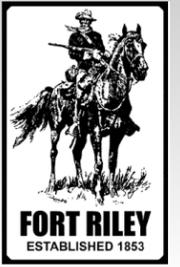




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## Teen Talent Show spotlights local youth

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

Fort Riley teens performed for a packed room Saturday at the Fort Riley Teen Center Talent show.

All teens were invited to show what they could do, resulting in a wide variety of music and performance styles, although the acts needed to be pre-approved for content.

"We have all kinds of acts for you tonight, from hard core rock bands to dance to R & B singing," said Carl Ratliff, computer technician for the Teen Center, who also organized the event.

The talent show has been in the works for a while.

"This has been planned for over a year. We just started getting serious about it recently when a few kids got interested in forming a band," said Ratliff. "We had one, a talent show, last year too, but this is the first one with a band that belongs to the teen center."

The band, Phyrexia, includes Robbie Flores on rhythm guitar, Joanne Guilday on bass and Dennis Sibbald on drums. Ratliff sang lead vocals for the band on Saturday because he had helped to organize the group and because he was nervous to go on without a singer. Ratliff is encouraging them to find a teen lead singer to join the band.

Though the event may have been based around the band, which was the last act of the evening, it was by no means the only act of the night.

The night opened with Melvin Nededog, Jr. singing the national anthem, with Chelsey Henderzahn performing it in sign language nearby.

Ratliff was impressed by Nededog's performance.

"I don't know if you saw him at the Kansas-Styx concert (Memorial Day), but they may as well have just stopped the show after his guy came on. This kid can really sing," Ratliff said.

The first talent show act was Kiersten McGeahy jazz dancing

to "Orange Color Sky."

McGeahy, 12, said she has been dancing since she was 8 and has been getting professional instruction since she was 9. She dances to any kind of music except hip hop, although her favorite is ballet.

"I think I did a very good job," she said, "especially with 'Orange Color Sky,' which I just learned. I enjoyed it a lot."

Next came a drum solo by Darius Jackson, for which the lights were dimmed in the gymnasium. After his performance, McGeahy came back out, with Chelsey Henderzahn and Amanda Lunn, and performed synchronized ribbon twirling to Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera".

Ashley Wanamaker and Keyvonna Hutchins, calling themselves Hot Girls, appeared next and danced to "Rock the Boat" by Aalyiah.

McGeahy next returned to the stage for her second solo dance, this time a ballet to "In My Own Little Corner."

The next act was a group, LWA (Ladies With Attitude), which included Latresha Herring, Shantavia Singleton, Lena Hightower, Sakina Hightower, Amanda Green and Ashley Merrell. They

performed dance steps to several short song clips that the crowd seemed to enjoy based on the amount of applause afterward.

Amanda Whitney then performed in sign the song, "Hero."

The trio of McGeahy, Henderzahn and Lunn then came out for their second performance, and performed the pop song, "We Like to Party."

The last act before the band went on was Marissa Merino singing "Foolish," by Ashanti.

"It was fun," said Merino, "something you have to prepare for and work hard at."

Finally, Phyrexia performed. The gymnasium was darkened completely and a small group of their biggest fans went up to the front of the stage to watch them perform from up close.

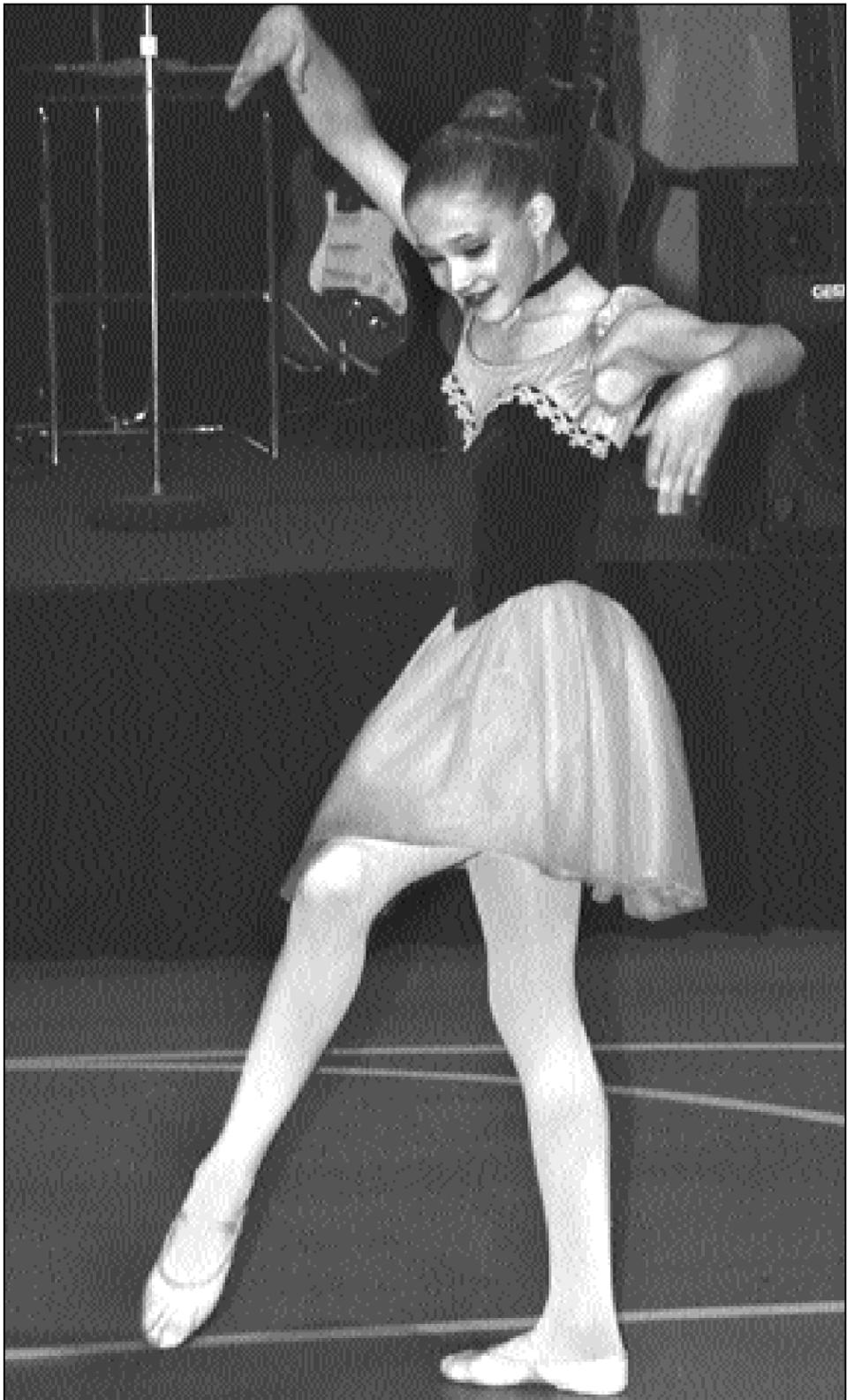
"There was something for everybody," said Shelly Anderson-Buckley, training and program organizer for the teen center, said of the talent show. "There were a lot of different kinds of acts, so I guess my favorite thing would be that there was something for everyone."

"I think we did extremely well," said Ratliff of the night's performances. "All the acts were well rehearsed and as professional as can be."



CYS Photo

The band Phyrexia, Joanne Guilday, Robbie Flores, Carl Ratliff and Dennis Sibbald (not in view) play for the crowd at the Teen Talent Show on Saturday.



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Kiersten McGeahy ballet dances to 'In My Own Little Corner' at Saturday's talent show.

## Battle of Bands rocks at Sport USA

By Steven Cooke  
Staff Writer

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers sponsored a Battle of the Bands July 26 at Sports USA. The night featured bands from surrounding areas covering various genres of music including

rock, hard rock and punk.

Among the eight bands playing in the competition, first place went to Common Ground, a 5-man-band from Manhattan. Second place went to Wicked Spectrum, a hard rock 5-man-band from Topeka. And, third place went to B.A., a 4-man hard rock band from Manhattan.

Common Ground, who describes their sound as driven acoustic rock, was very surprised to win 1st place.

"We're very surprised, but it feels great," said Chris Davidson of Common Ground. "I was going to guess the first band, The Blakes."

"I'm kind of speechless. There were a lot of good bands," said Jason Anderson, also of Common Ground.

For the judges and the packed audience, it was no surprise.

"They blended very well," said Sgt. Toaono Choulee, a judge for the competition.

"They used a variety of instruments and they had a really good lead singer," said Spec. Tiffany Verly, another judge.

"My favorite band was Common Ground," said Sgt. Dawn Harris, Company C, 125th Field Artillery. "The lead singer's voice was really awesome. The band was really together."

"I liked Common Ground just because they were entertaining," said Marci Iverson of Junction City. "You could actually understand what they were saying."

One of Common Ground's

said Miguel Caraballo, lead singer Common Ground.

Caraballo said the band wrote it together over a year ago.

"Two of the verses are about a guy who bought a plant and it was blue," said Caraballo.

In their stage show, the band actually has a blue plant that they sing to.

The crowd went wild at the end of the song.

The judges of the Battle were BOSS representatives. They rated the bands, on a scale of 1 to 10, in a variety of areas; instrumentals, lead and background vocals, stage show and professionalism, musical selection and crowd response.

The judges said that an area Common Ground scored well in was instrumentals.

In addition to the usually drums and guitar, Common Ground also played harmonica and a drum called Djembe from Ghana, Africa.

"I taught myself over a year," said Anderson. "Actually all they guys (in the band) can play it."

BOSS President, Spec. Jason Dunlap, said the event was a huge success.



# Army Soldier Show 2002 includes two Fort Riley troops

By **Jamie Bender**  
Staff writer

The Army Soldier Show is coming to Manhattan on Aug. 10. This year's show, a variety show with music and skits, has a local flair this time around. Two soldiers from Fort Riley are a part of the 2002 show, which travels the world entertaining troops and civilians alike.

Sgt. Tobin Atkinson of Company C, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry,



**Fort Riley's Sgt. Tobin Atkinson is the stage manager for the 2002 show.**

is the stage manager for the show and Sgt. Albert Latuch of the 125th Forward Support Battalion, 596 Signal Company, will sing.

Atkinson, a native of Salt Lake City, Utah, had worked in the theater business for 20 years before joining the Army in 2000. He holds a Master's degree in Theater directing from the University of Utah and worked for the Asolo Street Theatre in Florida and the Pioneer Theatre and Salt Lake Acting Company in Salt Lake City. Atkinson spent four seasons with the Utah Shakespeare Festival. A current member of Actor's Equity Association, Atkinson also co-founded a theater in 1991.

After being turned down for two parts in the same day, Atkinson said he felt the need to try a different challenge and met with an Army Recruiter the next day. He said he decided to join the infantry because "if your going to do something, go all the way."

Atkinson became a part of the

Army Soldier Show with knowledge that many did not have.

"I am a master of my craft," he said. "I came in knowing how to work with performers, and I knew the language."

He said that some of his previous theatre experience influenced his Army leadership style. "The man that co-founded [the theatre] with me told me that you have to think about how you treat people if you want them to work for you."

The day before Atkinson joined the Army Entertainment Detachment, he graduated from the Primary Leadership Development Course. The Soldier Show does have its Army rank structure and he found himself in a leadership position beyond what he had experienced in his unit, he said.

As stage manager, Atkinson's duties include making sure the performers are where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be there.

Army discipline has helped him in his experience with the show also. "It is not unusual to work 15 hour days. We have been to places where we have to set up, perform and tear down in the same day," he said. He hopes his co-workers from Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., do not think he is on easy duty. There are days that feel like they will never end, he said, but he learned as an infantryman to suck it up and keep going. "The road march will eventually end," he said.

Traveling with the show has been one of the best experiences Atkinson has had. "I am the kind of person that can't wait to see what is around the next corner. I have had the opportunity to see parts of Europe and have a great time," he said.

Atkinson said he is excited that the show is being performed near Fort Riley. "Its nice to have friends see your work," he said.

Latuch, the other Fort Riley member of the 2002 show, is an R&B singer. A former Marine, Latuch joined the Army in 1997 to advance his education in the telecommunications field.

Latuch said that the best thing about the show is working with so many different people. "I have learned so much about people here," he said. "This is a melting pot of diverse backgrounds. I have learned about the different lifestyles of people who prefer different music styles."

Latuch sees several challenges in his current job.

"The biggest thing is to get people to realize that this is not Karaoke. It's different from getting up in a bar and reading words of a screen. This is performing," he said. He added though, that the feedback from the people who watch the show is "awesome." He said he feels the show makes a good impression of the Army on people.

Latuch is excited to be performing for Fort Riley also. His talent is not something everyone

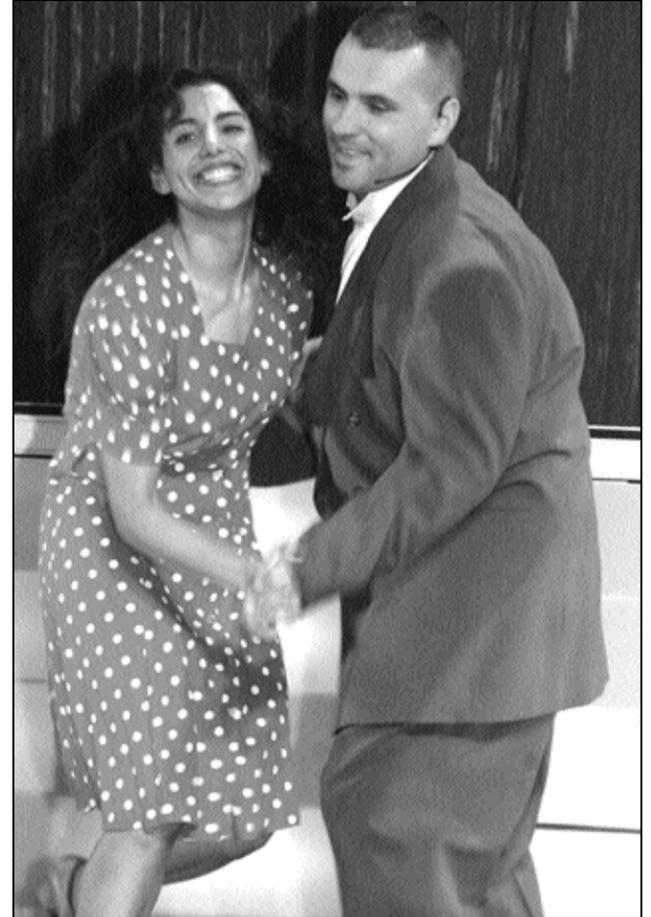
knows about, he said. "I'm a little nervous about performing for my peers, seniors and subordinates," Latuch said. "Without the support of my wife and kids I would not be able to be doing what I am."

He is also grateful for the support of his commander and 1st Sergeant. He said that they allowed him the opportunity to fulfill a dream. "I want them to know that after the eight months

are gone, I will be back to take over where I left off," he said.

There will be two Manhattan performances of the Army Soldier Show at Kansas State University's McCain Auditorium. A matinee is scheduled for 2 p.m. and an evening performance is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 10.

Free tickets are available through the Information, Ticketing and Registration office. For more information, call 239-5614.



**Spc. Mari Koontz and Sgt. Rodney Watts step lively dancing to Luck Be A Lady, a Broadway tune from the show Guys and Dolls, in the U.S. Army Soldier Show 2002.**



**Fort Riley's Sgt. Albert Latuch sings to spectators at the U.S. Army Soldier Show.**

# Hamilton's Own, Old Thunder: A living history continues at Fort Riley

By **Emily O'Connor**  
K-State Intern

At the beginning of most ceremonies on post, the announcer takes a minute to warn the audience to deactivate any car alarms they have on and to prepare young children for an upcoming sudden loud noise. The announcer is simply trying to prepare the spectators for the massive boom that will soon thunder forth from Old Thunder, shaking the earth, accompanied by wisps of gray smoke.

Old Thunder, a replica of one of the three-pound British cannons used by "Hamilton's Own" in the Revolutionary War, fulfills a special ceremonial role at Fort Riley. It is used to kick-off many of the post's change-of-command ceremonies and other special events.

The people responsible for the thundering start to many events on post are members of Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery.

The 1st Bn., 5th FA received its other name, Hamilton's Own, because the unit was constituted on Jan. 6, 1776, by the colony of New York as the New York Provincial Company of Artillery and was commanded by Cpt. Alexander Hamilton. The unit was armed with two cannons, three-pounders, that had been seized from the British, according to the unit's documented history. The unit has participated in every major conflict since the Revolutionary War, with the exception of Korea.

The United States Army's oldest continuously serving unit, Hamilton's Own, 1st Bn., 5th FA, has called Fort Riley home since 1955, upon its return from ten years of service as an army of occupation in Germany following World War II.

Hamilton's Own has two ceremonial units, according to Scott Price, Fort Riley community relations officer. The first is the ceremonial cannon unit and the other is the Colonial Color Guard. Color guard soldiers are clothed

1976," said Cpt. John Mountford, commander of Delta Battery. "It was built in North Carolina and is completely a ceremonial piece."

"We love this cannon and take good care of it," said Spec. Brian Enger, member of Delta Battery.

Enger added that duty with Old Thunder is demanding and requires that soldiers give up a great deal of their spare time - at least one weekend a month.

While Old Thunder is most commonly used on post for ceremonies, the cannon can be scheduled for other things, such as parades and sporting events.

"The requests come in through the Public Affairs Office's Community Relations Office at 239-6727 or 239-3034," said Price. "We help them fill out the request paperwork for the gun and crew,

and we can send the soldiers and the gun out up to a 55-mile radius of Fort Riley for no charge."

Price said that for requests beyond the 55-mile radius, communities must help defray the costs of transporting the cannon and the soldiers, due to budgetary restrictions.

The soldiers of 1st Bn., 5th FA, are not just parts of a ceremonial unit, but are currently serving their country fighting fires in Oregon in a deployment that will last approximately 30 days.

Being around Old Thunder brings about a sense of pride for many of the units soldiers.

"Old Thunder serves as a reminder to us of our history and lineage," Mountford said. "This is something we should all be proud of."

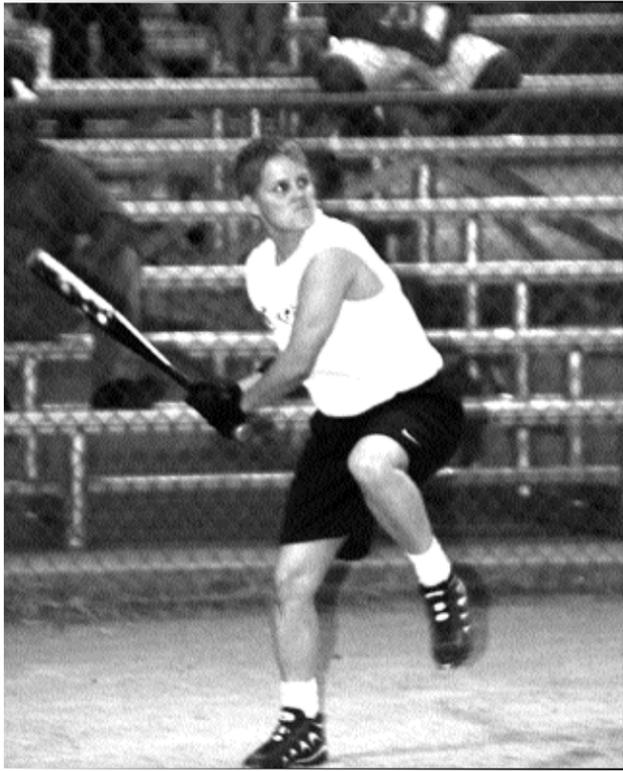


**Members of Hamilton's Own stand with Old Thunder, a replica three-pound British Revolutionary War cannon, at the Fort Riley Open House in June.**

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# Fort Riley Sports



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Shauna Lusk, 101st Forward Support Battalion, gets ready to knock one out of the park in a women's softball game against Acacia last week.

## Acacia beats FSB in women's softball

By Steven Cooke  
Staff Writer

Acacia Mason Lodge beat 101st Forward Support Battalion, 10-9, at a July 25 softball game at the Fort Riley Softball Complex.

The close game went into overtime when the score was tied 8-8 at the end of the 5th inning.

During the overtime the game became intense, with coaches, umpires, ball players and even spectators arguing over whether a 101st FSB player was out or safe at third base.

The final call was made, and the player was safe.

The game continued, with 101st making another out. But then, out of nowhere, Acacia scored a double run and won the game.

There were no hard feelings by 101st FSB.

"That was our best game of the season," said Randi Hamden, 101st FSB coach.

"Acacia is the best competition we've ever had. We've been try-

ing to beat them for a long time. They've won the championships for years," Hamden said.

Acacia kept their win modest. "The game went very well," said Traci Perkins of the Acacia team. "We played with great team effort. It was just great team effort."

The game had several great moments.

In the second inning, Joyce Menton of the Acacia team hit a triple run, taking her team from 2 to 5. Also in the second inning, Perkins was caught between home and 3rd base. Intent on not losing the run, Perkins ran back and forth between the pitcher and 3rd baseman until the pitcher dropped the ball and Perkins jetted for home plate.

Despite her team's loss, Hamden felt good about their teams performance.

"The hits were going well," Hamden said. "They just kept going. That was awesome. Just their drive to win was awesome."

## Softball Standings as of July 26

	Wins	Losses
<b>Northern League</b>		
HHC, 1-34 AR	3	4
B 1-34 AR	0	5
C 1-34 AR	2	5
HHC, 2-34 AR	6	1
A 2-34 AR	4	3
B 2-34 AR	4	4
C 2-34 AR	3	3
HHC, 1-5 FA	1	2
A 1-5 FA	3	3
B 1-5 FA	4	2
D 1-5 FA	4	2
SVC, 1-5 FA	2	4

### Southern League

HHC, 1-16 IN	1	9
B 2-70 AR	0	9
C 1-16 IN	0	8
HHC, 1st EN	3	6
A 1st EN	5	5
B 1st EN	6	3
C 1st EN	5	3
B 101st FSB	2	7
331 Signal	9	0
C 4-3 ADA	7	1
HHC, 1st BDE	7	2

### Eastern League

HHC, 1-13 AR	6	2
B 1-13 AR	3	5
HHC, 2-70 AR	7	0
A 2-70 AR	3	6
HHC, 4-1 FA	4	5
B 4-1 FA	4	3
C 4-1 FA	3	5
HHC, 70 EN	1	8
A 70 EN	2	7
C 70 EN	7	3
HHC, 3rd BDE	4	5
596 Signal	7	1
H TRP, 1 CAV	0	5

### Western League

1st Maintenance	2	4
568 CSE	6	0
172nd Chemical	1	7
HHC, 937 EN	6	2
82nd Medical	6	2
1st Finance	1	6
523rd MP	6	1
977 MP	3	4
1st PSB	0	9
HHC, 24 ID	5	1
MEDDAC	5	4
10th ASOS	2	7

### Battalion League

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

### Women's League

HHC 24 ID	0	7
101st FSB	4	5
Acacia #91 Champs	11	0
Envision Base	2	5
Ada's Hair Biz	6	5

## Fitness center equipment being updated

By Heather Pope  
Radford Univ. Intern

Fort Riley is updating their gyms and fitness centers to the tune of \$120,000. The new equipment was ordered in mid-June and arrived on post earlier this week, said Sports Director Jim Westerhaus.

"The new equipment will include 17 treadmills and 13 cross trainers that will be spread out around post, with a number of machines going into the brigade fitness centers," said Westerhaus.

He said, the upgrade was needed in order to replace worn out equipment. There are treadmills with over 26,000 miles of operation on them.

"We go out and get equipment that will stand up to the constant demand of the patrons, so when it's no longer cost effective to repair, we are sure to replace it with the best," he said.

Westerhaus said that soldiers, as well as all fitness patrons, will benefit from the upgrade. "They will find additional equipment and have the opportunity to work out on the best equipment money can buy," he said.

According to Jan Bradfield, sports facility coordinator, the upgrade was done as a result of what the fitness patrons were looking for in a cardiovascular workout. Research was done to see what machines were being utilized or waited on most often, she said.

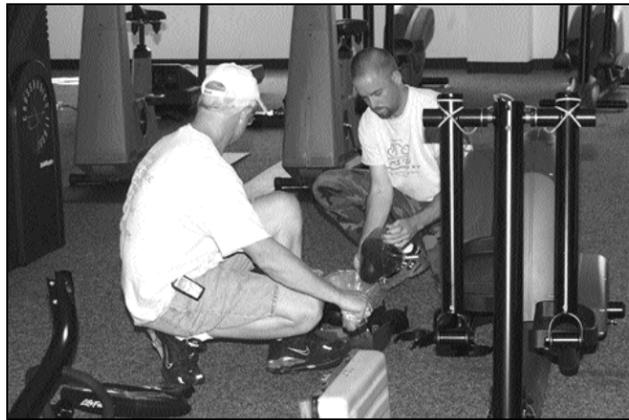
"The gym's main mission is the physical fitness of the active duty soldier," Bradfield said. "Everybody is so busy now, and having upgraded cardiovascular machines that only require 20 minutes a day, give more efficient work outs and take less time," said Bradfield.

"The quality cardiovascular equipment is lower impact and works the upper and lower body

at the same time," Bradfield said. Low impact equipment also causes fewer injuries to the patrons she said.

Bradfield said the upgrade is definitely worth it. Fort Riley has

some of the best fitness centers in the Army, she said, and its important to continue looking at what new equipment has come about and what needs the fitness centers' patrons have.



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Workers assemble a new cross-trainer at the King Field House Fitness Center on Tuesday.

## SAMC Tournament earns scholarship dollars

By Steven Cooke  
Staff Writer

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club sponsored its first SAMC softball Tournament July 20 at the softball complex.

The tournament featured 11 different teams from Fort Riley, as well as civilians from neighboring towns.

The Phat Boyz of Junction City came in first place after they defeated the Little Jimmies, also of Junction City, 11-2.

That win was actually the second championship game of the day. The Little Jimmies beat the undefeated Phat Boyz once, 9-5, earlier in the day and the teams had to play again under the tournament's double elimination rule.

"This is the first tournament we've won this summer," said Mark Karman, Phat Boyz coach. "So, it feels really good."

Karman thought his team played well in the tournament.

"We played really well," Karman said. "We had good defense and hit a lot of balls over the

weekend. We scored a lot of runs."

Karman recalled a great play by one of his players.

"Our outfielder gave a really great dive catch in the fourth inning that saved at least two runs," he said.

"We had to play eight games to make it to the championship," said Willie Snipes of the Little Jimmies team. "My team gave their all."

The Little Jimmies were a combination team of civilians and soldiers.

"It feels really good to be a civilian team playing with a military team," said Snipes. "We play really well as a group."

The game was also a fundraiser for the SAMC scholarship fund, which will provide scholarships to active duty soldiers and their families, said Sgt. 1st Class Richard Jimenez, SAMC treasurer.

"We raised over \$800 with entry fees and donations," Jimenez said.

The SAMC plans to make next year's event even bigger, he said.

## Brown-headed cowbird common on Fort Riley, lets others do its dirty work



By Gibran Suleiman  
DES Wildlife Biologist

Raising a nest of screaming hungry baby birds can prove to be a very daunting and significant operation. One common bird on Fort Riley decided to let someone else do the dirty work. The brown-headed cowbird, one of the most common grassland birds on Fort Riley, is known as a brood parasite. They don't build nest, incubate their eggs or even feed their young, they let other birds do it all for them.

A single female cowbird can deposit 40 or more eggs in a single breeding season. One or several eggs are laid into the hosts nest. They do not specifically tar-

bird chicks will have a competitive advantage when being fed by the host mother. Unlike other types of brood parasites, newly hatched cowbirds do not push out the host's eggs or its nest mates. But, for smaller species of birds, the competition brought on by having the larger cowbird in the nest can spell disaster and cause

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starvation.

Some species of birds have evolved to fight back. They can actually recognize when a cowbird egg has been deposited in their nest. They will typically abandon the nest and cowbird egg

a large impact, to the point that extinction becomes a threat.

The brown-headed cowbird has greatly expanded its range in the last one hundred years. As the name implies, the cowbird is known to follow around large mammals and eat the insects that the hooves of the animals disturb. As thousands of acres of forested

land was cleared and turned into grazing land for cattle, the brown-headed cowbirds expanded their range. This was especially bad news for forest nesting songbirds that not only lost considerable amounts of habitat, but also now

Typically cowbirds are seen in grassland habitats on Fort Riley. They are smaller than most blackbirds. Males are a metallic greenish-black with a brown head and neck. Females are a drab gray with brownish wings and a streaked breast. During the summer months, cowbirds dine on insects, then switch to grain during the winter months. The majority of cowbirds leave Fort Riley in the winter.

The brown-headed cowbird is indeed a fascinating bird. By being a brood parasite it has gained many advantages. A single female is able to produce many offspring while expending very little energy. Another advantage is, since cowbird pairs are not tied



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## Commentary

# NASCAR fans more dedicated

By Kevin Doheny  
19th PAD

Picture yourself heading out of the house on a Sunday morning and taking a nice drive in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania on your way to watch the NASCAR Pennsylvania 500. You arrive at Pocono Raceway, and with a rush of excitement you head into the grandstands and take your seat, expecting the race to begin around noon.

As the green flag waves and all 13 cars roll down the front stretch, a major crash happens and the race is halted for more than an hour. You take a bathroom break, run the kids and wife to the concession stand and head back to your seats because the track repairmen fix the problem and the green flag is once again about to wave.

Then, after a short stint of green flag racing, bad weather moves in and the race is once again stopped due to rain on the track. It rains hard, and you think to yourself, "Am I really going to wait around all day for his race to start up again or am I going to head back to the house or some chores I need to do before the beginning of the workweek."

Well, if you're a true NASCAR fan, you stick it out and wait until the checkered flag waves and a winner is crowned.

This is exactly what they did at Pocono on Sunday.

Not all fans of the various sports out there would have made this decision. This is why the most dedicated fans in all of sports are the NASCAR fans.

Countless times I've watched baseball and football games where the fans leave early because the rain begins to fall. Once the rain subsides and the players take the field again, some, if not most, of the fans have left the stadium and are probably headed to the local bar or back home.

Oh no, not the NASCAR fan. As I watched the race Sunday, even as it was entering the sixth and final hour, fans were just as excited about the race as they were six hours earlier.

Why this enthusiasm? Don't really know the answer to that question, but I can guess a few reasons why.

First of all, NASCAR is the largest spectator sport in this country. Week after week, hundreds of thousands of fans flock to the raceways anxiously awaiting all NASCAR has to offer.

Next, NASCAR only travels to these tracks twice a year, and the fans know they might not get a chance to see Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Dale Jarrett or Bill Elliott, live and in person, but once or twice in their lifetime.

Not only that, but America has a fascination with cars in general, especially one's which move more than 200 mph and make a ton of noise. Auto racing appeals to everyone. Most people have driven a car, and they can sympathize with a racecar driver when he runs out of gas or has a flat tire, because it's happen to most.

Also, even though most don't wish it, people love crashes, and you can't see the crash if your not there.

Unlike most fans, the diehards of NASCAR would probably watch the race in a hailstorm. The only thing to run them away from Daytona, Bristol, Charlotte or Talladega, would be a tornado or hurricane.

These fans are special, and they know and love their sport.

So, next time you see a NASCAR fan wearing his or her favorite driver's T-shirt, ask them if they would leave the race under those conditions.

I can almost guarantee you they're going to say, "Heck no!"

## Sports Briefs

### Soccer Camp

This year's Youth Soccer Camp will be conducted next week. The camp will be held at the Colyer Manor Youth Sports Complex, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. each day.

The cost is \$25 per camper and children entering Kindergarten thru 8th grade are eligible to participate.

To sign up your child, please go to Central Registration in building 6620, between the hours of noon and 5 p.m.

Call 239-9223 or 239-4847 for more information.

### Youth Volleyball Camp

Youth Volleyball Camps will be held Aug. 12-16.

The first camp will be for girls and boys entering 5th or 6th grade this fall, and will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. each day.

The cost for the 5th & 6th grade camp is \$20.

The second camp will be for girls entering 7th or 8th grade this fall, and will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. each day.

The cost for the 7th & 8th grade camp is \$25.

Both camps will be held at the Teen Center, building 5800. Registration can be completed

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

Registration for Youth Volleyball and Fall Soccer is going to be held from Aug. 19-30. A current Sports Physical must be on file at Central Registration before registration can be completed. Physicals already completed must be dated after Nov. 1, 2001 to be considered current. No registration will be accepted without a sports physical.

For more information, call Central Registration at 239-4847, or the Youth Sports office at 239-9223.

### K-State Cheerleading Clinic

The K-State Cheerleaders will be coming to Fort Riley on Aug. 13 to present a six hour cheerleading clinic.

Participation in the camp is open to all children, 8-14 years of age, who are eligible for Child and Youth Services programs. Children must be registered in CYS to participate.

The cost of the one-day clinic will be \$40. The participants will be matched with a K-State cheerleader who will lead them

in cheerleading movements and dance routines. Enrollment will be held today through Wednesday, 1 - 4 p.m., at the CYS Central Enrollment Registry in building 6620.

For additional information, call 239-4847. The clinic will be held at the Teen Center, building 5800, on Thomas Avenue, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

All participants will receive a K-State Cheerleading Clinic T-shirt and a keepsake photo.

### Youth Sports

Soccer and volleyball camps are being offered this summer. Contact the Sports Director at Youth Services for further information at 239-9223/9224.

### Outdoor Rec

The Outdoor Recreation Center is offering a Hunter Education Class, Aug. 21, 22 and 24, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., building 9011. Participants must attend all three days. The class size is limited to 40 students. Register at Outdoor Rec or by calling 239-2363.

Outdoor Rec is also offering equipment rental at half price Tuesday - Thursday through Sept. 3.

# Helmets required for soldiers on motorcycles whether on or off post

By Jamie Bender  
Staff writer

Ever since Marlon Brando rode across the silver screen on a Triumph motorcycle in *Rebel Without a Cause*, the motorcycle has been an avenue of freedom and adventure for many people.

But, freedom has its price. Within FORSCOM 10 soldiers have died in motorcycle accidents and seven have been severely injured this year. According to FORSCOM, there are more deaths than injuries in motorcycle acci-

dents because the rider is not protected by the sheet metal that surrounds a driver in a car. The death rate is nine times higher for a motorcycle rider than someone in a car.

"The Army invests a lot of time and money in its soldiers and cares what happens to them," said Joe Zelko, Fort Riley safety and occupation health specialist.

Anyone who operates a motorcycle on post must be licensed, insured and must wear the required safety gear in accordance with the Safety Management Plan of Fort Riley.

Army Regulation 385-55 specifies

safety measures that soldiers are required to take.

In addition to a Department of Transportation approved helmet, a brightly colored long sleeved shirt or jacket during the day and long trousers, full fingered gloves, eye protection and over the ankle boots or shoes are required, and a reflective vest must be worn at night.

Soldiers and civilians must also attend and pass the Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course to ride a motorcycle on post.

The MDDC is offered by the Directorate of Environment and Safety and there are two more classes scheduled for

this year, Aug. 23 and Sept. 13. The class is free to soldiers and Department of Army Civilians.

This year there have been two motorcycle accidents involving Fort Riley soldiers, one resulted in a DUI, said Zelko.

"You must wear your helmet even if you are riding off post," said Zelko.

Army Regulations mandate that soldiers wear a helmet on or off post regardless of state laws.

Helmet wear is often seen as a freedom issue, Zelko said. Many feel that they should have the right to choose weather or not to wear a helmet or their

seat belts without the government regulating everything in our lives, he said. The idea that a helmet adds weight and can cause neck injuries is an excuse often given for refusal to wear a helmet, said Zelko.

"A helmet can mean the difference between life and death in an accident," Zelko said.

When heading out onto the highway seeking adventure and freedom, don't be a rebel without a clue. Wear the proper safety gear, drive with care and never drink and ride.



# Korea after 50 years - Steel strike sets back war production

By Jim Caldwell  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - A U.S. steel strike has set back military products by at least a year — including vital artillery munitions needed in Korea, 50 years ago this week.

Aug. 1, 1952 — After the heavy rains end Aug. 1, 2nd Infantry Division troops drive the Chinese off the top of Old Baldy near Chorwon in the western sector.

American fighter pilots report downing three MiGs.

Brig. Gen. Haydn Boatner, commander of the Koje-do prisoner of war camp, is promoted to major general.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that on July 15, retail food prices are 11.4 percent higher since the Korean War began. Compared to the 1935-39 prices, current food bills are up 235.1

percent.

Aug. 2 — The Air Force reports that during July U.S. fighter pilots shot down 32 enemy planes in dogfights while losing two. Another 17 U.S. planes were lost to ground fire and other causes.

Members of the National Association of 6th Infantry Division, who served as Korea occupation troops from 1945-49, say at their Chicago reunion that the U.S. should either be "aggressive" in Korea or withdraw from there.

Aug. 1-7 — Truce talks between the delegates from both sides pick up again Aug. 1, again in closed sessions. But by Aug. 3, Maj. Gen. William Harrison, U.N. team chief, calls for another week's recess.

For the three days of the sessions, North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il, chief communist delegate, only repeats demands that United Nations must return

116,000 of the 170,000 prisoners held by the United Nations. Harrison says the United Nations will not send prisoners back just because the Reds ask for them. He says prisoners will decide for themselves.

"We are dealing with a principle and the communists can't seem to understand that," he said.

Meetings of both sides' staff officers recess indefinitely Aug. 5 after the U.N. team agrees to seven changes in the draft truce agreement.

On Aug. 5, the United Nations rejects a communist claim that U.N. shells had landed in the Panmunjom neutral zone. At the same time, they demand China permit relief supplies and small packages

to be delivered to U.N. prisoners under the Geneva rules of war.

Aug. 4-7 — On Aug. 4 Fifth Air Force tactical fighters fly 273 sorties against Pyongyang, taking out gun positions, a fuel dump, personnel and buildings.

On Aug. 5 in the southernmost air battle of the war, just north of the 38th Parallel, American pilots say they shot down four and damaged six.

On Aug. 6 they claim another six downed and seven damaged, and on Aug. 7, four MiGs downed and five damaged.

Aug. 5 — Syngman Rhee is declared victor in the South Korean presidential elections. In returns so far, he is ahead of three

challengers by more than three million votes.

A federal grand jury in Los Angeles convicts 14 California communist party leaders of conspiracy to teach and advocate the violent overthrow of the United States government. Each is sentenced to five years in jail and fined \$10,000.

Aug. 6 — The Defense Department reports the total U.S. casualties in Korea are 114,310 with 20,087 dead through Aug. 1. That represents a one-week increase of 622 casualties in the overall total, of which there were 108 deaths.

The U.S. Navy reports that an accidental jet aircraft explosion aboard the carrier Boxer killed nine men.

John Steelman, acting head of Defense Mobilization, reports to President Harry S. Truman that the steel strike settled July 31 set military production back a year. Assistant Secretary of the Army

Karl Bendeston says Aug. 4 that production of heavy ammunition is 37 percent behind schedule. The Army cuts back drastically on using artillery ammunition during training to prevent shortages at the Korean front.

The International Red Cross, meeting in Toronto since July 23, votes 70-17, affirming confidence in the all-Swiss member International Committee of the Red Cross. Then, they vote 69-12 for impartial investigations of germ warfare accusations. But instead of insisting that the Red Cross Committee be allowed to check the evidence in Korea and China, they ask all countries fighting in Korea to arrange an investigation "on the basis of a common agreement."

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



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### Walt Disney World

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will conduct their preseason training camp at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex through Aug. 1. General daily practices will be held each morning and afternoon of camp. Disney-MGM guests will get a first look at the new fall lineup of shows on Oct. 5 Stop by ITR for further Walt Disney World discount ticket information and packaging. Military discounts also available to other attractions and shows in Orlando.

### CC Chiefs

Limited tickets are available through ITR.

2002 Schedule:

- Aug. 17 Houston Titans
- Aug. 30 St Louis Rams
- Sept. 15 Jacksonville Jaguars
- Sept. 29 Miami Dolphins
- Oct. 20 Denver Broncos
- Oct. 27 Oakland Raiders
- Nov. 17 Buffalo Bills
- Dec. 1 Arizona Cardinals
- Dec. 8 St Louis Rams
- Dec. 22 San Diego Chargers

### Superclubs

Superclubs are all-inclusive resorts in the Bahamas, Jamaica, Curacao and Brazil, where virtually everything (meals, drinks, entertainment, etc.) is included in one low up-front price...and tipping is prohibited! When booked through ITR, 54 percent discount applies for active and retired U.S. military personnel and DoD civilians, Armed Forces Guard and Reservists and foreign military personnel on duty in the U.S. with J.S. Military.

### Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks

Military discounts for nine family adventure parks including SeaWorld in Orlando, San Antonio, and San Diego; Busch Gardens and Water Country USA in Williamsburg, Va.; Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pa; Busch Gardens and Adventure Island in Tampa and Discovery Cove in Orlando. Special military admission discounts available.

### Almond Resorts

Almond Resorts has two beautiful all-inclusive resorts in beautiful and safe Barbados. There are Military/DoD discounts of 50 percent.

### Marriott Vacation Club

Marriott Vacation Club has a military family promotion. They offer an \$89 package which includes three days and two nights at a Marriott property in Orlando, a tour of the new Horizons by Marriott Club and \$100 in "Marriott Destination Dollars." The destination dollars can be used for dining, attractions or shopping. Customers must be 21 years of age or older and other restrictions apply. Area attraction tickets are also available through ITR. A \$10 per package booked with be paid

experience unique and exhilarating tumbling. ThunderHawk swings back and forth in a cradle-like motion until enough momentum takes riders over the top to a height of approximately six stories. Thrill-seekers will find the new unusual ride an exciting addition to the Mamba's 75-mile-per-hour, 205-foot-drop and the Boomerang's 12-story corkscrew scream machine. Worlds of Fun continues to offer a total family entertainment experience, from Camp Snoopy for young children and parents to ThunderHawk and other exciting rides for teenage thrill seekers. Prices are nearly 50 percent off the regular admission price in celebration of World's of Fun's 30th Anniversary. Discount tickets are available.

### Oceans of Fun

Who needs a trip to the coast when Kansas City has Oceans of Fun? With over 60 acres of wet and wild adventure, there is no need to travel anywhere else. Pack your shades and sunscreen

and head out to enjoy a million gallons of refreshment in the Surf City Wave Pool. Take a relaxing float along the Caribbean Cooler or Challenge the storm of Hurricane Falls family raft ride. Kids will have a blast in Crocodile Isle, complete with mini water slides, spray cannons and Captain Kidd's pirate ship. Grown-ups can get away at Castaway Cove, a pool just for adults with a swim-up cabana serving refreshments. Discount tickets now available.

### Union Station

Union Station, Kansas City, Science City tickets are now available through ITR. Imagine a city like no other in the world; a thriving metropolis that combines adventure, entertainment, discovery and excitement; where the ordinary is replaced by extraordinary and the impossible becomes possible. That's Science City. The Hubble Space Telescope exhibit is free with paid Science City admission. Discount tickets are now available through ITR.

### Six Flags Over Texas

Come experience the "Best of Texas Festival" celebrating the heritage and history of Texas. The festival is so big and so grand that it can only be found at Six Flags Over Texas. This summer, Six Flags will have everything that you love about the Lone Star State, with spectacular shows like Austin City Limits, a Wild West shoot-'em-up Rangers and Outlaws and lots of dancing with the Dallas Cheerleaders in Celebrate Texas and the Apache Belles! There will be plenty of exhibits, animals, great food from around Texas and more fun and entertainment than you can enjoy in just one day! Best of Texas three-day ticket (two days to Six Flags Over Texas and one ticket to Hurricane Harbor) special is \$45 though ITR. That's a savings of 60 percent. Discounted one-day tickets are also available.

### Cruise reservations

Military specials are still available for numerous sailing dates. Authorized patrons can start taking advantage of special military discounts on bargain cruises. Stop by ITR for brochures and information concerning Carnival Cruise Line, Holland America, Royal Caribbean and Disney Cruises. Make an appointment with Teresa by calling 239-5614/4415.

### Six Flags

Six Flags, St. Louis, has heart pounding coasters, family thrill rides and spectacular shows. With Looney Tunes Town just for kids, state-of-the-art attractions, great food, shopping, concerts, special events and more, why go anywhere else? But that's not all. There is a free Water Park. A 12-acre tropical paradise awaits, and it's free with your theme park admission! Discount tickets are available through ITR.

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