riley is located said they expect to see a continued decline in blood donations in August. Blood donations at Fort Riley are used in hospitals throughout the region, not just on post.

The process of donating blood takes about an hour. The actual blood drawing lasts about seven minutes. Blood donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health the day they donate blood.

Red Cross officials recommend eating healthy meals and drinking plenty of water before and after donating blood.

Everyone who comes in to donate blood during the Fort Riley drive will receive a free T-shirt.

"The beginning of July marked a turning point as blood supplies nationwide were at their lowest point of the year with most of the country falling below a two-day supply and many places below a



American Red Cross

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Osbornes visit Soldiers wounded in Iraq

USO sponsors family's trip to Walter Reed Army Medical Center wards

By Michael E. Dukes
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne visited wounded Operation Iraqi Freedom servicemembers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center July 21 to tell them they are thankful for

their sacrifices and bravery. The entertainers spent four hours in the hospital talking with and listening to the war stories of about 30 Soldiers, Airmen and Marines. Some explained how their recovery was going, while others told Ozzy how they've loved his music for as long as they could

remember. Nearly all of them knew Sharon from the "The Osbournes" on MTV; those who did not told her that their mothers were big fans of her "Sharon Osbourne Show." When Marine Cpl. Kevin Rumley spoke with Ozzy, his first question was about the singer's tattoos. "Which ones did you do

yourself?" he asked. Ozzy quickly pointed to a few on his left forearm and hand. The Marine showed his tattoos and asked the rock star if he would autograph his arm. "I'm gonna get it made into a tattoo," he said with grin. Ozzy replied, "Really? That's cool man."

Another long-time fan, Spc. Kevin Pannell, said in school he made a drawing of Ozzy's large dragon tattoo. When he asked if he could see the tattoo, Ozzy pulled his shirt up to his chin, exposing a blue dragon that was looking over his shoulder.

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King leaves behind leadership legacy

Fort Riley employee moves into retirement after 38 years in uniform, as civil servant

By Janice McCall,
648th ASG

Retired Col. Patricia King hangs up her second pair of Army boots Aug. 1, when she retires from her civil service job with Fort Riley's G3 Mobilization staff.

That retirement culminates 38 years of Army service.

King began her Army career in 1966 as a lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps. She retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1997 and leaves federal civil service after turning 60 July 13.

Her story reminds female Soldiers today of the debt of gratitude owed her and the other women who opened the doors of opportunity. Her career stands as a reminder of the proud heritage all female Soldiers share.

King's Army and federal service career spans 38 years, from 1966 to 2004. She has served at Fort Riley the past 20 years.

King joined the Army at age 22 after finishing college at Southwest Missouri State University and earning a degree in music education, piano.

She received a direct commis-

sion and spent six months in the Officer Basic Course at Fort McClellan, Ala. Women couldn't get into ROTC at that time, so they either went through Officer Candidate School or received a direct commission.

"A lot of girls were joining the Army at that time. We were fresh out of college and on an adventure," King said about her decision to join.

After graduating from the officer basic course, King stayed on as an instructor for a year and a half.

She then spent two years on recruiting duty at the Oklahoma Main Recruiting Station. From there she went to Fort Hood to become commander of the WAC company.

Members of the Women's Army Corps didn't have designated military job specialties. They were just "WACs," so when they were integrated they were asked what you were best suited for.

"I said, 'probably adjutant general, but I don't want to do that.' I want to be military police officer," King said.

"I was assigned as commander of the WAC company at Fort Hood, Texas," King explained

about her choice for the Military Police Corps.

"At that time there were no women MPs, but the rules were that whenever the MPs needed to interview a woman they had to have another woman present. So, I had the chance to work with and see what the MPs did. I thought it would be interesting," she said.

King met her husband, Charles, while stationed at Fort Hood. He was an agent with the Criminal Investigation Division.

"With a company of 300 women, I had plenty of exposure to CID. The highlight was, as senior female officer (other than nurses), I was once called upon to escort Jane Fonda off the installation," King recalled.

Once released from active duty in 1970, King joined the Reserves, married Charles and moved to Fort Wainwright, Alaska. She served with RCPAC from 1970-1976, and then took command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st USAWAC Battalion, at Fort Belvoir, Va., in December 1976.

In October 1978, she became the race relations and equal opportunity officer for the 220th MP Brigade in Gaithersburg, Md.



An avid horsewoman since her younger years (as shown in this photo), Pat King vows to continue riding her six horses as long as she is able. Family photo

Less than a year later her husband was transferred to Germany and King became the MP liaison officer between the U.S. Army Europe provost marshal and 4th Transportation Command.

"When we returned from Germany, I worked for the Fort Riley provost marshal as the MP mobilization planner and eventually as individual mobilization augmentation deputy provost marshal,

1st Infantry Division," King said.

King started working as a Fort Riley civilian employee in 1984 and went on to serve in the Reserves as the assistant regional military emergency coordinator for Headquarters, Fifth U.S. Army, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VII.

King pinned on her eagle rank in 1993 and became the Installation Management Agency com-

mander for USACIDC District, Fort Bragg, N.C., in 1995. She held that position until she retired from the Army in 1997.

After her long career, King said her attention will focus on her six horses. "I intend to continue to ride as long as I can. My neighbor is in her eighties and still rides. She is my role model."

Other than that, "I might even clean house!" King said.

King recalls service in Women's Army Corps



Family photo Pat King as she appeared early in her military career.

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Spec. Leopold Pedraza showed the Osbournes how his myoelectric prosthetic arm worked and how he could rotate the hand 360 degrees.

Ozzy was fascinated by the technology, asking if the Soldier was getting good at using his "bionic" arm.

Pedraza said he was making progress but had been told it would be a little time before he could wield the prosthesis with proficiency for normal daily tasks.

Besides the OIF patients, the Osbournes visited two teenage oncology patients on the hospital's pediatric ward and an 18-year-old girl in the intensive care unit. She has a congenital heart defect.

The Osbournes said they enjoyed their visit to Walter Reed and they look forward to stopping by in the future if they are in the area.

The visit to Walter Reed was part of a USO program that has brought nearly 100 celebrities to the hospital during the past two years to help cheer the spirits of recovering servicemembers.

Michael Dukus works for the Walter Reed Public Affairs Office.

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Question: Would you prefer to have the women integrated or separate?

Answer: Integrated to a degree. We have a good balance now with so many opportunities for women. My daughter, Capt. Cayla Slusher, is the commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, at Fort Riley.

Q: Were the WAC units more cohesive?

A: There was a different support structure in place that you don't always get with the units today. Units with only a few women can create problems. I get upset with women who use their gender as a way of getting around or out of work. Women shouldn't get preferred treatment. As a woman Soldier, you still have to be yourself. I couldn't command the same way a man did anymore than one man can command like another.

Q: Were their limits on the highest rank a woman could achieve when you entered the service?

A: Colonel was the highest, and that was reserved for the director of the Women's Army Corps.

Q: Were black women segregated from whites?

A: Not in my day. Originally the women entered service in 1942 as Women's Army Auxiliary Corps members. On July 1, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill to discontinue the WAAC, and in its place was the Women's Army Corps, with Col. Oveta Culp Hobby as director.

Note: Lt. Col. Charly Adams Riley was the first black officer in the U.S. Women's Army Corps and commander of the only unit of black American women to serve

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overseas during World War II. In 1942, she entered a segregated unit in the newly formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Early led commanded the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion in Europe during World War II. The all-black, 850-member female unit was stationed in Birmingham, England, and later Rouen, France, to expedite the delivery of mail and packages to Soldiers on the front lines.

Q: Were your instructors all male?

A: No, in fact they were all female. I remember one sergeant drill instructor who could make the word "lieutenant" sound like the dirtiest word in the English language.

Q: Were you required to take classes in makeup and grooming?

A: Oh yes, they were very sensitive to the fact that we represented the Army and we were still women. We couldn't wear pants off post and we were not permitted to ride on motorcycles. In the morning formation, if your hair wasn't done just right, the first sergeant would send you back to the barracks to redo it.

You know, as a young lieutenant you thought a lieutenant colonel was a God. One day while I was at Fort McClellan, I went to the beauty shop just off post to get my hair cut. There was a lieutenant colonel under one of those old hair dryers you would pull down over your head. When the beautician finished cutting my

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hair the lieutenant colonel raised the hair dryer and said, "Lieutenant, that's too short." Oh, they were very serious.

Q: What was the reaction of men you met when they found out you were in the Army?

A: Most were in the Army. One of the things I noticed when I first came in was you had to be a little bit better than the men you worked with. Then you were recognized and accepted, no problem. Later, upon first meeting, there was always the underlying question, "Did she make it because she was female or did she earn it?"

Q: How many different women's uniforms have there been during your 38 years? What was your favorite?

A: There have been too many to count. My favorite was always the Mess Dress.

Q: What was the uniform when you first joined?

A: A mint green skirt and blouse, class B. The PT uniform was blue blouse and blue shorts. To get to the PT field from the barracks you had a blue skirt that wrapped around the shorts.

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Fatigues were not issued to the women, so we had to sign them out when we went to do field problems and then turn them in because they were not feminine.

Q: What was the first weapon you fired and when? Do you have a favorite weapon?

A: The first was the M1 and it probably wasn't until I went through the MP Officer Advanced Course. My favorite is the 9 mm. I'm not bad with a pistol, but I'm real good with a rifle. A few years ago, I got to go out on the 9 mm range with one of the units at Fort Riley. This nice young specialist was escorting me and he couldn't have been more helpful. Here I am, this old lady with gray hair in civilian clothes. He said, "Ma'am are you OK with carrying that?" I said, "yes." He said, "Would you like me to explain how it works?" I said, "That won't be necessary."

When we got on the range he asked, "Would you like to shoot first or shall I?" I said, "I'll go first." In the end I had one miss on a target. The poor fella got up to shoot and did not do as well as me. He felt bad until I told him I

was an MP officer.

Q: What is the biggest difference between when you were in the WAC and now?

A: The standard expected of the women. I think the men are sometimes hesitant to correct female Soldiers. When it was all women, there was no problem telling another woman she needs to correct something.

Q: What is the most dramatic or significant change you have seen in the Army over the years?

A: The opportunities, there is a lot more upward mobility.

Q: What was the biggest obstacle or barrier you had to overcome?

A: I don't really know. You do your job and if you're good you get recognized, you don't have to tell anybody.

Q: If you could give new recruits one line of advice (a path to success), what would it be?

A: Be true to yourself, your God and your country.

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Community news briefly

Society seeks tour docents

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley needs docents who can volunteer two hours every few months to share the post's history with others.

HASFR docent guide group tours of the Custer House and tours of Fort Riley. The training is free and provided by museum curator Bill McKale.

For further information, call Alicia Broadwater at 717-3266.

Child car seat checks offered

Anyone wanting a child's car seat checked by a safety expert should call 239-2514 to make an appointment.

Appointments are available from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at building 407, Pershing Court.

Children younger than 4 are required to sit in car seats. Those 4 and older must wear seat belts. Child safety advocates say children 4 to 7 years old should sit in booster seats which allow seat belts to fit them properly.

Custer House reopens Side B

Custer House Side B has reopened and is available for rental by units or organizations wanting a special place to hold an event.

Cost is \$20 with a refundable deposit of \$50.

To reserve a date, call Karen Higdon at 784-4044.

At the movies:

The Barlow Post Theater Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for Children 5 to 11 years old and free for children under age 5, except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

- July 30 — Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13)
- July 31 — Two Brothers (PG)
- Aug. 1 — Two Brothers (PG)
- Aug. 5 — Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13)
- Aug. 6 — White Chicks (PG-13)
- Aug. 7 — White Chicks (PG-13)
- Aug. 8 — The Notebook (PG-13)
- Aug. 12 — The Notebook (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

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AGLOW women pray for troops

By Debby Clark
Special to the Post

Northeast Kansas Area Aglow Women are praying for Soldiers and their families.

The group responds to e-mail prayer requests with a picture prayer album in Irwin Army Community Hospital's chapel and in person in IACH's chapel on the third Friday of each month.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of Christian women with more than 3,500 fellowships in more than 155 nations.

Prayer requests for Soldiers

and their families maybe e-mailed to state prayer coordinator Eta Schafer at etta77@juno.com or may be left in the locked wooden box at the IACH chapel.

The chapel is open 24 hours a day. Prayer requests will be kept confidential.

Pictures of the Soldiers and their families may be placed in the locked box at IACH's chapel or mailed to AGLOW, P.O. Box 53, Scandia, KS 66696.

Photos should have names written on the back.

The Picture Prayer Album will be kept in IACH chaplain's office to be checked out by Aglow Women to use in the chapel to

pray and then returned to the chaplain's office.

The album is for Soldiers serving stateside and overseas.

Beginning Aug. 20 and on every third Friday of the month AGLOW Women will be in the chapel between 1 and 3 p.m. to pray.

The Northeast Area AGLOW is working with the Command Chaplain's Office on this project.

For more information, call Chap. (Maj.) James Paulson at 239-3436, Debby Clark at (785) 210-7501, the Rev. Barbara Laflin at (785) 468-3529 in Olsburg, Kan., or Linda Garmon at (785) 374-4337 in Courtland, Kan.

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"My daughter likes it a lot," Parlor said. "There's a lot of pop songs, but they do a little bit of everything. It's not just kids music."

"(My son) loves it," said Rosi Tunney as her family loaded their plates and prepared for the movie. "He drives me crazy wanting to come to Rally Point. They get to dance around and have a really

good time."

Steffens said Rally Point has been sponsoring the Friday family night since August 2002.

The evening festivities generally attract 100 to 200 people a night during the summer and to 200 to 400 during the school year.

Mothers of small children also look forward to this as an opportunity to meet with each

other and socialize, particularly when their husbands are deployed.

"We've been coming just about every Friday since his daddy went to Iraq," Tunney said.

"We're being entertained, the kids are being entertained. It's not just for the kids; the adults appreciate it, too," Tunney said about why the night was important.

Blood

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one-day supply of blood," said Pam Head, Red Cross Central Plains Region Blood Services chief executive officer.

"For the Central Plains Region, which serves 106 hospitals in Kansas and Northern Oklahoma, August is expected to be more challenging than July," she predicted.

Three major causes create summertime blood shortages, Head

said. They are:

- Increased travel and outdoor activities that lead to more accidents and traumas causing an additional need for blood.
- An increase in surgeries because summertime is more convenient for the patient's personal schedule, and
- Summertime schedules are often busier for those who may traditionally donate blood.

"The bottom line is, we need 500 blood donors in our region each and every day to meet hospital needs," Head said. "Summer is always a challenging time for the blood supply."

Only five percent of the people who could donate, actually give blood, but "one in three Americans will require a blood transfusion at some point in their lives," Head said.

Coaches

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Expos' coach Tim Hanson helps out catcher Jacob Wagner before the inning starts.

they ended with a 4-9 record, the coaches said they felt the season went well.

"Our goal this year was not necessarily to win the championship. That would've been nice, but our goal was to teach kids about baseball and show them it can be fun," Shepherd said. "I think we did that."

"We saw the potential that the kids had, but they didn't at first," Hanson said. "The best part was when they realized they weren't all that bad and that they were good ball players."

"We had games where we were only able to field eight players, but we still played hard," Doheny said.

Some of the pleasure he derived came from just being able to help out a kid who wanted to

learn, then watching him get a hit in his next at bat or catch a fly ball, he said.

"At times I almost felt like they were my own kids. I have loved every minute of this," Doheny said. "This has been so rewarding."

The coaches weren't the only ones benefiting. Player Dakota Thorton said the three Soldier coaches were among some of the best ones he had.

"They were really cool, just like regular kids. They weren't too strict," he said. "They taught us more plays and stuff about baseball. They were good coaches."

Several parents attending games said they really enjoyed having the three Soldiers as coaches.

Teen's effort earns award

By Samantha L. Quigley
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Too young to don a uniform and actively fight the war on terror, 16-year-old Jeremy Jensen is doing the next best thing — supporting those doing the fighting.

The Anoka, Minn., boy, who will be a junior at St. Francis High School in the fall, spent the past 18 months making sure that many deployed troops in Afghanistan and Iraq get something at mail call.

Without his persistence and some help navigating the proper channels, Jensen's efforts would not be reaching those troops.

Hearing bad news from the Middle East just after the war started, Jensen decided to do something positive. He began e-mailing the webmaster of the 88th Regional Readiness Command at Fort Snelling in St. Paul, Minn.

Randall Ciechna, the unit's chief information officer, said the request seemed simple enough — Jensen wanted addresses of deployed Soldiers so he could write letters of thanks.

Initially, his efforts were met with rejection. Jensen refused to take "no" for an answer and kept at it, angering some in the process, Ciechna said.

"We had our lawyers write him a letter that said 'You're interfering with government communications, and if you

don't stop,' basically, 'we're gonna get mad at you,'" Ciechna said.

That official statement prompted Jensen to call Ciechna to find out exactly how much trouble he was in with the government. Only then, Ciechna said, did he realize Jensen was 14 and offering to help.

The best Ciechna could do was make contact with deployed servicemembers in senior positions and provide Jensen's address. It was up to them and their troops to decide whether to communicate with the teen.

Plenty of Soldiers took Jensen up on his offer to write.

Finding help to answer all those letters wasn't always easy, either.

"It was a little touchy when I started," Jensen said.

That seems to have changed. To date, with help from members of his church, friends, family and even his high school history class, Jensen has mailed more than 1,000 hand-written letters and dozens of packages in support of deployed troops.

His efforts earned him more than 100 e-mail pen pals, flags flown in Iraq from two different units and countless thanks.

Jensen's dedication prompted Ciechna to nominate him for the Commander's Award for Public Service.

Brig. Gen. Michael W. Beasley presented the award during an 88th RRC banquet.

"It's just great that they donate their time to help the kids," Christy Wagner said.

"They have so much enthusiasm with these kids," Russell Thompson said. "When the kids do something wrong, they have constructive criticism. Never once have I heard anything derogatory. They've always been upbeat."

Doheny said he recommends that other Soldiers try coaching youth sports.

"They were a lot of talented young people here at Fort Riley, and if some of them offered some of their time, it would speak volumes to the people of Manhattan that the Army is full of professional young Soldiers," he said.

"Also, they will have a blast, those kids have such great personalities," Doheny assured.

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Community news briefly

Chaplains offer trip tickets

The Chaplain's Office is sponsoring a trip to Des Moines, Iowa, on Sept. 17-18 for the Promise Keepers' Uprising event.

In UPRISING: The Revolution of a Man's Soul, Promise Keepers invites men to find their true purpose and destiny in the pursuit of the passion and character of God.

Participants can be a part of a revolution that changes a life of imitation and mediocrity into one of passion and character.

The event is sold out, the chaplain's office has a number of tickets available free of charge to any Fort Riley Soldier.

For more information, contact Don Ericson at 239-0979.

Spouses urge membership

The Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses' Club begins its 2004-2005 season with a family fun night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 10 at McCormick Park on post. Active duty, retiree and widowed spouses of Soldiers in grades E-1 through E-9 are welcome to join.

Pixie the Clown and her balloon art, free ice cream cones, free face painting by members of the Manhattan Arts Center and the "Moon Walk" will be a part of the day's activities.

Representatives from various organizations on post, including the Commissary, Post Exchange, Fort Riley National Bank and the Soldier and Family Support Center will provide information about their organizations.

For more information, call Sherri Miller at (785) 770-9219 or Julie Petrucci-Treen at (785) 717-2772 or send e-mail to frileyesc@yahoo.com.

Hospital offers kid specialists

The final Irwin Army Community Hospital School and Sports Physical Fair will be Aug. 7. Appointments for the final day will be made by calling the Tricare Service Center appointment line at (784) 784-1200.

No appointment is necessary for children requiring immunizations only. Walk-in hours for the Immunization Clinic are 7:45 to 11:15 a.m. and 1 to 3:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 1 to 3:45 p.m. Tuesday; and 7:45 to 11:15 a.m. Thursday.

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Vet services cares for homeless pets

Post shelter provides temporary home for unwanted, 'escaped' animals

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
The Daily Union

On the southwest part of Fort Riley's Main Post sits building 226.

Inside the limestone building is a room housing Fort Riley's homeless.

Some are old, some are young, some are middle aged and some can't sit still.

Several reach through their cages and swat visitors. Most sit quietly and wait patiently for people to pass. They put their game faces on because they know the person walking by could be their ticket out.

Fort Riley's Veterinary Services facility is a temporary home for unwanted dogs and cats. On a recent summer afternoon, Spc. Jeromy Moorhead, vet services specialist, walked into the kennel area and switched off a radio.

"They like country music," he said, smiling.

Moorhead, a "dog person" and the owner of a speckled dachshund, was transferred to Fort Riley in April. He was stationed at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, and is part of the Northern Plains District Veterinary Command.

He said the Fort Riley facility adopts out about 50 pets a month. Like any animal shelter, the number of adoptions increases during summer and Christmas and other December holidays.

The veterinary services shelter has two adoption programs: owner surrenders and strays. A person can give up their pet, but they must pay \$75 if there are no vaccines records or \$22 if the animal is up-to-date on its shots. That animal can then be adopted, free of charge.

If the animal is a stray, a potential owner must pay \$48, which funds vaccines, microchipping and other needs.

Potential owners do not have to be Soldiers or Fort Riley personnel. The shelter is open to anyone.

When a stray is brought into the shelter, it must be held for three days so the owner can be



Sgt. Dennis Hester closes a cage at Veterinary Services after cleaning it. The Daily Union/Petrovic

contacted. If no one claims the animal after that, it goes up for adoption.

Moorhead said most of the animals at the shelter are strays. Owners who claim their stray animals receive a citation from the Military Police, but he said most people try to get their animals back.

Hanging onto them can be another story. A large, mixed breed bird dog innocently sat on his haunches in a kennel. Moorhead said the dog was an escape artist and had been to the shelter four or five times.

The vet services shelter maintains 29 cat kennels and 20 dog kennels. He said if an animal isn't adopted within 90 days, it probably won't be adopted.

Animals are not euthanized, however, unless the shelter runs out of space.

He said the dog breeds people most often want to adopt are Labradors or little terrier mixes. Short hair cats are popular, too, he said.

More than 4,000 pets live on post, Moorhead said. When a Soldier brings a pet to live on the base, he or she is required to check it in with veterinary services.

Families living on post are allowed two pets and could lose post housing privileges for keeping more. Pets are not allowed in single Soldier barracks.

The shelter has new animals

and new adopters every day. Moorhead said some people come in five or six times a day, first alone, then with their families.

Volunteers and Soldiers on medical hold who were injured in Iraq come in to walk dogs and clean kennels.

Moorhead said most of the dog and cat food is donated.

Mica Becker is a pre-veterinary student at Kansas State University.

She needed a summer job and now helps take care of the animals. She has already adopted two dogs.

"Adopted pets turn out to be the best pet anyone will ever have," Moorhead said.

Want to help?



Kittens like the one pictured above, adult cats of all kinds and dogs like the Labrador pictured below are available for adoption at the post veterinary animal shelter.

Veterinary Services is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The vet clinic can accept donations of pet food, newspapers to line cages, plastic pet toys, etc.

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Leisuretime ideas

Emporia:

Lyon County Free Fair — Carnival, grandstand events, 4-H open class exhibits, displays, booths, livestock shows, concert and children's pedal tractor pull competition; all day July 31-Aug. 7; West U.S. Highway 50 and Industrial Road, Lyon County Fairgrounds. For more information, call (620) 342-5014 or visit www.emporiaskchamber.org on the Web.

Salina:

Tri Rivers Fair, Rodeo, and Draft Horse Show — Parade, draft horse show, rodeo, demolition derby, "Bull Fighters Only," carnival, commercial booths and exhibits; Aug. 4-7; Saline County ExpoCenter. For more information, call (785) 827-4425.

Abilene:

Wild Bill Hickok PRCA Rodeo — 59th annual event named one of the top five outdoor small rodeos in America; three nights of the best cowboys in America competing for prizes; 7:30 p.m. Aug. 5-7; Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Grounds-Central Kansas Fairgrounds. For more information, call (785) 263-4570 or (800) 569-5915 or visit www.abilenekansas.org on the Web.

Western Heritage Festival — Heritage games, fast-draw contests, Early American kid's games, chuckwagon cook-off, western music festival and Wild Bill Hickok impersonators; Chuckwagon breakfast and Cowboy church on Sunday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 7-8; 619 N. Rogers, Eisenhower Park. For more information, call (785) 263-2231 or (800) 569-5915 or visit www.abilenekansas.org on the Web.

Demolition Derby — Adult bumper cars or Rodeo on Wheels; Central Kansas premier derby event; 7:30 p.m. Aug. 8 and Aug. 10; Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds. For more information, call (785) 263-4570 or visit www.ckff.net on the Web.

Concert and Fireworks Display — A night of family fun; 7:30 to 10 p.m. Aug. 9; Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds. For more information, call (785) 263-4570 or visit www.ckff.net on the Web.

Beloit:

Belleville Midget Nationals — One of the biggest midget events in the country drawing the best cars and drivers around; 7:30 p.m. July 30 and 31; Belleville High Banks. For more information, call (785) 527-2488 or visit www.highbanks.org on the Web.

Ellsworth:

Cowtown Days — Re-enactment, parade, cowboy concerts and BBQ; 10 a.m., Aug. 6; 221 W. Douglas, El-Kan Western Riders Rodeo Arena. For more information, call (785) 472-3491.

Goessel:

Threshing Days — 31st annual; visit people from Menonite history, observe threshing demonstrations, enjoy music, parades and children's activities and contests; noon to 5 p.m. Aug. 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 7 and noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 8; 200 N. Poplar. For more information, call (620) 367-8200 or visit www.skyways.org/towns/Goessel on the Web.

Artists' gallery reflects nature



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Inga Bow creates her clay turtle pieces in her studio. Bob and Inga Bow are the artists and owners of the gallery and studio.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-ABILENE
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2x5, HOLIDAY INN ABILENE

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Turtle sculptures, tiles earn worldwide fame

By Billie Jo Lorius,
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It's like going into a different world, a natural sanctuary from the real world.

The driveway is lined with purple and yellow wildflowers amidst the natural tall grass that outlines the entire view. It seems like the area has been untouched by the hands of humans and only Mother Nature has tended to the place for all of its beautiful life.

This is the scene that surrounds the Bow Studio and Gallery in Abilene.

The fresh aroma of wilderness never wanders too far, even upon entering the studio and gallery that is nestled in a rectangular wooden building next to a white farmhouse.

The natural beauty outside is reflected in the artwork inside. Kansas wheat and wildflowers are used to create unique designs in clay tiles, plates, sculptures and figurines.

Bob Bow is famous for his turtle sculptures while his wife Inga is famous for meticulously crafted tiles.

In 2000, Bob retired from the state civil service after working with the Social and Rehabilitation Services for 28 years and is now able to devote more time to his passion.

As patrons follow her around the gallery, Inga, both artist and owner, tells of the farm being 140 years old.

She and Bob have owned and operated Bow Studio and Gallery since 1973. They purchased the land and farmhouse when it was

If you go

The Bow Studio and Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily and visitors are welcome to watch the artists create their work. The studio is located at 921 South Buckeye on the west edge of the Flint Hills, just off I-70 in north central Kansas. Call 263-7166 or visit www.bowstudio.com for more information.

all still open farmland and since then most of the area has been turned into an industrial area. While everything around their farm has changed, the Bow's place has maintained its timeless beauty.

"Today I am thinking of pictures," she says as she tours people around the gallery. One painting presents a feeling of freedom and choices. It has dark blues and auburns all swirled together.

"That was my vertigo period," she says.

Looking around the room, there's variety and depth of skill. There are figurines, faces, turtles, flowers in tiles and depth of creativity everywhere.

She points out her favorite piece: a collage made of old magazines that looks like it was masterfully painted. In the intricate workings of the collage are hundreds of pairs of eyes peeping out.

"I like collages and photography. Do you see all the eyes looking at you?" she asks.

Next, she moves to the rear of

the building to show where the couple creates their artwork. She shows the turtles her husband has created and where the clay is fired.

She points to the melting pots and says, "making your own clay is special."

She also thinks Kansas is special. "It's wonderful. Where else would I find clay and such nice people?"

Each handmade piece is an original.

The clays used to mold the pieces are made out of local clays deposited when Kansas was part of the Great Inland Sea more than 96 million years ago. The clay is dug, processed and rolled into large slabs. Plants are then rolled into the soft clay; tiles are cut, glazed, dried and fired.

Inga works primarily with clay. She introduced Bob to clay in the mid '60s when he made his first turtles.

In addition to clay, Inga and Bob work in various media including collage, pastel, handmade paper and found objects. Bob has begun a collection of art trouvaille, or found objects, which all have stories to tell.

According to Inga, the two artists love sharing new art explorations, especially with the public.

In the past, Inga and Bob were part of many national, regional and local art shows, but these days their work can be seen in galleries, art associations and museums.

The Bow's work can be found in homes, offices and museums across the United States as well as in countries like Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Austria, Japan and South Africa.

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