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Fort Riley Post



Open House tomorrow
Fort Riley's Apple Day celebration and Fall Open House will be Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Cavalry Parade Field. There will be a variety of activities for all ages.
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Special Reaction Team trains for real world situations

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

Fort Riley Elementary School looks like a normal elementary school. Posters line the walls of students running for class presi-

dent. The classrooms are all bright and colorful — even with the lights turned out. A few janitors are in the building working, long after the students have gone home, to make the school neat and tidy for the kids when they come in the next morning.

The facility is just like any other elementary school — the place you might have gone or might be sending your children to. Seen from another point of view, however, the building is really quite deadly. It wouldn't be

difficult to turn the friendly atmosphere into one of terror. Obviously, trained people are needed to deal with these situations. The 924th Military Police Battalion Special Reaction Team conducted a drill at Fort Riley Elementary School Sept. 18. This was the second drill in a number of scheduled ones in buildings across the installation. The SRT does this to be prepared in case of any threats occurring there.

The mission of the special reaction team is to respond to special threats on the installation," said Capt. Todd Schroeder, 924th MP Bn SRT. "A special threat could be a barricaded criminal, someone who just goes into a building someplace and barricades the doors and won't come out. It could be a barricaded criminal with hostages, which is what we're doing right now."



Special Reaction Team members secure a hallway at the Fort Riley Elementary School during a training exercise after school. The mission of the special reaction team is to respond to special threats on the installation.

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"What we're doing tonight is just developing our plans in case something would happen, such as there are hostages inside or a hostage taker. We call them an active shooter or, like Columbine, where a student takes a gun to school and starts shooting fellow students and faculty," said Schroeder. "That's what we're doing now, planning how we would go into the school and neutralize a situation like that."

The schedule of SRT drills takes the team through every school on post to develop their plans. They also go through other important buildings, such as the bank. Schroeder says he has been coordinating with the superintendent of the school system to develop plans for the safety of the students and faculty.

"We're starting here with Fort Riley Elementary. We're going to make our way around post in future training," Schroeder said. "We call this pre-planning. We have the blueprints and we'll run through and make different sketches and put it all in a folder, and when we're done tonight it'll be on a shelf, so if anything ever happened here at Fort Riley Elementary we'd just pull the plan right off the shelf."

The SRT first ran through the building without their equipment to get an idea of the layout of the building. This was a rehearsal for the final drill, which was to go through and clear the building with flask vests and a frontrunner carrying a shield.

"This is just a crawl phase, seeing how we're going to do it," said Staff Sgt. Michael Paz, SRT team leader. "Then we'll go back and study it some more and keep that plan on file in case we ever need to respond to a real threat here."

Team members thought the exercise went well.

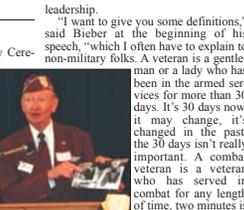
"I think we're working together very well," said Sgt. Ryan Williams, SRT team security. "We all know what we're doing, and Schroeder. "That's what we're executing like we're supposed to. The schools are some of

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Former prisoner of war speaks at recognition ceremony

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

A POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony was held Sept. 20 at Kapaun Chapel to honor former prisoners of war.



Bob Bieber points to a photograph of WWII POW's during his presentation.

leadership. "I want to give you some definitions," said Bieber at the beginning of his speech, "which I often have to explain to non-military folks. A veteran is a gentleman or a lady who has been in the armed services for more than 30 days. It's 30 days now, it may change, it's changed in the past, the 30 days isn't really important. A combat veteran is a veteran who has served in combat for any length of time, two minutes is enough. "MIA is a combat veteran who is missing, action, missing and unaccounted for," he continued. "A POW is a prisoner of war who is an MIA and captured by the enemy and incarcerated in a foreign land. So, I am an ex-POW."

Bieber quoted some more figures to give the audience a perspective on the number of American POW's taken in the 20th century. In the five different wars America was involved in this century, there were 4,000 POW's taken in WWI; 7,000 taken in Korea; 772 in Vietnam and 23 in the Gulf War. In World War II, 130,000 POW's were taken, more than 100 times that of the other four wars combined.

John Keegan, a noted British historian, as quoted by Bieber, said, "WWII was the largest single event in the history of mankind. It was fought on six of the seven continents and in all of the seas. Fifty million people died. It was an event of such magnitude that it took us 50 years to come to grips with it. Fifty years, to get the perspective of it."

Bieber spoke of his own experiences in the POW camp, which he describes as typical for every prisoner of war.

"I think all the things that you've heard about prison camps for prisoners of war are true," he said. "The little food. We would have about a ninth of a loaf of bread a day, and that was made out of bran husks, 20 percent sawdust, and a little can about the size of a coffee can of gruel. They called it soup, I don't know what it was, but I tell you it was mostly water and maggots."

"The idea was, when it came you're time to get your soup, that they stir it up good to get my share of the maggots because I needed that protein," he contin-

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24th Infantry Division Association reunion group visits post

By Steven Cooke
Staff Writer

The 24th Infantry Division Association toured Fort Riley Sept. 19 as part of its four-day annual reunion.

"The reunion is important because it keeps [veterans] together," said Billy Johnson, president, 24th Infantry Division Association. "We've been through the same thing. We share the same feelings."

While touring Fort Riley, the association visited the U.S. Cavalry Museum, the Fort Riley Regimental Museum, the United States Constabulary Museum, the Closed Combat Tactical Trainer and the Simulation Center. They also ate lunch in the 1st Brigade "Devils Den" and talked to soldiers at a static display of tactical vehicles provided by 1st Brigade.

The association was also welcomed to the Fort Riley by Col. (P) Frank Helmick, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley.

"It is an honor to be with you here today," said Helmick. "The 24th Infantry Division has a reputation that you made."

Helmick explained that although time has passed and the Army has changed, the soldiers are still the same. "The Army may be different with how we train, the systems we have or the structure of the brigades," said Helmick, "but the soldiers are the same. They are very smart and motivated."

Helmick encouraged the veterans to speak to active duty soldiers while touring the post. "You have the history and the tradition with you," he said. "We want you to carry that on to the soldiers. They want to hear your stories. They may seem shy but they really want to talk to you."

Helmick closed his speech by saying, "Thank you for coming. Thank you for what you have done for the Army and for Fort Riley." While at the museums, association members viewed displays from war eras they served in and eras before their time when their fathers or other family members served in the military.



Billy Johnson, (left) president, 24th Division Association, Frank Lyon, Jr. and Edwin Shuttle reminisce about the Korean War while visiting the Fort Riley Regimental Museum. All three served in Korea, although they did not know each other then.

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Brigadier Generals Huber, Hood begin work at First U.S. Army

By Karen Bradshaw
First US Army

Brigadier General Keith M. Huber and Brigadier General Jay W. Hood have assumed responsibilities as First U.S. Army deputy commanding generals. Huber will lead, coach and mentor senior commanders and staffs of Reserve Component units in First U.S. Army's area of responsibility of 27 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Huber's ultimate responsibility is to enhance the combat readiness of Reserve Component soldiers and units in First Army by ensuring that standards are met and current doctrine and tactics are followed. Huber comes to First Army from his latest assignment as Commanding General 10th

Mountain Division (Light Infantry) (Rear) and Fort Drum. In November 2001, he deployed to Kosovo as the Commanding General Task Force Falcon until May 2002. Huber, a West Point graduate, has wide ranging experience from a variety of assignments involving Special Forces, light infantry and air assault infantry units over the last 28 years. He commanded at the company and battalion levels within the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He served for a year as a brigade field advisor in El Salvador during their conflict. During the Gulf War, Brig. Gen. Huber was the Chief of Operations for the 101st and during the Haiti campaign he served as the United Nations mission Chief of Operations for an entire year. His brigade command was in Hon-

durans with Joint Task Force - Bravo. Prior to joining the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Huber served two years as the Director of Operations (J3) of U.S. Southern Command in Miami. Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hood, is First U.S. Army Deputy Commanding General and the Assistant Division Commander (ADC), 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized). As the ADC, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Forward, Hood is stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C. and will execute training and readiness oversight of the three Army National Guard enhanced separate brigades assigned to the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized): the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade in North Carolina, the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) in Georgia,

and the 218th Heavy Separate Brigade in South Carolina. As DCG First Army, Hood will assist and evaluate training readiness of Reserve Component units, to include planning, preparation, and execution of training programs, mobilization and deployment for contingency operations. Hood joined First U.S. Army from his last assignment as Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, KFOR, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. Before that year in Kosovo, Hood served as the Chief of Staff, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. He has served in numerous assignments in operational and command positions in units in Europe and field artillery units in the 82nd Airborne Division and XVIII Airborne Corps. Hood served as the S-3, (Operations) Division Artillery, 82nd

82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, in Operations - Desert Shield/Storm, Saudi Arabia. He has served as Chief, Current National Guard and Army Reserve units in the eastern half of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and as directed, First U.S. Army conducts Homeland Security in support of national objectives.

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the biggest buildings on Fort Riley and they have the most people, that's the biggest difficulty." After the final drill over the entire school, the group went back to the gymnasium where they watched a tape of themselves in action, critiquing and suggesting areas that needed improvement. Finally, the team wanted to run by one more scenario. This scenario was to go into a room where there was an active problem and neutralize him.

"We are trained to deal with any hostage situation," said Schroeder. "We go in with guns out, but we also carry pepper spray and batons. We have different levels of force to use based on what the bad guy does inside. If he were

actually shooting people, then we would use deadly force. If he decided to surrender, super, we'll arrest him and take him back to the MP station." In these situations, the SRT needs to deal with the hostages as well as the shooter, taking complete control of the situation and ensuring that no one panics and

hurts anybody else. The results can be intimidating, according to the role players in this scenario, but it is for the safety of everybody. "You're adrenaline gets pumping and you know you have a job to do," said Paz. "In a situation like that, you either freeze up or ensuring that you go to your training."



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Members of the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley prepare apples for the pies they will sell at Apple Day/Open House. The pies are \$7 each and can be purchased, baked or frozen, at Custer House on Saturday.

Legal Assistance hours to change

The Fort Riley Legal Assistance Office will be undergoing changes in scheduling to coincide with the new Fort Riley work schedule that will be implemented on Sept. 30.

The LAO is available for soldiers on active duty and their dependents, retirees and their dependents and reservists called up to active duty for 30 days or more and their dependents. The LAO provides two main basic services.

Walk-in services include: powers of attorney, notarizations, certified copies of some military documents and literature on selected legal areas. Walk-in hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and the office is open during the lunch hour. Friday hours are from 1 - 3 p.m.

Appointment Only Services

include: wills, on Wednesdays only; report of survey appeals and some various other administrative military appeals, child support and custody, separation agreements and divorce counseling, step-parent adoptions, immigration and naturalization issues, consumer law, bankruptcy, contract review, landlord/tenant issues, Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil

Relief Act and small claims court. Appointment hours are Monday, 1 - 3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - noon; Wednesdays are will days only and appointments will be scheduled for wills, 7:30 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

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"The canine demonstration, because I am the kennelmaster."



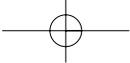
"My favorite part was all of the food."

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Briefs

Apple Pies

Apple Day is Saturday and 1,000 apple pies were made for the event. Pies are \$7 and can be picked up at Custer House.

Nonuse Status

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

InTouch

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Housing Pre-term Briefing

Effective next week, pre-termination briefings for housing residents will be held only on Tuesdays 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. As 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.

OCSC News

The Fort Riley Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club will be holding its annual Basket Auction, Oct. 25, at Riley's Event Center. Basket viewing will begin at 6 p.m., buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and auction will begin at 7 p.m. The theme for this event is "A Night at the County Fair," so dress appropriately! Everyone, including spouses, is invited to this fundraiser, which will benefit the OCSC Community Assistance Fund. Cost is \$15 per person for dinner. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Gina Greene at 784-2884 or Kim Crustberry at 537-1116, if you live in Manhattan. Limited childcare is available at the Armed Forces YMCA. Childcare reservations can be made by calling Donna Coulson at 784-2404.

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. 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. 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, Apennines Dr. Membership is open to active duty, retiree's, dependents, reservists, National Guard, and DOD civilian. For more details call 239-9764.

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 Monday 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 Campbell, 239-3238.

Diabetes Education Class

The diabetes education class will be held Oct. 3, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Nutrition Care Division Classroom at IACH. This is a four to five hour class that will cover diabetes types and symptoms; hyperglycemia; nutrition; exercise; glucose monitoring; oral diabetes medication; insulin therapy, and standards of medical care for diabetic patients.

To enroll in the Diabetes Education Class, patients must have a referral from their primary care

manager or a community-screening program. Patients who have a referral for the Diabetes Education Class are to call the local TRICARE Service Center at (785) 784-1200 or call toll free 1-800-874-9378.

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 & Tuesdays, Marshall Army Airfield - 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 weigh 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 Tuesday.

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 p.m. and Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Retirees are invited to attend this event to receive the latest information on

retiree benefits and activities at Fort Riley. There will be a Health Fair, 1 p.m. - 3:30, conducted by Irwin Army Hospital. US 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 Hours Change

Beginning Monday, 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.

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experiences in the POW camp during his speech, but concluded with five major things that he learned during his time in service. According to Bieber, they are: knowledge - the most important thing you can have in order to protect yourself and in order to survive, be flexible; follow your beliefs; a smile is worth a mile and everything can be taken from a man except the ability to choose one's attitude.

After Bieber's speech, Col. Frank Helmick, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, made some concluding comments. Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Hearon then performed a remembrance candle lighting ceremony before the chaplains lead the congregation in a final prayer and a moment of silence.

"I think it gives the soldiers a frame of reference to remember the past, because you never know what the future will bring," said Helmick. "It also gives a time where we can say thank you to those prisoners of war, to those soldiers who gave their life and time so that we could be free."

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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 Monday. 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.

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

Come see the wide variety of items available for reasonable prices at the Fort Riley Thrift Shop. The items include clothing, crafts, electronics, sporting goods, home decor, and jewelry. All proceeds earned by the Thrift Shop are contributed back to the community.

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!

Post Wide Yard Sale

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

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Germany and how horrible the destruction was."

For lunch, the association had the chance to eat at a dining facility very different than what they remember mess halls being like. Many of the association members said they could not believe the Devil's Den had a drive through window.

"Mess halls didn't look like this," said H. Douglas Jay, a retired 1st Sgt. from the adjutant general section, Division Headquarters. "Everything was different. This is very nice."

After lunch, the association spent the rest of their afternoon catching up on the Army's latest technology at the Closed Combat Tactical Trainer and the Simulation Center.

At the CCTT, association members got to try the Bradley Fight Vehicle simulator, used in the training of soldiers today, said Mike Kryschal, site manager.

At the Simulation Center, association members received a demonstration of the battle simulators, which are like war games, said George Eads, chief, Simulation Center.

There was also a static display

of an M1A1 Main Battle Tank, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, a Front Line Ambulance M997, a Paladin and an M9 Ace Armored Combat Earth Mover.

At the display, the association got to not only view the vehicles inside and out they also got to speak to the soldiers who use the vehicles regularly.

The veterans and their family members said they believe the reunion and the tours of installations like Fort Riley are very important.

"Coming to the reunion you get a good feeling you don't get with other people," said Johnson. "It's nice to see old friends and meet people you didn't know."

"My husband found somebody that was in Japan the same time he was and knew all the clubs they used to visit but never met before," said Eileen Jay, wife of H. Douglas Jay.

"He was in 24th Signal Company while I worked with the Armed Forces Radio Service," said H. Douglas. "The memories come back from talking to people like that. That's pretty interesting."

"I think it's great for veterans.

It's cathartic," said Eileen. "They get together and talk with people who understand."

Eileen explained that meeting the soldiers of today is good for the veterans, too.

"It's great for them to get to come on the base and learn what's new and link with soldiers of today," said Eileen. "They can compare their days with the soldiers of today."

Douglas said that there is one thing he learns time and time again from his 10 years of coming to the reunion.

"One thing you always learn from talking to people - you always remember the good things. You never remember the bad things," he said.



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Korea 50 years ago - Chinese pound U.S. soldiers at Outpost Kelly

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

Attacks were called off twice at Outpost Kelly after U.S. soldiers failed to take the hill due to heavy casualties, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

Sept. 19-25, 1952 — There is a lull at the Panmunjom conference table, but for the men of the 3rd Infantry Division's 65th Infantry Regiment it's anything but tranquil.

The Chinese have virtually wiped out B Company, 2nd Battalion that had held Outpost Kelly, a low hill in front of the 65th IR line, until the previous night. Then 2nd Battalion is ordered to find out if the Chinese will stay on Kelly.

Just before daylight Sept. 19, a platoon from F Company sets out to reconnoiter the hill. But as the soldiers start up the hill, deadly machine gun fire and rifle grenades rain down on them and force them to withdraw.

Now commanders know the Chinese intend to stay on Kelly, with its deep trench circling the brow of the hill and two bunkers inside it. In addition, the enemy has set up squad-size teams on the high ground overlooking approaches to the hill.

Throughout the next two days, 2nd Battalion and then 1st Battalion send companies against Outpost Kelly only to see them suffer heavy casualties. A few men make it to the top, only to be thrown off by superior numbers of Chinese.

Attacks are called off until Sept. 24 when, at 5:20 a.m., 105-mm. gunners of the 58th Field Artillery Battalion lay down a 30-minute barrage on Kelly. Tanks from the 64th Tank Battalion, in position to

support companies of the 3rd Battalion, who will try to reclaim the outpost, also fire on the outpost. Between the tanks and artillery, more than 25,000 rounds are poured into Kelly.

K Company leads the assault with I Company in a support role. As K Company nears Kelly, the

self to small patrols until the ROK 1st Division relieves the 3rd ID Sept. 30.

In other fighting in the western zone during the week, 2nd Infantry Division soldiers are driven off Old Baldy on Sept. 20 but retake it on Sept. 21.

In the east, North Korean troops take Cradle Hill overlooking the Punchbowl Sept. 22, but ROK troops counterattack and after 15 hours they take back the hill.

Air attacks continue on Sept. 19 when 33 B-29 Superfortresses from Japan and Okinawa make the heaviest B-29 daylight bombing raid of the war by dropping 300 tons of fire bombs on an enemy area near Hamhung in North Korea.

The Air Force reports that four MIG-15s are shot down in dog-fights Sept. 21.

B-29s carry out a strong night raid on Sept. 22 against storage facilities around Pyongyang.

On Sept. 20 a U.N. spokesman announces that the U.N. is releasing the first of 11,000 North Koreans, reclassified from POW to civilian status. On Sept. 23 Peking radio hotly denounces the "unilateral disposal" of people listed on original POW lists makes "the whole basis" of true talks "null and void."

On Sept. 23 an Eighth Army spokesman reports that one communist POW was killed on Koje-do Sept. 13; 23 injured at Ponggan on Sept. 17; and 49 injured on Cheju today.

Sept. 20 - The State Department denies a charge by Representative Earl Wilson, R-Ind., that American officials had worked behind the scenes in the recent South Korean elections to have Syngman Rhee defeated and replaced with a communist.

in the belief they are protected by the American nuclear umbrella.

Capt. Gilbert R. Hershey, a Marine company commander around Bunker Hill, is wounded. He is the son of Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service System.

Sept. 24 — American casualties in Korea through Sept. 19 are 118,569, with 20,830 killed, according to the Department of Defense.

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



soldiers once again meet deadly small arms and machine gun fire, plus accurate mortar fire. Pinned down and suffering heavy casualties, soldiers are beginning to panic. Communications with K Company is soon lost.

I Company joins the attack up the slope and also gets bogged down.

The battalion commander asks for permission to withdraw the troops, but is told to keep them on the attack.

Small groups of soldiers, through great effort, reach the top of the hill, but can't hold on and they, too, have to leave the hill.

The battalion tells the division commander late in the day that the unit has about two platoons left in fighting condition, having lost 141 men during the day. The division commander tells him to call off the attacks.

The 3rd Battalion goes into reserve and the 65th IR confines

Cemetery expansion started



Public Works employees begin an expansion project at the Fort Riley Cemetery. The project includes removing part of a road at the cemetery and is expected to add about 50 new plots.

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Review

America's Army game available free online

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

Most people don't have the chance to put on a Kevlar, wear the battle dress uniform or fire an M-16A2 rifle down range. But now, even the average couch potato can lead a squad of soldiers on a mission, jump out of an airplane and even go through basic training thanks to a new game made and distributed by the U.S. Army.

"America's Army," which can be found at www.americasarmy.com, is free to any person who is able to download it from the site. "I can't believe this game is free," said one critic found on the website. "It's probably one of the best games I've played in a long time. It's fun and puts you right in the action."

"It's a lot of fun," added another. "This game shows what the Army is about and it plays so well!" So far, thousands of people have downloaded the free game, with thousands more ordering the discs and receiving them through gaming magazines.

The Army assembled several top programmers in the country to develop this game which cost about \$7 million dollars to make. After I played the game online, I was amazed at the amount of detail and realism that is in "America's Army." The game plays just on the same graphics engine as "Unreal," one of the top selling games ever.



"America's Army," video game can be downloaded at www.americasarmy.com. The game is free.

To deflect criticism, the Army development team has toned down the violence, earning a "T" rating by the Entertainment Software Ratings Board. A "T" rating is the equivalent of a PG rating on a movie. Kills in "Operations" are depicted with a puff of red, followed by the enemy falling to the ground. There are no pools of blood or dismemberment, both of which the game engine is more than capable of rendering.

There are consequences for actions, too. If you're killed, you don't automatically re-spawn and start over. You're out of the game until the next round, usually less than a 10-minute wait. Players who shoot their own team members will be booted from the game immediately - with repeat offenders being permanently banned.

Proponents also point to the game's attention to realism. Since

shelf and the electronic counterparts in every medic's rucksack, PC and pocket PC," he said. "In addition to offering details on hot and cold environments, this volume brings together much of our present understanding on thermal adaptation. "Understanding, preventing and managing environmental stress, especially heat, is a major concern of medical personnel," said Colonel Dave Lounsbury, Director of the Borden Institute. Lounsbury said that the Borden Institute is actively seeking to col-

laborate with ongoing military and civilian biomedical research. "We can provide the highest standards of illustration, graphics, editorial support, page layout, and final printing, ranging from soft-cover manuals to the Textbooks of Military Medicine," he said. The Borden Institute is planning to release Volume 2 of the Harsh Environments collection this summer and Military Preventive Medicine: Mobilization and Deployment later this year. The Textbooks of Military Medicine series, published by the

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VEAP to GI Bill benefits at risk

By Tesia Williams
Army News Service

Soldiers who converted from the Veterans Educational Assistance Program to the Montgomery GI Bill are at risk of forfeiting their contributions and losing their benefits, officials said, if they don't make their payments. Soldiers have 18 months from the time they signed the Montgomery GI Bill, Department of Defense Form 2366, to pay the mandatory contribution of \$2,700, personnel officials said.

Many of the 5,000 soldiers who signed up for the program may have already missed their deadline, according to officials at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command. "Program participants need to contact their finance office and make sure the contribution will be paid within the 18-month deadline," said John Rizkallah, chief of the Education Incentives and Counseling Branch at PERSCOM. If soldiers are not able to pay the \$2,700 in time by using monthly allotments, they have the option of combining the allotment with a lump sum or they can make a single lump sum payment, Rizkallah said.

"The law states that if participants don't pay the contribution in full within the deadline, they forfeit anything they contributed to VEAP and will not be eligible for any education benefits through the Veterans Administration," Rizkallah said. It is imperative that soldiers look at the date they signed their DD Form 2366 and ensure that they have the contribution paid in full within 18 months of that date, Rizkallah added. "To date, the VA has not made any exceptions to the deadline," he said.

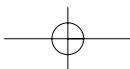
VEAP was first enacted by Congress for post Vietnam-era soldiers. It was designed to attract high quality men and women to the all-volunteer Armed Forces. Congress signed the VEAP conversion law on Oct. 30, 2000, making it the second conversion opportunity since October 1996. For information on Montgomery GI Bill benefits for soldiers, call Fort Riley University, 239-6481.

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Battalion runners compete at meet, prepare for 10-miler

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The Battalion Level Cross Country Meet was held Sept. 19 at the Custer Hill Golf Course.

Battalion commanders were allowed to enter one women's team of five members and one men's team of seven members in the open events. The Women's Open and Master's race was a 2.6-mile course. The Men's Open course was 5.4 miles. The Master's Division race age cut off was 35.

There was competition for team as well as individual awards. "As a team, the top six times are counted, and the seventh is extra. The team with the shortest average time wins," said Michael Manahan, whose team placed sixth in the Men's Open.

Grethen Treat finished first crossing the finish line at 17:06. Treat said she felt great after

the race. "The course was a little hilly, but a fun one," she said. She will be competing in the Army 10-miler in Washington D.C. this October and ran in the meet as part of her training. "Running is a great stress reliever, but the hardest part is getting out of bed in the morning to do it," she said.

Maria Mattingly crossed the finish line at 18:29, coming in second and helping her team from 541st Maintenance Battalion finish first in the Women's Open.

Patricia McCorkle, whose time of 18:52 also took first place in the Women's Masters race, took third place in the Women's Open. "I am proud of being 48-years-old and being able to out run many women younger than me," she said. McCorkle trains five days a week with several regimens. "I have one long run day a week where I run for one to two hours. Then one day I run sprint intervals and another day I run a

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Runners start the Men's Open race during the Battalion Level Cross Country Track Meet on Fort Riley, Sept. 19. The overall winner in the Men's Open was Benjamin Sandy, who finished the 5.4-mile race in 27:56.

Post/Bender

K-state wins again

By Deb Skidmore
Media Relations Officer

In the final seconds of Saturday's game at KSU Stadium, the Kansas State Wildcats held on to beat the 11th ranked University of Southern California Trojans.

Going into the game, KSU was 3-0 and the Trojans were 2-0. The Trojans had steam rolled over Colorado last week 40-3 to rank them 11th in the AP Poll, and the poll ranked KSU 25th. The heat was on both teams to stay undefeated.

As KSU Coach Bill Snyder paced the sidelines, the first quarter was a steady see saw game of losing possession of the ball until a USC punt was fumbled by KSU defensive back Terence Newman. With USC recovering, the Trojans gained field position on the Cat 34 yard line. It was their opportunity to score. However, unable to get in for a TD, the Trojans tried to capitalize on a field goal. It too failed, and the first quarter remained scoreless.

Flags littered the field during the second quarter and the Cats failed to take advantage of a personal foul that gave them field position on their own 49-yard line. Snyder changed quarterbacks, giving Eli Roberson the reins. Roberson had his hands full as he was sacked twice in his first three plays on the field.

The next Cat possession found Roberson moving the ball with the help of Taco Wallace and James Terry. After 14 plays and 65 yards, the Cats finally put field goal points on the board.

This was a turning point for KSU. The Wildcats were charged and recovered a USC fumble immediately after their field goal. With the ball on the 30, Roberson connected with Wallace for 29 yards and took the ball across himself on the next play to put KSU ahead 9-0. Jared Britte added the point after.

KSU's confidence was quickly dispelled when Roberson fumbled the ball on the next Cat possession and USC's defensive tackle Mike Patterson ran the fumble in for a TD. But just when the crowd thought the pendulum was swinging for USC, the point after was blocked by KSU and the ball was picked up and ran back the length of the field by Newman for two KSU points. At halftime, the score was KSU 12/USC 6.

The third quarter returned to the see saw action until USC kicked a poor punt, which gave the Cats great field position. A Roberson pass to tight end Thomas Hill set the Cats up for a TD run on the next play by running back Darren Sproles. Britte's point after made the score 19-6.

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Fort Riley Middle School A volleyball team plays Manhattan Luckey Cardinals for 1-2 loss

By Steven Cooke
Staff Writer

Fort Riley Middle School Troopers Volleyball "A" team lost to Manhattan Luckey Middle School "Luckey Cardinals" with one win and two losses. Final scores were 15-13, 11-15 and 6-15.

"We need to talk a lot more," said Jennifer Lexow, coach, Fort Riley Middle School. "We didn't communicate enough."

Lexow said there were things they did well though. "They served well," said Lexow. "There were lots of great saved balls. Lot's of hustle."

Lexow said stand out players were #10, Kandice Hilson, #45 Ben McMangal and #16 Kanasha Howard.

"Number 16 [Kanasha Howard] played A team for the first time and did really well," said Lexow.

As for the Luckey Cardinals, Lexow said they did a good job of not giving up.

"They kept coming back and not letting us come back," said Lexow. "They did a nice job of serving to areas where we were weak."

"We started out slow but finished strong," said Aaron Brockman, coach of the Manhattan Luckey Middle School team. "Our serving had a lot of aces. We

did a good job finishing rallies back and forth."

Despite the Troopers loss, Lexow said she was proud of her team.

"I tell them I'm proud of them. We should have won; but not to give up," said Lexow.

In other action, Troopers team "B" lost their match against Wamego Middle School.

Final scores were 3-15 and 2-15.

"Our energy wasn't there," said Emily Pauly, coach for Fort Riley Middle School. "We need to work on our passes and serves."

Pauly said she was happy with her teams sportsmanship though.

"We stayed together as a team," said Pauly. "The players had a positive attitude about changing what they wanted to do better. They were really supportive of each other."

"They did good. They served well," said Jan Eichman, coach for Wamego Middle School, of her team.

"We need to work on our transitions more."

Eichman said of the Troopers "B" team performance, "They have a lot of spirit."

Taylor DeGroat, A-team, serves one for the Fort Riley Middle School volleyball team in their match against Manhattan Luckey Middle School.



Post/Cooke

Fall brings cooler weather, shorter days, wildflowers to prairie

By Alan Hynek
DES Biologist

Fall is an exciting time of year to be outdoors. The cool, crisp air is a refreshing change from the normally smothering Kansas summer. Even with the onset of cooler weather and shorter days, Mother Nature continues to inspire with some striking fall wildflowers.

The tallgrass prairie is known for its diversity and resiliency, making it a great place to train soldiers as well as a unique place to enjoy the splendor of the Flint Hills.

The sunflower family is well represented among fall flowering plants. Some of the more common species include liatris, goldenrod, aster and several species of sunflower. The bright yellow flowers of goldenrod are a commons sight on Fort Riley.

The most common species are the Missouri Goldenrod Rigid Goldenrod and Canada Goldenrod. The dozen species that occur in the Midwest are exceedingly difficult to identify since many of the goldenrods integrate between species. The brilliant orange-yellow flowers of this plant can signal the overall health of the prairie. Most species of goldenrod are considered "increaser" plants, in that they become more common in areas that are disturbed.

Liatris is a purple to lavender colored member of the sunflower family. These plants form a unique flower head, which looks like a wand. Some of the colorful names associated with liatris include blazing star, starwort and gayfeather. The roots of the liatris plant were harvested in the early spring by Native Americans and eaten raw or cooked. Liatris has been domesticated and can be



DES/Salem

Goldenrod, with yellow flowers, and liatris, with purple, are wildflowers that grow on Fort Riley.

found in many floral arrangements and can be purchased from seed catalogs.

Aromatic Aster resembles a small sunflower, with 25-30 purple or bluish floral rays. It is usually two to four feet high with numerous flowers. As the name implies, Native Americans reported several medicinal uses of aster,

but apparently little if any food value.

Pitcher Sage is a member of the mint family. It occurs mostly in open prairie and on roadsides, especially in rocky areas. The light blue to purple flowers bloom from July to October. A close relative called lance-leaved sage is the source of aromatic sage used in cooking. In fact, many other common herbs used in cooking come from the mint family including oregano and basil.

Last but not least, the Cardinal flower is probably the most striking of all fall flowering plants. As the name implies, the flower of this plant is a deep cardinal red. Cardinal flower can be found statewide, mostly in wet and shady places and usually along stream banks.

Among the many medicinal uses tied to Cardinal Flower, it's apparent use as a love potion is

most notable. The roots of this plant were finely chopped and mixed in the food of a quarrelsome couple without their knowledge. This "love potion" was used extensively by Native Americans to avert divorce and make the pair love each other again.

Although we are nearing the end of the growing season, Mother Nature still has a few splendid wildflowers for view.

Please stop by the Conservation Division, building 1020, for more information on native plants of Fort Riley.

There are several good books featuring wildflowers in Kansas, including Roadside Wildflowers, by Craig Freeman and Kansas Prairie Wildflowers, by Clenton Owensby. An ethnobotanical guide for this area is, Edible Wild Plants of the Prairie and Medicinal Wild Plants of the Prairie, by Kelly Kindshar.

Commentary

Snyder has big decision on starting QB

By Kevin Doheny
19th PAD

Since Bill Snyder took the reins of the football team at Kansas State University in 1989, there have been many firsts.

In 1997, Snyder led the Wildcats to their first 11-win season. In 1998 the 'Cats had their first number one ranking and coached Michael Bishop, who was the first Wildcat to ever be a finalist for the Heisman Trophy.

And there seems to be no limit to what the coach and his Wildcats can accomplish. Saturday the Wildcats stole the show as backup quarterback El Roberson came off the bench to spark the 27-20 victory over the 11th ranked Trojans of Southern California at KSU Stadium.

The win for the 'Cats was the first win at home over a ranked non-conference opponent in school history.

This game marked the first time since 1991 they had played a ranked non-conference opponent, which they were beaten handily 56-3 at #8 Washington.

Roberson led the 'Cats, which had started off slowly with senior quarterback Marc Dunn at the helm. After the Wildcats had a

tough time moving the ball against the stingy Trojan defense in the first quarter, Roberson led his team to victory.

If Snyder were smart, he would make Roberson his starter. He is more mobile and offense seems to be more lethal with him behind center.

Snyder told the media after the game he rated Roberson performance, "average to a C minus."

It all depends on what direction Snyder wants his offense to go. He knows his defense is pretty good, and with a little help from their offense, this team could be a surprise team in the Big 12.

Roberson presents more problems for an opposing defense than does Dunn. Dunn throws a much better ball but Roberson gives Snyder the ability to break the pocket and make the play with his legs. Ultimately a mobile quarterback frustrates the defense and makes them much more tired. The front four spend the whole game chasing something they can't catch and the defensive coordinator for the opposing team must then account for Roberson on every play, whether it is a pass or a run.

The only thing Snyder needs to worry about is the mistakes

Roberson, who is in his junior year, keeps making in crucial situations. He is the epitome of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Take for example his game against the University of Oklahoma last season. He almost single handedly won that game for the Wildcats. His ability to break the pocket and create the play, gave the 'Cats a chance to win that ballgame.

The other side of Roberson is what we saw in the fourth quarter of the game Saturday. He almost fumbled the game away.

At times he seems lackadaisical, but at other times he looks like a Heisman trophy candidate. As off and on as he is, Snyder must keep Roberson at the helm and let this wave of emotion spill into Boulder Oct. 5, where they will square off against the University of Colorado.

The Wildcats have put themselves into a great spot in the Big 12. If they can get past the Buffaloes, they have a great chance to go into the game against Texas, Oct. 19, undefeated.

It's always better to be looking down in the standings than to be looking up. They could stay that way if Snyder makes the right call at starting quarterback.



K-State Running Back Darren Sproles average more than three yards per carry during the K-State win over the University of Southern California.

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USC struggled to put a drive together. Penalties marched them backward down the field. The Cats took advantage of this and in the next possession Roberson connected with Terry and Wallace to add another six. Roberson ran the ball in for a two point conversion to make the score 27-6.

The fourth quarter tempo turned 180 degrees for USC as a fumble by Sproles set up a TD for USC. The Trojans also changed their offensive strategy by throwing longer passes, which confused the steady Cat defense.

This scoring drive was fol-

lowed by USC's Sultan McCullough cutting the Cat lead to 27-20. The Trojans were on a roll. However, the Cats were not willing to give up and came back fast and hard - to the point they made a critical mistake. They lost possession of the ball when Roberson fumbled again.

USC drove back as the seconds

ticked away on the clock. Down by only one touchdown, the Trojans were taking advantage of the five Cat fumbles. However, the Cat defense stepped up to the plate and held the Trojans, sacking their QB in critical seconds of the game.

The Cats held on to win in front of 49,276 fans.

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Post/Boomer

Patricia McCorkle, #127, whose time of 18:52 took first place in the Women's Masters race, runs during the Battalion Level Cross Country Meet.

tempo run. That's where I run one mile fast and recover for one mile, then run another mile fast and so on. Then, two days a week I run what I call recovery days," she said.

Robin Ayers took fourth place in the Women's Open with a time of 18:54. Her team from 70th Engineer Battalion earned second place. After the race, she was off to run five-mile sprints with her team to train for the Army 10-miler, she said.

The Men's Masters first place winner was Thomas Hollis, who crossed the finished line at 15:45. Steve Adams took second place with 17:33 and Alan Bouska finished in third place at 19:36. All three men also ran the Men's Open race.

The overall winner in the Men's Open was Benjamin Sandy, who finished the 5.4-mile race in 27:56. Sandy's team from 924th Military Police Battalion also brought in first place. Justin Corber's second place time of 30:40 helped his team from 331st Signal Company secure second place as well. The third place winner, Joel Schmidt, came in at 31:43 and helped secure the 1st Battalion, 4th Field Artillery team the third place slot as well. Robert Zuch placed fourth in the Men's Open race with a time of 31:54.

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Ghosts

Post tour highlights strange tales, sighting of unexplained events

By **Jamie Bender**
Staff writer

If you have lived on Fort Riley for any length of time, you may have heard a tale or two about its unseen residents.

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley conducts a tour of the post's haunted building every year in October. This year the tour is scheduled for Oct. 27, and will include 12 buildings on the main post. There will be a shorter tour that begins at 3 p.m. for people with special needs such as wheel chairs or strollers. The regular tours are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. and the final tour will be at 8 p.m.

Many great soldiers served this country from Fort Riley since its establishment as a permanent post in 1853. Some believe that many of these past residents still occupy places here and continue to make their presence known.

The First Territorial Capitol of Kansas is one such place.

Constructed in 1855, the First Territorial capitol hosted a legislature meeting from July 2 to July 6 of that year. According to the book, *Ghosts of Fort Riley, Past and Present*, the topic of the meeting was a hot debate about slavery. Many of the legislature's members were from Missouri and they wanted to make Kansas a slave state. The townspeople wanted to keep the territory of Kansas free.

At that time, a man from North Carolina by the name of Fox Booth operated a ferry just south of the capitol building. He used a slave woman to pull the ferry back and forth across the river, according to a former curator of the capitol museum.

A businessman from western Kansas would stop Fort Riley to walk the Kaw River Nature Trail located near the capitol building every year, said Karen Kryschal, a co-writer of the *Ghosts of Fort Riley* book.

On one such visit, the man heard a woman singing somewhere close to the river, Kryschal said. After going to the bank to investigate who

could be out there, the man said he saw a flatboat or a barge being pulled across the river by a dark human shaped form. The vision disappeared when the barge reached the other side of the river, Kryschal said.

The slave woman is not the only spirit to continue her duties beyond the grave.

Camp Funston, further east of the First Territorial Capitol Building, is another site of emotional stress.

The first reported cases of Spanish Influenza were reported there in 1918, said Scott Price, a ghostwriter of the book. The virus claimed millions of lives throughout Kansas. The morgue on the main post was soon filled to capacity and another temporary morgue was set up at Camp Funston, said Price.

In the late 1960's, a Public Works employee was repairing electrical lines in Camp Funston during a snowstorm, said Kryschal.

While high up on a utility pole, the worker noticed a soldier pacing the ground on guard duty, she said. The soldier was wearing a wool overcoat and had a rifle slung over his shoulder.

After repairing the lines, the worker decided to share his hot coffee with the soldier, who was still patrolling through the snow, she said. As the man approached, the soldier disappeared in the snowstorm.

The worker drove to where he had last seen the guard and called out to him. After no answer, he became concerned and left his truck to find the soldier, Kryschal said. When he came to the place where the soldier had been walking back and forth for at least a half an hour, he noticed that there were no footprints in the snow.

There are stories like these about many of Fort Riley's buildings and grounds.

The HASFR has compiled many of them into two books available at the museums' gift shops. The books will also be available during the sale of baked apple pies at Custer House on Sept. 28.

If you have had an experience that you can't explain, you can contact the HASFR at P.O. Box 2363, Fort Riley, Kansas, 66442.



Honor Guard adopts mascots

By **Lillian Flegle**
Staff Writer

The Kansas State University football team has its mascot - a wildcat. The Kansas City football team has its mascot - the Chief. And now, the Fort Riley Honor Guard has not one, but two mascots: a dog named Liberty and a cat named Blackie.

"Liberty's mission in the unit is to ride in the wagon during parades. After she's a year old, we're thinking of working her into the demos, where she'll follow the horses through the obstacle jumps," said Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Sutton, noncommissioned officer in charge of the FRHG. "That's a ways off though, because she needs a lot of discipline and training before that happens."

"We named her Liberty for patriotic reasons. We wanted a name to honor our military as well as to remember the victims of the September 11 tragedy - and it sounds like a female name," Capt. Shane Prunette, officer-in-charge of the FRHG added.

One of the FRHG troopers, Spc. Joshua Lower, bought five blue healer pups for \$10 each. When he showed the pups to Sutton, he picked Liberty, a spunky

little female, as the unit's mascot.

Prunette said they chose the blue healer breed of dog as their mascot because, typically, the cavalry had working dogs of this nature in their unit. He also believes that Liberty is a welcome addition to the unit - both by the troopers and the people of the communities they support.

"It seems like everybody loves dogs," said Prunette. "We thought a blue healer would be best because of its temperament. They're good around people and livestock. They're not a one-man dog, have a good attitude and are easily trained," he added.

Prunette explained that horses, being very intelligent animals, recognize the child-like qualities of a puppy and can tell when a dog is friendly.

Sutton added, "Horses recognize dogs as protectors because they bark and keep predators away."

The second mascot for the FRHG is Blackie, an all-black cat with an independent spirit.

"It seems like Blackie's been around the stable forever. He actually adopted us," said Sutton. He never really let anyone too close till I started leaving food and water for him. Then he would come around and socialize just a little."

Prunette believes that Blackie makes for a healthier environment in the stable for both man and beast by keeping mice away.

Prunette explained that units are required to go through a special process to officially adopt a mascot. He said the first step is for the unit commander to draft a memorandum requesting the mascot, get a legal review and then submit it to the garrison commander for a final decision.

Maj. Misti Rawles, administrative law officer, Staff Judge Advocate's Office, said some requirements need to be considered when thinking about adopting a mascot.

"Some of the things to consider include having the proper facilities for housing and caring for animals," said Rawles. "Animals cannot be kept in public buildings such as offices, barracks, or work areas such as motor pools."

According to Rawles, the Fort Riley Honor Guard met the requirements because they already have the facilities to house and care for their mascots.

"Our mascots fall under the same legal aspects as our horses," Prunette said. "Safety is paramount. We'll insure the same standards are met with Liberty and Blackie as they are with the horses."

According to Sgt. Carrie Fox, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Fort Riley veterinary clinic, all animals living on Fort Riley are required to have a full set of shots and a microchip implant.

Prunette said that Liberty and Blackie have received all the required shots and microchip identification from the Fort Riley Veterinarian Clinic, where their records are kept on file.

Fox added, "The benefit to units adopting mascots is that they don't have to pay for the shots and microchip implant. Because the animals are unit mascots, the expense is covered by appropriated funds."

"We feel Liberty and Blackie are real assets to our unit," Prunette explained. "In Liberty's case, she enhances our job as Fort Riley Ambassadors to the public. She's a real force multiplier because she helps us strengthen our mission, which is to teach the public about the cavalry in general, the soldiers, and their way of life on the prairie."

"Liberty bolsters morale, provides company to our outdoors - and Liberty and Blackie, both, are additional soldiers in the Fort Riley Honor Guard unit," Prunette added.



Sgt. C.J. Stewart, operations sergeant, Fort Riley Honor Guard plays with Liberty, the Honor Guard's mascot.

Hourly, after-school care offers break for parents, fun for kids

By **Emily O'Connor**
K-State Intern

There are several options available for childcare on post, all through Child and Youth Services.

Fort Riley's Child and Youth Services offers before-and-after school care, full day care and hourly care for children of soldiers, DOD civilians, NAF (non-appropriated fund) employees and

contractors. Children ages six weeks to five years are served at the Child Development Center, building 6950. Three types of care are offered at the CDC, including

full-day childcare, part-day preschool and hourly care.

"For the full-day care, children can come to the CDC anytime between 6:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.," said Nikki Crisman, director of the Child Development Center. "This type of care is basically for working parents."

Part-day preschool is built a little bit differently than full-day care because most of the parents don't work outside of the home, according to Crisman. "These kids come in for three hours per day, as opposed to the eight to 10 hours the full-day care children attend."

"The hourly care program is set up for people with appointments and parents that volunteer," Crisman said. "Many of these parents are soldiers and their spouses students. They use hourly care for their kids while they're in class."

Hourly care is \$2.50 per hour, per child, while the other childcare programs at the CDC are allocated on a sliding chart, based on total family income.

Fort Riley's Child Development Center is nationally accredited, which is a benefit for family members, according to Crisman. "It is good for parents moving from installation to installation to look for the seal of accreditation and to know that their child will

be cared for in a developmentally appropriate manner," Crisman said.

Older school-age children receive their care, including before-and-after school care, at the Child and Youth Services Center, building 6620. Children that are eligible to attend School Age Services programs are first through fifth grades, and their parents must be soldiers, DOD civilians, NAF employees or contractors on post.

The SAS Before-and-After school program offers transportation to and from school, along with care on school-out or early school-out days, according to Michael Payne, School Age Services director. "We are closed on federal holidays, though," Payne said.

"We also offer hourly care at \$1.25 per hour, per child," Payne said. "These (hourly) kids become integrated into our normal daily routine, but if we go on a field trip while they are there, they will have to pay for the trip."

The SAS program also offers full day kindergarten. "The kids are in actual kindergarten class for two and one half hours each day, but stay here a full day for care after class," Payne said.

A final option for childcare on post is the Family Childcare pro-

gram.

"Childcare is offered in homes on post," said Marion Johnson, director of the Family Childcare program. "Many spouses are hoping to do childcare in their homes because they have children of their own and cannot afford to work and pay for other childcare."

All of the people that offer Family Childcare in their homes must undergo extensive training, according to Johnson.

"They have to go through training, just like the CDC caregivers do. We have a lending closet that loans out equipment and toys so the providers don't have that expense," Johnson added.

There are currently 38 homes on post offering Family Childcare, with a total of 21 openings currently. The fees for Family Childcare are the same as for the CDC and SAS programs, Johnson said.

Registration for all of these childcare programs is handled through Central Registration, 239-4847 or 239-9478.

For more information on: Child Development Center, contact Nikki Crisman at 239-9923; School Age Services, contact Michael Payne at 239-9173 and Family Childcare, contact Marion Johnson at 239-9892.



Noah Turonis, 3 and Adam Olivias, 2, wash their hands as they prepare to have breakfast in the hourly care room at the Child Development Center.





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Unordered merchandise could be free gift

By Frances Walsh

Legal Assistance Attorney

A woman responds to a newspaper advertisement offering a free "trial" pair of pantyhose. She is surprised when she receives a package of four, with a bill. A soldier receives a book he never ordered. Despite his objections, the book company continues to send him dunning notices, threatening his credit rating.

Thousands of people are placed in similar situations every year. Fortunately, they do not have to pay for merchandise they did not order because federal laws prohibit mailing unordered merchandise to consumers and then demanding payment.

If you are sent clothing, cookware, linens, office supplies or any other merchandise that you did not order, you are not obligated to pay for the merchandise or

return it. You have a legal right to keep the merchandise as a free gift.

Although you have no legal obligation to notify the seller that you are keeping the merchandise as a free gift, sending a letter stating your intention to do so is an advisable precaution. Your letter may discourage the seller from sending you repeated billing notices, or it may help to keep up an honest error. You may want to send your letter by certified mail and keep the return receipt and a copy of the letter. This will help you to establish later, if necessary, that you did not order the merchandise.

If you ever receive bills or dunning notices for unordered merchandise, you can use the same approach. Write a letter to the company stating that you never ordered the item, and therefore, you have a legal right to keep the merchandise for free. Again, you

may wish to send your letter by certified mail and keep the return receipt and a copy of the letter.

What if the unordered merchandise you received was apparently the result of an honest shipping error?

Write the seller and offer to return the merchandise provided the seller pays for postage and handling. Give the seller a specific and reasonable amount of time (such as 30 days) in which to pick up the merchandise or arrange to have it returned at no expense to you. Inform the seller that after the specified time period has passed, you reserve the right to keep the merchandise or to dispose of it as you wish.

Some merchandise can legally be sent without your consent. Free samples clearly marked as such and merchandise mailed by charitable organization asking for contributions may be sent legally without an order from you. In

either case, you may keep such shipments as free gifts.

Be especially cautious when ordering goods advertised as "free," "trial" or "unusually low priced."

Read all the fine print to determine if you are joining a "club," with regular purchasing or notification obligations. Keep a copy of the advertisement that led you to place such an order.

If you have an unordered merchandise problem, start by trying to resolve your dispute with the company itself. If this is unsuccessful, contact the Kansas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division (1-800-432-2310), the local U.S. Postal Inspector or the Better Business Bureau (1-785-232-0454) for help.

If you have further questions, call the Legal Assistance Office at 239-3117.



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Installation EO plans Hispanic American Heritage observance

The Fort Riley Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor a celebration of National Hispanic American Heritage Month Observance Program, Oct. 2, at Riley's Conference Center. The program will take place from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

This year's theme is "Strength in Unity, Faith and Diversity." The Program is free and open to all soldiers, their families, civilian employees and the surrounding community. For more information on the event, contact a Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor or the Fort Riley EO office, 239-2928.



Photo courtesy of the Wilson family

Zachary Wilson, 4, poses with his father, Lt. Col. Thomas M. Wilson, and is wearing his dad's hat. The photo will be among 200 shown in a video production at Times Square.

Fort Riley resident to be on Broadway

Zachery Wilson of Fort Riley will appear in lights on Broadway Sunday as part of the National Down Syndrome Society's awareness campaign to demonstrate that people with Down Syndrome can be successful in community activities, education and employment.

A photo of Zachary, 4, who has Down Syndrome, was selected from almost a thousand entries in

the NDSS nationwide call for photos. Approximately 200 photographs will appear in a video production to be shown on the larger-than-life NBC Astrovision screen located in the heart of Times Square.

The awareness campaign and video production, coordinated by MNDSS, focus on the theme, "Steps for a Brighter Tomorrow."

Through the series of 200 photos, the show explores what things will make a brighter tomorrow: hope, inclusion, laughter, family, friends and acceptance.

The Times Square production kicks off National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, which includes the 2002 NDSS Buddy Walk. This year's walk is being held in over 150 cities.

Education center to get new name

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The Fort Riley Education Center will officially change its name to Fort Riley University on Oct. 1.

"The name change is a result of efforts to get all non-unit training and education under one umbrella," said Gordon Farmer, dean of FRU.

The new university will provide a single source for information on all education and non-unit training programs on Fort Riley, said Farmer.

"It's one stop information," Farmer said. "It includes education services, the library, Army Career and Alumni Program and G-3 Individual Training Branch." Everything is more integrated, he said.

Programs are offered to help soldiers with college, leadership development, basic skills, languages and military related skills.

On the Fort Riley website you can already get an overview of college classes and schedules for training classes. There are five colleges currently under the FRU umbrella. The schools that have partnered with FRU include Barton Community College, Central Texas College, Upper Iowa University, Central Michigan University, and Kansas State University.

"We are working on a catalog that will make locating training schedules easier as well," said Kay Gatzka, chief of student services.

"In the future it also may be possible to enroll

in college classes completely online after an initial interview with an education counselor," said Gatzka.

"We are becoming much more customer friendly," she said. Although FRU will not offer degrees the on-post colleges do, you can get a degree at FRU. "We are not accredited, but all of our schools are," said Gatzka. FRU is more of a thought process than just a name, she said. Colleges offer degrees ranging from certificates to masters degree programs through vocational classes and graduate level classes.

FRU is also able to help soldiers apply for their GI Bill, said Gatzka. "It's a process that some people need assistance with," she said. ACP and Army Education have a similar mission, providing soldiers and family members that are transitioning from the Army with the information they will need to go into the world of work or to further their education, said Farmer. "With both programs combined under FRU, we will be able to better help soldiers with the VA Benefits and provide them with more counseling on other programs related to their transition from the Army."

"The museums now fall under FRU as well," said Farmer. "Adding the museum to FRU provides us a unique opportunity to combine the historical resources of the museum with education programs."

"The biggest change that comes with the new name is that all our services are improved," said Farmer.

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Apple Day/Open House events planned for Fort Riley families

By Emily O'Connor
K-State Intern

Fort Riley's Apple Day celebration and Fall Open House is tomorrow at Cavalry Parade Field.

While this open house will be smaller than the one held in June, there will still be something for everyone, and the event will be featuring many of the same events as seen at the June Open House, according to 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley's Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz. "With the first one, I wanted to display Fort Riley to the public," said Metz. "This time I want to focus on the people who live at Fort Riley, so they can see how wonderful it is after the summer

changeovers of all the leaders. We're focusing inward instead of outward."

An Expo Tent, featuring several displays and interactive booths, will be located in the middle of Cavalry Parade Field. Booths will be focused on helping people new to the Fort Riley community become accustomed to all that is available to the soldier and family on post.

Children of all ages will enjoy the "Own the Night" night vision course, at King Field House; the weapons firing course at Sturgis Field; the obstacle course located at Tuttle Park and Fort Riley Honor Guard demonstrations on the western edge of Cavalry Parade Field.

For those interested in the historic aspect of Fort Riley, the Cav-

alry Museum, U.S. Constabulary and Regimental Museum and the Custer House will all be open for visitors, according to Brad Carlton, chief of garrison operations.

The Custer House will feature the pies giving Apple Day its name, along with hand-pressed apple cider. Whole pies can be purchased for \$7 each, by the slice

or alamode at the Custer House that day, on a first come first-served basis.

"They're wonderful, even if frozen after a while," Metz said. "You can save them until Thanksgiving or even as late as Christmas."

The two chapels on Main Post, St. Mary's Chapel and Main Post

Chapel, will also be open to visitors on Apple Day.

"These chapels represent our country's religious heritage and the importance of worshipping God has in our military history," said Chap. (Lt. Col.) Daniel Paul, 24th ID and Fort Riley.

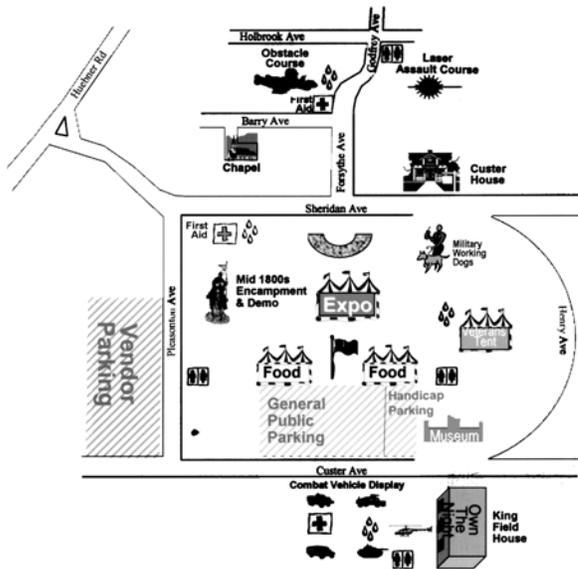
Other Open House and Apple Day attractions will include

remote radio broadcasts, a variety of concession stands and live entertainment, such as square dancers, musicians, storytellers and re-enactors.

For more information about the Fort Riley Open House and Apple Day, please visit the Fort Riley website at www.riley.army.mil or call 239-2022.



Apple Day/Open House event map



Veteran's tent offers look at military past

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

Among the many things to see and do at the Fort Riley Open House Sept. 28, a Veterans Tent will be set up on Cavalry Parade Field near the museums.

The tent is set up in sections, focusing on World War II, the Korean War, Viet Nam, Desert Storm and the current War on Terrorism.

"The purpose of the Veterans Tent is to share with the public and with veterans a pictorial and living history of our involvement in these conflicts," said Gary Skidmore, Command Information officer. "It is a place to go to walk back through time."

There will be photos of each era and veterans of each era will be available to discuss their experiences. Up to four videos will be playing at a time.

This is the second time the Veterans Tent will be available at the Open House. "The first time was at the last Open House in May. It was so well received that we decided to present it again," said Skidmore.

"This one will have our 9-11 special from In Step with Fort Riley playing as a centerpiece to this tent," he added.

The photos presented are taken from the internet and some books as well as some personal ones from Skidmore.

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Tantrums part of growing up

You're at the store and you hear a child wailing and screaming, then you see him kicking and writhing on the floor. Don't worry, it's not a seizure — it's a temper tantrum.

Many people have witnessed tantrums and many parents have dealt with tantrums. A Kansas State University professor says knowing and understanding your child may be one of the best ways to prevent or reduce child tantrums.

Bronwyn Fees, assistant professor of family studies and human services, says there are many reasons a child may throw a tantrum and also many effective ways to prevent or handle a tantrum.

Unfamiliarity or unpredictability may bring on a tantrum. "Sometimes parents don't communicate to their child where they are going or what is planned, they just bring the child along and don't let the child know what to expect," Fees said. "This can cause the child to become frustrated and throw a tantrum."

"Disrupting a child's routine may also bring on a tantrum. As adults, we like our coffee in the morning and our lunch breaks at noon and get grumpy when those routines are disrupted. Children, too, like their routines."

"A child may see another child in a tantrum. The next time you and your child are at the store, he may try this same behavior to see if it will get him what he wants. This is called vicarious reinforcement, when a child models behavior that was observed at a different time and place. If this is the case, the response of parents is of great importance. If the child is rewarded by getting what he wanted, he may try this method again," Fees said.

Fees said tantrums might also come about for other reasons, including limited verbal skills, poor planning by the parent or a child who is tired or hungry.

If parents know it is their child's naptime or they haven't eaten yet, it may be best to run errands at a later time. Very young children often lack the verbal skills to express what they are feeling or are unable to communicate effectively, so they resort to acting out physically or having a tantrum, Fees said.

"Situations that may bring on temper tantrums are the same kinds of situations that make grown-ups grouchy or unhappy," said Capt. Gina Foltz, Chief of Social Work Services at Irwin Army Community Hospital. "Because children are less experienced with problem solving skills than adults, they are more likely to fumble and less likely to be in control behaviorally. Over time we learn our limits."

"Not all children show frustration in the same way," Fees said. "One child may yell and scream, while another may totally close up his body by crossing his arms and refusing to comply. Tantrums are as individual as every child and knowing your children well will help you know what is and isn't normal behavior for them."

"Tantrums often occur between the ages of 2 to 5, but may start as early as 15 to 18 months when children begin to realize they are separate autonomous individuals from their parents. It is during this time the first words begin to appear, Fees said.

By the age of 5, most children have the cognitive and social skills to know how to control many of their emotions and frustrations, are able to wait and are able to anticipate what is coming next. Researchers have found children who possess these self-regulatory skills are more academically and socially successful in kindergarten, Fees said.

"The key skill children are trying to master at this age is being able to self-regulate, or controlling and regulating their emotions. If a child is 5 or 6 and still throwing tantrums on a regular basis, then parents may need to take a closer look at that child's environment to find out what is causing the tantrums," Fees said.

Fees said parents' reaction to tantrums is important because children are often mirroring their actions. "To children, adults are very powerful and important people. Children are watching and relying on their parents for cues on appropriate ways to behave."

"The most important thing for parents to remember is to stay calm. Parents must keep a calm and gentle voice. Whether it's a gentle pat on the back or a tight hug, it's important to know what works best for calming your

child," Fees said. Temper tantrums can also be prevented.

"You can prevent a temper tantrum before it starts," said Foltz. "By putting yourself in the child's place, you can provide the child with physical or emotional relief. For example, giving a child crackers before dinner may ruin his appetite, but may be exactly what he needs at the time, thereby avoiding a tantrum."

Fees said an important step in dealing with a tantrum is to stop what you are doing and take the time to recognize the problem. "Ignoring the tantrum will not make the underlying problem go away, but acknowledging the child's frustration and asking why they are upset may help to resolve it."

"Ultimately, knowing your child and helping them to regulate

their emotions and feelings in appropriate ways are key to preventing tantrums. Children need supportive, loving environments just like anyone else, and understanding their needs will help them master the skill of self-regulation," Fees said.

If nothing seems to help, parents may wish to seek professional advice. "Seek help when the tantrum is exhibited more frequently, or the episodes last longer than a minute or so. Something is not working if either occur," said Foltz. "Parents and a counselor can discuss what has worked and not worked and come up with a plan for stopping the tantrums."

For more information, call Capt. Gina Foltz at the Behavioral Health Center, 239-7291.

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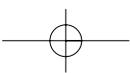
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Kansas State University's Division of Biology and The Nature Conservancy will host **Konza Prairie Visitors' Day** on Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Van and bus tours will provide an opportunity to view research areas and bison herds. The first tour is at 8 a.m. and subsequent tours will depart every 10 minutes. Wagon rides touring the prairie will also be offered, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the information booth.

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