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Fort Riley Post




The U.S. Army Recruiting Command, under the guidance of the U.S. Army Accessions Command, spent last week at Fort Riley taking a series of photographs for Army of One print advertisements.

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America's Warfighting Center

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Recon troop nabs suspect

By John S. Wollaston
Staff Writer

BAGHDAD IRAQ - An early morning raid recently on the eastern side of Baghdad resulted in the arrest of an Iraqi suspected of embezzling over 60 million Iraqi Dinars earmarked for local farmers.

The 2nd Platoon of the 3rd Brigade's Reconnaissance Troop and soldiers from Company B, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, operationally attached to the Bulldog Brigade arrested Wathik Hamid Hassan in his office at the Iraqi Farmers Union building in the section of Baghdad known as "New Baghdad."

According to Maj. Paul Daniels, S-3 for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Hassan took over as the head of the Farmers Union shortly after the defeat of the Iraqi Army by coalition forces in April. "By using his false position as head of the union, he gained access to the farmers' accounts and began allegedly using them for his personal gain."

"He claims to have been voted head of all farmers in Iraq," Daniels said. "But witness statements say he's never been a farmer nor has he ever dealt with farmers' issues. The union claims that he's an impostor." Hassan has worked as an automobile air conditioner repairman.

The Iraqi Farmers Union, similar to stateside Farmer's Co-ops, represents approximately 2 million farmers across Iraq. Dues are paid on a regular basis, and the money is supposed to be used to promote farmers' issues.

BRT Commander, Capt. Eric Strong said the operation went smoothly, but there were still potential hazards involved with making the arrest. "Our reconnaissance of the suspect showed that he traveled with between 10-12 military grade men who were observed carrying weapons. So, on the morning of the arrest, we made sure we had an overwhelming force in case there was any trouble."

The 3rd Brigade Commander, Col. Russ Gold, commenting on the arrest of Hassan said, "This arrest typifies the many tasks other than combat operations that this brigade combat team performs on a daily basis. Not only will the elimination of a criminal element like Mr. Hassan re-establish the Farmers Union of Iraq as a legitimate and recognized union, it is also a step toward rebuilding Iraq as a legitimate democracy in the eyes of its people."

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A vehicle lowers a 20-foot container to the scale to be weighed. The container is packed with supplies and equipment from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

1st BCT packs equipment

Containers filled with 20,000 pounds of equipment, supplies

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

In preparation for their upcoming deployment to Iraq, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, loaded several 20-foot containers with more than 20,000 pounds of supplies and equipment last week.

The loading began on Monday with soldiers working eight or more hours a day to fill the containers.

"Everything is going," said 1st Sgt. Patrick Sticca, first sergeant, HHC, 1st Bde. Besides the hard labor of packing the containers, the soldiers worked to complete the packing before the end of the week.

"The hardest part is trying to get everything done in a timely fashion," said Spec. Donald Jones, supply specialist. "We have to be done by today, but we are busting our behinds and we'll get the job done."

The soldier's morale is high, said Sticca.

"They are doing outstanding," he said. "They are working hard to get the job done."

"Many of the soldiers are chomping at the bit to go," said Jones. "Once we get this done we are pretty much ready."

Once the containers are loaded, they

are picked up by a palletized loading system with a container-handling unit attached. They are then taken to the weigh station on Custer Hill to be weighed.

"Once they are loaded, braced and locked and the PLS unloads them, they are picked up by a vehicle that sets them on the scale to be weighed," said Master Sgt. Redo Purnell, movement control, 6025th Garrison Support Unit. "They should ideally weigh around 20,000 pounds or so. I mark the weight on the container's front, back and both sides so it is visible from anywhere."

After being weighed, the containers are placed on trucks from the transportation motor pool and taken to the vehicle processing yard. There they are loaded onto commercial tractor-trailer trucks.

"The trucks can carry a gross of 40,000 pounds," said Purnell. "We distribute the weight of the containers accordingly."

If we have one that weighs 25,000 pounds, we pair it up with one that weighs 15,000 pounds so that the trucks don't have problems with the weight limits on the highways," Purnell said.

Once loaded onto the commercial trucks, the containers travel to Texas where they are loaded onto ships that will take them overseas.



Spec. Donald Jones and Pvt. Gabriel Bolton, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., load a 20 foot container with supplies and equipment for an upcoming deployment.

Coalition forces attacked

Afghan update lists activities

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Soldiers with the Coalition Joint Task Force-180 in Afghanistan came under fire, captured enemy forces and lost a soldier in a drowning accident this past weekend.

In Paktika Province, three enemy soldiers were captured and another was killed during a brief battle with coalition soldiers in the vicinity of Gayan Aug. 9. While conducting an area clearance as part of Operation Warrior Sweep, coalition soldiers observed the four enemy soldiers and ordered them to lay down their arms and surrender.

Coalition soldiers fired three warning shots, and one of the men refused to comply. A brief firefight ensued and he was killed. The three remaining enemy soldiers were captured and detained by coalition personnel for questioning.

Special Operations Forces in the vicinity of the firebase at Orgun-E received small arms fire from about five enemy soldiers on the evening of Aug. 9. The enemy fire was suppressed by close air support.

A land mine detonated near Parwan Province in the vicinity of the firebase at Bagram also during the evening of Aug. 9. Bagram security personnel heard a loud explosion and observed a large plume of smoke about 100 meters from a guard tower near the base. There were no reported injuries to coalition soldiers nor damage to equipment or property.

A coalition servicemember died in an apparent drowning accident near Maz-e-Shari about noon, Aug. 10. The soldier while swimming in a river, went under the water and failed to surface. The death is under investigation. The name and nationality of the dead servicemember is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

CJTF-180 is a coalition military operation in Afghanistan with military forces from 20 coalition partner countries focused on creating the conditions for security, stability and reconstruction.

In another incident, a rocket impacted in the vicinity of the coalition firebase in Asadabad 7 p.m., Aug. 10.

Coalition forces returned fire with mortars. There were no coalition personnel wounded and no damage to coalition equipment.

Bush: It will take more than 100 days to undo Saddam's legacy

By Jim Garamone
APFS

WASHINGTON - President Bush praised the progress coalition military and civilian personnel have been able to make in Iraq, but said that 100 days is not enough time to undo the legacy of Saddam Hussein.

In his weekly radio address Aug. 9, Bush noted that it is but 100 days since the end of major combat operations in Iraq. He said the time has been marked by steady progress.

"Every day we are working to make Iraq more secure," Bush said. "Coalition forces remain on the offensive against the Baath Party loyalists and foreign ter-

rorists who are trying to prevent order and stability." He said the progress is evident to the Iraqi people as more and more are cooperating with coalition forces and tipping them to the regime remnants still threatening peace.

Iraqis themselves are helping with security. Coalition officials said there are about 30,000 Iraqi police back on the beat, and coalition officials have begun to recruit a new army and a civil defense force.

"Every day, Iraq is making progress in rebuilding its economy," he said. "In Baghdad, the banks have opened, and other banks will open across the country in the coming months. This fall, new bank notes will be issued, replacing the

old ones bearing the former dictator's image. And Iraq's energy industry is once again serving the interests of the Iraqi people. More than a million barrels of crude oil and over 2 million gallons of gasoline are being produced daily."

The coalition is paying civil servants with funds recovered from the former regime, and life is returning to normal for the Iraqi people. Bush said hospitals and universities have opened, and in many places, water and other utility services are reaching pre-war levels.

"Across Iraq, nearly all schoolchildren have completed their exams," he said. "And for the first time in many years, a free press is at work in Iraq. Across that country today, more than

150 newspapers are publishing regularly."

But most important, the Iraqi people are taking daily steps toward democratic government, the president noted. "The Iraqi Governing Council, whose 25 members represent all of that diverse country, is meeting regularly, naming ministers and drawing up a budget for the country," he said. These men and women will soon set the conditions to allow a representative group to begin drafting a new constitution and free elections will follow.

Bush pointed out that all major cities and most towns now have representative councils. "Freedom is taking hold in that country, as people gain confidence that

the former regime is never coming back," he said.

But much remains to be done, Bush emphasized. "There is difficult and dangerous work ahead that requires time and patience," he said. "Our country and the nations of the Middle East are now safer. We're keeping our word to the Iraqi people by helping them to make their country an example of democracy and prosperity throughout the region. This long-term undertaking is vital to peace in that region and to the security of the United States. Our coalition and the people of Iraq have made remarkable progress in a short time and we will complete the great work we have begun."

New Defense Travel System introduced NATO Assumes Command of the Peacekeeping Force

Rock Island Arsenal is among the first installations in the Department of Defense to receive the new Defense Travel System (DTS).

First envisioned in the early 1990's, DTS is now beginning a deployment that will see it expand eventually to the entire Defense Department. In the words of DTS Program Director Col. Larry Schaefer, "Within the next few years, we will deploy DTS to most high-volume travel sites within DoD. It will take time to deploy DTS to all of the Department of Defense, but the process has begun."

Col. Alan Tomson, the DTS Chief of Fielding, describes DTS as "a state-of-the-art, 21st century e-commerce system." He explains, "DTS will mean online TDY (temporary duty) travel for virtually every person in the Department of Defense, both civilian and military. This is a quality of life issue for our people. They deserve DTS."

Benefits DTS brings to travel-

ers, authorizing officials, managers and commanders include: fast, electronic reimbursement of travel expenses, approvals and certifications tied directly to mission, a significant reduction in time spent administering travel, reduced paperwork, and the automated payment of government charge cards.

This is a priority item. As Tomson puts it, "Why should our travelers be financing our operations? That's what happens, in effect, if we don't reimburse them promptly."

Thanks to DTS, DoD will be able to reimburse all its business travelers quickly and electronically.

DTS places approval of travel arrangements and certification of travel vouchers at the traveler's website instead of at a servicing paying location. This allows decisions regarding travel to be made where the mission takes place.

As DoD's single end-to-end electronic solution for Defense

business travel, DTS is in fact online travel. It provides electronic connectivity between the traveler, the authorizing official, the service/agency accounting and disbursing systems, the local comptroller's budget, the commercial travel service provider, the commercial bank card service, and the electronic archive of travel-related documents.

This attribute makes DTS "a knight in shining armor" for many travelers and for the military services and Defense agencies. It takes much of the after-the-fact bill paying responsibility away from the traveler, and will work to reduce those delinquencies that are caused by having the extra delay in the payment/repayment chain.

Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota was the site of the Department of Defense's operational assessment of DTS this past year. Ellsworth gave the DTS team a real-world environment in which to test and improve DTS. The sites where

DTS is being deployed now and in the future benefit from the field experience gained at Ellsworth.

Other IMA Northwest Region sites receiving DTS in the next year, in addition to Rock Island Arsenal, include Fort Riley, Fort Leonard Wood, Detroit Arsenal, Fort Carson, and Fort Lewis. Current plans call for DTS to be deployed to more than 1,000 DoD installations by the middle of the decade, at which point DTS would encompass 90 percent of all DoD business travel. The goal of the DTS Program Management Office and of the military Services and Defense agencies is to make DoD business travel and the administration of that travel quicker, easier and better for everyone in the Department of Defense.

For more information on the DTS program within the IMA Northwest Region, contact Marty Morris at DSN 793-8301, commercial 309-782-8301 or via Email at [morrism@ria.army.mil](mailto:morris@ria.army.mil).

NATO Assumes Command of the Peacekeeping Force

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11, 2003 — During a change of command ceremony in Kabul today, NATO assumed strategic command, control and coordination of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. The force had been under the leadership of Germany and the Netherlands.

A NATO press release stated this important event underscores the long-term commitment of all NATO allies to stability and security for the Afghan people.

NATO expressed gratitude for the outstanding German and Dutch contribution, officials said, and also thanked nations that have decided to contribute to ISAF under NATO's leadership.

ISAF's name and mission will not change. NATO will work within the same United Nations mandate as ISAF III and will operate according to current and future U.N. resolutions.

NATO's commitment to the ISAF mission is a reflection of the alliance's transformation agenda and resolve to address the new security challenges of the 21st century.

NATO Supreme Allied Commander U.S. Marine Gen. James Jones appointed German army Lt. Gen. Götz Glienherth as ISAF commander and Canadian army Maj. Gen. Andrew Leslie as his deputy.

At the change of command ceremony in Kabul, NATO was represented by the deputy secretary general, Ambassador Alessandro Minuto Rizzo, and Jones, as well as other officials.

(Based on a NATO release.)

Women's Equality Day celebrated Aug. 26

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

On Aug. 26, Fort Riley will be observing Women's Equality Day, commemorating the tremendous, positive changes wrought by the women's movement. This year's theme is "Celebrating women's right to vote."

According to Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer A. Boyd, installation equal opportunity advisor, the date for the celebration was set in honor of a major step in the women's equality movement taken on that day in 1920 when the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, was ratified. This was due to a long struggle by women suffragettes for the right to vote. In 1971 the U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26, as a day to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment

and to celebrate the continued efforts towards equality, said Boyd.

"The reason we celebrate Women's Equality day is to commemorate the tremendous positive changes wrought by the women's movement," said Boyd. "These women planned and organized elections, wrote petitions, lobbied, paraded and broke new ground in every field imaginable for women. Both women and men are today living the legacy that those women fought for back then. Women are continually improving in every area."

This year's guest speaker, Dr. Gwendolyn S. O'Neal, a professor from Kansas State University, will highlight celebrations. The event will be held at the Barlow Theater from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Along with the lecture, there will be a food tasting and information displays.

"We should really care about this celebration because women have played a part in our (Army) history since World War I where women were part of the Army/Navy Nurse Corps," said Boyd. "During World War II, in Pearl Harbor, a woman chief nurse at Hickman field, 1st Lt Annie Fox, was the first of many Army nurses to receive a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star."

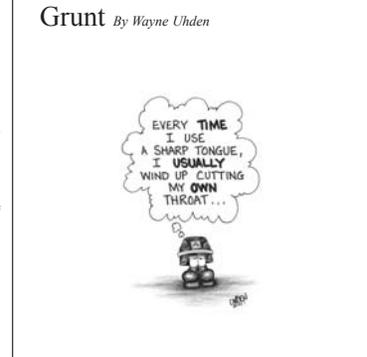
"Look at the Citadel and the Academy," said Boyd. "The first 100 women were allowed to enter the Academy in 1976. Role models like those women and Billy Jean King in tennis and many others are out there. Women are doing it all. There are numerous women doing great things for our country."

Boyd stressed the aim of the celebration and the learning

experiences that are available to soldiers who wished to learn more about women's equality and the struggles and strides that have been made in the Army and in this country.

"I hope that the people come with an open mind to be educated on the things that women have brought to this country and the struggles and sacrifices that women have made throughout history, said Boyd "Come learn and see the contributions that women have made to this country and the contributions that will continue to be made. Women are going to start taking a lot of offices and doing things that they haven't done in the past because we are continuing to grow."

For more information on the Women's Equality day celebration contact the Post Equal Opportunity Office at 239-2928.



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Europe Command transformation may bring soldiers home

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) - Moving troops out of Germany and positioning them closer to terror threats is part of the transformational plan for U.S. Europe Command.

"We don't foresee a war in Germany. So, why have a large force there," said Air Force Gen. Chuck Wald, the U.S. Europe Command deputy commander. "We have to face the fact that there is a new threat, and to address the new threat takes a different type of strategy, force and a different displacement of troops," Wald said.

In 1989 there were 315,000 active-duty troops in Europe. Today there are 106,000 in

Europe, not counting those in the Balkans.

Transformation has already begun, Wald said. The Air Force and Navy have already dramatically downsized, he added.

The Army is looking at one of three options, Wald said. Some soldiers will either stay in the EUCOM area of operations, go back to the States or go to countries like Bulgaria, Romania or Lithuania — all former Soviet-bloc countries and republics — or to the continent of Africa.

Most will go back to the States and rotate to the east on a six-month rotational basis, Wald added.

Department of the Army offi-

cials were not able to provide a timeline because the plan causes for operational decisions that are still under review.

The Marine Corps general who has been commanding EUCOM since January is devising a plan that would place troops closer to terrorist hotspots and in the backyard of NATO allies who are in need of developing a stronger military force.

"The possibility exists that we may have to shift some of our forces and basing assets to give us the flexibility, agility and ability to project power in areas where new challenges are emerging," said Gen. James Jones, EUCOM commander, in an open

letter to service members, civilians and their families under his command. Within the next year seven more countries are scheduled to become NATO allies, Wald said. "We need to set programs in place to help countries where the government, military and police force isn't as mature, and it's easy for the terrorist to come and go."

Just a few years ago there was not a military threat in Africa, Wald said. However, the proliferation of terrorist training camps was unpredictable, he said.

"Now we need to develop a habitual relationship with Africa. Also set up forward operating locations so we can train and

train them so they can protect their borders and capture terrorist themselves."

Even though Africa often goes through civil strife, missions in Africa will be to deter terrorists, Wald said. There are many other countries that have armies that can certainly perform peacekeeping missions. The Army needs to do operations on the high-end of the spectrum, he added.

The Army can do peacekeeping, but they're too good for that, Wald said.

"The threat is that Al Qaeda alone has trained between 25,000 to 70,000 terrorists," he said. "Then the true dilemma is that who can say that Syria isn't

going to pose a threat in the Middle East. No one can say that North Korea is all of a sudden not a threat. We don't know what China is going to do."

Change in the EUCOM theater will not happen for change's sake, Wald said, but because it makes sense.

"For example, Grafenwoher has a world-class irreplaceable range," he said. "What good would it do to give something like that up just to say you did it. It's the same thing with Ramstein or Stuttgart," Wald said.

There will remain a military presence in Germany, it just hasn't been decided what size the force will be, he added.

Talk Around Town

"Which military benefit is most important to you and why?"



"BAH dollars for housing. It's enough to cover all of my living expenses, and it's tax free."

1st Lt. Jason Spenser
2nd Bn., 34th Armor



"TRICARE Medical for my wife and kids because it would be very expensive in the civilian world."

1st Lt. Ryan Cripps
2nd Bn., 34th Armor



"The educational benefits offer the best rewards both in and out of the military."

Spc. Jeremy Ricci
3rd Bde., 75th Div. (TS)

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Unit News

By Capt. Brian Smith
Det. Commander

AL ASAD AIR BASE, AL ANBAR PROVINCE, IRAQ: Fort Riley's own Detachment D, 4th Finance Battalion, continues to serve on the front lines in Iraq. The detachment has been deployed since April 10, in direct support of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The mission entails providing disbursing, military pay, and contracting support to the regiment and attachments - approximately 8,500 soldiers.

We cover the entire western

half of Iraq, from Ar Ramadi to the Syrian and Jordanian borders. Just what does a Finance soldier do in a combat zone?

We provide all soldiers with cash to purchase goods on and off base. We ensure that all soldiers are paid all deployment entitlements (Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, Hostile Fire Pay, Family Separation Allowance) and fix problems with service members pay accounts. We provide Leave and Earnings Statements for units and monetary support to AAFES and the Post Office. Lastly, we provide contracting support, which enables all units to pur-

chase goods and services from the local economy. Armies travel on their stomachs and wallets. The same holds true here. Simply put, anything that the Regiment buys, we pay for.

Often, the mission is expanded to anything having to do with money. To date, Det. D, has been called upon to process and retrograde more than 10 million seized Iraqi Dinars and more than \$8 million dollars of impounded Iraqi gold bullion to Kuwait.

In all, 14 prairie paymasters support the financial needs of the soldiers and the entire 3rd Armored Cav. Reg.

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Briefs

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 Monday-Aug. 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 "Veteran 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 class 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. 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

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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.

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 Man-

oms, 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.

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.odcspcr.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

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Adopt-a-Room

Fort Riley organizations are invited to participate in the Adopt-A-Room project. This beautification program is striving to change the appearance of the patient rooms and give them a softer, family oriented look. In early May, the Protestant Women of the Chapel adopted a room and decorated it in a Noah's Ark theme.

The rooms are on the third floor in the Women and Infant Care Center. New mothers are encouraged to bring their own pillows, blankets or towels to add to their comfort during their hospital stay.

For more information on the Adopt-A-Room program, call Maj. Susanna Itara, 239-7434.

Breast-feeding Class

The Women and Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free classes on Breast-feeding Babies on the third Wednesday of each month.

A dietician will address the nutritional requirements for breastfeeding moms and a lactation educator will talk about the advantages of breast-feeding and how to prepare for successful nursing. Information on breastfeeding techniques, troubleshooting advice and where to find support will also be offered. Classes are held in the Obstetrics classroom on the third floor of IACH, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Maj. Susanna Itara at 239-7434.

Car Seat Inspections

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

Active duty uniform soldiers, their families, retired military and Department of Defense civilians are eligible for this service. There is no fee.

Car Seat Inspection appoint-

offers free Tobacco Cessation classes. This is a four-week program, which meets once a week and is run by trained medical professionals.

Participants may choose to quit smoking without medication or healthcare providers may prescribe Zyban. Nicotine patches are also offered during the class.

For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dietician teaches healthy ways to avoid weight gain.

Military servicemembers, their families and DoD civilians are eligible to participate. To register, call Community Health Nursing at 239-7323.

Pregnancy Physical Training

Pregnancy Physical Training is held every Monday and Friday, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m., at the Armed Forces YMCA, 16th and Washington St., Junction City, and on Wednesdays it is held at Normandy Chapel, building 7865.

The program is designed to serve the special needs of the pregnant soldier by providing appropriate physical training and a health education program.

Pregnancy PT supports the Fort Riley units by offering consistent health guidance for pregnant soldiers.

Every Tuesday is an hour-long education program, which is held in the Education Bay, fourth floor of Irwin Army Community Hospital, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Short presentations given by health care staff members cover a variety of topics, such as infant car seats; skin-care during pregnancy and the common discomforts of pregnancy.

Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier, are welcome to attend. Participation in the Pregnancy PT program is encouraged, although participation is not mandatory.

Limited openings are available for this program. To participate in the Pregnancy PT program, call Sgt. Carrie M. Jensen, Headquarters Platoon, 568th Engineer Company, 239-4260.

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Commentary

POV damage- What's right when filing claims?

If you get into an automobile accident on Fort Riley, will the Claims office reimburse you for the damages? Well, maybe.

There are a number of questions that need to be answered before deciding whether a claim is payable under the Personnel Claims Act. The PCA is a gratuitous payment statute that is designed to compensate a certain group of people for loss or damage to personal property that occurred in connection with their service. It is not intended, however, to compensate for ordinary hazards of life or replace the requirement and need to have personal insurance.

The first issue is determining

whether you are a proper claimant under the PCA. The PCA authorizes compensation only to soldiers on active duty; members of the U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard engaged in active service or inactive training; civilian employees of the Army or the ARNG or Department of Defense employees who are not employees of the Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps.

Next, it is determined whether the claim is payable under the PCA. Hit and run collisions are an example of a claim that is not payable under the PCA.

There are many intricacies of the PCA that everyone should be aware of before deciding whether

to make a claim or not. For instance, it is mandatory under the PCA that if you have personal insurance (i.e. comprehensive coverage), you must first file with your insurer. Failure to do so could result in your claim being denied.

For claims due to theft or loss of a vehicle or the contents of the vehicle, the PCA requires that the vehicle be "properly located" on the installation. A vehicle is properly located on Fort Riley when the vehicle is registered on Fort Riley and is properly registered and insured in accordance with state law. If these requirements are not met, the vehicle is not property on the installation and

the claim could be denied.

Another important component of the PCA is to look at the claimant's behavior. That is, did the claimant contribute to his loss? For example, did the claimant leave his vehicle unlocked? The bottom line is, a claimant's own negligent or reckless conduct could jeopardize the claim. Also, vehicles are not for property storage. While many soldiers keep large numbers of CDs in their cars, the amount of claims

notified immediately. Do not move the vehicle before they arrive unless it is causing a safety hazard. The MP's must investigate the incident to substantiate that the incident occurred on Fort Riley. If you move the vehicle you may lose that needed evidence.

If your vehicle is damaged by a government vehicle or a vehicle operated by a Government employee in the scope of their appointed duty, you may be eligible to file a Tort claim against the

issues. Report the incident to the MPs or local police, depending upon the location of the accident, as usual and contact the Claims office for further instructions.

Soldiers, Department of the Army employees and others should understand that the Army claims system is not intended to be a universal government insurance policy, rather it is very limited to what it can pay. Therefore, it is vital that both military and civilian personnel take measures

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'Stolen valor' dishonors our heroes

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Army News Service) — Medals for valor are paid for with sweat, blood, and in too many cases with the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Surviving families don't ask for a crisply folded flag or a posthumous award for their loved ones' bravery. They would much rather have their soldier safely home and out of harm's way.

We recently learned that all citizens don't understand the true meaning of integrity regarding medals for valor. The U.S. Army Personnel Command awards branch recently assisted the Federal Bureau of

Investigation in bringing to closure an allegation that a Rhode Island man had fabricated documents to upgrade his Bronze Star to the

Distinguished Service Cross.

Unbeknownst to the Army, a congressman presented a fake certificate and store-bought DSC to him in 2000. The veteran's secret went undiscovered for three years. The Vietnam veteran recently admitted that he fraudulently created a letter from the Army to a congressman advising him that the Army had awarded him the DSC, the military's second-highest honor.

"Actions of stolen valor dishonor all warriors whose valorous deeds have earned them every citizen's respect, appreciation and love for protecting our way of life," said retired Col. Roger Donlon.

Donlon, the first Vietnam Medal of Honor recipient, was a captain in 1964. He commanded Special Forces Detachment A-726 at Camp Nam Dong when a Viet

Cong battalion attacked the camp. Donlon was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.

"Medals of valor are never won, they are earned in actions against a hostile enemy and these actions go above and beyond the call of duty.

Every recipient of such an award accepts these sacred honors with the highest sense of responsibility.

They dedicate themselves to upholding the dignity of each award for all who have served honorably and continue to serve."

Freedom isn't free and valor awards are not meant to be bought and sold on the Internet or engraved in trophy shops.

(Editor's note: Lt. Col. Stan Heath is the public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Personnel Command.)

Grant Avenue gate to be closed

On Aug. 27, the in-bound lane of Grant Ave., will be closed because of construction. The out bound lane will remain open. The lane will be closed approximately 60 to 75 days.

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PWOC plans kick-off

The Protestant Women of the Chapel

Are hosting a Fall kick-off Sept. 4, at the Morris Hill Chapel. The kick-off begins at 7 p.m.

Also, sign up for the fall weekly studies. Free child care will be available.

For more information please call Althea Brown at 717-3032 or Juli Kelly at 784-8333 for more information on the up coming studies.

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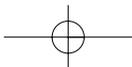
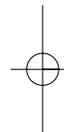
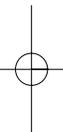




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Soldiers rebuild Iraqi hospital, tourism school

BAGHDAD, Iraq (Army News Service, Aug. 6, 2003) - Army Reserve units from Connecticut and North Carolina are helping to make Baghdad a prosperous civic center and restore a dilapidated medical facility.

Soldiers from the 411th Civil Affairs Battalion from Danbury, Conn. restored the Baghdad Institute for Tourism and Hotel, and the 422nd CA BN, is preparing to restore the Spinal Injury Center.

The institute was heavily damaged from looting after the war, said Maj. Ralph Roper Jr., 411th Civil Affairs Battalion, director

of Tissa Nissan Civil Military Operations Center. "The air-conditioners and furniture were taken and the equipment inside was destroyed," he said.

Now however, the school has been mostly restored and classes have resumed there.

"This is the future of Iraq," said Roper. "Tourism is one of the things that will determine how successful Iraq will be because it brings a great deal of revenue in to the economy."

For the first time since the war in Iraq, the institute offered a graduating class to enter the

country's travel industry.

The vocational school held a commencement ceremony on its grounds in Baghdad August 2.

"We've done a lot here, but we still have a lot more to do," Roper said. "Working together with the Iraqis, we're going to be successful."

The 411th CA BN, is not the only Reserve battalion helping to rebuild Iraq and improve the quality of life for its people.

The 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion is making plans to improve the Spinal Injury Center.

Capt. Stacey Simms, special

functions team chief of the 422nd CA BN, an Army Reserve unit based in Greensboro, N.C., assessed progress to restore and re-supply the Spinal Injury Center building in Baghdad July 30.

Prior to the assessment, food, blankets, clean sheets, clothing, and personal hygiene items were provided to the center.

Used for emergencies and long-term rehabilitation, the center presently holds 70 Iraqi patients in the few wards sanitary enough for proper care.

Due to post-war looting and vandalism, a great deal of the

equipment has been stolen or destroyed. More than half the center is still covered with dust and rubble.

"This building had a half-life of 10 years," said Dr. Kaydar Al Chalaie, director of the Spinal Injury Center. "That was 20 years ago."

Chalaie explained that for the past 21 years the center has been operational, but no piece of equipment the center signed for could be discarded, sold or donated, even if an item was considered obsolete or inoperative.

"They are lacking an awful lot

right now," said Simms. Chalaie's initial goal is to have a clean and tidy building so that the staff can start to work in sanitary conditions.

"One of the first things we are going to do is a big clean-up project within the next week.

We are going to try to improve the quality of life for the patients there," Simms added.

After the wards are sanitized, Chalaie plans to start a pediatric spinal care unit, an intensive care unit, a rehabilitation clinic and a neurology clinic.

Helmet liners no longer required as part of uniform at Officer Candidate School

Army News Service

For more than 60 years, students in the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., have worn the M1941 helmet liners as part of their uniform.

However, when OCS Class 05-03 graduates Aug. 7, they will become the last class to wear the distinctive helmets.

"It's sad to say, but the time-honored sight of OCS formations marching to class or the mess hall, accompanied by drums and the guidon, will be nearly indistinguishable from other troop formations on post," said David Stieghan, Military History Division. "The only distinction will be the black or white ascots they wear bearing the entwined letters 'OCS.'"

From now on OCS students will wear a black ascot as a basic officer candidate, a blue ascot as an intermediate officer candidate and a white ascot as a senior officer candidate.

"Although many candidates will say that the helmet liners were a hassle to wear, most will agree that it is an honor to wear them," Capt. Stephen Fabiano, company commander, said. "I know the cadre will tell you that they will miss being able to identify their candidates from quite a distance."

The helmet liners were part of the Model 1941 helmet set issued to the U.S. military forces from early in World War II until the mid 1980s.

"After the introduction of the PASGT Kevlar helmet, the M1941 Helmet Liner was retained until now at the only Officer Candidate School in the U.S. Army," Stieghan said.

The M1941 helmet with its unique liner has not been produced since the Vietnam War, Stieghan said.

The tradition of the helmet liners began back in the early 50s. Even then, the senior officer candidates wore the distinctive blue helmets to signify their officer candidate status.

"The color of the helmet has always been a way of recognizing an officer candidate's status," said Dan Turner, who went through OCS in 1967.

Class 5-03 said they are proud of the fact that they are the last in a long line of candidates to wear

the helmet liners.

"Many of the candidates wish the liners could stay," said Stephen. "But they will always be able to say they were the last class to wear the liners."

"It's just like anything else in the military," Fabiano said. "Being the first or last to do something so visible and historic is always a chance to exercise bragging rights."

As far as the effect it will have on the Army, Stieghan said that any time a positive, time-honored tradition is ended that does not affect individual efficiency or unit readiness, the Army loses.

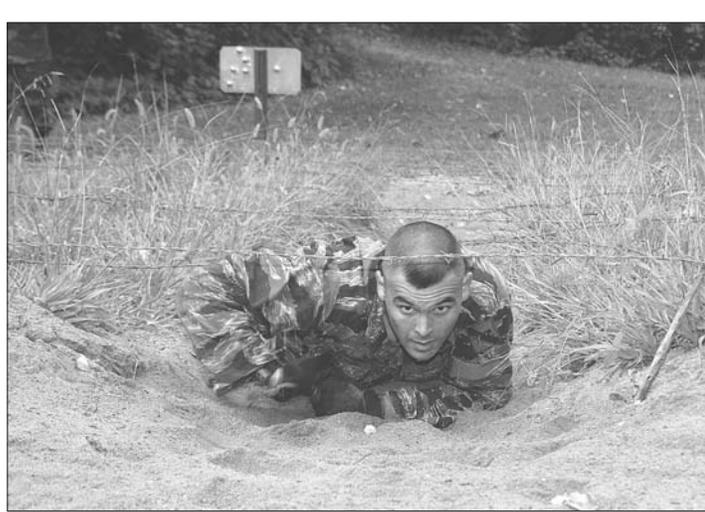
"There is only one Officer Candidate School in the U.S. Army, and the school's distinctive uniform reflect the unique challenges and sacrifices of officer candidates," Stieghan said.

For more than 60 years, OCS candidates at Fort Benning proudly wore the painted Model 1941 helmet liner to distinguish their formations from the other enlisted and officer training units in training."

Stieghan said. "While the fatigue uniforms of candidates in training has changed, the gloss black or ski blue helmet liners of the candidates marked to all those soldiers who accepted the challenge to become Army officers in the high-stress challenge of Officer Candidate School."

"The normal drumbeat that is heard around Infantry Hall will still be present," Fabiano said. "But, as people look to watch another OCS class marching to (Infantry Hall), I am sure they will miss seeing the distinctive headgear."

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Sgt Jeffrey Brewer, 3rd Battalion, 383rd Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division, negotiates the barbed wire obstacle during the fourth annual OPFOR Challenge, a contest matching opposing force units from around the country in a battle of skill and knowledge. Participants hailed from 3rd Bde., 75th Div. Soldiers came from Houston, Texas, Oklahoma City, Okla., Des Moines, Iowa, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Dallas, Texas, and St. Louis, Mo. Over the four-day contest, teams participate in events ranging from a PT test to an obstacle course, night land navigation, rifle marksmanship and tactical lane movement and skills.

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Suspect

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After his arrest by the BRT, Hassan was taken to Coalition Detention Center for questioning. Also confiscated at the time of his arrest were several ledger books, and a leather briefcase containing unknown documents. Investigators will examine the paperwork to see if it points to the exact whereabouts of the missing money.



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Letters to the Front

"To Sgt. Joseph Askins, 70th Engineers, the kids and I love and miss you very much! We are doing fine and pray for your safe return home. We are very proud of you! Be careful over there and come home soon!" - *Always and forever yours, Angie Askins, San Antonio, Texas*

"I just want to take the time to say thank you for all your hard work, pain, and the time you all have given to free the people of Iraq and protect our American freedoms. To us, you are all heroes. You have saved those people from a sick evil ruler, a life like we will never know, while we have troops like you serving our country. May the Lord keep you safe and protect you." - *A soldier's mom*

"Prayers and best wishes to Sgt. Jonathan Whitehead and the entire 125th FSB family. We thank you for all that you do on a daily basis. You are appreciated and missed. Hurry home. Be safe. God bless." - *Gloria Whitehead, military spouse, Decatur, Ga.*

"I just wanted to take a few minutes and send my thoughts and prayers to the HHC, 3rd BCT that is in Iraq. I just want to tell them that I am thinking about them and hope that they return home soon. To Jason, I send you my love, and long for your return. Keep smiling and doing your best and you will be home before you know it. I love you and miss you! Stay safe and be careful! You are the greatest! You are

definitely a hero!" - *Love, Misti Auburn, Ala.*

"To Regina Johnson, we miss you. Danielle is a great girl, and she has been doing very well. I will miss her this summer, and I hate to move away from her. I hope that the time flies and that you are home before Danielle can blink. Thank you for what you are doing." - *Love, Lesley S. Cravey, Kan.*

"As a single parent of three, I have never been one to give up, even during the most difficult times in my life. I want you all to know that the uniform that you wear and the pride you bestow upon that uniform are truly inspiring to all of us. My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. Thank you for making all of us back home realize the value of freedom and how proud we are to be Americans. Stand tall and be proud we are all waiting with open arms and grateful hearts. Be safe and come home soon. Thank you so much." - *Kris, Wichita, Kan.*

"To Staff Sgt. Madsen, your family misses you more than you can ever believe! I love you more than I ever have before. Every U.S. citizen is proud of you and your comrades. Keep your head down, and come home to us when your job is done." - *Cheryl and the kids*

"To Jolo, hi son. We are glad you are finally coming home. Keep yourself safe. If you can let us know exactly the

date that you will be in Kansas, we will try our best to see you touch the ground. You just don't know how much we miss you! My co-workers are continuing to pray for your safe return to the U.S. land. Our best regards to your buddies there." - *Love, Mama*

"To Chief Warrant Officer 2 Patrick D. Grove, 4th Bn., 1st Field Artillery of Denver, Colorado. We want you to know that we miss you and love you so much. We want you to know that we are behind you 100 percent. Be careful and watch out for the enemy. Also take care of your soldiers and watch each other's backs and fronts. Take care and we love you so very much. Do your job, and we have got home taken care of." - *Love, Deshun and the girls, New York.*

"I would just love to tell my husband, Staff Sgt. Jose Ruiz, that his daughter, Destiny, and his wife, Sonia Ruiz, miss him more than her could ever imagine. We have so much love that awaits him when he returns. He is not going to be able to get enough of it! His family in Texas and around the world are so proud of him. He is a true hero in our eyes and always will be. He is the most dedicated soldier I have ever known. Nothing seems to stand in his way when it comes to fighting for his country. He has served in the Army for 16 years now and has been in Iraq for five months, and he is still stronger than ever. He is the most patient and loving man, and I am so proud to say

that he is my husband and the greatest father to our daughter. She may only be three-years-old, but she knows when the greatest man in her life is gone. We would like to wish him a safe return, as well as all the other soldiers out there in Iraq. When I touch him with my own two hands, I'll believe he is home! We love you!" - *Sonia Ruiz, military spouse*

"To Pfc. Jim Strube, I don't know if you will see this, but if you do, please know that you are thought of every moment, and every prayer you're included. I miss you so much it hurts, but you do what you have to do, baby, and I'll take care of you when you get home! Everyone misses you and is forever indebted to what you and your fellow soldiers are doing. I am so proud of you! I pray to hear you speak the words, 'baby, I'm coming home.' Until then, I wait for you." - *Michelle Davis, Leasburg, Mo., Carden Machine Shop, Inc.*

Yesterday I joined the Army. It was time to become a man. I wanted to see the world, but war wasn't in the plan. I am a soldier now, and my country I will defend. Through truth, honor, and courage, my loyalty will never end. Today shots rang out! I can hear the cries. As I walk through this red sand, my tears I cannot hide. He will not remain in power, this man called Saddam Hussein, who tortures his own people. We have to end their pain. Tomorrow the sun will rise, high

above this dusty cloud. We'll all be coming home, and our families will be proud. They say that we are heroes, but that we just can't see. For we are just one country, fighting so that another can be free.

Thank you, and God bless America! - Alice Hidaauri, Aunt of Pvt. Charles D. Adams, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.

To my husband and the soldiers Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry. You have all made your families proud, your friends proud and America proud! Keep up the hard work and stay safe. Keep your heads low and your spirits high. You are all loved and missed! Dean, I am very proud of you and I am counting down the days until you are on American soil and in my arms. Stay safe and take care of each other! *Love Teara Richardson, Wife of PFC William Dean Richardson and huge supporter of our troops.*

If you would like to send messages of support to our troops deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, email your message to the Post editor at afzmpomr@riley.army.mil. Soldiers, please include your name, rank, unit and hometown. Military spouses and civilians, please include your name, job and hometown.

You can also drop off a message at the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264, at the front desk.

Veterans' health care being looked at

WASHINGTON - The Department of Veterans Affairs is asking an independent commission to review a plan devised to reshape the way the department handles veterans' health care.

The draft plan stems from a VA study called Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services, or CARES. VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi presented the draft national CARES plan to the CARES Commission Aug. 4. The commission will review the plan and conduct hearings before presenting its report to Principi for a final decision, which is expected by the end of the year.

"VA's mission to provide quality health care for America's vet-

erans has not changed since its inception," said Dr. Robert H. Roswell, VA's undersecretary for health.

"But how that job is done - at what kind of facilities, where they are located and which types of procedures are used - has seen dynamic change as a result of medical advances, modern health care trends, veteran migration and other factors."

VA officials said a July 1999 General Accounting Office study found the department was spending a million dollars a day on unneeded or unused facilities, so CARES was developed to identify an infrastructure that would better serve veterans' health-care

needs in the 21st century.

Principi said those infrastructure changes "may come with difficult choices."

"As VA enters the process of making these choices in communities across the country, it is important to remember the broad outcomes it seeks - more effective use of VA resources to provide more care to more veterans in places where veterans need it the most," the secretary said.

Among changes the plan proposes:

- * Closing VA hospitals in Canandaigua, N.Y.; Pittsburgh (Highland Drive);

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Joint club meeting planned

There will be a joint luncheon co-hosted by the Enlisted Spouses Club and the Officers' and Civilians' Spouses Club on Aug. 21. The lunch will be held in the Municipal Building in downtown Junction City. The doors open at 11 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon.

The menu will include an appetizer of spinach/artichoke dip with pita strips, and then your choice of chicken salad or spicy steak salad, with sorbet and fresh fruit for dessert. Breads, tea, coffee and water will also be included.

The cost of the luncheon is \$10. Reservations are required for the luncheon. Please RSVP to Connie Taylor at 784-5111.

Childcare is available at the ASYMCA in Junction City and also through the Child Development Center on Fort Riley. Availability is on a first come first served basis. For information on childcare or to make a reservation, call Heather Spencer at 784-2245 by Wednesday, August 13th.

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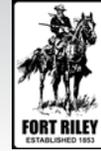
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Fort Riley Community



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Dubious scams target families

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) - Recent press accounts have reported that Army family members in a number of states allegedly received calls or visits from imposters over the past few months stating that deployed soldiers had been killed or injured.

However reports about scam artists knocking on doors and asking spouses for personal documents have not been confirmed by investigators and officials said they may be the product of rumor or circular reporting.

Only one such incident in Colorado Springs is being investigated by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command and that incident occurred in April when two women in Army dress uniforms allegedly knocked on the door of an Army wife and when no one answered, they went next door and spoke to a neighbor.

But the neighbor who made the allegations has not cooperated with investigators and CID has been unable to substantiate the story, said Marc Raimondi, CID spokesman.

"CID takes allegations of criminal wrong-doing against soldiers and their families very seriously," said Raimondi. "We will continue to work closely with family support group leaders and local authorities to investigate reports such as this," he said.

Officials at the U.S. Army Personnel Command stressed that casualty-notification officers would never ask to see personal documents when notifying next of kin, and they said that when a soldier is killed, the notification is not made by telephone.

"The families are under enough stress," said PERSCOM's Shari Lawrence. "There just aren't any adjectives to describe how difficult that (the notification hoax) is for families."

Operation Iraqi Freedom is not the first time that hoax notifications have been made, unfortunately, Lawrence said. "It happened during Desert Storm and Just Cause in Panama."

During Desert Storm, an elderly couple in Virginia answered their door and found two youths dressed in Army physical training uniforms, Lawrence said. The PT-clad imposters told the couple that their son had been shot when arriving at the local airport.

After the couple drove off toward the airport, their home was burglarized.

Families who receive suspicious calls or visits should immediately check with their soldier's unit, said Maj. Joe Golden, commander of the rear detachment of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Carson, Colo. Golden said his unit has a staff duty officer available all night who could quickly check the veracity of a casualty report and put family members at ease.

Family members who receive hoax calls often experience emotional trauma because they believe the bad news, said Sue Richter, vice president of the Armed Forces Emergency Services American Red Cross at Falls Church, Va.

"In the case of an elderly family member or a family member who is in bad health, it's really hard to say just how dangerous this could be to them or what kind of effects it could have on them," said Richter.

The Red Cross does not notify the next of kin when military members are wounded or killed in action," Richter said.

When a soldier is wounded in a military operation, the next of kin is normally notified over the telephone by a doctor or medical specialist, said Derylene Watts, a

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Capt. Richard Ross, Junction City Fire Department, helps Justin Bennett, 4, out of the window of a smoke house simulator. The trailer was displayed in Burnside Loop last week to teach children about fire safety and other safety issues. After the room filled with smoke, Justin's mom, Andrea, helped him escape through the window.

Time now to consider Spring lawns

By Michael Watson
Staff writer

A lush green lawn without weeds does not grow on its own. John Barbur, agronomist in the Directorate of Environment and Safety, said it takes good care in the fall to keep grass healthy throughout the year.

During the summer, he said grass should be watered no more than twice a week, equaling about two inches of water per week. When cooler fall temperatures arrive, less water will be needed.

"As it starts getting cooler, you can back down on the water to about one inch - when the high temperature is about 75 degrees," Barbur said.

"If you water once or twice a week to get that one inch, that will be best, because the water will make its way down to the roots and allow them to grow deeper."

As fall approaches, he said it is also time to think about fertilization and weed control.

"The best time to fertilize or apply weed and feed fertilizer is mid-to-late September," Barbur said. "During the fall, the plant's nutrients flow to the roots, where it will help the grass the most. Herbicides in weed and feed fertilizers also flow to the roots of the weeds, where it will kill many of the problem spring weeds."

As the days grow shorter in October and November, it is time to wrap up the lawn work for the year, he said. Mow the lawn one last time at a height of 2 1/2 inches. A second application of fertilizer can be made in early November if desired, but if only one application is made during the year, it should occur in September. Give the grass one last good watering, if dry weather persists, making sure the water penetrates six to eight inches deep.

These tips can be used when residents do the lawn care required by the Housing Division.

According to the resident policy handbook, lawns should be watered sufficiently to keep grass from drying out and grass should be cut to a certain height. Other special instructions can also be given.

Pam Newman, chief of facilities in the Housing Division, said grass must be kept to a height of 3 1/2 inches between the months of March and November. The only time it should be cut shorter is during the winter months.

"We also said excessive clippings, leaves and twigs should be removed, and lawns should be edged along walks, driveways, curbs and flowerbeds. Some yard debris can be bagged and placed on the curb on the scheduled refuse collection day for pickup. For residents who don't have the necessary materials to perform good lawn care, the Self-Help Center, building 289, behind King Field House on Cameron Street, can help. It has equipment including garden shears, weed cutters, edgers, shears, wheelbarrows and seed and fertilizer spreaders available for free checkout.

It also has free grass seed, mulch and peat moss available. Regular weed and feed fertilizers are not authorized for distribution from the Self-Help Center. However, they may be obtained from retail stores, including the Post Exchange. "Using these tools and resources, residents should be able to keep a good looking lawn, without spending a lot of money," Newman said.

Self-Help Center hours
Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday: noon to 7 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Commissary survey now available online

FORT LEE, Va. - A commissary industry committee is spearheading a first-ever online survey aimed at finding out more about the commissary shopping habits and perception of savings of active duty military service members.

The survey is being funded, conducted, and compiled by the Consumer Awareness Team, a commissary industry committee that researches and funds projects to help military service members understand the value of their commissary benefit. At stake for anyone taking the survey: two minutes of their time and a chance to win one of 250 commissary gift certificates valued at \$50 each. The certificates are also funded by industry.

Crosswalk safety stressed for start of school Monday

By Michael Watson
Staff writer

As school starts again, children should remember to stop, look and live.

It's a motto that all pedestrians should use, Paul Inman, chief of safety in the Directorate of Environment and Safety, said.

"Remember to look both directions when crossing the street, and cross only when there is no danger from approaching vehicles."

According to state law,

Since the survey is being conducted and funded by private industry, the survey is not available at commissaries, but can be taken online at <http://catsurvey.shortsurveys.com>.

The online survey will be available through September. Any authorized commissary shopper is welcome to take the survey, but the Consumer Awareness Team does have a specific audience it's trying to reach.

"We want to gather more information on the shopping habits of active service members, particularly E1-E6 and junior officers," said Steve Lamkin, CAT chairman. "The results will help us make decisions about what outreach projects we undertake. Also funded by industry.

pedestrians and motorists are equally responsible for safety around crosswalks. Inman said it is only a myth that pedestrians have the absolute right of way - walkers should never enter a street unless the road is clear.

"When drivers and pedestrians keep safety in mind, crosswalks can be safe," he said.

"Both should be ready to yield the right of way if necessary." When crosswalks do not have a traffic-control device, pedestrians should be given the right of way once they are

halfway across the lane that the vehicle is traveling or if they are in danger of being hit, according to state statutes.

According to national statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a pedestrian is injured in a traffic accident every seven minutes. At Fort Riley, that number is a lot lower, averaging one pedestrian accident every two years.

To keep children safe, Inman said the Safety Division relies on parents to educate their children about how to

sell products to commissary customers, so those manufacturers obviously have an interest in any projects that will increase business."

Although the survey is not "official," the results will also be shared with DoCA as a tool for outreach and marketing.

"We aren't able to collect that kind of demographic information on our customers," said Kaye Kennedy, chief of DoCA corporate communications, "and although we do an official Commissary Customer Satisfaction Survey twice a year, it only surveys shoppers who are already in the stores. It's great that our industry partners are doing projects that can provide valuable feedback and help us focus our outreach and marketing efforts to the right audiences."

cross the street safely. "The biggest problem we have is that children do not cross at the crosswalks," he said. "Another problem is that children are darting out between parked cars where drivers can't see them. Vehicles are supposed to reduce their speed in areas where children are crossing the street, but drivers do not always slow down. That is why it is important for parents to teach their children to be safe."

Photo: Watson



Fort Riley soldiers featured in advertisements

By Kim Levine
Staff Writer

The U.S. Army Recruiting Command, under the guidance of the U.S. Army Accessions Command, spent last week at Fort Riley taking a series of photographs for Army of One print advertisements.

Fort Riley was the location chosen for the photo shoot because of the assets available at this post, said Sofia Hernandez, account executive with Leo Burnett, the lead agency that handles Army advertisements worldwide.

The focus of the shoot at Fort Riley was African-American soldiers, so along with the representative from Leo Burnett, representatives from Muse, Cordero, Chen and Partners, a minority-focused advertising agency out of Los Angeles, were present.

"Our agency is specifically dedicated on the account to promoting Army messages about recruitment for active, reserve and ROTC for the African-American community," said Kendall Martin, account supervisor. Muse, Cordero, Chen and Partners.

Over 40 Fort Riley soldiers were featured in the photo shoot, including active duty and

reservists. Participating soldiers varied in age, race, rank and jobs.

"We wanted a deeper understanding of the jobs to show our recruits and those thinking about joining the Army that you can be anything you want to be realistically inside the Army," said Martin.

The shooting schedule began Tuesday morning at Cavalry Parade Field as photographer Kwaku Alston lined up the soldiers in formation. Soldiers were also shot running up a hill, staging physical training and working on lap-top computers in a field tent.

Wednesday's shots included a series with the 82nd Medical Company Blackhawks and several leisure shots at Rally Point during karaoke night.

Thursday focused on the comradeship between the soldiers as the team headed to Custer Hill Golf Course, Sturgis Field and King Field House for a series of sports shots.

"Our goal is to help demystify the Army experience, so many of our shots and scenarios on base have been not just showing what the soldiers do at work, but what they do after hours," said Martin.

"We've tried to gear the campaign towards helping our

recruits get a sense that the Army is actually a place where they can have a phenomenal work life as well as a great social and off-hours life."

For Friday's shots, soldiers were featured with their families: two with their parents, and one with his wife and children.

"We wanted to show the pride, the affirmation and the confidence of the soldier, as well as the pride that the Army instills in the parents," said Martin.

Spc. Candace Pratt, 6025th Garrison Support Unit, and Spc. Curtis Morrow, 82nd Med. Co., were both featured in several shots throughout the week, including Friday's shots with their parents.

"I'm excited to publicize what the Army has to offer for young people," said Morrow. "I want people to understand that the Army is a great thing. There's nothing like serving our country."

Morrow's mother, Gloria, who flew in from North Carolina for the photo shoot, said that being at Fort Riley gave her another avenue to show her pride in her son, the U.S. military and her country.

"This gives him a little extra support in the fact that he is proud to do what he is doing in

being a part of the military," said Gloria.

"We actually extended our original shot list based on the hospitality that's been offered us by the various soldiers on base," said Martin.

"We are amazed at all the diversity that's available at Fort Riley."

Maj. Paul Stamps, project officer, USAAC, was on hand all week as the Army liaison. Stamps, who has traveled around the country promoting advertising campaigns, worked the technical issues, making sure uni-

forms were correct and all Army procedures were being followed.

"Working with soldiers to recruit for soldiers is very rewarding," said Stamps. "The soldiers are who make it happen, and the soldiers we have worked with this week have been really great."

"Overall, the week was a huge success," said Hernandez. "We loved Fort Riley."

The photos will be featured as print advertisements in direct mail, on the Internet and in several magazines, such as Vibe, Ebony and Essence.



Photographer Kwaku Alston shoots soldiers running up a hill in formation for a shot titled, "Down for Whatever."

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casualty officer at Fort Carson.

"Usually it will be the doctor or someone taking care of the soldier who understands the situation and can explain it who makes the call," said Watts. "If (the soldiers are) well enough, they can make the call themselves."

When a soldier is killed,

normally the notification is made by one or more soldiers in Class A uniforms, with a chaplain if one is available, Watts said. If families have any doubts as to whether the notification is real or a hoax, Watts suggested asking the notification team for identification.

A separate person, a

casualty assistance officer, makes funeral arrangements and helps set up benefits and assists with applying for unpaid pay and hiring attorneys. The casualty assistance officer may ask for information to speed the benefit application process, including dates of birth, addresses of other relatives and social security

numbers of children.

But that comes later and documents are never requested at the time of notification, Lawrence said.

The casualty assistance officer will stay with the family of the deceased until after the funeral to ensure all needs are met.

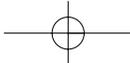
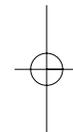
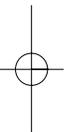
Anyone approached by a suspicious person claiming

to have information about their deployed spouse should call the military police or local law-enforcement agency immediately, Watts said.

Those who receive suspicious phone calls can also try to trace the call, Richter said. She explained that many phone companies have resources that

might be able to find out where the call originated.

(Editor's note: Spc. Matt Millham, of the 14th Public Affairs Detachment at Fort Carson, Colo., contributed to this article along with Spc. Jonathan M. Stack, associate editor of the Frontline newspaper at Fort Stewart, Ga.)

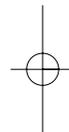
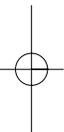




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HHC, 24th Inf. Div., takes company level slow pitch championship

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The Ghost Riders from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division won the Company Level Slow Pitch Softball League Tournament, for the third year in a row, when they defeated the Company B, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Bulldogs 8 - 6 Saturday.

The game pitted the two rival teams in a game of strong, intense defensive playing, where each team made few or no errors. Any errors that were made were of no consequence, since both teams earned all of the runs.

"This game has a good intensity level, and we have a big rivalry with them because they have a good team," said Julius Thomas, third baseman, 24th Infantry Division. "Whenever you have a team that's good like them, or Medical Activity, it's a lot of fun," he said.

The rivalry was felt in both dugouts.

"I tell you, they are a tough team, just like with MEDDAC, they have been our rivals all year. They are real good competitors, and that leads to a lot of emotion and some jeering going on - it's a good game," said Cory Reiter, Company B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor.

The Bulldogs struck first by putting two points on the scoreboard in the second inning. The Ghost Riders answered back in the top of the third inning with a run of their own, and then blanked the 'Dawgs in the bottom of the third, making the score 2 - 1, in favor of the Bulldogs.

During the game jeering from the dugouts was at a minimum, but could still be heard.

"These guys don't look like PT (Physical Training) studs, so as it gets warmer throughout the day, it will be a battle of attrition - I think we will be able to outlast them. The longer we can stick this out, the better the chance we have wearing them out," said Reiter.

In the top of the fourth inning, the Ghost Riders' bats exploded with a barrage of hits, giving them an additional five runs to their score and taking the lead in the game.

The 'Dawgs mounted an attack in the bottom of the fourth when they opened up the inning with a single by Mac Perrin, and then with a double by Robert Osorio. With runners on second and third base with no outs, Sammy Solis smacked a line drive that was snapped out of the air by the Ghost Riders' second baseman, William Jones. Now with one out, and Bulldogs runners on second and third, Ghost Riders pitcher, Wade Grief, loaded the bases by walking Kurt Myers. Next at bat was Lou Rodriguez for the 'Dawgs. Rodriguez unloaded on a piece of meat tossed up by Grief that was turned into a screaming line drive headed towards the outfield.

However, the seemingly cat-like reflexes of Ghost Riders' shortstop, Warren Williams, leaped and snagged the ball in the confines of his mitt's webbing. With two outs and the bases loaded, 'Dawgs John Griffith, chopped a ground ball between the shortstop and third baseman of the 'Riders. The single by Griffith scored the only two runs of the inning for the 'Dawgs. The scoreboard now read 6 - 4 in favor of the Ghost Riders.

The fifth inning saw the 'Riders trying to increase their lead. Their best scoring chance came when William Jones tried to score but was tagged out at home plate while trying to score from second base. Once the 'Dawgs returned to bat, they were able to tie the game up on a series of hits.

The game remained locked at 6 - 6 until the top of the eighth inning. With runners on first and third, Ghost Riders' Ron Ewing smacked a ground ball single up the middle, which scored the runner on third base.

With no outs and runners on first and second, Riders' Jones grounded to second causing the

force and the first out of the inning.

With Jones on first base, and Williams on third, Rider's outfielder, Kevin Doheny, stepped up to the plate and smashes a frozen rope between the 'Dawgs shortstop and third baseman, effectively scoring the last run of the game, and making the scoreboard read 8 - 6.

Although the 'Dawgs were behind in the score, there was a sense of pride among them.

"This is the best company level team we had in a long time. We'll take second place, we lost

to a good team, but we gave them a run for the money, and we'll be back next year," said Josh Gerard, Company B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor.

The pride of the Bulldogs was even felt. "I have a tremendous amount of pride for my guys to have made it this far, considering all of the work they have been doing to get ready for our deployment. They always find a way to find the time, and shift our people around so they can come out here and play the game," stated Capt. Jon Bushman, commander, Com-

pany B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor.

With the Ghost Riders being only one out from the championship, Griffith stepped up to the plate, with a runner on second base, and with a mighty swing, the Bulldawg hit nothing but air. After letting the count go to 1 and 1, Griffith grounded the ball to Rider's shortstop, Williams who promptly gunned him out at first to give the Ghost Riders their third straight championship trophy.

To some of the 24th Inf. Div. players, confidence was their biggest ally.

"We're playing really good defense. We're a way better defensive team than we were last year," said Doheny. "They're a good team that we've been battling during the regular season, but the regular season is the regular season. This is tournament time, and that is when 24th Inf. Div. really pumps it up (level of play)."

"This team has a lot of heart," said Williams. "We lost to them during the regular season, but with a show of heart, we came back and won the championship."



Wade Grief, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division, beats Cory Reiter, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, to first base for the out during the Company Level Slow Pitch Softball League Championship game Saturday.

HHC, 24th Inf. Div. secures battalion title after beating 2nd Bn., 34th Armor

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

So what do you do after your team has won the company League softball championship? Why, you go out that same day, against the same team, and bring home the Battalion League trophy. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division did just that Saturday night when they defeated 2nd Battalion 34th Armor, 13-0 in six innings to become the Fort Riley Battalion League Champions.

Knowing that they were the team to beat, and with a company trophy already in the bag HHC seemed confident. Even so, they knew that anything could happen and went into the game ready to play hard.

"We like staying on top," said Julius Thomas, a member of the HHC squad. "I've been here three years and we've consistently had a good team every year and everybody knows that. It's a challenge because we know that every time we go out on the field people are trying to beat us. You know that people are gunning for you so were not going to let them take us out."

HHC opened the game with three quick singles. Armor had a trick or two up their sleeves though and didn't allow a runner to second using lightning throws and forcing two outs at second base.

The power that was going to descend on Armor was released with HHC's next batter, Ronald Ewing showed Armor what they were in for when he sent a booming ball out to left field. The hit put Ewing on first and brought in the first RBI of the game. After a fly ball ended the side the score stood at 0-1 for the HHC team.

Armor also showed what was to come in the first inning, as they seemed unable to put anything past the stifling defensive wall put up by HHC. Two grounders opened the side with both thrown out at first. The third batter lined a zinger in between second and third but

a fly ball by the next batter was caught for the third out of the side and a score of 0-1 for HHC going into the top of the second.

Opening the second inning with two almost identical grounders and a force-out at first, HHC didn't show much of the power evident in the first inning. A double by the third batter looked to get the ball rolling but a pop foul was easily netted by the catcher and HHC went into the dugout without anything to show on the board.

Armor needed to put something on the board but fate seemed unkind as the first batter was thrown out of the game for arguing a call. A walk and two more quick force-outs at first ended the inning on a down note for the Armor team.

The power was back for HHC in the third inning as they opened with a single and a double, which nearly hit the base runner on his way around the horn. A

booming ball to left hit the outfield fence and barely bounced back into play for a standing double and two RBI's by Julius Thomas. A ground ball out to center field brought in another run and Ewing let another ball rip for a double, putting runners at second and third. A grounder and force at first kept the runners on their bases and although the next batter sent a fly to die in left field, the third-base runner was able to tag up and head for home, tacking another run on the board. Another grounder past third ended up as a double and another RBI.

Seeming unstoppable, HHC sent another grounder zipping in between first and second for yet another RBI. Finally a fly ball was brought down for the third out, but the damage had been done. The scoreboard had been flickering like a Christmas tree with all of the points and being added to the score. After the top of the third inning the score was 0-7 for

the thundering HHC crew.

Armor never let up as they moved to the plate. A fly ball to center field was hauled in but a short fly to second plopped in front of the fielder for a single. A grounder to third was picked up and zapped to second for the force out, but a line drive to right put runners on first and second. With two outs, a fly to left was brought down, stranding the two runners and sending HHC back up to the plate. At the end of the third, the score still stood at 0-7 for HHC.

The fourth inning started with a walk for HHC. A high fly ball was caught for the first out of the inning but the runner was able to tag up and head to second. The following batter put a grounder past the short stop and sent the runner at second home but was then thrown out attempting to make the turn for second. Two more quick singles put runners at first and second and the next two batters

both brought in RBI's as they put out a couple more singles to continue the run. A grounder and force out at first base ended the side with the score 0-10 for HHC.

Armor kept fighting as they took the plate. A quick out was answered with an error by HHC, allowing Armor a double. The runner was unable to capitalize on being in scoring position though as the next to batters both hit into quick infield force-outs.

HHC took the field one final time, determined to put an end to the game.

The first batter powered a ball into center for a stand-up double. A grounder to third base was lazied over to first but was dropped by the first baseman allowing the second base runner to turn for home and another run. A short fly to right got down in front of the fielder for another single and put runners at first and second. A fly out to left was caught by Armor for out number one but a grounder that ended up getting by the pitcher and the second baseman allowed another RBI and put runners at second and third. A fly to left was heaved into the catcher on the following play but the ball was dropped allowing a run to score and leaving two runners in scoring position. Two quick outs stranded the runners and ended the side at 0-13 for HHC.

Armor had one final chance to score in the bottom of the sixth to hold off a mercy rule end to the game but HHC was just too tough and sent Armor down with four batters and three outs. The final score, HHC 13, Armor 0.

After the game Ewing commented on the game and the Armor squad.

"We played some solid defense and we hit the ball and tried to force them to make plays," said Ewing. "That's the way the game is played - make them make plays. If they don't make the plays, we run the bases. We look forward to playing these guys every year. It's been the same three four teams for the last three years and this year we just came in on top."



Daren Dubey, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division, beats the tag at second base by John Griffith, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, during the Company Level Slow Pitch Softball Championship game Saturday.

Catfish plentiful in Fort Riley streams, ponds

Without a doubt, channel catfish are the most pursued game fish on Fort Riley. But did you know there are approximately 2,200 species of catfish throughout the world. Catfish are in the family Ictaluridae. They vary tremendously in size from a couple of inches all the way up to 650 pounds. Kansas is home to 12 different species of catfish. You have to look pretty hard in the state to find a stream, river, pond or reservoir that doesn't have at least one species of catfish in it.

Catfish differ from most other fish families by their lack of scales. They also have long "whiskers" called barbells. These barbells are covered with hundreds of taste buds. Not only are the barbells useful for finding food, but also is their keen sense of smell. Catfish are also unique for their ability to deliver a mild poison using their pectoral and anal fin. The sting is painful but does not cause any significant damage. Nighttime is when catfish most actively feed and move around, although they are commonly caught during daytime

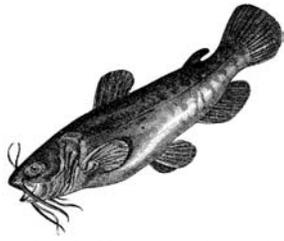
hours. Catfish are known as cavity spawners. The females lay their egg mass in something such as an old tire or a hollow log. Even an undercut riverbank will work. Once the female deposits the large jelly like egg mass the male moves in and fertilizes them. Once fertilized, the male will gently fan the eggs with his pelvic fin. This keeps silt from covering them. The male will also guard the eggs from predators.

There are seven species of catfish found on Fort Riley. The smallest two species are in a group of a smaller catfish called madtoms. The two madtom species on Fort Riley are the stone cat and the slender madtom. They both are found in streams and rarely exceed five inches. They primarily eat aquatic insects. There are two types of bullhead catfish on Fort Riley, the yellow bullhead and the black bullhead. The two species look very similar, but can be distinguished from each other by looking at the barbells on the underside of the fish. The yellow

bullhead has whitish barbells underneath and the black bullhead has black barbells underneath. Neither species typically

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exceeds 1-2 pounds. The blue and the anal fin is longer. Blue



cat is a rare find on Fort Riley. There are likely some in the Republican and Kansas Rivers. The blue cat looks similar to the channel catfish but is very pale in

color usually lacking spots, and has a short heavy head with a hump in front of the dorsal fin. The tail is more deeply forked

cats can obtain much larger size than channel cats, reaching upwards of 100 pounds. The monster of Kansas's cats is the flathead. They are typical-

ly found in river systems but are also found in streams, reservoirs and even some ponds. On Fort Riley, someone looking to catch a flathead should try the Kansas or Republican rivers, Wildcat creek or Moon lake.

Flathead catfish typically reach sizes of 40-60 pounds with the largest ones hitting 100 pounds. When compared to channel catfish, flatheads are much more predatory in nature. Small fish such as sunfish and shad are their preferred prey. Using live bait and fishing at night is the preferred method for catching flatheads. Many anglers will use setlines with sunfish or bullheads as bait.

Channel catfish can be found in most of the creeks, rivers and ponds on Fort Riley. If one had to design the perfect fish for all of America's anglers to go out and catch and enjoy, and also be good to eat, it would likely be similar to the channel catfish.

The channel catfish is fairly easy to catch, and it doesn't require any expensive equipment. It is very widespread and they get fairly large.

Kansas has a new state record of 36.5 pounds. This fish is currently on display at the Cabela's in Kansas City.

Channels can live in a variety of different water conditions, and of course are popular on the dinner plate.

The Conservation Division will stock 7500 pounds of channel cat into its ponds in 2003.

The channel catfish is by far the most popular fish grown for commercial aquaculture in the United States.

Over 572 million lbs are produced annually, generating 421 million dollars annually in sales.

The Outdoor Recreational Center on Fort Riley has organized a catfish derby, where 46 tagged catfish have been released.

Individuals that entered the drawing and catch a tagged fish will receive a prize. The grand prize will be awarded to the individual catching the fish with a gold tag.

For more information contact the Outdoor Recreation Center and 239-2249.

Pool still open on Custer Hill

By William Biles
Staff Writer

It's not the heat, it's the humidity.

What's the difference? Either way you look at it, it's hot. A good place to beat the heat during this last month of summer is at the Custer Hill Swimming Pool.

"Coming here is a great way to beat the heat. The waters isn't really that cold, but it feels real refreshing," said Courtney Townsend, lifeguard, Custer Hill Swimming Pool.

The Custer Hill Pool isn't just the best pool to go to and beat the heat; it is the only operating public pool on Fort Riley.

"This is the only pool open on post right now. The Main Post Pool is closed for maintenance and Eyster Pool is closed due to all of the deployments and it was deemed unnecessary to keep it

open," said Townsend.

The hours for the pool will be changing due to schools reopening Aug. 18.

"The pool hours are from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. everyday. The hours are slated to change from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Aug. 18 due to the start of school," said Thomas May, lifeguard, Custer Hill Pool. "The pool will be open the rest of the summer and will close after the Labor Day weekend."

There are other reasons to go to the pool than to beat the heat.

"I bring the kids to the pool because it gives them a chance to get out and play and burn off some of their energy," said Kimberly Heimling, patron. "It's a very nice pool, and I would like to come out here everyday, but we only get here about once a week."

The lifeguards have their own reasons why they like the pool.

"I like this job because it is more laid back and the people I

work with are great, and I get a great tan, which is a plus," said May.

The lifeguards do more than sun bathe while working at the pool.

"The most stressing part of this job is when there are a lot of kids in the pool at once.

"Our eyes are constantly darting back and forth waiting to see a kid who needs our assistance," said Townsend. "We've had well over 20 saves this season, and I've had five personally. They were mostly kids we had to save. We have the two new slides they like to use, and they get a little too confident. They think they can go down it without a problem, then at the last moment they get scared," she said.

For more information on pool hours and their rules call the Custer Hill Swimming Pool at 239 - 5860.

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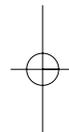
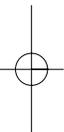
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