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A three-touchdown fourth quarter proved to be the difference as Junction City JV defeated Washburn Rural JV 21-18.

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West Point launches year-long history celebration

From wire reports

Fifty miles north of the City of New York, overlooking the Hudson River, stands the fortress-like United States Military Academy at West Point. West Point has been training young Americans to become the leaders of the U.S. military for over 200 years.

The class of 2005 parade at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point Aug. 18 began the school's bicentennial celebration commemorating two centuries of Army officers and the intense physical

and academic training they endured.

West Point has played a critical role in every single war in U.S. history. It was America's war for independence that led to the construction of West Point.

Initially, it served as the main defensive outpost along the Hudson River. Utilizing a natural sharp curve in the river that would slow British ships down, and lining the river with cannons both at ground level and mounted on the cliffs above, West Point was the key to keeping the Hudson River Valley under American control.

The History Channel is airing the premiere of *Modern Marvels: West Point* Tuesday at 10 p.m. ET/PT. The program takes a look at the long history of the academy and contributions made by this bastion of American military tradition.

The academy's Acceptance Day Parade was the first of many events celebrating the founding of the academy on March 16, 1802. A year-long celebration is planned. Information about upcoming events is available on the Internet at www.usma.edu/bicentennial.

"We want to use the bicentennial as a

springboard to make more people aware of the contributions of the academy and to thank the American public for allowing and creating the academy," said Col. Pat Kane, director of the academy's bicentennial celebration office. "We owe the American public a lot, and we want to show the contributions we are making to society."

Each year, nearly 3 million people visit West Point, including cadet family members and tourists from across the United States and around the world.

West Point's bicentennial celebration

is expected to draw even more visitors to such places as the history museum and world-renowned Trophy Point, with its stunning views of the Hudson River.

Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., the academy superintendent, said the bicentennial would be observed at West Point and at locations throughout the world.

The academy's mission today is the same as it was two centuries ago — to train officers for the Army; that they would be officers of character is implicit.

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V Corps tops on retention

By Eric B. Pilgrim

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany—The Army is watching V Corps closely because it seems better at retaining its NCOs than any other corps.

This should be no surprise to V Corps officials. V Corps beat out the other three Army corps last year.

But the oddity may be the reason why so many soldiers sign up for another tour. They list real-world deployments as their No. 1 reason, according to retention officials.

"I know it sounds crazy, but we always see an influx of re-enlistments whenever we deploy," said Army SSgt. Douglas Goodwin, retention noncommissioned officer for 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division in Wuerzburg, Germany.

Besides owning the highest retention percentages, V Corps also boasts the highest deployment rate of the four Army corps, although retention officials say there is also a strong emphasis from top to bottom in retaining quality soldiers.

"This has become pretty much a trend over here," said MSgt. Lyle Hogue, senior retention operations noncommissioned officer for V Corps.

Top Army officials have targeted three main groups for retention officials to chart: initial term, mid-career and fiscal year special mission soldiers.

Initial term soldiers are those within their first enlistment and are usually considered to be the most difficult to keep.

Retention percentages during the first three quarters of fiscal 2001 give V Corps a commanding lead over the others.

Mid-career soldiers are those who have reenlisted at least once and have served up to 10 years.

The special mission category is a new Army push designed to target soldiers in the previous two categories scheduled to end their time in service within the fiscal year.

After the first 10 years, soldiers sign an indefinite contract that will last until retirement.

Army Spec. Octavio Nuñez served his first tour at Fort Carson, Colo., in a unit under III Corps, and said Germany is the place to be. He has served 18 months in Germany and reenlisted Aug. 3 to stay longer.

"I get more training than in Carson, and we're real close," Nuñez said about his unit. "Being away from our families, we're more prone to stick together and form a family. And the leadership I have is real good. I can trust them with my life and they can trust me with theirs."

The mechanized infantryman currently works as a driver for the top noncommissioned officer in 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry. Although he has not actually deployed since arriving to Germany, Nuñez said that will soon change. He will go back to his original job and then on to the Balkans with his unit early next year.

A stronger emphasis in senior NCO involvement at every level of retention has helped keep quality soldiers in, especially sergeants and staff sergeants, according to Hogue.

Hogue said the command could start training with the Air Force to develop fresh ideas. Even the V Corps commander, Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace, is on board, according to Hogue.

Today's senior NCOs are the total package, Hogue said. They are tops in their personal and professional lives and are at the highest education levels in the Army's history.

"These senior NCOs are highly competitive; they could be out in the business world, competing for and taking top jobs, but they're not," Hogue said. "They are very committed to the Army. Soldiers see that."



Squad Stakes

Pvt. 2 Norberto Juarez, Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, takes aim during preparation for a live-fire squad stakes exercise held Thursday. The unit returns from the field today.

Post/Skidmore

MPs prepare for 'Bright Star'

By Mitchell Huth

19th Public Affairs Det.

Deployments are serious business and last week the 977th Military Police Company got serious about deploying. The MPs spent four days conducting a Certification Exercise, or CERTEX, on Fort Riley in preparation for their upcoming deployment.

The CERTEX is an exercise that is designed to ensure the soldiers who are deploying are appropriately trained for the theater they are traveling to and meet the standards for the missions they will be expected to handle once there, according to MSgt. Anthony Hallenbeck, operations sergeant for the 977th.

The exercise consisted of four lanes in various locations throughout Fort Riley.

Each lane was a setting for different types of missions such as convoy operations, area security, traffic regulation and enforcement and critical site security with scenarios changing about every two

hours, said Hallenbeck.

The scenarios developed by the 924th Military Police Battalion S-3 office were implemented by the rest of the battalion as a joint effort to train up the 977th for deployment.

"We've got a lot of young soldiers out here and this is the first time a lot of them have had a chance outside of basic training to get into this sort of action," said Sgt. Robert W. Dingman of the 977th. "The battalion is really working together to make this effective training."

The lane training began early in the morning and continued non-stop throughout the day in order to simulate the proper conditions.

"We are doing a lot of missions out here that are going to pertain directly to what we do over in our area of operations," said Dingman. "This is the first time we've all had a real chance to work together in this environment."

Leadership and Observer/Controllers, or O/Cs, can

stop the training scenario at any time to point out deficiencies and make on the spot corrections with After Action Reviews, then restart the scenario to do it right said 2nd Lt. Brant Holt of the 300th Military Police Company who is the O/C of the Critical Site lane.

"The soldiers, from the newest private up to the platoon leader, are being stressed in the things that they may encounter over there," said Holt, "the platoons are getting very good training out of the scenarios that we are giving them."

Holt went on to say the battalion is trying to replicate as many of the situations that the unit may run into while deployed, however, some cannot be replicated including the culture and the desert environment.

One important aspect that can be replicated well is the Opposing Forces, or OPFOR, and civilians on the battle-

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Business settles lawsuit

From Army News Service

WASHINGTON—Servicemembers who patronized Cashback Catalog Sales, Inc. or Cash In Advance, Inc. (also known as Cash 'N Advance and Cash N Advance) in Georgia between April 13, 1996 and June 26, 2001, are being sought in the settlement of a class-action suit brought against the businesses.

The settlement is specifically for customers who received gift certificates during the class-action period from the listed businesses only.

Plaintiffs' attorneys mailed a notice of settlement and claim form to the last known address of eligible customers. The businesses furnished the list of customers.

Anyone who has not received the notice and claim form, and who believes they are a legitimate participant in the settlement, should call the class action administrator, Hirsch & Tucker, LLC, toll-free at 866-240-6247, or write to the administrator at P.O. Box 15089, Savannah, Ga., 31416. Phone calls are preferred, said a spokeswoman at Hirsch & Tucker.

Anyone not appearing in the settlement database must furnish proof of eligibility.

To receive money from the settlement, eligible participants must sign and mail the claim form to the class action administrator. Forms must be postmarked no later than Sept. 20.

The class action settlement only involves gift certificates issued by Cashback Catalog Sales and Cash In Advance stores in Georgia between April 13, 1996 and June 26, 2001.

Food service soldiers ease troops' worries

By Laurence Lang

50th Public Affairs Det.

"Mail, money and meals are what soldiers are most concerned with in the field. On this deployment, meals are something we can make sure the soldiers have no worries about," said Maj. Daniel Bowen, Task Force 1-34 Armor support operations officer.

Feeding a task force in the Kabal is not easy, but the soldiers of the 101st Forward Support Company make it seem effortless. "Our level of organization affords us an opportunity to effectively feed world-class meals to the finest soldiers within Task Force Centurion," Bowen said.

A camaraderie exists among the FSC soldiers that helps make the company an effective organization. Soldiers from the different units of the FSC want to take care of the task force and of one another. The FSC also operates on a 24-hour schedule with two shifts, ensuring that all soldiers have the opportunity to eat three meals a day.

An additional challenge, according to Bowen, is that the area where all the food is cooked and all the dishes are washed and sanitized is 45 minutes away.

"The FSC soldiers travel a great distance to ensure the task force is fed," he said.

"And they begin their shifts long before they even get to the meal tents to serve the soldiers," he added.

Even with the early hours and the long shifts, Bowen admits the soldiers at each living area, called PAD sites, manage to have fun.

"The soldiers of each dining facility have competitive natures, and the units do their best to beat each other by making their facility the best all around. But it's all in good fun and allows these soldiers to be the best at what they do," he said.

Bowen isn't immune to the competitive spirit. He boasts that his DFAC at the FSC is the best in the task force.

"We provide not only hot, healthy and delicious meals to our soldiers in a great dining atmosphere, we also serve all sorts of beverages and pastries in a world-class dining tent. This allows the soldiers an opportunity to enjoy their meal as much as they can 8,000 miles from home."

Bowen takes pride in his unit's accomplishments so far during the

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50th PAD/Lang

The 101st Forward Support Company cooks serve chow to a task force soldier in their dining facility. The soldiers serving the food are joined together in a collective effort to ensure task force soldiers are well-fed.



Garrison Commander speaks . . .

Fort Riley steps-up recycling efforts

The Directorate of Environment and Safety Recycle and Solid Waste Division is expanding opportunities for the public to recycle at Fort Riley.

Recycling is important, it keeps waste out of landfills, recovers valuable raw materials, reduces pollution, and saves energy.

To increase our options for recycling Fort Riley has placed recycling containers in public areas (Commissary, Post Exchange, shopettes, softball complexes, swimming pools, bowling center, golf course, autocraft shop, theater, and many other location) to make it easier for you and me to recycle.

Recycling saves the installation money by reducing the costs to dispose of solid waste and makes

the installation money through the sale of recyclable materials.

Profits from recycling also contribute to morale, welfare, and recreation programs.

Townhall Message:

By Col. Philip Pope Garrison Commander

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony today from 1100-1200 at the new recycle collection point, located one block north of the Commissary, on the west side of Trooper Drive.

Everyone is invited to attend. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, 24th Infantry Division

will maintain the collection point, keeping it neat and free of trash.

The recycle collection point will have a three-sided fence to shelter a cardboard dumpster, "igloos", and carts where recyclable materials can be placed.

You may bring your #1 plastic (soda bottles) and #2 plastic (milk jugs), clear glass, aluminum cans, paper, and cardboard to this location.

Look on the bottom or side of plastic containers for the recycle symbol with the number.

Curbside pickup of recyclable materials will continue for on-post residents, as will the collection of recyclables from many of the administrative buildings.

This new collection point is intended to supplement those

existing programs.

Toys, shoes, and clothes should not be left at the recycle collection point.

According to the National Recycle Coalition, the national average for processing standard recyclables for a community the size of Fort Riley is 4.3 million pounds of recyclables per year.

Fort Riley's Recycle Program processed 6.8 million pounds in FY 2000, so we are above the national average.

However, once these containers are set up it will be easier to recycle, and therefore we will be able to surpass our previous amounts.

I ask that everyone do more to protect our environment and reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Soldiers admitted to State Fair for Free

Officials at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson have designated Sept. 16, as "Military Appreciation Day." Soldiers, military family members, retirees and veterans will be admitted free that day if they show their ID cards. Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted color Guard will conduct cavalry demonstrations throughout the day and tactical military equipment from Fort Riley as well as National Guard and Army Reserve units will be on display.

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Family Day at the Range

Family members of soldiers from 2nd Bn., 34th Armor watched demonstrations of tank qualifications during the unit's Family Day Saturday. See story page 10.

Prescriptions Change

Irwin Army Community Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy will be dispensing a 60-day supply of medications to patients during the remainder of fiscal year 2001. This change from the 90-day medication dispensing is due to the year-end budget constraints of FY 01, which ends Sept. 30.

This procedure includes new and refill prescriptions. The exceptions to this change in dispensing medications will be for military service members who are deploying or for controlled substance prescriptions where federal law mandates that quantities may not be altered. For information, call 239-7411.

Golf Tourney

The Fort Riley and Junction City Chapters of the American Red Cross are sponsoring a golf tournament at Custer Hill Golf Course, Fort Riley Saturday. It is open to the public. Registration begins at 8 a.m., play at 9 a.m.

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Word On The Street

“What do you think about the recent landmark court ruling regarding temporary reduction of debt during deployments for Reservists?”



“I feel it is an adequate decision, but I feel that it should be given across the board to all soldiers. Some active duty soldiers have businesses on the side and since it is an Army of One, we need to give them the same rights as Reservists.”

*SSgt. James Hester
3rd Bde.
75th Division*

“I think it's great. Lots of Reservists lose money when they deploy because they have lucrative jobs. If we don't support them, then they will want to get out and we really need the Reservists. They need to be taken care of just like active duty soldiers.”

*SFC James Smith Jr.
3rd Bde.
75th Division*

“It's a great idea. As we increase the demand on more of our citizen soldiers, the American public must be prepared to share the burden and support the overall mission.”

*Lt. Col. Gregory Quirin
3rd Bde.
75th Division*

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deployment. He notes that this was the first task force to serve fried chicken to soldiers within the first 32 hours of deployment.

He credits the success of his DFAC to 1st Sgt. Randi Hamden and all the platoon sergeants.

“These noncommissioned officers really care about the soldiers. They ensure the headcount is accurate to make sure all soldiers are fed and that they eat before the NCOs sit down for their meals,” he said.

“It is our attention to detail that makes this DFAC so good,” said SFC Patrick Fletcher, support operations NCO.

“We are dedicated to taking care of the soldiers, improving morale and making sure they feel a sense of home so far away from family and friends,” he said. “But even with all our hard work and

effort we can't forget those soldiers back at Camp Doha who helped us get the ball rolling out in the field. SFC Kevin Tatem of the Camp Doha DFAC made this transition very smooth for the task force,” said Bowen.

With the deployment underway, Bowen and his team have many ideas and plan to continue serving their soldiers the tastiest meals in the best environment they can possibly provide.

“We understand that our soldiers spend long hours in the harshest conditions in a remote place. We want to do our best to

offer them a great meal in a great environment while they are here,” said Bowen.

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In Brief

Shoppe News

The Shoppe is having an "End of the Summer Sale" that will continue through Sept. 21. When you stop by for a visit you will find that every corner of the quaint little shop is filled with new fall merchandise and spring and summer sale items.

The Shoppe is located in Bldg. 259 Stuart Ave. (just west of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard Stables). Phone 785-239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is reopened in a new location in Bldg. 267 on Stuart Avenue near the stables. Store hours are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

Consignments are accepted from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m.-noon on open Saturdays. For information about consignments or to volunteer, call 784-3874.

Preschool Program

Part-day preschool classes are forming. AM (8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) or PM (1-4 p.m.) classes will be offered two, three, or five days a week. Classes start Monday at the Child Development Center on post. Children 3-5 years of age are eligible. Fees are based on total family income according to DoD fee guidance. This developmentally appropriate program in our accredited center is a creative curriculum with an emphasis on discovery learning and social skills. Sign up now at Central Enrollment Registry office Bldg. 6620, 239-4847 to get on the list for the program.

Wanted: Platoon Leader

The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard is looking for a platoon leader. Requirement is for a first lieutenant with equestrian skills looking for a challenge. The position is currently open and is for one year. For information, call 239-6706

Apple Day

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley is holding its annual Apple Day Oct. 20 at the Custer House and Cavalry Parade Field. Volunteers are needed to prepare pies, sell pies and provide event support.

To volunteer call, Beth Rouse at 717-2440 or Gina Greene at 784-2884. Vendors interested in setting up a craft or antique booth should call Terry Miller at 717-3070.

Employee Awarded

Patricia Walls, court reporter for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, recently was awarded a 35-year Length of Service certificate and pin by Col. Vic Horton.

Spouses' Luncheon

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses Club in holding a sign-up and information luncheon at 11 a.m. on Sept. 20 at Riley's Event Center. The luncheon is an opportunity to join OCSC.

The program for the event will cover exploring Geary County. The guest speakers will be Connie Hall and Rick Dykstra from the Geary County Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

Lunch will be served at noon. Reservations are required. If you last name starts with A-M, call Teresa Howard at 717-2464. If you last name starts with N-Z, call Dani Wadsworth at 717-1580. Manhattan and Ogden attendees should call Hannah Fitz Gerald at 537-7824. Please call by Sept. 12 to register.

Child care is available through the Armed Services YMCA in Junction City and the post Child Development Center. Availability is on a first come, first serve basis. Call Rhonda Lysinger at 717-6468 to register for child care by noon Sept. 12.

Hispanic Heritage

Hispanic American History Month Observance Program: The Division Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor Fort Riley's Celebration of Hispanic American History Month with a program on Oct. 10, at Normandy Theater Bldg. 7866 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The theme for this year's observance is "Paving the Way for Future Generations."

Please join us as we celebrate in remembrance of contributions made by Hispanic Americans. The program is free and open to all soldiers, their families, civilian employees, and the surrounding communities.

For more information, please contact your Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor or the Division EO Office at 239-2928.

Sewing donations

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses Club has established a program that will help various groups in the area. For September, members are encouraged to donate fabric scraps, straight pins, safety pins, cotton thread in neutral colors, #90 sized needles and batting. These supplies will go to the Konza Prairie Quilters. The Konza Prairie Quilters are making quilts for Mercy Medical Center in Manhattan, as well as several homeless shelters.

Youth Classes

Sign up in September for ballet classes. Beginner ballet classes are available for 3-5 year olds from 6-6:45 p.m. and for 6-8 year olds from 7-7:45 p.m. on Thursdays at Bldg. 5800 in the Teen center dance room. Cost is \$25 a month.

Jazz dance classes begin Sept. 8. Classes are for 5-7 year olds 9-9:50 a.m., 8-10 year olds 10-10:50 a.m., 10 years and up 11-11:50 a.m. on Saturdays and will be held in the Teen Center dance room Bldg. 5800. Cost is \$25 a month.

Private piano lessons are offered on Tuesdays. Weekly 1/2 hours lessons are offered at \$40 a month.

Martial Arts classes will be offered starting Oct. 6. Entry-Level is 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with Advanced level 2-4 p.m. Children 6-18 years old are eligible to enroll. Cost is \$25 a month.

Outdoor Rec

The Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 9011 has new hours, they are Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The checkout center closes one-half hour earlier than the store. Sundays through Nov. 18, customers will be able to turn in equipment from noon-4 p.m.

Personal Property

The Personal Property and Passenger Service Work Center will be operating on a partial basis Sept. 13 due to moving the Outbound and QC offices. The counseling, storage and passenger/port call offices will be operational as usual. During this move, full service will be available to arrange transportation outbound appointments through the counselors in Rm. 119. Inbound delivery customer service will not be available Sept. 13. This office will be located in Rm. 118 after the move. All services will resume Sept. 14.

Instructor Needed

Contract tumbling or gymnastics instructor needed to teach classes to youth on post. Call Cathy Spiegel at 239-9850 or 239-4847 if interested.

DCA Chief Retires

Robert Hertzal, chief, Directorate of Community Activities recently said good-bye to Fort Riley. After 32 years of service to the Army, Hertzal retired during the Post Retirement Ceremony, Aug. 29. DCA held a retirement celebration for Hertzal Aug. 27.

Sporting Clays

The clay target range is offering a discount coupon in the DCA Fall Guide. This coupon allows shooters to shoot 25 targets for \$3 per round. If you want to shoot but don't own a shotgun, Outdoor Recreation now has 12 and 20 gauge shotguns available for use at the range for a small fee. Persons wanting to shoot are encouraged to call ahead to allow time for the range to be opened.

Office Closure

The Directorate of Resource Management is closed today beginning at 11 a.m. for its Organizational Day.

In the event of an emergency DRM personnel can be reached at the Fort Riley Bowling Alley.

Ideas Rewarded

Charles Tidd of Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization is receiving an award from the Army Ideas for Excellence Program.

In the past, aviation range sweeps at Fort Riley were performed by UH-1 helicopters as training missions.

When UH-1 helicopters were no longer available to perform the mission, the alternative was to use ground troops.

Using ground troops would require the use of radios, vehicles and crews. The entire exercise to complete would require a minimum of four hours.

Tidd recommended using Civil Air Patrol instead. Using Civil Air Patrol requires less than one hour at a cost of \$45-\$65 depending on

the aircraft available.

Civil Air Patrol can also do a much more thorough search, increasing the level of confidence from a safety perspective that there are no hunters or other unauthorized people on the range. Mr. Tidd will receive \$250 for his suggestion which has been implemented.

If you have an idea please contact the AIEP Installation Coordinator for Fort Riley at 239-3747.

Yard Sale Sept. 29

The Post Wide Yard Sale is set for Sept. 29, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For information, call Betsy Young at the Soldier and Family Support Center, 239-9435.

Soldier Recognized

SSgt. Patrick Street, was selected as the Career Counselor of the year for Fort Riley and was recently awarded the III Corps Career Counselor honors.

Street competed with other career counselors from Fort Carson, Fort Hood and Fort Sill for the III Corps award. He will continue on to the Forces Command Career Counselor Competition in November. He will receive an Army Commendation Award for his III Corps win.

Street is the counselor responsible for 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry and the 70th Engineer Battalion.

Smoking Cessation

New classes are forming to kick that tobacco habit. Irwin Army Community Hospital offers a four-week tobacco cessation program, on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. or Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Servicemembers, their families and DoD civilians may participate in the tobacco cessation program.

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50th PAD/Carl

Task Force Dons Beret

Soldiers throughout the Army have been changing headgear since June 14. Fort Riley's Task Force 1-34 Armor donned the black beret Aug. 28 in Kuwait.

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field. This group of soldiers created a realistic representation of the people and factions in the unit's future area of operations said Holt.

The motivated OPFOR made

an impact on the troops that were negotiating the scenarios. Spec. Eric Buckley said they added an element of uncertainty and made platoon members pay attention.



Post/Huth

A group of simulated insurgents confront Military Police conducting a security exercise Aug. 28. This exercise provided MPs with realistic crowd-control training.

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Modern academy mission statements actually contain the word "character."

West Point has evolved over time, just like the granite cliffs into which it is etched. Character-building — as it relates to moral qualities, ethical standards and principles — has developed at West Point throughout the years.

The first graduates in 1802, Joseph Gardner Swift and Simon Levy, certainly had no West Point traditions to follow, no honor code, no monuments to famous generals, no grand Gothic buildings named after generals such as Ulysses S. Grant, Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

But their mission was still the same.

"The purpose has never changed and that is to provide leaders of character," said Gen.

Dave Palmer, a former academy superintendent.

The U.S. Military Academy underwent numerous changes in the 20th century.

Several new buildings were erected, including a new chapel, dining hall and barracks. Enrollment increased to 4,000 cadets, divided into several battalions and companies.

The educational offerings were expanded to include 21 majors, many in non-military disciplines. New emphasis was placed on physical education, exercise and sports.

In 1976, West Point faced one of its most dramatic changes. By order of Congress, West Point was to allow females to enter the academy.

Only the smallest fraction of the student

population were now female, but in 1980, the first 62 women graduated from the academy and paved the way for generations of future female cadets.

West Point also accepts up to 40 cadets from other countries each year. Countries that are eligible to nominate cadets to the academy are selected by the U.S. State Department and the Department of Defense.

At the centennial celebration of the Military Academy in 1902, Secretary of War Elihu Root spoke these words: "No Army inspired by the spirit of the Military Academy can ever endanger a country's liberty or can ever desert its country's flag."

As 2002 and the bicentennial approach, those words retain their meaning.

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Young athletes need parental support

By Kevin Doheny

Staff Writer

For years, youth have mixed academics with athletics.

Some say to have success with one; success at the other one is inevitable.

Support could be a big reason why.

For instance, a youth at a football game looks in the stands to see if his parents are there. The parent is there and show-

ing support.

Whether or not this actually affects the way he might play or feel during this instance is due to the particular youth.

"I like the competition part," said Sherri Gansz, mother of Ash Smith, a sophomore at Junction City High school and a player for the Blue Jays Junior Varsity Football Team. "Parents care if the team wins, but they just want to watch their kids play. The kids will also

see if their parent is at the game."

Gansz, whose husband Richard is a captain at 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, says some parents have a hard time watching their sons play a sport like football, but it doesn't bother her.

Jokingly Gansz said, "If he was the one with the ball on every play then it would probably be tough to watch. I love watching him play though. If my kids want

to do something I back them 100 percent."

Gansz also said she feels bad for the kids whose parents don't come to the games to support their kids.

"I feel sorry that some parents are never there," Gansz said. "I've taken kids home whose parents didn't show up for the games."

"It's just different if their not there. My son asked me the other day if had seen a play in the

game. Kids whose parents aren't there wouldn't be able to say 'yes.'"

She also said parents with multiple children have a tougher time making it to all the games.

"My kids sometimes asked me if I'm going to be able to make their games. It's tough not being able to make all their sports, but I try my best."

Parents who show up at their kids' games, get a chance to see them inter-

acting with people their age. Gansz said her son enjoys playing sports.

"It's enjoyable to watch him because he enjoys the togetherness, and he gets a chance to excel at something."

Gansz said she preaches parental support. "I want to tell parents to support their kids 100 percent. To support them in sports, school, and everything else they do. Talk to them and find out what they want to do."

Bragg soldier wrestles for charity

By Lucille Anne Newman

Fort Bragg Public Affairs

It was a clash of titans as a Fort Bragg soldier body slammed into his opponent in hopes of becoming the next Lord of the Ring Aug. 10 at the Fayetteville Armory during a wrestling fundraiser for the Hope Mills Youth Association.

Scott Matthews, XVIII Airborne Corps, operations graphics noncommissioned officer, has always loved watching wrestling since he was a six-years-old. He's even gone to a few wrestling matches over the past 20 years.

"I remember when I was a private living in the barracks and watching wrestling was a big deal. We used to emulate some of the moves we saw," he said. "Then, I went to a couple of shows and wrestlers told me that I had decent size for wrestling."

"So, when I was stationed here at Fort Bragg, I thought it would be the perfect opportunity to pursue my childhood dream," Matthews said.

It was with the help of a fellow soldier and friend that he was introduced to the Ring Time Professional Wrestling Training Center in Fayetteville.

"We're trying to re-build a strong wrestling base like there used to be in Fayetteville, and a Fort Bragg soldier who knew Matthews referred him to us," said John Mott, co-owner of RTWC. "For seven months he trained with us and is turning into a good wrestling talent."

The talent Mott spoke of landed Matthews a role as RTWC's Bad Boy of Wrestling. When Matthews takes off his uniform and steps into the ring, he is transformed into Malaki - an aggressive, domineering individual that is ready to take down anyone who stands in his way.

During the fundraiser, Matthews (a.k.a. Malaki) and another wrestler climbed into the ring to bully 11-year-old, third-degree-black-belt, Matthew Helms as he tried to entertain the audience with his martial art skills.

The crowd booed as Malaki stomped back and forth, picked up the boy and began shaking him. The audience cheered when Ali Steel, another wrestler, jumped into the ring to rescue the boy.

"A lot of what goes into my character, I use from my military background," Matthews said. "Being an infantry soldier, you sort of have an aggressive, constantly attacked attitude."

During the official match against Ali Steel, Malaki stomped inside the barricade as fans booed him. He screamed at the audience. Just when the audience thought Malaki was going to win the match, Ali threw him out of the ring and onto the cold concrete floor. After a brief skirmish outside the ring, Malaki's partner distracted the referee and tried to pull a fast one on Ali who picks him up and tosses him back into the ring.

Matthews said his character is his own thing and has no need to imitate other wrestlers to create his persona. He didn't know there was more to wrestling than slamming others into the mat until he began training.

"There are so many great wrestlers in the business," he said. "Once you get into wrestling there is so much more that goes on behind the doors you really don't quite understand."

Matthews said he was blessed to have a unit that is understanding and supportive of his training.

"My unit helps with the advertising by handing out flyers to family and friends," he said. "They even give me time to travel so I could do my shows and everything else they can do to make this possible. I train three times a week and I stand out a little bit as a soldier. But I do tone my appearance down when I go to work."

SFC Paul Dawson, XVIII Airborne Corps, Aviation, cheered Matthews on as he watched him put Ali Steel in a sleeper-hold.

"I go to all these matches to watch (Matthews) wrestle," said Dawson. "When he told me he was a wrestler and that he goes around doing shows, I thought it was great and that's how we all (G-3) got into wrestling."

Matthews said one day he would like to become a professional wrestler for the more popular World Wrestling Federation circuit, but he still has to hone his skills on the independent circuit.

"I wouldn't have gotten into this if I didn't think I could wrestle on that level. Out of the ring, I'm a good guy and in the ring it's all business," said Matthews.

Soldier finishes 504-mile fund raiser

By Christopher Stanis

Special to the Post

In a world where fame and glory are fleeting and legends no longer live forever, the ears of some people still ring with the words spoken from a new breed of hero — "death or the finish line. . ."

Spec. George J. Floyd, III, 20th Engineer Brigade, started a 540-mile run May 14, from Detroit, Mich. to Baltimore, Md.

The run took Floyd 12 days to complete, finishing May 25. He carried out the undertaking in an effort to raise \$5 million for the intercity youth in Baltimore.

"The Department of Recreation and Parks was letting me know that they had a shortage of funds (for) programs for kids," said Floyd. "Everything the children need was being cut."

"A lot of people were going to lose their jobs, rec centers were going to be closed and there were going to be children out there with no place to go. That means crime, because they're going to get into something," he said. "If there are no adults with positive reinforcement (for the children), they are going to get the negative reinforcement from the streets."

He wants to help build parks, not prisons, in Baltimore because he used to be in the same shoes as much of the youth there, growing up homeless on the streets.

Floyd mentioned he was one of the lucky ones who made it out.

Floyd said he feels that even if there wasn't a cent raised, what he did will show the kids that the world doesn't owe them, and they can do anything if they put their minds to it and have a little faith.

"You can't save everybody, but if you can reach one or two, here and there, then you made a difference," explained Floyd. "That's the thing (we were trying to show), and I believe we did."

There was a large gathering of children congregated for a cele-

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The Blue Jay defense swarms to the ball during their 21-18 victory over Washburn Rural Tues. in Junction City. Their defense kept them in the ball game, and enabled their offense to have a chance to win.

Blue Jays fly past Washburn Rural

By Kevin Doheny

Staff Writer

A three-touchdown fourth quarter proved to be the difference as the Junction City Junior Varsity Football team defeated Washburn Rural 21-18 Tuesday afternoon in JC.

Junior quarterback Chris Dupree ran for a score and tossed one to sophomore running back Mardell Maxwell to help the Blue Jays win their first game of the year.

The game started out slowly for both teams as neither team moved the ball well offensively in the first quarter.

The start of the second quarter led to the first score of the contest. The drive began in the first quarter and was capped off when Washburn's Josh Kulick ran for a short touchdown. The extra point was missed leaving the

score 6-0.

The score would stay at 6-0 for a while before a turnover would lead to another Washburn touchdown.

A pitch play gone wrong led to the score. Dupree was hit as he tried to pitch the ball, but the Washburn defense swarmed him and caused the mishap. The defense then picked the ball up and ran untouched into the end zone.

JC tried to put some points on the board before halftime but the half ended with Washburn leading JC 12-0.

After a short halftime break the two teams were back at it on the field.

Sophomore quarterback Matt Hoover would see his first action of the game on the first possession of the second half.

He quickly threw an inter-

ception to Kulick on a third-and-long pass.

JC got the break they needed to get back into the ballgame.

With less than 12 minutes left in the game, junior defensive back Patrick Williams notched the first points for the Jays. He picked up a fumble and returned it 75 yards for a touchdown. Dupree would add the extra point, leaving the score 12-7.

With momentum still on their side, The Jays offense kept rolling.

A brilliant 35-yard touchdown scamper for the Jays gave them the lead. Dupree once again added the extra point and the Jays led 14-12.

Washburn refused to give up the hopes of winning as a reverse to wide receiver Jake Bervert led to a 12-yard touchdown run.

The score was 18-14 with

2:30 left in the game.

The Jays needed to score a touchdown or they would have been 0-1 for the season.

During the winning drive, Dupree made a few big plays. He started the trip to the end zone by dodging defenders for a 12-yard gain. Two plays later the Dupree completed a 12-yard pass to Maxwell. On the next play and with only a minute left on the clock, Dupree went on an exciting 45-yard dash to the pylon. Once again he converted the extra point to give the Jays a 21-18 lead.

Washburn couldn't move the ball in their 2-minute offense and had to give the ball back over on downs. Dupree would kneel down from there and the Jays won their season opener 21-18.

The Jays look to improve to 2-0 as they host Hays Mon. at 4 p.m. in JC.



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Ghostrider first baseman Jason Bowen takes a swing during his team's 25-10 victory.

Tempers flare in Ghostriders long-ball win

By Kevin Doheny

Staff Writer

The Ghostriders needed no help as they used the homerun to run away with Fort Riley's Company Level Softball Championship, 25-10, Aug. 29 at the softball complex.

"We got sweet revenge," said Jason Bowen of the Ghostriders from the 24th Inf. Div. "We took advantage of their overconfidence."

The game started with a bang, as the Ghostriders leadoff hitter struck out to begin the game. They would threaten after loading the bases up but an inning-ending double play halted the rally.

The Hellrasiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, scored the first run of the game. After singles by Jimmy Compton and Mike Hartzell,

leftfielder Andy Leake drove in the run with a single as well.

"Any way to get a hit," was the chant from the Hellraiser bench.

Only down by one run, the Ghostriders in the top of the second inning had some fireworks of their own. A solo blast from second baseman Andrew Blas tied the score at one. The Ghostriders were unable to produce any more runs in the second.

Then tempers started to flare in the bottom of the second inning.

With the bases loaded, Hellraiser pitcher Dennis Cobb drove in three runs with a triple. Instead of sliding into home plate, he stayed upright and a collision happened with Cory Demps, the Ghostrider catcher. The umpire took immediate action and tossed Cobb from the game. Once the dust settled in the inning the Hellrasiers had a 4-1 lead.

The Ghostriders responded to the Hellrasiers inning with a productive one of their own. They scored a run on Rich Everett's triple.

After the Hellrasiers made the score 5-2, the Ghostriders exploded in the top half of the fourth inning.

With the bases loaded, Mike Kindler hit a two-RBI single, and Chad Sharritt added to the scoring with an RBI single of his own.

"We want to end it right now," said Blas from the Ghostrider bench.

With the rally still going, Ghostrider leftfielder John Leishman hit another two-RBI single. The score after four and a half innings was 7-5.

"The bottom half of this lineup is tough," said Kindlerburg, of his team.

Fighting right back in the bottom of the fourth, the Hellrasiers scored three

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bration held for Floyd at the finish line.

“The children were in awe of (Floyd) as he finished the run,” said Zenobia McLendon, associate director for the Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks. “I think the children saw him as sort of a hero for them.”

Floyd said he didn’t know any of the children before the run, but there is a child who stands out from others he had the privilege of meeting after finishing.

“There is one little guy, his name is Reggie,” said Floyd. “His mother told me he has my pictures all over his wall.”

He went to Reggie’s house and gave him a pair of autographed shoes- his official running shoes.

Though he had a lot of fans to give him inspiration, Floyd’s perilous journey was a long way from a jog around the block.

He said that within the first 57 miles of the run he discovered he had stress fractures in both feet.

“I was supposed to (run) 18 hours a day and rest for six, but when I had the fractures in my feet I went 24 hours on and three hours off,” said Floyd.

He said that when he would stop running and start again, the pain was almost unbearable.

“The pain was so bad that it would shoot strait up to my back, but as long as I was moving it would just go numb,” said Floyd. “I figured that’s God’s way of carrying me.”

Despite how bad the pain got, there was one thing that he said kept him going- the promise he made to the children.

“I told them nothing short of death would keep me from finishing,” said Floyd.

Still, broken feet were not the only adversities Floyd had to face.

Hail, high winds, lightning and thunder were just some of the obstacles mother nature threw at

him, especially in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

“That was a major gut check,” he said.

He said the way he overcame the mountains was by walking slowly down hills and trotting up them so he wouldn’t put too much pressure on his injured feet. He said some of the obstacles were mental, as well as physical. At times, he thought about giving up.

“When you come up to the mountains, and you see nothing but road for miles, (you begin to think) you’re so far behind,” said Floyd. “You begin to wonder if you are going to make it.”

He said that even though he did have people who doubted his success, they were outweighed by the support he received.

“My aunt and my grandmother think I’m crazy, but they support me 200 percent,” said Floyd.

Floyd said he was really touched when his company commander showed up in Maryland in Battle Dress Uniform and boots to run the last 12 miles with him.

“(Floyd) is in my command,” said Capt. James C. Moses, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, 20th Engineer Brigade. “(I) wanted to go up and show him (I) support him.”

Floyd explained he never would have made it, especially on injured feet, without the support.

Floyd is back at Fort Bragg, but his efforts will not be forgotten. Baltimore city officials have proposed that May 25, from that day forward, should be known as George Floyd III Day.

Floyd said he’s not sure if he’ll attempt another run. Then again, he thought the same thing after his 1997 run from Time Square, N.Y. to Baltimore for homeless veterans.

“This time I did it for the kids,” said Floyd. “If it’s for a good cause I’ll do it.”

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runs to take the lead back from the Ghostriders. The big hit was a pinch-hit double, which scored two runs.

“Let’s go 2-4,” said Demps before the start of the fifth inning.

The Ghostriders scored three times in the inning and took the lead.

The Hellraisers went quietly in the bottom half of the fifth.

With the score 10-8, the Ghostriders brought out the big guns and smacked the ball around the ballpark.

After a sacrifice fly by Everett, and an RBI single from Demps, Julius Thomas drove in another run with a triple. With Thomas on third base, Jason Bowen smacked a shot over the fence for a two-run homer.

“That was my last hit in the Army,” said Bowen after he rounded the bases.

Not to be outdone by Bowen, Blas smoked his second home run of the game with a solo shot.

After seven straight hits Thomas showed-off his strength, with a two-run homerun as well.

With the score 25-7, the Hellraisers came to bat in the bottom of the sixth needing to score runs at will.

After scoring three runs they weren’t able to overcome the deficit and they fell to Ghostriders by the score of 25-10.

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Terri Seaman, a librarian at the Post Library, shelves some books that had been checked out. The librarians are available to answer questions or to help find information in the library.

Post library opens door to imagination

By Melissa McEntire

Staff Writer

Wanna do something to turn that both entertains and stimulates the brain? Well, don't turn on the T.V. tonight. Pick up a book and let the imagination run wild.

There is no better place to borrow books than the Fort Riley Post Library.

They have a lot of books in various subjects to choose from.

"We have about 17,000 titles in the library," said Arlette Conrad, lead librarian.

"We try not to get very many duplicates so there is more to choose from," she said.

They have reference books, fiction, non-fiction, adult and children books, faith and family, and young adult books.

"We try to keep as many titles as we can so people can walk in here and borrow it, but not have to buy it," Conrad said.

"Buying books can become very expensive."

And, if you are interested in a book on the Best Seller's list, chances are the Post Library already has it.

"We try to keep up with the list. Sometimes, because of our budget, we can't get all of them, but we do our best to keep our readers happy," she said.

With approximately 3,000 readers using the library, that is not an easy task.

"It is so important for people to read today. With a world wrapped around the television, it is hard sometimes to shut it off and read for awhile," she said.

"However, I think reading helps people both entertain and learn at the same time," said Conrad.

"If parents read to their children early in life, usually the child starts reading early."

"I think reading can take people further in life," she said.

"While a person is reading, they have to work their brain and imagine the characters and the scenes that unfold in the book. With television, they just don't get that kind of brain stimulation. It doesn't let them really think," she said.

"It has been proven that kids who are read to earlier become very good readers later," said Betsy Guthrie, librarian.

"We have many kids come in and check out books, and that makes me very happy," she said.

"Some of the kids favorites include Dr. Seuss, Clifford, and Barney," she said.

"I prefer books by Sue Grafton and Diane Mott Davidson," Guthrie said.

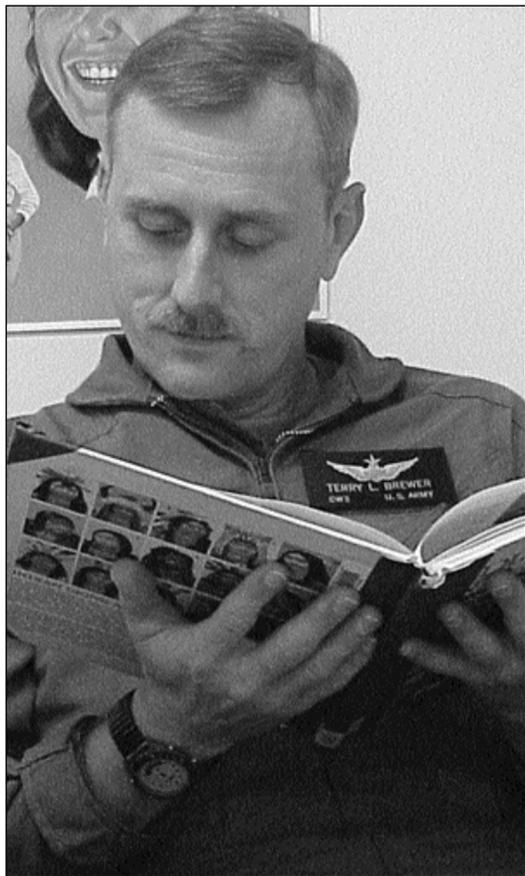
Some of the favorites among readers at Fort Riley include works by Stephen King, John Grisham, Tom Clancy, Danielle Steele and the Harry Potter books.

Some of Conrad's favorite books include psychological thrillers and human behaviors. "Right now, I really enjoy reading John Grisham and Wally Lamb books. I don't have a lot of time to read, so I make time. I read before bed and whenever else I can sneak it in," she said.

However, the library doesn't just have books. It holds many other features as well.

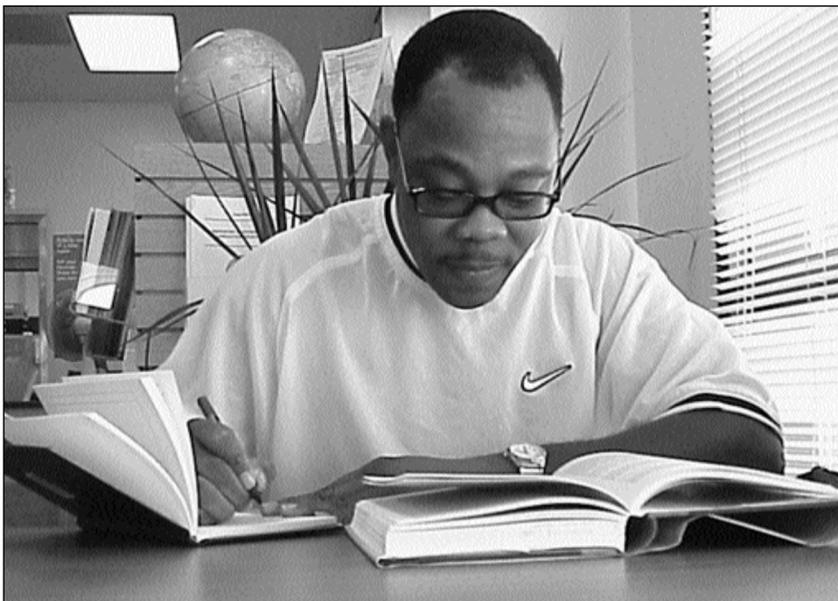
"We have about 2,000 movies, both recreational and educational.

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CWO3 Terry Brewer takes advantage of the quiet of the Post Library to read up on some history. The library is available for patrons to read or study.

Fort Riley Library Books, Books, Books and more . . .



SSgt. Joseph Ingram enjoys the quiet of the Post Library. He often for spends time there studying or reading books.

Summer's almost gone; POV safety still important

By Melissa McEntire

Staff Writer

The dog days of summer are just about over. Gone are the lazy days and tall glasses of lemonade. And gone is a higher chance of having an accident.

"The majority of accidents occur in the months of May through September," said Jerry McVey, Directorate of Environment and Safety Chief of Safety Division.

"However, patrons still need to be careful in the winter months as well," he

said. "Unfortunately, personally owned vehicles are the biggest killer of soldiers. Since Oct. 1, four Fort Riley soldiers have been killed in accidental POV incidents."

"In all, there have been six accidental deaths. On top of the POV accidents, one died in a training accident and the other died in an off-duty drowning," he said.

"Out of those, four of them occurred in the third quarter, which is from April 1 until June 30," he said.

According to McVey, there are three

factors that contribute to deaths in a POV.

"First of all, people need to wear their seat belts," he said. "That is the leading cause of death. Three out of the four soldiers who died in a POV accident were not wearing their seat belts."

"In one incident, a passenger was wearing his seat belt and was uninjured, while the driver did not have his seat belt on and died," McVey said.

"The second factor to contribute to POV accidents is speed. Some soldiers do not know their own driving limitations

and drive too fast for their skills," he said. "Also, they can be driving too fast and become distracted. And sometimes, alcohol comes into play with a person driving to fast."

"The third factor of POV incidents is driving while tired. The road is not a driver's friend when they are tired. It can help lull them to sleep. So if a person is driving while tired, I would suggest they stop, get some rest, and continue on," said McVey.

Although these factors come into play

many times with car accidents, statistically, this year was better than last.

"This year, we have had 14 POV accidents resulting in injuries or death. Last year, it was 23," he said. "Just because summer is over, that doesn't mean people should stop being careful on the road. Winter will be here soon and with it comes snow and ice, making driving hazardous. No matter what time of the year it is, people should be especially careful while driving. Maybe then, Fort Riley's number of fatalities will be zero."

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We have two computers that are very popular. Also, we have about 200 books on tape, and 50 magazines with back issues, materials for homework help, and language kits," Conrad said. "We pretty much have a little bit of everything in here," she laughed. A family can check out as many as 20 items at a time for various lengths of time. "I come here all of the time," said SSgt. Joseph Ingram, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor. "I enjoy reading, so I check many books out here, but I also come here to study a lot." "It is so quiet here. There

aren't any loud noises or people interrupting me while I'm trying to do my work," Ingram said. "The library, to me, is like a home away from home," he said. "I recommend to my soldiers all the time to use the facilities offered here." "It is a great place for any of there studying or entertainment needs," Ingram said. "Everyone's brain is just like their body; it needs to be exercised. Reading stimulates the brain as well as relaxing the reader. I think that reading books is a wonderful way to keep the mind active," Guthrie said.

Club hosts rest stop for driver safety

By Kamelia Russell
19th Public Affairs Det.

Travelers were greeted with a pleasant surprise, Friday, as they scurried down the highway. Caught in the holiday race for home. Members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club hosted a Safety Rest Stop west of Junction City on Interstate 70. These soldiers devoted their off-duty time to keep motorists alert by offering coffee, snacks, and friendly conversation. "Labor Day is one of the deadliest holidays," said Sgt. Steven Welsh, a July inductee into the club. "We encourage travelers to get out and walk around while we

increase their safety awareness as well as (tell them) about the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club." Through this event, club members were able to send off more alert travelers on a safer weekend. "This is something to give drivers a chance to wake up on the road and be safe on one of the heavier travel holidays," said SFC Richard Everett, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division and vice president of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Fort Riley Chapter. "We just wanted to do something to help out the general public," he said. This safety rest stop is one of many events organized by the club that seeks to represent the

selfless service of the Medal of Honor recipient whose name it bears. The local chapter organizes and participates in many community activities and benefits for Fort Riley and its surrounding communities. The club is a sergeant's major program to recognize noncommissioned officers who demonstrate professionalism and excellence in their command. Potential inductees must go through a board of review prior to becoming a member. "Commanders and senior NCOs need to identify young soldiers who they feel would benefit the post and unit by representing the club and go the extra step to

board and become a member," said 1st Sgt. Michael Greenwalt, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry. While serving at the safety checkpoint, some members had a chance to meet a few Army veterans and listened to their experiences. "I met with a 70th Infantry Division veteran and talked about how things were for him in the Army," said Greenwalt. "It's always good to get some history and meet some veterans." The refreshments and snacks were served throughout the evening to everyone that stopped by and, according to Greenwalt, there was an excellent turnout.

Children write to soldiers deployed to Kuwaiti desert

By Melissa McEntire
Staff Writer

Soldiers who are deployed may need a morale boost. Not only are they working many hours, they are away from their families and friends. Students at Eisenhower Elementary School in Junction City have found a way to cheer up some lonely soldiers. Through the Kids 2000 program, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor is sponsoring the local school. With the majority of the unit deployed to Kuwait, they needed another way to communicate with the students. "The idea for students to write the soldiers in Kuwait stemmed from a Red Cross conference, in which they had let-

ters written to deployed soldiers," said Maj. Kurt Pinkerton, 1st Brigade, S-3. "After the idea was thought of, it snowballed from there," he said. Pinkerton held an assembly for the school explaining how the process would work. "The students can write to any soldier within a company. Due to privacy, they cannot write to one particular soldier, but they can write letters to as many soldiers as they want," he said. "Hopefully, this will give the students and faculty at Eisenhower, who aren't associated with the military, a better understanding of what the military does and how it protects everyone," Pinkerton said. Some of the students there already

know too well about the military. "My dad is in Kuwait right now," said Meredith Toy, a fifth-grader at Eisenhower. "I am already writing him, but I think it is really cool that the entire school is writing him and his friends," she said. Other students aren't so excited, yet. "I think once we start writing the soldiers, the students will get extremely excited," said Susan Kamphaus, principal of Eisenhower Elementary. "They will then have a better idea of what impact they will have when they start writing and getting replies," she said. According to Kamphaus, writing is one of the main focuses of the school throughout the entire year.

"Writing the soldiers give us, the faculty, an advantage because the kids will usually work harder if they know someone is actually going to read their letter," she said. "I'm really excited about writing the letters," said Lauren Echevarria, a fourth-grader there. "I don't know a whole lot about what soldiers do, but I hope they have time to write me back." "In my experience, a Combat Arms soldier won't admit it, but he enjoys receiving letters from kids. It makes them glad to know that children are interested in what they do and what to learn more," said Pinkerton. "Especially those soldiers who are single and don't really have anyone to write to them. Letters from kids can really

make their day," he said. "I think that writing letters to all the soldiers over there will cheer them up," said Toy. "I think it is nice of the soldiers to stop their lives and prevent bad guys from taking over the world," she said. "In all, I think the students and soldiers are excited about the program," Pinkerton said. "It is a good opportunity for both, to share knowledge and to learn," he said. "After the soldiers return, we are trying to set it up to where they can go visit the school and meet some of the students they were pen pals with. That will let the students know how special their letters were to all the soldiers deployed," he said.

Armor unit hosts family day at range

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The Multipurpose Range Complex, home of the Dreadnaughts of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor for training, served up some quality time to their families during family day held Saturday. Family day provided a welcome break for the soldiers, who are in the middle of their training cycle. The soldiers are in the middle of qualifying. "This is a chance to put all of our readiness in perspective," said Lt. Col. George Brinegar, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor commanding officer. "It is a chance not only to work on our military readiness but our family readiness as well." Family members experienced live-fire exercises as Company A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor took on Tank Table VII. "This is the Super Bowl for tank crews," said Maj. David Cogdall, battalion executive officer. "Everybody wants to come out here and shoot 1,000." He added that with an influx of new soldiers into the unit there are a lot of young crews working on their teamwork. "Having families here is a real morale booster for our battalion," said Cogdall. He added that family members help take the soldiers minds off of spending the last

weekend of the summer working. Families enjoyed the opportunity to not only see their fathers and husbands at work, but also to see where they live during their time in the field. They toured the barracks at the MPRC and then were treated to music and a meal. "Family day is really important because seeing what they do can help them accept the time away doing their job," said Hannah Fitzgerald. She added that watching the safety measures make her and other wives feel comfortable. Still for most of the soldiers and their family members it is the time spent with family that steals the day. "I enjoy family day because my son does so much so quickly that if you aren't there to see it you'll miss it," said Spec. Jeremy Brown of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor. Brown's wife and 11-month old son came out and saw him promoted to Specialist. "Ethan's so excited to see his Dad," said Dawn Brown. "He's point at anyone in uniform all day and said, 'Dad, Dad.'" That thought rings through for many of the older children. "The best part of the day was seeing my Dad again," said Jessica Fessender. "My Dad went to Korea and as soon as he came back he went to the field."



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SSgt. Matthew Adler, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor spends time with his wife Arollia and his daughter Brianna.

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