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1st BCT's deployment could be one year long

By Gary Skidmore
Command Information Officer

When the 1st Brigade Combat Team deploys to Iraq within the next month, expect them to be gone for up to a year.

This was the message Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, put out while taping an interview for Fort Riley's television show, "In Step with Fort Riley" this week.

"But I don't expect anyone to be gone longer than that," said Hardy.

Hardy explained that the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 937th Engineer Group, 977th Military Police Company, 24th Transportation Company and 300th Military Police Company will be returning on or before the one year mark, between February and April 2004.

"We're looking to bring them back somewhere in that timeframe," said Hardy.

"On the 1st Brigade, they are deploying as part of the 82nd Airborne Division," said Hardy.

Hardy said that since the 82nd had already redeployed home after having been to Iraq and Afghanistan, they would be limited to a six month rotation.

Preparing for the deployment has not been as difficult as it could have been.

Hardy said that the 1st BCT was already training for a deployment to the National Training Center and much of their training was complete.

"We have been fully focused on going to the National Training Center in all of the gunnery-type training, weapons proficiency, combat service support and combat support, including artillery and engineer training as well," said Hardy. "We've been training for all of that for the last three months."

Hardy said that as the rail loading comes to a close, the 1st BCT's training will transition to some individual training and preparation on topics such as rules of engagement and anti-terrorism, as well as some collective training for squad, platoon, company and battalion levels.

"This is for some of the different sorts of tasks that are being expected to be performed in Iraq, including convoy security, reacting to minefields, reacting to unexploded ordnance, cordons and searches and traffic control points, some of the things you

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Soldiers from the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division secure their vehicles during rail loading in preparation for an upcoming deployment to Iraq.

New Army chief of staff sworn in

DoD Release

Gen. Pete Schoomaker was sworn in Aug. 1 at the Pentagon as the Army's 35th chief of staff by Les Brownlee, acting secretary of the Army.

President George W. Bush nominated Schoomaker in June to replace retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, the former Army chief.

As the Army chief of staff, Schoomaker will be responsible for the training, equipping, readiness and welfare of the Army. He will also serve in a dual role as a

member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Service as the Army's chief of staff is both a tremendous responsibility and a matter of duty," Schoomaker said. "Today our nation is at war, and we are a critical member of the joint team fighting that war. It is a war waged for the very survival of our way of life and it reaches to the furthest corners of the world. I have never left your ranks, but it is a great privilege to wear our uniform once again."

Secretary of Defense Donald

Rumsfeld was among those attending.

"Gen. Pete Schoomaker brings wisdom, experience, drive and leadership to the job as chief of staff of the Army," Rumsfeld said. "He is the right man to lead the United States Army as it continues its transformation into a force that will provide 21st century capability to the challenges we will face."

Schoomaker, who retired from the active Army in December 2000, came back on active duty to

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Additional soldiers preparing for deployment with 1st Brigade

Additional soldiers assigned to 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division are preparing to deploy in support of Central Command operations. These soldiers will support the president's global war against terrorism. The active duty units that will be affected include approximately 3,000 soldiers from the following units: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade; 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 34th Armor; 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery; 1st Engineer Battalion; 101st Forward Support Battalion; Battery C, 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery; Troop D, 4th

Cavalry; 331st Signal Company; 10th Air Support Operations Squadron; 1st Maintenance Company; 568th Engineer Company (Combat Support Equipment) and Company D, 15th Personnel Services Battalion.

These 1st Brigade soldiers will be attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. They are expected to deploy in late August for up to one year.

Fort Riley's 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division and 937th Engineer Group have approximately 3,500 soldiers deployed to the CENTCOM Theater. They have been there since February.

Maintenance facility renamed in memory of Robert W. Custer

By William Biles

Staff Writer

A ceremony was held Tuesday to rename the Fort Riley Consolidated Maintenance Facility, building 8100, in memory of Robert W. Custer, who participated in the development, planning and design of the building.

On hand at the dedication ceremony was Custer's widow, Dana, their sons, Mike and Eric, and their daughter, Keri Pinney. The building, now named the Robert W. Custer Maintenance Facility, consolidates maintenance functions previously performed in 37 different facilities. In 1982, when it was constructed, the facility was a prototype for Army Table of Distribution Maintenance Facilities. It was the latest innovative design and showcased modernized maintenance support tools and equipment. While involved in the process of planning and development, Custer performed the first Commercial Activity Study for maintenance services at a Forces Command installation.

"Robert Custer was the very foundation of maintenance activities at Fort Riley for 26 years of his 36-year federal service career," said Col. John Simpson, garrison commander, Fort Riley. "It was through Mr. Custer's dedication to duty and willingness to share his institutional knowledge, that maintenance activities at Fort Riley have become the resounding success that they are today."

The building is designed for central receiving — to provide one point of customer contact for repair or exchange of supported items. This includes direct exchange items, furniture repair, gas mask repair, exchange of batteries and fire extinguishers, just to name a few.

"A maintenance facility of this caliber is a fitting honor to Robert W. Custer, a man who served in various logistics capacities and was widely recognized for his performance and dedication to excellence in the maintenance field," said Simpson.

During the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding

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Task Force soldiers receive awards, patches

By William Biles

Staff Writer

Several soldiers from Task Force 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry received Bronze Stars for valor, while others received Purple Hearts for wounds or injuries received in combat, during a ceremony July 29, at Cavalry Parade Field.

Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley presented the combat veterans with the awards.

"To all of the soldiers standing on the field, welcome back to America," Hardy said. "It's an honor and a privilege for me to stand up here and be able to welcome you home. You have established your legacy and have written new chapters of American history and world history. You have shown the world that we will get at the heart of terrorism."

Hardy led the ceremony in a moment of silence for the soldiers of the Task Force who lost their lives.

"We would be remiss if we didn't take a battle pause here this morning and remember not all of your teams is here with us today," said Hardy. "In fact, there are those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Like you, they went in harm's way, and ended up laying down their lives for the cause of freedom — Sgt. Jacob Lee Butler and Spc. Larry Brown, were killed April 1 and April 5, respectively, during hostile firefights

with the enemy. Like so many veterans that have gone before, we will not forget you," he said.

The task force was made up of soldiers of 1st Bn., 41st Inf., and Company C, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor. It was augmented by a direct maintenance element of the 125th Forward Support Battalion, a fire support element of 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, and a tactical air control unit.

The task force soldiers crossed the Iraqi border on March 21, the first day of the ground campaign against the Iraqi forces. They earned recognition for their performance at Tallil Airbase, As-Samawah, An Najaf, Karbala and Baghdad early in the fighting.

They led the attack across the Euphrates River on April 4, liberating As-Samawah.

They fought along Highway 8 April 5 - 10, liberating the towns of Rumaytha, Hamza, Diwaniyah

and Qasim.

All of the soldiers in Task Force 1st Bn., 41st Inf. have been authorized to wear the shoulder sleeve insignia for wartime service of the 1st Armored Division. The insignia symbolizes active participation in ground combat operations against hostile forces.

The infantrymen of the task force are also authorized to wear

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Spc. Morgan Mosher, Company B, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, places a combat patch on his friend, Spc. Leo Tavera, also of Company B.



Victory 6 sends: Safety utmost concern

Joint worldwide operations depend on our ability to safely modernize, mobilize, train, deploy, sustain, protect and demobilize combat ready forces. I am the 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley Safety Officer and I am committed to achieving this goal. Part of our responsibility as leaders is to safeguard both the personnel and the equipment entrusted to our stewardship. Without leadership safety fails. I expect Commanders to be the safety officers for their commands.

Safety requires strong leadership, attention to standards, training, supervision and integration of risk management. I will establish a command climate that is favorable to risk management. Leader

proficiency in risk management is crucial; to meet these standard leaders must fully embrace and utilize the Army's five-step Safety Risk Management process outlined in the PM 100-14. Risk assessments will be routinely conducted for all training events, operations, long weekends and holidays, and for social events such as organization days.

Train personnel to standards. Demand correct performance and take immediate decisive action when standards are violated. Integrating risk management into all missions, training and events teaches first line leaders risk assessment. First line leaders train their personnel to do risk management. Risk management training

helps eliminate excuses for shortcuts that side step standards or risk controls. Personnel, who can assess the risk, implement controls, and perform the mission safely to standard, are combat multipliers.

Timely accurate reports and thorough accident, After Action Reviews, allow us to better focus on solving problems. I expect involvement from the chain of command and the NCO support channel in all accident reports and AARs. Leaders must analyze all accidents to determine lessons learned and prevention measures that can possibly be implemented to prevent future accidents from happening.

I believe in recognizing units

for their outstanding accident prevention efforts and acts. Invite the chain of command and myself when personnel are recognized for their outstanding performance and accomplishments.

Doing the right thing, the right way, at all times results in safely accomplishing our mission. Successful programs demand vigilant leadership and discipline. Our number one priority is preventing the loss of a single 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley team member. I define mission success as zero accidental fatalities.

Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy
U.S. Army
Commanding

Grunt *By Wayne Ulden*



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don't do in a major combat operation, but clearly you have to perform and perform to standard in Iraq," he said.

With regard to 1st Brigade's previously scheduled NTC rotation, the 1st BCT is no longer going as a whole to the National Training Center. A huge training vacancy exists causing Forces Command, III Corps and the National Training Center to recalculate their positions.

"It's clear that the 1st BCT, perse, will not go to the National Training Center right now," said Hardy.

"However, what we're trying to figure out now, is with all of the available resources at Fort Irwin, how do we take advantage of that" he said.

Hardy said the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor is staying here after the 1st BCT deploys and they could still go to the NTC.

"One way or the other," said Hardy, "we're going to take advantage of the time and the resources we've got."

Additionally, Hardy said Fort Riley still plans to host an open house and Apple Day on Oct. 4.

"We plan to move full steam ahead on that," said Hardy. "It's going to be a great show."

"We're going to celebrate our anniversary here."

"This is a big deal for Fort Riley and our communities around here," he said.

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Captains can change careers

By Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

When a transportation officer was told that after working 14 years in his field that he was going to have to take a different career path he was not surprised or upset.

"I asked for it," said Maj. Dennis McCallum, a force management officer.

Now a 90-day window is open to give 27,000 captains the chance to ask for their second career field. Junior captains in the 1998 year group have from Aug. 1 to Nov. 1 to submit their preference www.us.army.mil, the Army Knowledge Online Web site.

For the first time, the officers can choose their branch career field, which was assigned to them after they were commissioned into the Army.

"If you don't make a selection, that doesn't mean that you're choosing to stay in your branch career field," said Maj. Jason Lerner,

er, chief, Military Schools Section, Total U.S. Army Personnel Command. "No selection means that you don't have a preference and can be assigned based on Army requirements."

Most officers never work in the second field that they opted for, Lerner said.

However, it's a decision that shouldn't be taken lightly, McCallum said. "If they're only looking ahead four to five years, they're off target. Considering factors in making the decision should be experience, background and where they want to be in future."

McCallum said he's very content in his current field. He manages equipment and makes sure that soldiers get what they need to do their job. While mentioning peers of his that are unhappy with their career-move decision, he shook his head.

"They're still in those jobs," he said.

The decision to choose a second career path is given to junior captains after five or six years of

service. It's referred to as functional area designators that are technical or skill-based jobs such as public affairs, foreign area and nuclear research operations.

Lerner will continuously keep track of how many captains have submitted a functional area preference. Any officer who does not comply should expect a phone call or e-mail message from his branch manager, Lerner added.

By placing constant reminders in their ears, more captains are taking the time to choose their top three functional area designators.

"We tried this approach last year and the return rate was 90 percent - previous years were extremely lower," Lerner said.

More information on the Army's 18 functional area designators on how to submit preferences can be found on the PER-SCOM homepage, https://www.perscom.army.mil/opfamdd/FAD_Upcoming_Boards.htm

Talk Around Town

"Are athletes good role models for children?"



"Yes, they provide children a positive image to look up to and many times help children set high goals."

Capt. Rebecca Powers
101st Forward Support Battalion



"Yes. For children, athletes are famous and good at what they do, so it gives the children an idea for what they would like to be."

Spc. Kevin Brooks
1st Battalion, 16th Infantry



"They can be, but I feel the best role models are parents."

Staff Sgt. Sonja Ali
1st Replacement Company

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general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, said a few words about Custer.

No one could meet Bob Custer and not remember him, Hardy said. Bob Custer set the example of positive leadership, he said.

"There are a lot of different types of leadership in this world, but positive leadership is an art, as well as a science, all by itself. He was more than just a government employee at DOL (Directorate of Logistics), in fact he was a caring leader, coach, mentor and friend. If we are lucky, each of us in our life will get to meet someone like Bob Custer," said Hardy.

Hardy mentioned how the Robert W. Custer Maintenance Facility and the civilian work force that works there is a mirror of the man himself.

"A part of the work force that is absolutely essential to the Army,

and who we are as the Army, is the civilian work force. We don't talk a lot about the civilian work force. We talk about it being the invisible hand; we take it for granted in many cases, but our Army wouldn't be the greatest Army of the greatest nation on Earth today if it was not for the positive leadership of the civilian work force," he said.

"It's our civilians that truly keep us ready - who organize us, train us, equip us and keep us maintained. That's what this facility is all about, and that is what Bob Custer was all about for the better part of 26 years of his life."

Hardy closed his remarks with how the Army's success stemmed from his predecessors.

"If any of us succeed today, it is only because we stand on the shoulders of some of the giants that have come before us. Today we are recognizing one of those

giants - Mr. Bob Custer," said Hardy. "In the end, Bob Custer is one of those pillars of support that will forever remain a part of this post, and as we dedicate this facility today, we're going to make sure he is not forgotten."

After Hardy's remarks, Custer's widow, Dana, said a few brief words. As she choked back her tears, she spoke of how she felt about the dedication.

"I want you all to know that my children and I think this is a great honor, and Bob would have been so pleased," she said. "We are so pleased. We were amazed when we got the phone call and were told that they were going to name the building after Bob. I don't think Bob would ever have imagined that this would have happened, and he would have been astounded - I know he would," she concluded.

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assume the position after being confirmed by the Senate Thursday. He most recently served as commander-in-chief, United States Special Operations Command, based at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., from November 1997 to November 2000. Prior to that, he commanded the U.S. Army Special Operations

Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., from August 1996 to October 1997.

Following the swearing in, Brownlee praised Schoomaker for his distinguished service to the nation and Army.

"We are indeed at war," said Brownlee. "General Schoomaker's vast experience in both conventional and special operations,

along with his genuine care and concern for our great soldiers and their families, clearly distinguishes him as the right soldier to lead our Army at a very critical time in history. He will ensure the Army remains a responsive, relevant and capable member of our joint force."



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Briefs

Organizational Day

The SGS administrative office will be closed today, at 11:30 for an Organizational Day.

Bike Drive

The Fort Riley Audie Murphy Club will be conducting a bike drive for needy children in the local communities. If you have a bicycle that you would like to donate that is in operating condition, call 717-2856, Monday - Friday, 5 and 9 p.m., or Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. He will come and pick the bike up from you.

HASFR Ice Cream Social

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley Ice Cream and membership drive will be held Aug. 21, 6 - 8 p.m. at Custer House. The event is open to the general public.

The ice cream is free, and for those interested, membership is \$5 per family, per year. For more information, contact Holly Garvin, 784-4941.

Youth Soccer Camps

Youth Soccer Camps will be held Aug. 18 - 22. The camp for children entering Kindergarten - 3rd grade will be 6:30 - 7:15 p.m., and the cost is \$15 per child. The camp for children entering 4th - 8th grades will be 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., and the cost is \$20 per child. All campers must have a current sports physical dated after Aug. 22. Sign-up is now open at Central Registration, building 6620. For more information, call the Youth Sports office, 239-9223, or Central Registration, 239-4847.

Case Lot Sale

A worldwide case lot sale is coming to the Commissary Sept. 6, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. This huge sale

will be the third annual "World's Biggest Case Lot Sale" with most of your favorite products available by the case. Don't miss this one! It's a great opportunity to stock the family pantry.

SAEDA Classes

The Fort Riley director of security will be holding the required Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army classes Sept. 22 - 26, at the Patton Hall auditorium, building 200. This is required training for all soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians. The times for classes are: Sept. 22, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Sept. 23, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Sept. 24, 2 p.m.; Sept. 25, 2 p.m. and Sept. 26, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Veteran Affairs Services

The Administrative Law Office is requesting information from soldiers who have had dealings with the private company "Veter-

an Affairs Services" or their subsidiaries. To help with the enquiry, call 239-2717.

CYS Registration

Registration has begun for Child and Youth Services instructional classes in dance, gymnastics, martial arts, cheerleading and piano. Classes begin on Sept. 2.

The cost for all classes except piano and gymnastics exhibition class will be \$25 per month. Piano will be \$45 per month. Gymnastics exhibition class will be \$35 per month.

Walk-in enrollment is Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., for those who have already been registered with CYS. A sports physical will be required this year. You will have up to 60 days after classes begin to turn in your sports physical.

A parent and instructor meeting will be held Aug. 25, 7 p.m., at the Teen Center, building 5800, for those who have enrolled. This will

give parents a chance to meet with instructors to find out more details on their class — for example, when and if performances or recitals will be held and will there be uniforms for cheerleading, etc. Call CYS, 239-9478 or 239-4847 for more information.

Off-road Vehicles

The Army Corps of Engineers and the School Creek Off-Road Vehicle Association at Milford Lake would like to remind everyone to be safe and wear protective gear while riding on the 287-acre Off-Road Vehicle area. The area is restricted to ORVs up to 50 inches or less. Everyone is also reminded that the speed limit within the parking area is 10 mph. ORVs that are not licensed for the

highway cannot be operated on roadways outside of the riding areas. Since the area has limited maintenance, it is up to all users to help keep litter picked up and to follow the rules. The Milford Lake staff cautions all users of the ORV area to keep safety in mind, and remember the area is used by riders of all ages and abilities. Expect the unexpected and help keep everyone safe. For more information about the park, call 785-238-5714

Construction

Fort Riley's new Waste Water Treatment Plant is under construction. This plant will replace the three existing plants, which were built in the 1940s and 1950s. As part of the construction, the

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the Combat Infantry Badge, while the medics that were attached to the task force are now authorized to wear the Combat Medical Badge.

During the ceremony, Hardy

presented an outstanding family readiness group member, Mary Ann "Mamma" Norwood, with the outstanding civilian service award. The award was a special thanks for all of her hard work

and dedication to the families of the task force.

"Mama Norwood, you represent all of the Family Readiness Groups, willingly volunteering your time and your efforts, as so many of our families have, taking care of our soldiers down range," Hardy said. "We are extremely appreciative you, and all of you," he said.

The commander of 1st Bn., 41st Inf., Lt. Col. George Geazy, shared a few words with the soldiers and families gathered for the event after the Bronze Stars and Purple Hearts were presented.

"I would like to thank the parents (of the soldiers) out there. The parents of these young men did an outstanding job and America is in good hands because of that," he said.

After the formal portion of the awards ceremony, family members took part in company ceremonies to pin on other awards soldiers earned while taking part in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The soldiers who received the Bronze Star with "V" device were: Capt. Marlon T. James, Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; 1st Lt. Nathan Mayo, Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; 1st Lt. Lamar S. Gerald, Co.

B, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; 1st Lt. Andrew M. Wells, Co. B, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; 1st Sgt. James M. Moore, Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Staff Sgt. James A. Lovell, Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Staff Sgt. Mike L. Paulson, Co. B, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Staff Sgt. William Weir, Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Staff Sgt. Jose A. Maldonado, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor; Cpl. Michael T. Previy, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Spc. Kenneth Davis, HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. and Pfc. James Foster, HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.

Recipients of the Purple Heart were: 1st Lt. Stephen A. Thorpe, Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Staff Sgt. Alexandro X. Velasco, HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Sgt. Kevin Cruz-Romero, Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Sgt. Pete Holdsworth, Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Cpl. John L. Ator, Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Spc. Jeremy Corbett, HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.; Spc. Roger Ward, Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. and Pfc. Ulises Morales, Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.



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Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, pins the Bronze Star with "V" device on 1st Lt. Andrew M. Wells, Company B, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry.

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More Briefs

contractor will need to close some roads in order to install new underground pipes. For the next 60 days, Caisson Hill Road starting just north of Irwin Army Community Hospital will be closed. For more information, call 239-6942.

Standards of Conduct Reminder

Only duly appointed contracting officers can obligate the government contractually. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in an "unauthorized commitment" - an agreement that is not binding solely because the government representative who made it lacked the authority to enter into that agreement on behalf of the Government. Unauthorized commitments must be investigated, and the perpetrators are subject to adverse actions. Ordering officers may, by virtue of their written appointment, obligate the government up to their designated approval limits. Also, government purchase cardholders may obligate the government when funds are certified by an approved funds certifier, so long as they remain within designated single purchase and monthly purchase limits. For additional information, contact the Directorate of Contracting, 239-0468.

Praise Team Leader/Pianist Needed

The Contemporary Protestant service in Kapaun Chapel is looking for a Christian praise team leader and pianist for their praise team. Service meets Sundays at

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11 a.m. Rehearsals are Wednesday, 6 p.m. and Sunday, a.m. These positions are paid, contracted positions. In addition, volunteer bass and lead guitar players are needed. If interested, call Chap. Paulson, 239-3436.

Thrift Shop

Are you getting ready to move? Let the Fort Riley Thrift Shop help you get ready for the packers. Sort through your belongings and call the Thrift Shop to come and pick up any donations (in good condition) from your house. Visit the Thrift Shop in building 267, Stuart Ave., 784-3874. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

The Shoppe

The Shoppe has the gifts you need to say "Farewell" or "Thank You" to someone special. Come and see what The Shoppe has to offer! The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave., 239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

MOMS Club

The MOMS Club of East Manhattan meets the third Friday of each month, 9:30 a.m., at the First Christian Church (not affiliated). You can enjoy fun with other moms, playgroups, projects and tours throughout the month. Children are welcome at all activities. For more information, call Christa Vizner (785)494-2026. Annual

dues are \$18, but you can try it out without obligation.

Mail Training

The "Official Mail Training" class will be offered Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at building 319, CPAC. An "Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations" class will be offered Aug. 20, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll.

Soldier Retirement Info

Soldiers with DEIMS dates after Aug. 1, 1986, who are eligible under current Service regulations to serve continuously to 20 years, must choose between the High-3 and the CSB/REDUX retired pay plans between their 14 and a half and 15th year of active duty, although retirement won't occur until the soldier has completed 20 years of service. The 14 and a half to 15 years of active duty is calculated from the soldier's basic active service date (BASD) Not the DEIMS date.

Members who elect CSB/REDUX are entitled to a \$30,000 career status bonus (CSB) payable at their 15th year of active duty. The CSB may be

paid in a lump sum or a series of up to five annual payments. In no case will an election become effective before a member's 15th year of active duty. CSB/REDUX retired pay will always lag behind High-3 retired pay, so wise investment of the CSB by members who elect CSB/REDUX is necessary to lessen or possibly eliminate that gap.

All servicemembers who are between their 14 and a half and 15th year of active duty should contact the Retirement Services Office for an appointment to choose between retired pay plans. The Retirement Services Office is located in building 210, 239-3320 or 239-3667. For more information concerning CSB/REDUX, go to www.odesper.army.mil/Retirement

Enlisted Spouses Club

The Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses Club is a service organization designed for Enlisted Spouses E1 - E9, active duty, retirees or widows. The club helps support Fort Riley and surrounding communities with donations to worthy causes as well as the donation of time and services to projects. The second purpose of ESC is to foster and promote recreational and

social activities among the members while providing a support system for the enlisted spouses of Fort Riley.

For more information on the club or upcoming meetings, call 784-3191.

OCSC/ESC Luncheon

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilian's Spouses Club and the Enlisted Spouses Club are sponsoring a luncheon Aug. 21, 11

a.m. at the Municipal Building, Junction City.

The menu includes an appetizer of spinach and artichoke dip with pita strips, then your choice of chicken salad or spicy steak salad, with sorbet and fresh fruit for dessert. The cost of the luncheon is \$10. You should RSVP to 784-5111 by Wednesday.

Childcare is available on a first come, first serve basis. Call 784-2245 to make a reservation.

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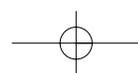
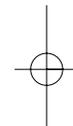
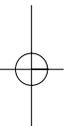
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Soccer camp helps refresh players' skills

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The Junction City High School Boy's Soccer Program recently held a soccer camp at Fort Riley in order to help their soccer players prepare for the upcoming season. The camp was at Fort Riley because the coach felt it was a safer environment for the kids. "The first few days of the camp, we did a lot of running on the road, and it's safer to do that on Fort Riley than it is in Junction City because of the traffic," said Ed Torres, head coach, Boy's Soccer Program, Junction City High School.

camp, I have five new faces of kids that moved to Fort Riley, and they're adjusting real quick." Torres finds additional help from some of the alumni that played on his team in the past. "I get all the kids that graduated and were in the J.C. High School's Soccer Program to come back, and those that are still in shape will play against the kids at the soccer camp," he said. A scrimmage game helps the coach decide what needs to be worked on and what doesn't. "The scrimmage game will help me gauge them and let's me see what they learned and picked up, as well as what they still need to focus on for the upcoming season," said Torres. The kids train all week long and receive the pay-off for their hard work on the weekend. "We practice from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., throughout the week, and then I have my alumni play a scrimmage game against them on the weekend. Afterward, we have a picnic," Torres said. "I think a lot of the kids just enjoy the camp, and that's why they come out here." Some of the players agree with their coach. "It's been pretty fun so far and we've been doing a lot of hard drills and learning a lot from them," said Tanner Regelman. "The Soccer Camp is a great program for learning, and there is still a lot to learn as players," said Dan Hildenbrand. "But, we play well together, and I think it will be a good season."

"One good thing about the camp is that all of the new kids who moved to Fort Riley during the summer can get acquainted with the other kids on the team."
—Ed Torres
JCHS Boy's Soccer Program Head Coach



Tanner Regelman, Junction City High School soccer player, tries to fight off a player during a scrimmage at soccer camp.

Fishing clinic free for kids

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Tuttle Creek Lake Association will hold its 9th Annual Youth Fishing Clinic Sept. 19 and 20 at Anneberg Park Lake, 3601 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan. All youths from age 8 to 12, who have not attended a previous clinic, are eligible to attend the free clinic. All participants must register by Sept. 12, and only the first 200 applicants will be accepted. The clinic will be split into two separate sessions. The first session will be Sept. 19 at Susan B. Anthony Middle School, 2501 Browning Avenue, Manhattan, 6:30 - 9 p.m. The second will be at Anneberg Lake, which will have been stocked with over 1,000 channel catfish, 9:30 a.m. - noon. The first session will consist of seven different classes, ranging from water safety to catching crappie. At the end of the classes, all of the youth that participated will receive a free door prize. The activities will reconvene Saturday morning at the lake, where the Fort Riley Honor Guard will do a Flag Opening Ceremony at 9:45 a.m. Fishing will take place 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at which time the youth participating in the clinic will get a free lunch. Each youth registering and attending both sessions will receive a free rod and reel. Registrations for the clinic will be accepted: Aug. 23, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - K-Mart, 401 East Poyntz, and Dillon West, 2700 West Anderson Ave., Manhattan; Sept. 6, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - WalMart, 620 Tuttle Creek Boulevard, Manhattan and Sept. 13, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Dillon East, 130 Sarber Lane, Manhattan. For more information, call 785 - 539 - 8153.



Certified instructors needed for fitness classes

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

Instructors are needed for fitness classes at King Field House. Last fall, aerobics classes were available at the field house in the morning and evening. In recent months, many of the instructors have left Fort Riley because of permanent change of station moves, so more are needed to keep fitness classes going. "We would like to get a morning aerobics class or even a noon class going," said Kim Miller, Fitness Program coordinator. Currently, aerobics classes are held in the skating rink, Monday and Thursday, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tara Meadows teaches step-aerobics at the skating rink above King Field House.

Miller is looking for instructors for more than just aerobics. "We would like to include step aerobics, kickboxing, yoga or anything that would bring variety to our fitness curriculum. Any kind of fitness class would be considered as long as we have the equipment available." There are certain qualifications that instructors must meet to work in the Fort Riley fitness program. "Instructors must be certified by a recognized fitness association," said Miller. They also need to be CPR first aid certified. "Anyone interested in becoming a certified instructor can research the process online. Many fitness programs, such as the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America and the American Council on Exercise programs, have websites explaining the process. Once an interview is scheduled,

applicants should be prepared to show what they know. "Prior to hiring, I would have them do a demonstration of what they plan to teach," said Miller. "They would have to be able to teach a class safely and effectively and also be able to give cues to teach a class of all fitness levels." Fitness classes are available to all Department of Defense cardholders over the age of 18. Miller said the classes hold benefits that include more than just fitness. "It can be difficult for spouses when their soldier goes away," she said. "One of the best things they can do is to make some time for themselves. If they set goals and try to stay focused, it tends to help make the time go by faster. For some, it's more of an incentive if they can come to the gym and participate in a class with instruction, guidance and camaraderie. They can come in with some friends to do a class and it offers variety, relieves stress and overall, makes them feel better." In the future, the fitness program is hoping to add childcare to its offering of programs. "We are looking at having childcare available around Oct. 1, tentatively," said Miller. "Everything is still pending right now. It will be for infants up to age 13. The slots will be limited to six and you will have to register and pay in advance. The times and days have not been determined yet, but it will probably be two to three days a week, for two hours in the morning. I'm hoping that if we restart an aerobics class, it will coincide with the childcare hours." A certified instructor can call Kim Miller, 239-2813, for an interview or more information.

Bison made prairie lands resilient, allows for military training with little impact

By Alan Hynck
DES Biologist

The sight of the American bison made famous in the late 19th century. "Skinners" all across the plains harvested the bison without limit. The hides were shipped away and the bones ground for bone meal. With fewer and fewer bison to be found, the Native Americans lost their source for food, shelter and clothing. For a period of time the only remaining bison were found on farms and in zoos. In the late 1800's, a few hundred head of bison were found wild, roaming Yellowstone Park. Although the bison would never freely roam the plains again, the species was saved from extinction through careful breeding programs of the few remaining individuals. Fort Riley was part of the later recovery of the species, housing bison from the early 1950's until the late 1990's. The bison herd was a popular visitors attraction for many years on post. At first, they were held in the corral by the Post Cemetery. When they outgrew that, most were placed in a pasture south of Williston Point Road. When the herd grew to 58, a decision was made to transfer much of the herd to Kansas State University to be placed on Konza Prairie. The bison herd was maintained on Fort Riley until recently, when the remainder of the herd was transferred to the Konza Prairie. Today, the Konza Prairie has more than 100 head of bison, many of which are descendants of the Fort Riley herd. The bison on Konza Prairie are used to study large herbivore impacts to the tallgrass prairie. There are an estimated 1 million bison in North America today. Many of these reside on livestock farms around the country. Some bison can still be found in a natural environment in national parks, such as Yellowstone in Wyoming and Windcave in South Dakota. Closer to home, the Konza Prairie allows visitors to view the bison as native grazers of the Kansas Flint Hills. Although Fort Riley no longer has a bison herd, a short trip south of Manhattan to the Konza Prairie is well worth the trip. For more information on this or other natural resources topics, call 239-6211 or visit the DES page on the Fort Riley website, www.riley.army.mil

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On the Wildside: News About Nature



In the early 1800s, bison were the king of the plains. At that time, bison roamed on Fort Riley.

Pro Stock Bike champion latest to join U.S. Army Racing Team

Army News Service

Three-time world champion on the National Hot Rod Association pro stock bike tour, Angelle Savoie, and teammate Antron Brown, have signed on with the U.S. Army Racing Team.

The new "recruits" began carrying the U.S. Army's name and logo on their pro stock bikes last weekend in the Mopar Mile-High Nationals at Bandimere Speedway, Denver, Colo. Savoie finished sixth and Brown ninth at Bandimere.

"U.S. Army Racing is proud to offer proven winners like Angelle and Antron an opportunity to continue their careers with our team," said Lt. Gen. Dennis D. Cavin, commanding general for the U.S. Army Accessions Command at

Fort Monroe, Va. "This very competitive team will help us better demonstrate how both racing and the U.S. Army rely on speed, power, technology and teamwork to win.

The expansion into Pro Stock Bikes will help the Army to further develop its connection with high school, vocational and college students across the country, Cavin said. He said it also gives the Army another platform that will help expand outreach efforts, generate leads for recruiters, and expand the base of those who influence decisions made by young Americans.

Savoie, who currently holds second-place in the pro stock bike standings, and

Brown, who sits in fourth, joins Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher as

part of the U.S. Army Racing NHRA family. Schumacher has been partnered with the Army since the 2000 U.S. Nationals.

Plans call for Savoie and Brown to join "The Sarge" as keynote speakers for the NHRA's Youth & Education Services program, known as YES, presented by the U.S. Army. The program helps kids better understand career planning and the breadth of opportunities at the track, as well as how math and science play a role in drag racing. Savoie and Brown are also slated to make school visits across the country with Schumacher.

"This is unbelievable," said Savoie of the new partnership with U.S. Army Racing and Schumacher. "It's really a dream come true. We just about had to call it

quits, with no money left to race. Denver was going to be our stopping point. And, that would have been real heart-wrenching since Denver was where I started my career. Now, we can keep moving on. I'm so happy."

Brown became only the second African-American to win an NHRA national event when he won the 1999 Castrol Nationals in Dallas, Texas.

"It's really great to be a part of the U.S. Army Racing and Don Schumacher Racing family," said Brown. "We finally can go out and race the right way. Everything just came together at the right time for us and I'm extremely thankful for this opportunity. We couldn't have asked for a better partner than the U.S. Army."

Racing without a sponsor for

the first half of the 2003 NHRA POWERade Drag Racing Series season, Savoie and Brown will now sport the traditional black and gold colors of the U.S. Army for the remaining eight races of the pro stock bike campaign under the Don Schumacher Racing umbrella.

Savoie has posted three wins and a number one qualifying spot to date this season, while Brown has a final round appearance to his credit.

"We're pleased to have Angelle and Antron join Schumacher Rac-

ing," said team owner Don Schumacher. "Clearly, they will be a nice complement to our already successful U.S. Army Top Fuel program."

In addition to its NHRA program with Don Schumacher Racing, U.S. Army Racing also includes the No. 01 NASCAR Winston Cup Series/MB2 Motorsports team with driver Jerry Nadeau, who is presently recovering from injuries sustained in a practice crash two months ago. Mike Wallace and Boris Said are filling in for Nadeau.

Sports office seeking teams, players for flag football

The Fort Riley sports office will hold its August A & R meeting Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., at King Field House. It is important that all units, even those that may have only a rear detachment left at Fort Riley after the deployment, send a representative to this meeting.

The sports office wants to do whatever it takes to continue with the sports program, even if that means combining those individuals left behind to form teams in sports such as flag football and basketball. The sports office staff will put those teams together. So, if your unit does not have enough personnel to form a team of their own, contact the sports office with

a list of those individuals interested in playing a particular sport.

Flag football is scheduled to begin on approximately Sept. 1. Any unit interested in having a flag football team needs to submit their Letter of Intent to Play no later than close of business Aug. 22. Names of individuals wishing to be placed on a team need to be submitted to the sports office with the same deadline.

A Cross Country Meet is scheduled for Sept. 19. You may enter individually, however, battalions are encouraged to enter as a team. In the Men's Open Division, each battalion is authorized to enter one team consisting of seven members. The top six times will be counted for team scoring. In the Women's Open Division, each battalion is authorized to enter one team consisting of five

members. The top four times will be counted for team scoring. Entries are due in the sports office no later than Sept. 9. There also are divisions for Women's Masters and Men's Masters. The cutoff age for the masters divisions is 35 years old as of Sept. 19.

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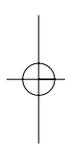
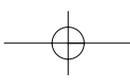
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Deployed soldier weds over cell phone

By Michael Watson
Staff writer



Post-Watson

Rebecca Lyn Mitchell-Aldridge talks to her new husband, Sgt. 1st Class Chad Aldridge, after they were married by cell phone. Aldridge is currently deployed to Iraq.

When fantasizing about her wedding day, Rebecca Lyn Mitchell-Aldridge said she always pictured a big, formal military affair.

Her fiancé, Sgt. 1st Class Chad Aldridge, would be in his Class A uniform, and she would don a beautiful, white wedding gown in front of family and friends.

But, it didn't happen that way. The couple still has plans for a formal ceremony, but for now they were married by proxy on July 30 at the Geary County Courthouse. The groom could not be there because he is currently serving with the 97th Military Police Company in Iraq.

"I would have never thought my wedding day would be like this, but we wanted to get married, and now we are," she said, holding a picture of her fiancé in his desert camouflage uniform in Iraq.

However, it was a wedding that almost didn't happen. It was a crazy day, filled with a lot of emotion, Mitchell-Aldridge said, especially when she heard the judge say, "I think we might have a problem."

She had signed all the necessary paperwork and even had a

special Power of Attorney for the proxy wedding. She gathered with six maids of honor, who carried single white roses, and wearing her white wedding dress and blue Hawaiian sandals, at the courthouse. She said the whole service was unique, and her shoes should be no different.

Mitchell-Aldridge had a big smile on her face as she walked into the courthouse, but then her tears of joy turned into tears of sadness when district judge Larry Bengtson said there was no way for him to know whether the soldier really wanted to marry her.

"When she said we weren't going to be able to get married because Chad wasn't here, I started to cry," she said, still wiping the tears from her brown eyes. "Then, I told the judge that he was going to be calling in, and he said everything would be okay, as long as he could talk to him to verify who he was."

The teary bride-to-be then had to pin all her hopes on the reception of a cellular telephone.

When the cell phone rang and his voice was clear, as if he was at the altar with her, Mitchell-Aldridge's face lit up. She then passed the phone to the judge, in his official black robe, for him to get the information he needed to verify the groom's identity.

Bengtson was convinced, and

the bride went before the judge at 5 p.m. in Junction City in her white, summer-style wedding dress, while her groom-to-be was wearing his desert camouflage uniform, instead of a tuxedo or Class A uniform, at 1 a.m. Baghdad time, just one hour before he was scheduled to go on duty again.

The couple recited their vows, to love and to cherish one another for the rest of their lives, as the cell phone was passed back and forth between the bride and judge.

The pair said their "I dos," and they were hitched. The couple was actually engaged before Mitchell deployed in June, however they were not able to tie the knot before he left. She said they especially wanted to get married as soon as possible because they found out that she was pregnant about four weeks before he deployed.

However, Mitchell-Aldridge didn't think it was possible to get married this soon, until she began chatting with mothers of other soldiers in online chat rooms. They told her to look into a proxy wedding, and that is how her wedding day came to be — reciting her vows through a cellular telephone.

She said it was a little nerve-racking, wondering if she or one of her maids of honors' cell phones would get reception.

However, everything went according to plan, and she is now married.

"I don't think that I knew everything was going to be okay until we were actually in the courtroom and Chad was on the phone saying his vows," Mitchell-Aldridge said. "I was just praying that the telephone wouldn't disconnect, because then we couldn't have been married."

One thing is for sure, it would be a very special memory, Michel Hokanson, maid of honor and another 97th MP Co. spouse, said.

"Not many people get married this way," she said. "As hard as it was for her to get married without him here, it will be a very special memory — something they will tell their children and their grandchildren about — a one of a kind wedding."

Mitchell-Aldridge said she would love to have her new husband home so they could go on their honeymoon and begin the rest of their lives together, however, she understands that he has a job to do.

"I know what he is doing overseas is very important to him and to us, so I am not disappointed about not having a honeymoon," she said. "We will have that to look forward to until he comes home."

Special offers available now

With soldiers returning from deployments recently, many vacation resorts, amusement parks and other leisure businesses are offering soldiers free admissions and large discounts. Fort Riley Information, Ticketing and Registration can give you more information on any of the offers, and can help you plan your homecoming vacation.

Walt Disney Parks and Resorts is offering "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" through Dec. 29. They are offering active U.S. military personnel a chance to enjoy complimentary, multi-day admission into Disney's U.S. theme parks and discounts for Disney Cruise Line, with additional special offers for family members and friends.

Disney's Armed Forces Salute is offered by both — the Disneyland Resort in California and the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida — and June 19 - Dec. 18, by Disney Cruise Line. Active U.S. military personnel, with proper U.S. military identification, are eligible, including active members of the United States Coast Guard and activated members of the National Guard or Reserves.

During the offer period, each active member of the U.S. military

can receive one complimentary 3-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute ticket valid for admission to both Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure parks through Dec. 19. Additionally, active U.S. military personnel may make a one-time purchase of 3-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute companion tickets during the offer period for up to five family members (including spouse) or friends for a special price of \$39 each.

Disneyland Resort Hotels are offering room rates for active military personnel at a 40 percent savings per night, based on the non-discounted price of the same room. This offer is available most nights during the offer period, and the number of rooms available at this savings is limited.

For general information regarding Disney's Armed Forces Salute at the Disneyland Resort, or to make reservations, call (714) 956-6424. Information is also available at www.disneyland.com/military.

At Disney World in Florida, each active member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary 5-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute ticket during the offer period, valid for admission into the four Walt Disney World

theme parks, two Disney water parks, Pleasure Island and more, through Dec. 19. During the offer period, active military personnel may make a one-time purchase of this same ticket for \$99, plus tax, for up to five family members (including spouse) or friends.

Select Walt Disney World Resort Hotels also are offering hotel room rates for active military personnel at a 40 percent savings per night, based on the non-discounted price of the same room. This offer is available most nights during the offer period, and the number of rooms available at this savings is limited.

For more information on Disney's Armed Forces Salute at the Walt Disney World Resort, or to make reservations, military personnel may call (407) 939-7424. Information is also available at www.disneyworld.com/military.

If the active member of the U.S. Military is unable to come to the Walt Disney World Resort during the offer period, the spouses may purchase up to five of these tickets one time during the offer period for family members or friends.

Disney's Armed Forces Salute theme park tickets can be

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Post-Lentini

A make-up artist with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command team helps prepare 1st Sgt. Cleveland Smith for his first photo shoot of the day at Cavalry Parade Field, Tuesday. USAREC conducted a series of photo shoots at Fort Riley throughout the week for Army of One print advertisements.

Cans, bottles, plastics: Recycle Center takes care of recyclable goods

By Lori Bultman
Editor

The Fort Riley Recycling Center wants some of your trash.

The post recycling program has several programs servicemembers can take advantage of, including curbside recycling pickup, composting and wood chipping and household hazardous waste, said



Post-Bultman

Steven Wells sorts recycling items from post housing pickups at the Recycling Center.

Jill Dalton, recycle program manager.

The curbside recycling pickup occurs regularly on post. "Pick-up is on the same day as your regular trash pickup," Dalton said. "The recycling truck is usually right behind or in front of the garbage truck." The items for recycling just have to be in the blue recycling bags. The bags are available free at the post Self-

Help Store, building 289.

The curbside service will pick up aluminum cans, corrugated cardboard, clear glass, newspaper, office paper, plastic bottles and steel cans.

The cardboard cannot have a wax coating on it - it can't be shiny, said Dalton. Also, the newspaper cannot have slick inserts in it and office paper should not include envelopes or sticky notes.

The staff at the center is appreciative of people who rinse out their steel cans, she said. "It would be really nice if the food containers were cleaned out. There are people sorting those things and if they have spoiled food in them, it can be a mess." Dalton also asks that bottles, milk jugs and liquid laundry containers not have the lids on them when turned in for recycling.

It is important for residents to use the blue bags, Dalton said. "Recyclables will not go to the Recycling Center if they are in anything other than the blue bags."

In addition to recycling at home, soldiers can recycle at their workplace as well. The Troop Incentive Program provides mon-

etary awards to units that bring items to the Recycle Center, building 1980. TIP then awards the top units that have an account with the Installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund.

"Cash will be awarded to the units that recycle the most pounds per soldier," Dalton said. The awards are given out every quarter. The large unit award is \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second and \$500 for third. For the smaller units, the awards are \$750 for first, \$500 for second and \$250 for third place.

The best way to collect in a work place is to have a recycling point set up. The items are then brought to the Recycling Center for weighing. The person bringing the

items receives a weight ticket. Dalton tracks the weights submitted by all units on a regular basis, she said. In addition, each month she said a Random Act of Recycling monetary award is given out.

"We chose a particular commodity (type of item), and we figure out who brought the most pounds of that particular item in," Dalton said.

During the quarter of FY 03, the staff chose plastic as the random commodity. The 1st Battalion, 34th Armor received the award for the quarter, \$250, because they turned in 468 pounds of plastic, Dalton said.

The Household Hazardous Waste Program is based out of the

Environmental Waste Management Center, building 1945.

If you are moving and have to dispose of household cleaning products, you can call 239-6797 for an appointment to drop them off, said Dalton. "If you are moving overseas, you can't take hazardous household products with you. This program gives you somewhere to dispose of them besides the garbage."

If you need household cleaners, paint, oil or any other household product that might be at the center, you can go by and look through the assortment of items available. They can be taken, free of charge, for your use. "As long as the shelf life is good on something, we will give it out," Dalton said.

Recycling on Fort Riley can be challenging.

"Recycling takes an extra effort. People know it is good for the environment, but at Fort Riley people move through here every two years or so," said Dalton. "That means constant education to be sure everyone knows the procedures here for recycling and that it remains convenient for everyone."



ITR

The Information, Ticketing and Registration office is located in building 6918, across from the PX. The hours of operation for ITR are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and the office is closed federal holidays.

For further information, call ITR, 239-5614 or 239-4415.

Check out the Department of the Army leisure travel website, www.offdutytravel.com for more great deals on travel.

Renaissance Festival

The Renaissance Festival of Kansas City offers the chance to step back in time, when lords and ladies ruled the land. Back then, knights clad in shining armor took to battle for a lady's honor.

Jesters, minstrels and rogues entertained throughout the village in hopes of a day's wages. All this and more can be found at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival.

The festival runs for seven glorious weekends each autumn and features a different theme each weekend.

The adventure begins Labor Day weekend in Bonner Springs... just minutes and 500 years from downtown Kansas City. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

Worlds of Fun

In appreciation for the valuable service to their community and country, Worlds of Fun will celebrate Public Safety Days Aug. 17 - 24. During this time only, free

fighters, police officers, EMT's and military personnel, National Guardsmen and reservists will be admitted to Worlds of Fun free.

Men and women of the public service branches simply need to present their identification to guest relations at Worlds of Fun, located at the main entrance.

Tickets for family members or guests may be purchased through ITR for \$21, (one-half the price of a regular-single day ticket).

Road Race Series

The Topeka Half-Mile National and Formula USA National Road Race Series is coming to Heartland Park Aug. 9 and 10. Advance military discounted tickets are available through ITR.

Midwest Nationals

The 220 mph Screamin' Eagle Nitro Harleys are coming Aug. 23 and 24 to Heartland Park, Topeka. There will be free gate admission for active and Reserve military personnel with valid military identification at the gate only.

Kansas City Chiefs

Experience the excitement of NFL football with the Kansas City Chiefs. Limited tickets available through ITR. Tickets are \$60 without transportation and \$80 with transportation.

Grab some friends and tailgate at Arrowhead stadium. Support your favorite team.

The home game schedule is: Aug. 9 - San Francisco 49ers, Aug. 16 - Minnesota Vikings, Sept. 7 - San Diego Chargers, Sept. 14 - Pittsburgh Steelers, Oct. 5 - Denver Broncos, Oct. 26 - Buffalo Bills, Nov. 9 - Cleveland Browns, Nov. 23 - Oakland Raiders, Dec. 14 - Detroit Lions, Dec. 28 - Chicago Bears.

Oceans of Fun

Guests at Oceans of Fun will be surrounded by the tropical excitement of Paradise Falls. Paradise Falls brings increased playability to the 60-acre water park located in Kansas City, Mo. You won't be able to miss the 1,000-gallon bucket located at the top of the water playhouse.

Paradise Falls in overflowing with fun for children of all ages and is sure to keep everyone busy and soaking wet for hours.

Cosmosphere and Space Center

It's hot outside, but there are cool things happening at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson.

The Wright Flyer Exhibit is part of the Cosmosphere's continuing celebration of 100 years of powered flight. On Dec. 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright inaugurated the age of powered flight with their successful first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Discount tickets available at ITR.

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obtained only at Main Entrance ticket windows.

Disney Cruise Line is also extending special rates to active military personnel on most of its vacations until Dec. 18. For more information or to book a Disney Cruise Line vacation, call (888) 325-2500.

Also in the Orlando area, Universal Studios is offering a complimentary Universal Bonus Pass good for five consecutive calendar days for unlimited admission to the resorts two world class theme parks, Universal Studios Florida and Islands of Adventure and City Walk, the resort's dining, shopping & entertainment complex. In addition, up to five family members and friends of each military member may purchase a five-day Bonus Pass for \$50, plus tax. Military spouses may make

the one time purchase if the military sponsor is unable to visit Universal Studios during the offer period. Tickets for family and friends must be purchased by active duty servicemember or spouse, not both. There is a limit of five tickets that may be purchased at the Bonus Pass rate.

Military Salute tickets are not valid for admission into separately ticketed concerts and special events, such as Rock The Universe and Halloween Horror Nights.

Another amusement park offering discounts is Silver Dollar City. Through Oct. 3, show your military ID at any Silver Dollar City ticket booth to purchase an Adult 2-Day admissions for less than regular one-day admission cost, \$35 plus tax. Dependent Children, 4 - 11 years of age, will receive a

free 2-Day admission ticket with each paying adult. Another option at Silver Dollar City is to pre-purchase your 2-Day adult tickets from ITR and also receive a free Branson Vacation Saver coupon booklet with additional family savings on lodging, dining, attractions, shopping and music shows in Branson, Mo.

Universal Studios Hollywood is offering free unlimited admission for military personnel. Up to five friends and family members of each active duty military member may purchase the same unlimited use pass for \$39 each. Military spouses may make the one time purchase, if the military sponsor is unable to visit Universal Studios during the offer period. A limit of five tickets applies. Tickets for family and friends must be purchased by active duty

servicemember or spouse, not both.

For those who need to fly to their vacation destination, US Airways recently introduced "Salute Savings," a discount program for U.S. military, with special fares as low as \$79 each way, based on roundtrip purchase. The US Airways "Salute Savings" rates are available to active and Reserve military and their immediate families through government-contracted commercial travel offices throughout the U.S. The fares are valid for tickets purchased through Dec. 31, for travel completed by Feb. 12, 2004.

"The service that the men and women of the U.S. military provide at home and abroad is invaluable," said US Airways president and chief executive officer Dave

Siegel. "This program is designed to make special fares and travel bargains available for their widespread use."

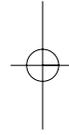
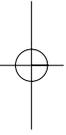
Under the Salute Savings program, fares must be purchased roundtrip and are available for travel originating in the U.S. to destinations across the US Airways system, including Europe, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

For information on these fares, military personnel or their military 1D-carrying family members should contact their commercial travel office or the Scheduled Airline Ticket office, SAFO, at McConnell Air Force Base, 316-759-6344.

Tickets are nonrefundable and must be purchased at least three days in advance of departure. One

Saturday night stay is required, and a maximum 30-day stay is allowed. Seats are limited and other restrictions apply. Fares are available to the immediate family members of members of the Armed Forces when the member is part of the traveling party. An immediate family member is defined as a parent/guardian, spouse/partner or child.

Stop by ITR, across from the Post Exchange, for further information. There are many military discounts available at ITR for regional attractions, theme parks and resort destinations. ITR can also assist with hotel reservations. Office hours for ITR are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For further information, call 239-5614 or 239-4415.





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