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Apple Day approaching
As the weather begins to become cooler and thoughts of autumn come to mind, so approaches Fort Riley's Fall Open House and Apple Day.

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Fort Riley cemetery nears capacity for grave sites

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

Because only seven plots are left at the Fort Riley cemetery, officials authorized workers to remove some roads in order to add approximately 30-50 more plots.

"We decided to tear out a road in the cemetery," said Col. John A. Simpson, garrison commander. "But that is as far as we can go. With the amount of veterans who are passing away, about seven plots are being used each month. This means we will be full in about five or six months."

"I'm too young to die," said retired Lt. Col. Dennis (Buz) Bruzina, former field artillery officer on Fort Riley, jokingly. "But if it happened, I would want to be buried on Fort Riley. If it's full, I guess I'll have to be buried at West Point or Arlington, but I really want to be buried around here."

men and veterans, not the Department of Defense."

The Kansas Commission for Veterans Affairs has begun the process of screening sites to construct a new cemetery. They have found a site on the eastern boundary of Fort Riley overlooking the Manhattan Airport and Kansas Route 18. If their studies find the site to be suitable, it would be transferred to the state for the construction of a veterans' cemetery.

"This site has approximately 70 acres," Anderson said. "This is a good site because cemetery operators prefer a southeast exposure, which this site has. It's not on a flood plain and it's on the edge of the installation boundary as required by (the Department of the Army) since the land is actually transferred from DA. You do not want an island of land belonging to someone else in the middle of an installation."

"Unfortunately, this process is going to take some time, so veterans need to look for other cemeteries in the area," Simpson added referring to burials. "Fort Riley has done as much as it can do. There are no more roads to take out, and no more land we can use. We have almost completely filled up our cemetery and we now turn to the KCVA for help."

"The process for building a new cemetery is going well," said Kafer Peele, cemetery program director with the KCVA. "Right now, Kansas State University is



A flag detail of 24th Infantry Division soldiers prepare to lower the flag to half staff at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery.

doing an environmental study. Once it's done in January and everything is passed, the land will be turned over and we'll start turning it into a cemetery."

In years past, Fort Riley identified the grave shortage and implemented ways to add more plots. Two sections of roads in the cemetery were removed which yielded 75 new plots.

Since a new cemetery can't be built on the installation, Fort Riley is forced to use all space within the existing stone walls of the cemetery.

There is a portion of the cemetery that is not being used because the area may contain the "lost graves" of two 1850's cholera epidemics. The location of these graves is unknown since an 1890's prairie fire destroyed the wooden markers on the graves.

According to Anderson, Fort Riley archeologists conducted an examination of historic archives and used non-ground disturbing investigative techniques to search for the graves during 2001. "The

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100th tank engine rebuild completed

By Steven Cooke
Staff Writer

The Advanced Turbine Engine Army Maintenance team, otherwise known as the ATEAM, recently celebrated the rebuilding of their 100th tank engine on Sept. 12.

"Every organization needs a milestone," said Col. Everett Weaver, surface maintenance manager for Kansas Army National Guard, Headquarters State Area Command. "Three years ago no one thought we could rebuild one engine, now we've rebuilt 100 of them."

The first eight employees of the ATEAM received their first engine in February 1999 from the Minnesota National Guard. By the end of that year, 18 more employees were hired and the entire operation was moved into building 741 on Marshall Ai Field. In 2000, the growing

ATEAM rebuilt six more engines. Then, in 2001, the Tank Army Command approved the ATEAM's Special Repair Activity request, and the ATEAM rebuilt an additional 34 engines.

Today, the ATEAM consists of 73 National Guard soldiers. Within the next fiscal year the team plans to rebuild 130 engines, Weaver said. Their main customers have been the National Guard and the Marine Corps.

The ATEAM is an organization of Army National Guard soldiers who rebuilds the AGI-1500 Turbine Engine commonly used in the M1A1 Abrams Tank.

After years of hard work and planning, Weaver and Warrant Officer I Cam Wahlmeier, assistant shop foreman, ATEAM, are very proud.

"I'm most proud of the consistent quality of our engines," said Wahlmeier. "Also, the speed we were able to come up to this level. No other military organization

can handle this level of repair."

"I'm most proud of the people who work here," said Weaver. "They are what make this thing go, then taking the time to learn to do new things."

The soldiers are proud of their accomplishments also.

"Every time I put my hands on an engine, I touch my work," said Sgt. Devon Edwards, military technician, ATEAM. "I know I did that. That's a great feeling. I see the greatest feeling."

"Absolutely, there's a sense of pride," said Spec. Jolie Shaw, military technician, ATEAM. "As a woman, a lot of people are surprised that I rebuild not only engines, but A1 turbine engines."

I'm most proud when my engine passes the final inspection and I watch it ship out," said Cpl. Bruce Robinson, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, ATEAM. "You have to have pride, because the people who don't really don't

Commercial vehicle access hours to change

By Christie Vanover
Staff Writer

Beginning Oct. 2, access hours at Fort Riley's 12th Street entrance will be reduced. The gate will be closed nightly from 10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

The entrance, located on the east side of the installation, is the only authorized access point for commercial vendors. Therefore, deliveries need to be coordinated to fit within the new schedule.

Post officials have monitored the area and determined that the gate can be closed during these times without negatively affecting commercial traffic on Fort Riley.

Access at Huebner Road near Ogden, Trooper Drive near Junction City and Henry Road off I-70 will continue to be open to passenger vehicles 24 hours a day.

The Grant Avenue gate is closed nightly to incoming and outgoing traffic from 11 p.m. - 5 a.m. Department of Defense decal vehicles can access Fort Riley from Grant Avenue from 5 a.m. - 11 p.m. by showing a DoD or Department of the Army ID card and using the right lane. Non-decal vehicles can enter the Grant Avenue gate from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. using the left lane.

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Task Force 1-41 soldiers test for EIB



A soldier from Task Force 1-41 rotates through the hand grenade station as he tests for his Expert Infantryman's Badge. In the end, 38 soldiers earned their badge. See the full story and photo on page 6.

New DoD policy includes more frequent drug testing

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

The Department of Defense is implementing a new policy that involves more frequent random testing of active duty military, reservists and civilian employees.

Andre Hollis, deputy assistant secretary of defense for counterterrorism, told reporters in a press conference in August that the new policy reflects the reality that the nation is at war.

"It's even more critical during war that our servicemembers are mentally alert and physically fit," he said. "Drug use is inconsistent with that. I'm sure that's the message you'll hear from the (non-commissioned officers) down to the secretary of defense."

However, Fort Riley will not experience much change because of the new policy, according to Ted Freeman, prevention services manager for Fort Riley.

Fort Riley is one of the top

installations in the Department of Army for drug testing, Freeman said. "Because we have such a great program, we have a very low rejection rate for our samples."

Freeman added that DoD policy states that installations must test at least 40 percent of service members a year. Fort Riley does more than 80 percent.

"We have very stiff criteria," he said. "We march to a high standard, and we make sure that we are well above the DoD policy."

Hollis said that during a review of the DoD drug policy, he noted that there needed to be some changes. The primary purpose of the policy is to reduce the amount of illegal drugs used by all members of the service.

"We are going to increase our testing across all the services - Active, National Guard and Reserve," he said. "That's very important, because all of our men and women in uniform and civil-

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Long Term Care Insurance Program briefings to be held

By Steven Cooke
Staff Writer

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management is hosting an open season for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program until Dec. 31 of this year. Those interested in the program can attend one of three, hour and a half long overview and question and answer session in the auditorium of building 200, Patton Hall, on Oct. 4. Session times will be 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. FLTCIP is open to uniformed service members when they are on active duty or full time National Guard for more than a 30-day period. Federal civilian and postal employees are also eligible if they are in a position that conveys eligibility for Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Federal civilians and postal employees

receiving annuity checks or their surviving spouses or other surviving annuitants are eligible for the program as well. If people apply for the program during the open season, their eligibility will be based on their age as of July 1, 2002, said Nathan Butler, training and development specialist, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. After the open season, their current age will be used to determine their premium rates, he said. The FLTCIP web site defines long term care as, "The type of care that you may need if you no longer perform activities of daily living by yourself, such as eating, bathing or getting dressed." Long term care also includes the kind of care someone would need if they had a severe cognitive impairment like Alzheimer's disease. The care the program offers can be received in a variety of settings, including ones own home,

assisted living facilities, adult day care centers or hospice facilities. According to FLTCIP, there are several things long term care is not. It is not the type of care that you receive in the hospital or your doctor's office. It is not the medical care that you need to get well from a sickness or an injury. It is also not short term rehabilitation from an accident or recuperation from surgery. The Long Term Care Insurance Program is sponsored by the OPM. Members of the Fort Riley community can contact Butler at 239-2205 or the Army Benefits Center at 1877-276-9287, for more information. Butler said the best places for more information on the program is the FLTCIP website: www.ltcfed.com, or you can call the FLTCIP information hotline, 800-582-3337.



Red Cross worker Judy Stewart draws blood from Pfc. Terry Williams during the Red Cross blood drive at Long Fitness Center. Many soldiers gave blood during the drive sponsored by the 937th Engineer Group.

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engine - they're not making them anymore. And if you could, it would be one million dollars. It's cost \$250,000 to rebuild one." To expand its success, the ATEAM recently acquired building 727 to further its rebuilding capabilities. "If we're going to impact unit readiness, we need to build more than 130 engines a year," said Weaver. "We probably need to rebuild 250 a year." And Weaver

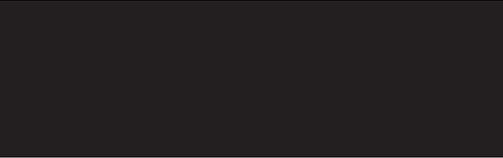
said he believes this goal is very possible. Weaver credits Fort Riley with making all of this possible. "I would like to thank Maj. Gen. Metz and his staff for the additional building at Marshall Airfield and the opportunity to bring additional jobs to Fort Riley," Weaver said. "In addition to the ATEAM, the Kansas Army National Guard has a Readiness Sustainment Maintenance Site located on Fort Riley,

where troops and employees rebuild trucks and trailers for the National Guard, as well as, the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES), which maintains equipment for National Guard units that come to train at Fort Riley. "If it weren't for the support from the leadership and staff of Fort Riley, none of this would be possible."

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Rifle Range Road and Estes Road gates are open to outbound traffic from 4 - 6 p.m. on duty days. The gates are also open to inbound traffic, 5-8 a.m. weekdays, for vehicles with DoD registration decals and DoD or DA ID cards. When entering Fort Riley, each adult in the vehicle must have a valid photo ID. Additionally, visitors are required to show vehicle registration, proof of insurance and may undergo a vehicle inspection in order to obtain a

pass to enter the installation. Fort Riley soldiers make every effort to issue passes in a timely manner to allow visitors to reach their destinations on time. However, if the above conditions are not met, vehicles will be denied access. For everyone's safety, all vehicle drivers are reminded to use caution when entering the installation by keeping their speed at the posted level and observing all traffic signs.



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Aerial spraying of weeds slated for maneuver areas

Staff Reports

The Fort Riley Directorate of Resource Management has contracted a civilian company to perform aerial spraying of noxious weeds on post tomorrow and Sunday.

Two to three crop duster planes will be spraying Maneuver Areas B and E, which are a couple miles north of Custer Hill, according to John Barbur, management agronomist with the Conservation Division.

All tank trails and roads in these areas will be closed from before sunup until after sundown.

However, perimeter roads including Vinton School Road, Old Highway 77, Old Highway 82 and Richardson Road on the west side of the impact area will be open.

The closest the planes will be to the Custer Hill troop area is one to two miles north of that area.

No change in number of reservists called to active duty reports Army

This week the Navy and Air Force each announce decreases of reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization. The Army reports no change. The net collective result is 1,851 fewer reservists than last week.

Reserve is 38,195: Naval Reserve, 6,283; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 23,006; Marine Corps Reserve, 3,790; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 995. This brings the total Reserve and National Guard on active duty to 72,269 including both units and individual augmentees.

At any given time, services may mobilize some units and individuals while demobilizing others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease.

A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve who are currently on active duty can be found at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Sep2002/d20020918ng.r.pdf>

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results were inconclusive. We will continue to search for the graves as improved non-ground disturbing archeological investigation methods are developed.

Riley used ground penetrating radar and soil conductivity measurement techniques to try to determine the locations of the graves.

This area will continue to be unused unless technology gets to the point where it can determine what is in this area as Fort Riley officials do not want to disturb any existing graves. However, even these tests were inconclusive.

Anderson also added that during the summer of 2002, Fort Riley used ground penetrating radar and soil conductivity measurement techniques to try to determine the locations of the graves.

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compared to other installations, Freeman said, "but only because we have a very active program."

Fort Riley is one of only a handful of installations in the Army that regularly requires drug tests for civilians in certain positions, added Freeman.

service members to avoid drug use.

"We do 57 percent of the civilian population a year," he said. During the briefing, Hollis told reporters that drug use is incompatible with military service or civilian employment with the DoD.

Fort Riley is also making drug testing even better, Freeman said. A new 'state of the art' lab is going through its final renovation stages. This facility, which cost approximately \$45,000, gives testers the ability to use more up-to-date equipment and come back with positives much sooner.

A ribbon cutting for the new lab will be in November. "We don't want people who are going to take drugs," Hollis finished. "We want the best and brightest. If you're going to use drugs, go somewhere else."

"Drug use is not going to be tolerated," he said. "There are going to be consequences."

He also added that the new policy would encourage and educate

Talk Around Town

"Do you shop more on post or off?"



"I shop more on post. When I get off work, I do all of my shopping before I leave post."



"I shop on post because there are better prices, but you have to juggle the Monday closing of the Commissary."



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Briefs

POW/MIA Ceremony

There will be a POW/MIA Ceremony today, 11:30 a.m., at Kaplan Chapel. For more information, call 239-3359.

Apple Pies

Apple Day is Sept. 28 and 1,000 apple pies have been made for the event. Pre-pie sales are underway. Pies are \$7 and must be paid for at the time of the order. Call Gail Asher at 717-3263 or e-mail her at appledaypie@cs.com for order information. Call Marlee Marshall at 784-6670 to volunteer or contact her at marleemars@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.

InTouch

Sign up for e-mail updates to receive information about news and events happening on Fort Riley. Subscribe to InTouch at <http://www.riley.army.mil/InTouch/>.

Housing Pre-term Briefing

Effective the week of Sept. 29, pre-termination briefings for housing residents will be held only on Tuesday afternoons, 2 p.m. The briefings will be held on the third floor of Carr Hall, building 45. Pre-termination inspections at quarters can now be scheduled for Tuesdays - Thursdays. Call 239-3525 to schedule the pre-term appointments.

High Risk Breast Cancer Clinic

A High Risk Breast Cancer Clinic will be held on Oct. 28, 8-10:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m. in the Combined Surgical Clinic, Irwin Army Community Hospital. Beneficiaries must be referred to this clinic by their Primary Care manager, who has determined that the woman is a high risk for breast cancer, has recommended a consult and instructed the patient to call the TRICARE Service Center

to book an appointment. Your eligibility for attending the High Risk Breast Cancer Clinic are based on the following risk factors: family history - the patient's mother, sister or daughter were diagnosed with breast cancer, personal history - invasive breast cancer, non-invasive breast cancer or atypical hyperplasia, age 35 - 50-years-old and combined with one of the above factors or 25 - 29-years-old woman who is within 10 years of the age of their youngest relative (mother, sister or daughter) diagnosed with breast cancer. To make an appointment for the High Risk Breast Cancer Clinic, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or call toll free 1-800-874-9378.

Colorectal Cancer Screening Clinic

The Colorectal Cancer Screening will be held on Oct. 28, 8-10:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m. in the Combined Surgical Clinic, Irwin Army Community Hospital. Beneficiaries are not required to have a consult from their Primary Care Managers. The following risk factors are provided to assist patients in determining whether a person should make an appointment for this screening clinic: age 50 or older, personal or family history of benign colorectal polyps, personal or family history of inflammatory bowel disease or personal or family history of breast, ovarian or endometrial cancer. To make an appointment for the Colorectal Cancer Screening Clinic, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or call toll free 1-800-874-9378.

Abandoned Vehicle Auction

Fort Riley announces its Abandoned Vehicle Auction Oct. 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., building 1671, Camp Funston. On the auction block will be over 90 vehicles to bid on. Cars, trucks and Motorcycles are all waiting to be claimed at the Fort Riley Abandoned Vehicle Auction. Scheduled vehicles for the auction block include foreign and domestic vehicles, model years from 1970 to 2000. Terms are certified checks, money orders and cash. Cars can be viewed Oct. 15 - 18, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. To attend the auction, just turn left on "Buffalo Soldier

Road" off of Huebner Drive just inside the Ogden Gate, go to 7th Street, make a left and follow the signs to the Fort Riley D.R.M.O. The Fort Riley sale is open to everyone. Vehicles are sold as-is! Buyers are responsible for transporting vehicles off of the premises.

Car Club Membership

The Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center Car Club will be accepting application for annual membership. FRASCCC is located in building 7753, Apenines Dr. Membership is open to active duty, retirees, dependents, reservists, National Guard, and DOL and DOD civilian. For more details, call 239-9764.

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.

Leaf Pick-up

Leaf pick-up with the Public Works leaf vacuum machine will commence in areas of heavy tree concentration on Nov. 1. Weather permitting, the leaf pick-up schedule is as follows, with emphasis given to Family Housing areas in these locations: Main Post - Mondays and Tuesdays, Marshall Army Air Field - Wednesdays, Camp Forsyth - Thursdays and Custer Hill/Other Areas - Fridays.

Leaves to be removed by the leaf vacuum should be raked/piled in rows on the lawn area adjacent to the curb, but not on the curb or street. Leaf piles must not contain grass clippings, limbs or other heavy debris that would interfere with the vacuum operation. The leaf vacuum will operate through November as long as necessary to complete fall leaf removal.

Housing occupants desiring to confine leaves in trash bags may place these bags adjacent to the trash carts for pick-up by the trash collection contractor on regular pick-up days. Bagged leaves should not weight any more than 40 pounds each. The trash collection contractor will not pick up leaves for activities serviced by dumpsters. Activities with dumpsters are required to haul their

leaves to the yard waste compost area near building 1945, Camp Funston. Leaves may be hauled loose or in bags to compost area, but all leaves in bags must be emptied loose into the compost. Dumpsters containing bagged or loose leaves will not be emptied.

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 slated to serve as speaker. 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.

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 today and tomorrow. A total of 200 youth between the ages of 8 and 12 are eligible to attend. Activities begin today 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. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening. Activities tomorrow will reconvene at Anneberg Park Lake in Manhattan at 9:30 a.m. Fishing will be 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., followed by lunch. Each youth registrant 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 - 3:30 p.m., conducted by Irwin Army Community Hospital. U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Richard D. Murray, president, National Association for Uniformed Services and Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Douglas S. Russell, president, American Military Society and others will be guest speakers. For more information, call 239-3320.

ACAP Job Fair

The Army Career & Alumni Program is sponsoring a Job Fair from today, 9 a.m. - noon, 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 Dept 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, 6 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

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homes on Main Post. Quarters One will be on the tour and the location of refreshments. 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.

For more information,

Full Focus 2002 - PWOC USA Conference will be Oct. 23-27 at the Holiday Inn-International, Orlando, Fla. For more information, contact Donna Davenport at 784-6633. Deadline for Registration is Sept. 17.

in TPRADFM by today 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, go to <http://tricare.osd.mil/remote/defa.ult.htm> on the internet.

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.

are welcome, any age or gender, and the instruction is given at no charge. Custer Hill Golf Course is located at 5202 Normandy Drive, across from Fort Riley National Bank. For further information, please call 784-6000.

unit postal officer(s). Each mailroom must also have a primary unit mail clerk and at least two alternate(s), no more than three. Prospective mail clerks are required to attend a class and bring with them a copy of their memorandum of on-the-job training (20 days OJT period is required). Unit postal officers (if not involved in mail handling duties) only need to attend the class; they do not have to take a test. Call Sylvia at 239-5411 for more information.

Aerobics Instructor Needed

Sports Department is in search of current Certified Fitness/Aerobic Instructor(s). Please contact the Sports Office at 239-2813 for additional information.

Musicians Needed

Fort Riley's Contemporary Protestant service needs musicians for their praise band. They play contemporary Christian music and need musicians for the following instruments: bass guitar, lead guitar, conga drums, strings keyboard. Practice is on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. If interested, call Chaplain Jim Paulson at 239-3436. If no answer, please leave a message.

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. 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.

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 Slamp of Vessel Ministries. Donation suggested is \$35. Child Care will not be available. Contact Krissy Kearney at 784-2521

Going Back to our Heritage will be Oct. 22, 9 a.m., at Morris Hill Chapel. The subject will be II Chronicles - How to pray for our nation?

Post Wide Yard Sale

The Post Wide Fall Yard Sale is scheduled for Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuition Assistance

Effective Oct. 1, 100 percent Tuition Assistance will be paid for soldiers stationed remotely on ordinary courses. Soldiers may use 100 percent TA up to \$250 per semester hour and up to \$4500 per year. See an Army Education Counselor for details and to enroll.

TRICARE Remote

The TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Member (TPRADFM) Program began 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.

Authorized under the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, the TPRADFM program reduces or eliminates out-of-pocket costs for ADFMs choosing to enroll and brings equity of the TRICARE Prime benefit to ADFMs residing with their TPR-eligible sponsors at remote locations. To ensure that soldiers have adequate time to enroll, the TRICARE Management Activity has extended the pre-enrollment period through today. If soldiers enroll by today, it will be retroactive to Sept. 1. Eligible families not enrolled

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 Monday in the following sequence Sept. 23 - 27: administrative buildings, barracks, BEQ's and BOO's with individual units, 8000 area, dining facilities and community buildings. Heating systems are scheduled

Commander's Conference

The 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support) will host the FY 02, 75th Division (TS) Commander's Conference at Fort Riley, Sept. 27-29 in order to provide a venue for the 75th Division Commander and subordinate brigade command groups to address command responsibilities, missions, readiness and other significant Army and command issues as it relates to the theme of "Army Transformation." It will also focus on the lessons learned, inherent risks and reassessing the division's mission post Sept. 11. A Family Readiness Group Forum will run concurrently with the conference.

Commissary News

The Commissary Focus Group meeting will be Sept 25, 10 a.m. It will be held in the Commissary Training room. For more information, call 239-2921.

Free Beginner Golf Lessons

Custer Hill Golf Course has implemented a new program for beginner golfers. The program is designed to teach a number of skills, including golf rules and regulations, golf etiquette, as well as general golf instruction. Beginner golf clinic will be held every Thursday and Friday from 6 - 8 p.m., until the season closes. All

MOMS Club

MOMS Club of East Manhattan is a non-profit club designed for stay-at-home moms, or dads. It provides moms with an opportunity to interact with one another while their children participate in various daytime activities all month. Most events are for moms and their children to participate in together during the day, while some are especially for moms with optional child-care available. Children are welcome at all activities.

About one-third of the membership consists of military wives stationed at Fort Riley. A monthly business meeting is held the third Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at First Christian Church, not affiliated, Manhattan. Annual dues are \$18, but try it out without obligation. For more information please contact Christi Oldham 539-9224 or at rcoldham@earthlink.net.

Museum Gift Shop

The museum gift shop is open. It is under operation of the U. S. Cavalry Association, which is a private organization on post. The store's operating hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call the store at 239-2743, for more information.

Mail Training

A unit mailroom class will be held Tuesday and an official mail class will be held Monday. The classes will be 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., building 319, CPAC. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll. DOD 4525.6-M, Vol II, DOD Postal Manual, requires each commander who has a unit mailroom to appoint a unit postal officer and alternate

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Task Force 1-41

Task Force 1-41 soldiers test for Expert Infantryman's Badge

You are both standing there, eyes locked, EIB candidate and grader. You both know that only one of you will walk away victorious. As you size each other up, with your hand gently resting on your M16 rifle, a tumbleweed blows between you and the townsfolk scurry for cover. If you listen closely, you can almost hear faint whistling in the background, sounding strangely like the theme to "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly."

The grader gives you five hand grenades and laughs that evil laugh of his. You throw the first one at the E-type silhouette, and your aim is true. You do everything right at the bunker, and get the easy go there. But then, you walk up to the dreaded trench - the widow-maker. As you get yourself ready and in position, the grader looks at you and says, "I know what you're thinking. Did you throw two grenades or three? Well, to tell you the truth, in all

the excitement, I've kind of lost track myself. But, being as this is the M67 hand grenade, the most powerful grenade in the world, and it can blow your head clear off, you've got to ask yourself one question: Do I feel lucky? Well, do ya?"

And, so it goes with the annual quest for the Expert Infantryman's Badge. It was good fortune that the 3rd BCT, 3rd ID, decided to conduct EIB testing in Kuwait. Most other units aren't as fortunate as to have the opportunity, while deployed, to spend two weeks in full battle-rattle under the intense desert sun and wind, working feverishly to master all 36 tasks. All of this, only to have some grader tell you that you are a no-go because he can still see white on your pressure dressing.

This year, Task Force 1-41 IN fielded 81 candidates for the EIB. Fort Benning, has changed some of the criteria this year and made most of the physical tasks prereq-

uisites. For tankers, "prerequisite" means that those are tasks that you have to complete before test week. Because of this, there were not as many candidates as there have been in years past, when the only prerequisite was shooting expert with the M16 rifle. This year troops were extremely fortunate to get to conduct the 12-mile road march in the soft desert sand. Let me tell you that marching 12 miles in less than three hours in sand is a truly rewarding experience. I suggest that you try this at least once in your life. But, that's OK. Spirits are high and those who participated and those that earned the EIB are better soldiers and infantrymen because of this training event.

In the end, 38 Straight and Stalwart soldiers earned their expert infantryman's badge. Six soldiers qualified as "True Blue" by scoring first time "go's" at all stations.



Soldiers from Task Force 1-41 receive their Expert Infantryman's Badge recently in Kuwait. Six soldiers qualified as "True Blue" by scoring first time "go's" at all stations.

SFOR 12 begins Bosnia peacekeeping duties, Kansas troops next

Army News Service

EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina — With the ancient military tradition of passing the guidon, the transfer of authority for Multinational Division (North) in Bosnia-Herzegovina shifted from Hawaii's "Tropic Lightning" Division to Pennsylvania's Keystone Division Sept. 16.

Departing commander, Maj. Gen. Charles H. Swannack, 25th Infantry Division (Light), passed the flag and responsibility for the northern sector of the Stabilization Force to Brig. Gen. John T. von Trott of the 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Pennsylvania National Guard.

"Only time will tell the true measure of our success, that is, what Bosnia and Herzegovina becomes in the years ahead," said Swannack, who next becomes commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. "The people of this country now have a chance at peace and prosperity that they would not have had without SFOR."

For the past six months, Swannack said, SFOR 11 soldiers made significant contributions in maintaining a safe and secure environment in Bosnia-Herzegovina. More than 2,400 displaced families in MND (N) returned to their pre-war homes, signifying an increase of more than 30 percent from the previous year. An additional 300,000 square meters of land were cleared of mines, doubling last year's total. Because of SFOR 11 support, the Bosnia and Herzegovina armed forces initiated great strides in reducing weapons storage sites from 49 to 32, and improving safety in the remaining sites. Operation Active Harvest, a periodic weapons collection program, disarmed the equivalent of an entire division, by 25th ID staff estimates. "The men and women who took on this job were part of an extraordinary mission, and I'm proud to have been one of them. I'm proud of the team we assembled and all that you accomplished," Swannack said.

Von Trott promised to continue the progress initiated by his pre-

decessors.

"The actions we take today need to always be considered in the context of history. The soldiers of SFOR 12 are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to that historic process - the Dayton process - which ultimately leads to peace and security for all the people of this beautiful country," von Trott said.

"I marvel at the remarkable international cooperation represented in this command. It is a true multi-national command, a team of both military and civilian personnel brought together for the sole purpose of supporting the Dayton Accords and furthering the cause of peace in this part of the world," von Trott continued. "It is my intent to continue the productive work and fruitful initiatives so ably advanced by SFOR 11."

In addition to international forces of the Russian Military Contingent, Turkish Battalion Task Force, and Nordic-Polish Battle Group, von Trott's new command represents reserve-component integration as nearly

the entire rotation consists of National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers.

The 49th Armored Division was the first National Guard element to command MND (N) for SFOR 7, followed by the 29th Infantry Division (SFOR 10). Those headquarters oversaw two active-component maneuver elements, which have been replaced entirely by ground forces of the National Guard. This includes Task Force Blue Steel (1-109th Infantry) from Scranton, Pa., and Task Force Saber (1-104th Caval-

ry) from Philadelphia. Both units originate from the Pennsylvania National Guard.

More than 1500 citizen-soldiers were mobilized for the six-month assignment. Back home, they are the teachers, police officers, doctors and construction workers.

Troops from 35th Infantry

Division, Kansas Army National Guard, Fort Leavenworth, will replace SFOR 12 in Spring 2003 and Fort Riley personnel are assisting them in preparing for their mission, according to Maj. Cameron Kramer, G3 Training.

A large part of the task force will mobilize through Fort Riley beginning in November, he said.

Limited vehicle access allowed

Limited privately-owned vehicle access to areas of Fort Riley north of Vinton School Road for recreational activities is currently being allowed. Use of privately owned vehicles was prohibited in that area of the fort following the events of 9-11.

All vehicles must have either a DoD vehicle sticker affixed to the windshield or they must have a daily pass displayed to enter the portions of the installation east of U.S. Highway 77. Vehicles driven west of U.S. Highway 77 do not need a daily pass or DoD vehicle stickers. Daily vehicle passes can be obtained at the Ogden, Marshall Army Air Field, Grant Avenue and Washington Street entrances to Fort Riley.

Also, all vehicles must display a Recreational Vehicle Marker. These may be picked up at the Outdoor Recreation Center

(building 9011) or the Conservation Division office (building 1020). There is no charge for either these markers or the daily vehicle passes.

The Conservation Division authorizes daily which recreation areas are open. Before, visiting Fort Riley for recreational purposes, visitors should call 785-239-

6669 for an up-to-date list of open areas.

For the latest information concerning recreational access procedures, call 239-6211 or visit Fort Riley's website for Outdoor Recreation information at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor>

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Buying car does not have to be scary, legal assistance can help

By Timothy W. Thomas
Attorney, Legal Assistance Division

Every year an untold number of soldiers and family members alike go through the unique experience of purchasing a new or used car. Often, it is an experience that is equal in fear and excitement. With a little insight and understanding, that fear can partially be reduced.

One of the main reasons people fear buying a car is that they worry they will overpay or get a car that has serious mechanical problems. These are real fears, but with a little foreknowledge, these are fears that can be overcome. The key to success in car buying is to get as much knowledge about the car as you can

BEFORE you walk onto the car lot. The first resource to remember is the Internet. It is a valuable information source. BlueBook values can be found at <http://www.kbb.com/blue.html> and that will tell you industry-accepted rates for nearly every new and used car by make, model, year and even condition. There are also a number of websites out there that can check the vehicle history of any car, all you need is the Vehicle Identification Number. This number is found in several places on any vehicle, and with it you can tell if a car has ever suffered flood damage or been in a major accident.

Armed with these two resources alone, you can walk onto a car lot knowing about how much you should pay for specific vehicle makes and models you may

be interested, and you will be able to access vehicle histories on any vehicle the dealer tries to sell you. The key is the dealer is not the only person armed with this knowledge.

Another important thing to remember when buying any car, new or used, is that you are the consumer and you have the power. The dealer wants to sell to you; he NEEDS to sell to you to make a living. You, on the other hand, have the option to take your business elsewhere. Remember this, and treat the dealer as merely one option among many. Shop for a car as you would any other commodity. Look for the best bargain.

New cars have one great advantage over used cars. Besides being generally in better condition than used cars, state law in Kansas gives consumers greater

protection in buying new cars based on what is known as the "Lemon Law." This law gives consumers who buy new cars protection against repeated repair work over a short amount of time and can allow, in some cases, for the consumer to return the car and cancel the contract. See a legal assistance attorney for more information on this option.

Used cars operate under less stringent standards. Used cars are sure to have small problems. However, there are laws in Kansas that state used car dealers cannot lie to you about the fitness or condition of the car that they sell to you. So ask questions! Get promises in writing.

Test-drive any used car and check the history of the VIN on line. In cases where you suspect a problem, have an independ-

ent mechanic look over the car for you. Only buy the car if you are sure it is mechanically fit in proportion to the price you are planning to pay for it.

Buying a car isn't just about condition; it is also about financing. Even the best car can seem a nightmare at 17 percent interest! Check with your bank on getting a car loan before you even walk onto a car lot. Imagine the power you will have if you can walk onto a lot already approved for a loan!

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to get a contract examined before signing, please call legal assistance at 239-3117 to schedule an appointment with one of the attorneys. Fort Riley Legal Assistance is located in Patton Hall, building 200.

Reservists not participating fully can endanger education benefits

By Henry L. Payne
US Army Reserve Affairs

Selected Reserve members who use government-provided education benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill- Selected Reserve but fail to participate satisfactorily during their obligated period of service will have to refund their unearned benefits. Examples of this include service members who excessively fail to attend scheduled training, fail the physical fitness testing or do not complete required military courses.

Congress enacted the Montgomery GI Bill in July 1985 as a recruiting and retention tool for military services. This program continues to be a tremendous incentive program for the services and a valuable benefit for the service members. It provides the services a better-educated service member while assisting the member in the pursuit of higher education.

Reserve component members who enlist, re-enlist or extend in the Selected Reserve for a six-year contract, possess a high school or equivalent diploma and have successfully completed Initial Active Duty for Training are authorized Montgomery GI Bill benefits. However, the law establishes eligibility for MGIB-SR benefits, requiring continuous satisfactory membership in the Selected Reserve during the period of eligibility.

Selected Reserve members are eligible for up to 36 months of MGIB-SR educational benefits once they complete initial active duty for training. They have 10 years to use the benefits but must remain a Selected Reserve member in order to participate in the program. The MGIB-SR program is funded by the reserve components, not the service members themselves. This differs from the MGIB-Active Duty Program, as Congress provides funding to the Department of Veteran Affairs for the program. Additionally, active duty members must elect to participate in the program and are required to have their pay reduced by \$100 for the first 12 months of their active duty service.

Most people identify members of the Selected Reserve as service members who typically have attended training one weekend each month and two weeks a year. Reservists who accrue nine or

more unauthorized absences from drills over a one-year period are placed into the "unsatisfactory" category. After due process by the commander these members may be transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve and may lose their eligibility for educational assistance under the MGIB-SR.

Because they are no longer members of the Selected Reserve, their entitlements to the Montgomery GI Bill benefits are normally terminated. Such a penalty is specified in law and is a provision of the contract. Guard and Reserve members sign when joining the Selected Reserve. When

circumstances that prevent a service member from continuing in the Selected Reserve through no fault of the member's, such as civilian job requirements or relocation, family health issues, a one-year absence from the Selected Reserve may be authorized.

However, if the service member fails to re-affiliate with the Selected Reserve within the one year, MGIB-SR benefits are terminated and recoupment action, if necessary, will proceed. Once benefits are terminated, they cannot be reinstated.

The collection of GI Bill payments to affected service mem-

bers is slated to start Oct. 1. The collection action, when necessary, will be through the Defense Finance and Accounting Services and could involve garnishment of wages and assistance from the Internal Revenue Service as part of the collection process.

Improved personnel data management systems and new interagency agreements now enable all the reserve components to better identify, track and request refund of unearned benefits paid to reservists who do not fulfill their contractual obligation. The Naval Reserve has processed these actions manually for some time.

Effective Oct. 1, Selected Reserve members going to school full time under the Montgomery GI Bill will receive \$276 per month. Reservists who've used all or part of their educational benefits but failed to complete their service obligation and now have to repay them could owe thousands of dollars, depending on how much of their service obligation they completed.

The intent of MGIB-SR recoupment is to ensure that the service member refunds, as required by law, any MGIB-SR educational benefits not entitled to, based on failure to meet con-

tractual obligations in the Selected Reserve. Rather than recouping the money, the services would prefer to have service members remain in the Selected Reserve and complete their obligation.

For more information on the Montgomery GI Bill and the benefits it offers soldiers, call Fort Riley University, 239-6481.

Editors note: Col. Henry L. Payne is the assistant director for military personnel programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (Manpower and Personnel).

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Schools send out impact aid forms

Parents of students in Geary County USD 475 are advised that the district will distribute Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms today to students attending the public schools in Junction City, Fort Riley, Milford and Grandview Plaza. The survey forms will be sent home with elementary students. High school and middle school forms will be mailed to the parent. Parents are asked to complete, sign and return the forms as soon as possible.

The purpose of the Federal Impact Aid Survey Form is to provide an official verification and record of all students whose parents are federally connected on Sept. 20, the district's official enrollment counting date. These forms are an important part of the district's financial support because approximately 50 percent of the students in USD 475 have parents on active duty status at Fort Riley.



Korea 50 years ago - Red Chinese attack

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

The Reds continued their allegations of U.S. use of germ warfare as they achieved limited success in their attacks in the I Corps western sector, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

Sept. 12-18, 1952 — Chinese troops are active this week, looking for soft spots in defenses, especially along the line held by 65th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division in the I Corps western zone.

The regiment has outposts on low hills in front of them manned in strengths from squad to company. One of those outposts is code-named Kelly.

At night on Sept. 17 about a company of Chinese begins testing Outpost Kelly's defenses, manned by C Company, 2nd Battalion, 65th IR. The company commander asks for reinforcements to hold off these probes.

B Company is ordered to relieve C Company, which they do early in the morning on Sept. 18. Then all through the daylight hours, the GIs have to endure Chinese mortars.

As soon as darkness falls, a Chinese battalion attacks from the northwest. For some reason the company commander had not expected an assault from this direction. The enemy pours over that side of the compound, killing a machine gunner and capturing the gun.

Communications with the company are cut off. As midnight approaches the battalion headquarters does not know what has happened to B Company. There are reports that Chinese were seen herding American captives down the hill. Chinese are also said to

be wearing American uniforms, but no one knows if they wore them before the attack or put them on afterward.

Truce talks at Panmunjon are held only on Sept. 13. Lt. Gen. Nam Il, North Korean in charge of the communist delegation, tells U.N. chief delegate Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison that the Reds will "fight to the end for the return of every single war prisoner."

Some U.N. members want the truce issues to be debated in the United Nations. A State Department spokesman said Sept. 15 that the United States is opposed to a U.N. General Assembly debate.

The battlefield negotiations belong in Panmunjon, but the United Nations can concern itself with political issues and rehabilitation of a unified Korea.

The British Society of Friends (Quakers) proposes to Prime Minister Winston Churchill on Sept. 17 that both sides can sign a cease-fire now and leave the issue of repatriation of prisoners to a panel of neutral nations to solve that problem.

Sept. 15 — The South Korean government announces that it arrested 17 men and 27 women in Pusan and accuses them of being spies for communist guerrillas.

Chinese radio claims that an international scientific commission "confirmed" that the United States used germ warfare against China and Korea. The commis-

sion, scientists from France, Britain, Italy, Sweden, Brazil and Russia examined the evidence and interviewed U.S. pilots, the announcer says.

U.S. reaction to the report is the scientists were Red "stooges." Sept. 16 — Soviet railroad operators and workers will be replaced by Chinese on the Changchun Railroad that crosses Manchuria from the

southeast to northwest where it links with the Trans-Siberian Railroad in Russia. They will not have to compensate the Soviet Union. The Soviets will still have use of Port Arthur on the Sea of Japan until a peace settlement with

Japan.

The communiqué from the summit of Soviet Union and Chinese communists in Moscow also says they talked about "political and economic questions" and decisions were made for "strengthening and developing friendship and cooperation."

U.S. and British diplomats predict that Russians will still help to run the Changchun Railroad. They also say that unless the Soviet Union agrees to economically support China in the Korean War, China will suffer.

Sept. 17 — The Defense Department says the United States has suffered 117,973 casualties through Sept. 1, including 20,716 dead.

Sept. 17-18 — The Navy

reveals in a report that it used robot bombers for the first time in warfare on a bombing mission Sept. 5. An unspecified number of obsolete Hellcats, each carrying a one-ton bomb, were flown 150 miles into North Korea from the carrier Boxer to crash-dive onto a power plant, bridge and tunnel entrance.

The mission was described as successful.

The aircraft were controlled by secret electronics in the aircraft and at the control stations. In the air, a controller in a "mother" ship — an A2D Skyraider — took over and piloted the planes to their targets.

TV cameras in the Hellcats enabled the controller to broadcast pictures back to the Boxer. The official report quoted a sailor saying that the robot aircraft were ideal to fly into areas heavily defended by anti-aircraft weapons and fighters.

On Sept. 18 a Navy spokesman says the Hellcats are only makeshift robots; new and better remote-controlled planes are being built. He admits that the signals between controllers and aircraft can be jammed.

Sept. 18 — The Soviet Union casts its 54th veto in the U.N. Security Council by voting against U.N. membership for Japan. Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jacob Malik said yesterday that the Soviet Union will not support membership for Japan until it concludes peace treaties with Russian and China and ends "American occupation" and regains "full independence and sovereignty."

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



Request absentee ballots now

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

Stateside and overseas troops and U.S. civilians overseas should now be requesting absentee ballots in order to vote in the November general election, DoD's senior voting official urged today.

State voter registration deadlines are nearing and absentee voters need to obtain and send in their Federal Post Card Application forms to register to vote, said Polli Brunelli, director of DoD's Federal Voting Assistance Program.

U.S. civilians and military members living overseas should submit voter registration forms so that local election officials receive them by Oct. 7.

"If you want to vote, you need to register now if you haven't done it already," Brunelli said.

Overseas voters should return their filled-out absentee ballots by Oct. 15 to ensure that local election officials receive them in time, she said.

Overseas voters should use the Federal Write In Absentee Ballot if their requested state absentee ballot does not arrive in time to allow voters to return it by the state deadline for counting, Brunelli pointed out.

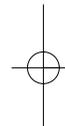
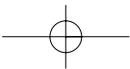
The November election, she noted, involves about a third of the Senate, the entire House of Representatives, 37 state governors, and thousands of local races.

It's important that absentee voters sign and date the ballot return envelope, Brunelli said. Some states, she added, require that the envelope be postmarked, witnessed, or notarized.

Troops with questions on absentee voting requirements should contact Fort Riley's voting assistance officer, Lt. Brad Hunstable, at 239-6694 or read their state registration and voting procedures in the Voting Assistance Guide on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov

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