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Fort Riley Post



Brigade heads to NTC
Members of 3rd Brigade Combat Team loaded vehicles onto flatbed cars before their deployment to the National Training Center.

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Post prepared for any mission — training continues

From Staff Reports

Despite last week's tragic attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center, Fort Riley and the 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) continue the mission of providing training, readiness and deployment support for its two brigade combat teams and engineer group.

"We will ensure that our soldiers and their families are safe and that our equipment and facilities are ready, so that we can respond if we are called upon in any way," said Maj. Gen. Robert St. Onge, Jr., commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley.

"We will maintain our ability to respond to contingency requirements worldwide and to respond to the humanitarian needs of those who have suffered in this tragedy. We will respond as we are called upon to do so, with materials, supplies or personnel and equipment and we will perform those missions with professionalism," he said.

"All training will continue as long as it does not conflict with my first two priorities of force protection and readiness to respond to requirements. Training must be conducted to standard, without compromising safety," said St. Onge.

Approximately 3,100 Fort Riley sol-

diers deployed to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., to improve their war-fighting skills.

Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team have been preparing for this rotation for almost a year, culminating with their field exercise entitled Gauntlet in July. The rotation is expected to last about one month.

Approximately 1,200 soldiers of Task Force 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, who deployed to Kuwait in early August, are also continuing their planned training cycle. The soldiers deployed to Kuwait are expected to be home during the December timeframe.

"Please be assured that your friends and family members deployed with the Task Force are safe," said Lt. Col. Bart Howard, Task Force commander. "As with all U.S. military units, we are taking the appropriate security measures to protect our soldiers from harm. We cannot discuss specific security measures, but rest assured every precaution is taken."

"I am very proud of the soldiers and civilian employees of Fort Riley and of this whole community. We must all pull together in this tragic time," said St. Onge. "Together, we respond to the needs of this nation."

While the post returns to its mission of

maintaining readiness for a multitude of situations, the division's G-3 force Protection Officer, Larry Duch, is cautioning people to remain vigilant.

It's important people look out for each other, he said. The people, equipment and information we have here at Fort Riley must be protected.

Duch recommends people organize and participate in neighborhood watch programs. He also said anyone who sees anything out of the ordinary, for example, suspicious people, vehicles or packages, should call authorities immediately.

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Defense heroes saved lives in Pentagon fire

By Gary Sheftick

Army News Service

WASHINGTON—The casualty toll at the Pentagon last week may have been much worse, officials said, if it wasn't for the heroic actions of many soldiers and civilian employees.

"There were an unknown number of acts of personal courage and heroism," said Brig. Gen. Clyde A. Vaughn, deputy director of military support to civil authorities.

Vaughn said he was returning to the Pentagon Sept. 11 when he saw a Boeing 757 slam into the west side of the building. He saw people coming out of the building limping badly, he said, "and every one of them had two or three people caring for them and comforting them."

Lt. Col. Ted Anderson carried two of the injured away from the burning building. Then he re-entered the smoke-filled Pentagon through a broken window to drag out two more injured employees, one whose clothes were on fire.

Anderson kicked open an interior door and with the help of two others, carried a heavy woman out of the building and boosted her through the broken window. Then back inside a dark corridor, Anderson said he saw a flash go by and realized a man's clothes were on fire. He tackled the employee and rolled him on the ground to extinguish the flames.

After helping the burn victim out through the window, Anderson turned to go back in again, but was stopped by two firemen who grabbed his shoulders and struggled to keep him from returning into the flames that had ignited from the jet fuel. Anderson said he was upset with the firemen for not letting him go back.

"You don't leave your comrades on the battlefield," said Anderson, a field artillery officer who worked in the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison. "To me, this was the battlefield."

Brig. Gen. Glenn Webster, director of Training in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, was in the section of the building one floor above where the plane hit. He and most of his staff were able to get downstairs and outside before the floor caved in.

Everybody moved quickly into the hallway, Webster said, and then a fireball shot forward along the suspended ceiling. Chunks of the suspended ceiling began to fall, he said, as soldiers checked stairwells for heat and smoke to find the safest way out. He said a few others actually ran atop part of the burning aircraft to get out.

"Soldiers were helping badly burned and cut personnel out of the building," Webster said. He said other soldiers used debris to break windows open and pull people out.

A contract employee who worked with Webster, retired Sgt. Maj. Ron Schexnayder, went back upstairs to get a flashlight to help guide people out.

"All the lights went off immediately after the big explosion," Schexnayder explained. He moved debris out of the way so people could get through.

Once outside, Webster helped perform first aid on a number of the fire victims. He treated them for shock by loosening clothing, removing shoes, propping up their feet and covering them with whatever he could find. He helped a nurse and medic triage the victims and held an IV bag for one patient.

Spec. Beau Doboszinski also helped provide first aid to the injured immediately following the plane crash.

A soldier with Co. B, 3rd U.S. Infantry, Doboszinski had been trained as an emer-

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Post/Skidmore

Children who reside on Meade Loop participate in a ceremony honoring victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. Children and their parents sang patriotic songs and observed a moment of silence Sept. 14.

Coping with terror

By Melissa McEntire

Staff Writer

The terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 left the nation picking up the pieces.

One parent coping with the aftermath, as well as trying to protect her children from too much information, is Donna Bolander.

"I think we should shelter our children from this as much as possible," she said.

"I don't think they need to be bogged down with all the details," she said in regard to all the news reports on the tragedy.

Bolander's children, Jessie, 10, and Katie, 8, are both having a hard time understanding what is going on in their country.

"I first heard at school what had happened," said Jessie. "I heard from one of my friends and figured it must be true. I also heard other kids talking about it."

Jessie said she was scared at first.

"I was afraid my dad would have to leave," she said. "I don't like it when he is gone. I don't feel as safe."

Bolander said, "I didn't have a chance to sit down and explain to them what exactly had happened until after school that day. It was difficult going through the rest of the day, not knowing what they knew."

"As soon as we got into the car to go home, they started asking why they couldn't go outside for recess that day," she said. "I told them a terrible thing had happened that day, and they had a few questions."

Bolander said that evening she let her children watch President Bush speak on the television. She said she hoped this would reassure them.

"I'm not too sure what is going on," said Katie. "My

mom explained it to me, but I don't understand it too well.

Katie said the President used a lot of words she did not understand.

"Fortunately, we had no family or friends in those areas at the time," Bolander said.

She added that the affect of the disaster may have 'hit home' to her children when she was driving onto post and the Military Police searched their car. Bolander said the girls didn't understand why the MPs were doing this.

"I explained to them that they were doing their job to keep us safe and they felt better after that," she said.

Jessie said, "I know that soldiers are going to protect us. They are stopping cars and looking through them to make sure all the cars are safe to come on Fort Riley. I am glad they are."

Military Police deploy for scheduled rotation

By Mitchell C. Huth

19th Public Affairs Det.

In the old days, soldiers deployed to the sounds of brass bands and the sight of handkerchiefs waving in the breeze as their ship steamed over the horizon. Today, compact disc players blare patriotic songs while the soldiers of the 977th Military Police Company loaded busses and said goodbye to their deploying loved ones last week.

The 977th MPs are deployed in support of operation "Bright Star," an annual military exercise held in Northern Africa by allied forces.

The unit has prepared tirelessly the past few months, especially during their Certification Exercises, or CERTEX, to perform this upcoming real world mission according to MSgt. Anthony Hallenbeck of the 977th MP Co.

"It gave the soldiers a chance to get used to working with each other," said Hallenbeck, "it gave them good training in the variety of tasks they will have to deal with over there."

The troops are very motivated and ready to go provide area security to the cantonment areas, security for VIPs and dignitary escorts in the midst of a heightened security level, he said.

According to Hallenbeck,

afternoon Physical Training and performing tasks in chemical suits are techniques the company is using to accelerate the soldiers acclimatization to the heat of the desert.

The company of MPs will work with soldiers from other countries while deployed. Twelve nations are sending troops to the exercise.

To help ensure family members are safe and prepared while their loved one is away, the unit's Family Readiness Group keeps up with them during the deployment. The FRG is a group of soldiers' spouses from the company who have volunteered to help out fellow spouses who may need help dealing with unforeseen challenges or just want a bit of information during the upcoming deployment.

The group also plans and conducts meetings and children's events. This keeps the lines of communication open between family members so that people who need a helping hand can get it according to Tori Sexton, the FRG leader for the 977th MP Co.

"Every newsletter has the phone numbers of the platoon representatives on the bottom so spouses know who to contact during emergencies," she said.

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Armor tests platoon skills in Table XXII

By Kevin Doheny

Staff Writer

Members of the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor tested their skills Sept. 7-9, as tank platoons competed against each other during the unit's Tank Table XXII at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex.

Tank Table XXII, platoon battle runs, is a live-fire range, which involves a tank platoon maneuvering down range and firing on multiple targets.

Platoons must fire the scenario as it links to day and night phases. Targets are based on the advanced guard of an armored division using Soviet-based tactics.

Targets missed during the initial presentation, present a higher level of difficulty in ensuing presentations.

"This exercise probably puts more stress on the platoon leader," said Capt. Darren Fitzgerald, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company for 2nd Bn., 34 Armor. "He is responsible for everyone."

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Post/Doheny

International students from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth observe a live-fire exercise during 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor's recent Tank Table XXII.



National Anthem . . . a call for patriotism

By Kip Reitz
Unit Correspondent

As we continue to recoil from the recent tragedy and outrage that has befallen our nation, it is understandable that many emotions and feelings come over us. Some are angry, some sad. Some wonder whether the normalcy we've enjoyed as citizens of this great land will ever return in the wake of the cowardly and evil deeds done to us by our subhuman enemies.

In this time of turmoil, I think back to my life as a child growing up in America. A sense of patriotism was instilled in me at an early age. Being proud to be American was as natural and normal as understanding that 2+2=4.

It seemed to just come with the territory. My parents had much to do with this, as their pride in the nation manifested itself and was transferred to me by the default action of being their son.

Yet, there is more. The nation itself seemed prouder. Patriotism was more prevalent than criticism, optimism more prevalent than pessimism, and pride more prevalent than despair. Why?

I'm sure that if you asked that question to 20 different Americans, you would get 20 different answers, and I'm sure that there are

many factors that would figure into the decline of patriotism this nation has felt over the last decades. I wish to focus just on one.

This may seem trivial to some people reading this letter, but here goes anyway. When I was growing up, my dad, my brothers and I were sports nuts, a trait that continues today.

Each Saturday and Sunday, if a game was on, we four could be found in some state of relaxation watching the game, at least until half time or the seventh inning stretch, at which time we'd go into the yard and do our best to replicate what we'd just seen on television.

But it's not half time or the seventh-inning stretch that had anything to do with the current discussion of patriotism; it was the start of the game. At that time in America, it was common practice on all networks not to begin the broadcast with comments and interviews from television and sports personalities as it is today. Each and every telecast, without fail, began with the broadcast of the National Anthem. This was not reserved for only championship games and "special" sporting events, but the playing and singing of The Star Spangled Banner was shown to Americans via the television before each and every sporting event.

Today it is reserved for the Super Bowl, the

games of the World Series, the Stanley Cup playoffs, and the Olympic games if an American wins the gold.

Many times, more emphasis and interest is placed on who will perform the Anthem than to the true meaning of its words. Americans are still sports-crazy, and on any given Saturday or Sunday countless numbers of us are in various stages of relaxation at home on our couches and favorite chairs watching these events. This is a great opportunity for us to renew our patriotism, if only for the minute or two it takes to watch, listen, or maybe sing to ourselves the words that have come to symbolize the freedom of this great land.

I challenge the networks and cable television powers that be to be concerned more about the United States of America than their ratings, if only for a minute or two before each game, and televise our National Anthem. It is a small step, I know, but one I believe will have far-reaching effects. Only when each American feels a spark of increased patriotism and love for the freedoms which we so often take for granted will we be able in one strong, united voice to answer a resounding yes to the question asked in our National Anthem:

"O, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave O'er the land of the Free, and the home of the Brave?"

TF officers train in windy Kuwaiti desert

By Adam Nuelken
Correspondent

At Udairi Range's Observation Post 10 last week, high winds caused the desert sands to needle bare flesh and sting eyes.

But that didn't prevent the officers of Task Force 1st Battalion, 34th Armor from getting a lesson on field artillery and other forms of indirect fire available on today's battlefield.

"We set up an officer professional development class for the officers of Task Force Centurion because it's a rare occasion when they actually get to see the effects of field artillery," according to Capt. Douglas Bond who organized the class.

The class isn't the first time the officers experienced field artillery fires, however, it was one of the most effective classes many of

them have had.

"We train and practice it all the time, but that is usually just with fire markers," he added. "Out here, these officers can actually see what it is we can do on the battlefield."

"They can observe the timing it takes, the coordination it needs, and all the factors we put into it," Bond said. "Then they get to see the execution and actual effects of the rounds on the targets."

The class's focus was to show officers of different branches the impact artillery can have, and the advantage it can give them.

"We hope they take from it an understanding of the role artillery has on the battlefield," Bond said. "They see how we can shape the battlefield for them - how the effect of the munitions can guide the enemy into their direct fire."

The officers attending the class

witnessed call-for-fire and the firing of the 120mm mortar, the M-109A6 Paladin and the Multiple Launch Rocket System.

Many of the officers found it beneficial to see how the different artillery systems work and what they can do for the task force.

"It was good training," said Capt. Chris Thomas, 1-5 Field Artillery. "It was good to bring all the elements of the fire support community together for a little demonstration."

"It gave our fellow officers a brief overview of what we could

bring to the fight - what our capabilities and limitations are," Thomas continued.

Task Force officers planned to train more on artillery later that week in a series of live-fire exercises.

"Basically, it will be a lot of movements and occupations, practicing our fire missions and our fire mission times," he said.

Every company unit in the task force is going through fire classes where tank commanders, Bradley commanders, etc., come for a live call-for-fire class.

Garrison Commander speaks . . . Make a difference

Fort Riley's through the Directorate of Environment and Safety established a Restoration Advisory Board in 1992.

The primary purpose of the board is to improve public participation in, and community awareness of, the environmental restoration process that is taking place on Fort Riley. The Fort Riley is looking for individuals interested in environmental restoration to volunteer as RAB members.

Townhall Message:

By Col. Philip Pope
Garrison Commander

The board is composed of representatives from Fort Riley, state and federal regulatory agencies, and individuals from the local communities surrounding Fort Riley.

The board brings together people who reflect diverse interests so the technical staff is able to understand the concerns of the community and the community can better appreciate the need for certain clean up activities. The RAB includes approximately 23 members and is co-chaired by a Fort Riley representative and a community representative. The board meetings are held in alternating months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, and Nov) and are open

to the public. Most meetings are held at the Directorate of Environment and Safety, Building 407, on Fort Riley.

Sites identified on Fort Riley needing environmental restoration work include sites previously used as landfills, pesticide storage facilities, dry cleaning facilities, fire-training pits, an ordnance disposal area, storage tanks, and spill sites. Fort Riley is making every effort to ensure environmental restoration and clean up will be completed successfully.

I encourage you to join me at the next Restoration Advisory Board meeting, being held Sept. 18 at the 4-H/Senior Citizen Building on the Geary County Fairgrounds, 1107 South Spring Valley Road, Junction City, Kansas. During this meeting you will see an overview of Fort Riley's environmental restoration projects and meet the board members.

For information about the Restoration Advisory Board, contact Carin Richardson at 785-239-2145 or email her at richardc@riley.army.mil. There is also RAB information and membership applications on the Fort Riley web page at www.riley.army.mil/RAB/rab.htm. I encourage all those interested to take this opportunity to be involved in the Fort Riley community by serving as a RAB member.

Pentagon restricts blood donations

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon is barring thousands of military members and their families from donating blood, starting next week, as a new precaution against mad cow disease.

The Pentagon said yesterday the restriction will disqualify an estimated 18 percent of the active-duty force, including: Anyone who traveled or lived in Britain from 1980 to 1996 for a total of three months. People who were stationed in Europe from 1980 to 1996 for a total of at least six months. Those who traveled or lived in Europe from 1980 to present for a total of five years. Anyone who has received a transfusion in Britain since 1980.

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“What are your thoughts a week after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington?”



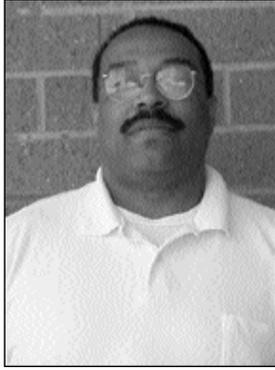
“It is still shocking to me that someone would do this to the United States.”

*SFC John Haynes
Co. B
2nd Bn.,
34th Armor*



“My initial reaction was how wrong the attacks were and that we should retaliate.”

*Pvt. 2 John Kilgore
Co. A
1st PSB*



“I'm still in shock and I still can't believe it happened.”

*James Douglas
Civilian
1st PSB*

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Shoppe News

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

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

Thrift Shop

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

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

Preschool Program

The Child and Youth Services School Age Services has opening in the Before and After School program for Kindergarten through 5th grade. Bus transportation is provided to and from all five Elementary schools on post plus transportation is available to and from St. Xavier school in Junction City. Fees are based on total family income according to Department of Defense guidelines. For more information and registration stop by or call Central Enrollment Registry, Bldg. 6620 Normandy Drive, Custer Hill, Fort Riley, 239-4847.

Office Closure

The 1st Personnel Services Battalion is closed today for Organization Day. For an emergency PSB, call 239-9661.

Apple Day

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley is holding Apple Day Oct. 20 at the Custer House and Cavalry Parade Field. Volunteers are needed to prepare pies, sell pies and provide event support. To volunteer, call Beth Rouse at 717-2440 or Gina Greene at 784-2884. For details, call Terry Miller at 717-3070.

Hispanic Heritage

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

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

Tankers show muscle

By Kevin Doheny

Staff Writer

The world's best tankers are U.S. Army tankers and during a demonstration Sept. 6, they proved it.

Tankers from 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor showed their muscle, as approximately 50 international students from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth viewed them firing the M1A1 Abram tank in a demonstration at the screening range at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex.

"It was a great opportunity for my soldiers to show their professionalism, proficiency and pride," said Lt. Col. George Brinegar, battalion commander.

The crews of four tanks showed the students all the firing components of the M1A1 tank during the demonstration.

The crews worked together in a tank platoon defensive live-fire exercise, using the 120 main gun, .50 caliber machine gun and the 240 machine gun, as they fired down range.

"It was very impressive," said Maj. Sean Ryan of the Australian Army and a student at the CGSC. "It easy to see why the M1A1 is such a good tank. I now understand what it does."

"I was very impressed," said Maj. John Atkins of the British Army. "It gave us a good idea as students to the capabilities of some of the weapons."

"The demonstration went outstanding," said Capt. Joe Clark, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor. "This crew is by far my best crew. I would have put anybody out there though and had total confidence in him. I have confidence because of their competence."

After the demonstration, the crews from the four tanks and the officers had a chance to talk about the tank and other subjects.

The soldiers from 2nd Bn., 34th Armor interacted with the officers from the CGSC and exchanged stories from past experiences and spoke of the M1A1.

"It was a good experience," said Spec. Berry Wayne, one of the tank crewmembers. "It's a little bit of showing off, but we showed them how we fight."

The students were also impressed by Fort Riley's training facilities. "I'm extremely impressed with the facilities which train personnel," said Ryan.

"The facilities here are much bigger here than back home," said Atkins.

Some of the students finished their visit by hopping onto an M1A1 near the viewing area. After the officers loaded up onto the buses on which they came, the crewmembers climbed aboard their tanks and continued on with business as usual.

Please join us as we celebrate in remembrance of contributions made by Hispanic Americans. The program is free and open to all soldiers, their families, civilian employees, and the surrounding communities. For more information, please contact your Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor or the Division EO Office at 239-2928.

Outdoor Rec

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

Instructor Needed

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

Yard Sale Sept. 29

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

Smoking Cessation

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

Spouses Meet

The Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses Club's membership meeting will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Armed Forces YMCA located on 16th Street in Junction City. If daycare is needed, please R.S.V.P. to Debbie Freeman at 762-6401 by Sunday.

Housing Guest Rules

Residents may have guests without notifying the Housing Office. Bona fide guests will be defined as friends and/or relatives visiting the soldier on a temporary basis.

The guests must not be locally employed or enrolled in local schools. A bona fide guest will not have permanent address within a 60-mile radius of Fort Riley. The 90-day limit for bona fide guests is 90 days per 12-month period. Request for exception to this policy will be submitted to the Housing Manager.

TRICARE for Life

TRICARE for Life presenta-

tions will be held today at Normandy Theatre. There will be three presentations offered. The times are: 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. TRICARE for Life presentations offer information on this health care benefit for Medicare-eligible military retirees. Normandy theatre is located on Custer Hill, Bldg. 7866. For information, call 239-7250.

Donations for Victims

The Army has established a special fund for the victims of Tuesday's attack, "The Pentagon Victims Fund." This fund will be used to assist soldiers and family members who were victims of this attack.

You may mail your donations to Army Emergency Relief, 200 Stovall Street, Room 5-N-13, Alexandria, VA 22332-0600. Please indicate on your check that you want this donation earmarked for "The Pentagon Victims Fund."

For those who desire to contribute to a fund to assist civilians, we recommend they contact the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund regarding donations. They can be contacted at Suite 200, 8441 West Bowles Ave., Littleton, CO 80123-3245, 1-800-323-4140.

Early week golf specials

Custer Hill Golf course is offering an early week special with \$7 green fees Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Tee times are available by calling 784-6000.

Open Mic Night

Musicians, singers, comedians and special acts are invited to perform at the Sports U.S.A. "Open Mic Night," Thursday evenings beginning at 8 p.m. Information on the program and scheduling acts is available by contacting Sports U.S.A. at 784-5434.

Other Sports U.S.A. programs include Monday Night Football, 8 p.m.; "Krazy Karaoke, 8 p.m., Wednesday nights; and Weekend Dance Mix, 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday nights.

Sports U.S.A. also features college football from ESPN Game-

Plan beginning Saturdays at 11 a.m. and the NFL Sunday Ticket Sundays beginning at 11 a.m.

Skating Rink

Riley Wheels Skating Rink, located inside King Field House, Main Post, is available for rent for private functions including unit events, birthday parties, Readiness Group and school group activities.

Details on Riley's Wheels packages and rates are available by calling 239-2243. Riley Wheels regular skate sessions are Friday, 8-10 p.m. and Saturdays, 6-8 p.m. and 8-10 p.m.

Bowl Hog Wild

The Custer Hill Bowling Center "Bowl Hog Wild" promotion continues through Oct. 31.

Swim Lessons

Sign-up starts Oct. 1 for another round of swim lessons at Eyster Indoor Swimming Pool. Lessons offered include IPAP, 4-4:30 p.m., Monday-Wednesday-Friday; Level III, 4:40-5 p.m., Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday; Level I, 5-5:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday; and Level II, 5:30-6 p.m., Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday.

CYS Basketball

Child and Youth Services basketball registration runs Oct. 29 through Nov. 9. Registrations are being taken at the CYS Central Enrollment Registry Office, Building 6620 Normandy Drive, Custer Hill. The program is open to second through sixth graders and the season runs December through March.

Appointments Resumed

Irwin Army Community Hospital has resumed normal booking operations. Patients requiring either same day appointments, routine, or follow-up appointments should call the TRICARE Service Center at 785-784-1200 or 1-888-TRIWEST for scheduling.

RV Lot Moves

Residents who want to place their recreational vehicles (boats, campers, jet skis, etc) in the Post RV Lot will have to register at the Self-Help Store.

The Self-Help Store is located at Bldg. 289, Cameron Ave. To register your items bring proof of ownership and your ID card during the store's normal duty hours. The Self-Help Store will process your paperwork and issue a decal and parking slot.

Keys to the RV Lot are available at the outdoor rec. center, Bldg. 9011, during their normal duty hours, or 24-hour access through the M.P. desk, Bldg 221. The Self-Help Store is also where housing residents apply for satellite dishes, fences, and additional house keys.

Ghost Tours

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley is hold-

ing its annual Ghost Tours Oct. 28 4-8 p.m.

Volunteers are needed as tour guides and story tellers. To volunteer call, Terrie Miller at 717-3070 or Rachele Boslego at 717-2818.

Retirement Changed

The monthly retirement ceremony will be moved to Riley's Conference Center Sept. 26. at 4 p.m.

Allergy Appointments

The Allergy Clinic of Irwin Army Community Hospital is now giving allergy injections on an appointment basis only.

Patients may contact the TRICARE Service Center at (785) 784-1200 or 1-888-TRIWEST.

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Combat trainer opens

By Mitch Huth

19th Public Affairs Det.

The night was black as jeweler's velvet and the crew of B-24, an M1A1 tank, was not quite sure where they were.

It's easy to lose your way in the moonless California desert when there is no Global Positioning System on board.

The driver continued to warily creep along, as his fellow crewmembers were anxious at the possibility of a rollover. Then, just as the tank crested over a dune, everyone saw the light. The red light on Tiefert Mountain and they collectively sighed in relief. They knew the mission would be a success and they would be home for dinner. Yes, home for dinner, since the crew never left Fort Riley.

That is the level of detail replicated by the Close Combat Tactical Trainer, the newest combat simulator, which opened Sept. 14 on Fort Riley.

CCTT trains tank and mechanized infantry units from platoon to battalion task force on collective tasks that would previously only be possible in a field environment.

The system on Fort Riley has 14 M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, 10 M1A1 tanks, one High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, and one Dismounted Infantry Module.

The particular variant of the vehicles within the simulator will only be updated as the actual vehicles on the post are upgraded so soldiers will be training with like systems.

The simulation that is produced by this system is a nearly virtual reality experience according to Joe Willis, the CCTT site manager.

"When you close the door and are in there for a period of

time, you have a hard time distinguishing whether you are in a real vehicle or not," said Willis with a gleam in his eye. "When you walk into a simulator, it is completely identical to what you see in your actual vehicle."

Looks aren't the only thing identical to the real thing. This new generation of simulators is keeping the soldier much more in focus by adding the things that soldiers need to do their jobs in the real world.

One thing touted by Willis is the ability in these modules for the tank or Bradley commander to "pop" his hatch and view the battlefield from the top of his vehicle. Something previous simulators were unable to provide.

"Whatever you would do in your real vehicles at home, is exactly what you have to do to these in order to make it fully operational," Willis said.

Lockheed-Martin, the system manufacturer, paid attention to detail when designing this simulation. Soldiers will find that the audio is very realistic and very loud.

The sighting systems inside the vehicles accurately reflect their actual counterparts to the extent that tankers must perform a Muzzle Reference System update every few rounds fired and Bradley boresights gradually deteriorate in order to train burst on target techniques.

Operators also note that malfunctions are factored into the simulation.

Scenarios include everything from broken track to radios out of time.

This new system is state of the art and will help save lives on the battlefield due to the ability to conduct realistic training more often and more economically.

Brigade deploys troops, equipment to NTC

By Jeremy Heckler

19th Public Affairs Det.

Members of 3rd Brigade Combat Team spent a week loading vehicles onto flatbed cars at Fort Riley's railhead before last week's deployment to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

"We started staging vehicles on Sept. 5 and we've loaded seven trucks with about 250 vehicles without an accident," said SFC Freddie Hicks, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, noncommissioned officer in charge of the operation.

Before most of Fort Riley awoke, soldiers lined up their vehicles and drove them onto flatbed railcars and guided them into position. The soldiers then went to work on chaining down the equipment for transport.

"The hardest thing for us has been to keep everything in line and work as a team," said PFC Mike Nawrocki, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion.

"None of it is really hard, it just takes a lot of patience," said Pvt. 2 Talea Bouska, Company C, 125th Forward Support Battalion.

Many of the veterans of rail loading know that even though the work isn't difficult, doing it the wrong way leads to disaster.

"If we don't load it right it can take the whole car with it," said Sgt. Albert Vadnais, Battery C, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery. Vadnais said that when he was stationed at Fort Lewis he had once such incident. "It isn't pretty when three cars are sitting at the bottom of a canyon in California so you want to make sure you do a good job."

For many of the soldiers this is the end of a process that began more than a month ago when they prepared their vehicles for transport.

"We spent all of last month getting our trucks ready," said Spec.

"The hardest thing for us has been to keep everything in line and work as a team."

—PFC Mike Nawrocki
HHC, 70th Engineer Battalion

Joe Chandler of 24th Transportation Company. "We replaced hoses, tires, batteries and made sure everything was road-ready."

Nawrocki and his crew loaded up his personnel carrier for transport.

All of the soldiers looked to men and women in the red hardhats, the safeties, who ensured

that they tied down their vehicles correctly.

"We've been going out there checking for safety," said PFC Matthew Weddle, 266th Transportation Detachment. Weddle said that the detachment gave classes to the deploying soldiers on the proper way to chain down vehicles. They also walked the

railhead and answered the questions of those who didn't quite get the hang of it during classes.

For the soldiers who crewed the vehicles, there was no price on the importance of their vehicle arriving safely.

"We're a maintenance battalion and if our vehicles don't arrive we can't do anything," said 2nd Lt. Frank Kajencki, 125th Forward Support Battalion movement officer.

With the deed done it was all up to the folks from the Union Pacific railroad to approve their work. Then it's off to a day's rest as the vehicles make their way west.



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Spec. George Strain of Company C, 70th Engineers locks down a chain during 3rd Brigade Combat Team's rail load before NTC deployment began.

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In addition, Duch said, people will be faced with changes in how they normally move around the installation.

"People may have to show an ID card to get into a building when they never had to before and getting on the installations may take longer due to the access control points," he said. "These changes are expected to continue for some time to come."

With these changes in mind, Fort Riley's soldiers, family members and civilian workforce are adapting to a new nation.

In a "Message to America" from Secretary of the Army, Thomas E. White and Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, the top Army leaders said "As it has for over 226 years, the Army stands ready to defend America—a nation that President Lincoln called

'the last best, hope of earth.' And so, as we ask God's tender mercies on all those who have fallen, we also ask for His guidance and protection for all those who will be called upon to finish the task now before us.

"With the unwavering support and resolve of the American people and our allies throughout the world, we go forward with renewed strength toward certain victory."

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The scoring for the range is evaluated on both gunnery and tactical proficiency.

The platoon must score 70 percent of the aggregate targets (crew-served and main gun) and receive 70 percent of the tactical tasks to be considered a qualified platoon.

There are a total of 42 main gun targets. All offensive engagements are presented for 50 seconds during the day, and 60 seconds at night.

For crew-served weapons targets, the crew has a total of 18

troop targets. One group target consists of silhouettes dispersed over a five-meter area. The targets are engaged with the commander's .50 caliber machine gun, loader's gun or the coax machine gun.

After the crewmembers are done firing and complete the range, they are briefed about their proficiency during the run.

"After firing the range, I give the platoon leader an after action review," said Fitzgerald. "He then sits down with the platoon and goes over the run."

After the run, crews conduct normal combat environment actions, including maintenance and preparing for night runs.

"This training is real intense," said PFC Charles Bonilla, mechanic for 2nd Bn., 34th Armor. "This is great training, plus this is where these guys make their money."

During the runs, the tankers have a chance to encounter problems during the exercise.

"There was some stoppage, but it wasn't anything these guys couldn't handle," said Bonilla.

Bonilla also said, once the crews get done with their runs, they have stories to tell everyone outside the range.

"They start bragging on how well they did," said Bonilla.

Bonilla said teamwork and communication is what gets the crewmembers through the run successfully.

In preparation for Tank Table XXII, Bonilla said they went through extensive preventative maintenance on the vehicles and they went through a normal prep to prepare for the range.

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gency medical technician before joining the Army. He served as a volunteer firefighter and EMT in Loretto, Minn., before enlisting.

"I come from a family of fire fighters," Doboszanski said.

Doboszanski was working in the Pentagon as a tour guide the morning the aircraft struck the building.

The Tour Guide office is on the opposite end of the building from where the plane hit, so Doboszanski didn't even hear the explosion.

But he heard a Navy captain screaming for anyone with medical training.

Doboszanski ran around the building, was stopped by police, so he went around barricades and ran down the George-Washington Parkway. He reached Pentagon North Parking where medics from the health clinic were beginning to perform triage on victims of the blast and fire. He joined in to help.

He treated a woman who was

having trouble breathing and placed a tube down her throat. Then he helped load the woman and about 20 others who were injured into automobiles so they could be taken to a nearby hospital.

Doboszanski then went with a six-man team into the building where the fire was still blazing. They placed doused rags around their faces and spent an hour in calf-deep water searching for survivors.

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Some of the events planned while troops are away include a Parade and a Halloween party for the kids and scheduled phone calls from the commander and other leaders during the monthly FRG meeting.

"About every two weeks, we're getting together for something," said Sexton, "plus we've been calling our people too, to make sure we stay in touch with them."

As an added benefit, the Army Community Service center on Custer Hill will remain open 24 hours a day during this deployment to further serve the family members of the deployed soldiers.

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Cats, others returning to gridiron battles

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

Getting back into the spirit of the season and with the first full weekend of football action behind them, teams in both college and professional football are licking their wounds from a fierce weekend of gridiron action Sept. 8-9.

The weekend began for local teams as the Jayhawks played at home against the number fourteen team in the nation, the University of California Los Angeles Bruins. The Jayhawks stumbled out of the gates by losing 41-17 to the Bruins. Jayhawk junior quarterback Mario Kinsey scored

two rushing touchdowns, but it wasn't enough as Bruin running back DeShaun Foster ran wild against the Jayhawk defense for 179 total yards on 28 carries.

Later on in the day, eleventh ranked Kansas State walked into the Rose Bowl gave Bill Snyder his 100th career win against the University of Southern California Trojans in Los Angeles.

The 'Cats won their 13th straight season opener and 29th straight regular season non-conference game 10-6. Josh Scobey and Ell Roberson ran wild over the Trojan defense. Scobey ran for 165 yards and Roberson ran for 119 yards.

Roberson was ineffective through the air, as he only went 7-16 for 26 yards. Scobey was awarded the Big 12's offensive player of the week for his efforts against a tough USC defense.

The Wildcats had an astonishing 340 rushing and a dismal 26 yards passing.

The defense also played particularly well against quarterback Carson Palmer and the rest of the Trojan offense.

On Sunday Sept. 9, the NFL season kicked off and the Kansas City Chiefs battled their hated division rivals, the Oakland Raiders.

New Head Coach Dick Vermeil looked to win his first reg-

ular season game as Chiefs coach.

The Chiefs led the hated Raiders 14-6 at halftime, but the Raiders overcame mistakes to beat the Chiefs for the second year in a row at Arrowhead Stadium.

The Chiefs began their scoring when Eric Warfield picked off a pass from Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon and returned it 51 yards for a touchdown.

Later on in the game, and after falling behind 24-17, the Chiefs answered right back as quarterback Trent Green hit rookie wide receiver Marvin Minnis in the back off the end zone.

Late in the game though, Gannon lead the Raiders down the field and left it up to the left foot of kicker Sebastian Janikowski. He hit 31-yard field goal with just 15 seconds left in the game.

Green went 16 of 33 for 222 and a touchdown. Tony Richardson, Chief running back, scored a touchdown as well.

Local teams prepare for war against their respective teams this weekend.

Kansas State is peeking at the top 10. Kansas looks to get on track and The Kansas City Chiefs try to run their record to 1-1.

Let the games begin.

Commentary Sports on hold after tragedy

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

I awoke from my bed Sept. 12 to gather the latest news on the horrific attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

After a few minutes I switched from one major network to see the reaction on ESPN.

I was hoping they would show stories related to the attacks, and not sports. They did.

Although ESPN ran related stories in sports, they showed athletes from their respected sports and how they were in shock and their compassion for the victims.

Real life, not sports, was the main focus of the athletes who were interviewed.

For example, Rich Aurilla, shortstop for the San Francisco Giants and a native New Yorker, spoke of how baseball is just a game and the game of life is far more important.

Aurilla told an ESPN reporter, "I called my parents who live in New York to see if they were okay. That was my first concern. Baseball is not on my mind."

Jeff Burton, a NASCAR driver, was interviewed on RPM.ESPN.com and spoke of how he felt about the attacks.

"It just shows there are people in this world who are not set on having peace," said Burton. "It's a tremendous tragedy, a real act of cowardice to attack innocent civilians. It's absolutely horrendous."

Also, they ran a story, which showed the parking lot of Shea Stadium in New York, home of the New York Mets, being used as a place where New York firemen and police officers were able to convene before entering the "war zone" in Manhattan.

Bud Selig, commissioner of Major League Baseball, decided to postpone the entire schedule for the week.

Also, college football games, which were scheduled to be played Thursday and Saturday, were postponed.

The National Football League also was under scrutiny because three days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, former NFL commissioner Pete Roselle let them play, and some say he never forgave himself for not postponing those games.

Current NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue battled with his decision to play or not because of this event.

Also, the National Hot Rod Association event for the weekend was canceled, along with Major League Soccer games, Minor League Baseball games, the Sept. 15 boxing match between Felix Trinidad and Bernard Hopkins, racing for both CART and NASCAR were cancelled, and many more.

Many people have been affected by the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Los Angeles Kings have lost two members of their family.

Two members of their staff were on board United Airlines Flight 175, which crashed into the World Trade Center.

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are the important factors in time like this, not sports.

President George W. Bush told the nation Sept. 11, things in this country, would go on as usual.

It will be tough to do this, but the games will go on, and our way of life will continue.

I applaud ESPN. Thank you.

Marksmen looking for shooters

Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga.—The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good shooters. The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer of 2002.

"We do this every year," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gibbs, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the USAMU Service Pistol Team. "Soldiers who wish to represent the U.S. Army in pistol competition, marksmanship instruction and recruiting assistance are welcome to apply. This is a highly visible, fast-paced mission."

The Army Marksmanship Unit has been a part of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command since October 1999. It was formed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to raise the standards of marksmanship throughout the U.S. Army.

The Marksmanship Unit trains its soldiers to win competitions and enhances combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research and development. The world-class soldier-athletes of the USAMU also promote the Army and assist recruiters in attracting young Americans to enlist in the Army.

The Army Pistol Team is always looking for active Army soldiers who are highly motivated, disciplined and competitive by nature, Gibbs said, adding that no previous competitive shooting experience is required.

Soldiers in the rank of sergeant first class and below with less than 15 years of service who obtain approval from their commanders can travel to Fort Benning in April at the expense of the Marksmanship Unit to participate in the initial training. The soldiers are trained in advanced marksmanship skills.

Once that is complete, pistol team officials will select shooters to participate in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July.

After the three-month tour, soldiers return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training that can be harvested by unit trainers to improve the marksmanship skills of their soldiers.

Interested soldiers can contact Gibbs at (706) 545-7022 or 545-3893 or DSN 835-7022 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@usarec.army.mil. For information, visit the unit's website at www.usamu.com, click on The Shooting Teams, select Service Pistol and click on Joining the Team.

For information on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, contact its Public Affairs Office at (706) 545-5436, or contact Paula Pagan at paula.pagan@usarec.army.mil. Or visit the team's website www.usarec.army.mil/hq/amu/



ADA quarterback Josh Washington receives the snap as Eric Spencer scans the formation during PSB's 41-33 victory Sept. 10 at Sturgis Field.

Personnel powers past ADA

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

Big plays from the quarterback position provided enough offense to power 1st Personnel Support Battalion past Battery C, 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Monday night at Sturgis Field.

The game started out slowly as PSB had possession first. After completing a pass for a first down, the drive stalled as a sack, and incomplete pass and a penalty killed the drive.

For ADA, their first drive was just as unproductive.

Getting the ball back, PSB quarterback Josh "Little Vick" Washington scored on a spectacular run giving PSB a 6-0 lead.

Another bad drive ended for ADA when, going for it on fourth down quarterback

Jermaine Walker tossed an incomplete pass to Jason Lachermeier.

After getting the ball back, Washington tossed a touchdown pass to running back Bobby Allision. The extra point was good and PSB lead 13-0.

Down by 13, ADA needed to score to get back into the game. After a big completion, Walker used his speed and agility to scamper for touchdown run. The extra point was good.

With the score 14-7, PSB receiver Eric Spencer caught a touchdown pass from Washington. They went for two points and were successful, which made the score 22-7.

Not backing down, ADA drove right down the field and answered the scoring drive by PSB.

They scored on a pass

from Walker to Jonathon Jones. The extra point attempt was no good.

With the score 22-13, PSB drove down the field but the receiver dropped the ball on a would-be touchdown.

The score at the half was 22-13.

After a nonproductive drive by ADA, PSB scored again.

Washington once again tossed another touchdown pass and PSB led with the score of 28-13.

The ADA defense stepped up and kept them in the game with an interception return for a touchdown. The extra point was good. PSB didn't panic as they added to their total with a touchdown pass from Washington.

The score was 35-27 when PSB scored again on a touchdown run from Washington.

ADA stayed with their

game plan and stayed within striking distance when Walker tossed a touchdown pass. The score was 41-33.

The PSB defense then stopped ADA on their final drive. They won the game with the final score of 41-33.

"Our quarterback play was awesome," said Matthew Casper after the game. "We played well on both offense and defense."

The Fort Riley Flag Football League's Southern League takes off and is in full swing.

ADA continues their season on Monday as they play Headquarter and Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry at Sturgis Field at 7:30 p.m.

PSB looks to stay on their winning ways Wednesday at Sturgis Field against Company C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. at 7:30 p.m.

Army Ten-Miler registration closes, team changes end

By Tesia Williams
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—Registration for the annual Army Ten-Miler, is now closed.

Team captains can make team changes through today. Only individuals who are currently registered can be added to a team.

After the recent attacks on Americans in the New York and Washington, race organizers decided to continue on with plans for the race.

They issued a statement on the official website: "The Army Ten-Miler Staff would like to offer its sincere condolences to the family members and friends of those who were involved in the devastating tragedy on Sept. 11.

"We are very grateful for the firefighters, law enforcement officers and volun-

teers who continue to support the recovery effort. The Army Ten-Miler will be held as scheduled on Sunday, Oct. 14."

The race, which will be held in Washington, D.C., has a runner capacity of 18,000 — 2,000 more than last year.

"We've had a higher demand, and in the last two years, we've had to turn away 1,000 to 2,000 people," said Amy Lyons, assistant race coordinator.

Runners can access the Ten-Miler website at www.armytenmiler.com. Late registration will not be accepted.

The event will begin on Route 27 at the Pentagon with a wheelchair race at 7:50 a.m. and continue with the Army Ten-Miler at 8 a.m. The Junior Ten-Miler Fun Run will kick off at 10:45 a.m., Lyons said.

Non-refundable registration fees are \$25 for the Ten-Miler and \$8 for the Junior Ten-Miler.

The race draws scores of runners from across the United States and overseas including active Army, Reserve and National Guard personnel.

There is a huge team contingency, with the military making up over 50 percent of the 600 teams registered in various categories including Sergeants Major Masters, Military Academy and Reserve Officer Training Corps, Lyons said.

The teams compete to win the Commander's Cup, which is awarded to the fastest men's and women's active-duty military team.

"We pride ourselves on the esprit-de-corp competition, its part of what makes the race so great," said Lyons. "It's also a race for someone who otherwise couldn't compete in a marathon, which adds to personal achievement."

Despite the anticipated increase in the

number of runners, there will be enough medical and law enforcement support, she said.

"Soldiers will be monitoring the starting line and various spots throughout the course to make sure runners aren't abusing the restrictions," Lyons said.

The scenic racecourse begins and ends at the Pentagon and will allow runners to view the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the Washington Monument and the Kennedy Center.

The 17th annual Army Ten-Miler is produced by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and presented by the Association of the United States Army and KPMG Consulting.

Fort Riley has already identified its official teams. These soldiers will be heading to Washington soon to compete in the annual race.





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Service brings people together

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

Sept. 11 the United States was shocked by ruthless attacks of terrorism.

Friday the country mourned. Approximately 5,000 people lost their lives in the attack, which most people are calling the worst terrorist attack this country has ever seen. Sept. 11, the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington were attacked when three commercial aircraft, hijacked by terrorist, flew directly into them, killing innocent victims.

Another airplane crashed approximately 80 miles outside of Pittsburgh.

Because of these attacks, and the loss of thousands of Americans, Friday was declared "National and Remembrance Day" by President George Bush.

People all across the country gathered at churches to pay tribute to the fallen victims, their family members and friends in prayer services.

Fort Riley was no exception. With services in multiple locations on post, soldiers and family members congregated Friday to pay their respects.

Some gathered at Custer Hill Chapel and the somber mood in the congregation created a quiet noise as the piano played in the background.

The chaplains lead the congregation in hymns such as the Battle Hymn of the Republic, My Country 'Tis of Thee and Amazing Grace.

With tears in some of the people eyes in the congregation, the emotions in the chapel were high.

In most cases, people have their own feelings and emotions on the tragedy.

"My feelings are very strange," said Maj. David Hann, chaplain for 1st Brigade, 1st Combat Team. "I'm on an emotional roller coaster. There's a sense of awe and disbelief, surprise, grief, and happiness when someone gets pulled from the rubble."

Hann also said the events, which took place Sept. 11 didn't just happen to the victims and families of the two cities, but it happened to everyone in the U.S.

"I didn't just happen to them, it happened to the people and our hearts, homes and to all the people in this country."

"My heart was pounding when I found out," said PFC Jason Kemp, 1st Brigade chaplain's assistant. "I was horrified."

Some Americans believe these attacks on our nation will only make our nation unite and become stronger.

"Our country has a sense of pulling together," said Hann. "Our

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Jacob Stevens, age 2, tentatively touches one of the enormous horses with the coaxing of Manny Raber, lead driver.

Clydesdales visit Fort Riley

By Melissa McEntire
Staff Writer

Here is a question: What weighs an average of 2,000 pounds and draws millions of spectators a year?

The answer is the Budweiser Clydesdales, of course!

These gigantic horses paid a visit to Fort Riley recently just to please the crowd.

"It has been 19 years since the Clydesdales were here last," said Glen Payne, Main Post Shopette manager.

"Needless to say, it was a challenge to get them back," he said.

However, after three years of trying, he succeeded.

"I wanted to bring them here to show the soldiers and their children. We held the event late in the afternoon so people were off work and children were out of school," he said.

"The Clydesdales are one of the most popular icons in the United States. Many people grew up seeing them. It was very special for us to get them here so parents could share with their children the experience of seeing them again, or even seeing them for the very first time," said Payne.

Overall, approximately 2,200 men, women and children drove out to the Post Exchange to see the eight massive animals.

"We do about 300 shows with

the horses a year," said Manny Raber, lead driver for the Clydesdales.

"It is always fun to see the expressions on both adult's and children's faces whenever they first see them. Most don't expect to see a horse that big," he said.

The horses average in height about 18 hands, or six feet, when measured from the top of their shoulders, and they weigh about 2,000 pounds each.

During the show, the horses pull a 6,000 pounds wagon behind them.

"The wagon represents the days when beer was delivered by a team of Clydesdales. In each show we have it," Raber said.

"The horses' harnesses are made out of brass and leather and the wagon has a lot of brass on it. Before the show, we make sure that all of the brass is highly polished," he said.

"Before each show, we make sure that the horses are shampooed and brushed, with their manes and tails braided and decorated with ribbons and flowers. It is a lot of work, but the looks on everyone's faces makes it all worth it," he said.

Some of the children who were at the event were almost speechless when they saw the horses.

"I didn't know horses got that big," said Ty-Kisha Ellington, 9.

"I have seen horses before, but never one that big. I think they are

very pretty, though," she said.

"I would like to have a horse like that some day, but I think I would maybe start with a pony," she said.

"I just don't know what I would do with a horse that big. I couldn't even get on it to ride," Ellington said.

PFC Rene Arana, Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery brought his 4-year-old son, Anthony to see the Clydesdales.

"He wanted to see the horses, so I brought him up here to see them," said Arana.

"He is having a really good time," he said.

"I liked seeing the horses," said Anthony.

"I wouldn't want one, though. I think they would eat too much," he said.

The event was open to all family members, as there were no alcoholic beverages near. Also, a local beverage store was handing out brochures on the importance of talking to children and teenagers the importance of knowing the impact alcohol beverages can have on lives.



Each team has at least two drivers in the seat of the wagon, along with the help of their long-time mascot, a Dalmatian dog.



Flag for All

Post hosts tearful POW/MIA day

By Melissa McEntire
Staff Writer

Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action were recognized Sept. 14 in a special service at Riley's Event Center. In light of the terrorist attack in New York City and Washington, D.C., the event was also a time to remember the Americans hurt or killed in the attack.

The service opened with a prayer. Maj. Gen. Robert St. Onge Jr., commanding general 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, was the guest speaker.

"Today is a day to remember not only the POWs and MIAs," St. Onge said, "but also a day to think about all who have lost their lives this week."

"The image I'll never forget (the terrorist attack) is people streaming away from the World Trade Center

as Engine Company 15 was marching toward the towers," he said. "They knew they were marching into what was most likely certain death, yet they just marched on in."

St. Onge quietly stated, "They were the first casualties found."

These casualties of aggression and those of war are remembered and honored for the ultimate price they paid - their lives.

One man in attendance today, Dr. Carl Fyler, fought for and helped to win freedom during World War II. As a captain in the Army Air Corps in November of 1943, Fyler was a B-17 pilot in the 360th Squadron, 303rd H.B.G., 8th Air Force, when his plane crashed

and he was taken Prisoner of War by the Germans.

"When you are a POW, you are scared, hungry and cold all of the time," he said.

"It is something no man should ever have to endure. Every day you wake up and wonder if it is going to be your last," Fyler said.

Fyler said that he was fortunate to have a doctor in his camp. According to Fyler, he kept all 9,700 service-members as healthy as he could.

Fyler said the Germans shot one man 11 times, and the doctor saved his life. "I didn't think the man would live, but he did."



Dr. Carl Fyler

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Buffalo Soldier returns

By Scott Price
Comm. Rel. Officer

A philosopher once said "You can't go home again."

However, last week a 92-year old veteran of the Army's 10th Cavalry disproved that old saying during his two-day stay at Fort Riley.

Trooper Ulysses Grant Mullen, a living link to the Army's horse cavalry days, wanted to return to his old post to reminisce about "the old days" and see if he could locate any of his old comrades.

While touring the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard stables and visiting with the post's modern troopers, he recalled his early life and joining the Army as war loomed around the globe.

Mullen, who grew up in rural Arkansas, traveled to Jefferson Barracks, just outside St. Louis, Mo., to join the fabled 10th Cavalry on Nov. 19, 1940. He reminisced about how he and a wiry young man named Turl Covington Jr. were sworn in together and took their basic horsemanship training at Fort Leavenworth.

In March, 1941, the regiment was transferred west to Fort Riley. Much to the soldier's dismay, gone were the days of moving a regiment of horse cavalry across country on horseback.

The 20th Century cavalry soldiers and horses traveled to their new post via motor convoy and train.

While stationed at Fort Riley, the unit was headquartered at Camp Funston. He remembered drilling on horseback and on foot and qualifying with the .45 caliber pistol as well as with .30 and .50 caliber machine guns.

Mullen recalled the long hours of tedious labor in the stables and the hours spent in the saddle sharpening his tactical skills in a vain effort to convince the Army "brass" that in the age of the panzer tank, the horse cavalry skill had a role to play on the modern battlefield.

His chest swelled with pride as he related to his modern counterparts that in 1941, he served as a member of the 10th Cavalry's mounted color guard at Fort Riley.

Like the present day troopers, they too wore the blue civil war era uniforms and carried pistols and sabers. Mullen said that he took great pride in the fact that during his cavalry days he never fell from his horse or was thrown.

Mullen then got out a 60-year old unit yearbook that showed him and the color guard astride their mounts carrying the national and regimental flags. He smiled broadly when one of the soldiers said that he looked a lot like Denzel Washington in the movie "Glory."

He said that his service with the 10th's color guard was the highlight

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Clydesdales

Tall horses entertain all ages

By Melissa McEntire
Staff Writer

The Budweiser Clydesdales made an appearance at the Fort Riley Post Exchange, recently.

The popular icons made their way to Fort Riley on one of their 300 stops per year.

Traveling with 10 very large horses cannot be easy, but the team and their handlers make it look effortless. After all, they've been doing it for years.

"The Clydesdales horses representing Budweiser is a tradition that dates back to 1933," said Manny Raber, lead driver.

If history buffs recall, 1933 was also the year that Prohibition ended.

"August Busch, Jr. bought his

father a team of Clydesdales and a wagon as a way to celebrate the lifting of Prohibition," Raber said.

"And that is where the tradition started," he said.

Back in the 1930s, the team of horses would deliver beer to local merchants. Each driver rode with a trusty Dalmatian dog, so when he was inside making a delivery, the dog would protect the horses and the remaining beer. Today, that tradition still stands. Each of the teams travels with a Dalmatian, which is now their mascot.

Today, there are six teams of Budweiser Clydesdales. Five of them travel all over the United States.

"The sixth team, located in Florida, doesn't travel. Our team, from St. Louis, Mo., travels

around the Midwest," said Raber.

"We go to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri, Texas and Oklahoma," he said.

"Other teams do as we do, and travel in their areas."

Although traveling all that time, 10 months out of the year, it really isn't too difficult, Raber said.

"We have three custom built trucks, in which the horses travel in two, and the third carries the wagon, portable stall, feed, harnesses and other gear," he said.

"The trucks are all air conditioned and heated, so the horses are comfortable. They also have their own stalls and some hay to munch on while traveling the road," he said.

To keep the horses in top shape, they require 25 quarts of grain, 50 pounds of hay and up to 30 gallons of water a day.

"It is no surprise that these horses eat, well, like a horse," Raber laughed.

The handlers traveling with the team seem to have a lot of fun, as well.

"We get to do a lot of shows during Christmas time, a lot of parades and we've even been to Mardi Gras a few times," he said.

"All in all, if you like to travel, it is a great job."

Primarily Budweiser breeds the Clydesdales, however, they do buy a few.

"To get to be on the team, the horse has to be bay in color, have a white strip down their nose, have a black tail and mane, and have the white feathering on all four of their legs," Raber said.

"They are trained to be in events starting when they are three years old, and they start traveling when they are usually four," he said.

"Depending on their health, a Clydesdale can work up until they are 16 or 17 years old," he said.

"And, they are all very gentle animals. Because they work around a lot of large crowds, it is a must that they be calm," said Raber.

And so, the Budweiser Clydesdales tradition lives on. Generations of families go and see the horses every opportunity they have. And for the horses, it is just another day of work.



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On an average, a Clydesdale horse is about six feet tall. It can be difficult during some moments, for handlers to bridle the horses for each show.

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PTA hosts back-to-school BBQ

By Melissa McEntire
Staff Writer

While most schools open their doors by having formal parent/teacher conferences and open houses, Fort Riley Elementary does not. They open doors for parents and students with a cook out.

Recently, parents, students and teachers all had an informal chance to get acquainted with one another over the smell of sizzling hot dogs.

"The cook out is something of a tradition now," said Becky Lay, principal.

"It has been going on for five years," she said.

The Parent, Teacher Association sponsored event turned out approximately 425 people.

"It is just a wonderful way to get to know one another in an informal setting. Many barriers go up during formal meetings, so this is a good way to avoid those," Lay said.

"I know that both parents and students feel more comfortable in this kind of setting," she said.

"We do have an open house

and parent/teacher conferences, but this is just a way to for everyone to get to know each other and be more at ease," she said.

The cook out wasn't just for students and parents, however. The whole family was invited.

"All that we asked is that each family brought something, like a pot luck dinner. We assigned each grades to bring an item, like a side dish, or paper plates. All the hot dogs, buns and condiments were donated through the PTA, so there is plenty of food for everyone," she said.

As the families settled on their blankets or in their lawn chairs on the front lawn of the school to eat, the atmosphere was happy with sounds of children laughing in the background.

"I was glad they didn't cancel the cook out in light of recent events," said Michelle Lessing, parent.

"I think it is important to keep the children on their regular schedules and keep things as normal as possible," she said.

"My daughter has not talked about anything else for weeks. She would have been crushed if

they'd canceled it," she said.

"This is our fourth year here and we come to the cook out each year. It has become a tradition to us," Lessing said.

"I think it is a wonderful way to meet new friends, and catch up with your old friends," she said.

"It is a great way to bond, and that is especially important now," she said.

Although some children aren't sure about bonding with one another, they do know one thing...food.

"I like the hot dogs and cupcakes the most," said Kristen Lessing, first grader.

"I've eaten a lot since I've been here," she said.

"I got to see my Kindergarten teacher today, and that was really neat," she said.

"I also got to bring my whole family to school, so that was pretty cool," Kristen said.

"I had a really good time at the cook out," she said.

"These cook outs are great for kids, parents and teachers," said Lay.

"It is just a great way to get to know one another," she said.

Post yard sale set for Sept. 29

The Post Wide Yard Sale will take place on Sept. 29, starting at 8 a.m., until 4 p.m.

"Twice a year, people living in quarters on Fort Riley can have a yard sale without informing us," said Betsy Young, community life programs coordinator.

"Most people who don't usually go to yard sales will go to the post wide ones," said Young.

"Going around to all the different yard sales on post is a great way to support the community, not to mention maybe finding something you want or need," she said.

"It is supposed to just be a fun day," Young said.

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of his time in the military. He said that every trooper in the regiment competed for a spot on the color guard and that it was an honor to be selected. He recalled riding in several parades and military reviews across Kansas. Benjamin O. Davis, the man destined to become the Army's first black general, attended several of these horse cavalry reviews and saluted the unit as it passed.

Sgt. Richard Welsh, the NCOIC of the Fort Riley mounted unit, said that Trooper Mullen's visit was an inspiration to him and his soldiers. "It was a rare honor meeting Trooper Mullen," Welsh said. "It was like shaking hands with history."

One of the trip's many poignant moments came early when the old trooper, his daughter Rose Anderson, and friend Zelma Lightfoot, visited the Buffalo Soldier Memorial in nearby Junction City.

The massive bronze statue of a 1930's vintage buffalo soldier "standing to" beside his horse awaiting orders visibly impressed Mullen. Tears welled up in his eyes as he talked about his memo-

ries in the segregated army, of old times in the 10th and of friends long past.

Anderson, Mullen's daughter, was also impressed with the local Buffalo Soldier Memorial. "You know when we were young, dad would tell us stories about the horse cavalry and Fort Riley and we didn't think it was a big deal," she said. "It wasn't until we grew up and learned that that he and his friends represented the very end of the Army's era of the horse cavalry that we realized just how special those memories are."

The 10th Cavalry was one of two black horse cavalry regiments organized in 1866 and 1867. The 10th was organized in 1866 at Fort Leavenworth under the Command of Col. Benjamin H. Grierson.

Later the next year, he was granted permission to move his command to Fort Riley where he organized its last four companies and regimental band.

During the ensuing wars with the Plains Indians, the Native American warriors dubbed the black troopers "buffalo soldiers" due to the texture of their hair and

of their fierceness in battle.

On the second day of his visit, Mullen was reunited with Covington, of Junction City, his long-lost friend and comrade at the Geary Community Hospital.

Covington and Mullen joined the Army together at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and worked closely together for the next year.

Both Mullen and Covington looked forward to their reunion; however, the night before they were to meet at the Buffalo Soldier Memorial, the local buffalo soldier took ill and was admitted to the hospital.

Mullen was allowed to visit his old friend and when they embraced there was not a dry eye in the room. Trooper Covington

was overjoyed when his old friend entered this hospital room. He sat up in bed and said, in a strained voice that was barely audible, "I never thought I'd ever see you again."

Both old soldiers marveled that, after 60 years, they could still recognize each other.

The old unit yearbook came out again and for over a half hour the men played catch up and laughed and wept. When it was time to leave, Mullen, who is also a retired Baptist minister back in California, offered a prayer of healing for his ill friend. Upon leaving the room Mullen said quietly, "Those few minutes alone were worth the trip from California."

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history shows we have a sense of pride and it will most definitely pull us together as a nation."

"We are already a strong nation, but this will make everyone come together no matter what," said Kemp.

Hann also said, "If there wasn't a sense of patriotism and pride, we would really be hurting as a people."

"We in the military can now hold our heads up high," said Kemp. "People will say thanks, and will be glad we are here."

As America mourns the fallen victims, life starts to get back to normalcy.

President Bush commends Americans all across the country for emotional and financial support.

Friday Fort Riley soldiers and family members showed theirs.

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