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# Fort Riley Post




**Local 9-11 events held**  
A prayer breakfast was held Sept. 11 at Fort Riley's Outdoor Chapel and a commemoration ceremony was held at Junction City's Heritage Park. See Page 7

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**Sgt. Toano Choulee, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division, bows her head for a moment of silence in observance of the Sept. 11 attacks.**



**The sun rises behind the stone cross at Fort Riley's Outdoor Chapel during the 9-11 Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast was held at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday in remembrance of the attacks on America last year. See page 7 for more on the day's events.**

## We shall not forget

### Local Patriot Day events honor fallen Americans, heroes

**By Jamie Bender**  
*Staff writer*

A prayer breakfast was held Sept. 11 at Fort Riley's Outdoor Chapel in remembrance of the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Col. John Simpson, garrison commander, Fort Riley, spoke about where he was one year ago.

"Last year at this time, I was teaching at the Navy War College. I received a call from the Pentagon concerning an individual who was on leave. This person and his wife were on vacation and wanted to play golf," said Simpson.

"They had come to New England and knew that I had a golf membership and they asked me to host," he said. "So last Thursday a year ago, I hosted Lt. Gen. Maude and his wife in a game of golf. It was a beautiful New England day, about 70 degrees, perfect weather."

"I didn't know the man, but we talked. He talked about family, and he talked about service, and he talked about his new job, and he talked about retiring. We had a great day. Days later, after the tragic events of 9-11, I found out that Lt. Gen. Maude was one of those who had perished in that horrible deed

on Sept. 11," added Simpson.

As you think back about where you were, keep in mind those soldiers who are fighting against terrorism, he said.

After breakfast was served, several unit commanders read Bible scriptures and Chap. (Capt.) Grady Gentry, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, sang "America, Keep Holding To God's Hand."

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, then spoke about his experience at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

"That Tuesday was crystal clear. You could see all those monuments, and it was another reminder of our great nation."

After finding out about the second attack from an officer in his office, Metz said he watched the coverage for a while on television before returning to his office.

"The major came into my office for a third time

and said, 'Sir, my channel said we've been attacked,' and there was no need to wonder about that, we needed to get out of the office and move out," said Metz.

Metz said he was in the furthest area away from the crash, he said. "I didn't feel the blast. I didn't hear it."

Volunteers were needed to help in the aftermath, so Metz and his supervisor, a lieutenant general, lined up with everyone else to do what they could to help, he said. "You don't really want to go back in and see the death and destruction," he said. "As a soldier, you do the things that you think are right."

Metz described the site and talked about the tragedy that was being set up for victims.

"There were plenty of experts there who were trained for these things," he said.

Metz said he knew that something was going to change in the future but he didn't know what. He was sure that his assignment to Fort Riley wouldn't

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**—Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz  
Commanding General  
24th ID and Fort Riley**

### 1st BCT conducts situational training

**By Christopher Selmek**  
*19th PAD*

The 1st Brigade Combat Team conducted a situational training exercise in the field this week.

This STX was designed to train the reconnaissance platoons to coordinate their efforts with other units within the brigade, as well as being an unusually large scale and realistic battle exercise.

The exercise took place in three separate areas of lanes in the Fort Riley training area, sometimes with multiple platoons stationed at each lane working against each other to complete the operation.

There are a lot of soldiers and equipment involved in the exercise, said Capt. Andrew Turner, 1st BCT Tactical Operations Center commander. "We also have a Brigade Staging Area and artillery out here."

"We have three lanes currently being conducted right now," he said on Tuesday. "On lane one and

three, we have a force on force, one stealth platoon conducting a screen and one stealth platoon conducting zone reconnaissance. On lane two, we have a stealth platoon and two engineer reconnaissance teams conducting ground reconnaissance.

"We run platoon against platoon. They are wearing Multi-Integrated Laser Engagement System gear, they're doing the calls required and we're also integrating a casualty evacuation operation."

The cooperation necessary to bring together a group this large for training makes it a difficult and seldom attempted operation, according to 1st Lt. Joshua Schneider, scout platoon leader.

"Unfortunately, we don't get to do a reconnaissance exercise of this magnitude very often," said Schneider. "While it still needs work, and while it would be even better to tie in the tank companies with it to make it a full actual brigade exercise, it'd be more like

at NTC than anything else. It's beneficial because you seldom see this kind of reconnaissance training at this level."

Schneider spent nearly two full days performing an exercise involving battalion zone recon, after which he and his platoon were able to take a day of rest.

"Right now we're operating against each other, we're starting at opposite ends of the lane and working against each other, and just doing platoon on platoon operations," Schneider said. "And then we'll work with each other later with the brigade level ops."

"Later this week is brigade level operations, where it's going to integrate what the Brigade Reconnaissance Team does and what we do, so that brigade reconnaissance and battalion reconnaissance will get a better tie," Schneider added.

Turner said that this event has been planned for quite a while and that, if possible, he would like to see more of these types of exercises done in the future.

"It's not an annual requirement, but it's something that we've been planning for quite some time, and we will continue to plan on doing it," Turner said.

Reconnaissance is essential on the battlefield, and for the platoons performing these tasks, it is even more essential that their operations run smoothly, according to Schneider.

"It's about the integration of our platoon and engineer reconnaissance assets," said Turner.

"The synchronization of both our brigade reconnaissance and our task force reconnaissance is instrumental in our brigade operations."

"It's important to do it because it's vital to pull the platoons, to pull the battalions and brigade into the correct place if we go to war," said Schneider. "They need to know where the enemy is; they need to know what the terrain looks like."

### Children should practice bus safety

**By Steven Cooke**  
*Staff Writer*

The new school year is in full motion and families are back to making routine trips to school bus stops. With so many things going on, families may forget something very important such as school bus and cross walk safety.

"More than half the pedestrian fatalities in school bus related crashes were children," said Paul Burns, safety and occupational health manager, Directorate of Environment and Safety - "between 5 and 7-years-old in 1999."

Burns said there are a few things families can do help prevent accidents at bus stops.

"Parents should make sure the child is at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early," said Burns.

"Children should use sidewalks or walking trails to get to the bus stop," he said. "One of the main hazards is that bus pick up time's occur when everybody else is trying to get to work. So we have large amounts of vehicular traffic going to work, and we have our children trying to get to school at the same time."

There should not be any horseplay, such as pushing, shoving or playing tag, because these games can cause children to enter the road way, said Burns.

"Children should stay on the sidewalk, away from the bus, until

## Commentary

# Phantom Six sends: Troops welcomed, congratulated

The passing of Labor Day marks the end of the summer turnover season, the winding down of the current fiscal year, and the beginning of the next challenging and exciting ride for America's Counter-offensive Force, the Phantom Corps team. Many of the new folks hit the ground running without any fanfare, plugged-in and blended right into the team - without so much as a chance to catch their collective breaths. Likewise, many members of the team are not new this year and have helped welcome our new members. I want to take this opportunity to welcome our new and thank our "old" Phantom Warriors, their spouses and family members for the terrific job you are all doing.

Regardless of where any of you were stationed or lived over the last year, the 9-11 attack on America has made an indelible mark on

our ways of living, thinking, and doing business. In light of this tragedy, I am proud to say that III Corps' mettle was tested persistently and we never faltered. Although our plate was already pretty full, you just kept taking on more, eating it up, and digesting whatever came our way - selflessly. Thank you. I am confident our new team will seamlessly continue the tradition.

I'd like to offer a special welcome to our new spouses and family members. Each of you is so very important to the success of III Corps and you can make a difference in countless ways. Some of you will be very active in our unit Family Readiness Groups and our soldiers will greatly appreciate your caring help. Others will help out as volunteers on your installation and possibly in the civilian community, while others of you will work as profes-

sionals. Foremost, all of you are so special to your own warrior husband, wife, mom or dad - never diminish how important you are to our mission accomplishment. Finally, I know how busy you are, but I encourage all of you to budget time to get out, enjoy, and meet the wonderful people and visit local areas near your installation - whether Central Texas, South-West Texas, Colorado, Kansas, or Oklahoma. Take the time to see America and get to know the citizens of our communities - after all, this is why we serve and defend our great constitution. Welcome once again and congratulations to all of you, Phantom Warriors - America's Hammer!

**B. B. BELL**  
Lieutenant General, USA  
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# Added Ad

## Recruiting can be challenging

By **Jamie Bender**  
Staff writer

The Army is full of tough soldiers who do tough jobs on a daily basis. Long hours on the phone, missed meals and evenings spent at the office are the tools for success for an Army recruiter.

According to the U.S. Army Recruiting Command website, the mission of USAREC is to "Provide the Strength." Providing the strength means recruiting the necessary number of soldiers with the right qualifications to keep the Army combat ready.

The duties of a recruiter vary, from advertising the Army as an employment opportunity to conducting interviews with potential soldiers.

According to USAREC, a recruiter is responsible for advertising, interviewing prospective enlistees, evaluating applicants and the inevitable administrative duties.

Advertising for the Army includes distributing and displaying publicity material, as well as establishing working relationships with local media.

When conducting interviews of potential soldiers, a recruiter talks to individuals about their goals and explains the opportunities the Army has to offer. The recruiter asks the prospects about their background, educational and occupational, to guide them toward a satisfying occupational specialty. Military benefits are also explained to the potential soldiers, including the medical care programs, allowance for dependents and housing, bonuses, the retirement program and educational opportunities available to soldiers.

"Finding people to join is a big challenge," said Staff Sgt. Michael Kindleburg, an Army career counselor who finished his recruiting tour in December 2000.

"You have to talk to everyone wherever you go. Sometimes it just plants the seed for the idea,

and the person will come in later and enlist," he said.

Overcoming objections is also one of the major challenges that a recruiter faces, said Kindleburg. Getting in touch with high school students is a good way to establish a community relationship, said Kindleburg. "But sometimes the student will want to join, but the parent has objections," he added. "Many times, by discussing any objections the person has, you can answer their questions and put their minds more at ease," Kindleburg said.

Not everyone is eligible to become a member of the Army, and it is the recruiter's job to evaluate which applicants meet the required Army standards. The Armed Services Vocational Battery is a tool that recruiters use to help determine eligibility as well as occupational suitability. When an individual does not meet the requirements to join the Army, it is up to the recruiter to counsel the individual and perhaps help him to meet the standards when possible.

There are many administrative duties involved in recruiting as well. These include the gathering and preparing of any paperwork needed for enlistment processing and helping a potential recruit prepare and apply for waivers for disqualifying factors. Arranging for transportation, meals and lodging for applicants is also an important administrative duty. Maintaining a file of prospective recruits helps the recruiter meet his enlistment goals.

The Army has incentives for volunteering for recruiting duty. One of these is the opportunity to choose your assignment. The USAREC website has a map from which you can select three commands in order of preference. According to the website, in fiscal year 2000, 90 percent of all volunteer recruiters received one of their first three assignment choices.

Another positive to recruiting

duty is being able to get away from the everyday Army routine and do something different, said Kindleburg. "You get to deal with the public and become a soldier, civilian and represent the Army," he said.

"You learn communication skills, get public speaking experience and learn salesmanship as well as public relations. It all helps build confidence," he added.

There are several tips that recruiters can follow to help ensure success, Kindleburg said. "The first year is the most crucial," he said. "You must establish yourself in the community. Work long hours and make lots of phone calls. Anytime you are out, take business cards. Hand them to the stockers at the grocery store and leave them with tips for the waitress. Get into the high schools and talk to the juniors, as well as the seniors, to give them plenty of time to think about joining. Plant the seeds," he said.

"Seeing a soldier you recruited become a success in the Army is one of the most rewarding experiences," said Kindleburg.

There are several requirements that must be met for recruiting duty, including age, time in service and time in grade. The age requirements are from 21 to 37 for the rank of sergeant and 39 for staff sergeant or sergeant 1st class. The age requirement can be waived based on a review of the entire application. The time in service requirements vary by grade and begin with eight years minimum for a sergeant and minimum of 14 years for a sergeant 1st class with two years in grade. These standards may also be waived if the applicant has an outstanding record.

You can determine if you qualify for recruiting duty by logging on to [www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter/Index.htm](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter/Index.htm). You can also receive help for applying and a checklist to ensure you have met all the application needs.

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# Armor capabilities still play roll in Army after transformation

By Kevin Doheny  
19th PAD

Mobility, firepower and armored protection.

These are the three reasons why the M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank, along with the armored crewmen who control them, is successful on the battlefield according to Lt. Col. Bart Howard, G-3, training, 24th Infantry Division.

"The Abrams Tank continues to be very mobile," said Howard, a former armor battalion commander. "Not only is the tank's firepower extremely efficient and it's protection proven, but it is very reliable mechanically. Also, the Abrams tank is very well armored against any other weapon."

During Operation Desert Storm, the Abrams tank had its first chance to show why some think it is the best tank in the world.

According to a Federation of American Scientist website, only 18 Abrams tanks were taken out of service due to battle damage during Desert Storm, nine suffered permanent damage and the other nine suffered repairable damage, mostly from mines.

"The Abrams tank is a state of the art weapon system that combines high tech fire control computers with a robust, combat capa-

ble vehicle," said Maj. Marty Leners, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor. "The result is the world's finest main battle tank."

According to Howard, the confidence the crewmen have in their tanks is almost as important if, not more important, than the tank itself. The crews have complete confidence in the abilities of their Abrams tank, as well as what it brings to the battlefield, he said. Although the Abrams tank moves around on the battlefield, fires the weapons and provides the protection, the real work is done by it's crew, and crews train year round and become very efficient with their tanks.

"A tank is just a piece of hardware, but American tankers are the most capable in the world," said Howard, who was a tank company commander during Desert Storm.

"During Desert Storm, I engaged enemy vehicles and although the T72M1 Main Battle Tanks were very capable, Iraqi tank crews weren't."

"The lethality of the M1A1 tank, combined with the realistic training that my soldiers and I had undergone, gave my unit the confidence that we would be successful in combat operations," said Leners.

"During combat in Kuwait and Iraq, the M1A1 tank performed

exactly like we expected. When blowing sand and weather conditions precluded the use of the laser range finder, I manually induced range into the ballistic computer and fired a 'battle sight' engagement. The result was as expected - a destroyed Iraqi T72 tank."

Some people speculate about the future of the tank and the overall role of armor in the future. Some feel that with the transformation the Army is going through, the role of armor will change.

"There's been a misconception that tanks are going away, but the role of armor is not about a vehicle, it's about capability," said Howard.

"There will always be a need for armored forces and the soldiers who man them."

"The armored force is leading the Army's transformation. As long as the United States Army is involved in ground combat operations, the main battle tank will provide the decisive combat force," said Leners.

"Coupled with the firepower, mobility and shock effect of the main battle tank, is an awesome combination that will allow the United States Army armored crewmen to dominate future battlefields."

# Talk Around Town

## "What do you do to stay healthy?"



*"Exercise, exercise, exercise. In addition to regular PT, I walk on my own and I also have a bike I like to ride. I eat whatever I want in moderation."*

Sgt. Marie Best  
Chaplain Assistant  
HHC, 24th ID



*"I try to watch my diet and focus on my physical exercise. I try to cut down on fats and look at cholesterol content."*

Chap. (Maj.) Richard Green  
Chaplain  
HHC, 24th ID



*"I take vitamins faithfully every morning. I don't smoke. I don't drink."*

Patsy Pence  
Secretary  
Housing Division

# New Stop-Loss gives chance to separate

By Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

Soldiers affected by Stop-Loss will now be allowed to request voluntary separation from the Army under a new policy released Sept. 5.

The first increment of Stop-Loss was approved by Reginald Brown, the assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs on Nov. 30 to retain the critical skills needed to support the War on Terrorism.

Under the new policy, soldiers will generally be subject to Stop-Loss for no more than 12 months — even though their military occupation specialty may remain affected by Stop-Loss in support of the global war on terrorism, said officials from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1.

Enlisted soldiers under Stop-Loss can now voluntarily separate on the one-year anniversary of their original expiration of service or ETS date.

Officers and warrant officers,

not retirement eligible, can apply to leave one year from the end of their original service obligation date. Officers and warrant officers who don't have a service obligation may request separation 12 months after they were first affected by Stop-Loss.

All retirement-eligible soldiers can apply for retirement one year from their original retirement eligibility date (defined as 20 years after federal service) or one year from when Stop-Loss took effect if the soldier was retirement eligible on the effective date of Stop-Loss.

Enlisted soldiers serving on an indefinite enlistment can apply to be separated 12 months from the date they became subject to Stop-Loss.

The most recent policy does not supersede Stop-Loss 4, which was approved on June 4 with an

effective date of June 19, G1 officials said. The new 12-month policy supplements Stop-Loss 4, officials added. Stop-Loss 4 kept about 260 soldiers on active duty who had potential separation or retirement dates between now and Sept. 30, and it released another 370 who had been impacted by previous Stop-Loss decisions. The total number of active-duty soldiers affected by Stop-Loss during this fiscal year has been 2,900.

An expiration date for the Stop-Loss program cannot be determined at this time, G1 officials said. Presently, no additional military occupational specialties have been added to Stop-Loss, nor have any been lifted.

The majority of the soldiers affected by Stop-Loss at this are: military intelligence, special operations, aviators and military policemen. For more information

on what MOSs remain on the list of critical skills see [www.odesper.army.mil/directories/mp/sto](http://www.odesper.army.mil/directories/mp/sto) plus.

Currently mobilized reserve-component soldiers do not fall under the Stop-Loss program. However, guidance on a unit-based Stop-Loss program is currently being drafted to cover the reserve components, G1 officials said.

Stop-Loss does not affect soldiers being processed for involuntary administrative separation under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Nor does it affect, in most cases, soldier facing mandatory retirement, those being processed for physical disability or pending separation for the convenience of the government, G1 officials said.

For more information, contact Fort Riley G-1 office, 239-5923.

# Grunt

By Wayne Uhden

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# Briefs

## Apple Pies

Apple Day is Sept. 28. One thousand apple pies will be made for the event. Pre-pie sales are now underway. Pies are \$7 and will be paid for at the time of the order. Call Gail Asher at 717-3263 or e-mail her at applepies@qs.com for order information.

Frozen pies can be picked up Tuesday at the parking lot near building 404, at the corner of Holbrook and Pershing on Main Post 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4:30 - 7 p.m. Call Marlee Marshall at 784-6670 to volunteer or contact her at marleemarshall@hotmail.com

## Nonuse Status

Due to a recent MTMC inspection, the KCI Roadrunner airport shuttle service has been placed in DoD "nonuse" status until further notice. Information will be posted if the status changes.

## Fall Clean-up

All residents living in government quarters should not park privately owned vehicles along the residential streets or curbs Sept. 23 - 26. This area must be free to allow the Fall Clean-up detail personnel to pick up bulk garbage.

## Awards Dinner

The Fort Riley NCO and Soldier of the Year Awards Dinner is scheduled for Oct. 8, 6 p.m., at Riley's Conference Center. Command Sgt. Maj. Michael L. Gravens, command sergeant major, III Corps and Fort Hood, will serve as guest speaker for the event. Gravens completed two tours with 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley. Among the notable distinctions during his career, Gravens was selected as Honor Graduate for BNCO, ANCO and the First Sergeant's course. Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (MECH) and Fort Riley, is also scheduled to speak.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact his/her unit first sergeant for ticket information. Ticket money is requested to be turned in by Oct. 1.

## Family Fun Night

Custer Hill Elementary is sponsoring its first Family Fun Night today, 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the school. The purpose of Family Fun Night is to raise money to buy new playground equipment for the school. Activities include a dunk tank, moon walk, bubble pool, tattoos, arts and crafts table and sand art. Kids can have their picture taken with a race car, a fire truck or a humvee. There will also be BBQ hot dogs or polish sausage, popcorn and cotton candy. The public is invited to attend.

## Warrant Officer Recruiting

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky. will brief on qualifications and application procedures to soldiers interested in becoming U.S. Army Warrant Officers Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 on Fort Riley. Briefing times will be 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. All male and female soldiers interested in becoming Warrant Officer Technicians or Aviators are encouraged to attend one of the briefings. For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer 4 Campbell, 239-3238.

## Youth Fishing Clinic

Tuttle Creek Lake Association will host their 8th Annual Youth Fishing Clinic on Sept. 20 and 21. A total of 200 youth between the ages of 8 and 12 are eligible to attend.

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Activities begin Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Susan B. Anthony Middle School in Manhattan, with registration until 7 p.m. A round robin of classes consisting of seven stations will follow. The stations will focus on a variety of subjects, including safety and fishing etiquette. Activities on Sept. 21 will reconvene at Amneberg Park Lake in Manhattan at 9:30 a.m. Fishing will be 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., followed by lunch. Each youth registered for the event will receive a free rod, reel and fishing tackle. Call 539-8153 for more information.

## Retiree Appreciation Day

The Fort Riley Annual Retiree Appreciation Day will be held on Oct. 4, at Riley's Conference Center, 8 a.m. - 3:30. Retirees are invited to attend this event to receive the latest information on retiree benefits and activities at Fort Riley. There will be a Health Fair, 1 p.m. - 3:30, conducted by Irwin Army Community Hospital. For more information, call 239-3320.

## ACAP Job Fair

The Army Career and Alumni Program is sponsoring a Job Fair from 9 a.m. - noon, Sept. 20 at the ACAP Center on Main Post, building 210, room 7, Custer Avenue. This is your opportunity to be in the right place to talk with employers looking to hire great employees. There will be local, national and international employers present to talk about their various job opportunities. Come dressed for an interview and have a resume in hand. If you have not started on a resume, stop by anyway and contact the ACAP Center to start the job search process. The Fort Riley ACAP Center is open 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, phone 239-2278/2248.

## ACAP Hours Change

Beginning Sept. 30, the Army Career and Alumni Program, Department of Labor and Department of Veterans Affairs job assistance workshop will change operating hours. The new workshop hours will be Monday - Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, 8 a.m. - noon. The ACAP Center operating hours will remain the same: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## CER Hours

Central Enrollment Registry has now expanded their appointments to better serve you. They will no longer offer walk-in service on Wednesday after Sept. 30. Also on that date, the office hours will change to 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday and 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Fridays. All registrations will be conducted by appointment only. Please stop by the CER office to pick up the required paperwork that must be completed prior to your appointment. Completing the proper forms before you arrive will ensure your appointment will be completed in a timely manner. CER is available to answer your questions about child and youth programs, accept completed CER paperwork and place your child's name on the waiting list.

## Wild West Night

MWR, 937th Engineer Group and MEDDAC will be sponsoring the Wild West Night Sept. 26.

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p.m. - midnight at Riley's Conference Center. There will be a variety of games, silent auction, live auction, line dancing, old time photos, Sutler, DJ, door prizes and grub. Tickets are \$20 and includes meal and \$40 funny money. This adult event is open to DoD card holders and guests. For more information call 239-5614.

## Home Tours

Historic post home tours will be Sept. 29, 2 - 5 p.m. and will start at Custer House, side B. This will be a walking tour of six homes on main post. Reservations are required to be on the tour and can be made by calling Rachelle Boslego at 717-2818. The tour is open to HASFR members and others who are interested.

## Blood Drive

The 937th Engineer Group will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday-Thursday, at Long Fitness Center, building 8069, Normandy Drive on Custer Hill. Hours each day will be 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Blood donors must be 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and be in general good health. Most medications do not cause a donor to be unable to give blood. If you have questions about your eligibility to donate blood, call the Central Plains Red Cross Blood Region in Wichita at 1-888-719-8929.

## TRICARE Prime Remote

The TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Member (TPRADFM) Program begins Sept. 1. This program is important to families stationed remotely (live and work more than 50 miles or approximately a one-hour drive from the nearest military treatment facility in the 50 United States). You must pre-enroll into this program.

To ensure that soldiers have adequate time to enroll, the TRICARE Management Activity has extended the pre-enrollment period to Sept. 20. If soldiers enroll by Sept. 20, it will be retroactive to Sept. 1. Eligible families not enrolled in TPRADFM by Sept. 20 will automatically revert to TRICARE Standard and will be subject to TRICARE Standard cost shares and deductibles for any care received after Sept. 1. For more information, to http://tricare.osd.mil/remotedefault.cfm on the internet.

## Special Forces

A Special Forces recruiter will be visiting Fort Riley next week.

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The briefings will be held at the Post-Reup building (7626) at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, with an additional briefing at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. A PT test will be conducted at Long track 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Candidates will wear BDUs and running shoes. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Hawkins at (719) 510-4493.

## KSU Credit Classes

UFM is offering several recreational classes for one hour K-State credit: scuba diving, ballroom dance, golf, fly fishing, judo, archery and fencing. Call UFM at 785-539-8763 for more information, web site www.ksu.edu/ufm

## PWOC Events

PWOC Weekly Studies at Morris Hill Chapel are Tuesdays, 9 a.m. and Thursdays, 7 p.m. Child Care is available. A Special Event Luncheon for OCS, PWOC, ESC and the Chapel Community will be Thursday, 11 a.m., at Riley's Event Center. Guest speaker will be Barbara Willey "The Army's Answer to Erma Bombeck". The cost is \$10 (plus Child Care if applicable). The menu includes Cobb Salad or Pesto Chicken Wrap, Call Gina Greene 784-2884 (JC & Ft. Riley). Kim Crusimberry 537-1116 (Manhattan) for lunch reservations. The deadline is Sept. 11 at noon. For Child Care reservations call Denna Coulson 784-2404. Child-care is on a first come, first serve basis. Slots are limited at the CDC and ASYMCA. The deadline for childcare sign-up is Sept. 13 at noon.

The PWOC Fall Retreat - "Let Your Light Shine," will be Oct. 4 and 5 by the Lake in Council Grove. Guest Speaker will be Kathy Stamp of Vessel Ministries. Donation suggested is \$35. Child Care will not be available. Contact Krissy Keamey at 784-2521 for more information.

## Cross Country Championships

Fort Riley Battalion Level Cross Country Meet will be Thursday at Custer Hill Golf Course. Packet pickup will be Thursday, 2 - 2:45 p.m. The start time for the Women's Open, Women's Masters and Men's Masters is 3 p.m. The Men's Open start time is 3:45 p.m. For more information, call the Sports Office at 239-3945.

## The Shoppe

Please stop by and see our wonderful selection of hand-crafted gifts and antiques. We have many fall items in and lots of Americana. You never know what you will find in our ever-changing inventory. The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave (just west of the Fort Riley Honor Guard Stables). Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday. Free childcare for volunteers. Call 239-2783 for details.

## The Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is located in building, 267 Stuart Ave (near the Fort Riley Honor Guard Stables). The Thrift Shop is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit us for a wide variety of items including electronics, crafts, movies, books, furniture, sporting goods, housewares, clothing and much more.

Volunteer opportunities available! All volunteers are reimbursed for childcare. They also have first choice at new items. Now accepting fall clothes. Call to schedule a time for us to come and pick up your donations. Both civilian and military welcome!

## A/C Turn Off

Weather permitting, air conditioning turn off will begin Sept. 23 in the following sequence: Sept. 23 - 27: administrative buildings, barracks, BEO's and BOQ's with individual units, 8000 area, dining facilities and community buildings.

Heating systems are scheduled to be turned on Oct. 8 - 18 in the following order: barracks, BOQ's and BEO's, 8000 area, community buildings, administrative buildings, dining facilities and motor pools. The heating and cooling systems in chapels, child development center and medical and dental buildings will be maintained as appropriate. Family housing occupants control their own heat/air conditioning systems as desired. The authorized temperature for the heating season is 65-70 degrees.

## Commissary News

The Commissary's produce department is pleased to announce that they are getting ready for Fall. The Commissary will be having a Farmer's Market Sale, Sept 14, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fort Riley's Commissary will also be having a World Wide Mega Case Lot Sale, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sept. 22, 11 a.m.

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4 p.m. The Commissary Focus Group meeting will be Sept 25, 10 a.m. It will be held in the Commissary Training room. For more information, please contact Miller at 239-2921.

## Archery Tournament

Outdoor Rec is having an archery tournament tomorrow using 3-D targets. The tournament will start (weather permitting) at 10 a.m. Call Outdoor Rec for more information, 239-2363.

## Barton adds new hybrid courses

Barton County Community College's Fort Riley Campus has just announced a new, innovative class designed at meeting the ever-changing needs of its students. Beginning with the October College Cycle (Oct. 21 - Dec. 13), Barton will offer several classes as "Hybrid Courses" - combining traditional evening courses with its successful BARTonline program.

As a "Hybrid Course" Barton will combine the on-site classroom instruction with online instruction. The classroom portion meets once a week and covers the key points presented in the online lectures, discusses the material and provides any assistance needed with the instructional platform.

Wynn Butler, Barton's Fort Riley director described the course this way: "The Hybrid course takes advantage of both worlds - the face-to-face interaction of an on-site course with the time saving and self-paced characteristics of the online class." Barton offers the following classes in Hybrid format this fall: BSTC 1780-Total Quality Management; COMM 1200-Interpersonal Communication; HIST 1410-Western Civilization 1500 to Present and HIST 146-Civil War.

Soldiers may receive 100 percent Tuition Assistance for these courses. See an Army Education Counselor for additional information and to enroll in these or other courses offered by on-post colleges.



# White believes Army ready for battle beyond Afghanistan

By Joe Buras  
Army News Service

The Army is ready to win this nation's battles beyond current operations in Afghanistan, according to its top civilian leader. However, no decision has been made yet to make war on Iraq by President George W. Bush, Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White told a group of journalists Sept. 5 at the Pentagon. "We as an Army, as we always would if anybody was prudent and responsible, are looking at the possibilities for the future," White said. "But our principal focus is still to support the war that's ongoing, not the war that the president has yet to make a decision on." Looking at the possibilities, White said, the Army has verified within the past six months its pre-

positioned war stocks in the Gulf are in good operating condition. Those forward-deployed stocks — one afloat and another in Kuwait — are each capable of fully equipping a combat brigade. White, a U.S. Military Academy graduate, Vietnam combat veteran and retired Army brigadier general, listed three priorities for the Army. They were winning the War on Terrorism, moving forward on Army Transformation and obtaining the right resources the Army needs to be successful. Speaking about the War on Terrorism and his travels around the globe in the past year, the secretary said the Army and people in it are the best he has seen in the 40 years he has been around the Army. Soldiers are tough, smart, disciplined and in great physical condition, he said.

On Transformation, White claimed success for both the new wheeled Stryker vehicle and the acquisition process that is fielding 50 per month, less than two years after signing the contract. Last month's Millennium Challenge exercise that tested joint transformation concepts, strategies and equipment validated the Stryker, he said. "We moved the Strykers and we jumped the 82nd in with a forced-entry exercise," White said. "We then brought Stryker in by C-130. We've never had the capability to bring in a tactical vehicle by C-130 in a forced-entry environment, so I believe that is truly transformational." The Army currently has two Stryker brigades, formerly known as Interim Brigade Combat Teams, standing up at Fort Lewis, Wash. They are the 3rd Brigade,

2nd Infantry Division and the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. Four additional units are scheduled to convert to Stryker brigades over the next five years. Those units include: the 172nd Infantry Brigade at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, 2nd Brigade, 25th I.D. at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La. and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 56th Brigade in Philadelphia. One of the Fort Lewis Stryker brigades will move to Europe by 2007 under current Department of Defense guidance, White said. Which of the two has not been

determined. The secretary praised next year's budget, saying it was the best federal budget for the Army in 20 years. "It pays for people, readiness and Transformation," he said. White briefly discussed a new study currently underway into the Army's personnel management system. That study will examine increasing the number of unit overseas rotations as opposed to the primary system of individual rotations. The Army currently rotates units as a whole to Bosnia, Kosovo, the Sinai and Korea. The purpose of the study is to determine

the feasibility increasing the use of unit rotations for the purpose of unit readiness and cohesion. Under the proposal, units in the states would move unaccompanied for up to a one-year assignment in Europe and other locations. "If we don't fundamentally change the personnel management of the Army, which for the last 60 years has been focused on an individual rotation basis, which is the antithesis of unit cohesion and expertise — if we don't do something about that, then the sum total of all the rest of this will not be nearly as effective as it could be," White said.

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the bus driver opens the door and waves them inside," he said. Children should also follow all guidance given by the bus driver. "The bus drivers have responsibility for the children and will do their best to make sure the children are safe." Once inside, children should use hand rails, said Burns. "Children also need to be careful of loose lanyards draw strings getting on and off the bus. They may get them caught on the bus. There have been reported instances in the U.S. where the bus driver was unaware of a caught child and drove away dragging the child with the bus." "While on the bus, children should stay seated and speak softly," said Burns. "Screaming and yelling distracts the bus driver. This could cause the bus driver to be distracted from the road." "Children should keep their book bags out of the aisle, in case they have to get off the bus in a hurry," Burns said. "Children should make sure to keep eye contact with the bus driver when getting off or passing in front of the bus," he said. "Also, when crossing the road, children should stay 10 feet from the bus so the bus driver can see them crossing the street."

"If the child is out of sight, the bus driver may not know the child is in front of the bus," Burns said. "If the child drops something, he should tell the bus driver to receive acknowledgment prior to retrieving the item," said Burns. "After being dropped off the bus, children shouldn't horse around. They should go directly to their next destination." Burns said there are rules car drivers need to know also. "Drivers need to know signals and signs of the bus," said Burns. "A common problem is drivers not stopping for the stop sign on the bus." "This also applies to drivers in the opposite lane. Many times drivers do not think the stop sign applies to them, but it does, because children are passing in front of the bus to cross the street," said Burns. "It is state law that everybody stops when that sign is out." Burns said that the Fort Riley school bus safety rules are state law, so they apply to everyone in the Fort Riley community, on or off post. Another area for concern is cross walks. Burns said pedestrians should always use the crosswalk when crossing the street. When they do, they should make

eye contact with the driver so they are sure the drivers see them. "People think the cross walk is a safety zone," said Burns. "No pedestrian is allowed to enter into the street, even at a crosswalk, where they could endanger vehicles or cause them to make a sudden movement." "Children should be taught the same things that we were when we were children," said Burns. "They should stop before they enter the street, look both ways to make sure there is plenty of time to cross and then cross." Another safety tip for pedestrians crossing the street is to cross in numbers. "If at all possible, when coming up to a crosswalk, people should try to wait to get a group of people to cross with them," said Burns. "The drivers are more likely to see a group crossing. Also, crossing in small numbers only delays vehicular traffic." Burns said he encourages all parents to make sure their children know all the rules. "The parent is the best teacher in this case," said Burns. "Show your children how to cross at the crosswalk and how to get on and off the bus. It may delay the bus driver, but ultimately the bus driver knows that it will help later."

## Local 4-H students win at competition

By Margaret Colbert

4-H Project Manager Extra large smiles were seen on the faces of 24 youth at the Fort Riley Middle School/Teen program after the Geary County 4-H Fair in July. Youth entered 37 articles in the fair held July 25-31. The articles represented various projects completed during the Middle School Summer Camp and Middle School/Teen 4-H Photography Club. There were five acrylic paintings submitted by Fort Riley Middle School students at the fair. Kyla Skeens, Travis Glasscock and Brittany Hall received blue ribbons. Joshua Whitman and Stephen Robateau each received red ribbons for their entries. Watercolor entries were submitted by two students. Lindsey Stiner received a blue ribbon and Patricia Arnold received a red ribbon. There were two pencil drawings submitted by Melissa Colson, one in color and one in plain, with each one receiving a blue ribbon. Colson also entered a pen and ink drawing which received a Champion Open Class Purple Ribbon. Randy Palmer entered a collage and received Reserve Champion Open Class. Seven girls entered the theme gift baskets category. Each girl picked a theme and had to create an attractive basket that would represent their

theme. Blue ribbons were awarded to Jasmine Hudson for her kitchen basket, Mariah Nelson for her baby basket, Catlyn Black for her Christmas basket, Lyndsey Stiner for her bathroom basket, Kayla Walthers for her Southwest Bar-B-Q basket, Patricia Arnold for her Kansas bread basket and Kelisha Arnold for her Chocolate Lovers Basket. Holiday wreaths were made by three participants. Brittany Hall submitted a wreath for Independence Day and received a blue ribbon. Jessica Maicic submitted a wreath for Halloween and received a blue ribbon. And, Patricia Arnold submitted a patriotic wreath and received a red ribbon. Photography entries were a very popular project for the teens this year. Ribbons went to the following youth for their efforts and creativity: Timothy Allen - Reserve Champion Open Class (Color Process), Brad McCormick, Kristen Benton, Tiffany Colson, Timothy Allen and Paul Clark, all received blue ribbons. Tiffany Colson received two red ribbons, while LeMarcus Brown, Chris Cruz and Caprest Rhone each received one red ribbon each. This was the first year the Fort Riley Middle School and High School Program participated in the Geary County 4-H Fair.

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# Korea 50 years ago - U.N. troops hold Bunker Hill, retake Capitol Hill

By Jim Caldwell  
Army News Service

Against repeated Chinese assaults, U.S. marines held Bunker Hill 50 years ago in Korea, but the Chinese pushed the ROK Capital Division off Capitol Hill and Finger Ridge, beginning a long battle to retake the area.

Sept. 5-11, 1952 — Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, tells reporters Sept. 5 that enemy soldiers along the front now exceed 1 million men. But the enemy will "meet with another disaster and lose his army in the field" if another offensive begins against the Eighth Army, he says. U.N. pilots are causing "terrific" damage to enemy supply points, he adds.

News outlets say the unofficial count of all allied men and women, including South Koreans, in and around Korea is about 600,000.

Truce talks remain recessed. Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, U.N. truce team chief, is promoted Sept. 5 and on Sept. 6 he is designated as the commander of a new unidentified Army Far East command not yet organized.

At the end of the week, Peking radio says that the truce process is

"hanging by a thread." On Sept. 5, the Chinese start shelling the marines on Bunker Hill, then follow it up with a battalion-size attack. The fighting goes back and forth over the crest for two hours until the Chinese withdraw leaving the marines still holding the hill. They'll hold it through 10 more days of artillery and mortar fire and harassing raids on the outposts.

On Sept. 6 Chinese attacking in great strength drive ROK Capital Division troops off the hill named for two hours until the Chinese withdraw leaving the marines still holding the hill. They'll hold it through 10 more days of artillery and mortar fire and harassing raids on the outposts.

The division's 26th and 1st Infantry regiments counterattack against the Chinese on Capitol Hill. For three days they fight through heavy artillery and small arms fire. Then on Sept. 9 they capture the top of the hill in a bayonet charge. They withstand communist attempts to take the hill back through Sept. 10.

The cavalry regiment will carry on its fight for Finger Ridge all through September and into October before it's securely back in their hands.

In the air war from Sept. 5-10, U.N. pilots report downing 18

enemy planes, with three more "probables," and damaging 25 in dogfights over North Korea. The communists are finally trying to engage attacking U.N. aircraft for a change. Pyongyang and a mining plant at Sinlung were attacked Sept. 5. A North Korean army corps headquarters north of Wonsan was bombed Sept. 6.

The largest show of enemy airpower comes Sept. 9 when 150 MiG 15s rise up to meet U.S. Thunderbolts bombing a North Korean military academy near Sakchu. Seven of the MiGs were shot down and 12 more damaged. On Sept. 10 U.N. planes hit a training school near Pyongyang.

There are no reports of U.N. losses.

The first enemy jet downed by a propeller-driven aircraft occurs Sept. 10 when Marine Corps F4U Corsairs engage MiG pilots in a dogfight over northwest Korea. Officials report on Sept. 9 that William H. Baker, 36, Hyannis Port, Mass., became the first Red Cross worker killed in South Korea during an enemy artillery

barrage Sept. 2.

Sept. 7-8 — The Nationalist Chinese government on Formosa reports Sept. 7 that a U.S. military representative suggested that the Nationalists send two divisions to Korea for combat experience and to bolster the morale of anti-communist Chinese. The government thinks the move will become reality after the U.S. presidential election, no matter who wins.

Chief of the military mission to Formosa, Maj. Gen. William C. Chase quickly denies he made the recommendation. Unidentified spokesmen for the State and Defense Departments say using Chinese Nationalists in Korea will create political complications, as well as weaken Formosa's defense. They say Sept. 8 that the departments favor arming more South Koreans.

Sept. 7-10 — William O. Douglas, associate Supreme Court justice, visits South Korea following a two-day stopover on Formosa Sept. 4-5. He tells reporters Sept. 7 that allied troops he has

seen are "bursting with confidence, conviction and resolution." America's "ability to hold here has saved the rice bowl of Asia..." On Sept. 9, Congressman Dewey Short, R-Mo., a member of the House Armed Services Committee's subcommittee on appropriations, tells reporters Sept. 9 that U.N. forces should "go all the way to the Yalu River" to reunify Korea.

On Sept. 10, Congressman O. Clark Fisher, D-Texas, acting chairman of the subcommittee, says the congressmen had found adequate supplies of ammo at the front and high soldier morale.

Sept. 9 — Gen. Mark Clark, in his capacity of commander of the Far East Command, selects Rear Adm. Thomas C. Ragan and Maj. Gen. Ernest Moore as deputy chiefs of staff for the Navy and Air Force.

Sept. 9-10 — Senator Joseph

R. McCarthy wins the Wisconsin Republican Senatorial primary by more than 350,000 over his Republican rival Sept. 9.

McCarty, who underwent surgery during the primary, made only one major speech in the campaign. In it he asks if the reason Democrat presidential nominee Adlai E. Stevenson is so critical of him is "because I am checking your record."

In his Sept. 10 victory speech, McCarthy says, "The people of Wisconsin ... have given full endorsement to my campaign to rid the government of subversive forces."

Sept. 10 — The Defense Department reports there are 117,237 American casualties in Korea, 20,600 of them dead.

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



## IACH has improvements planned for OB patients

By Dr. Jeffrey Rondeau  
Chief, OB/GYN

Whether you pick up the newspaper, turn on the television or log onto the Internet, it seems that we are constantly surrounded by changes in the world. Despite this, there are some things that never change and one of them is that women have babies!

The Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Irwin Army Community Hospital is at the center of change as they continue to make special deliveries to families on Fort Riley.

The Obstetric care team delivers about 60 babies each month and provides a full range of care for both routine and complicated cases. The care team consists of four obstetricians and one nurse practitioner, all of whom are licensed and board certified or board eligible. Recently, two certified nurse midwives have joined the staff, providing patients with additional options for care. In addition, a sub-specialist in high-risk obstetrics is present for consultation at Irwin each week. Together, these providers collabo-

rate to provide you with the highest quality of care.

Fort Riley spoke and IACH listened! After an assessment of the care at Irwin from a patient perspective, IACH has begun a variety of new initiatives designed to improve the obstetrical patient's experience. Here are just a few of the changes in store:

Soon, the OB/GYN clinic will begin to empanel patients to individual providers, enabling expectant mothers to be able to see "their doctor" on a regular basis and provide for greater continuity of care.

Also, a major remodeling effort is planned for the OB/GYN department. All of the clinic and in-patient services, to include Labor & Delivery, will be united in one area for patient convenience, occupying the entire third floor of the hospital. Eight labor/delivery/recovery/postpartum rooms are planned, to maximize patient comfort and emphasize the family in the birthing process.

Many patients learn that they are pregnant through home preg-

nancy tests. Up until now, IACH patients have been required to have a repeat blood or urine test to verify this information. This is no longer true. A patient's positive home test is good enough.

IACH will continue to provide all patients with a diagnostic ultrasound in the second trimester to evaluate due dates as well as the well being of the baby.

Stork parking will also be an added convenience at IACH! Plans are in the works to establish a special parking area at the hospital exclusively for use by pregnant patients.

Despite these changes, some patients may choose not to share the wonder of their birth experience at IACH. Congress passed a law, effective December 2003, which will enable military or military dependent patients to elect to receive their obstetrical care at a civilian facility. This decision, while voluntary, may have future implications on care, both for the mother and her newborn. Patient's Primary Care Managers are available to review individuals' medical history and OB care.

Also, representatives from TRICARE or Irwin's Customer Service Advocate can provide information about this medical benefit.

While obstetrics is a large part of what IACH does, caring for gynecological patients is of equal importance. IACH provides a broad spectrum of gynecologic care, both surgical and non-surgical, primarily on consultation from the primary care services.

Whether patients need to discuss menopausal issues like the Women's Health Initiative Study or are here for your first ever visit to the gynecologist, the IACH staff is ready to care for all of patient's needs.

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experience. "It was a powerful spiritual time of prayer and reflection on the events of one year ago," he said.

Paul said he feels that the events of last Sept. 11, brought people back to their spiritual heritage. "We need God's help in these difficult times," he said.

"This is a time to reflect on the victims and the need to persevere for the future and stay vigilant and ready for future events," he said.

President George W. Bush has declared every Sept. 11 to be National Patriot's Day.

In his proclamation, along with asking that the flag be flown at half-staff, he urged Americans to observe the date with remembrance ceremonies and prayer vigils. "We will not forget the events of that terrible morning, nor will we forget how Americans responded ... with heroism and selflessness; with compassion and courage; and with prayer and hope."

Fort Riley flew its flags at half staff in remembrance of 9-11.

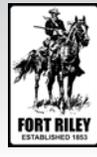
## Multicultural Festival planned

Multicultural Festival 2002, presented by Junction City Human Relations Commission, is scheduled for tomorrow, at Heritage Park, 1 to 10 p.m. Cultural performances include Jazz and Reggae bands, Philippine-American dancers, Samoan dancers and Carabel Citadel Dancers. In case of inclement weather, the festival will be held at the 12th Street Community Center.

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# Sept. 11

DeAnn Widener and Justin Knorr arrived early to the Junction City 911 memorial service so they could get a good seat. Widener was there with members of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

## Fort Riley, Junction City remember day with prayer, memorial services



By Emily O'Connor  
K-State Intern

Surrounded by billowing flags of red, white and blue in front of a backdrop of emergency vehicles, around 750 people gathered to remember the victims and heroes of Sept. 11, 2001.

The crisp morning air at Junction City's Heritage Park touched people from all walks of life on Sept. 11, 2002.

Soldiers, school children, firefighters, law enforcement officials, emergency medical personnel and citizens, all came together to honor the lives lost in the terror attacks.

The commemoration ceremony began as church bells tolled. Fort Riley's Chap. (Capt.) Glenn Palmer of 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor gave the invocation and the U.S. flag was posted by a 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor honor guard.

Several community leaders stepped up to the podium to share their thoughts with the crowd,

including Junction City Mayor David Bossemeyer.

"When we pledge allegiance to America, we have always considered those words to be an oath to our belief that all men and women should live in a free country," Bossemeyer said.

"Since 9-11, it has been made very clear to us that there are those that would like to strip us of that belief, but it is obvious by the turnout to this memorial service this morning and by hundreds of them just like this around this great nation that this will not be allowed to happen."

Col. Frank Helmick, assistant division commander (Maneuver) for the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), represented Fort Riley's Command Group at the ceremony.

"Today Americans gather at the Pentagon, near the site of the New York World Trade Center, at Bagram, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, here in Junction City, Kansas, Fort Riley and hundreds of other places

around the country and globe, united in purpose to remember the victims of last year's horrific terror attacks against our nation," said Helmick who was in the Pentagon on 9-11.

"We also gather to remember those in and out of uniform who continue the fight against those who would harm us, for no other reason than that the United States stands as a bright, shining light of freedom in the world."

Following Helmick's remarks, the audience participated in a moment of silence and was brought back to reality as soldiers from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor fired a 21-gun salute. In the background, "Echo Taps" began to play by Terry Isett of Manhattan and Rick Faulk of Junction City and echoed eerily through the streets of downtown Junction City.

The ceremony concluded with emergency personnel sounding the sirens in their vehicles for 15 seconds, paying an emotional tribute to their fallen comrades.



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Left, Fort Riley conducted a sunrise service at the Outdoor Chapel. Those in attendance were offered words of inspiration and encouragement.

Right, Members of the Junction City and Fort Riley Fire Departments were on hand at the 911 memorial service in Junction City as Fort Riley and Junction City paid tribute to the heroes, fallen and survivors of the attacks of Sept. 11.

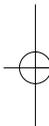
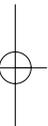
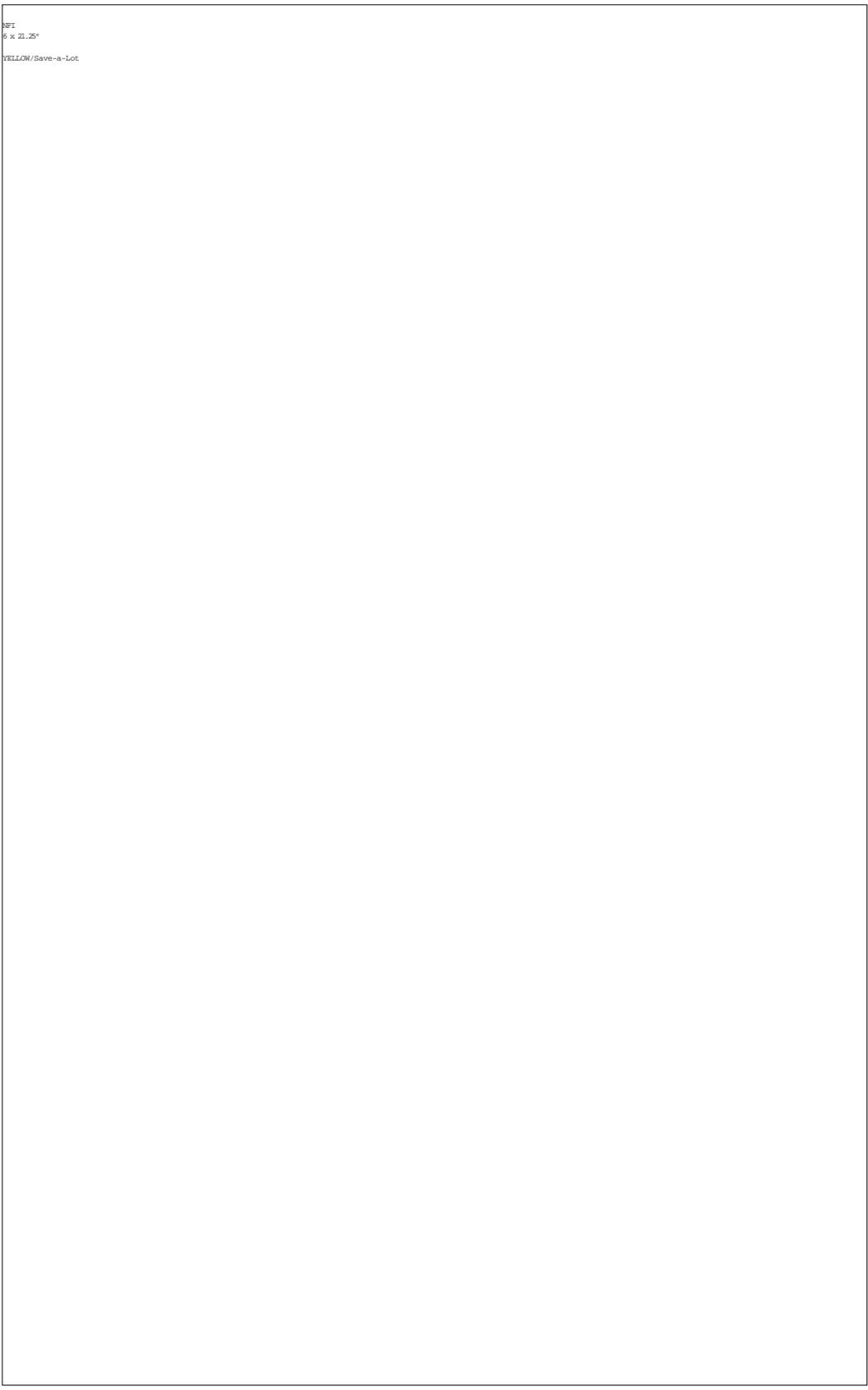


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Members of the Junction City Police Department rendered honors to the victims and survivors of September 11 with a salute.

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## Flag football season starts

By Kevin Doheny  
19th PAD

It's early September, and for sports fans it means it's time for football. For some soldiers at Fort Riley it means it's time to put up the softballs and grab footballs. The fields have been prepared, chalked and some soldiers began their march on Sept. 5 toward the championship. The season will continue until its conclusion Nov. 3, with the post championship game.

The overall winner of last year's company level flag football championship went to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade. To ensure the football sweep, they also wrapped up the title for Trooper Days earlier this summer as well.

For some of the teams, football season comes up fast and they don't realize it until it's too late. Throughout the year the team gets better with every game and the team improves.

"We need to work on some of our problems," said Curtis Johnson, 1st Finance Battalion, after their 18-6 loss to 172nd Chemical Company on Monday. "We just threw everything together today and a lot of our players weren't prepared for the actual competition."

Some teams have the ability to practice and some teams don't.

With ongoing missions, sometimes teams don't have the opportunity to gather all their players together. "We played pretty well considering we didn't practice," said Joshua Corbit, 1st Finance. "We are going to get even better with each game. We plan on tightening our defense up and hope to be unbeatable this season. We had some off sides and false start penalties early on, and those types of mistakes just set the tone for the rest of the game."

According to Barry Sunstrom, intramural sports director, Fort Riley's version of football is a very exciting game. He believes that with the ability to have two forward passes from anywhere on the field, anything can happen on any given play.

"It makes for a game which requires speed, agility and quick thinking," Sunstrom added. "We used to play a form of flag football that more closely resembled football, without pads. We had way too many injuries. With our two pass rule, it makes the defense continue to play almost a man to man defense, which keeps everyone spread out, keeping down the number of collisions, even if accidental."

All games are currently being played at Sturgis Field, located on Main Post. The games start at 6:30 p.m. on their respective nights.



Curtis Johnson, 172nd Chemical Company, darts to avoid the 1st Finance Battalion in a game Monday evening. All games for the current season are being played at Sturgis Field, located on Main Post. The games start at 6:30 p.m.

## Fort Riley Middle School loses first game against Manhattan

By Steven Cooke  
Staff Writer

The Fort Riley Middle School 8th grade football team lost its first game of the season, 52-8, to Manhattan Anthony Middle School Sept. 5.

"We struggled today," said Jimmy Goheen, head football coach, Fort Riley Middle School. "It was our first game and we had a lot of kinks to work out. It was a good opportunity to learn."

Goheen said he saw some good plays though, despite the loss and kinks.

"Our defense was good. We tackled well. We also did a good job punting the ball and had pretty good coverage of the other team," said Goheen. "Offensively, we executed plays well."

Goheen said when the team loses he tells them they'll learn from their mistakes and do better next time.

"I tell them we have six more games," said Goheen. "This game

was a good opportunity to learn. We talk about correcting the little mistakes."

As for the other team, Goheen said they were good rivals.

"We played a good team," said Goheen. "They took advantage of our mistakes."

For our first game, we're happy," said Kent Dick, head football coach, Manhattan Anthony Middle School. "There were a lot of penalties on our part. The kids play hard, but that's what we teach them to do."



Fort Riley Middle School football players try to take down a Manhattan Anthony Middle School player during their first game of the season. Manhattan won the game, 52-8.



Fort Riley players face off against Manhattan Anthony Middle School. "This game was a good opportunity to learn," said Jimmy Goheen, head coach, Fort Riley Middle School.

## Fort Riley history includes Kaw, Republican, Smokey Hill Rivers

By Alan Hynek  
DES Biologist

The history of Fort Riley is well documented, with its history beginning at the headwaters of the Kaw River. Camp Center, as it was named, was the initial encampment at the confluence of the Republican and Smokey Hill Rivers. A surveying party selected the location as a military outpost to be used for protection of travelers along the Sante Fe and Oregon Trails. They believed the site to be near the center of the U.S., hence the name. Later the name of the encampment was changed to Fort Riley.

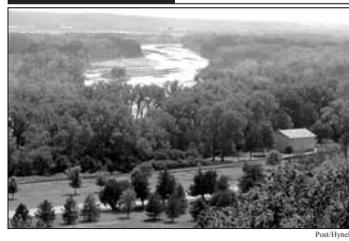
The Republican River begins its journey just southeast of Denver, Colo. The north fork and south fork of the Republican come together in extreme northeast Colorado. Then, the river takes a swing through Nebraska, where it picks up tributaries like the Frenchman and Redwillow.

By the time the river makes it to the confluence with the Smokey Hill River, it has been impounded twice and has covered three states.

Like the Republican, the Smokey Hill River begins its journey in Eastern Colorado, but takes a more direct route. Western Kansas tributaries like the Solomon and Saline Rivers join the Smokey Hill along the way. The main stem and tributaries are impounded several times in western and central Kansas before reaching the headwaters of the Kaw River.

Where the Smokey Hill and Republican Rivers come together begins the journey of the largest river in Kansas (the Missouri is bigger, but is only partially in Kansas). The stretch of the Kaw River on Fort Riley may be the prettiest and least altered over its entire length. There are very few places where you can find mature mixed hardwood timber like that near the Territorial Capital or the

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The Kaw River passes through Fort Riley and is the winter home for many bald eagles.

large block of timber west of the Marshall Airfield Bridge. Although the meandering river looks peaceful and relaxing, the scars from past floods are still

highest in recorded history. It produced an amazing 400,000 cubic feet per second of water volume. By comparison, the 1993 flood produced just under half that, at 199,000 cfs. There are still many folks around here that remember the 1993 flood and its effect on Fort Riley and the surrounding communities. It is hard to imagine what twice the volume would have been like.

For the most part, the mightiest river in Kansas has been tamed. It is no longer allowed to meander and change course, with the flow being regulated by several large reservoirs. Even with the many flood control structures, the usually tranquil Kaw and its tributaries can still unleash their power, reminding us that Mother Nature is still in charge.

Although we don't think much about the big river most of the time, it certainly affects our lives every day. The Kaw River is a major source of drinking water for several cities and provides irriga-

tion water for many farmers. It is also important to many species of wildlife, particularly those that require specific habitat created by the river. One of those, the bald eagle, has come to symbolize the importance of the confluence on Fort Riley. The wintering roost found here has become one of the largest in the continental U.S., where as many as 400 eagles have been documented at one time. It is also no less important to many species of migratory birds that use the river in the Spring and Fall, and to the indigenous wildlife that make the Kaw River valley home.

For more information on the Kaw River, please call or visit the Conservation Division, building 1020, 239-6211. You can also visit the Fort Riley website at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/Environment/NatResources/> to find additional information on this and other natural resources topics.





K-State Defensive Back James McGill drives down field with Louisiana-Monroe Free Safety Chris Harris hot on his heels. K-State routed Louisiana-Monroe 68-0.

# Wildcats sear Indians

By Deb Skidmore  
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It was hot in Manhattan Saturday. The heat index was 100 degrees as Kansas State University's Wagner Field at kick off as the Cats took on Louisiana-Monroe.

However, the Cats were even hotter, scalding the Indians 68-0. After last week's game with Coach Bill Snyder doing the quarterback shuffle, Marc Dunn greeted KSU fans at the helm for the team.

K-State applied pressure to the Indians, downing a Cat kick on the Indian 1 yard line. The Indians were buried.

Dunn came out passing. James Terry caught a 17-yard throw, and capped it off with a jump, a dive and a flip for the first TD of the night. Joe Rheem warmed up his kicking leg making the first point after. The score was 7-0.

The heat was on the Indians, as they had to kick after three up and three out. A partially blocked kick gave the Cats field position on the 26-yard line.

Dunn connected with Taco Wallace for 25 yards and took the ball across the final yard himself. Rheem added the extra point and the score was 14-0.

K-State plowed their way to this score with two plays in 27 seconds.

The Indians couldn't move the ball again, and the next Cat possession found Dunn connecting with Terence Newman for a 57-yard TD pass. Rheem added the extra point. The score was 21-0.

The Cat heat was seared on the scoreboard in one play and 7 seconds.

Again, the Indians were three up and three out. An intentional

grounding call on the Indians added to their problems.

With a punt to the Wildcats, Newman danced his way down the field, going in for another TD. With Rheem kicking the point after, the score was 28-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Still not moving the ball, Louisiana-Monroe kicked yet again. With the punt blocked, Danny Morris ran the ball in for another big KSU play. Rheem's point after was blocked. The score was 43-0 with 13:28 left in the first half.

The Indians struggled to make headway and found themselves going backward. On a third down pass, Newman intercepted the ball. Ayo Saba had the honor of running in the Cat TD. Rheem's low line kick was blocked again and the score was 40-0. It took the Wildcats 3 seconds to put this score on the board.

With temps on the turf measured at 116 degrees, Roberson replaced Dunn. The Cats continued to power their way down the field, but slowed the tempo. Roberson took the team to their next TD with 10 plays in 5:26 minutes. Nick Hoheisel did the honors of adding six more to the scoreboard. Kicker Jared Britte added the extra point. The score was 47-0.

Snyder put third string QB Jeff Schwinn in to finish the half. Schwinn came out passing and moved the ball several yards in the few seconds he was on the field.

As the second half began, the Cats were still hot. Dunn was back and connected with Wallace for a 17-yard TD pass. With Rheem's point after, the score was 54-0.

Schwinn came back and helped the team add six more with 10 plays in 4:10 minutes. Morris did the honor and Rheem added the extra point. The score was 61-0.

Snyder put in several second and third string players for the fourth quarter. Several penalties and mistakes marked the statistics, but a final TD and point after capped game.

The Indians were shut out and the Cats had their second win of the season. The wildcats play again next weekend in Manhattan during their observance of K-State/Port Riley Day when they take on Easter Illinois at 1:10 p.m.

Soldiers will be incorporated into pre-game and half time activities. The Information, Ticketing and Registration Office is selling tickets at reduced prices for soldiers and their families. Call 239-4415 for information.

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## Commentary

# College football better than pro

By Kevin Doheny  
19th PAD

Ahhh! It's that's time of year again! There is something about football that just brings a smile to my face.

It catches my attention everywhere, television, radio, newspapers and even on the cover of magazines as I wait in line at the grocery store.

With all the excitement, football brings joy and life, whether you're a college or professional football fan.

As a football fan, I'm not too particular about what game I watch or at what level, but if I had to pick one game a week, it would definitely be the college game of the week.

There is something about the college atmosphere that truly is what football is all about.

Now, don't get me wrong, the professional game is the best brand of football in the world. It's just, you can tell most of the guys play for other reasons, other than just to play.

The college game is all about pageantry. Not to say the pro game doesn't have pageantry, but how can you beat watching Southern and Grambling Universities' "Battle of the Bands," or Ralphie the Buffalo, (University

of Colorado), charge the field before a game.

Another reason the college game is more unique is the element of the underdog. In the pro game, the better team is normally going to win. In college every week a favored or ranked team is upset or pushed to the brink. This alone will keep a normal viewer glued to the television, hoping the underdog will pull off the upset.

Also, in the college game you'll see more emotion. In the pro game, it's all about being a business and bringing a business atmosphere. They have to; they get paid to do a job, and you have to respect that. In college, these young men play their hearts out, and their brethren in the stands react to good and bad plays differently than their pro counterparts.

If the Cincinnati Bengals beat the St. Louis Rams in a game, the team and fans would be abnormally excited, but if the Idaho Vandals beat the Miami Hurricanes, you can guarantee the goal posts are coming down.

And you can't forget the mascots. Real-live ones like UGA (Georgia), BEVO (Texas) and Renegade (Florida State), give the college scene a traditional feel.

Not only do the mascots give the college game more flavor, with nicknames like "Fighting Irish," "Nittany Lions," "Thundering Herd" and "Crimson

Tide," but most college games are played in stadiums on campus, giving the game a "backyard" touch to it.

The final reason college football is more exciting than its big brother, professional football, is "braggin' rights." Ask any football fan from Alabama if the week leading up to the Alabama and Auburn game is filled with high emotion. Ask fans from Texas what the big games of the year are, Texas and Texas A&M or Texas vs Oklahoma. What other sport is war waged on one another for one day? The Border Battle between Texas and Oklahoma has both states at war for a day, and the states of Ohio and Michigan are turned into enemies for a day when the Buckeyes and Wolverines tangle.

Now, the pro game is still exciting, and nothing beats the Superbowl. However, the college fan gets to watch more than one big game. New Year's Day is the college fan's favorite day of the year.

If you ask pro football players after they retire, when they had the most fun in their career, I would almost bet they would tell you their days in college, playing for their schools. There is no contract pressure to live up to; it's just putting on the pads and hitting the field, the way the game is supposed to be played.

# Battalion Cross Country meet soon

By Staff Reports

Fort Riley Battalion Level Cross Country Meet will be on Thursday at Custer Hill Golf Course.

The deadline for a roster of battalion team members to be forwarded to the Sports Office, building 202, is Monday, close of

business.

Packet pickup will be Thursday, 2 - 2:45 p.m.

The start time for the Women's Open, Women's Masters and

Men's Masters is 3 p.m.

The Men's Open start time is 3:45 p.m.

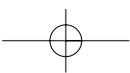
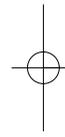
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thrilled and enchanted! This is, without a doubt, the most magical and incredible time in your life, visiting the world's vacation kingdom. Limited tickets are still available at the lower price. Discount tickets also available to other attractions in the Orlando area.

Walt Disney World Resort is happy to announce the latest offer for U.S. military active and activated members of the National Guard and Reserve. Personnel are eligible for 50 percent discount at select Walt Disney World Resorts, available most nights, Oct. 2 - Dec. 25, excluding Nov. 26 - Nov. 29. The number of rooms available at this rate is limited. Additional charges apply if there are more than two adults per room. Active military personnel must present proper identification at time of check-in. For more information or to make a reservation, military personnel may call 407-WDISNEY and mention code CNL.

### Kansas State/Fort Riley Appreciation Day

See Wildcat football in action tomorrow. Half-price tickets are available through ITR.

### Silver Dollar City

Festival of American Music and Craftsmanship is coming to Silver Dollar City in Branson. When autumn colors blaze through the Ozark Mountains, the heart and soul of Silver Dollar City festivals honors the voices and hands that fashion our heritage during the all new Festival of American Music and Craftsmanship. See America's most unique crafts, from carving to coppersmith, barrel making and more! Visiting musicians perform bluegrass, gospel and country music on stages throughout the City. Don't miss an exhibit honoring one of the nation's most beloved authors, 1880s-era writer

Laura Ingalls Wilder, with memorabilia, music and film from her Ozarks' someplace. Discount tickets are available to Silver Dollar City and numerous shows and attractions in Branson. Let ITR put together a weekend package.

### Worlds of Fun

Worlds of Fun prices are falling. The Fall Special is valid through Oct. 27. Ticket will be valid at Worlds of Fun Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 27. What's more fun than a summer bursting with rides, shows and attractions? Fall weekends filled with tricks, treats and spooky shows! HALLOWEEEKENDS can be enjoyed by the littlest of ghouls to the oldest of goblins. BOOBLAST, in the Scandinavian section of the park, is an area just for kids under 12, providing innocent Halloween delights. HALLOWEEN HAUNT, located in the African section, offers frightful fun for older kids and

adults. HALLOWEEEKENDS: creep into Worlds of Fun weekends from Sept. 21 - Oct. 27.

### Wings Over Topeka

Wings Over Topeka "Family Freedom Day" has a two-fold mission: To thank American citizens for their support of the Armed Forces and to thank veterans of all conflicts for their service. The new daylong event, which begins when the gates open at 10 a.m. on Sept. 28, at Forbes Field, Topeka, involves an air show, concert and fireworks display. The air show consists of three elite demonstration teams considered among the world's best at performing aerial stunts: The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Canadian Snowbirds and U.S. Army Golden Knights, plus many more. Aircraft and other military equipment from across the nation will be on display. Tickets are now available through ITR.

### Renaissance Festival

Renaissance Festival in Kansas City — visit the 16th century village of Canterbury through Oct. 14, on weekends and Columbus Day. The Fest is situated on nearly 16 acres of shaded lanes. Browse and shop from over 160 artisans and their handcrafted wares. Entertainment awaits with over 13 stages, as well as live interaction with the colorful characters roaming the lanes of the village. This year brings the return of Robin Hood and his merry men. Be a spectator at the Ultimate Gladiator Games! Witness live jousting in our dynamic new jousting arena at the Renaissance down! Discount tickets are available through ITR, adults \$12 children (5-12) \$5.50.

### Kansas City Chiefs

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