

# Fort Riley Sports

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## Classy Cat

### Fort Riley family cheers for K-State football

By Gary Skidmore  
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This time of year, don't look for Lt. Col. Charles Sexton or his wife, Melody, on a Saturday afternoon. You won't find them. They're not home. They're in Section 14, Row 7, at KSU Stadium on the Kansas State University campus watching the football game during the second and third quarters. The other two quarters, Sexton and his wife are watching their daughter, Callie, a sophomore at the university and a dancer with the K-State Classy Cats.

"We sit here for four quarters to watch our daughter," said Sexton. "I don't mind watching the game in between her dancing either," said the proud dad.

Sexton and his wife only watch their daughter the first and fourth quarters because the dancers rotate around the field after each quarter.

"We're in a perfect place to see her here," said Sexton, whose seat is at the south end of the field.

During the first quarter their daughter is to their left, and in the last quarter she's to their right. The rest of the time, the game's straight down the field. But, Sexton makes it very clear that the game is just a game, he's there for his daughter.

"The best thing about coming to one of these games is watching her."

Callie, whose major is Architectural Engineering, always knows when mom and dad are in the stands.

"He yells my name when there's a lull in the game," said Callie. "Everyone can hear it."

"I always yell her name when things get a little quiet," boasted Callie's dad.

And that doesn't seem to bother her. "I'm a huge daddy's girl," said Callie. "I like knowing they're up there."

Callie's brother, Charles, 17, a senior at Manhattan High School is also a big fan of his

sister's. When the dance squad moves, so does he. He doesn't wait for the noise to die down, he just follows his sister and cheers.

With Fall here and winter just around the corner, Saturday's game against the Oklahoma State University Cowboys saw the temperature drop throughout the afternoon. By the time the second half began, the dancers were in sweat pants and jackets, braving the cold.

Despite the weather, Callie was all smiles and full of energy.

"I love this," said Callie. "It is so fun to be out there on the field dancing. Just think about it, I'm one of 25 in this unit, and I'm doing what I love."

But the hours get long for the dancer and the student. Carrying a full academic load and maintaining nearly a 3.90 average is hard, even for a math whiz like Callie.

"I love math. I love physics. I just understand them," said Callie. "If I take two more math classes, I'd have a minor in math."

Being a Classy Cat requires a lot of additional time away from her studies. "We practice more than 12 hours-a-week," said Callie, and on a game day, like Saturday, with kick-off at 1:10 p.m., she had to be at the field at 6:50 a.m.

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Lt. Col. Charles Sexton and his wife Melody, (above) are huge fans of K-State football, particularly since their daughter is on the Classy Cat dance team (right).



Post-G Skidmore

## Wildcats maul Cowboys 44-9

By Deb Skidmore  
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Coming off their first loss of the season to Colorado, the K-State Wildcats fought and scratched their way to a 44-9 win Saturday against the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

Playing in brisk conditions at KSU Stadium, the Cats batted 20-35 mph north winds in front of 48,404 fans to show the Cowboys who was boss.

Oklahoma started strong, with short passes that marched their team down the gridiron until the KSU defense could shut them down. At this point, KSU choked up the yards and put points on the board when Darren Sproles darted 38 yards for the first TD of the game. The Wildcats went 69 yard in 2:20.

Jared Brite, kicker, failed to add the extra point when his kick was blocked.

OSU's next attempt was null and the Wildcats picked up where they

left off. Taco Wallace caught an Ell Roberson 36 yard pass in the middle of three OSU players making the second Wildcat TD of the game.

Trying to make up for their failed point after, the Cats went for a two point conversion. It failed. The score was 12-0.

OSU came back in the second quarter with a drive of 53 yards that culminated with a 27 yard pass to Rashaun Woods. Woods fell across the goal line giving OSU their first points on the scoreboard. The point after was good, making the score 12-7.

In a see saw of events, KSU came back strong, until Roberson threw an interception trying to unload the ball before he was sacked. OSU took over on the 20 yard line. In two plays, OSU threw an interception that was caught by KSU's Bryan Hickman. Hickman made it to the 4-yard line. KSU's Ayo Saba, fullback, took the ball in for another purple six.

Changing kickers, Joe Rheem,

tried the point after. His kick was also blocked, picked up by OSU and ran back for two OSU points.

To add to the momentum, KSU kicked to OSU only to catch their own ball in OSU territory. The KSU crowd was loud and rocking the stands.

As if this wasn't enough excitement, KSU fumbled on the OSU 7-yard line, losing the ball. OSU failed to move the ball and on the next Cat possession, they put together a drive of six plays to go 54 yards for another Wildcat TD.

Running back, Danny Morris, took the ball in. Rheem's point after was good and the score was 25-9 at half time.

OSU came out the second half and immediately fumbled the ball.

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**K-State Running Back Danny Morris breaks away from Oklahoma State's Defensive Lineman Kevin Williams. K-State went on to beat OSU 44-9.**



## Post has one of largest concentrations of greater prairie chickens in area

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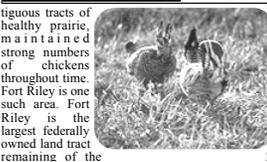
Not only is Fort Riley America's Warfighting Center it is also home to one of the largest concentrations of greater prairie chickens in the area. Greater prairie chickens have suffered significant declines throughout their traditional range. It is possible that prairie chickens will become completely extirpated from near-by Missouri and other mid-west states within the next decade. Once a popular game bird, many states have now placed a ban on prairie chicken hunting and placed them on the state's Threatened and Endangered list.

Greater prairie chicken losses can primarily be attributed to conversion of the tallgrass prairie into cultivated fields and developed areas. Overgrazing, land fragmentation, lack of fire and invasion by noxious weeds have also greatly

contributed to habitat loss. Approximately 97 percent of the tallgrass prairie has been converted to something else, making it one of North America's most endangered ecosystems. This is reflected by declines in many grassland bird species dependent on the prairie for survival. A close relative of the greater prairie chicken, the heath hen, once ranged in the eastern United States. Due to loss of habitat and a poorly managed harvest, the last known bird was recorded in 1932. Another close relative, Attwater's prairie chicken, population once was in the millions. It is now dropped down to approximately 60 individuals.

Greater prairie chicken numbers in Kansas have been declining overtime. According to the Nature Conservancy, it is estimated that prairie chicken populations in Kansas have declined by 80 percent since 1960. Some areas in the state, with large con-

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tiguous tracts of healthy prairie, maintain a good strong number of chickens throughout time. Fort Riley is one such area. Fort Riley is the largest federally owned land tract remaining of the tallgrass prairie in the country and likely holds the highest numbers of prairie chickens in the area. The Conservation Division has been recording information on lek locations and numbers for the last fourteen years. Leks are open areas where male and females gather in the springtime to perform courtship rituals. Males perform a spectacular dance and fight amongst each other in order to establish territories. Successful

males will then breed. Lek counts are typically conducted during the month of April. The location of leks and the number of birds within the lek are recorded. In 2002 thirty leks were located.

The fact that Fort Riley is such a large tract of grassland is likely the big reason behind the success greater prairie chickens on Fort Riley. Due to the quality of habitat available on Fort Riley, hunting does not appear to limit populations. The 2003 hunting season is split into two segments. The first segment runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The second segment runs from Nov. 11 to Jan. 31. The

bag limit is two birds per day. The possession limit is eight.

The Conservation Division actively manages suitable areas of the Fort for greater prairie chickens. Some of the prescriptions applied are high fire frequency, mechanical removal of mature trees and planting small-interdispersed wildlife foodplots. The food plots are likely not as important to the greater prairie chicken as other game birds, but they could become important during late winter when food supplies can become limiting.

Greater prairie chickens require an array of different types of vegetative schemes to meet different requirements. Tall standing grasses heavy enough to withstand adverse weather conditions are needed for cover during the winter and also for nesting. Sparsely vegetated areas are utilized for leks and weedy sites are used for finding seeds and insects. The future of the greater prairie

chicken in Kansas remains to be seen. Urban sprawl will likely continue to engulf more and more acres of prairie into the future. Large tracts of grasslands will continue to be broken into smaller tracts, as more people want to build houses outside the city limits. The greater prairie chickens will likely be able to maintain strongholds in certain parts of the state into the near future. Large tracts of prairie such as large cattle operations and government owned lands must be left intact and in good condition in order to keep prairie chicken numbers stable.

Anyone wishing to come onto Fort Riley to either view or hunt prairie chickens needs to be aware of current regulations regarding recreational access for the post. This information can be obtained by calling the Conservation Division's office at 785-239-6211, Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Flag Football standings as of Oct. 14

	Wins	Losses
<b>Northern League</b>		
331 Signal	6	0
HHC, 1-34 AR	5	1
D 1/5 FA	3	3
B 1ST EN	2	3
HBB, 1-5 FA	2	3
B 1-34 AR	1	2
C 2/34 AR	1	5
HHC, 1ST EN	0	5
<b>Southern League</b>		
C 70 EN	3	0
SVC 4-1 FA	2	1
C 4-1	1	0
HHC, 3rd BDE	1	1
B 4-1 FA	1	2
B 2/70 AR	0	1
MEDDAC	0	1
HBB, 4-1 FA	0	2
<b>Western League</b>		
1ST Maintenance Co	6	2
HHC, 24 ID	4	0
172nd Chemical	3	1
523RD MP	2	3
977 MP	2	3
568 CSE	2	3
HHC 937 EN	1	2
1ST Finance	1	4
82ND Medical Co	0	3

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KSU recovered on the 16-yard line. In five plays, KSU was on the board again.

Roberson did the honors with a 1 yard run over the line. His two point conversion failed a second time, and the score was 31-9.

KSU found themselves drowning in fouls in the third quarter. The Cats had 40 yards of penalties in four plays.

The Wildcats turned it around with the sideline guidance of Head Coach Bill Snyder. Roberson and Sproles racked up ground yardage and James Terry strutted across after catching a 47 yard TD pass. Rheem added the extra point. The score was 38-9.

OSU turned the ball over again with an interception. KSU had possession on the 26-yard line. Roberson did the honors of adding six more points with a 10 yard run. Rheem's kick was blocked again. The score was 44-9.

KSU has now won the last eight straight home games. They take on Texas next Saturday at KSU Stadium at 2:30 p.m.

## Basketball team rosters due next month

**By William Biles**  
*Staff writer*

The 2002 - 2003 Fort Riley Basketball Program will be starting its three levels of competition Nov. 25 and running through to March 6, 2003.

The three levels are the Men's Company Level League, the Women's Battalion Level League and the Men's over 30 League.

Units can enter one 12-person team per level of competition. The commander need to submit

a letter of intent to participate by Nov. 12. Commanders should also indicate any major military commitments they may have during the program dates to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Rosters may be submitted in one of two ways.

A team may submit a unit-manning roster and play 12 individuals from that list.

"As long as their name is on the alpha roster for that unit, they are eligible to compete for that company," said Barry Sunstrom, intramural sports coordinator for the

Fort Riley Sports Office, King Field House.

The second method for submitting is to use an official roster form provided by the sports office. Players must be assigned to the unit for whom they are playing. Under no circumstances may a team use an individual not listed on either form on file in the sports office.

"We would like them to submit their manning roster (alpha)," Sunstrom said. Rosters are due by Nov. 12.

An organizational meeting and

clinic is scheduled on Nov. 12, 1:30 p.m., at King Field House.

Games will be played in two halves, each half is 20 minutes long and will be played with a running clock. The last two minutes of the second half will not have a running clock unless one team is winning by 15 points or more at the two-minute mark. The National Collegiate Athletic Association Official Rules will govern the games.

For more information, call Barry Sunstrom, 239-3945.

## Clinic planned to prepare for Power Lifting Championship

**By William Biles**  
*Staff writer*

Fort Riley Battalion Level Power Lifting Championship is scheduled to be held at King Field House Dec. 5. Letters of intent to participate are due to the Intramural Sports office before

Nov. 12.

To receive maximum participa-

tion points, commanders can organize one men's team and one women's team, each consisting of eight people. The contestants will fall into the following weight groups: Men's weight classes, 123, 132, 148, 165, 181, 198 and 220 pounds and over and Women's weight classes, 123, 132, 148 and 165 pounds and over. Weigh-in is scheduled for

Dec. 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30

p.m., at King Field House.

The participants will not be allowed to move to a higher or lower weight class once they have been weighed-in.

An organizational meeting and clinic is slated for Nov. 12, 1:30 p.m., at King Field House.

A roster of the battalion team members needs to be forward to the Fort Riley Sports Office on a roster form by the close of the

business day Nov. 22. The form will also need to be signed by the battalion commander and include the contestants' full name, rank, unit and weight class.

For more information on the Fort Riley Battalion Level Power Lifting Championship, call the Fort Riley Intramural Sports Coordinator, Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.



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"It's early, said Callie with a smile after the game, "but we had a practice and a couple of pep rallies to go to," she said.

"It's all part of it," said Callie, whose been an Army brat all of her life and dancing since she was three. "Being an Army brat has taught me to meet people and make friends quickly," said Callie. "Having a father in the Army and travelling to different places has only helped me become more

sure of myself."

That sentiment is echoed by mom. "She's driven to succeed at whatever she does," said Melody.

"The dancing is only part of who she is. She is truly an Army success story."

**Classy Cat Callie Sexton and Willie the Wildcat take a moment for the camera during the Oklahoma State game last weekend.**

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Breast Cancer concerns addressed
Disease not selective. can effect anyone at any age

By Emily O'Connor
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It's time for your annual well-woman exam and you are dreading it because one of your worst fears has come true; you have a lump in your breast.

For those who do not know what cancer is, it is, according to Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, "a malignant tumor of potentially unlimited growth that expands locally by invasion and systematically by metastasis."

"Breast cancer is more common in women older than 50, but it can and does occur in women of all ages," according to the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center website.

The American Cancer Society says that breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, other than skin cancer.

and leading cause of death in women, next to lung cancer.

During 2002, an estimated 203,500 new cases of breast cancer are expected to be reported among women in the United States alone, according to the National Breast Cancer Awareness website.

"One in eight women over the course of their lifetime will get breast cancer," said Dr. (Maj.) Shawn Nessen, Irwin Army Community Hospital general surgeon and chairman of IACH's tumor board.

Are these statistics enough to startle you yet? If not, imagine yourself in a room with seven of your best friends or female relatives. Now imagine one of them having breast cancer.

Women in a society that often considers discussion of diseases taboo, need to take the initiative to spread the word about breast cancer and the danger it poses to all.

Nessen said that IACH recommends that women between the ages of 35 and 40 should get their first mammogram during this time. After the initial screening, it is recommended that women get a mammogram every two years between the ages of 40 and 49. Upon turning 50, until at least age 70, you should have a mammo-

gram once a year. "Mammograms can pick up lesions much earlier than we can find them in physical examination," Nessen said.

Those below the age of a recommended first mammogram should still take the initiative to complete a self-breast exam once each month.

"Women should start self-exams when they start their periods," said Mary VanderPol, IACH LPN and certified breast health specialist.

Actually keeping up with an annual health regimen, including the dreaded visit to the OB/GYN, is important in overall health, but also in the early detection of breast cancer.

Women, in a society that often considers discussion of diseases taboo, need to take the initiative to spread the word about breast cancer and the danger it poses to all. Tell your friends about getting an annual exam and performing self-exams on a monthly basis.

the disease that could potentially take one of your friends or family away from you. Visit a library and check out a book on breast health, explore some websites together or drop by a local health clinic for

advice or demonstrations given by the professionals. For more information about breast cancer, visit the following websites:

- American Cancer Society: www.cancer.org
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center: www.cancerwise.org/October\_2002.



Connie Wade, left, and Cyndee Stone, radiology technologists and registered mammographers at Irwin Army Community Hospital, demonstrate how a mammogram is given.

Halloween brings out goblins, treats, safety concerns

Staff Reports

As Halloween approaches, many children will converge into the streets of Fort Riley in an effort to collect a bounty of sweets and trinkets consistent with this time of year.

Some will dress in gruesome garb depicting characters of your worst nightmares restricting their vision and reducing drivers' reaction times due to their limited visibility, while others will dress in daily attire intent on collection and distraction.

They will hide in less than obvious places and leap out at the last minute in order to achieve their goals. Either instance presents an abundance of opportunity for accidents to happen.

The excitement and allure of bouncing from door to door while carrying bags overflowing with goodies will leave many of these children blinded to the everyday safety measures we have all taught them.

This can be extremely dangerous for themselves, other resi-

dents. By instructing your children to follow a few simple safety measures they can ensure they will be able to thoroughly enjoy the fruits of their bounty.

Walk in groups of friends. There is safety in numbers.

Do not talk to, accept gifts from or get into vehicles with strangers! If approached by a stranger, call out for help loudly



and draw attention to yourself, seek out a trusted adult such as parents or military police for assistance.

If it is dark out, instruct your children to walk in well lit areas and utilize sidewalks and cross walks. Place refractive tape on their costumes so vehicle operators will be able to see them when their headlights strike the tape.

If your child is under 10 years old, you must accompany them on their route. It is not only for their safety; it is a Fort Riley regulation.

Instruct your children to visit the homes of people they are familiar with.

Explain the importance of abstaining from eating their bounty prior to it being checked by a responsible adult.

Finally, the military police will be conducting walking patrols in the housing areas. If assistance is needed, seek out a military policeman or call the MP desk at 239-MPMP (6767).

Halloween safety tips

Halloween is right around the corner and so are Trick-or-Treaters who will soon be knocking on your door. Whether you plan to dress up in your favorite costume or give out candy, make sure you follow these safety tips to help everyone have a safe and fun night.

- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
Make sure your child eats dinner before setting out.
Make sure an adult accompanies children of any age.
If you choose to let your children go out on their own, make sure you know where they are going.
Make sure they wear a watch.
Make sure they know where to reach you.
Make sure they know when they should be home.
Make sure they carry quarters so they can call home or provide them with a cell phone for the evening.
Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.
Make sure your yard is clear of things such as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flowerpots that can trip children.
Use battery powered jack o' lantern candles instead of a real flame.
Remember healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat microwave popcorn.
Non-food treats are another alternative: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers and coins.



Ghost Tours offer excitement, goblins to post visitor on walking excursion

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The Historical and Architectural Society of Fort Riley's annual Ghost Tour is scheduled for Oct. 27. Tours will start at the Custer House Museum at 4 p.m. and groups will leave about every 15 minutes. The final tour will leave at 8 p.m.

There will be a special tour at 3 p.m. for those with small children, wheel chairs and those that may not be able to walk the full two-mile tour.

The annual Ghost Tours event began in the mid 90's as a way to spread the word about Fort Riley history, said Yvonne Drake, a member of HASFR. "Volunteer tour guides re-tell the history of Fort Riley through ghost stories and anecdotes," she said.

who have experienced strange events in their quarters. We research the history behind that particular house and then write up a story around the reported events."

One of the homes on the tour, Quarters 85B, Schofield Circle, has a long history of having ghostly happenings associated with it. There are tales of the Buckskin Ghost, a friendly apparition dressed in buckskins, who likes to play with the children who live there. Maj. Franklin Childress, as programs chairman for the HASFR in 1996, gathered stories for the first Ghost Tour and said he heard tales that the children who have lived in the quarters even left cookies and snacks out for the ghost.

In 1967, a woman visiting friends in the house felt a cold chill on the back of her neck.

None of the home's doors were open, so it felt like someone was blowing on her, according to Childress.

In 1997, when Lt. Col. Frank Hartman, his wife, Lisa, and their four children moved into Quarters 85B, the odd happenings continued. Their daughter, Sarah, was going to bed on their third night in the house. As she lay in her bed, admiring the "glow stars" attached all over the ceiling, all of the stars suddenly all fell to the floor.

If you are not able to make the upcoming Ghost Tours, you can still read about these and other ghostly encounters on post in a HASFR compiled book titled "Ghosts of Fort Riley: Past and Present." The stories in the book are based on the stories from the tour, along with a few extra ones, said Drake. "It includes a map so

people can follow the route of the tour in their own time," she added.

A second book, "Ghosts of Fort Riley: The Legend Lives On" was published in July 2000 and contains new stories that are not part of the Ghost Tour, Drake said.

Both books are available at the U.S. Cavalry museum and at HASFR events.

Volunteers are needed to be storytellers, tour guides and to help with crowd control during this year's Ghost Tours.

"Some of the Fort Riley ghosts are a little bit shy, so we usually have some volunteers act as ghosts. This is fun for teenagers," said Drake.



# Fear should not be factor in reporting domestic violence

By Jamie Bender  
Staff writer

Home should be a place that feels safe and happy. Unfortunately for too many families, domestic violence turns home into a place of fear and sorrow.

It may begin with name-calling and threats, leading to pushing-slapping and punching. If no intervention occurs, it can end with death.

"The Family Advocacy Program is mandated by Army Regulation 608-18 to work toward diminishing spouse and child abuse on installations with an array of programs," said Santos Bonilla, Family Advocacy Program Manager.

Many programs are offered for the prevention of domestic violence.

Through the Commander's Education Program, a unit commander is given a presentation by the FAP about domestic abuse within 45 days of taking command, said Bonilla.

All units are also briefed annually through the Troop Education Program. The presentations are given to inform soldiers about domestic violence, how to prevent it and how to report it. A video is usually shown that follows domestic violence scenarios from beginning to end.

"It gives them (soldiers) an idea about what could happen. I encourage them to look at report-

ing their suspicions as protecting victims, not punishing their neighbors," said Carolyn Iolliver-Lee, a Master Level Family Life Educator and FAP social service representative.

The regulation also requires programs for parental education and support. These parenting classes assist parents in developing skills for physical care, protection and supervision. The regulation encourages "skills development and information sharing opportunities that enhance the parents' ability to interact more effectively with their children and to create and maintain a safe home environment in which self-esteem and learning are encouraged."

The Parent Education Program is designed to enhance parenting and child management skills. "We use the Love and Logic program," said Bonilla. According to the Love and Logic website, "Love and Logic is a way of working with children that puts parents and teachers back in control and teaches children to be responsible."

The New Parent Support Pro-

gram is designed for new families to help them increase their knowledge of child development and provides connections to support services.

Classes like these help curb some of the stress factors that families in the military face, Bonilla said.

The FAP also works with Social Work Treatment Service to present information on domestic violence to Irwin Army Community Hospital staff members, said Bonilla.

"We are working hard here to teach about domestic violence," said Bonilla. They also can refer someone to a women's shelter if they need a safe place to stay.

"If we have an abuse victim, and the abuser goes to prison for the abuse, the Transitional Compensation Program is there to offer benefits, such as help moving and therapy for the family,"

said Bonilla. "Two

major events Forces Command wide are Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October and Child abuse prevention month in April." The FAP works with the Installation Prevention Team during these events to increase their manpower from six to 20 people in order to distribute resources throughout the post.

Another prevention program that the FAP offers is the Respite Care Program.

"We know that a lot of mothers are at high risk from pressures of family life. They need some time to themselves," said Bonilla. This program offers mothers 12 hours a month of daycare that they can use to just get away for a while, he said. It can be applied for through the Family Advocacy Program, Exceptional Family Member Program, New Parent Support Program, Community Mental Health Services or through the Chaplain's Family Life Ministry.

If a case of abuse is reported, the Victims Advocacy Program helps by offering services to the victim. They will help set up a safety plan that can be followed if the situation escalates to violence, said Bonilla.

They also can refer someone to a women's shelter if they need a safe place to stay.

## Behavioral Indications of Abuse

- Extreme behavior
- Appearing frightened
- Disorganized thinking
- Running away from home
- Verbally reporting being abused
- Rage
- Self-injurious or suicidal behavior

said Bonilla. "In a sense, it comes with a price. If you need this service, people know that something bad has happened."

Along with preventative measures, the FAP also has a treatment side.

"If we have someone who acts out and abuses, the FAP works with Social Work Service to provide individual, group and marital counseling," said Bonilla. A Case Review Committee also meets weekly to substantiate reported cases of abuse.

The FAP also works with the surrounding communities.

"In order to stay connected with Junction City and Manhattan, we attend both communities' Domestic Violence Task Force

monthly in order to network and find out how to better update our resources and keep information flowing between the installation and the cities," said Bonilla.

If someone is being abused or suspects someone is being abused, the reporting point of contact for Fort Riley is 239-MPMP (6767). Once the call is made, the Military Police Investigators investigate it, and if they believe more investigation is needed or that the situation is a felony, they call in the CID," said Bonilla. "The MP's will transport the victim to the hospital, where the on-call social worker will assess the situation. If it is warranted, the social worker will call the crisis center to locate a shelter for the victim to stay in."

"We want people to understand that domestic violence is a no-no in any language, city, state or country," he added.

If you would like to know more about the Family Advocacy Program, call 239-9435.

# Operation Santa Claus gives less fortunate children Christmas gifts

By Lillian Flegle  
Staff Writer

Operation Santa Claus' doors open Oct. 28 to begin receiving donations, wrapping presents and distributing gifts to less fortunate children in the Fort Riley and surrounding communities at Christmas time.

The traditional Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, which shows the Command Group's formal support of the OSC, according to Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Fyffe, head elf of the OSC program, is scheduled for Nov. 13, 10 a.m. at Santa's workshop, building 222 on Main Post. Fyffe said the ribbon cutting is open to everyone.

Operation Santa Claus provides Christmas gifts to boys and girls ranging in age from infants to fourteen years old, according to Fyffe. He added that soldiers and civilians may submit names of

families and children through their units and local civic organizations.

This year's program is off to a good start with more than \$5,000 dollars already received in donations through fund raising efforts, Fyffe said. He said different organizations, both on post and off, are helping raise funds.

"We have Fort Riley organizations, such as the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) and military units, which help with the fund raising," Fyffe said. "Local businesses and citizens from surrounding communities also help out."

Fyffe said there are several ways that OSC collects new toys and monetary contributions. They place donation boxes at area businesses, Santa's elves ring bells and collect cash donations at the Post Exchange and Commissary and general donations are received at Santa's headquarters in building 222.



"Donation boxes will be in place by Nov. 13," Fyffe added. He said boxes will be set up at local businesses, such as the Junction City and Manhattan Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Alco stores, the Post

Exchange, brigade headquarters, Irwin Army Community Hospital and the post headquarters, building 500.

Fyffe said the OSC also needs volunteers to wrap gifts. Requested also are items such as wrapping paper, tape, scissors, drinks and snacks for volunteers and candy to throw during the Christmas Parade.

"The heart of Christmas is a child unwrapping presents on Christmas day," said Fyffe. "We really don't have the money to buy all the supplies we need because we spend every cent donated to buy as many gifts as possible for as many children as possible."

Charlie Quick, representative from OSC's sponsoring unit, the Ready Now Chapter of the Non-commissioned Officers Association, Fort Riley, said anyone wanting to request toys for children in the civilian communities needs to work through civic organizations such as the

Salvation Army, American Red Cross, the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and the local crisis centers.

"By working through the proper channels, it allows us to evenly distribute the gifts to as many kids as we can," Quick said. "Our goal is to not turn away any organization trying to provide Christmas cheer to less fortunate families."

Fyffe said making Christmas a special time for children is a common goal for everyone.

"Think of who we are doing this for," Fyffe said. "It is a time of giving and self reflection. We need to think of someone beside ourselves. A little self-sacrifice on our part, by volunteering our time to wrap gifts and through the donation of toys and monetary contributions, can make a tremendous difference in the lives of less fortunate children."

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# Bush stresses humanitarian accomplishments in Afghanistan

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press

President Bush stressed U.S. accomplishments in providing humanitarian aid to Afghanistan during a White House ceremony Oct. 11.

Bush said the United States wants to be a participant in "the new era of hope" for Afghanistan, and said that America is making good on its pledges to the country.

The president detailed the aid America has delivered to Afghanistan. He said the basis behind this aid is America's notion that "everybody counts, everybody has worth, everybody matters."

U.S. military personnel have played an important role in the humanitarian efforts. "Our soldiers wear the uniforms of warriors, but they're also compassionate people," he said. "And the Afghan people are really beginning to see the true strength of our country. ... Routing out the Taliban was important, but building a school is equally important."

Bush said Americans must remember what Afghanistan was like under the Taliban regime. "They were one of the most brutal and oppressive governments in modern times," he said. "It's hard for us to understand in America, but these were people who attempted to control every mind, and every soul in the country."

The Taliban supported terrorists and allowed extremist groups to establish training camps in Afghanistan. He said U.S. and coalition allies the Taliban's oppressive rule has been lifted. "They are no longer in power, they are on the run along with a bunch of other ones over there, too," he said.

Even before September 11, 2001, the United States was the largest donor to the people of

Afghanistan. Since then, the United States has led efforts that averted starvation in the country, put in place health clinics and health care, opened hundreds of schools to both boys and girls, and put in place programs to help in the long-term recovery of the nation.

"We've seen the great generosity of our fellow Americans extended to men, women and children on the other side of the Earth," Bush said. "And yet today I want you all to know and our fellow citizens to know there's still a lot left to do ... in Afghanistan to achieve our dreams and, more importantly, the dreams of the Afghan people."

Just a year ago, millions of Afghans lived in fear of famine and disease. "Over the last year, U.N. World Food Program, with the support of the United States, has provided 575,000 metric tons of food to nearly 10 million Afghans," Bush said. "The United States has also provided seed and fertilizer in time for the spring planting season."

U.N. and U.S. health care officials have immunized 8 million Afghan children against measles. They are inoculating children against polio and working to lessen chances of contracting malaria, HIV and tuberculosis. "These relief efforts have put hunger and disease on the retreat," Bush said. "We've got the Taliban gone. We'd like to get disease and hunger gone as well."

A sign that the Afghan people understand the new environment in the country is the fact that more than 2 million Afghan refugees have returned to the country since November 2001, Bush said.

The U.S. military was among the first agencies to begin rebuilding Afghanistan, Bush said. He said U.S. Army Civil Affairs soldiers worked with relief agencies to rebuild dozens of schools.

Bush honored two American

soldiers helping bring humanitarian relief to Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Victor Andersen, a special forces medic, spent seven months traveling in Afghanistan.

"He visited hospitals and clinics, provided medical care from his car," Bush said. "He never turned down anybody who asked for help. He treated broken bones. He treated gunshot wounds. He treated cuts and diseases. He treated a small child who was bitten by a donkey."

Bush told the NCO that the nation is grateful for his work.

Capt. Britton London, a member of the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion at Fort Bragg, N.C., enlisted friends, family members and church groups in the United States to supply Afghan students with thousands of pens and pencils and notebooks, Bush said.

"Capt. London is a man after my own heart," said Bush, the former owner of Major League Baseball's Texas Rangers. "He got the equipment necessary to start the first post-Taliban baseball league. He brought me a ball, two balls, signed by ... the mighty Eagles of Afghan baseball. And they're practicing now, and the games are held once a week."

The president said that he remembers the celebrations in the cities of Afghanistan when the Taliban fell. "People came out to celebrate freedom," Bush said. He said the celebrations remind people that there is an enormous appetite for freedom in all lands.

As the United States stays in Afghanistan, Bush said, it is important for people who stand for tolerance and the rule of law and equal rights and freedom of expression "to see our commitment to freedom (and understand) that our commitment for freedom is complete, and it's real, and it's sincere."



Photo by J. Wilson Guthrie, 314th Press Camp Headquarters

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Laurie Green, a platoon leader with Company B, 92nd Engineer Battalion, helps an Afghan child try on her new coat. The coats were donated by school children in Green's hometown of Morehead City, N.C.



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## Newly activated DoD website accommodates people with disabilities

The Department of Defense announced Oct. 15, the activation of a new, user-friendly Web site which provides assistive technology accommodations to persons with disabilities within the DoD and other federal agencies.

"When users log onto the CAP website, they will see a new and improved layout designed to be more accommodating to our users," said Dinah Cohen, Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP) director.

"The CAP team worked to develop a site that allows customers, people with disabilities, and federal managers to customize their personal search for program and contact information," she added.

The site features more resources — including an enhanced online accommodation process, a better assistive technology section, and an improved virtual CAP Technical Center (CAPTEC) tour — to assist individuals in selecting the most appropriate and reasonable accommodations.

The Defense Department established the Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program in 1990 to eliminate employment barriers for people with visual, hearing, dexterity and cognitive disabilities. Since its inception,

CAP has funded and provided more than 30,000 accommodation solutions to about 50 Federal

agencies. The new Web site is at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/cap>

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## Military Traffic Management Command revamps program to improve moving

Army News Service

The Military Traffic Management Command is moving ahead with a plan that will increase the cost of moving soldiers' personal property during change of stations, but quality will improve, officials said.

Currently, the Department of Defense spends more than \$1.7 billion annually on personal property moves managed by MTMC, officials said. With the inclusion of commercial-based services and quality of life additions, the new program is estimated to increase direct cost 13 percent. However, planned efficiencies in the new program will reduce both storage and claims costs, officials said.

MTMC presented its plan to the U.S. Transportation Command last week. The plan would significantly revamp defense moves beginning October 2004.

The plan was briefed Sept. 16 to a General Officers' Steering Committee and Sept. 18 to the semi-annual personal property Military Industry Symposium.

Under the proposed program, movers would be required to have toll-free numbers for direct communication between the service member and the transportation provider. Service members would provide in-transit contact information to the mover. Through better member-mover communications, the program will foster a reduction in temporary storage by increasing the number of door-to-door deliveries, said Col. Silvia Anderson, deputy chief of staff for Passenger & Personal Property.

"A program feature called Spread Dates provides windows for both pickup and delivery versus a guaranteed or rigid delivery date," Anderson said. "This will enable both members and transportation providers more flexibility to ensure the direct delivery

when housing has not been arranged in advance."

There is an added benefit to reducing moves that require temporary storage, said Dinah Locklear, chief, Personal Property Re-engineering Division.

"The greatest benefit of this is a reduction in damage caused by multiple handling of the personal property shipment," Locklear said.

The new program will require movers to provide a higher liability for full replacement value of lost or damaged goods. Currently, service members only receive a discounted value for loss. In place of the current bureaucratic sys-

tem, officials said the revised program will be simplified and claims settled between the mover and customer.



In fact, correcting the frustrations surrounding loss and damage claims in the current program was the loudest refrain heard from members in earlier surveys, officials said. The new program envisions a streamlined claim process, much of it Web-enabled, direct settlement with the transportation provider and full value replacement up to a maximum of \$50,000, officials added.

Another program feature, the Web-counseling module, will expand information about the moving process to military customers. The business focus of the plan is on the commercial firms who move the personal property, said Locklear. Transportation providers must demonstrate they

are financially viable, have experience and maintain required performance bonds and cargo/liability insurance.

In return for high standards, commercial firms will be paid at a more competitive level. The MTMC program calls for adopting discounts off the commercial tariff that provides the rate base used by the moving industry.

"At last," said Anderson, "we're moving forward. Our 'Families First' plan incorporates years of pilot test efforts and moving experience."

"We have developed the basis of a program that ensures that members and their family can look forward to a quality move by a quality transportation provider. The most significant change for the members is their empowerment to determine who is a quality carrier. The traffic distribution method is based 70 percent on customer satisfaction and 30 percent on cost which squarely places the focus on the needs of service members first."

To help ensure the success of the new program, service members will be evaluating the transportation services they receive, officials said. They will be asked to complete a customer survey to assist in rating transportation providers. Surveys will be completed via the Web or by telephone and only require a few minutes to complete.

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**Editor's note: Information provided by a press release from the Military Traffic Management Command.**

## 'Buddy Team' idea catching on

By Tesia Williams

PERSCOM PA Team

A number of Army branches are showing an interest in the Infantry's "Buddy Team Assignment Program" which has now paired more than 7,000 soldiers, officials said.

BTAP was developed two years ago, under the direction of Maj. Gen. John Le Moyne — then chief of Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga. — to reduce first-term attrition and provide new soldiers with a more positive experience during their first few months in the Army.

In week 10 of a 14-week training period at Fort Benning, soldiers are assigned as buddy teams to get used to each other before proceeding to their first unit, said Master Sgt. Russell Stokes, Infantry senior sergeant professional development noncommissioned officer and Fort Benning liaison officer to the U.S. Total

Army Personnel Command.

"By that tenth week, the soldiers that are still there are probably going to stay," Stokes said. "Most of the hard stuff that normally sends them packing, like road marches and PT tests, are done."

Drill sergeants and the chain of command solicit help of psychologists to profile the soldiers before pairing them into buddy-teams, which makes the program and match more effective, he said.

"I've personally heard from soldiers in Germany and Korea coming from small towns with nothing in common with other soldiers except being the new guy; however, when they get to their new unit, they have something in common with their buddy because they've spent 14 weeks with him," Stokes said.

The Army Research Institute released a report in July 2001 indicating that buddy-teams enhance many aspects of the sol-

dier's initial experience in the Army.

The majority of the soldiers agreed that assigning buddies to the same unit is a good Army practice, officials said.

The program is undergoing upgrades and modifications to further assist in making the soldier's experience at his first duty station more desirable.

"We're hoping to add a BTAP field to (the Enlisted Distribution and Assignment System), so that it will stay with him the entire time he is in the Army," Stokes said.

Currently, BTAP soldiers are tracked in a separate database using their social security numbers, he added.

"We want to make sure we have more efficient tracking methods before we start passing this on to other MOSs," said Stokes.

## Bad moods can lead to poor health

K-State News Release

We've all known what it's like to have the blues.

Depression and anger can make you sick, literally. But a new study at Kansas State University shows that some people take longer to snap out of it — which can lead to health problems — while cheerful people tend to stay happy longer.

Psychologists have known for a while that some people experience emotions more intensely than others. But little was known about how people differ in the amount of time they experience an emotion before it fades away, said Scott Hemenover, an assistant professor of psychology at K-State.

In the past, neurotic people were defined by how strongly they felt depressed or angry, not how long those emotions lasted. Likewise, extroverts were defined

by how strongly they felt happy, not how long they felt happy. Extroverts are also associated with sociability and the desire to seek excitement.

Hemenover performed a study that found that people with different personality types have different rates of mood decay. People with neurotic tendencies hold on to a bad mood longer than other people. Extroverts tend to stay in a positive mood longer than average people.

"For example, if I go to a funny movie with a friend, we will both be happy after the movie. But after 20 minutes, I might still be happy and my friend has faded to neutral because I'm more extroverted," Hemenover said.

Hemenover presented a report on his study at the Midwestern Psychological Association conference in Chicago May 3. The study can give a clue on improving the health of people who have prob-

lems with negative emotions like anger or depression, Hemenover said.

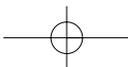
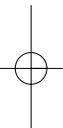
"Maintaining a negative mood for a long period of time is harmful to your health. People think that getting stressed and anxious is bad for you. The key isn't how stressed you are, but how long you are stressed," he said.

"Staying stressed for a long time can impair your immune and cardiovascular functions."

Hemenover said people who tend to stay in a bad mood for a long time can learn to use strategies that will help them snap out of it faster.

"Neurotics see the world as a nasty place. If you teach them to view the world in a positive way, and to think their way out of feeling bad by rephrasing things in a positive way, it can help their health," Hemenover said.

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## Army grants wish to terminally ill child

By Michelle Bard  
Army News Service

With help of the U.S. Army, the Make-A-Wish Foundation was able to grant a 10-year-old freckled faced boy with a terminal illness his greatest wish — to become a soldier.

To honor that wish, the sergeant major of the Army and the Office of the Secretary of Defense helped swear in Justin Bryce of Binghamton, N.Y., as an honorary soldier and then promoted him to sergeant in a Pentagon ceremony Oct. 7.

Bryce's 20-year-old brother, Pvt. Raymond Bryce, a 10th Mountain Division artilleryman at Fort Drum, N.Y., was flown in to surprise his little brother and family attending the ceremony. The older Bryce said he thinks he inspired his brother's wish to become an Army soldier.

"I think I had something to do with it. I think he leaned more toward it after I joined," Bryce said.

The ceremony kicked off with the official swearing in of Bryce as an honorary soldier by Lt. Gen. John Craddock, the senior military assistant to the Secretary of Defense. "The Army gets better every time we enlist a new American," Craddock said prior to the swearing in.

Bryce was then given a custom uniform with Military District of Washington insignias, a challenge coin, black beret and certificate.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley assisted in the ceremony and presented Bryce with other special Army mementos including various Sergeant Major of the Army coins, an Army briefcase, a bag full of Army footballs, a Sept. 11 remembrance coin and an Army pen. He told Bryce, as the boy eagerly held his hand out, "As long as you're a good soldier, this pen will never run out of ink."

Tilley said this experience held special meaning for him.

"I have an exceptional family (member), so to be able to play a small part in something that makes you feel so good. I think it's something everybody should do," Tilley said.

Bryce was promoted from private to sergeant following the promotion orders signed by Tilley. Bryce became confused at one point in the ceremony and asked, "What's a promotion?"

"We're going to make you from a private to a sergeant so you get an increase in pay. But not much!" Tilley said.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld also participated in the ceremony and awarded Justin with a Secretary of Defense hat and pin. He praised Bryce on his advancement in the ranks.

"Congratulations on your elevation to sergeant," Rumsfeld said.

After the ceremony, Rumsfeld met with Bryce's parents, younger sister and two older brothers and

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welcomed them to the Pentagon. He also expressed his appreciation to Bryce for choosing to become an Army soldier.

"Thank you for choosing the Army for your wish," he said.

Jon Rosa, Make-A-Wish's public relations and development coordinator, out of Kensington, Md., said doctors, family members and the children who have a life-threatening illness can make wish referrals. In Bryce's case, the hospital in Wilmington, Del., where Bryce was seeking treatment made the call to the founda-

tion and official word of Bryce's wish was made to them Oct. 3.

Rosa said it was urgent to grant the wish "as soon as possible."

"We wanted to provide Justin with some quality time with his family in these last stages of his illness," he said.

Rosa said the foundation has a policy of not disclosing the illnesses of clients.

In addition to the swearing-in and promotion ceremony, Bryce also had a full day of "training" at the Pentagon, Fort Belvoir, Va. and the U.S. Coast Guard Station

in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 8 to get some hands-on experience.

"He really seemed to enjoy himself," Rosa said.

Tilley said he felt honored to assist in the ceremony and grant Bryce's wish.

"We just came out today to make him an honorary sergeant, give him his own uniform and tell him we would do anything we could to help out. It's the least we could do," he said.

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