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Overseas:

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service reported Aug. 20 that the price of a full-priced meal served in the AAFES overseas school meal program will increase by \$1.10 for the 2004/2005 school year — the first increase in nine years.

This year's price adjustment covers recent increases in food, labor and transportation costs. The free, reduced price (\$1.40) and breakfast meals, which constitute 40 percent of meals served in AAFES school cafeterias, will not change.

Elementary school student meals will be \$2.05 and middle/high school meals will be \$2.20.

For more about this story and other AAFES news, visit www.aafes.com/pa/default.asp on the Web.

Germany:

The European Stars and Stripes reported Aug. 25 that the top two Army commands in Europe would be merged into a single rapidly deployable headquarters as part of an overhaul of U.S. forces overseas. V Corps, which led the assault into Iraq, and U.S. Army Europe, its parent command, will morph into one unit combining the functions of both headquarters.

USAREUR commander Gen. B.B. Bell wrote in a message to troops and families throughout Europe.

USAREUR has 62,000 troops spread across 240 installations. Most of those bases are clustered in 14 communities, with the vast majority in Germany.

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

Fort Belvoir:

The Eagle reported Aug. 19 that post emergency personnel and installation officials responded to a suspicious substance that ended up in Fort Belvoir's post office. The package was part of Exercise Eagle Wing '04 testing the post's force protection response.

The exercise continued through an entire workweek. For more about this story and other Fort Belvoir news, visit www.belvoireagle.com on the Web.

Fort Riley to host cavalry battles

Staff report

The U.S. Cavalry Association hosts its third annual National Cavalry Competition at Fort Riley from Sept. 23-26.

Competitors will match their skills in a variety of events at Infantry Parade Field across from Rally Point. Scheduled competi-

tion includes military equitation, jumping, mounted pistol, mounted saber and platoon drill. The competition will also feature military bugler and period uniform authenticity competitions.

Competition in most events will be divided into skill levels ranging from beginner to

advanced/professional.

Patricia Bright, executive director of the U.S. Cavalry Association, said the competition is open to the general public.

She encouraged re-enactors, memorial mounted units, military color guards, mounted police and any other uniformed mounted elements to enter.

Bright said the U.S. Cavalry Association expects several international military mounted representatives to compete as well as Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard.

She said last year's competition nearly doubled in size compared to the previous year, and the association expects this year's

competition to be even larger.

Anyone interested in competing must complete a registration packet available by calling the U.S. Cavalry Association at (785) 784-5797.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at (785) 239-2022 or visit www.uscavalry.org/currenthevents.html on the Web.

Home again



Family members of the Devil Brigade stand ready to greet their loved ones after a one year deployment. The Soldiers, members of the advance party, returned Aug. 18.

Post/Bender

1st Brigade advance party returns

By Jamie Bender

Staff writer

The cheers and applause of family members echoed through Hangar 817 at Marshall Army Air Field as they welcomed home the Devil Brigade's advance party Aug. 18.

Col. Michael Okita, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley chief of staff, thanked the returning Soldiers for their service in Iraq.

"On behalf of [the commanding general] and Fort Riley, it is my privilege to welcome you back to Fort Riley," he said. "You are the advance party of more than 3,000 Soldiers who will soon be following in your footsteps and returning to their homes. Thank you for your sacrifice and your service for our great mission and the

freedoms that we all enjoy."

Okita also spoke to the family members about their support for the Soldiers.

"I would also like to thank the men and women, the mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, husbands and wives seated out here in the audience. They too deserve a round of applause for their sacrifice."

After welcoming home the Soldiers, Okita dismissed them to be with their families for the weekend.

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Huther planned to take his wife, Miriam, out to dinner after enjoying the luxury of a hot shower.

The hardest part of the deployment for him, Huther said, was being separated from his family.

"It was not knowing on a day to day basis what was going on with my daughter and my wife," Huther said. "Calling home and finding out that there was an accident,

whether she was injured ... was hard."

The uncertainty of her husband's safety was difficult for her, Miriam said. "Not knowing from day to day if he was OK was so hard. After being with him for 18 years, this is nothing like anything we have ever been through."

Coming home is an emotional experience for the Soldiers and their families.

Maj. Marty Leners, with the S3 staff, explained how the separation affects a deployed Soldier.

"Coming home has its hardships," he said. "Families go on, children advance in a grade. My daughter Lauren wasn't rolling over in her crib when I left and she's walking and starting to talk now. It is very emotional coming home."

Leners, a Clay Center native, will spend

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Post names Soldier of Year

MEDDAC's Nemechek takes title

By Jamie Bender

Staff writer

A U.S. Army Medical Department Activity specialist outshined his peers July 27 to earn the title of Fort Riley Soldier of the Year.

Spc. Brayden Nemechek, who works in medical maintenance at Irwin Army Community Hospital, had been going to boards for almost a year before competing at the Fort Riley Soldier of the Year board.

To prepare, Nemechek said he spent many evenings studying information on a Web site and being quizzed by his first-line supervisor, Sgt. Marcus Hanson.

"Armystudyguide.com is the best," Nemechek said. He spent at least one day a week studying various information he had collected and then studied "every day the week before the board."

Nemechek said the best study technique for him was to quiz his wife, Amber.

"I would ask her the question, then she would get them wrong and I would have to tell her the answer," he said. "She is prior Army, so she knows some things. She didn't get them all wrong."



Spc. Brayden Nemechek

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Services honor three Soldiers killed in Iraq

'Finest ... I served with' '...an excellent leader' '... lived life with gusto'

By J.D. Hardesty

Staff writer

Soldiers, friends and family somberly gathered at Fort Riley's Morris Hill Chapel Aug. 20, for a memorial service to honor and say good-bye to 1st Lt. Neil A. Santoriello. The 24-year-old platoon leader was killed Aug. 13 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle while he was leading a reconnaissance patrol in Khalidiyah, Iraq.

Santoriello, assigned to 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, deployed to Iraq in September. He was the 39th Fort Riley Soldier killed in Iraq while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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1st Lt. Neil Santoriello



Sgt. Daniel Shepherd

By J.D. Hardesty

Staff writer

Members of the military and civilian Fort Riley community gathered at Morris Hill Chapel Aug. 23 to honor and remember Sgt. Daniel M. Shepherd.

The 23-year-old Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, Soldier was killed Aug. 15 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when the Bradley Fighting Vehicle he was commanding hit an improvised explosive device.

Shepherd, an Ohio native, was an infantryman who deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. He was the 40th Fort Riley

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Sgt. David Heath

By J.D. Hardesty

Staff writer

For the third time in three working days, Soldiers gathered to pay honor and respect to a fallen comrade Aug. 24 at Morris Hill Chapel, this time for a 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, Soldier killed while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The memorial service honored Sgt. David M. Heath, 30, a fire team leader in 1st Platoon, Company B, who was killed Aug. 16 near Sadr City, Iraq, when the dismounted patrol he was leading came under small arms and rocket-propelled grenade attack.

Heath, a native of Alabama, enlisted in the Army Sept. 26, 2001, just days after terrorists

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Sgt. Kevin Pitts plays taps while a Fort Riley honor guard renders honors during a memorial service for 1st Lt. Neil A. Santoriello Aug. 20, at Morris Hill Chapel at Fort Riley.

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Soldiers' speaking during the memorial reminded everyone in attendance "freedom isn't free. All give some, some give all," they reminded quoting a phrase from a popular patriotic song.

Santoriello gave all. "He was the finest lieutenant I have served with," said his company commander, Capt. Benjamin Miller. "He was my friend, and I will miss him.

"Neil's work ethic was relentless, and he thrived in the most difficult environments," he said. "The entire company cared for him a great deal."

Santoriello was in the battalion's first enemy contact, Miller said of his fallen comrade.

"Neil led his platoon through every enemy contact imaginable, and he excelled every time. Everyone, everyone wanted Neil with them or near them when they traveled the streets of Iraq," his company commander said of the Verona, Pa., native. "Difficult missions and tasks of critical importance were always given to Neil. He was the best.

"Neil, you were in-charge of your platoon, you kept your Soldiers safe and you made sure they did their jobs. I was so proud to call you my friend," Miller said. "I was supposed to make sure you kept yourself safe, and I didn't set a very good example for that, so I know I failed miserably and I

"(He) was a selfless individual who did everything wholeheartedly. He was so proud and happy to be a tanker in the United States Army. He loved his job and knew the dangers that came with it, but that was the chance that he took. He enjoyed teaching and showing people new things. He could not wait to have children so that he could teach them about tanks, fishing, skiing, camping and all his other passions.

"As a husband, he was his wife's dream come true. He made sure that everyone knew he loved her and that he was proud of her. He spoiled her in every way possible. Neil was always humble and never bragged. He was not in it for the rewards or medals and when he received them, he hid them. He did not want to be a hero and when he died, he died in the company of heroes.

—Lisa Santoriello wife of 1st Lt. Neil Santoriello

hope you forgive me.

"For the rest of my career, Neil Santoriello is the standard I will hold myself and other Soldiers to," he said. "If we can perform even close to the caliber of officer he was, then truly we can achieve something great."

Santoriello was a great platoon leader and a friend, said Staff Sgt. Christopher Reed. "We (2nd Platoon Soldiers) were all like kids to the L-T. He always told us before we went outside the wire, 'stay safe.'"

Reed recalled how Santoriello talked often about his wife, Lisa, and how they were going on their honeymoon once he "got back

from the sandbox."

"The most expensive price you can pay for freedom is the loss of a person's life," said Maj. Iraj Gharagouzloo, rear detachment brigade commander. "Soldiers who die in battle deserve a special honor.

"Soldiers like Lt. Santoriello do not fight for glory, but to fulfill a duty," Gharagouzloo said. "... they fight for the freedom and prosperity of the nation."

After the service, several of Santoriello's fellow Soldiers grabbed the lieutenant's identification tags hanging from the rifle, boots and helmet display as if giving a farewell handshake.

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Soldier killed in support of the operation.

Stationed here since March 2002, this was Shepherd's second tour to the area. He had previously deployed for four months to Kuwait in August of 2001 in support of Operation Intrinsic Action.

Eulogizing his brother in arms, Sgt. Neil Eaton said, "Shepherd always did what he thought was the right thing, even if it wasn't the easiest thing to do. He was called to serve his country. He did so with honor and without hesitation."

Another Soldier serving with Shepherd spoke of how the Army had lost a brave leader.

"Sgt. Shepherd was an excellent Soldier and an excellent leader," said his platoon leader, 1st Lt. Timothy McCloud.

"What saddens me most is that Sgt. Shepherd won't know his infant son, Daniel. He didn't fight this war for history, but to make

the world a better place. Let his son know his father was a brave man to fight for what he believed in," McCloud said.

"Today's Soldiers go forth in defense of this nation, not fighting for hate or revenge; they fight for peace and love," said Capt. David Newman in tribute to his fallen comrade.

"Shepherd loved his country, his family, his wife, Kassie, his son, Daniel, his brothers in arms and he loved peace. Dan gave all he had for peace," he said.

Newman reminded those attending the service that Shepherd had fought on the frontiers of terrorism so the battle would be fought there and not on his homeland. "He fought terrorism now, so his son wouldn't have to fight terrorism later," Newman said.

Shepherd's fellow Soldiers, friends and family paid tribute, respect and said good-bye as they filed forward one by to say a

prayer or render a salute to the rifle, boots and helmet signifying a comrade fallen in combat.

Shepherd is survived by his wife, Kassie; his son, Daniel; his parents, Daniel and Karen Shepherd; and his sister, Kristine Schroeder.

He was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Achievement Medal, presented to his wife by Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley.

His other awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Expert Infantryman Badge.



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Capt. Matthew Albers of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, holds the ID tags of Sgt. David Heath following a memorial service Aug. 24, at Morris Hill Chapel. Like several Soldiers, Albers took the opportunity to say farewell to his fellow Soldier by holding the tags as though he were shaking hands with Heath for the last time.

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rocked the security and safety of the nation by attacking the World Trade Center in New York City. He was the 41st Fort Riley Soldier killed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Stationed at Fort Riley since March 2002, Heath had previously deployed to Kuwait for six months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

This was his second tour in Iraq. He deployed in March 2003 before returning for his second combat tour to Iraq in June of this year.

"Heath was always joking and having a good time," said a fellow Soldier who served with him in Iraq. "My thoughts and prayers are with his family as he will be missed."

"When Sgt. Heath turned to the Army to build a better future for his family, he learned about values," said Sgt. William James, a 41st Inf. Soldier Heath served with in Iraq. He re-enlisted for four more years in the Army to continue focusing on the important things in life: friends, family and his country."

"Sgt. Heath lived life with gusto," said 1st Lt. Aaron Nelson, the fallen Soldier's executive officer. "He had an enthusiasm and a passion for life."

Nelson said that enthusiasm for life was infectious.

"He was the hardest working Soldier in Bravo Company and took great pride in performing all of his duties," the lieutenant said. "Whether on or off duty, his individuality made him a good leader. He belonged to an exceptional unit, and he was one of the finest," Nelson said.

"Sgt. Heath paid the ultimate sacrifice for a better life for his family and his country," said Lt. Col. Richard Bowyer, commander of 4th Battalion, 1st Field

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The technique helped him win the Soldier of the Quarter board for 3rd quarter. That came as a surprise, he said. "I didn't think I was prepared enough for it. I had just come back from [Primary Leadership Development Course] and went to the board the next week." Nemechek said that his weakest point for the board is nuclear, biological and chemical topics. "There is just so much to know," he said, "too many field manuals, but having come from PLDC made the leadership questions easy."

Nemechek's advice for other Soldiers includes preparation and mock boards. "The more boards you go to, the better off you are going to be."

For Nemechek the most nerve-racking thing about boards is not knowing what the questions will be, but questions are not the only part of the board to practice, he said.

"You have to continually study, of course, but the fundamentals are important. The fundamentals of going to a board are confidence, your voice, posture, eye contact and not getting frustrated when you miss a question. Practice and know that the people sitting across the board from you are human," Nemechek said.

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his first day back home catching up with family over dinner.

For the advance party, work is not finished.

The advance party will make sure the barracks are set up for single Soldiers, will make sure that the arms rooms are open and ready to accept weapons and will work on scheduling to get the Devil Brigade back into Fort Riley activities.

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Artillery, during the memorial service.

"Carving out a better life for his family, his service and sacrifice with those of his fellow Soldiers allow us all to cherish freedom," Bowyer said.

"We came to say good-bye to a good Soldier," Bowyer said. "His courage was resolute, focused on duty, selfless service and personal courage. His resolute courage cannot be measured but is on display on the faces of his fellow Soldiers."

Heath is survived by his wife, Donna; his daughter, Angela; his son, Derek; and his parents, Lola Modjeska and John Heath.

Heath's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

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Post news in brief

Event to urge registration

In honor of Armed Forces Voting Week, Sept. 3-11, voting assistant officers will be at the Main Post Exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Sept. 7-10 to assist Soldiers and their family members with absentee voter registration.

Anyone who has not registered to vote or whose mailing address has changed since the last election is encouraged to stop by. The deadline to mail absentee registration postcards is Sept. 15.

For more information, contact your unit's voting assistant officer or call the Installation Voting Officer at 239-0448.

Additional information, including a printable copy of the absentee registration postcard, is available on the Web at www.fvap.gov.

Unit reps have voting details

Soldiers needing information about voting can contact these voting assistance officers for help:

- 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division - Capt. David Newman, 239-9765 or 239-5662.
- 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division - Chief Warrant Officer Michael Mather, 239-4049 or 239-4499.

- 937th Engineer Group - Sgt. 1st Class John Williams, 239-5286.
- 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and U.S. Army Garrison - 1st Lt. Kelly Smith, 239-4360.

ID card section cuts service

Due to upcoming mobilizations, the ID card section will not be accepting appointments or walk-ins on Sept. 2.

Emergencies, such as lost, stolen or expired cards, will be serviced on those days.

Point of contact for ID cards is 239-9202.

Redeployment briefings slated

The following are the dates and times for the upcoming redeployment briefings.

For information and assistance regarding FRG training, issues and concerns, call 239-9435.

All briefings will be held at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

Free childcare will be provided. Sign-in is 15 minutes before the briefing. Parents must bring their child's short records.

- 1st Engineer Battalion - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 30
- 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery - 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 31; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 1 and Sept. 2
- 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry - 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 28 and 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 30
- 1st Battalion, 34th Armor - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 8 and Sept. 9 and 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 10

Clarifications

In last week's story about the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, at the Joint Readiness Training Center should have stated that the battalion was being integrated into the 3rd Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Following the Retiree Appreciation Day at the Holiday Inn in Manhattan Sept. 10, Irwin Army Medical Center will offer tours of the hospital but will not take visitors through construction areas.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Move speeds up issue, turn-in

Central Issue Facility relocates to Custer Hill to improve service to troops

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The Central Issue Facility for Fort Riley moved from main post to Building 7920 on Custer Hill earlier this month. The new facility will help Soldiers transact business - get in and out - faster.

"Most units are up on the hill anyway, so it is closer, and the new system is designed for speed," said Sidney Christian, CIF manager. "The object is to get the Soldiers in and out."

Issuing and turn-in procedures remain basically the same, Christian said.

Soldiers E6 and below still process through the reception center.

"The reception center gives a list of Soldiers the night before and a list is printed of all the things they are supposed to be getting," Christian said. "The next morning when the Soldiers come in, we take their identification card and set up the line."

"The Soldier goes down the line, receiving all his items. It's basically the same way as before with the exception of separate start and end points. It's set up for speed," he said.

To help shorten the length of time it takes to issue items and to assist warehouse workers, the new facility has a roller system in place.

"When one box is empty, it



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Central Issue Facility employee Angie Adorno places issue items on the counter for pick up by a Soldier.

gets removed and another rolls down to take its place," Christian said. "The roller system will help with speed as well as a complete line set up with everything right there. In the other building, we had to go to other places in the building to get items. In this building everything is right there."

Getting Soldiers through the process quickly is important because CIF will see an average of 150 to 200 Soldiers on a normal duty day. When Soldiers deploy, CIF staff will see anywhere from 400 to 600 Soldiers, depending on

the unit, Christian said.

"The process of returning items to CIF is also faster in the new building. After receiving the proper paperwork in the office, the Soldier takes his items to the counter to be turned in."

"The Soldier brings his items and puts them in one of the gray bins and takes them to a central location," Christian said.

"He turns them in to a warehouse worker who checks the items off one by one. Then my worker takes the paperwork to the back office where they do the abstracting. Once the abstract is

done, the Soldier is finished," Christian explained.

The speed of returning items to CIF depends a lot on the cleanliness of the items being returned.

"Soldiers need to use their quartermaster (laundry service)," Christian said.

"It's free for all folks. There is a three- or four-day turn around. Soldiers don't use it because they either don't know about it or don't want to, but the items still need to be cleaned when they come back," he said.

The quartermaster laundry service will clean items that are

washable.

"They won't do the over boots or the wet weather gear or stuff like that, but whatever is fabric and washable, things like field pants, Gortex parkas, jackets and all that good stuff," Christian said.

Turn-in is also faster when the Soldier knows what he is responsible for turning in.

"They can also come down and get a copy of their reception paperwork," he said. "They will know exactly what needs to be turned in, what they are signed for and what to bring back to us. The object is to see the Soldier one time and one time only, not 10 times."

Parking for the new CIF building is accessible from Kitty Drive.

"There is parking there for buses, for personally owned vehicles and military vehicles," Christian said.

"They can't use the front entrance or the walk-in gate. They need to bring a car instead of walking, otherwise they will be walking around the entire building on the outside of the fence for security reasons," he said.

The building is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reception Soldiers receive their issue items from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Turn-in for people leaving Fort Riley is from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and senior noncommissioned officers and others receive their issue from 1 to 3 p.m.

The gate is closed and locked at 3 p.m.

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Commentary

Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Soldiers in Iraq were asked what advice they would give to Soldiers just coming to Iraq?



"Try to avoid giving the kids candy because when you give to one the rest are going to bum rush you."

Spe. Nicolas Anderson
HHB, 1st Bn., 7th Cav.



"Save most of your money. Ration what you spend. You're away from your family; you might as well get something out of it when you get home."

Sgt. Jason Pankhurst
HHC, 1st Bn., 8th Cav.



"It can get pretty boring out here, so bring lots of forms of entertainment."

Pfc. Angela Scherrer
515th FSB



"Prepare to play real Army. This is the real deal over here. It's not NTC; it's not a training event. This is real war. Be ready, be prepared and be trained."

1st Sgt. Clay Young
68th Chemical Co.



"Make sure all of your personal affairs are in order. Make sure your household is in place. That's less stress and stuff that you have to worry about."

Staff Sgt. Gene Duplantier
Troop C, 1st Bn., 7th Cav.

Next week's question:

Why is it important for Army families to be involved personally with local schools?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

Sometimes you must bite your tongue

From the Frontlines

Editor's note: These comments by Dr. (Lt. Col.) Arthur Delorimer and explanation of the event were taken from an article written by Brian Schroeder of the 10th Mountain Division.

CAMP VICTORY NORTH, Baghdad Iraq - Tragedy can strike at any time or place, and when it does, doctors and medics are usually there to care for those injured by the catastrophe.

Lt. Col. Arthur Delorimer, 210th Forward Support Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, senior physician was working his shift the evening of July 26 with three medics from the 15th Cavalry Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. He said the evening quickly became busy when a group of injured Iraqi National Guardsmen showed up at the clinic.

"The first set of patients came in at about seven in the evening. It was a group of eight Iraqi National Guard troops who had



Lt. Col. Arthur Delorimer

rolled their vehicle." Delorimer made a phone call and the 15th FSB medical team was at the clinic in less than 10 minutes.

Delorimer specializes in pediatric gastroenterology and had not provided aid to a trauma patient more than six years, but that break in providing such treatment caused no problem.

"We took good care of these guys and we were done within an hour and a half."

"Three of them sustained serious head, neck, face and ear injuries. They were airlifted out on a bird in less than 20 minutes. The rest were not as serious, just a few broken bones and some scrapes and bruises."

Just as things began to slow down in the clinic, Delorimer received a call alerting him that another patient was on the way.

The patient, an unknown Iraqi brought to the clinic for treatment, arrived three minutes after the call.

"The patient came in with a bunch of shrapnel in his rear end and lacerations on his left hand. We cleaned that gentleman's wounds and gave him [intravenous] fluids."

While Delorimer was cleaning the patient's wounds, an American lieutenant began interrogating the patient.

"At the time I didn't know the whole story behind this guy. Apparently the guy I was working on was an Iraqi insurgent who was shooting [rocket propelled grenades] at a few of our boys, but he missed each time."

"When he realized our Soldiers were going to capture him, he decided he was going to take some American lives and be a suicide bomber. Instead he blew

a hand grenade under his butt and it blew a bunch of shrapnel into his left thigh and hand."

As the story of the patient he was working on unfolded, Delorimer admitted that a fury began to build inside of him.

"The more of the story I heard, the more angry I got. But I was still able to do my job and realized I am a professional and I'm going to take care of this guy."

"If I was the doctor taking care of Saddam Hussein, I would still have had feelings about it, but I would have bitten my tongue and taken care of him just like I do with any of my patients. It's the professional thing to do."

Delorimer recalled that the anger and rage he felt slowly turned to sympathy.

"I had pity for him, just like I do with any of my patients. But when I reflect on that, it's because he is pitiful. His whole goal was pitiful. His whole idea of trying to kill himself and others around him was pitiful."

Cracks in my wall might not tell real story

Pen Points

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The walls of my office display a myriad of cracks - from ceiling to floor in some cases - among the personal and work-related items hung there on purpose.

A thick coat of beige paint covers but does not conceal what appears to be plaster or cement patches on those same walls and doesn't cover numerous nail holes made by my predecessors and me. I often hang things too low or too high and have to adjust their position, thus putting another hole in the wall.

The walls, however, will withstand the shakes they sometime feel when the tanks and howitzers are firing on the ranges. They don't leak in the heaviest downpour and they keep the sometimes-raging winds off the Kansas prairie outside, where they belong.

In other words, the faults reach only skin deep. What's beneath the skin serves me well.

The paint on my vintage mode of transportation - a 1984 Volkswagen Westphalia camper Vanagon - is faded. It suffers some chips in places and reveals some minor rust encroachment in a few of its body crevices.

The camper has hauled me, my family and one previous owner more than 100,000 miles



Mike Heronemus

in its lifetime. It has suffered some injuries but heals quickly with the right treatment - the latest being a new battery.

In other words, it may not be new and

sparkle like new, but it proves itself worth keeping time and time again.

Watching the men's gymnastic competition Aug. 18, it appeared to me and to Olympic commentators that Paul Hamm was hurting. He was constantly rotating his right shoulder and had a trainer massaging it between events in the overall competition.

When he stumbled and fell into the judges' stand at the conclusion of his vault, I groaned in disappointment. The commentators wrote him off for any medal, let alone the gold that just about everyone up until then was sure he would win.

Hamm reached inside himself and claimed the title of best overall male gymnast in the Olympics, overcame the setback and became the first American male gymnast to every win the overall gold, despite the impression many people had quickly

expressed when he stumbled after the vault.

The lesson to be learned from these examples, I think, is that appearances can be deceiving. What appears unstable and weak might be stalwart and strong. What appears shabby and not worth a second glance might shine with perseverance and reliability. What appears lost might still be won.

Appearance is not what really counts. What really counts is character and results.

Too many times I find myself tempted to jump to conclusions without taking a longer or closer look. Too many times I find myself ready to judge someone without first talking with that person, listening to his or her ideas and opinions or learning more about what makes them tick.

At a time when diversity of human character and culture is much more common than perceived societal norms, anyone who restricts his or her opinions to basic instincts runs the risk of

missing out on interpersonal experiences which will enhance their life experiences.

We who work and serve at Fort Riley have been poured into a melting pot of human diversity called the Army. As the pot's contents combine, we gain the flavors of all those other cultures, beliefs and characters that have been added to the mix and they gain something from us.

During the next several months, the post Equal Opportunity Office will host a series of events to celebrate the mix of heritage and history that populates the Army and the world today. The first was Women's Equality Day Aug. 26. The next will be Oct. 6, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Future events will feature the heritage and history of Black Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders and Native Americans.

I urge each of you to attend those events as one way to foster your own life with the seasoning each culture adds to the mix of humanity we live in today.

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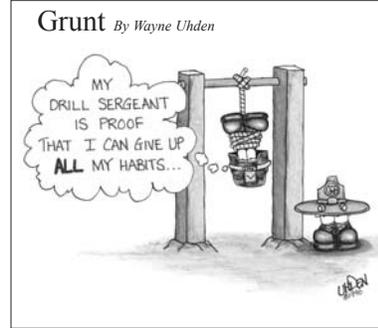
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Army eliminates profile on ratings

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Senior raters evaluating lieutenants, captains and warrant officers in pay grades W1 and W2 will change the way they compare the rated officer with his or her peers in the active Army after Oct. 1.

Specifically, the change eliminates the use of block 7b of the Officer Evaluation Report, Department of the Army Form 67-9, for company grade officers and the two lowest ranking warrant officers.

The current senior rater profiling contains four ratings: above center of mass, center of mass, below center of mass retain and below center of mass do not retain.

With Human Resources Command input, it reflects where the senior rater has rated other officers of equal rank in the past and where the senior leader thinks the rated officer falls in a direct peer-to-peer comparison.

Senior rater profiling will be retained for use in rating majors and above, and warrant officers in grades W3 and above.

"We're getting away from that competitive peer-to-peer comparison at the company grade and lower warrant officer level to allow more leader focus on developing leaders and fostering closer unit cohesion," said Maj. Gen. Dorian T. Anderson, Human Resources Command commanding gener-

al. Along with the end of peer-to-peer comparison at the company level, the Army will expand developmental plans and counseling requirements beyond junior officers to include captains and warrant officers 2 in the active Army effective Oct. 1.

The future version of DA Form 67-9-1a, Junior Officer Developmental Support Form, will have the word "junior," deleted to reflect the inclusion of more senior officers and warrants.

The OER enhancements will eventually be made in the Army Reserve and National Guard, but each has its own unique requirements and timeline, officials said.

"Evaluations have to do two things: provide good solid feedback to the rated individual for development and it has to provide information for the system to use to select those qualified individuals for promotion to the next higher grade," Anderson said.

"The challenge is to find the balance between feedback for individual development and the information promotion boards need for selections.

"The enhancements of eliminating senior rater profiling, and at the same time requiring more senior involvement by raters in counseling and mentoring process, allows company grade officers to get more useable feedback about how they are doing in their job," he said.

Airmen go where Soldiers go

Detachment operates anywhere Army needs its support

By James Tamez
19th PAD

An Air Force squadron stationed at Fort Riley deploys with Army units and offers them a unique form of support in accomplishing their missions.

The 50 Airmen of the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron provide Soldiers of Fort Riley with air support in combat and training scenarios.

"We provide the ground commander with close air support," said Tech. Sgt. Donald Sinde, chief of standardization and evaluation for the 10th ASOS and the enlisted battalion air liaison officer for 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry.

"We advise (the ground commander) and send up all the requests and do all the coordination with the fire support elements."

The frequently deployed members of the Air Force squadron support many Fort Riley units.

"The 10th ASOS supports 1st Brigade, 3rd Brigade and all the battalions that fall under those brigades," Sinde said. "We will deploy anytime one of those units deploy to the National Training Center, the Joint Readiness Training Center or real world deploy-

ment."

Airmen with 10th ASOS recently deployed with 1st Bn., 41st Inf., to Iraq, Sinde said.

"We have dedicated individuals for each one of those battalions," Sinde said. "Our career is strictly to support Army combat divisions and combat units."

"We train at NTC and JRTC to hone those skills that we need to perfect in order to be effective in combat," said Lt. Col. Tom Bednarek, 10th ASOS commander.

In addition to the squadron's standard training, the level of advanced training ASOS units undergo is dependent upon the types of units they are supporting, Sinde said.

"If we are supporting an airborne unit, all of the guys going out with the Army have to jump," Bednarek said. "If we are going out with a Ranger unit, all the guys going out with them have to go to Ranger School."

"Our guys love the job and love doing their mission with the Army," Bednarek said. "It is very motivating for our unit to be able to employ their skills in supporting their host Army units."

A vital part of the 10th ASOS is

the maintenance crew, which services multiple ASOS units when deploying with the squadron.

"Our side of the house provides support and supply for the 10th ASOS," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Strege, maintenance superintendent. "Our career field handles aircraft control, land mobile radio and basically everything communications wise. This is unique to this career field. Even being stationed on an Army post is unique for our career."

At Fort Riley, another unique mission separates the 10th ASOS from other types of Air Force detachments. They provide ground control for flyovers at local parades and celebrations, such as the July 4 celebration in Junction City, Sinde said.

"We are the primary controller talking to the aircraft and (clearing the airspace around the event) with any of the air traffic centers," Sinde said. "Basically bringing the aircraft in at the proper altitude and making sure that the flyover is timed correctly."

"We are here to do a job and provide a service that the Army has used and needed for a long time," Sinde said. "We are more than happy to do everything and

anything that we need to when we deploy with the Soldiers."

Many of the 10th ASOS Airmen live on post.

"Fort Riley is nice," Strege said. "Some have said that the housing is a little smaller, but very nice. I came here from Alaska after five years and it really is green here. I like the fishing."

"Fort Riley is an older base," Sinde said. "It's not an extremely large base, which is good. The facilities are outstanding and they're getting better. It's one of the nicer Army posts that I've been on."

Sinde laid to rest a long-time rumor about Airmen living in Army housing.

"There is no validity to getting extra (money) to live in Army housing or anything like that," he said. "10th ASOS families live in the same houses as Army guys and don't get paid extra."

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Canine partners love handlers

MPs, dogs work effectively after developing mutual trust

By James Tamez
19th PAD



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Spec. Scott Ellington, 523rd Military Police Detachment and his partner, Iron, play fetch.

For some Soldiers, a "battle buddy" may stand only 3 feet tall, walk on four legs and have a tail. For some Soldiers assigned to the 523rd Military Police Detachment, dogs are not pets; they are partners in fighting crime at Fort Riley. That partnership is built on trust in each other's skills and a devotion to duty by both.

"There is a lot of trust that is built up," said Sgt. Jayson Smith, one of the detachment's dog handlers. "I have to be able to say that I trust my dog and he knows what he's doing. In the same way, the dog has to trust the handler. The handler isn't going to put the dog in a situation where the dog is really going to get hurt."

Smith said that trust is not attained overnight. Handlers spend a great deal of time with their dogs when they are first paired up. It takes time to know the dog's temperament and to develop the necessary bonds that can keep the handler and the dog alive.

"At first the dog doesn't know you and you don't know him, so

you go out and play with him and work with him and build up trust," Smith said. "These dogs are just like humans. Sometime we have good days, sometimes we have bad days. It's the same way with a dog."

It's important to remember that dogs have the mentality of a 3-year-old child, said Staff Sgt. Bradley Guerrieri, kennel master for the 523rd MP Det. The dogs can be disciplined and told what they are doing is wrong, but they'll only understand it for a while before they revert back. It takes constant training to enforce good behavior, Guerrieri said.

Guerrieri said the handlers spend a minimum of 50 to 60 hours a week working with their dogs and preparing them for their first day on the job.

"It can be a trying process at first," said Spc. Scott Ellington, one of the detachment's dog handlers. "You don't know much about your dog and he doesn't know you."

Once trust is earned, a special relationship is formed between the handler and his dog, Guerrieri said.

"There is definitely an emotional attachment to the dog," Smith said. "I mean, that's your battle buddy. That's everything. We're a team, and I'm his only release to the outside world."

"You are the dog's only contact with the outside world," Guerrieri said. "He relies on you to play with, take care of, and everything else. That dog works only for your affection. That is his main reward in life."

This extreme bond that is formed between a handler and his dog is reflected in the dog's protectiveness of his handler.

"These dogs are very protective," Smith said. "They have to be with what we do. They are looking out for you constantly and you are looking out for them."

Unfortunately, with the relationship comes the pain of losing a dog to a change of station or

even death. Losing a dog is like losing a best friend for these handlers. The experience can be heart wrenching.

Guerrieri said he had lost a partner once. They left Fort Riley in the middle of the winter and went to Africa, which was very hot. The dog was unable to adapt to the sudden change in the climate.

"It's a tough thing because he is your partner," Guerrieri said in a somber tone as he remembered that lost partner.

"You can come to work after having an argument with your wife or girlfriend and that's going to be on your mind the whole time you are at work. You are not going to be concentrating. It's different with that dog. You can yell at that dog one minute and the next minute that dog is all up in your face, licking you," he said.

"(The dog's) main job in life is to protect you, and he will," Guerrieri said. "All he asks in life is that you love him."

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Battery management program earns award

Post prevents lithium battery pollution, reduces expense of unnecessary replacement

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Fort Riley's Lithium Battery Management program recently received the 2004 Kansas Department of Health and Environment Pollution Prevention Award in the new initiatives category.

"Fort Riley's Lithium Battery Management program is the most comprehensive program Army wide," said Fernando Mancini, chief of Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Surveillance and Reconnaissance in the Engineering Division, Directorate for Safety, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command. "My congratulations on receiving the state's pollution prevention award."

"Receiving the award is a great honor recognizing our program," said Dick Clement, Fort Riley's waste minimization coordinator in the Pollution Prevention Division of the Directorate of Environmental and Safety. "But, more importantly, Soldier safety is our major concern. The batteries can vent and release toxic gas, start a fire or explode."

The Pollution Prevention Division's program reduces the number of batteries at Fort Riley requiring hazardous waste disposal. The program also helps prevent possible accidental fires or explosions from damaged or unserviceable lithium battery power sources.

The innovative program encourages the reuse of lithium batteries and the safe discharge of batteries that cannot be reused. Lithium sulfur dioxide batteries are commonly used to power military communications systems and other portable military electronic equipment.

Lithium batteries offer advantages for military use because they are lightweight, produce twice the power, work in temperatures ranging from minus 67 to 158 degrees and have a shelf life of five years while retaining up to 70 percent of their rated capacity.

The disadvantages of using lithium batteries as a power source is that the batteries contain pressurized toxic lithium sulfur dioxide and are susceptible to extreme heat and water saturation. When spent batteries are stored and packed close together in areas reaching temperatures well above 100 degrees, they may cause a fire or explode. Batteries saturated with water (called electrolysis) give off an explosive hydrogen gas.

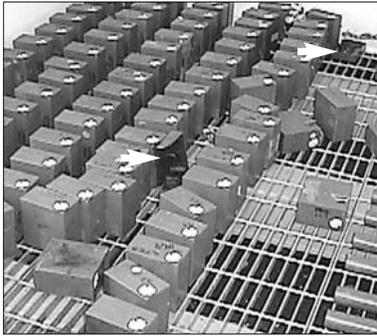
"Soldiers should not discharge or discard batteries," Clement said. "Fort Riley has trained professionals in place to handle and dispose lithium batteries and other hazardous materials."

Fort Riley has first-hand experience with the destructive power of these batteries when they are not fully discharged. In July 1999, a fire erupted at the Hazardous Materials Processing Center where the batteries were stored for discharging (also known as venting). The blaze rushed through the facility, igniting all flammable materials and structures in its path before being extinguished.

According to Fort Riley Fire Department investigation reports, the fire started when high temperatures and high humidity caused the stockpile of discharging batteries to explode.

The fire brought about a new approach for the containment, discharge and disposal of the installation's lithium batteries. That same year, in response to the fire, three storage facilities were purchased to provide an isolated, climate-controlled environment for the safe discharge of batteries.

The storage buildings' walls, roofs and ceilings are made of



Pieces (see white arrows) of an exploded BA-5590 lithium battery lie among other batteries stored at Fort Riley before the new management program began to prevent such explosions.

non-combustible material to withstand two hours of fire.

To prevent batteries from overheating, the buildings are constructed with automatic temperature-control systems; screened air-inlet vents, fire dampers and self-contained, electro-mechanical ventilation systems.

"The center stores the batteries for five days after discharge, then tests each battery to ensure complete discharge before they are discarded as normal, solid waste," Clement said.

Besides Soldier safety, managing lithium battery use and disposal demonstrates Fort Riley's ability to balance environmental stewardship with military missions.

Program makes 'cents'

Since the program's inception - October 1999 - through March 2004, the lithium battery program reduced the amount of lithium batteries discarded as hazardous waste by 66 percent, Clement said.

Overall (procurement) cost savings from battery reuse and hazardous material waste costs to discard charged batteries saved the installation more than \$114,600 in less than five years. Before implementing the program, those dollars would have poured into hazardous waste coffers.

Environmental Protection Agency and State of Kansas regulations require batteries containing lithium sulfur dioxide to be disposed of as hazardous waste. Discharged lithium batteries are less reactive and can be disposed of as non-hazardous (solid) waste.

By venting or discharging the toxic gases in the lithium batteries, the Pollution Prevention Division transforms hazardous waste into harmless, non-toxic refuse.

Another benefit of testing is finding batteries with 70 percent or more of its capacity intact. These batteries are reissued to units.

"The Lithium battery management program saves Fort Riley thousands of dollars each year in procurement and disposal costs," Clement said. "We will issue batteries with 70 percent or more of its charge left at Building 1930 on Camp Funston. Other potentially hazardous products with shelf life and usability are available for re-

issue as well."

Ed Cobb, environmental protection specialist for the Environmental and Safety Support Division, Directorate of Environment and Safety, said the Hazardous Material Processing Center reissues an average of 50 lithium batteries each month, a savings of nearly \$4,000 when compared to the cost for new batteries.

Some reissued

Reissuing good batteries and venting damaged or "used-up" batteries for disposal has reducing the amount of hazardous waste generated from the batteries. According to 1997 Pollution Prevention Division statistics, 2,800 pounds of lithium batteries were disposed of as hazardous waste material. In 2003, the number of lithium batteries treated as hazardous waste was cut two-thirds to 960 pounds.

"What we have saved in procurement and disposal cost has paid for the entire program," Clement said. "We have the only centralized Hazardous Material Processing Center in the Army to completely discharge lithium batteries."

"Education and training are paramount to the program's success," Clement said. "To my knowledge, there is no other safe-

ty class on lithium battery handling and disposal in the Army."

CECOM Directorate for Safety provides training materials for lithium battery handling and disposal and offers lithium battery management classes to installations. CECOM training materials are available on-line at <http://www.monmouth.army.mil/cecom/safety/sservice/bs.htm>.

The Environmental and Safety Division created a lithium battery awareness training program for the installation. The class was designed to provide Soldiers guidance on the hazards working with or around lithium batteries, Cobb said.

"Communication Soldiers are training on the equipment, but not on battery management," Cobb said. "An exploding battery has enough power to take off a hand or arm."

"Key personnel, who in their course of duty receive, store, issue and then transport lithium batteries for disposal, are attending the training," Cobb said.

Cobb said, "Soldiers should not dispose charged batteries as non-hazardous solid waste. It is too risky to refuse handlers and the community."

"We believe in the program," Clements said. "It keeps our Soldiers and community safe."

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Fort Riley Community Life

Community news briefly

Gymnastics classes offered

Gymnastics classes will be held at the Teen Center, Building 5800, Tuesdays through Thursdays after school for children 3 to 15 years old.

Cost is \$30 per month for regular gymnastics classes and \$40 per month for the Exhibition Team. Prices will be discounted by \$5 for payments made in person at the central registration office by the first of the month.

Tuesday classes will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., for children 5 to 7 years old, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., for children 7 to 9 years old and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., for children 10 to 15 years old.

Wednesday classes will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., for children 3 to 5 years old, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., for children 4 to 6 years old and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., for children 6-8 years old.

Thursday classes will be from 5 to 6 p.m., for children 3 to 5 years old and from 6 to 7:30 p.m., for the Exhibition Team.

Enrollment for gymnastics will be in the central enrollment office in Building 6620 from 1 to 5 p.m. through Sept. 3.

Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services and must have a sports physical less than one year old at the time of registration. A school health assessment, which states "cleared for all instructional/SKIES activities" will be considered the same as a sports physical.

CYS registrations and re-registrations are by appointment only. CYS registration cost is \$18 per child or \$40 for a family.

For more information and appointments, call 239-4847 or 239-9478.

U.S. Soldier Show coming

The 2004 U.S. Army Soldier show takes the stage at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 and at 2 and 7 p.m. Sept. 15 in McCain Auditorium on the Kansas State University campus.

Nineteen of the Army's most talented Soldiers perform in a high-energy family-friendly music and dance production guaranteed to entertain anyone in the audience.

Admission is free. For more information, call 239-6398.

Crafts center sets classes

Aug. 29 - 1-4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together
Aug. 30 - 7 p.m., crochet, knitting, cross-stitching
Sep. 1-29 - Submit entries for photography contest

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

Prayer group meets weekly

A prayer group meets from 5:30 to 6:10 a.m. Tuesday mornings in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Don Ericson, director of Religious Education, at 239-0979.

BOSS events:

Sept. 1 - 3:30 p.m., meeting at Auto Crafts Center
For more information, call 239-8147 or visit with your unit's BOSS representative.

Fun, growth

Post youth join club, rangers

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Fort Riley youth have a variety of opportunities for spiritual growth through the church community. Numerous activities, from trips and camps to meetings and concerts are planned for this year. Two such programs are Club Beyond and the Spiritual Ranger Program.

Club Beyond

Club Beyond kicked off its season with a beach-themed party Aug. 9. A non-denominational church youth group, Club Beyond averages 15 to 30 middle school students and 20 to 60 high school students each week.

The organization is part of Military Community Youth Ministries, which sponsors Club Beyond at military installations around the world.

"At Club Beyond we practice the 3 F's of youth ministry: food, fun and fellowship," said Director Jason Grogan. "It is a fun place to come to and a safe environment where everyone is welcome and made to feel at home."

In addition to weekly fellowship, the group attends various events, including concerts, retreats, trips and conferences.

"We have a couple of concerts coming up in September we will be attending, as well as looking to go to Mexico next summer for our mission trip. There will be other retreats and conferences throughout the school year as well," Grogan said.

Club Beyond also supports a weekly luncheon, Bible Lunch Tuesdays, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Junction City. Free rides and lunches are provided

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Junction City High School Sophomore Ben Courts practices his hula dancing while hula-hooping at Club Beyond's kickoff party Aug. 8.

Photo/Blackmon

Camp helps kids cope

Youngsters share issues concerning deployments

By Gerry J. Gilmore
AFPS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - About 80 miles east of this bustling southern city lies the small town of Ellerbe, part of a rural community nestled amid pine woods that echo with the summer song of crickets.

About 50 children ages 10 to 16, with one or more parents serving as active duty, reserve or National Guard members, completed a week's stay Aug. 5 at a 4-H camp located a few miles from downtown Ellerbe in those rustic woods.

In a soft but strong voice, 15-year-old Travis Hellermann told other campers and visiting dignitaries at the camp that he'd spent "a long, hard year" since his father, a member of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, was killed in Iraq on Aug. 6, 2003.

Hellermann said his father had died doing what he loved and instead of sitting around feeling sad, Hellermann went to camp and had fun while sharing his feelings with other campers.

The camp, the brainchild of the National Military Family Association, is one of many "Operation

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AAFES survey shows shopper savings

Fort Riley's savings

The Fort Riley Post randomly chose the following five common items to compare in a survey conducted for the local area. The items were among those listed in the AAFES survey.

Product	PX Price	Other Price	Percent Savings
Tide 100 oz. with Bleach	\$7.40	\$5.24	29
Gillette Mach 3 Turbo 4's refills	\$8.30	\$8.23	-0.8
Eveready Energizer "AA" battery	\$2.84	\$2.84	0
Turtle Wax Zip Car Wash	\$3.95	\$3.96	0.25
American Greetings Counter Card	\$1.19	\$1.84	35

AAFES

A national independent market basket survey of Army and Air Force Exchange Services prices compared to comparable retailers reveals that AAFES prices average 21.89 percent less than the competition.

The January survey conducted by Comparative Prices International sampled everyday prices of 150 items at AAFES facilities and competitors located near Fort Meade, Md.; Ft. Walton Beach,

Fla.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.; and Luke AFB, Ariz.

The survey gathered data in July at the Fort Riley PX.

All major retail departments were represented in AAFES' Market Basket Survey.

The survey was designed to focus on the most popular items sold in AAFES facilities.

The survey compared prices for national name brand items.

AAFES provides merchandise at uniform prices to active duty

military, Guard and Reserve members, military retirees and family members, regardless of where they're stationed.

AAFES Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost said, "This survey confirms that not only does AAFES 'Go Where You Go,' but our prices stay the same," she said.

Shoppers can check out a breakdown of the specific products surveyed, the stores surveyed and the savings available by visiting www.aafes.com on the Web.

New VA cemetery closer to reality

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

A new veteran's cemetery to "honor those who served" will be ready to open adjacent to Fort Riley in about three years.

Larry McGee, director of public works on Fort Riley, said the post's cemetery has 20 plots remaining and with an average of five burials a month, will be filled in four months. The burial rate doesn't appear to be abating, he said.

"We're working with the State of Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs for a new Fort Riley cemetery to be located on a hilltop near the eastern edge of Camp Funston along Wildcat Creek Road," McGee said.

The Department of Defense's program, entitled "Honoring Those Who Served," is in response to the new law governing funeral honors for eligible veterans.

The defense department became responsible for providing military funeral honors for eligible veterans since the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act in 2000.

"The first of possibly two to four phases of the new cemetery will be similar to the first phase of the Winfield (Kan.) Cemetery," said Kafer Peele, cemetery program director for Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs.

The cemetery at Winfield, which is scheduled to open in

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Book pictures post's history

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

"Images of America Fort Riley" shows the post's history in pictures and is available at the Cavalry Museum gift shop. It costs \$19.99. All proceeds from the books sold in the museum gift shop go to support post organizations.

The book, written and compiled by museum curator Bill McKale and Robert Smith, Ph.D. candidate at Kansas State University, includes the earliest known photographs of Fort Riley. The authors gathered the pictures from the Cavalry Museum's collection, the U.S. Cavalry Association and the Geary County Museum. The photographs cover the post from its establishment to the present day.

"One of the chief aspects of the book is that it is one of the first times such a number of photographs have been brought together to help people become familiar with the (post's) history," he said.





Community news briefly

Latinos host game tourney

The Geary County Latino Organization invites interested players to compete in a Kansas Championship Dominoes Tournament Sept. 4 at the Super 8 Motel, 1001 E. Sixth St. in Junction City.

Single entries for organization members will cost \$20 (a partner will be selected by draw). Teams of two players who are organization members can enter for \$40. Non-member entry fees for single players will be \$20 and non-member teams can enter for \$40. Entry fees must be paid by check of money order and sent to Geary County Latino Organization, Inc., P.O. Box 3091, Junction City, KS 66441. Cash entry fees may be added in person at the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 425 N. Washington St. in Junction City. The CVB is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Partner draws will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the tournament will begin at 9 a.m.

Teen Center activities:

Aug. 27 - 8-11 p.m., middle school dance.

Aug. 28 - 6-9 p.m., family potluck dinner.

Sept. 3 - 7-11 p.m., movie night.

Sept. 4 - 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Worlds of Fun trip.

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Child & Youth Services:

Sept. 3, 4 - 5 p.m., Parent Advisory Council.

Sept. 4 - Red Cross baby sitting course.

For more information, call 239-9850.

At the movies:

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

Aug. 27 - Catwoman (PG-13)

Aug. 28 - A Cinderella Story (PG)

Aug. 29 - Catwoman (PG-13)

Sept. 2 - A Cinderella Story (PG)

Sept. 3 - The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13)

Sept. 4 - The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13)

Sept. 5 - Thunderbirds (PG)

Sept. 9 - Thunderbirds (PG)

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Josh Ericson (front) and Stephen Wiemers test their marksmanship skills at the Engagement Skills Trainer on Fort Riley. In addition to marksmanship, Spiritual Rangers learned the importance of working together as a fire team in engaging the enemy.



Jared Bowyer (right front) fights for victory in the tug-of-war competition while Austin Wesley (left) and Club Beyond Director Jason Grogan watch during the club's first event of the year Aug. 9. Post/Blackmon

Youth Activities

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for those high school students who are allowed to leave campus for lunch.

"We provide a free lunch and a short devotional for the students and even provide transportation to and from school, even though the church is right by the high school," Grogan said.

Club Beyond is open to middle and high school students regardless of faith or church attendance. The middle school group meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the high schoolers meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday nights in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel on post. For more information, call

Grogan at 210-6240 or e-mail jason.grogan@sbcglobal.net.

Spiritual Rangers

Nine young men have entered the Spiritual Ranger program hoping to become better leaders in the future. For two and a half days they received training on a tactical and a spiritual level.

"The mission of the Spiritual Ranger program is to train young men to be Godly leaders by instilling in them biblical character, values and principles and thus giving them a sense of what it truly means to be a man," said Don Ericson, director of religious

education at Fort Riley.

This is the program's first year. Designed for males 13 and older, Ericson said he hopes the program will inspire young men to become strong Christian leaders.

" Oftentimes Christian men in the media are portrayed as arrogant bigots or wimps. Yet I know a lot of Christian Soldiers, officers and NCOs who are excellent examples of what it means to be a Godly man. These men are not soft. They are warriors, leaders and commanders," he said.

"I wanted to develop a program, therefore, that would help inspire young males to be like

these men. I wanted to give young males a vision of what Godly leadership looked like and maybe even give them the opportunity to be mentored by a Godly man," Ericson said.

The participants received training on the Close Combat Tactical Trainer, the Engagement Skills Trainer and the Helicopter Flight Simulator at Fort Riley. Ericson and Club Beyond Director Jason Grogan also taught the campers navigation skills and how to survive off the land.

Ericson said he applied spiritual lessons to most of the training events.

"For example, if your azimuth is off just a degree, it can cause you some real problems the farther you go. Likewise, if you make some small spiritual compromise, it may seem insignificant at first. But the farther you go in life, the farther you will be off course," he said. "Eventually, you will find yourself lost and wondering how you got so far off course."

An event or activity is planned every month based around one of 15 core values. The next event will be Aug. 28. For more information on the program, call Ericson at 239-0979.

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October, has 10,000 plots on 28 acres with cost estimates of \$5.8 million.

Peele said environmental and archeological studies of the 90-acre site is being conducted by Kansas State University to ensure the land just west of the Manhattan Airport is suitable for a cemetery.

"Once the environmental and archeological studies are complete the project can move ahead. The application is then sent to the Department of the Army and the Veterans' Administration for approval," Peele said.

"This process can take six months to one year before the land transfer is complete," Peele said.

Veterans' families in the area will have to choose another cemetery once the current cemetery on post reaches capacity. The closest on-post military cemetery is located

on Fort Leavenworth. The 16-acre cemetery at Fort Dodge opened in 2002 and has 3,750 burial plots in its initial phase.

Two additional cemeteries are set to open this year. A 24-acre site at WaKeeney, Kan., will be dedicated Sept. 10 and a 40-acre site at Winfield, Kan., is set to open in October.

The cemeteries will have 1,500

and 8,060 burial plots, respectively.

The actual planning and construction of the cemetery can take up to nine months for each process to be completed, Peele said.

Veterans, servicemembers and family members are eligible for burial in Veterans' Administration national cemeteries.

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Purple" camping programs held this summer for military kids across 11 states and Guam.

Operation Purple is co-sponsored by the Department of Defense and Sears, Roebuck and Co., which donated \$2 million to the NMFA to develop and enhance programs that address the unique challenges faced by military families.

The NMFA, a nonprofit group with headquarters in Alexandria, Va., decided earlier this year to sponsor the camps so that children of deployed servicemembers could discuss their feelings with others about having an absent parent who'd been called to duty, according to Julia Pfaff, the organization's executive director.

Military deployments, Pfaff pointed out at the Millstone 4-H camp outside Ellerbe, are challenging situations for the deployed parent, the other parent or caregiver remaining at home and, of course, the children.

It's only normal, Pfaff observed, for children to experience a kaleidoscope of emotions when a parent is deployed.

It's therefore important, she noted, for parents to closely observe their children's emotional health while a loved one is deployed.

For example, she said, some children don't want to upset their parents, so they try to hide their anxieties.

Sometimes "you have to help your children put words" to their feelings, Pfaff explained, noting that her son had developed insomnia some years ago when her military husband had been deployed to Kuwait. Pfaff said she found it necessary to take her son to a counselor to address his anxieties.



Photo by Gilmore

In the foreground, Tylor Richmond (left), 13, and camp instructor Will Morgan sit ready as Matt Ingalls, 13, prepares to climb back into a second canoe after retrieving a fallen paddle. Ingalls' canoe mates, Nick Hunkin (left), 13, and Ryan Sullivan, 12, prepare to help. The young men were participating in an "Operation Purple" canoeing class Aug. 5 at the Millstone 4-H camp in Ellerbe, N.C.

Paul Vann, a motivational speaker who'd worked at this and some other "Operation Purple" camps, said he'd taught participants that the power of positive thinking could be harnessed to cope with deployment-related stress.

"If you participate in the camps, that's a positive activity," Vann pointed out, noting military children can also get involved in volunteer activities, such as helping disabled veterans.

Besides group discussions, the camp offered horseback riding, canoeing, archery and skeet shooting, said Jonathan Leist, 15, whose active duty Air Force father is deployed in Kuwait.

"I wish he was here, and I hope he stays safe," Leist said, adding he liked the camp so much that he was reluctant to leave.

Participants at the Ellerbe camp came from several states. Adam Parker, 16, from Maiden, N.C., said his father is now in Iraq with the North Carolina National Guard.

"I'm glad that they were able to get all these military kids together from different branches of the military," Parker said, "so we could all trade experiences and ideas on ways to cope with deployment stress."

Parker said he misses his father, but added he is very proud of his dad's military service. He recommended that children of deployed servicemembers share their feelings with everybody in their family and make everybody aware of how they're feeling.

Dignitaries who attended the Operation Purple closing ceremony included Mary Easley, wife of

North Carolina Gov. Michael Easley; Secretary Bryan E. Beatty, North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety; Army Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram Jr., adjutant general of North Carolina; Robert J. O'Leary, Sears' senior public relations executive; and Candace Wheeler, NMFA president.

Jan Witte, director for the Pentagon's Office of Children and Youth, also attended the closing ceremony.

Ingram applauded Operation Purple and noted more than 7,000 North Carolinians have been called up for active military duty since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

O'Leary said Sears would support an expanded Operation Purple for next year.

New program helps spouses be teachers

By Samantha L. Quigley
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Spouses to Teachers, the defense department's latest endeavor to assist military spouses interested in teaching, serves a similar purpose as the popular Troops to Teachers program, an official said.

Department of Defense established Troops to Teachers in 1994. The Department of Education now runs the Troops to Teachers program, an official said.

Michael Melo, director of a Spouses to Teachers pilot program in Virginia, explained that TTT laid the groundwork for STT in providing individual state information.

Melo also directs Virginia's TTT program.

Six states — California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia — participate in the STT pilot program.

The program was prompted by military spouses who were already teachers or interested in teaching, but were facing difficulties finding certification requirements and job information when they moved, Gary Woods, acting director of DoD educational opportunities, said.

Melo and Woods said the

program would offer information, counseling and guidance to eligible, interested individuals.

Initially, eligibility is limited to those with a bachelor's degree who are spouses of active duty servicemembers and members of the Selected Reserve or Individual Ready Reserve on extended duty.

It also will offer limited financial assistance to help defray the costs of meeting state certification requirements in the pilot states.

On the future STT Web site and in offices that will be handling the program, the goal is to provide information on teacher-certification requirements within a state, what kinds of jobs are available, and what kind of reciprocity exists between the system they're

currently teaching in and systems they may potentially be transferring into, Woods said.

These sources also aim to make spouses aware of additional course requirements for certification or credentialing within the new state.

They will make sure spouses know where they can turn for potential financial assistance in order to pursue those courses, Woods said.

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Sports news in brief

Archers plan 3-D shoot

Southfork Archers will host their 3-D Monthly bow shoot at 10 a.m. Sept. 5 at Byron Walker Wildlife Area 8 miles west of Kingman, Kan., off U.S. Highway 54. Archers may enter unlimited, limited, bare bow, open, traditional, women's and youth classifications. For more information, call (620) 532-3242.

Bike tours ride in Blue Hills

Blue Hills Historical Bicycle Tours offer guided tours for the entire family. Tours bring historic sites and events to life amid the scenic beauty of the Blue Hills in Osbourne County.

Tours are given through Sept. 30 by appointment only. For more information, call (785) 346-2715 or visit www.discoverosborne.com on the Web.

Fans invited to pep rally

Kansas State University fans are invited to help kick off the 2004 K-State football season with the annual Purple Power Play on Poyntz Avenue from 4 to 9 p.m. Sept. 2-3. A variety of live entertainment, games, activities and giveaways are scheduled to fill downtown Manhattan.

MPs sponsor fishing tourney

The 300th Military Police Company at Fort Riley will host a "Welcome Back from Iraq Fishing Tournament" from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 3 at Milford Lake.

Entry fee for adults over 18 years old is \$12, \$5 for children and \$20 for families of three or more people.

Trophies will be awarded to anglers who catch the heaviest fish, longest fish and largest stringer of fish. Other prizes include rods and reels, lures, hats and discount certificates.

Proceeds will benefit the 924th Military Police Ball.

For more information, call 210-6314 or send e-mail to jammer0713@aol.com.

Rec center plans river trip

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center will sponsor a canoe trip on the Kansas River from where the U.S. Highway 24 bridge crosses the Big Blue River to St. George Aug. 28.

The planned river trip is expected to take from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will leave from and return to the Outdoor Recreation Center.

The cost of \$15 per person includes canoe, paddles, life jacket and transportation to and from the river. Participants must provide their lunch and drink.

For more information or to register, stop by the center at 9011 Rifle Range Road or call 239-2363.

Rally Point to host tourney

Rally Point and Custer Hill Golf Course will be combining for a day of fun, sun and golf beginning at 8 a.m. Aug. 28. For more information, call Rally Point at 784-5434.

Game scores

- Game 1:** 24th Trans. Co. wins by forfeit against Det. D, 15th PSB
- Game 2:** HHC, 24th ID, wins by forfeit against Btry. A, 4th Bn., 1st FA
- Game 3:** 977th MP Co. defeats Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 11-5
- Game 4:** HHB, 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeats 3rd Bde., 75th Div., 10-8
- Game 5:** USA MEDDAC defeats 568th CSE, 23-11
- Game 6:** 342nd MP Co. defeats Btry. B, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 11-10
- Game 7:** 596th Signal Co. wins by forfeit against 10th ASOS
- Game 8:** 523rd MP Co. wins by forfeit against Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn.
- Game 9:** 24th Trans. Co. defeats 300th MP Co., 16-15
- Game 10:** Det. D, 15th PSB, wins by forfeit against Btry. A, 4th Bn., 1st FA
- Game 11:** 3rd Bde., 7th Div., defeats 568th CSE, 20-5
- Game 12:** Btry. B, 4th Bn., 1st FA, wins by forfeit
- Game 13:** 300th MP Co. wins by forfeit against 10th ASOS
- Game 14:** Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeats Det. D, 15th PSB, 23-2
- Game 15:** HHC, 24th ID, defeats 977th MP Co., 11-10
- Game 16:** USA MEDDAC defeats HHB, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 11-5
- Game 17:** 342nd MP Co. defeats 24th Trans. Co., 17-9
- Game 18:** 523rd MP Co. wins by forfeit against 596th Signal Co.
- Game 19:** 977th MP Co. wins by forfeit against 300th MP Co.
- Game 20:** HHB, 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeats Btry. B, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 15-3
- Game 21:** 3rd Bde., 75th Div., defeats 24th Trans. Co., 14-2
- Game 22:** Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, wins by forfeit against 596th Signal Co.
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- Game 26:** HHB, 4th Bn., 1st FA, defeats 977th MP Co., 16-6
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- Game 29:** HHC, 24th ID, defeats 342nd MP Co., 15-6
- Game 30:** USA MEDDAC defeats 523rd MP Co., 21-7
- Game 31:** USA MEDDAC defeats 342nd MP Co., 20-10
- Game 32:** HHC, 24th ID, defeats USA MEDDAC, 18-16

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Infantry keeps title

Medics battle back from losers' bracket

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Defending champions Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), kept their company-level slow-pitch softball crown Aug. 21, defeating U.S. Army Medical Department Activity 18-16 in the post tournament finals.

Eighteen company-level teams fought for the title in the tournament Aug. 20-21. Ten of the 32 games scheduled resulted in forfeits.

After being defeated by HHC, 24th Inf. Div., 21-8 in the third round of tournament play, the MEDDAC team won its next three games in the loser's bracket to earn the right to play the Infantrymen again in the finals.

"It was a pretty good tournament. The teams were pretty good," said Corey Amerine, coach for the 24th Inf. Div. team. "But in the end, we figured it would be us and MEDDAC in the finals."

The 24th Inf. Div. team held on to an early lead with the help of Tim Hanson's two-run homer in the first inning. In the top of the third, MEDDAC tied the game, 7-7. The Medics took a 4-point lead in the fourth and widened the gap to 14-7 with a three-run homer in the top of the fifth.

Three runs by the Infantry in the bottom of the fifth and two by the Medics in the top of the sixth continued MEDDAC's advantage at 16-10, but a strong eight-point Infantry rally in the sixth inning gave them a two-point lead. A third-out snag at the fence by Amerine in the seventh sealed the win for 24th Inf. Div.

"Both teams played well. It was a total team effort, and we made a good run to come back," Amerine said. "We've played together the last few years and this year was a lot of our guys' last run together. A lot of our guys are PCSing and retiring. It was good that at least we went out winning the company championship."

William Jones, second baseman for the HHC, 24th Inf. Div., company-level slow-pitch softball team catches the ball during the team's championship game against USA MEDDAC Aug. 21 for the post tournament title.

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Royals thank military

Special day pays tribute to servicemembers

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

More than 40 Fort Riley Soldiers carried state and territorial flags as part of the Kansas City Royals' Military Appreciation Night Aug. 21, at Kauffman Field.

The Royals held the appreciation night for the third consecutive year with an estimated 1,500 servicemembers attending.

One very special Army guest threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Staff Sgt. Christopher Schneider lost his right leg while serving in Iraq with the 1011th Quartermaster Company, 89th Regional Readiness Command. Schneider, a resident of Independence, Mo., walked to the mound flanked by his son and with the assistance of a cane and then threw a strike to Royals third baseman, Joe Randa.

Fort Riley's entourage of Soldiers was augmented by representatives from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.; Marine Corps Mobilization Command, Camp Ashland, Neb.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; the 89th Regional Support Command headquartered in Wichita, Kan.; elements of the Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri National Guard; and Fort Leavenworth.

"Honoring those who serve our country is our way of saying thank you from the Kansas City

Royals," said Jeff Miller, group sales account executive. "We support you 100 percent."

Miller teamed with Staff Sgt. Jonathan Edwards of the 917th Corps Support Group, 89th Regional Readiness Command, located in Belton, Mo., to create the Military Appreciation Night three years ago. "I love the Royals and I thought holding such an event would be good for the community," Edwards said.

Most of the Soldiers attending the Military Appreciation Night raved that the highlight of the evening was "just being on the field."

Before, during and after the event, the Royals will be honoring those who serve our country. See Royals, Page 17

Staff Sgt. Christopher Schneider, 1011th Quartermaster Company, 89th Regional Readiness Command, walks back toward the dugout flanked by Kansas City Royals third baseman Joe Randa and his son, Eli, after throwing out the ceremonial first pitch Aug. 21 at Kauffman Field.

Post/Hardesty





KSU volleyball team tries for repeat

K-State Sports Schedule

All home Kansas State University football games will be played at Wagner Field. All home volleyball games will be played at Ahearn Field House.

Sept. 1 – Volleyball vs. Oral Roberts, 7 p.m.

Sept. 4 – Football vs. Western Kentucky, 6:10 p.m.

Sept. 7 – Volleyball vs. Wichita State, 7 p.m.

Sept. 11 – Football vs. Fresno State, 11 a.m.

Sept. 16 – Volleyball vs. North Dakota State University, 7 p.m.

Sept. 18 – Football vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, 1:10 p.m.

Sept. 22 – Volleyball vs. Texas A&M, 7 p.m.

Discount September football tickets are available through ITR for \$19 each. For more information, call ITR at 239-5614.

Volleyball tickets are available by calling 1-800-221-CATS, or may be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 2 through high school.

Staff report

After claiming the program's first-ever conference title in 30 years of play, the 2004 Kansas State volleyball team will open its season against Oral Roberts Sept. 1. The game will begin at 7 p.m. at Ahearn Field House.

K-State must fill in the gaps left by four key players from last season. However, head Coach Suzie Fritz, the only coach in K-State history to record back-to-back conference coach of the year honors and her staff do return some of the firepower from the 2003 squad. Senior setter Gabby

Guerre, senior middle blocker Lisa Martin and senior outside hitter Vali Hejjas continue as key players on the team.

In three seasons at K-State, Guerre has established herself as one of the greatest setters in Wildcat history. An Honorable Mention AVCA All-American in 2003, she was among the best in the Big 12 with 1,517 assists, 221 kills by setters, a 335 hitting percentage and 110 blocks. The 6-1 lefty also collected three triple-doubles in 2003 and needs just two more to set a K-State record for career triple-doubles.

Martin, who earned All-Big 12

honors last season, will likely carry the load in the middle this year after a successful 2003 campaign. Last season, she led the Wildcats with 144 blocks and proved to be an efficient attacker after hitting .301 for the season with 301 kills. She tallied 10 or more kills in 13 matches a year ago and hit .300 or better in 18 matches.

In her first season at K-State after transferring from Hungary, Hejjas established herself as one of the top left-side hitters in the Big 12 last season. She led the team in 2003 with 448 kills and a 3.56 kill-per-game average. She

played 27 matches in which she collected 10 or more kills, including two 20-plus kills performances.

One of the seven newcomers who will be looked at closely for immediate help is junior college transfer Agata Rezende. A right-side attacker, Rezende was one of the top junior college players in the country last season and should complement Hejjas and company well.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 2 through high school. Tickets are available at the door or can be purchased by calling 1-800-221-CATS.

Soldier scores silver

Military Olympians making marks at Games

By Tim Hips
Army News Service

ATHENS, Greece — Maj. Michael Anti won a silver medal Aug. 22 in men's 50-meter three-position rifle shooting in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

"I wish I had the gold but I'm just excited to have a medal," said Anti, 40, of Winterville, N.C. He is assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga., and is a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program.

"We have such a great unit and such a great Army for them to allow me to do this. There are people overseas risking their life to allow me to compete here, so it's a big deal."

China's Zhanbo Jia won the gold medal with 1,264.5 points. Anti took the silver medal with 1,263.1 points. Austria's Christian Planer claimed the bronze medal with a 1,262.8 total.

Anti entered the final round in seventh place. After shooting marks of 10.4, 8.8, 9.3 and 10.6, he moved into fourth place with a 10.8 on his fifth of 10 shots in the

finale. An 8.5 on his ensuing shot, however, cost him dearly. He quickly rebounded with marks of 10.4 and 10.8 to move into third place. Then an 8.1 dropped him back to fourth. He capped the performance with a 10.4 as drama intensified at the other end of the shooting line.

Matthew Emmons, 23, of Browns Mills, N.J., had the gold medal firmly in his grasp until he shot the wrong target on his last of 10 shots. The mark of zero dropped him to eighth place with 1,257.4 points, stunning the crowd at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre.

Had Emmons closed with a respectable mark, Team USA would have won the gold and bronze medals.

"For me, it was kind of up and down," Anti said about his final round. "I'd shoot a good 10 and then I'd shoot an 8, then shoot a good 10 and shoot an 8. None of the shots were really bad shots, I just was late on the trigger," he said.

"If I caught it a millisecond before, it could've been a 10. I'm just thrilled to death that I won the

silver with my final," he said.

In other events:

Oregon National Guard Capt. Dan Browne challenged the Ethiopians and Kenyans Aug. 20 while running to a 12th-place finish in the men's 10,000-meter final at Olympic Stadium.

On Aug. 29, Browne will run the marathon, the final athletics event of the Athens Games.

Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Elizabeth "Libby" Callahan finished 19th in women's 25-meter pistol shooting Aug. 18 in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre.

Callahan, a native of Columbia, S.C., who lives in Upper Marlboro, Md., registered 286 points in three precision series and 289 in rapid fire for a 575 qualification total. The cutoff to reach the eight-shooter final was 580 points.

Air Force Capt. Kevin Eastler and Army Sgt. John Nunn finished 21st and 26th, respectively, Aug. 20 in the men's 20-kilometer race walk, the opening athletics event in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.



Maj. Michael Anti sights the rifle he used to compete in the 50-meter three-position event at the Olympics.

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game, fans came up to the Soldiers saying, "Thank you for what you do." Others would extend a hand and say, "Thank you for your service."

"It was humbling to have people come up to you, shake your hand and say thank you, but I felt proud I'm doing something for America," said Staff Sgt. Donald Hansen of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor.

"Others would just wave or give a quick word of thanks as I walked by. It makes you think a little bit," he said.

Spec. Ron Adkins, also of HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, expressed his feelings about attending the game much more simply. "I was just glad to be here," Adkins said. "I just returned from Iraq Wednesday."

Adkins carried the flag for the Commonwealth of Virginia during the opening ceremony.

"When I was in Iraq, I didn't think about (what American's thought of his military service)," Adkins said. "I just do (my job) over there."

"This was my first professional baseball game," said Spec. Travis Berry of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor. Berry carried the Wisconsin state flag.

Some Soldiers jumped at the chance to be a part of the evening's ceremonies.

"I volunteered to come to the game," said Staff Sgt. Erick A. Palacio of 1st Bn., 34th Armor. A native of the Philippines, he carried his island country's flag.

Other Military Appreciation Night events included an F-16 fly-over by the Air Force and a Black Hawk helicopter fly-over.

The night was a success from the Fort Riley Soldiers' viewpoint but perhaps not for the Royals. Kansas City lost to the Texas Rangers 5-3.

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Topeka:

Traditional Inter-Tribal Pow Wow – Traditional Native American Indian pow wow with dancing, native crafts, food, and educational seminars; 5 to 10 p.m., Sept. 3 and 12:30 to 10 p.m., Sept. 4 and 5; Lake Shawnee. For more information, call (785) 272-5489.

White Cloud:

Flea Market – A fun filled three-day flea market with 400 spaces of quality antiques and one-of-a-kind finds; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 3 and 4, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 5; Main Street. For more information, call (785) 595-3320.

Longford:

Rodeo – Two-day professional rodeo event with a Friday night BBQ and Saturday craft fair and dance following the rodeo; 5 to 10 p.m. Sept. 3 and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 4; Longford Rodeo Grounds. For more information, call (785) 388-2532 or visit www.claycountys.org on the Web.

Elmdale:

Family Camp – An all-ages family retreat in the beautiful Flint Hills; activities include horseback riding, canoeing, campfires, games, archery, and more; evening Sept. 3 through Sept. 6; Camp Wood YMCA. For more information, call (620) 273-8641 or visit www.campwood.org on the Web.

Lincoln:

Post Rock Festival – 5K run, walk/jog, games, music, food, parade, crafts, and dance; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 4; Lincoln Avenue. For more information, call (620) 223-0310 or visit www.nps.gov/fosc on the Web.

For more information, call (785) 524-4934 or visit www.skyways.org/towns/Lincoln.

Clyde:

Watermelon Festival – Parade, baby show, noon lunch, watermelon, live entertainment, craft show, dinner, and dance; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sept. 4 and 5; downtown. For more information, call (785) 446-3331 or visit www.clydekansas.org on the Web.

Pittsburg:

Little Balkans Days – A festival to celebrate the end of summer and celebration of the coal mining heritage of south-eastern Kansas; quilts, cars, kid's events, Kansas State Chili cook-off, and arts and crafts; 8 a.m. to midnight Sept. 2-6; downtown and Lincoln Park. For more information, call (620) 231-1000 or (800) 879-1112 or visit www.crawford-countyevb.com on the Web.

Longton:

Cruise For Blues – Classic and open car show, craft show, Blues on the Green concert, and fireworks display; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 4; 5th and Kansas, 9th and Delaware. For more information, call (620) 642-2225.

Fort Scott:

Frontier Garrison Life (Fall) – Experience 1840s military life during a weekend of living history activities; weapons, demonstrations, open hearth cooking, and military drills; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 4-6; Old Fort Boulevard, Fort Scott National Historical Site. For more information, call (620) 223-0310 or visit www.nps.gov/fosc on the Web.

Shows to offer variety

Series features jazz, chamber music, theater, acrobats

Special to the Post
Kansas State University

MANHATTAN – Seventeen acts from as far away as Taiwan and as close as Dallas will grace the stage in this year's McCain Performance Series at Kansas State University.

The audience gets its first chance to tap its toes to the beat of the Preservation Hall Jazz Band at 8 p.m. Sept. 25. This band has been a New Orleans institution for more than 50 years.

Arnaldo Cohen, an acclaimed pianist and first-prize winner of the 1972 Busoni International Piano Competition, takes the stage at 3 p.m. Oct. 3. Cohen has performed in major concert halls worldwide.

His program includes Schoenberg's "3 Piano Pieces," Beethoven's "32 Variations in C Minor" and "Sonata in C Minor" and Chopin's "24 Preludes."

Opera

"La Traviata," a tragedy by Verdi, contains some of opera's all-time favorite arias and a story line aimed straight at the heart. The Stanislavski Opera Company performs the opera at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7.

After a tragedy – some humor. The Capitol Steps features a special brand of satirical humor that touches on topics like Martha Stewart's hints for decorating cramped spaces, Al Sharpton's hairdresser and Donald Rumsfeld's hints for great pictures. They dig into the headlines and poke fun at the hot topics of the day. The performance is at 7:30

Tickets

Season and individual tickets can be purchased on the Web at <http://www.k-state.edu/mccain> or by calling the McCain box office at 785-532-6428 weekdays between noon and 5 p.m.

K-State students can purchase the entire series for \$85 or individual tickets at 50 percent off. Faculty/staff tickets are 15 percent off, senior tickets are marked down 10 percent and children's tickets are half off. Groups of 15 or more can also purchase tickets at 15 percent off.

p.m. Oct. 20.

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" will be performed at 3 p.m. Oct. 24 by the Aquila Theatre Company. This performance includes an original musical score and features Aquila's innovative design and unique physical approach to the stage.

The Gershwin musical comedy "Crazy For You," adapted from the 1930s musical "Girl Crazy," is the winner of many honors, including three Tony Awards. "Crazy for You" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4.

Trumpeter Ibrahim Maalouf's background and education include Western and Eastern musical cultures. This first-prize winner of the International Trumpet Competition in Pilsborosvar, Hungary, takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14.

Brass

Dallas Brass, composed of a traditional blend of brass instruments with full complement of drums, will present a holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2. The Manhattan High School Marching Band will perform with Dallas

ing torches and much more all dance and fly through the air.

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Ballet

Known for their lavish productions of full-length classics, the St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre is set to perform "Romeo and Juliet" at 8 p.m. Jan. 28.

Naturally 7, a group of seven young men in their late 20s and early 30s from New York, will perform their seven-part harmony at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7. This group blends jazz, gospel, rhythm and blues and even classical styles and also mimics instruments from horns to the guitar.

The National Acrobats of Taiwan will tumble and roll their way across the stage at 8 p.m. Feb. 11. Chairs, tables, ladders, bicycles, bowls, plates, candlesticks, flam-

Based on the stories of Sholem Aleichem, "Fiddler on the Roof" is a story woven with music, dance, poignancy and laughter. The score, which includes such pieces as "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "Sunrise, Sunset," has been lauded by critics many times over and has won people's hearts around the globe. See it for yourself at 8 p.m. Feb. 18.

Dervish, a traditional Irish group, hails from Sligo in the northwest of Ireland. Audiences will have a chance to listen to Dervish's multitude of tones and moods in a concert at 3 p.m. March 6.

The Prague Symphony Orchestra began in 1934 as an ensemble to record film scores and perform live radio broadcasts and now has performed around the world. At K-State, the orchestra will perform Dvorak's "Carnival Overture," Mozart's "Prague Symphony" and Shubert's "Symphony No. 9" for the audience at 7:30 p.m. March 10.

The chance to see Korean theatrical performers Cookin' comes March 13 at 3 p.m. Cookin' is a blend of martial arts, culinary expertise, dancing and high-energy percussion.

Theater

The season closes with a musical based on C.S. Lewis' adventure story, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." The story is about four children in war-torn England who accidentally enter the land of Narnia by climbing through a magical wardrobe. The show is at 3 p.m. April 17.

Specials available through ITR

Kansas State Fair (Hutchinson) – Special military salute for the John Michael Mont-

gomery and Tracy Lawrence concert at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 17. Discount tickets must be

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