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K-State honors soldiers
The No. 7 ranked Kansas State Wildcats went 3 - 0 by defeating the McNeese State Cowboys, 55 - 14, Saturday at KSU Stadium during the first time meeting in both program's history.
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Capt. Nicholas Kaffl, Medical Department Activity, hands Spc. Lavaughn Reid, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, an IV bag. All of the deploying soldiers are issued the IVs to help fight dehydration while overseas.

Rumsfeld urges Americans not to forget attacks on Sept. 11

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press

WASHINGTON—It is important that the people of the world not forget about the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said at the National Press Club on the eve of the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States.

Rumsfeld, who has just returned from a visit to Iraq and Afghanistan, told reporters that "with coalition forces risking their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan and many other spots on this globe, it

is important to pause and remember. The war that began two years ago, the global war on terror, is well begun, but it is only just begun."

The secretary said that just four and a half months ago, the Iraqi people were still under the iron control of Saddam Hussein. "That regime was still in place, it was still creating mass graves and filling them with bodies of innocent men, women and children," he said. "It still had prisons where they were executing people. It was still repressing thought and speech in that country, and that has ended. Those people are liber-

ated."

Rumsfeld said the global war on terrorism is not the type of war where there will be a peace treaty and all the troops go home. Terrorism is not going to go away easily, and it is going to take all the nations working together to defeat it. "We have to deal with these new threats in different ways," he said.

More than 90 nations are working together in the war on terrorism, and Rumsfeld said this may be the largest coalition the world has seen.

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Groups available for support

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

Deployments can be very hard on soldiers going out into harm way every day, but deployments can also be hard on the family members who are left behind.

There are many programs in the military and civilian communities designed to help spouses of deployed soldiers including classes, support groups and social groups, which all combine to offer spouses an outlet for information, camaraderie and help during those tough times.

Shawni Sticca is intimately involved with many of the support groups and offerings that the post and community provide. Sticca is currently a family readiness group leader for 1st Brigade, president of the Enlisted Spouses Club and president of the Fort Riley Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, each of which dedicate much of their time to the support of spouses who are on their own due to deployments. In addition to those duties, Sticca also teaches the Army Family Team Building classes on a regular basis.

Sticca offers many ideas to help spouses of the deployed. AFTB classes and the offerings of the Family and Soldier Support Center topped Sticca's list as some of the most important things that a spouse can do to ready for a deployment.

"In the AFTB classes, we have a lot of skills that we teach them. We teach them about resources. We teach them about managing conflict and stress management, and that can really help them," said Sticca. "There is so much training out there for military spouses now. The AFTB classes may not fix all your problems, but it will give you a resource base of where you can go if there are problems and who you can call and talk to."

Gavle Perkins, who's husband Col. William Perkins, commander, 937th Engineer Group, has been deployed for over 14 months already, also heavily encourages spouses to attend the AFTB classes.

"I would absolutely send spouses to the AFTB team leader at the Soldier and Family Support Center. AFTB is a must for anyone that hasn't taken it," said Perkins. "It gives you so much information. It starts from ground zero and allows you work your way up. You learn all the basics that we just take for granted that everybody knows."

"The classes are broken into three different levels," said Sticca. "The first level is very basic. How do you read an LES (Leave and Earning Statement); what do all those different blocks mean and how do you know if something is wrong?"

The classes teach basic ranks, terms and benefits and what you can expect, she said. It also includes basic problem-solving, basic FRG information — just real basic information that will get you acquainted with the military, she added.

"I would say that the most important number that you need to have on any installation is the SFSC phone number," said Perkins, "because if they can't help you and answer the question, they know who you need to call to help find out what you need to do. The Family Support Center is the best resource that any post has."

Family readiness groups are also available to get information out to spouses. They provide information about what is occurring with the deployed spouse and also provide a group of people

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"That's just what Army spouses do — we just jump in and help each other wherever."

—Shawni Sticca
Army Spouse

Soldiers get relief from school loans

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

The Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003 was signed into law by the president on Aug. 18.

This bill requires colleges to provide a full refund of tuition and fees to students for semesters they are not able to complete due to active duty military service, easing the transition for reservists who are called from their educations to go overseas.

"This is wonderful news for all our soldiers," said Kay Gatzka, chief, Education Services, Fort Riley. "This is something that really needed to be done, and it's going to benefit a lot of people."

The bill was designed to assist soldiers serving overseas, particularly those involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, which has demanded more deployments than any previous operation to date according to www.house.gov/kline. And, many of those soldiers are reservists participating in federal financial aid programs while going through school.

The bill also helps soldiers not involved in deployments significantly.

The HEROES legislation also allows the Secretary of Education to excuse active duty military personnel from federal student loan obligations.

"I think this is the aspect of the bill that is going to be of greatest benefit to the soldiers on Fort Riley," said Gatzka. "The soldiers on deployment have already taken advantage of the tuition relief, but the soldiers who are still paying off loans or are still going through their education are the ones we have to deal with."

"A lot of the soldiers we see in the Education Center sign up for something called Loan Forgiveness, which they sign up for instead of the Montgomery GI Bill. It allows the Army to pay off their student loans," said Gatzka. "This bill will be of some help to them, and even to others who haven't taken advantage of that."

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Peacekeepers return from Bosnian mission

By Bobby Miller
19th PAD

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation Regiment and 86th Air Ambulance Medical Company returned home this week from a six-month deployment in Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Forge and were recognized at a ceremony at Custer Hill Parade Field Sept. 9.

The two Army units mobilized almost a year ago and were released from active duty this week in order to return home. The 108th is from Kansas and operates out of various towns throughout the state.

While in Bosnia, the units provided helicopter support to the theater.

"We had a high operational tempo — 3,600 hours on our aircrafts, between the Apaches and Blackhawks, over the six-month deployment," said Spec. Michael Kennedy, flight mechanic and crew chief, 1st Bn., 108th Avn. Regt.

"When we're back here in Kansas, we fly 13 (helicopters) only 2,200 hours over the whole year."

Kennedy said he learned a lot from this experience.

"The memories I'll take are the friendships, the actual experience

of being there in Bosnia and also helping the local people. I feel we actually did something for that country," he said.

"We were rotation SFOR 13, and the rotation that replaced us was SFOR 14," said 1st Sgt. Delbert Jacobia, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 108th Avn. Regt. "This is a gauge of how many rotations have been there before us. Still, we did

things there that had not been done before."

Jacobia also said his soldiers did a fantastic job during their tenure in Bosnia, and he is very proud of those who made sacrifices for their deployment.

The unit was mobilized Nov. 1, 2002, and spent two months training at Fort Riley before moving to Hohenfels, Germany. There they spent 30 days in preparation for

their deployment to Bosnia. According to the soldiers, moral was never low, but rather inclined as it came closer to redeployment.

"Morale was really well the entire time and only got better as the deployment progressed," said Jacobia. "Once we got to Eagle Base (Bosnia) and got situated, it was pretty good there."

Some of the soldiers said being able to see the culture of Bosnia first hand was interesting.

"The best thing for me was that I got to interact with the locals," said Kennedy. "I learned about what happened over there and the history of the country. That made the experience really cool for me."

The ceremony Tuesday included a Fort Riley Garrison Flag presentation to the units and each soldier received a commemorative pin for their service. In addition to the presentation of items to the soldiers, there was patriotic music and Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, gave his best to the soldiers and families of the two units.

"The nation called, and you all responded," said Hardy. "On behalf of America, all Americans, and especially the Army, in particular, the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, we thank you for a job well done."



Sgt. 1st Class Craig Posch, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 108th Aviation, receives a pin of appreciation from Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, during a demobilization ceremony on Custer Hill Parade Field.

Red Cross needs civilians at blood drive

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The American Red Cross on Fort Riley is conducting a blood drive Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at King Field House.

Donations can be by appointment or walk-in, and everyone who comes in to donate will receive a free Red Cross T-shirt.

"It's on a walk-in basis, but if people want to make an appointment they can. That way they are taken in priority above walk-ins," said Kelly Sutton, station manager, Fort Riley American Red Cross. "They can make appointments by calling my office, or they can call 1 - 800 - GIVE LIFE."

Not everybody will be able to donate blood for the drive.

"They are not able to donate if they received their Small Pox vaccination within the last 60 days. If

they have been in Europe within the last 20 years for more than six months, they will not be able to donate due to Mad Cow Disease," said Sutton.

Other reasons the Red Cross gives for not being eligible to donate are:

- Pregnancy. Persons who are pregnant are not eligible to donate and must wait six weeks after giving birth. Nursing does not disqualify a person from donating.
- Hepatitis. Jaundice. Since age 11, if you had hepatitis caused by a virus or unexplained jaundice, you are not eligible to give blood.
- Tattoos. Persons must wait 12 months after receiving a tattoo. This requirement is related to concerns about hepatitis.

General guidelines from the Red Cross to be able to give blood include:

- Must be healthy. "Healthy" means you feel well and can perform normal activities. If you

have a chronic condition, such as diabetes or high blood pressure, healthy means you are being treated and the condition is under control.

- Must be at least 17-years-old.
- Have not given blood in the last 56 days.

"We prefer everyone try to give blood, and then they can find out if they are able to give blood at that point," Sutton said. "If people have any questions, they can call our toll free number, 1-888-719-8929, and ask if they are eligible or not."

The Red Cross is hoping for the civilians on post to show up and donate blood for the drive.

"Since we are losing a lot of units due to deployments, we really need the civilians support, and a lot of them can give blood because they haven't been in Europe," said Sutton. "The blood we get here supplies our hospital as well as the state and the mil-

tary supply for the soldiers that are deployed."

A percentage of the donated blood will stay at Fort Riley, she said.

"We don't get all of the blood, but the more blood that is donated, the bigger the percentage we will receive for Irwin Army Community Hospital," she said.

Blood donations are important for the well-being of many, and donating is not a long process to endure.

"It is important for people to donate blood because it is a life or death situation for many people," Sutton said. "The whole process of giving blood, including waiting in line, will take an hour to an hour and a half, depending on the crowd. That is why we do suggest making an appointment."

For more information about donating, call Sutton at 239 - 1887 or the two toll free numbers.

Grunt *By Wayne Udden*



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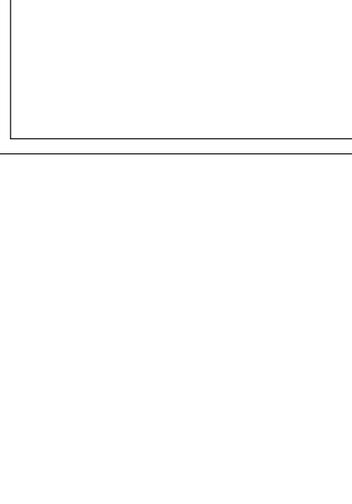
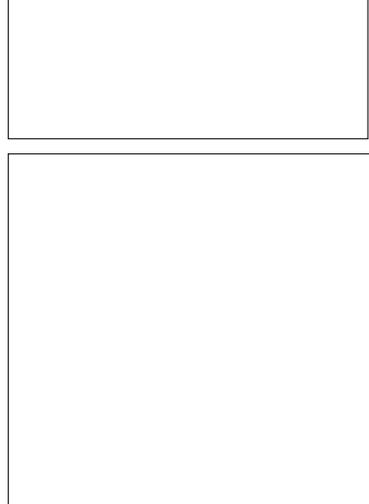
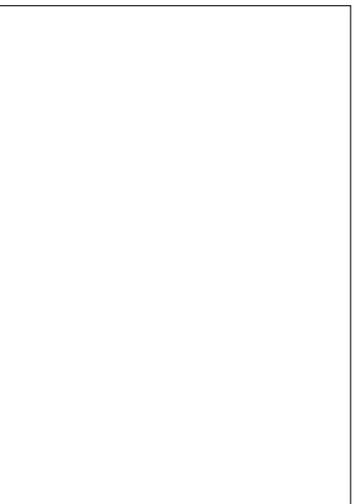
The bill was authored by Rep. John Kline and was introduced by the Education and Workforce Committee on March 25 of this year. The bill was approved by the House on April 1 with what the Kline website refers to as "an overwhelmingly bipartisan show of support for the nation's armed forces."

The legislation signed into law by the president continues this support for military personnel,

allowing the Secretary of Education to address the needs of those serving now, and provide flexibility and relief for those who may need it in the future, according to the Kline website.

"Today is an important day for our men and women in uniform," said Kline after the bill was signed. "As President Bush signed the HEROES bill into law, he took the final step toward bringing relief to the members of our National Guard and Reserves

who are also students. By bringing a little more peace of mind to student soldiers, we are doing our part to protect them as they protect us."



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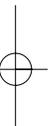
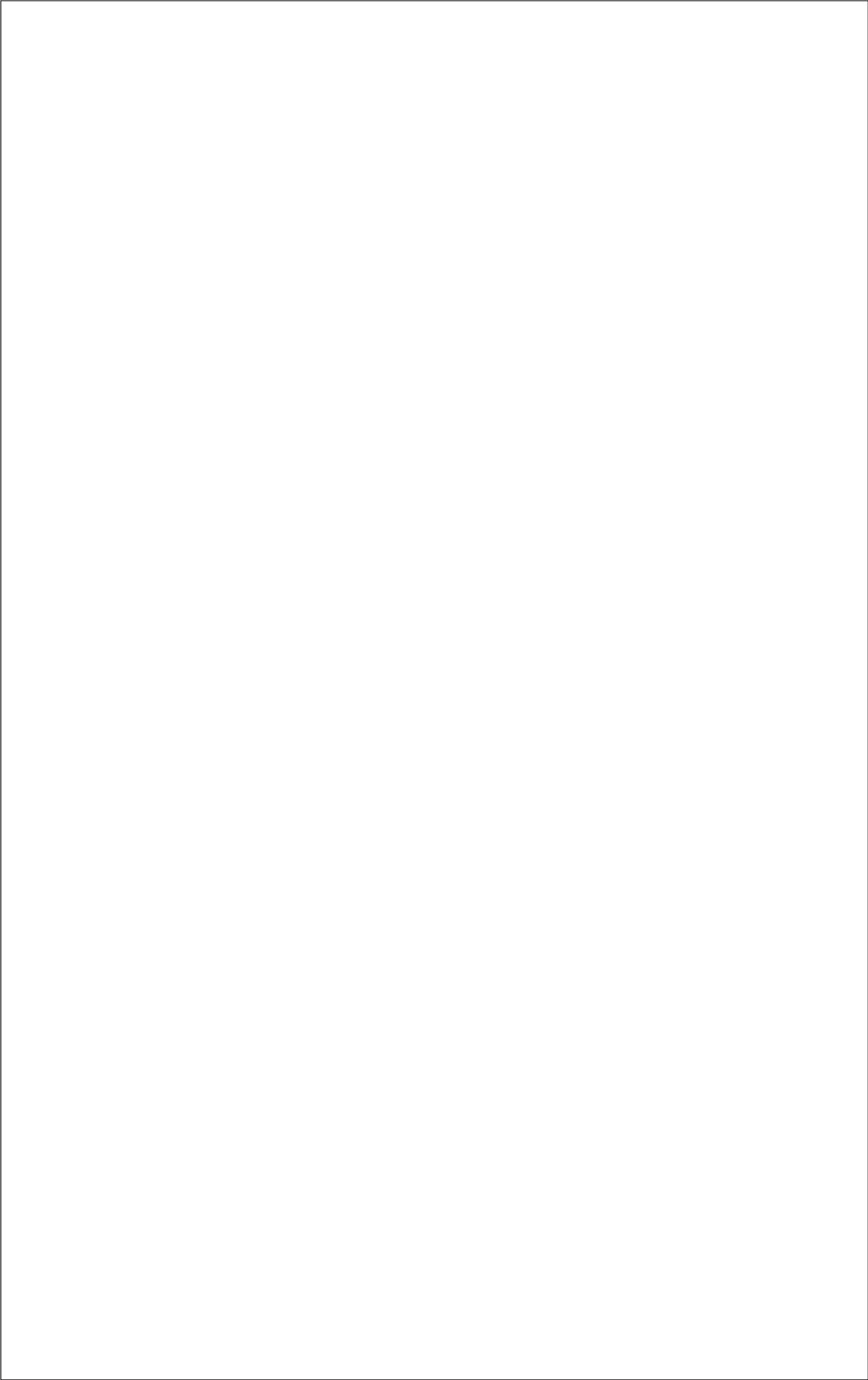
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Apple Day

It's that time of year. The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley is preparing Apple Pies for this year's Apple Day on Oct. 4. Presale Pies are available until Sept. 26 for \$7. Pies will also be sold at Apple Day. Order forms may be picked up or dropped off at 22A Sheridan Ave. on Main Post. Volunteers are needed to help make the pies. To volunteer, call Joanne Gulotta at 784-4922.

Commissary Closure

The Fort Riley Commissary is scheduled for a store reset Sept. 23. The reset will require the store to be closed for one day only, Sept. 23, and the store will re-open for normal business Sept. 24.

Heating and Air Conditioning

Weather permitting, the air conditioning will be turned off will begin Sept. 22 in the following order: administrative buildings, barracks, BEQ's and BOQ's with individual units, 8000 area, dining facilities and community buildings.

The heating systems are scheduled to be turned on starting Oct. 6 in the following order: barracks, BOQ's and BEQ's, 8000 area, community buildings, administrative buildings, dining facilities and motor pools. The heating and cooling systems in chapels, child development, medical and dental buildings will be maintained as appropriate.

Family housing occupants control their own heat and air conditioning systems as desired. The

authorized temperature for the heating season is 65-70 degrees.

Mr. Military Romance

Is Mr. Military Romance in your life? The 20th Annual RT Booklovers Convention is looking for him and they need your help. As part of its annual cover model contest, the convention organizers want to salute the military heroes of our country. To enter your loved one in the contest, send a picture of him (in uniform) along with a paragraph or two about why he deserves the title of Mr. Military Romance. Deadline is Oct. 7 and submissions should be mailed to Morgan Chilson, 3606 K-4 Highway, Topeka, KS 66617.

The convention will be held in Kansas City Oct. 15 - 20. For more information on attending the convention, particularly the free

book fair on Oct. 19, where numerous authors will be in attendance, visit the web site at www.rtbooklover.com

PWOC

The Protestant Woman of the Chapel have begun with their weekly meetings. There are openings still left in some classes. The meetings are at Morris Hill Chapel every Tuesday, 9 a.m.

They also meet on Thursday, 7 p.m., at the Chapel. Free childcare is available. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Juli Kelly, 784-8333.

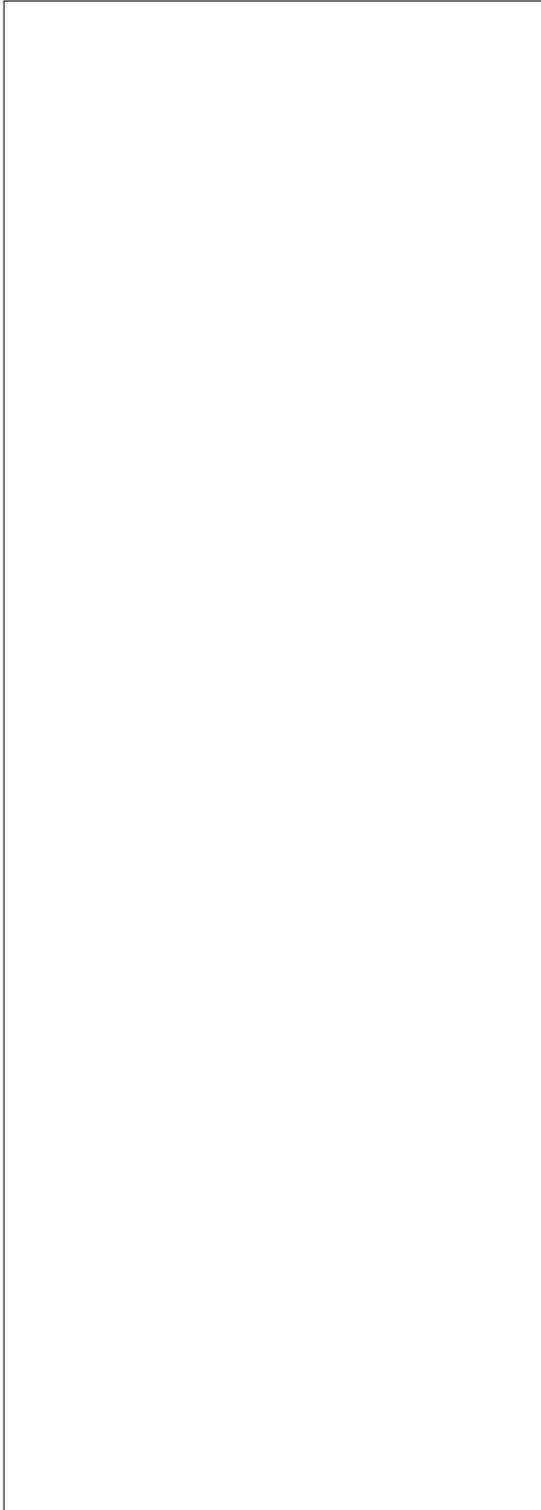
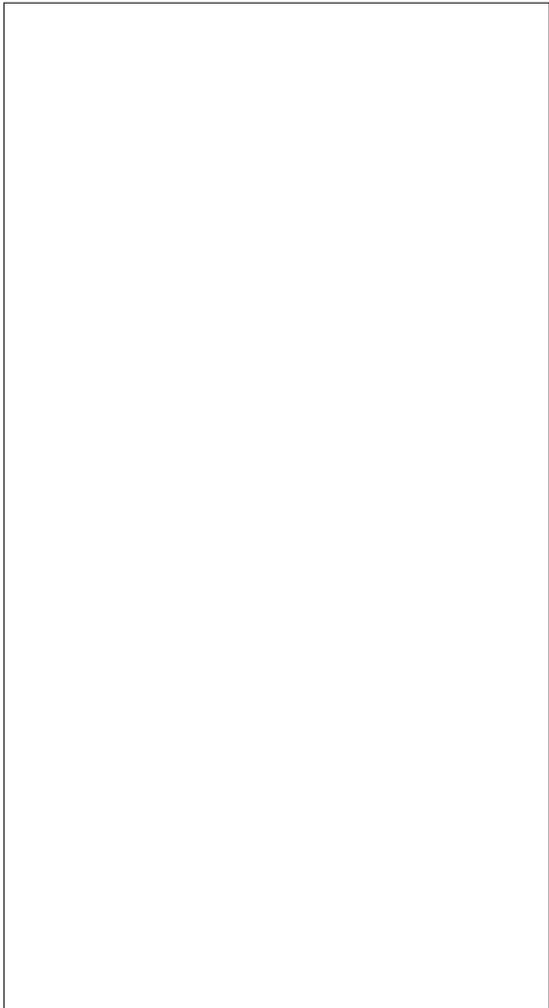
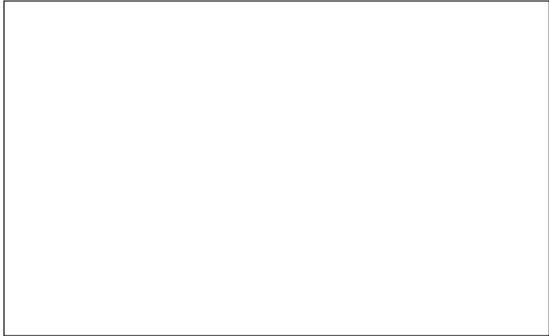
Soldier Show

The Army Community and Family Support Center is currently seeking performers and technicians for the 2004 Army Soldier Show. All application packets must be submitted by Nov. 15.

For more information about the application packet, call 239-8147 or 239-2179.

CFC Campaign

The 2003 Fort Riley Area Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff Ceremony will be conducted Oct. 2, 1:30 p.m., at Rally Point. This years campaign will run Oct. 6 - Nov. 14.



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"But we have, in fact, entered a new security environment in this 21st century," he said. "We're living in an age when new threats can emerge suddenly, with little or no warning. We face adversaries who have shown that they are willing to use the various capabilities at their disposal."

The secretary said the old idea of deterrence, which the United States used so successfully against the Soviet Union, will work. "And that's why our coalition has to take the battle to the terrorists and the regime remnants in Iraq," he said. "As we do so," he continued, "our coalition is encouraging the

Iraqis to take charge of their own lives politically, economically, and from a security standpoint." It is important, the secretary said, that the Iraqi people take control of their own country and destiny. Rumsfeld said the coalition is in the country to give the Iraqis the chance to build their

own country in such a way that the wealth of the country is shared by all. "It's impressive, I think, that in just four and a half months, we have gone from zero Iraqis involved in their own security to 55,000 who are currently engaged in border patrols, site protection units, local police, civil defense

and the beginnings of a new Iraqi army unlike the old one," he said. Those calling for more U.S. troops in Iraq are getting the crux of the situation in the country, he said, but they should be calling for increasing the numbers of Iraqis involved in providing for their own security.

"Ultimately, every country has to do that," he said. "And rather than flooding the zone with more Americans, which means you have to have more force protection, more support, it is, we believe, vastly better to continue to invest in encouraging the Iraqis to provide the kinds of increases and ramping up of their own security capabilities."

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who are in similar circumstances in order to provide each other support," said Perkins. "What we want to do is get out the information quickly and accurately. Those are the two most important things," Perkins said. "Even if no one was injured in an incident, we want to get that information out so that we don't have the rumor mill getting the information out to people."

A lot of wives, especially the young wives, live their life around CNN," said Sticca. "Every time that they see something happened near where their husbands are, they panic. So the FRGs try to teach them that if you don't hear anything, that is a good thing."

can't talk highly enough about the people here. There are so many people here that are on their own right now that really appreciate the support." Many soldiers are faced with leaving a pregnant spouse or a family with young children behind, said Sticca. For them, knowing that someone is there to help their family can be one of the biggest reassurances possible.

should have to do that kind of thing alone. We make sure that the support for that kind of thing is available. "I've gone in with women who have had babies, one was a good friend and one was somebody that I didn't know as well, because I didn't want them to be alone. That's just what Army spouses do — we just jump in and help each other wherever."

"The personal side of it," said Sticca, "is just trying to help them with the emotional support that they may need."

Sometimes people just need to sit there and talk and work things out," said Perkins. "Maybe they don't know that there is free childcare on one Saturday a month for three hours. They need to know that ACS and CDC provide that. They need to know that on Monday afternoons they can go to building 7264 and they can have their child watched while they do an activity in the building."

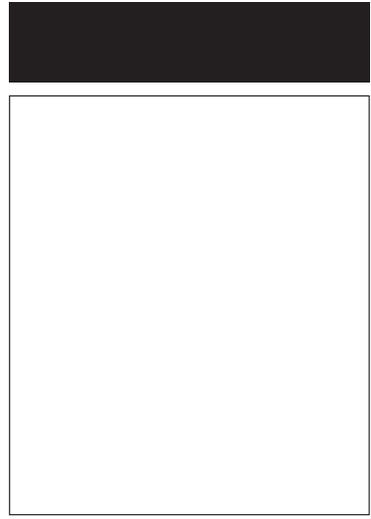
"The guys are much better if they know that if something happens, there is somebody who is going to help and support their spouse. Then, they can concentrate on their job more," said Sticca. "We've got a rather large number of spouses who are going to have babies while the guys are gone," said Sticca. "Nobody

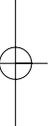
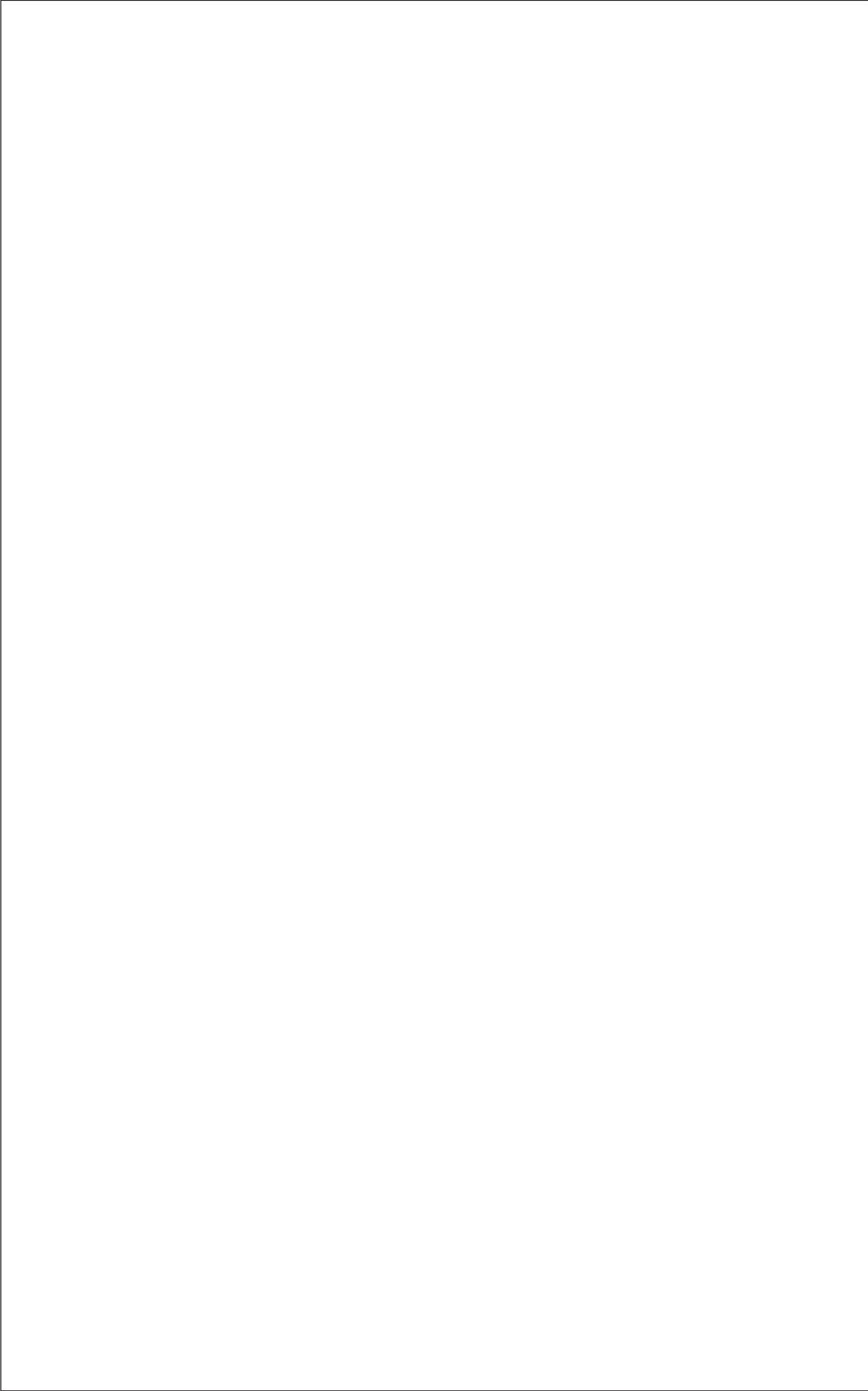
"If you get out and meet people and figure out how to handle some of the problems yourself, then there is a feeling of great success," said Sticca. "Once you have solved one problem while the guys are gone, it empowers you to say, 'I can do this! It's not easy, but I can handle this. It will be alright.'"

Both Sticca and Perkins highly recommended spouses get out and spend time away from the home during a husband or wife's deployment. "None of us signed up to do this and be single parents," said Sticca. "There is a lot of stress involved if you have kids or if you are newly married. Spouses need to get out of the house. Not getting out can lead to getting

depressed and upset. "Get out and meet other people in your company. Go to your FRG meetings and meet other people who are going through the same thing," said Sticca. "Get out in your neighborhood. Get out in the communities. Get out and get around other spouses, because your best resource is other spouses. They have gone through it and can help you find the answers."

Even with all the classes and groups available, the simple support of other wives can have the greatest positive effect on families, said Perkins. "The folks on Fort Riley are just wonderful for the support and camaraderie factor out there," said Perkins. "People really do care, and they will go out of their way to make things happen. I just





Soldiers of 3rd Brigade show off talents

By John S. Wollaston
Staff Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq - It wasn't exactly "Showtime At The Apollo" or "Star Search," but it was pretty darn close. It was standing room only in the auditorium at 3rd Brigade Forward Operating base here in Baghdad for the first ever Bulldog Brigade Talent Show. The show highlighted soldiers from the entire brigade in a wide range of entertainment that had the crowd on their feet many times during the event.

According to Master Sgt. Lisa Thomas, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion, one of the coordinators of the event, the talent show was a way of saying thanks to the soldiers who've worked so hard over the last six months.

"The talent show was to boost the morale of the soldiers who've been working diligently on everything from force protection to

KP," Thomas said. "We wanted everyone to be able to escape reality for a little bit and kick back and relax."

Announcements for the show went around the brigade over a month ago, but according to Thomas, the serious planning for the event started two weeks ago. "Everyone involved worked about five extra hours a day to put this together," Thomas said. "And that's in addition to whatever they did during the course of a normal duty day."

Twenty-four separate acts kept the crowd entertained for over three hours. The acts included rap and pop music, guitar instrumentals, interpretive dance, poetry and even a fashion show. "We thought we'd have to seek people out to volunteer (to perform)," Thomas said of the turnout. "Instead, we were having to turn people away."

While everyone enjoyed the show, there was a competitive

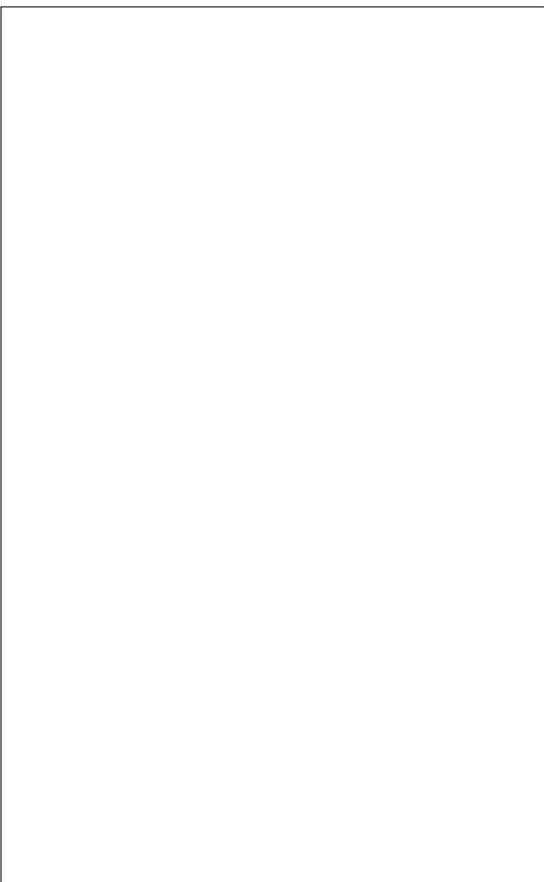
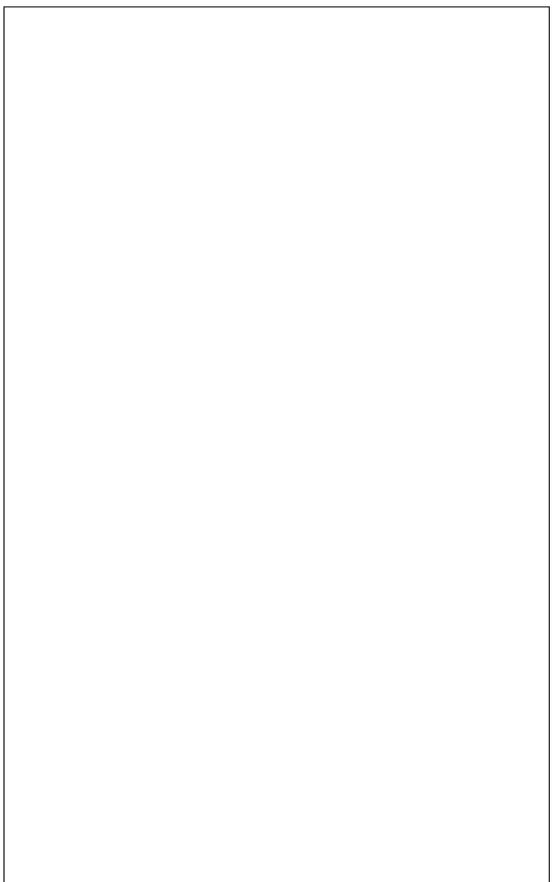
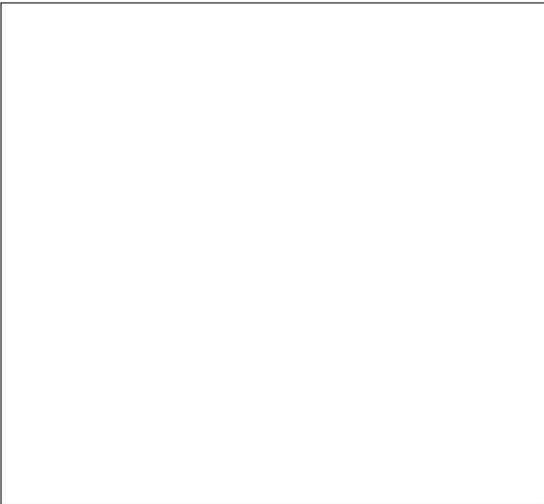
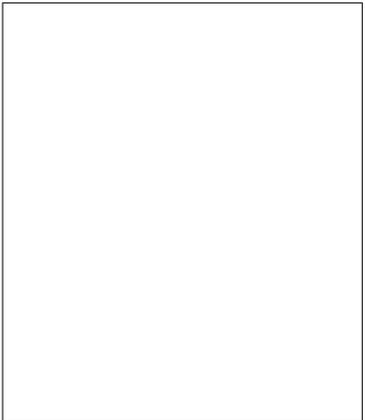
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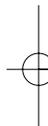
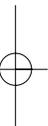
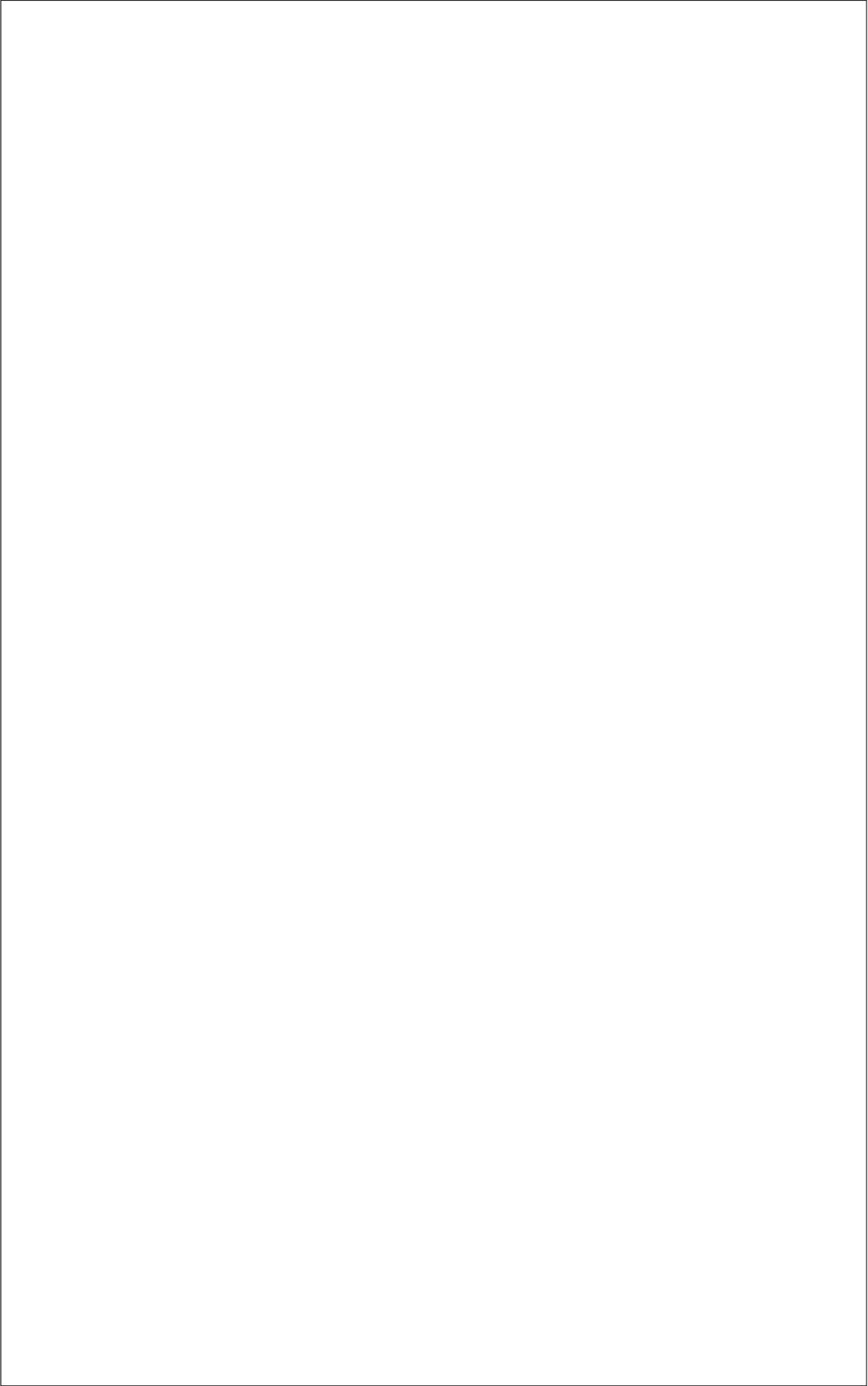
Several prizes were on the line for the first, second and third place winners. Soldiers were competing for everything from a new color television to two days free of any work details. The surprise came at the end of the night, when the brigade commander, Col. Russ Gold, threw in a 15 minute morale call on his personal phone for the 4th place finalist. Gold said he was inspired to add the extra prize by the tremendous level of talent he saw during the show.

"I am constantly amazed by the innovativeness, creativity and commitment of our soldiers. What I ask of them 24/7, with very little personal time off — and to still put on a talent show of this magnitude is beyond me. They conducted the show the same way they perform their duties, with detailed planning, meticulous execution, effectiveness and fulfillment of what they are doing. It was a great relief mechanism that

gave us time to sit back and relax our minds and bodies and forget what lies outside our Forward Operating Bases. The skits, songs and dances caused you to think about your own mortality, your loved ones left behind and allowed us to laugh at each other and ourselves. It only reinforced how proud I am to be a member of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team."

A five-person panel of judges sat and observed from somewhere in the audience during the night, deciding who was the top act of the evening. When the curtain came down for the final time, Pfc. Tiffany Scott, 596th Signal Company, took the top honors for her poetry. Second place went to the 501st Girls, Company C, 501st Military Intelligence Battalion.





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Wildcats' Elle Roberson avoids a tackle by McNeese State Cowboys' Jerrell Zeno (94) and John Paul Jones (91) during two teams' first meeting at KSU Stadium in Manhattan. The Wildcats won the game, 55 - 14.

Kansas State beats McNeese at first meeting

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The No. 7 ranked Kansas State Wildcats went 3-0 by defeating the McNeese State Cowboys, 55-14, Saturday at KSU Stadium during the first time meeting in both programs' history.

The Wildcats improved to 9-1 against Division I-AA programs under head coach Bill Snyder. The Cowboys, ranked No. 1 in Division I-AA, fell to 1-1.

Wildcats' Rashad Washington had two interceptions, returning one 45 yards for a touchdown, and blocked a punt to set up another score.

The 'Cats hit the ground running as they scored three touchdowns within a span of two minutes, late first quarter and early into the second. The three touchdowns were dispersed among the offense, defense and special teams, with each line scoring one.

The Wildcats' Elle Roberson left the game half way through the second quarter, holding his left wrist, and did not return.

Before his departure, Roberson threw his fifth touchdown pass of the year for Kansas State. He was 3-for-6 passing, for 63 yards, and ran for 37 yards on five carries.

Each of his backups, Jeff Schwinn and Dylan Meier, ran for one score of their own.

The 'Cats Running Back, Darren Sproles, returned to play after being injured in last week's game against Troy State.

Sproles, who ran for 101 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries for the Wildcats, started the quick scoring

burst with a 34-yard touchdown run that gave the Wildcats a 17-0 lead with 1:20 left in the first quarter.

Two plays later, Washington intercepted a pass by the Cowboys' Scott Pendarvis and took it all the way back to make it 24-0. Pendarvis was 8-for-22 for 129 yards and two scores. He was sacked twice and intercepted once.

On the second play of the second quarter, Maurice Thurmond blocked Jason Cook's punt at the Cowboy's 15-yard line. It rolled into the end zone, where David Rose fell on it to put Kansas State up 31-0, with 14:15



Wildcats' quarterback, Elle Roberson, scrambles for a few yards during a game against McNeese State Saturday.

still left in the half.

Washington's block, recovered just outside the end zone by Brandon Archer, set up a 1-yard touchdown drive by Schwinn. That changed the scoreboard to a 38-7 Kansas State lead, midway through the third quarter.

Meier, who replaced Schwinn in the fourth quarter, ran 15 yards to increase the score to 48-14, with just over four minutes left on the clock. Three plays later, Scott Edmonds recovered Chris Thomas' fumble and led to Donnie Anders' run for 11 yards, the last score of the game.

More game highlights included, junior kicker Joe Rheem made a career-long 44-yard field goal during the fourth quarter. It was the longest field goal made since his older brother, Jamie Rheem, made a 57-yard field goal on Oct. 16, 1999 against Utah State. Roberson surpassed the 3,000 career passing mark on a 43-yard completion to James Terry in the first quarter, the ninth Wildcat player to do so in school history. Roberson has now passed for a touchdown in the last five straight games and is tied for seventh for all-time career touchdown passes (22).

For another record, Kansas State's 24 points in the first quarter were the most points scored in a first quarter since the 64-0 shutout of Kansas on Nov. 2, 2002 (30 points scored in the first quarter). Senior linebacker Josh Buhl, who is on the Butkus Award Watch list, moved into K-State's career top 25 tackles chart, making 17 tackles against the Cowboys. He now has a total of 254 total tackles since 2000, including 151 solo and 103 assisted stops.

Next up, the 'Cats will face Massachusetts at home tomorrow, 1:10 p.m.

Animal allergies might be missed by owners

K-State Release

Unlike humans, dogs don't react to allergens by sneezing or developing watery eyes. Instead, they develop itchy skin.

Fifteen percent of dogs suffer from common allergens like pollen, mold and house dust, according to Kansas State University veterinary dermatologist Mary Bagladi-Swanson. She may see several cases of atopic dermatitis — otherwise known as atopy, or canine allergies — every week.

Symptoms include scratching, licking, rubbing or chewing on areas that are often affected, such as the face, ears, feet and belly. Secondary symptoms, such as skin redness and ear infections, are caused by constant scratching.

Atopy usually surfaces when a dog is one to three years old, said Bagladi-Swanson. She advises that any pet with such symptoms be checked by a veterinarian since the itching could be caused by a number of different things.

At first glance, owners may confuse atopy with ear mites, fleas and other common ailments, she said.

"It can be hard for owners to tell the difference, but a veterinarian can perform diagnostic tests to differentiate between the causes of itching," Bagladi-Swanson said.

Atopy is especially common among retrievers, terriers, dalmatians and boxers. Similar to human allergies, canine allergies are a genetic, life-long condition and are not contagious.

"It is a matter of controlling, not curing," she said. "The most common medications include topical products such as shampoos, antihistamines and fatty acids. Allergy injections are often used and steroids are usually reserved for cases that do not respond to other forms of treatment."

Editor's Note: For treatment of soldiers pets on post, contact Veterinary Services, 239-3886. The office is currently relocating to building 226, and will reopen Monday. The hours of operation will be Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Bats rarely seen on Fort Riley, can be nuisance if in buildings

By Gibran Suleman
DES Biologist

Although rarely seen, bats are common on Fort Riley. The two most common species are the big brown bat and the little brown myotis. Small colonies of bats can be found in many buildings on Fort Riley. They seek out dark places such as attics and enter through openings like vents and find a place to roost and sleep through the day. They will exit the building every evening during warm months and spend the night catching and consuming insects.

Having bats living in close proximity with humans has positive and negative aspects. The good side is that bats play an important role with keeping down the number of insects. Big brown bats can consume up to 600 mosquitoes in a single hour. When multiplied by thousands of bats, they become extremely useful in limiting the number of cases of mosquito borne diseases like West Nile virus.

Bats also consume a variety of insects considered pests to farmers and foresters. These insects cause billions of dollars in damage annually.

However, there are some minor health concerns with having bats living near people. The most common concern with bats is the threat of rabies. Like all mammals, bats can transmit rabies, which is a viral infection of the central nervous system. The disease is almost always spread from the rabid animal's saliva during a bite. This is why it is extremely important not to handle bats unless you're qualified and are wearing the proper equipment.

Overall, bats are responsible for a small fraction of human rabies cases. Pets are responsible for the majority of human cases.

Another health concern is histoplasmosis. Histoplasmosis is a respiratory disease caused by a fungus. The majority of cases do not result in any serious symptoms, but a small percent of people infected do become seriously ill. The fungus can thrive in warm

moist areas with large quantities of bat droppings. These conditions can be found in many caves with bat colonies present. Anyone removing or cleaning bat droppings should wear a properly fitted respirator.

On the Wildside: News About Nature



Big brown bats can help prevent the spread of West Nile virus because they can consume up to 600 mosquitoes in a single hour.

Throughout main post, the Conservation Division and the Eagle Scouts have put up over 35 bat houses in recent years. The purpose of these structures is to encourage bats to avoid roosting in buildings and to provide bats that have been excluded from buildings a suitable place to roost. Although bats on Fort Riley frequently spend their days in human made structures, they also use trees, rock structures and even piles of wood to roost in.

Big brown bats found on Fort Riley have breeding habits that are very different from other small mammals, such as mice. Copulation occurs sometime in between September and March. The female actually stores the male's sperm until she awakes from hibernation. At that time, fertilization occurs. Pregnancy is rather lengthy, at 60 days.

Females typically only give birth to one bat per year. The young are kept with other young in maternity colonies. Individuals live up to 19 years.

The two largest causes of mortality for bats are insufficient energy stored for hibernation and predation. Typical predators are house cats, various birds and rats.

Many Army bases in the southeastern United States have faced challenges due to the presence of an endangered bat, the Indiana gray bat. This bat primarily occurs in Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky and Alabama. Although it has been found in the very southeastern corner of Kansas, it has not been documented near Fort Riley. Likewise, there has never been any species of federal or state listed bat found on Fort Riley.

Anyone experiencing problems with bats in housing should call the housing service order desk, 784-2599.

For bat problems in all other buildings on post, call the public works service order desk, 239-0900.

Anyone looking for further information on bats can call the Conservation Division Animal Damage Control Specialist, 239-6975.

Commentary

First week produced good, bad, ugly

By Kevin Doheny
19th PAD

With all the anticipation in the air at NFL stadiums across the country Sunday, teams galloped onto their respective fields to do battle as if they were in an old western movie.

In the tradition of old westerns, the theme of the kick-off weekend could only be described as being good, bad and ugly.

Although there was no John Wayne, six-shooters or tumbleweed, some teams looked sharp. Some teams looked unprepared and very bad, and for some teams, ugly is only way to describe their performances.

The label of "good" has to be given to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Houston Texans, San Francisco 49ers, Tennessee Titans, Buffalo Bills and Kansas City Chiefs.

Of course, securing the top spot on the list are the defending Super Champs. But, who then ranks as the next best?

In a duel between the Titans and Chiefs, I give the second slot to the Titans. They beat the Raiders on Sunday night and showed why they are my Super Bowl pick for the AFC.

Kansas City looked sharp as well, and there is little question that Priest Holmes is back to his old ways and scoring touchdowns at will.

The most surprising teams of the week were the Texans, who beat the Miami Dolphins in Miami on a last-second field goal, and the Bills, who absolutely dismantled New England, 31-0.

The Texans rode the leg of kicker Kris Brown and his five field goals to a win against a very talented Dolphins team. The Bills used their defense to force turnover after turnover to blank the Patriots. Buffalo recorded its first shutout since 1999 in their route of the Pats.

While some teams shined the first week, the bad and ugly were just too much to overlook. There were horrible performances by the Chicago Bears, Dallas Cowboys, St. Louis Rams and New Orleans Saints.

Well, not to say that all the other losing teams in the league looked any better, but these teams just set themselves apart from the other bad performances.

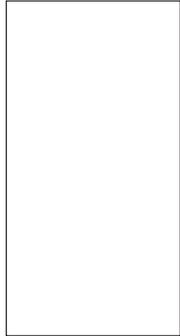
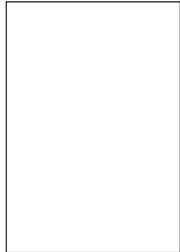
In a close battle between teams which looked the worse this past weekend, the Bears and Saints were a close call, but if I had to pick a team, the Bears are it.

I haven't seen a team play that bad since my J.V. football team. The Bears looked uninspired and the Kordell Stewart experiment looks like it could blow up in their face.

The other three teams can also look to their quarterbacks for their 0-1 starts.

In Dallas, all Quincy Carter had to do was not make too many mistakes, and the Cowboys would have beaten the Falcons. For the Rams, Kurt Warner fumbled the ball six times and threw one interception, and Aaron Brooks of the Saints didn't look like his usual stellar self.

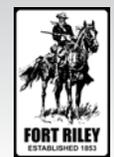
Already in Dallas and St. Louis, talks of backup quarterbacks making their way onto the field have already begun, and it is only week two.



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Kansas State honors troops



Members of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division, Color Guard prepare to take the field before Saturday's K-State/Fort Riley Day football game. The soldiers were dressed in period uniforms.



Members of the 24th Infantry Division along with members of the 19th Public Affairs Detachment received a standing ovation as they took the field as part of the halftime celebration at K-State Saturday.

University honors soldiers who protect American freedoms daily

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

On Saturday, the soldiers and civilians of the Manhattan community joined together to honor the military and Fort Riley during Kansas State Fort Riley Day at the K-State Football game.

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) provided a Humvee to display and the Honor Guard had a cavalry encampment fans could walk through while they talked to soldiers. A color guard dressed in period uniforms ranging from the Civil War up until today was also on hand to walk out the colors before the game.

During the halftime show, soldiers from the 19th Public Affairs Detachment, which recently redeployed from Iraq, joined the color guard in a

tribute by the K-State Marching Band to all of the branches of the military. As the PAD's recent redeployment from Iraq was announced, the crowd's reaction was staggering as cheers and a standing ovation swept through the thousands of fans that were gathered for the game.

After introducing the period uniforms, soldiers unfurled the garrison flag on the field as the band played the different military branch's songs.

Soldiers and their families from the post weren't left out of the festivities as half price tickets to the

game were made available from Fort Riley's Information, Ticketing and Registration.

Brig. Gen. General Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, also attended the game as guests of the school president.

Canuela saw the day as a chance to show the honor and teamwork that Fort Riley prides itself on and an opportunity for the soldiers of the post to get out and enjoy a bit of

what makes America great. "I think that what we give back (to the community) is the patriotism felt across the country. This is showing the country that we are one team," said Canuela. "This is what America is all about — baseball, football, the team challenge."

Sgt. Wilfredo Jimenez, a member of the color guard, saw the day as a chance for Fort Riley to show its respect for the community, which supports the post.

"I see that people can appreciate the military, the customs and courtesies that we have been taught and are disciplined to follow. I see it as a good experience to share with the community," said Jimenez. "I think that today we will get respect and appreciation for a strong military service — that tries to defend our freedoms and rights."

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Fort Riley Soldier

Honor Guard will entertain visitors at Fort Riley Apple Day/Open House

By Christopher Selmeck
19th PAD

Fort Riley is celebrating Apple Day/Open House Oct. 4 and is commemorating 150 years as a U.S. Army Post. Apple Days/Open House will be 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., during which time exhibits, demonstrations, food and entertainment will be available on post.

Among the attractions at the event, the Fort Riley Honor Guard will be participating in several exhibits and demonstrations.

"We're tasked to do several things for the Apple Day celebration," said Capt. Joel Graham, officer in charge, Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Among the activities hosted by the Honor Guard will be a historical encampment, wagon rides around Cavalry Parade Field and a demonstration of cavalry tactics.

"The encampment will be an 1860s era encampment which will be manned with period dressed soldiers who will be answering questions in relation to the encampment and life in the cavalry," said Graham.

Directly adjacent to the encampment, on Sheridan St., in the northwest corner of Cavalry Parade Field, the Honor Guard will be offering wagon rides. The wagon rides will be offered during event hours in an 1871 escort wagon pulled by a mule team, and everyone is encouraged to come take a ride around the historical post, according to Graham. A Cavalry tactics demonstra-

tion will be performed by the Honor Guard at noon and 2 p.m. on the west end of Cavalry Parade Field.

"We will perform drill and ceremony on horseback as well as conduct a miniature saber-assault course that will replicate training conducted by the soldiers of the 1860s cavalry," said Graham.

Honor Guard soldiers receive intensive training to learn the skills needed to participate in demonstrations.

"For any soldier to begin performing on a regular basis, they must undergo the equivalent of 60 hours of horsemanship training."



Fort Riley Honor Guard soldier, SPC. Thomas Spain, rides Buck during a post Open House.

said Graham. "This includes everything from ground introduction to the horse itself, bareback riding in our sandpit, establishment of the military seat, ground-saber training, jump training and integration of the horse and rider demo lineup."

"After that, training is continuous throughout the tour with the Honor Guard," he said. "The men you see out on the field are more than prepared for what their doing."

There will be several changes from last year's celebration, according to Graham.

"An arena has been established for the assault course, and we will incorporate the wagon team into the demo," said Graham. "New jumps are being erected to replicate the type of jumps used historically. Also, the encampment has grown since last year, and more periodic items have been added."

Graham said demonstrations such as these are excellent opportunities for soldiers new to the Honor Guard.

"Soldiers who participate in this can learn, firsthand, from a single operation, just what is expected of them and of the unit," said Graham.

Sgt. Gabriel Lincoln, Honor Guard demo team leader, said the soldiers of the guard look forward to the annual Open House, and expect this year's festivities to be just as exciting as previous events.

"It was a lot of fun last year, and I'm sure it will be this year as well."

Watch working dogs in action

By William Biles
Staff Writer

With Labor Day behind us, fall lies just around the corner, and with fall comes Fort Riley's annual Apple Day festival and Open House.

During the Open House, people from all over will be able to witness demonstrations performed by military personnel to demonstrate to the public what the military is all about.

One such demonstration will be the Military Working Dogs. The demonstration will let the handlers showcase their dog's capabilities.

"We want them to realize that these dogs are attack dogs and not house pets," said Staff Sgt. Bradley Guerrieri, dog handler, 523rd Military Police Detachment. "What they will see at the Open House is how we train with the dogs."

The first part of the demonstration will consist of a safety briefing for the spectators.

"We'll have a briefing area set up to give everyone a safety briefing on the Do's and Don'ts of being around the dogs," said Guerrieri. "The briefing is mainly for the kids. They see the dogs and might think of them as house pets. We will tell them not to make any sudden moves because the dogs might see that as an act of aggression toward the handler, and they will want to protect us."

After the briefing, the handlers will run the dogs through



Barron is one of Fort Riley's military working dogs.

several routines they use to train and keep the dogs ready for their job.

"We will be showing several scenarios. We will probably do a quick drug demo, where we will bring a drug-add with us and plant it in a vehicle or a piece of luggage and let them see the difference of how our dogs react compared to civilian police dogs," said Guerrieri. "The civilian police dogs use an aggressive reaction where they will bark and scratch. The military uses a passive reaction where our dogs will sit down in front of the substance."

The MPs will then show visitors the six phases of controlled aggression. The six phases consist of different scenarios the handlers and their dogs might

face while on patrol. Guerrieri hopes visitors will learn from the demonstrations.

"The message we hope to convey is that if you come across us and you hear us yell 'Stop,' then stop, because you don't want to get bit. We also want to educate them not to do drugs. If you do drugs, and you have them on post, our dogs will find them," he said.

Guerrieri would like parents to talk to their kids prior to bringing them to the working dogs' demonstration.

"We just want them to understand and remember these working dogs are not personal dogs. We can love-up on them because we have formed a bond with them, and a lot of kids might want to try and do the same," he said. "We strongly advise against them doing that because the dogs might take it as an aggressive act toward us, and they will protect us because that is their job. These are working dogs and they do bite."

The MPs are looking forward to the Open House not only to educate others but to educate themselves as well. "I'm looking forward to the Open House because I like to show people what we do," said Spc. Corey McDonald, dog handler, 523rd MP Det. "We get a lot of questions about our job while we do these demonstrations, and I like that because it makes me think how I can prepare for the next time we do it to make it better."



ITR

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

For further information, call ITR, 239-5614 or 239-4415. Check out the Department of Army Leisure Travel website at www.offdutytravel.com for more great deals on travel.

ITR services and discount attractions tickets are available to active duty military, retirees, National Guard, reservists, Department of Army Civilians and family members.

Kansas City Wizards

The Kansas City Wizards are having a Military Appreciation Salute Oct. 18, 7 p.m. There will be over 200 giveaway items for fans attending the game that night! Stay after the game to enjoy a spectacular fireworks display. Each service branch will have displays in "Soccer Street." Free soccer games, inflatables and live music will be 5-7 p.m. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

Cruise Packaging

Authorized patrons can start taking advantage of special military discounts and bargain cruises. Stop by ITR and pick up a brochure or call 239-5614 to make an appointment with the cruise counselor.

Renaissance Festival

The Renaissance Festival of Kansas City is a step back into time, when lords and ladies ruled the land and when knights clad in shining armor took to battle for a lady's honor. It is where jesters, minstrels and rogues entertained throughout the village in hopes of a day's wages. All this and more can be found at the Renaissance Festival, weekends only. The Festival runs for seven glorious weekends each autumn featuring a different theme each weekend. The adventure begins Labor Day weekend in Bonner Springs...just minutes and 500 years from downtown Kansas City.

Discount tickets are available through ITR.

Worlds of Fun

Mortals beware of a new era of scare every Saturday and Sunday Sept. 20 - Oct. 26. Worlds of Fun

will be transformed for HalloWeekends — a frightening festival of new thrills and chills. Mischievous ghouls will materialize on the midways and the park will be decked out in its most fearful finery ever to celebrate a season of haunts.

HalloWeekends is a Boo! blast for the entire family. Trick-or-Treat town is a make-believe street where little ghosts are treated to goodies as they stop by the storefronts.

Worlds of Fun will show older fright seekers a new meaning for fear at the 3-D Carnival of Carnivorous Clowns located on Freak Street. This walkthrough is rated SP for Scare the Pants Right OFF of You! Worlds of Fun will be open weekends only through Oct 26. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

Leisure Commercial Travel

Booking travel via the Internet is becoming the fastest growing way for consumers to travel. There are a whole host of resources to assist in finding the lowest fare, such as airline websites and Internet fare finder sites.

For further information, check out the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Website, offdutytravel.com, or call ITR for further assistance.

Armed Forces Vacation Club

Now you can enjoy resort accommodations for two to six people for less than you'd pay for most hotels! While most availability is during off-peak travel seasons, there are a wide variety of great destinations and times. Reserve a full week for only \$249. Stop by ITR for further information.

KCI Roadrunner

The KCI Roadrunner provides door-to-door service from home to airport. Let ITR make your reservations. Commissions are paid back to Fort Riley's Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.

Kansas City Chiefs

Experience the excitement of NFL football with the Kansas City Chiefs. A limited number of tickets are available through ITR. Tickets are \$60 without transportation and \$80 with transportation. Grab some friends and tailgate at Arrowhead stadium. Support your favorite team. The home

game schedule includes: Sept. 14 - Pittsburgh Steelers, Oct. 5 - Denver Broncos, Oct. 26 - Buffalo Bills, Nov. 9 - Cleveland Browns, Nov. 23 - Oakland Raiders, Dec. 14 - Detroit Lions, Dec. 28 - Chicago Bears.

Military Salutes

Many theme parks, regional attractions and vacation destinations will salute the military with free admissions and deep discounts through late fall and early winter. Stop by ITR for additional information and low rates for hotels near those attractions.

Discount Movie Tickets

Discount movie tickets are available through ITR. Passes may be used at Seth Childs in Manhattan and are \$5.50. They make a great gift for birthdays or special occasions.

Barlow Theater

Tonight:

7 p.m.
Gigli (R)

Saturday:

7 p.m.
American Wedding (R)

Sunday:

7 p.m.
Gigli (R)

Thursday:

7 p.m.
American Wedding (R)

Ticket prices:
Adults - \$3
Children - \$1.50



Self-Help Job Information Center closing

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will realign under the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Management Agency on Oct. 5.

Similar to regionalization, which established the CPACs and CPOCs, patrons should expect to experience changes as they transition from the current way of doing business to the new way said Human Resources Officer, Cindy Colson, Personnel Advisory Center, Fort Riley.

"One of the biggest changes that is scheduled to occur is the closure of the CPAC Self-Help Job Information Center on Sept. 1," she said.

After regionalization, CPAC continued to offer job information assistance as a courtesy to external customers, individuals not employed at Fort Riley. However, with the new and emerging roles, this is no longer a viable operating function since job information and assistance is provided by local workforce centers (Soldier and Family Support Center and Army Career and Alumni Program), she said.

"You will begin seeing notices in the Fort Riley Post, local area newspapers and on Channel 2 announcing the closure of the CPAC Self-Help Job Information Center. Fort Riley employees needing job information or RESUMIX assistance will continue to receive help from their activity's administrative points of contact," she said.

"My staff and I are currently developing a transitional plan that will assist us in ensuring the quality of service to our customers is not comprised," Colson said.

"Other CPAC functional and role changes will be communicated to you and phased in as we transition," she said. "I will also be informally soliciting feedback from managers and administrative POCs on the quality of services you receive from the CPAC, and suggestions on what we can do to improve our program."

"Throughout this change, we will continue to be a key player of the Garrison Team," concluded Colson. For more information, call 239-6004.

