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# Fort Riley Post



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Here at the National Training Center, the measure of success for the medical relay team is healthy soldiers and saved lives. See Page 6

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## Force-on-force teaches real-world lessons

By Adam Nuelken

50th Public Affairs Det.

**CAMP DOHA, Kuwait**—“It looks like we have tank movement! They are not friendly . . . I repeat they are definitely not friendly!” a voice echoed over the radio as M1A1 Abrams and M-2 Bradleys raced through the desert after the opposition.

It was early morning when soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor and Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th

Infantry heard these calls and took to the Kuwaiti desert for force-on-force training.

The companies were trying to establish contact with the opposing forces, made up of three platoons with a tank, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and dismounted infantry observation posts.

The initial push started at 6 a.m., with the company teams maneuvering down their axis of advance. It didn't take long for the unit to run into its first enemy vehicle, but the attack-

ers forced their way past.

The opposition force went into the battle ill-prepared for what was about to happen. Out-numbered three to one, they were quickly crushed in the wake of the battle.

Although the opposition force was out-numbered, it still did its best to confuse the company team to gain the upper hand.

“We had long nights where we had to go out in the middle of the night and fake insertions to get them to think we were

somewhere we really weren't,” said Sgt. Anthony Abraham, Battery C, 4th Bn., 3rd Air Defense Artillery and opposition force member. “We also had to run around a lot to try and make them think we were bigger than we really were,” he said.

The training provided crucial benefits to everyone involved from the newest members of the unit to the most senior soldiers.

“For the new soldiers, it shows them what we really

do,” said to Abraham. “Instead of seeing it on paper, they can see it in real life. For the older soldiers, it keeps them abreast of how things are done and keeps their skills sharp.”

Also, the amount of space provided for maneuvers added to the training.

“The challenge out here is to control maneuver elements on an extremely wide area,” Capt. John Griese, commander of Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., said. “Command and control is a lot more difficult on a wide area.”

## Program helps troops find homes

By Melissa McEntire

Staff Writer

Whenever new soldiers arrive on Fort Riley, one of their main concerns is where they will live.

Many families want to live in on-post quarters. However, they have to find a temporary home until quarters are available.

There is help for finding temporary dwellings in surrounding communities. The Community Home-finding Relocation and Reference Service is available to every soldier and their family.

In fact, it is mandatory to use the CHRRS program when renting a house or apartment.

“When new soldiers come here and are in-processing, they have to go through CHRRS,” said Charlie Williams, housing manager.

The CHRRS, located at Bldg. 45, has lists of all dwellings available to rent that have been approved by Fort Riley.

“The dwellings we have listed have all been inspected and their landlords approved of,” said Williams.

Recently, CHRRS implemented improvements to better serve Fort Riley soldiers.

“Before, there were books of all the dwellings offered and the soldier basically helped themselves,” he said. “That has all changed.”

CHRRS has now been contracted out to McCullough Development, Inc., to offer soldiers more of the help many need.

“Now we have people sitting in an office, just waiting for soldiers to come in so we can help them,” said Suzi Brown, director of off-post housing.

“We now help them do everything from finding a place to live, to talking to the landlord for them and looking over their lease before they sign it,” she said.

“It is more of a person to person situation now,” she said.

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Not On My Watch . . .

A 125th Forward Support Battalion soldier takes position to repel an early morning assault by the Opposition Forces. The Brigade Support Area is kept on its toes by a number of “attacks” during the NTC rotation.

## Soldiers share united purpose

By Jeremy Heckler

19th Public Affairs Det.

**FORT IRWIN, Calif.**—As the country reels from the terrorist actions on one side of the nation, a band of soldiers go to work with a stronger, more united purpose on the other side of the country.

For members of 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, training takes on a more serious tone as they train for a battle that takes on more real-world implications.

“It is in the back of everyone's mind,” said SSgt. John Holleman, Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry. “It is like a devil on your shoulder saying something could hap-

pen.”

“This is a good opportunity for realistic training,” said Sgt. Neil Austin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor. “The whole purpose is to train as you fight and that is what NTC provides for us.”

The recent attacks have heightened the need for getting the job right.

“Everyone seems to be taking things more seriously than they did at

Gauntlet,” said SSgt. Thomas Leturgez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion.

“Current events have motivated the soldiers up a notch in their vigilance,” said Holleman.

“It's been kind of hard because my wife and family are in New York, but everyone is holding up,”

Sgt. Dwight Dancil  
Company B, 125th FSB

Many soldiers' thoughts have been with their loved ones back at Fort Riley and elsewhere. Soldiers had the opportunity to talk to their family

during their first week at NTC. Now that they have moved out to the engagement area there is less interaction.

The words “New York” hit home for many native sons, no matter where they are located.

“It's been kind of hard because my wife and family are in New York, but everyone is holding up,” said Sgt. Dwight Dancil, Company B, 125th Forward Support Battalion.

“It definitely hit close to home,” said PFC Jayson Williams, a radio operator with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade.

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Post/Chadwick

SFC Thomas Cotton, left, and Spec. Matthew Hill, place concertina wire barriers around the Tactical Operations Center.

## Commander directs battles from TOC

By Peter Chadwick

19th Public Affairs Det.

**FORT IRWIN, Calif.**—It's organized confusion.

More than 40 people moving and talking in a room the size of a two car garage...a small two-car garage.

To the casual observer, they seem to be working independently while inadvertently talking and walking over each other.

It's as chaotic as the floor of the U.S. Stock Exchange.

It's a brigade Tactical Operations Center; the heart of the unit's battle maneuver capability and — it's totally under control.

The longer one observes the hubbub, the more they see the orchestration in front of them and the conductor is called Battle Captain.

Capt. Guy Titsworth, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, is one

of two chosen to keep a fine tuned symphony from becoming a frantic scramble.

“They each perform an important role,” said Titsworth, referring to the representative of each key section he interacts with. “We tie them all together.”

He and his co-captain take turns standing in the small open area with a map board behind them and tables formed in a horseshoe in front.

Along the room's outside fringe are yet more sources of information, everything from engineers and intelligence to legal and civil affairs. Each of the individual cells works with a common goal in mind — to assist Col. John B. Musser, III, commander, 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

“We take the information and make a recommendations to the commander,” said Titsworth.

The more information the commander has, the better his decisions. The

importance of those decisions is not lost on even the lowest ranking member of the team.

“Lives depend on this,” said Pvt. Joshua Goddard, an HHC, 3rd Brigade, a radio, telephone operator.

“I have sergeants major and officers asking me questions,” said Goddard, who has less than a year in service. “It's really stressful.”

“I think I handle it all right. I take a break, count to 10 and go back at it.”

When Goddard and his fellow RTOs need a break during their 12-hour shift, relief is close at hand.

“I fill in for the RTOs,” said Sgt. James Hower, tanker, HHC, 3rd Brigade. “I help out where I can.”

Hower, the TOC Ramp noncommissioned officer in charge, is more than just an RTO in reserve.

“I make sure there are two RTOs taking down spot reports,” said Hower.

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# 3rd BCT soldiers begin desert mission

By **Jeremy Heckler**

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**FORT IRWIN, Calif.**—Climbing into the aircraft soldiers waved goodbye to their families and immersed themselves in the art of the soldier.

Over the course of five days soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team shuttled to Robinson Fitness Center on Fort Riley and went through the final checks before flying to Fort Irwin.

Soldiers entered the facility, weighed-in and checked-in with personnel. After chow and full accountability the brigade headed to the airport for the late-night ride to the National Training Center.

"I told my soldiers to be flexible and remember the right way to do things, the OC (Observer Controllers) can take them out of the

action for doing the wrong thing," said Sgt. Neil Austin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion 13th Armor.

Upon their arrival in the "Dust Bowl" the team set about their duties in anticipation of the upcoming training in the desert.

To make it happen, the first few days were spent drawing weapons and other equipment as they left for the "Box."

"We were the first on the ground and we established routines," said SSgt. John Holleman, Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry.

Holleman and his platoon hit the ground running setting up tents and assigning soldiers to details.

"The hardest part so far has been drawing vehicles," said SSgt. Thomas Leturgez, Headquarters and Headquarters Com-

pany, 70th Engineer Battalion. Leturgez said that a majority of the time was spent in the tool room in the draw yard trying to get the parts needed to make the vehicles ready for departure.

For many, preparing vehicles proved to be the greatest challenge.

They meticulously checked-off items from the 13 pages of inspection forms before taking each vehicle to the test track. After a quick test of the vehicle and getting a new dispatch, soldiers went off to work.

After acquiring their vehicles, they began zeroing weapons systems and Multiple-Integrated Laser Engagement System equipment.

"We spend a lot time zeroing the MILES," said Sgt. John Hackett, a member of the brigade sniper squad.

Hackett said zeroing their weapons took on an extra priority because at long range one little adjustment to the left or to the right can make all the difference.

The brigade then established pipelines for keeping the battle rolling.

"We've been getting our shop together, taking our vehicles off the railhead and putting things together to do our job," said Sgt. Dwight Dancil, Company B, 125th Forward Support Battalion.

Over the course of their time in the Dust Bowl, soldiers from 3rd BCT continued to train for battle. As the sun lowered on Fort Irwin, soldiers became acquainted with Mission Oriented Protective Posture level four, spending time in full MOPP gear.

"This is just the first phase," said Dwight. "Next up for us is the box."

# Fort Riley meets retention goals early

By **Melissa McEntire**

Staff Writer

There is a crucial time in each soldier's career when it is time to decide whether to stay in the Army or get out. That makes the post retention rates fluctuate throughout the year.

However, Fort Riley's retention has managed to stay above goal all year.

"Fort Riley has exceeded its retention objective for the fourth quarter alone," said MSgt. Steve Davis, operations sergeant for the post retention office.

"Not only was the objective exceeded, but it was done way before the fourth quarter was over," he said.

"Right now, we are leading III Corps for retention rates for this quarter," he said.

"What it boils down to is that the Army is taking care of its soldiers and they want to stay in," Davis said. "They are taking advantage of all of the opportunities that are being offered to them right now."

"With the current events, many soldiers want to stay in for patriotism alone. In fact, we've had

quite a few former soldiers call and ask how they can come back on active duty. All we can tell them is to call a recruiter for those cases. However, if they are already active duty and want to extend or re-enlist, we can help them get some of the options they may want," he said.

"An option many soldiers are taking advantage of right now is

the six month post stabilization and the college incentive program," said SSgt. Patrick Street, career counselor.

"Another popular option soldiers are taking advantage of is changing their MOS," said Davis.

"It is easier for an initial term soldier to take advantage of it than some mid-tour soldiers, just because mid-term soldiers are

seasoned for that MOS.

"I would say that 25 percent of soldiers who re-enlist change their MOS now," he said.

"However, because of what is going on now, people are motivated to stay in just to serve their country," Street said.

## Blood donations limited

By **Bradley N. Harper**

Chief, IACH Pathology

Starting last week, prospective blood donors are now being screened according to the new directive which excludes anyone in the following category:

Those who have resided over three months in the United Kingdom or six months in Europe from 1980 to 1996 or has ever received a blood transfusion in either of those regions.

These measures are in line with those of the American Red Cross which maintains the largest blood collection network in the United States.

The reason for these measures are to decrease the theoretical risk of transfusion, related to variant Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease, which is the human variant of Mad Cow Disease, (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy).

There have been no cases documented of this disease being caused due to a transfusion of blood or blood products in humans, but other forms similar to this disease are known to be transmissible in animals. There is currently no test that

will detect this disease reliably in someone who is not showing symptoms. The time between infection and symptoms is uncertain, but apparently can take years. Until such time that there is a valid screening test for this disease, these regulations will remain in effect.

Due to the overwhelming national response to the September attacks, the American Red Cross is currently amply stocked. The shelf life of a unit of blood is 42 days, more or less, (depending on the preservative). Therefore it is important that we have a steady supply of donors. Blood not transfused is used to prepare other products like plasma and platelets, so no blood that is deemed safe to transfuse is ever wasted. Blood can also be frozen for long term storage, although it is not readily available for emergencies, and must be transfused within 24 hours of being thawed.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, or would like to learn more about how or when you can donate blood, please feel free to call our blood bank at 239-7673, or visit the American Red Cross web site at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

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# Word On The Street

## “How do you plan to designate your CFC donations this year?”



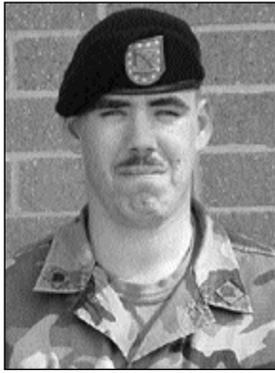
*“I will give to Ducks Unlimited, because I'm a big duck hunter, and to the Diabetes Foundation, because my dad has diabetes.”*

*Spec. Lupe Montes  
Co. B  
70th Eng. Bn.*



*“I will give to the same as I do every year. I give to the Native American College Fund, the Children of Ireland Fund and to a conservation group.”*

*MSgt. Michael Meldon  
HHC  
70th Eng. Bn.*



*“I give to the Diabetes Foundation. My grandmother died of diabetes and now my mother has it. It is a family trait. I always give to that foundation.”*

*Spec. Charles Schulze  
Co. B  
70th Eng. Bn.*

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### Apple Day

Homemade apple pies sales make up this year's Apple Day activities. The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley will sell pies in advance. Gail Asher is taking the orders. There is a box with the order forms on her porch, 21-A Sheridan Ave. Advanced payment is required.

The society will make 1,000 pies and freeze them with instructions included for baking. Pies ordered by off-post customers will be delivered by the Historical Society to a location in Junction City. Call Asher at 717-3263 for more information.

The actual Apple Day event scheduled for Oct. 20 is cancelled.

### Ghost Tours

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley's annual Ghost Tour is still scheduled for Oct. 28, from 4 - 8 p.m. It is open to ID card holders only. The line will form in front of the Custer House, on Sheridan Avenue. Volunteers are needed, call 717-2818.

### Shoppe News

The Shoppe has many fall items in and lots of Americana. 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.

Signments 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.

### Family Symposiums

Fort Riley will conduct its annual Family Action Symposium Oct. 25-26 at the Soldier and Family Support Center. The Youth Symposium is scheduled Oct. 20 at the Teen Center. Dur-

ing both symposiums issues will be discussed, prioritized and recommended for further actions. For information, call 239-9435 or e-mail at youngb@riley.army.mil.

### 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, Bldg. 6620 Normandy Drive, Custer Hill. The program is open to second through sixth graders. The season runs December to March.

### Open Mic Night

Musicians, singers, comedians and special acts are invited to perform at the Sports U.S.A. "Open Mic Night," Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. For information, call 784-5434.

### 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.

### Skating Rink

Riley Wheels Skating Rink, located inside King Field House, Main Post, is available for rent for private functions. For details call 239-2243.

### Volunteer Recognized

Victor Cappelletti, Jr., Junction City along with his wife Maria, recently received the Patriotic Civilian Service Award from Brig. Gen. David Gross, assistant division commander, 24th Infantry Division. The award was presented to Cappelletti for his years of

dedicated volunteer service to the Fort Riley DCA in addition to other special projects.

### Preschool Program

The Child and Youth Services School Age Services has opening in the Before and After School program for Kindergarten through 5th grade. For information, call 239-4847.

### Hispanic Heritage

The Division Equal Opportunity Office has rescheduled Fort Riley's Celebration of Hispanic American History Month with a program on Oct. 12, at Normandy Theater Bldg. 7866 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. For information, call 239-2928.

### Replacement Moves

The 1st Replacement Company, formerly located at Bldg. 214, is now located in Bldg. 210. Incoming soldiers and sponsors picking up soldiers, report to the basement of Bldg. 210. This is also the new location of the commander, first sergeant, operations, shipping, and the personnel actions center. All phone numbers will remain the same.

### Package Deliveries

Under current conditions, delivery companies such as United Parcel Service and Federal Express are no longer authorized to deliver packages or mail to living quarters on Fort Riley. Those expecting packages should contact the delivery company to arrange for pick up at the company's local office. Deliveries to office buildings on post will continue.

### Vehicle Registration

All vehicles on post must have a valid DoD registration sticker affixed to the windshield or a valid access pass clearly posted in the windshield.

Vehicles without valid stickers or passes must be moved off-post permanently (or until registered), or into a designated lot (until registered or moved permanently off-post). You are encouraged to voluntarily register or move unregis-

tered vehicles off-post or into a designated lot at Bldg. 7780.

Vehicles without stickers or passes will be tagged. After 12 hours, if not moved, they will be towed to a designated lot. Contact PMO at 239-3245 for vehicle registration. Contact DOL at 239-3504 for status of towed vehicles.

### College Schedules

In order to maintain appropriate security measures, Fort Riley is limiting its October cycle of on post college courses to Department of Defense ID cardholders, veterans and DOD family members. Call 239-6481, for information. KSU classes will be moved to the KSU campus in Manhattan.

### Training Scheduled

The Soldier and Family Support Center has set the Meeting Management Training for Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. This class is part of the Army Family Team Building Advanced FRG Leader training. For information, call 239-9435.

### Commissary Sale

The Fort Riley Commissary is having a Moonlight Madness Sale Saturday from 6-11 p.m.

### Hospital Appointments

Patient appointments at IACH for Oct. 4-5 will be limited in the Primary Care Clinics and the Specialty Care Clinics. Military health care beneficiaries may call the TRICARE Service Center for appointments at 1-888-TriWest.

### Heat Turn-on

Heating systems are scheduled

to be turned on starting Oct. in the following order: Oct. 9-19 Barracks, BOQ's and BEQ's; 8000 Area; Community Buildings; Admin Buildings; Dining Facilities; Motor Pools.

### Trash Collection

No pickup Oct. 8. Oct. 9 pickup at Colyer Manor, Main Post Housing, Marshall Air Field. Oct. 10 pickup at Peterson Heights, Montieth Heights, Ellis Heights and O'Donnell Heights. Oct. 11 pickup at Warner Heights, Burnside Heights. Oct. 12 pickup at South Peterson Heights, South Warner Heights, Meade Heights, and McClellan Heights.

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# Senate initiative may lead to BRAC

By Jim Garamone

Am. Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—The Senate passed the Efficient Facilities Initiative Tuesday by a vote of 53 to 47, opening the way to a possible base closure round in fiscal 2003.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld thanked the Senate for the vote, saying DoD needs the legislation to transform the military.

The initiative is part of the Senate's version of the defense authorization bill, but not the House of Representatives'.

Congressional officials said the next step is for a conference committee made up of representatives and senators to negotiate one version of the bill acceptable to both houses.

The Efficient Facilities Initiative is a part of the department's transformation effort. Studies show DoD has over 21 percent more infrastructure than it needs. A round of closures in fiscal 2003 would address this imbalance,

DoD officials said.

The military needs to transform to face the new asymmetric threats that face the nation, Rumsfeld said.

Threats to the homeland from weapons of mass destruction, ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and terrorism need to be addressed. The money spent now to maintain extra installations can be better used in addressing these threats, he said.

Savings in force protection costs alone would help the department, he said.

By reducing the number of its bases, DoD can then provide "force protection for the number of bases we need as opposed to the number of bases we have," he said. Savings would also help with operations tempo — a personnel problem before the Sept. 11 attacks that's only increased since.

A spokeswoman for the Senate Armed Services Committee said she expects action on the bills "soon."

# Task Force medics train to help soldiers

By Laurence Lang

50th Public Affairs Det.

In the wake of the recent terrorist attacks in the United States, Task Force 1st Battalion, 34th Armor is doing its part to stay trained and ready for any contingency.

To maintain readiness, soldiers' health must be a priority, and TF 1-34 medics are doing their part to ensure soldiers can get back into training quickly.

"Our mission is to provide medical support to the soldiers in the Kabal," said Sgt. Christine O'Brien, treatment NCOIC.

"We provide sick call, trauma, basic medical and dental services, and other medical services if needed," she added.

The Kabal has several different living sites, called PAD sites. Each PAD site has a small

medical element that provides basic medical services and sick call.

If a patient requires more medical assistance, he or she is taken to the Kabal hospital, which is run by O'Brien and her team.

If the problem is more serious, the soldier is sent out of the Kabal to the appropriate medical facility at Camp Doha or in Kuwait City.

O'Brien, who has been in the Army for eight years, says she loves what she does.

"I came in the Army right out of high school. This is a great way to help me get my foot in the door of medicine. My goal is to be a physician, and this is a great stepping stone for me," she said. "I have learned a lot and the experience is great."

When all the patients have been patched up or given medicine, O'Brien doesn't waste her experience and knowledge. She ensures that

when her soldiers have spare time they become more proficient at their jobs and teaches them the skills they need to perform even better.

For PFC Tiffany Gorham, 19, and PFC Dale McAllister, 20, medical specialists with the 101st, this isn't the setting in which they expected to be doing their jobs.

"I thought I'd be working in a hospital somewhere. I never expected anything like this," said Gorham. But this training is great. We get to actually do more of our job out here than back at Fort Riley. This has been a great chance to do what we are trained for," she added.

"We are here for the soldiers," said O'Brien. "If the soldiers aren't healthy, they can't do their jobs. We provide good quality care and make sure they are combat ready."

# Life insurance extended to military families

Most soldiers have life insurance with SGLI, but that does not necessarily mean that their families are covered as well. Soldiers should consider what the financial impact would be of the loss of a family member. Whether the soldier's spouse is a wage earner or not, the financial impact of such a loss is likely to be devastating. Loss of income, loss of family services, and funeral expenses are all reasons to consider life insurance. Now, soldiers have a convenient option for protecting their families from loss.

Under the recently enacted Vet-

eran's Opportunity Act of 2001, SGLI coverage is now available to not only service members, but also his or her insurable dependents. SGLI is a term life insurance policy that previously was only available to insure the life of the service member. Now, however, a soldier's spouse and unmarried dependent children under the age of 18 (under 23 if child attends an accredited school) are automatically covered beginning 1 November 2001.

### Spousal Coverage

A spouse is automatically eligible for up to \$100,000 of cover-

age. The military member pays a premium by automatic military pay deduction for spousal coverage. The cost is based on the spouse's age and ranges from 9 to 55 cents per \$1,000 of coverage. The military member is the irrevocable beneficiary of the spousal SGLI policy. The spousal policy will terminate 120 days after the death of the military member, military member and spouse divorce, or the military member's SGLI coverage terminates. The spouse, however, can convert the spousal SGLI policy into a commercial policy.

### Child Coverage

A military member's children, including adopted children and stepchildren living in the home of the military member, are automatically covered by a \$10,000 life insurance policy. There is no premium charged for the child's policy. The military member cannot decline or reduce the child policy, however, the policy may terminate similarly to the spousal coverage above. The military member is the irrevocable beneficiary of the child's policy. A child policy cannot be converted into a commercial policy at anytime.

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# Medics practice timing, teamwork at NTC

By Peter Chadwick

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**FORT IRWIN, Calif.**—The relay runner's pumping arms and pounding feet are on auto-pilot as he focuses on his teammate waiting to receive the baton.

They both know that timing and teamwork are imperative to their success.

Success for these competitors may be a trophy or a medal.

Here at the National Training Center, the measure of success for the medical relay team is healthy soldiers and saved lives.

Physician's Assistant (PA), 2nd Lt. Patrick Williams, said the start of this lifeline relay begins with the individual battalion aide stations.

"They have two choices at battalion aide," said Williams, Company C, 125th Forward Support Battalion. "They can return the soldier to duty or send them on to the Forward Support Medical Company."

Williams said during the training here, units often advance pretty far from the rear units.

He said the first leg of the patient's journey to his FSMC begins with a ride in one of six M113 Armor Personnel Carriers rigged as a medical evacuation platform.

"The APC's armor protects the soldier near the line of battle," said Williams.

He said the tracked vehicles can shorten the patient's trip by taking less conventional routes.

PFC Stacey Fix, a Co. C, 125th FSB medic and track vehicle dri-

ver said she had to make a few adjustments here.

"I drive an M113A2 back at Fort Riley," said Fix, who's been in the Army since April. "Here they have A3's."

Fix said she had to get used to a new type of steering and the more sensitive brakes. She added the upsides are the ability to pivot turn and the more powerful engine for climbing the hills here.

Fix said her 113 can carry four stretcher patients, eight ambulatory or a combination of the two.

Williams said the tracks meet one of four M977 HMMWV ambulances at the relatively safe ambulance exchange point. This keeps injured personnel from having to ride for extended periods and puts them in a vehicle that moves along the roads quicker.

This wheeled vehicle brings the patient to the FSMC.

Williams said his facility has dental, x-ray and lab facilities as well as a 40 bed holding area.

The patient is first taken to the treatment tent where a doctor, physician's assistant and six medics stand by to assist. Williams said in case of a flood of patients, they are triaged for severity and taken "worst, first."

If need be, dining facilities and supply units can be called on to provide five-ton cargo trucks for moving large amounts of patients.

Williams said patients at the FSMC have three choices: return to duty, 72-hour hold or evacuation.

"If we can't provide the care, we send them to the Army Medical Clinics," said Williams.

"We go to the FSB to pick up patients and bring them back to the hospital," said Sgt. David Gilley, medic, 520th Army Medical Clinic, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Gilley said if the FSB can't provide the care, it's probably beyond the scope of the "Dust Bowl" clinic and one of his two crews take them directly to Weed by "hummer."

Weed Army Community Hospital on main post is augmented by an AMC at the "Dust Bowl," where the soldiers marshal before starting their mock battles.

"We're here to fill the NTC requirement," said 2nd Lt. Adrian Borgeson, clinic officer-in-charge, U.S. Army Forces Command

requires the augmentation to support Weed due to the influx of several thousand soldiers during training rotations.

The "Dust Bowl" clinic is busiest before and after the soldiers go forward to do "battle."

"We've seen more than 200 soldiers in the past six days," said Pvt. 2 Ajia Cash, patient administrator. "We've had as many as 15 at a time and as few as three."

SSgt. William Jones, 125th FSB, said they don't have separate medics and equipment set aside for "play" injuries. All medical personnel approach each call as if it were the real thing.

To these medical racers, there is no game. . . just a relay to ensure safety and health.



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**Spec. Syreeta Newsuan, Co. B, 125th FSB, gets checked out by Maj. Jose Figueroa, 520th Army Medical Clinic during sick call at NTC's Dust Bowl.**

# Soldiers protect post

By Melissa McEntire

Staff Writer

It is no secret that Fort Riley is more vigilant about security these days. However, it may surprise people to find soldiers in places they aren't usually seen.

For example, a soldier wants to go to Sports USA for lunch, maybe shoot a couple games of pool. Well, they better have their military identification cards ready.

"We have a mission to detour terrorism and limit access of facilities to soldiers, their dependents, retirees, and civilian personnel with the proper identification," said Pvt. 2 William Neal, Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion.

Neal, along with Spec. Brian Ellis, were just two of the many soldiers that have had guard duty recently. They were guarding the Commissary.

"When someone wants to go into the store, we have to inspect their I.D. cards first," Ellis said.

Dressed in their Kevlars, flak vests, and carrying weapons, the two are a daunting sight.

"I think we have kind of scared some of the smaller kids that have come here with their moms," said Neal.

"But, what we are doing here

needs to be done. It deters a threat and may make people think twice if they decide to attack," Ellis said.

Who would attack a grocery store?

"Anyone who thinks they could get by with it," said Ellis. "And that is why we are here."

"This is a very common place for people to come, so we are doing our part in protecting it," said Neal.

"It really bugs me about what happened Sept. 11," said Neal. "I don't understand why someone felt the need to take the lives of so many innocents."

And with nobody more innocent than a child, there are also security personnel at the Child Development Center.

"We are here to protect soldiers' children," said Pfc. Jeremy Lynn, Co. C, 1st Eng.

"It is as important to protect the soldiers' families as much as it is to protect our soldiers," he said.

"We are just doing our duty as soldiers," said Pfc. Matthew Kelleher, Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn.

"I'm glad we can help some way. I want to be in New York or Washington D.C., doing more, but since I can't, I'll do what I can to protect Fort Riley," Lynn said.

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"It is useful to all soldiers, but especially those whose here on their first duty station. We try to teach them a little more about their housing allowance and so on," Brown said.

"Basically, the new system has a big emphasis about education. That is what is really important here," said Williams.

One of the other changes in the new take over is that landlords must now pay an annual fee to have their dwellings inspected and listed on Fort Riley's CHRRS list.

"However, it is still free to all soldiers and their families," Brown said.

The goal of having CHRRS contracted out is to give the soldiers more one on one time.

"We just don't have the manpower to do that without the contractors," Williams said.

"Now that we do have the new system, find a home off of Fort Riley couldn't be easier," he said.

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Williams's mother worked in the B building of the World Trade Center complex.

Williams recalls following his mother to work in the building.

On the day of the attack, members of his section gathered in front of the television and provided support for him as he tried to call home. Later that day Williams got through and found

out his family members were safe.

No matter what the mission, the members of the Bulldog Brigade know that their family members are taken care of back home, no matter what their fears.

"There is a natural worry that is always there. I prepared my family like I prepared for the field and made sure that they had everything they needed so that I can

focus on the task at hand," said Holleman.

He added that the family readiness briefings that the brigade provided before he left helped to put everything his wife may need while he was gone in her hands.

With most of the questions of their families' security handled, soldiers ponder the who and why of the New York attack.

"I hope they find the guilty person or persons and if force is necessary then it should be used to bring them to justice," said Williams.

"I've thought about it a lot . . ." said Holleman. "It (the attack) was something terribly wrong but what we are doing here is important and it helps us with any role we might have in the future."

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"A spot report is information coming down from the battle. Information on enemy activity, or anything that goes on, goes right to the Battle Captain."

Helping each other is the key to keeping organized confusion organized in the heat of battle.

Titsworth said the Battle Captain also answers routine radio calls as well as coordinates the operation.

"We help each other out," said

Titsworth of the captains themselves.

It's all about flow. Information in . . . digested . . . and sent back out to guide the battle's movement...and keep soldiers safe.

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## Biggest shooting championship in West begins soon

Medalists set to represent U.S., Army at upcoming trials

By Paula J. Randall Pagan  
Army News Service

**FORT BENNING, Ga.**—Approximately 350 athletes from nearly two dozen countries will arrive here Sept. 30 to compete in the Championship of the Americas.

The CAT Games event is being hosted by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and sponsored by USA Shooting, the national governing body for Olympic shooting sports in the United States.

The CAT Games, Campeonato de Tiro de las Americas, is the shooting championships event for the Western Hemisphere, which is conducted every four years.

The CAT Games is one of four big international matches — along with the Olympics, World Championships and Pan-American Games — where shooters compete to win medals and set world records.

At the CAT Games, members of the U.S. Shooting Team will compete against teams from Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America for the title of being the best in the Americas.

During recent competition trials, 10 USAMU soldiers were selected to com-

pete on the U.S. CAT Team. 2000 Olympic Bronze Medalist SFC James T. Graves and 2001 World Cup Gold Medalist SSgt. Joseph D. Buffa are on the Skeet Team. 2000 Olympian SFC Lance D. Dement and 2001 National Champion Sgt. Armando R. Ayala are on the 50-Meter 30-plus-30 and Mixed Running Target Competitions.

Ayala will also compete in 10-Meter 30-plus-30 and Mixed Running Target.

SFC Daryl L. Szarenski, also a 2000 Olympian, will shoot Air Pistol, Center Fire Pistol and Standard Pistol.

2000 Olympians Maj. Michael E. Anti and Sgt. Jason A. Parker will compete in Free Rifle Three Position; Anti will also shoot Free Rifle Prone. 2001 Conseil

International du Sport Militaire Team Gold Medalist Spc. Shane M. Barnhart is in the Air Rifle Competition.

Capt. Glenn A. Dubis, who competed in four Olympics including 2000, and 2001 CISM Standard Rifle Champion Maj. Stephen C. Goff, who retired Sept. 1 but will still compete, will fire 300-Meter Free Rifle Prone and Three Position and Standard Rifle Three Position.

Competitors will have a chance to train Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The opening ceremony at 5 p.m. Oct. 1 will be followed by a barbecue. The matches will take place Oct. 2-7.

Formed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to raise the standards of marksmanship throughout the U.S.

Army, the Army Marksmanship Unit has been a part of the U. S. Army Recruiting Command since October 1999.

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.

For information on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, contact the USAMU Public Affairs Office at (706) 545-5436; to correspond via e-mail paula.pagan@usarec.army.mil or to visit the teams home on the world wide web, visit www.usarec.army.mil/hq/amu/

## MPs snag 40-7 gridiron victory

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

Big plays and turnovers were the spark plug in the 523rd Military Police Team's 40-7 victory over 568th Combat Support Element at Sturgis Field Wednesday.

"We played good defense and offense for the 1st time this year," said MP quarterback Ian Pitcavage.

The start of the game was furious, as the MP's drove right down the field on their first possession and put points on the board.

The drive started when Pitcavage, on the first play of the game, ran the ball for a 30-yard gain on an option quarterback keeper.

Later on in the drive, Pitcavage threw a touchdown pass to wide receiver Jason Bennett in the corner of the end zone. The extra point conversion was no good, leaving the score early on in the game, 6-0.

On their first possession of the game, CSE's drive started out well when quarterback Elwood Carl completed his first pass for a first down. After struggling to move the ball on the next few plays, the drive came alive when Carl passed to running back Michael Brewton for a touchdown. They would take the lead on the successful extra point conversion.

The score would stay the same until the second quarter, when Pitcavage trotted across the goal line on another quarterback keeper. The big play on the two-play drive was a long pass from Pitcavage to John Pontius. The MP extra point conversion was no good and they led 12-7.

Later on in the second quarter, Pontius would contribute to his team's efforts as he picked off a pass from Carl, giving them good field position.

After getting the ball back, Pitcavage would lunge over the goal line again for his second rushing touchdown of the game from the one-foot line. The two-point try was good, making the score 20-7.

CSE tried to make the game closer before halftime, but after a big run by Brewton the drive stalled and the half ended. The score at halftime was 20-7.

The second half started out the same as the first for the MPs when running back Mike Saunders connected with Pontius for a touchdown. Their two-point conversion was successful.

Down 28-7, CSE tried to mount a comeback. Carl threw a touchdown toss to receiver Scott Frey.

As the third quarter was coming to a close, CSE had the ball close to the MP end zone. The MP defense stiffened. With four plays to score, CSE couldn't punch the ball in for another score.

Taking over on downs, the MPs couldn't move the ball from the shadow of their own end zone and were forced to punt.

The punt led to excellent field position for CSE after a big return from Brewton.

After Pontius dropped a would-be interception for a touchdown, the MP defense stiffened again on a fourth down play for CSE. Saunders swatted away the attempted first down try.

On the very next play the MP's big-play offense scored again. The combination of Pitcavage to Pontius to receiver Quinton Duncan moved quickly to the end zone. Duncan would also catch the two-point try, making the score 36-7.

The wheels then began to fall off for CSE. Pontius then picked off another pass from Carl. He then looked up field and hit Travis Dietrich for a touchdown.

Trying to build momentum before the end of the game, CSE attempted to score, but Pontius picked off a pass on the last play of the game.

The 523rd won the game 44-7. "This game was a great team effort," said Pitcavage. "We had a great deal of improvement from the first few games. It's harder to play with just seven or eight people, but we did alright tonight."



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Tyrone Burks runs the ball during the Blue Jays 30-6 loss to Salina South Sept. 20 at Junction City High School. The Jays play Topeka West Monday at home at 4:30 p.m.

## Blue Jays fall to Cougars

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

Mental mistakes and penalties dug the Junction City Freshman Football Team a hole they couldn't find their way out of, as they fell to the Salina South Cougars 30-6 Sept. 20 at JCHS.

The Blue Jays couldn't overcome numerous penalties and mistakes to sustain many drives.

The Blue Jays had chances in each quarter to put together scoring drives, but mistakes and penalties halted most of the chances.

The Cougars were on the scoreboard first when they ran back a punt for a touchdown on their first possession. The two-point attempt was successful and the Cougars took the early 8-0 lead.

After another Blue Jay punt lead to another Cougar score. The Cougars scored on a pass from quarterback Steven Chamoff. The Cougars two-point conversion attempt was successful to make the score 16-0.

After falling behind early, the Blue Jay offense started to show life as wide receiver Josh Drake caught a long pass from quarterback Bret Barker. The drive quickly stalled though, as Barker threw an interception.

The Cougars weren't done scoring in the first half. They scored for the third time on an option play with 5:18 left in the first half.

Down by three touchdowns, the Blue Jays took over after a defensive stand near the Cougar goal line.

They couldn't cash in on the excellent field position and Barker threw another interception.

The Cougars ran the ball and ate up the time on the clock. The score at halftime was 24-0.

The second half began well for the Blue Jays, as they recovered a fumble on the Cougar 27 yard line.

The comeback try was nipped when Barker threw his third interception of the game.

Salina South drove down the field and scored on a two-yard touchdown run by

running back Quinn Cunningham. Their two-point conversion attempt was no good and the Cougars took a 30-0 lead into the fourth quarter.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Blue Jays stopped the Cougars on a short fourth down play to get the ball back on a turnover on downs. It gave them good field position to score their first points of the game.

After a would-be touchdown by running back Chris Delaney was called back due to penalty, Charles Johnson scampered 50 yards for the Blue Jays first score three plays later. The Blue Jays two-point conversion was no good and the Cougars lead was cut to 30-6.

After the Blue Jays scored, the Cougars played keep away, and ran down the clock for the remaining 6:43.

The final score of the game was 30-6.

The key play for the Blue Jays was the 50-yard touchdown run by Johnson late in the fourth quarter.

The Blue Jays next travel to Topeka High.

## Ten-Miler set for Oct. 14

A record 18,000 runners have registered for this year's Army Ten-Miler surpassing last year's field by 2000 athletes. Team registration also increased with over 750 teams registering for this year's team competition.

"The Army Ten-Miler serves to build the spirit of a nation," Jim Vandak, director of the Army Ten-Miler, said. "Over 2,500 people have registered for the race after the heinous attack on our nation."

### Luncheon athletes

## Staying fit is routine for busy soldiers

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

Luncheon. For some it's a time to take a break from the rigorous routine of the workday, a chance to replenish the body with nutrients and hydration.

Some use luncheon to run errands. Others try to catch up on sleep they didn't get from the night before.

There are soldiers on post who do neither.

These soldiers hit the gym, and find their luncheon workouts give them an advantage.

"As busy as I am, there's no time in my schedule after work to workout," said 1st Lt. Annette Hinkson, 101st Forward Support Battalion. "Also, after PT I don't have enough time to workout, with trying to get ready for work."

"I eat a big breakfast, so working out during lunch gives me a chance to expend the calories I consume then," said SFC William Venus, 24th Infantry Division. "Instead of going to lunch and consuming more calories, I get a chance to burn some off."

Venus said working out during this time helps him in maintaining his PT score. He also said balancing the calorie intake with the amount of calories a person burns off is key.

"People ask me all the time about their weight, and I tell them they can eat whatever they want as long as it's in moderation," Venus said. "As long as they can burn it off and not store it."

Hinkson said with working out during her luncheon, she has more energy toward the rest of her day.

"It gets the blood flowing," said Hinkson. "When you're sitting down and eating, the blood doesn't flow as much. It's like when people make you do push-

ups when you fall asleep during a class, it just gets the blood flowing to the brain."

Some of the luncheon athletes have to change their workout schedule from what they would normally do before or after their workday.

"I change my workout. During luncheon, I don't have the time and I try to watch how much I sweat," said Hinkson. "My plan is to work on my arms and legs, because in the afternoon I run."

"I do at least 30-45 minutes of cardio. You have to burn off the calories you intake of your body will store it. Most people don't like where their bodies store it," said Venus.

"I took a two month break from working out to see the response I would get from my body, and I looked at myself in the mirror and I didn't like what I was seeing," he said.

Hinkson used to run track and field in high school and college, and she said staying motivated to workout during lunch is due to her work schedule.

"I haven't had a whole lot of time to come to the gym and workout, but now I can," said Hinkson.

"When you take time of the day to workout by yourself, for yourself, you can get better results," said Venus.

Venus said he slightly changed his eating habits, but it hasn't affected him in any way.

"I broke my eating habits up. I used to eat a daily average of calories during breakfast time, but I've changed the routine. I'll eat half at breakfast and the other half at dinner time," said Venus.

It's safe to say calories aren't safe around these soldiers. Whether it's in the nautilus or the free-weight room, calories had better watch out and run and hide from these luncheon athletes.



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SFC William Venus, 24th Inf. Div., works out during lunch to keep in shape, as well as maintaining his PT score. Venus believes working out during lunch is key to his fitness routine.

# Guess who's coming to dinner: 3,400 hungry Bulldog soldiers

By Peter Chadwick

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**FORT IRWIN, Calif.**—Col. John B. Musser, III, commander, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division and around 3,400 of his closest friends are coming to dinner...tonight.

Can you handle that, Garçon?

Well, it's certainly a larger undertaking than some of the more than 75 food service personnel have had to handle previously.

"We serve about 900 at the Dining Facility in Fort Riley," said Pvt.2 Joshua O'Dell, food service specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Brigade. "We had 700 in the field during Gauntlet. We probably had 1,000 yesterday. I've never fed that many people before."

MSgt. Don Yahn, 3rd Brigade S-4, said the multitudes of soldiers were fed at four Mess Pads here at the rally point, known as "The Dust Bowl."

Pads are small kitchens set on concrete slabs so diners don't have to kick up dust while they eat. Each facility has two serving lines to help ease the flow of hungry troops.

Of course, even the best plan needs a little "tweaking."

"I monitor the preparation and service of food," said Yahn.

Yahn said part of that job was to watch for trends in the attendance at each dining area and adjust the amount of food produced accordingly.

One evening, the first Pad ran out of the evening's entrée and had to break into the next night's main course.

"Pad #1 was set up first, early in the rotation," said Yahn. "Folks got used to going to it."

In addition, the first Pad was close to the phone center and other high traffic facilities. So, soldiers just naturally continued to go there, said Yahn.

He said they had to adjust for the changes

in flight schedules coming out from Fort Riley. After a while, it pretty much evened out, he added.

To accommodate the mass at the mess, each battalion in the "Bulldog Brigade" sent their food service staff. It took some time to mesh as a team.

"It was very difficult," said CWO2 Thelma Grannison, 3rd Bde. Food Service Advisor. "People are accustomed to doing things differently."

"Plus, they still have to draw weapons and other soldier tasks."

Yahn said they tried to maintain some unit integrity at each Pad but they had to break up one unit to even up the teams.

These soldier/cooks seemed to be equal to the task at hand.

"Their mood is pretty good," said Grannison. "They're tired."

"They hit the ground running and spend up to 14 hours a day on their feet."

O'Dell noted that, in spite of the long days, there were some pluses to working here at the National Training Center (NTC) facilities.

"This is easy," said the Clearwater, Florida native. "It's smaller so there's not as much to clean."

Grannison said each Pad had eight kitchen police assigned to it for washing dishes and cleaning the Pad area. They also would break down the next day's rations and help bring in water container trailers known as water buffaloes.

O'Dell said there was a down side to the smaller facilities. He said they only have so many storage containers known as merimites. It made it hard to keep hot food ahead in preparation for big crowds.

Hot meals were served for breakfast and supper. At the morning meal, soldiers picked up their Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) package for lunch.

Regardless of the type, Yahn said the flow of Class 1, or food supplies, support from the

Troop Issue and Support Area here was real good.

"They're real supportive," said Yahn.

The daily issue of those food items changed once the units moved from the "Bowl" to the "Box."

"The Box" is the NTC training maneuver area where the units on rotation sharpen their war fighting skills.

SSgt. Patricia Emerson said what is served the first night out is often determined by the size of the unit being supported.

"Some of the other's have over 700 soldiers," said Emerson, HHC, 3rd Bde., food service operations sergeant. "So they serve MREs the first night. If I had that many, I'd do it too."

Emerson said setting up a meal for a large group in the field takes a while. She said since here unit, the brigade Tactical Operation Center, only has around 250 soldiers on site, they'd cook the first night in "The Box."

The TOC personnel who came to Emerson's Mobile Kitchen Trailer that first night enjoyed hamburgers with all the fresh trimmings, including peaches and pudding for dessert.

Fresh food is possible because each MKT travels with a 20-foot refrigeration truck, said Grannison.

The hot meal may not always be so fresh.

Grannison said on the "battle" days, the evening meal will be heat and serve or what is known as tray rations. These are large, flat metal containers of entrées that can be heated in hot water and served easily without much clean up. This is so the MKT crew can pack up and move quickly with their unit when it advances.

Nearly 3400 soldiers training with the Bulldog Brigade will have the opportunity to eat three meals a day. Whether they're all together or scattered across the battlefield, it won't matter.

Bulldog cooks are there to serve.



Post/Chadwick

**Pvt. 2 Joshua O'Dell, food service specialist, HHC, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, serves up BBQ ribs at "Dust Bowl" Mess PAD number one. O'Dell is one of more than 75 food service operators serving more than 3,400 soldiers during the 3rd Brigade Combat Team's NTC rotation.**

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## New BOSS president sets goal to help soldiers

By Melissa McEntire  
Staff Writer

Recently, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program got a new president.

The job calls for a motivated, hard working person, and Spec. Kristi Bergsma meets the criteria.

"She is definitely a very motivated person," said MSgt. Gary Smith, Directorate of Community Activities' sergeant major.

"She came into a good program and has done a really good job of maintaining a good program," he said.

"I didn't really even know about the program until last Halloween, when I

became involved in helping out with the Haunted House," the 21-year-old, Colorado native said.

"When I first got here as a brand new soldier, I didn't even know what BOSS was," Bergsma said.

It didn't take her long to figure it out, however.

"After I became involved with BOSS, I realized that our battalion didn't have a strong program. So, I started working to make it better," she said.

She also helped in making the post wide BOSS ball possible.

"I tried to do as much as I could, but I realized that a lot of BOSS' problems have to do with the lack of communication. Right now, that is what I'm working

on hardest to change," she said.

When she was chosen to be the new BOSS president, she was, to say the least, surprised.

"I felt really honored, as well as surprised. I mean, they picked me out of everyone, so I really didn't know what to say when they asked me to do it," she said.

"I just knew that I was honored and pleased to get the job."

Since she's been on board, Bergsma has done quite a few things to make BOSS a better program.

"I am trying very hard to open the communication chains to single soldiers. After all, there are still soldiers out there that don't even know the program exists.

I want to get them all involved," she said.

Bergsma said she is trying to move all of the club's activities to evening or weekend events so that more soldiers are able to participate.

"When we do things during the duty day, we are taking soldiers away from their mission. That is not what BOSS is about," she said.

"We are about keeping a single soldier busy during their off time," she said.

Actually, the BOSS program is about three things: community service, both on Fort Riley and off, quality of life for single soldiers, and recreational leisure, all areas of interest for Bergsma.

"We do a variety of things for the community, such as continually working with

Habitat for Humanity and visiting the VA Hospital in Topeka once a month," said Bergsma.

"And for the soldiers, we are trying to do more fundraisers so we can take more trips. So far we have been to such places as Worlds of Fun and St. Louis. The more money we make, the more places we get to go to," she said.

Also, we want input from the soldiers. The more they tell us, the more we can try to do for them."

"I think so far we have been successful at what we've done," she said.

"The BOSS program just wants to be a part of single soldiers' lives. The more they help the program, the more the program helps them," she said.

## Troops can donate directly to victims

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—As part of this year's Combined Federal Campaign, the director of the Office of Personnel and Management has authorized special solicitations of federal employees — including DoD civilian and military — and other initiatives to provide relief for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

In a Sept. 12 memorandum for heads of federal departments and agencies, OPM Director Kay Cole James wrote: "In view of the magnitude of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, I am authorizing department and agency heads to allow a special solicitation of federal employees at the workplace.

"Such a special solicitation will allow federal employees to assist the ongoing relief efforts in New York City and the National Capital Area with a one-time cash or check donation, outside the normal CFC procedures," she added.

Additionally, "a number of special relief funds have been created or will be created to deal with the relief efforts in the New York City and National Capital areas," James noted in the memo.

DoD's CFC campaign and associated terrorist victim relief solicitations "are starting up already for those organizations that have received supplies and have had their CFC key workers and team captains trained," said W. Stephen Kelly, director of Washington Headquarters Services' voluntary campaign management office.

DoD's CFC ceremonial kickoff, he added, is slated Tuesday.

Kelly recommends that military and DoD civilians use their CFC pledge cards to choose payroll deduction contributions, noting that organizations are currently receiving "record amounts of cash and checks" earmarked for terrorist attack disaster relief.

"I'm confident they would also strongly welcome payroll deductions, knowing such deductions for understandable reasons tend to be four to five times larger than cash or check contributions, and keep coming to them across the year," he remarked.

A number of charitable organizations that take part in CFC are involved in the New York and Washington relief efforts, OPM Director James said.

Employees can continue to direct their contributions to designated charities during the CFC, she added.

However, she added, "the CFC of the National Capital Area and the New York City CFC are uniquely equipped to receive and distribute employee contributions, either to existing CFC charities that are involved in relief efforts" or to the specially created relief funds.

At Fort Riley, the Combined Federal Campaign is ready to kick-off its annual fundraising drive conducted by Fort Riley federal employees in their workplace each fall.

The campaign will officially start at 1:30 p.m., Monday at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Bldg. 7264 Normandy, Custer Hill.

The goal for the 2001 CFC is \$163,000. Each year, Fort Riley federal employees and military personnel raise thousands of dollars through the CFC to benefit non-profit charities.

Last year the CFC at Fort Riley raised \$162,146 which was dispersed among many national, international and local charitable and service organizations and agencies.

Among the agencies benefiting from the Combined Federal Campaign is the United Way of Junction City-Geary County.

The Directorate of Community Activities is responsible for oversight of the Fort Riley CFC campaign.

The DCA is located at 253 Stuart Ave., Main Post Fort Riley, KS 66442 (785) 239-3467 Fax (785) 239-8333.



United We Stand

Linda Semple, a Fort Riley family member, shows her patriotism soon after the tragic events that shook the country. She arrived at the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action remembrance Sept. 14, to honor all those lost or missing. "I just wanted to show how proud I am to be an American," she said.

## Commissary fills shelves faster

By Kevin Robinson  
DeCA

FORT LEE, Va.—Providing the products its patrons want upon demand has always been a matter of good business for the Defense Commissary Agency. With Computer-Assisted Ordering, DeCA expects good business to get even better.

By the fall of this year, the agency will unveil the computer system known as CAO as its latest initiative to leverage technology, a move designed to offer "just-in-time" delivery of products to commissaries for better customer service. This state-of-the-art system is equal to the best use of technology in commercial supermarkets.

"Computer-Assisted Ordering is the next stage in advancing our science of shelf stocking," said DeCA Director Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr. "This improves the commissary benefit for our customers by keeping our shelves stocked with the items

they want, when they want them — including paydays and weekends."

A typical commissary may have 14,000 or 15,000 items in stock on any given day. Currently, store personnel manually "walk the shelf" to determine what products are selling, what items remain on the shelves, what items exist in the backroom and what items are projected to sell.

Instead of employees walking the store and entering data by hand, the CAO system automatically monitors what a commissary sells and what is delivered to the back door.

Through computer analysis, the system predicts what items customers will want to buy throughout the year, down to any particular day during a given month.

Ultimately, the system determines what's needed to keep the shelves stocked between deliveries and reorders. This is the essence of "just-in-time" delivery, said Curt Day, chief of DeCA's Operational Support Unit

tasked with fielding CAO.

"Ordering the right items at the right time is one of the main challenges store personnel face," Day said. "With CAO we can keep our shelves stocked at a rate of 99 percent and decrease our backroom inventory."

DeCA has researched the computer systems of several commercial retail grocery stores to determine what form of CAO would best fit the agency and its network of suppliers and distributors, Day said. "We found three possible CAO systems that could work with retail stores and had the specifications we wanted. We knew we would have to tailor the software for DeCA's needs; there is no one size fits all."

Eventually the agency selected an off-the-shelf software package used by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, since the package shared many of the same "environmental factors" that also affect the commissary's retail grocery operation.

## Family Readiness Groups support unit spouses

By Melissa McEntire  
Staff Writer

Family Readiness Groups are there for soldiers and their spouses. While soldiers are deployed, FRGs do all they can to make spouses feel welcome and at home.

Now that the 3rd Brigade Combat Team is deployed to the National Training Center, its FRG is doing their best to comfort and befriend every spouse involved with the brigade.

"It is tough when a spouse leaves you behind, especially when you don't know that many people and are new to the area," said Usa Iverson, 70th Engineer Battalion family support group leader.

"So all of the FRG leaders in the brigade have worked together to organize events for everyone to go to," she said.

Recently, the brigade held a picnic, but that isn't all they have planned.

"On Oct. 6, another event is scheduled," said Michelle Helton, FRG leader for Company B, 70th Eng.

"We tried to organize events that the entire family can go to. The kids will have activities to do during the bingo night. It is important that we have something for the kids to do and not make them feel left out. Also, we didn't want any of the parents with children to feel like they can't come to an event because they don't have babysitters. All of the events are family affairs," Iverson said.

"We want people to come even if they don't have kids," said Paula Flores, FRG leader for HHC, 70th Eng.

"Our goal is to bring people in, especially those who are new to the military and make them feel like they belong," Iverson said.

"We are reaching out to people and trying to get the word out about the FRG and the events we have planned. We also want to let people know that they can bring a friend to the events, even if they don't have anything to do with 1st Brigade," she said.

"We also wanted all of the events to be battalion sized so friends can meet up, even if they are associated with different companies," Flores said.

"We just want to unite everyone. Also, we want to comfort all the spouses. In light of what is going on, there are some rumors floating around and we want to quench all of them," Iverson said.

Not only that, but they want to give spouses something to do. "The whole intention of these events is to get people out of their house and out from in front of the television," she said.

"And the weekends are the worst when your husband is gone," said Jennifer Hamilton, FRG leader for Company A, 70th Eng. Bn.



Sue Duff, a Department of the Army intern for Civilian Personnel learns how to properly use a fire extinguisher with the help of Capt. Charles Ouellette, Fort Riley Fire Department, during an annual safety event for the Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

# Rear detachment hosts family picnic

By **Jeremy Olson**

Unit Correspondent

Last weekend, the Family Readiness Group of the 70th Engineer Battalion hosted a picnic for the rear detachment soldiers and spouses of the soldiers deployed to the National Training Center. Despite the downpour of rain, there was still a strong showing for the picnic, which was moved to the battalion classroom.

Usa Iverson, wife of battalion commander Lt. Col. Mike Iverson, spoke to the spouses and passed along messages of success from

the National Training Center.

"It's still very important to send mail to your soldiers and keep them encouraged while they're in the desert," said Iverson.

The rear detachment commander, reassured spouses by answering questions and controlling rumors that always seem to spread during every deployment.

"There are no plans currently for stopping any training and right now they're in the box doing what combat engineers are trained to do. Morale is high and they just want to beat the OPFOR and come home to their families,"

he said.

Along with spouses, many parents of soldiers and spouses came to the picnic. Many are here to help with new babies while the husbands are away at the National Training Center.

The best thing that the families can do for their deployed soldiers is to keep sending mail. It's stressful being on a deployment, even if it's only for one month. Knowing that their loved ones are back home, safe and doing well makes soldiers focus better on the job at hand.

# MWR activities continue

By **Jerry Brecheisen**

DCA

There will be no significant change in Morale, Welfare and Recreation business and recreational operations because of the access restrictions required at Fort Riley.

"Our most important mission continues to be providing MWR services for the soldiers and family members at Fort Riley in addition to the civilian government workers here on post, reservists and retiree patrons," said Steve Tully, executive officer for the Directorate of Community Activities.

"We obviously are assessing the day-in and day-out impact of the access requirements on our operations and will make the appropriate adjustments. As we see it now, there will be very little noticeable change in the way we do business."

In the community recreation area, Outdoor Recreation, Information Ticketing and Registration, Arts and Crafts, Automotive Skills and sports and fitness programs are maintaining their regular hours of operation, according to Tully.

"These activities open to I-D cardholders have long offered operational hours which meet the needs of our patrons and we see no reason to make adjustments. Using the Automotive Skills Center as example, Monday and Tuesday have been closed days for years in order for the facility to be open Wednesday through Sunday,"

he added.

The MWR golf, bowling and food, beverage and entertainment operations are facing a different situation, Tully said.

"Custer Hill Lanes, Custer Hill Golf Course, Sports U.S.A., and Riley's Conference Center catering services have been open to our Fort Riley patrons as well as the general public. While the restricted access to Fort Riley will impact our civilian customer base, our primary mission continues to be serving our active duty military, family members, reservists, government employees and retirees," he said.

"There is the potential to fine-tune some of the operational hours of the business activities as we monitor customer trends, but we see know major changes," Tully said.

"Sports U.S.A. will continue to feature its entertainment and sports viewing programs, the bowling center will continue its league, open bowling and Extreme bowling programs, Fort Riley golfers can enjoy the great fall weather ahead and Riley's will support functions, meetings and events and so on," he added.

With the holiday season just around the corner, Tully encourages all units, groups and organizations on Post to schedule social functions and parties well in advance.

"Riley's, Sports U.S.A. and the bowling center all have the capabilities to support the holiday events," Tully said.

## 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.

## 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.

# Bad checks add up to trouble

Legal Assistance Office

Writing a bad check in the state of Kansas can be a very painful and expensive experience.

Under Kansas law, if an individual writes a check and does not have sufficient funds in the bank to cover the check, that individual could end up paying up to seven times the amount of the check.

This is because Kansas law enables the holder of a bad check to recover more than just the amount of the bad check from the person who wrote it. Specifically, the writer of a bad check could be held liable for the amount of the check, a service fee, the cost of registered mail, damages in the amount of up to three times the amount of the bad check, and "reasonable" attorney's fees.

To give you some idea of what kind of expense you may be looking at for writing a bad check, consider that a bad check written for \$100 could result in a charges of \$100 for the check, a \$30 pro-

cessing fee, \$5 for the cost of registered mail, \$300 in damages, and \$270 in attorneys fees, for a total of \$705.

You can avoid the financial difficulties that come from writing bad checks by knowing the balance in your bank account before ever writing a check.

Soldiers who are having problems balancing their checkbooks should seek help from their unit command financial NCO or from their chain of command. Regardless of how careful you are about balancing your checkbook, it is still possible to inadvertently write bad checks.

If this occurs, you should immediately contact the holder of the bad check and make arrangements to cover the amount of the bad check.

If the holder of the bad check is not contacted, that person will contact the writer of the check by mail.

The letter will inform the writer of the check that he or she

can avoid a civil lawsuit by paying the amount of the check plus the service fee, plus the cost of registered mail within a certain period of time.

Under no circumstances should this notice be ignored. If it is ignored, the holder of the bad check can bring a civil action in court against the writer of the bad check seeking the all of the expenses discussed above.

Once a court judgment is issued against the writer of the bad check, soldiers in this situation can expect that their wages will be garnished until all of the charges are paid off. It is therefore imperative that the letter from the holder of the check be answered promptly and not ignored.

If you find yourself in financial or legal trouble due to bad checks or other reasons, you should either meet with your Command Financial NCO, or call the Legal Assistance Office at 239-3117 for an appointment.

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# Recruit places in national youth contest

By Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON—One of the Army's newest recruits spent her last week of basic training at the nation's capitol meeting the president and the Army's secretary and sergeant major.

With a name like PFC Conesula Maria Harris, someone might predict she's Hispanic, but there's nothing predictable about this 18-year-old African-American from the projects of Ozark, Ala.

Harris is the Southeastern Regional Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. She competed against four other finalists for the National Youth of the Year. Harris did not win, but all of the finalists attended a congressional breakfast with President Bush, Sept. 26.

The day before the breakfast Harris visited the Pentagon and talked with Secretary of the Army Thomas White and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley.

Harris, who maintained

straight A average her senior year, is praised for her outgoing attitude. However, she took deep breaths, and exhaled slowly to fight off the anxiety of meeting with some of the Army's top officials.

While sitting in the sergeant major's office Harris's eyes widened when she noticed all of his coins. She is now on her way to starting her own collection after receiving a coin from the Army secretary and sergeant major.

Harris said her visit with the Army's top leadership proves that everyone has the chance to make his dreams come true.

"Being from the projects, I was ridiculed and told that I would never amount to anything, but just by being here ... shows that people have the choice to be anything that they want to be," Harris said to a group of reporters outside of the sergeant major of the Army's office.

With lights shining in her face, and cameras rolling Harris said she joined the Boys and Girls

Club in 1995 as a way of avoiding trouble and staying off the streets.

"I saw how hard my mother had it as a single parent, and I wanted to do something positive with my life," she said.

Determined to make a difference, Harris also started thinking how she could help others in her neighborhood. She created a VIP club to get more involvement from local teen-agers. The group focused on community service and performing arts.

As a paid staff member for the Boys and Girls Club, Harris also helped her mother pay bills. Enlisting in the Army was a way Harris said she could do more to support her family.

The benefits of becoming an "Army of One" was spelled out to her by a recruiter who visited her high school, Harris said.

"The Army recruiter sat down with me and told me all the benefits the Army had to offer," Harris said. "He seemed more concerned about trying to help me than all the others."

Harris enlisted for four years as a radio communications security repairer and qualified for a \$1,000 enlistment bonus and the \$40,000 Montgomery G.I. Bill. She graduated from basic training at Fort Sill Okla., Sept. 27, and will soon attend advanced individual training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

The new recruit is looking forward to her life in the Army, and said she thinks the Army's new slogan fits her and her generation.

"It's not about being an individual. It's about belonging to one group — the Army."

In spite of the recent attacks on America, Harris said that she's pleased with her choice of becoming a soldier, and is willing to accept whatever mission she's given.

"Most soldiers come in the Army for a lot of reasons, but before they graduate from basic training I watch them all slowly develop a loyalty to the constitution and to the nation," said Lt. Col. Mary Baker, Harris's battalion commander.

## Scholarships available

By Bonnie Powell

DeCA

FORT LEE, Va.—It's back to school time. It's also time for military families with high school seniors and college students to "shop" for funds to pay the cost of higher education. That means it's time to "shop" at the commissary! Applications for the second annual Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children Program will be available beginning Nov. 1 at your local commissary and for download at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

"The response from military families to the 2001 program was fantastic," said Defense Commissary Agency Director, Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter, Jr. "Over 5,000 students applied for the scholarships, and through the generos-

ity of our industry partners nearly 400 scholarships were awarded. We expect double the applications and even more scholarships in 2002."

Qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders, to include active duty, retirees, and Guard/reserves, may apply for the \$1,500 scholarships. Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DoD ID Card Directive. The deadline for filing applications is Feb. 5, 2002.

Two major changes are in store for the 2002 program: Students will not have to show ID at the commissary when turning in their applications and applicants who don't live near a commissary will be able to mail their applications to their closest commissary location. Student eligibility will be verified through DEERS.

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