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**FRIDAY**

# Fort Riley Post



**Apple Day/Open House**  
Fort Riley is celebrating its 150th anniversary at Apple Day/Open House tomorrow on Main Post. This year's event has food and entertainment for everyone.

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Soldiers from 1st Brigade Combat Team load their gear onto a Chinook helicopter. The soldiers were transported from Baghdad to Camp Junction City by helicopter after traveling by C-130 from Kuwait.

## 1st Brigade soldiers set up camps

By Jamie Bender  
Staff writer

The initial mission for the base camps is force protection, said Leners. "We are ensuring that the soldiers and equipment are safe from any outside forces or attack," he explained. "Our mission is to provide a safe and stable environment for the Iraqi people to live their lives as they choose to live them. We are working with the local Iraqi authorities, including the government and the police forces, to improve security in the Al Andar province."

Another important mission is improving the quality of life for the soldiers. "We are also working with local Iraqi contractors, National Guard units and soldiers from Brigade on various improvements to the base camps," said Leners. "Conditions are currently very basic, but are steadily improving."

"We are improving things like showers, mess halls, air conditioning and electricity,"

"All the things we normally take for granted. Things happen at a different pace here in Iraq. Some things are happening much faster than I expect, and others much slower, but we are making progress every day."

In spite of the initial sparse living situations, the morale of the soldiers remains high, and many are impressed with the scenery of Iraq. "I was happy to get here after the convoy," said Pvt. 2 Neal Durkin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade. "The beauty of the country reminds me, in a way, of Bosnia," said Sgt. Martin Rickert, HHC, 1st Bde. "Everything as a whole is very nice out here."

The mobile kitchen trailer was up and running on Sept. 19, and the addition of hot

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## Leave program sends soldiers home for visit

By John D. Banusiewicz  
American Forces Press

Service members and Defense Department civilians on 12-month orders in Iraq and Jordan supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom now have a rest and recuperation leave program that will allow them to take up to 15 days, excluding travel time, to visit family or friends in the United States or Europe.

David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, approved a U.S. Central Command request for the program Sept. 23. Participants have the choice of traveling free from Iraq to gateway airports in Atlanta, Baltimore, Dallas, Los Angeles or Frankfurt, Germany, and return, according to Chu's

approval memo. Travel beyond those points would be at the members' expense.

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## Seventh Fort Riley soldier killed in OIF

The Department of Defense announced the identity of a Fort Riley soldier killed Sept. 29 west of Baghdad, in Iraq.

Dead is Staff Sgt. Christopher Eric Cutchall, 30, of McConnellsburg, Penn. Cutchall was assigned to Troop D, 4th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

Cutchall joined the Army in August 1991, and has been stationed at Fort Riley since May 2000. He was assigned to the unit as a scout and deployed to Iraq in early September.

Cutchall was killed while traveling in a convoy. An improvised explosive device was detonated as his vehicle passed by. He died of injuries sustained in the accident. The incident is under investigation.



Staff Sgt. Christopher Eric Cutchall

Cutchall is the seventh Fort Riley soldier killed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Fort Riley commanders, soldiers, civilian employees and Family Readiness Groups are providing ongoing assistance to all families of soldiers supporting the war effort and are prepared to continue around the clock assistance throughout this operation.

## Media see war from inside

By Jason Shepherd  
19th PAD

They came in droves, booking entire wings in upscale hotels and renting four-wheel drive vehicles. Many attended numerous briefings and learned the Arabian culture, all in preparation for one of the biggest events in 2003.

In all, thousands of reporters from all types of media outlets descended onto Kuwait City, waiting for Operation Iraqi Freedom to start. During the months before, many reporters went through mini-camps, learning how to don protective equipment and react to an ambush. Many also opted to take smallpox and anthrax shots. They did stories on soldiers and training to pass the time. Many of these stories showed fresh, young American faces, eager to fight terrorism halfway around the world.

When the decision was made to remove Saddam Hussein from power, hundreds of reporters were embedded into military units to get a first-hand look at the war.

Journalists from all around the world, including ones from Chicago and France, joined Fort Riley units leaving to do their part in the war on terrorism. One of these reporters was Tim Potter, a staff writer with the Wichita Eagle, who was embedded with 1st Battalion, 13th Armor Regiment while the unit was in northern Baghdad.

"My time with the 1-13 Armor went really well," Potter said. "I think what helped was the fact that I spent three weeks with them last December in the Mojave Desert during a National Training Center rotation and three more weeks at Fort Riley with the unit before we deployed."

This type of first-hand perspective into the lives of soldiers gave the people around the world a chance to see the war from their living room, according to Col. Rick Thomas, Coalition Forces Land Component Command public affairs chief during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Embedding is not a new thing," he said. "It was used during the Vietnam War, but wasn't called embedding. When you have over 6,000 journalists and only 100 public affairs specialists, you can see why the Pentagon made the decision to bring it back."

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## Apple pie big part of Apple Day/Open House

By Steven Cooke  
19th PAD

If your nose has been telling you it's that time of year again, then your nose knows the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley is at it again. The group has been making apple pies.

HASFR will begin distribution of pre-ordered apple pies today at building 404, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m. They will also be selling pies right off the truck during these times.

Tomorrow, during the annual Apple Day/Open House, they will be selling pies by the slice with ice cream in front of Custer House.

HASFR vice-president, Joanne Gulotta, said she and the other 16 HASFR board members have been planning the making and selling of the pies since June.

Each day this week they have been working 12 hours a day with over 150 volunteers to try to reach their goal of making 1,000 pies.

Many of the volunteers are High School Reserve Officer Training Cadets from Junction City High School.

Gulotta said the whole process has been quite an experience. "I have never taken on a job this big," she said. "It has been the experience of my life."

Gulotta said one of the things that surprises her is how excited people get over the pies.

She said she believes there a couple of reasons for that.

"It's the whole tradition of it,"

she said. "Legend has it, the recipe is a secret recipe belonging to Libby Custer."

For the people making the pies, she said it has been a bonding experience.

"It's a social experience. When they come together, they have a social outlet and it makes it more meaningful," she said.

"And it is that meaningfulness, Gulotta said, she believes people taste when they eat the pies.

"It builds comradery while (our soldiers) are away," said Erin Putnam, pie making volunteer.

"And, it's fun. We're having a real good time,"

"It's nice to get involved," said Wendy Bell, another pie volunteer.

"I've been making some new friends, and it's nice getting to know the other wives," Bell stated.

Putnam and fellow volunteer Lynnette Miller said volunteering helps their deployed soldiers, too.

"It helps them, knowing we are keeping busy and helping the brigade back at home," said Miller.

During Apple Day, Gulotta said HASFR would be doing more than apple pies selling pies.

There will be a lady dressed in traditional garments operating an old-time cider press.

There will be a drawing for a patriotic quilt made by a HASFR board member, and there will be plenty of HASFR "Ways and Means" for sale.

Most of the whole pies being distributed today and for sale

tomorrow will be frozen.

So, if you want a slice of fresh baked apple pie, be sure to stop by Custer House tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale of the pies go to a scholarship fund and HASFR programs.



Alma Gutierrez, treasurer, Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley, measures the secret ingredients for HASFR's famous apple pies.

# Airlines offer discounted tickets to servicemembers on R&R leave

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press

Servicemembers returning home from Southwest Asia for rest and recuperation leave can now get discount fares for connecting flights after they arrive at the Baltimore-Washington International Airport.  
The R&R program, which began Sept. 25, provides free flights to Baltimore or to Frankfurt, Germany. Servicemembers must pay for all transportation beyond those gateways.  
The discount airline ticket program is designed to reduce the

troops' out-of-pocket costs, airline officials said, particularly because most must buy their plane tickets at the last minute, when airlines generally charge higher prices.  
During the first week of the R&R program, servicemembers received just two to three days notice of their leave, although more notice is expected now that the program is under way.  
So far, Delta, American, Southwest and Northwest Airlines are offering discount tickets to eligible troops, and more airlines are expected to extend the offer.  
To qualify for discounted tick-

ets, servicemembers must book their follow-on flights before leaving Kuwait City International Airport, the outbound gateway airport for the R&R program, explained Monnie Riggan, director of operations and support services for Navigant-SATO Travel.  
The Army contracted with SATO Travel to set up a ticketing operation on the edge of the Kuwait airport, explained Dan Yount, chief of Army leisure and travel services. Located at Camp Champion, a tent city that serves as the marshalling point for soldiers leaving on R&R leave, the facility is staffed with ticketing

agents to help outbound troops. So far, 80 to 90 percent of the troops require tickets for connecting flights, Riggan said. She expects that percentage to decrease if the military moves forward with plans to add additional U.S. gateways for R&R flights.  
Meanwhile, Riggan cautioned troops not to buy their tickets for connecting flights online. In the event that their flight from Kuwait or Frankfurt is delayed, these servicemembers could miss their connecting flights, she said, and have no way to get reimbursed for the price of their tickets.  
"Buying tickets online is just

too risky for this type of travel," she said. "If there's a delay, the ticket is of no value, and there is nothing we can do to help."  
"I can guarantee that some of those servicemembers are going to miss their connecting flights," he said. "And if they bought their tickets online, they're going to have a problem."

Yount said his office was making arrangements with local hotels to offer discounted rooms and additional amenities for anyone forced to stay overnight in Baltimore because of the flight delay.  
"We're trying to make a very unpalatable situation as palatable as we can for the troops," he said.

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viding for their welfare is improving readiness."  
Mitchell explained that each local commander in Iraq will have a specific number of allocations for the program at any given time, and will invoke operational requirements in deciding who goes and when. But, he added, CENTCOM's goal is to "go to the

absolute threshold" in accommodating as many people as possible without affecting operations.  
"Though the program is new for Operation Iraqi Freedom, it's by no means new ground for the U.S. military services.  
"R&R leave has been a tradition in the U.S. military for hundreds and hundreds of years,"

Mitchell said. "When U.S. forces are in a combat area for an extended period of time, it is extremely important from a leadership perspective to give these young men and women an opportunity to rest, recuperate and reunite with their families, even if for a short time."  
CENTCOM officials said R&R

periods are limited to one per 12-month period.  
Because of the small scale of the initial part of the program and the fact that some units will return to their home bases before everyone is able to participate, not everyone serving in Iraq will be able to take advantage of the program.

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meals has added to the morale of the soldiers.  
"It is great to have a break from the (Meals Ready to Eat)," said Rickert. "They have got the MKT set up and things are going along smoothly with that."  
Soldiers are making adjustments to the challenges of field life.  
"The biggest adjustment I had to make was getting used to the sound of helicopters flying all night," said Durkin. "After hearing them fly all day and all night for a few days, I got used to it."  
"I had to adjust to the amount of water that I have to drink," said Rickert. "At home I would drink maybe two quarts a day. Here I

drink four to five (1.5 liter) bottles a day."  
"Back home you would drink juice, tea, soda or whatever," said Pfc. Kevin Solomon, HHC, 1st Bde. "Here it's water, water or water."  
One of the biggest challenges for the soldiers is missing home, but the 1st BCT brought a little bit of Kansas with them. Camp Junction City and Camp Manhattan will also have streets named after Kansas' landmarks, towns and

other features of home.  
"We miss our families and friends," said Leners. "But, as you can tell by the way we named our base camps, home is not too far away. We brought a little piece of it with us."



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# Domestic violence awareness month activities, classes planned

By **Ryan D. Wood**  
Staff writer

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and will be observed by Fort Riley with an assortment of classes, seminars and information booths to spread information on the month and planned events.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. According to information provided by Billy J. May, social service representative for the Family Advocacy Program, the intent of the day was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state and national levels.

In 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. In 1989, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress. Such legislation has passes every year since.

This year, Fort Riley and the Soldier and Family Support Center, along with the Family Advocacy Program, are attempting to broaden the general knowledge available to soldiers and spouses concerning domestic violence and the programs that are in place to help soldiers and families avoid violence issues.

"Throughout October, we are hosting a variety of programs and workshops that key in on prevention and awareness of domestic violence," said May.

Classes include professionally driven information workshops for Fort Riley departments, such as the Staff Judge Advocate, law enforcement and medical personnel, which gives them information on assisting families in their specific departments. There are classes offered which specialize in specific things for specific programs. One such special-

ized class is the Reinforcing Positive Behaviors class for the Exceptional Family member families. This class is designed to help families deal with some of the extra stress that can occur in that environment.

"I just want people to know that we are here to support them as a team and as a community..."

—Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble  
Garrison  
Command Sergeant Major

Children and will be offered in a "popcorn and a movie" environment, with free childcare being provided. Along with watching a movie and snacking on popcorn, people will be able to discuss issues in a group atmosphere and learn more about the important topic, said May.

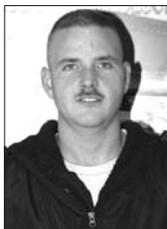
To get more information on classes and activities being held this month or to get more information on the help that is available for families in distress, call the Family Advocacy Program, 239-9435, or visit the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264.

May wants this month to focus on prevention instead of dealing with situations after they have spun out of control and become violent.

"I think that being proactive and making people aware of the services that are available to the soldiers and their families is the key point of all this," said May. "We know that there is a stigma about talking to Family Advocacy."

## Talk Around Town

### "What MWR service do you think is the most valuable?"



"Live entertainment is a valuable service provided by MWR. The reason is - these shows provide an escape from the day to day rigors of being a soldier."

Brig. Gen. James R. Mason  
Deputy Commanding General  
35th Inf. Div. (M)

"The bowling alley has good rates for the family and the ITR office offers good discount tickets for events and parks."

Staff Sgt. William Sears  
Operations Sergeant  
568th Engineer Company (CSE)

"The gym. Physical fitness is a fantastic stress reliever and great for bringing soldiers together outside of the office or work environment."

1st Lt. Jeremy Magruder  
XO, Headquarters and Headquarters Company  
35th Inf. Div. (M)

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## Apple Pies

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## USA Express

The Army Community and Family Support Center is currently seeking performers and technicians for USA Express, the Army's premiere touring show band. Performers needed are singers and instrumentalists to include, but not limited to, drummers, lead guitarists, bass guitarists and keyboard players. Soldiers selected will report to Fort Belvoir on or about Jan. 5, 2004 and will begin touring Feb. 5. The tour will last about two and a half months. All entries are due by Nov. 12. For more information, call 239-8147 or 239-2612.

## Red Ribbon Dance

The 2003 Red Ribbon Week has a message of "Pledge to be Drug-Free!" Fort Riley's Army Substance Abuse Program and the Teen Center are combining in a cooperative effort to observe Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31 with a special event for middle-school age students. A free middle school dance will be held Oct. 17, 8 - 10 p.m., at the Fort Riley Teen Center, building 5800. Casual dress is the rule for this evening's entertainment, which is open to both military and civilian students at Fort Riley, Junction City, Manhattan and Ogden Middle Schools. Students will be entertained in a safe, fun and drug free environment. Snacks and punch will be prepared especially with teens in mind. Music will be provided by a local DJ, who promises a great mix of tunes for every dancer. Rap contests are planned to put the students to the real test with both

fun and humor. Rap lyrics must be submitted at least five days prior to the event. There will be gift drawings and King and Queen selection from each school district.

Each student attending will be a Red Ribbon winner with goodies to take home. Free transportation will be provided, with pick-up at Junction City Community Center, 7:30 p.m., Manhattan Boys and Girls Club, 7:15 p.m., and Ogden Teen Center, 7:45 p.m. Students will be returned to pick-up points immediately following the dance.

## Water System Flushing

Public Works will continue efforts to keep Fort Riley's water clear by flushing of the water distribution system starting Monday. The schedule for flushing is: Monday - Main Post/ Whiteside areas, Tuesday - Custer Hill Housing areas, Wednesday - Custer Hill and troop area, Thursday - Custer Hill motor pool areas and Oct. 10 - Camp Forsyth, Camp Funston and Marshall Army Air Field areas.

Flushing of the water mains will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue until complete. Occupants of the affected area must refrain from use of hot water during this period. To facilitate flushing, do not park directly across from fire hydrants.

When flushing of an area is complete, area occupants should clear the water lines in their quarters. This is accomplished by opening all cold water faucets and letting them run until the water

runs clear. The hot water faucets should be opened next to clear any remaining discoloration. The time required for the water to clear depends on the amount of water used during the flushing. If the water does not clear up after 30 minutes, the Service Order Desk, 239-0900, should be notified.

Questions concerning the flushing should be addressed to Don Wainwright, Public Works, 239-3908, during normal working hours.

## Retiree Appreciation Day

The Fort Riley Annual Retiree Appreciation Day will be held Oct. 24, at the Manhattan Holiday Inn/Holidome, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Retirees are invited to attend this event to receive the latest information on retiree benefits and activities at Fort Riley. There will be a Health Fair from 1 - 3:30 p.m. conducted by Irwin Army Community Hospital. Col. (ret.) John W. Radke, chief, Army Retirement Services, will be the guest speaker. Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commander, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, will welcome the retirees.

## EFMP Fall Festival

Exceptional Families Member Program families will be gathering for "A Trip To The Pumpkin Patch." Each family will get a pumpkin to decorate. Everyone wear your favorite or scariest Halloween outfit. It will be held at the Soldier Family Support Center,

building 7264, Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-noon. Call the EFMP office, 239-9435, to R.S.V.P. by Oct. 17.

## Environmental Training

An Environmental Team Training class will be held Monday and Tuesday. The refresher will be held Wednesday. A two-hour asbestos class is available on request for Thursday. There will also be a Supervisor Safety Course Oct. 16, and a Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course will be held Oct. 10. For enrollment, call 239-2334 or 239-0446.

## Organization Day

The Directorate of Resource Management will be closed today, 11 a.m., to enjoy their Organization Day. The Travel Cell will be open, but will only have one person running the operation.

## AAFES Council

The next AAFES Council Meeting will be Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m. at the AAFES conference room, building 222.

## Resist Violence Run

The Resist Violence Run is a 5K run/walk to raise awareness about domestic violence in the community. The run will be held Oct. 19, 2 p.m., beginning at 100 Courthouse Plaza, Poyntz Ave., Manhattan. The entry fee is \$12, until Oct. 10, when it will go to

\$15. All participants will receive a cotton T-shirt. T-shirts cannot be guaranteed for race day entrants, so sign up early! Special awards will be provided to the overall men's and women's winners and to the top three finishers in each age group.

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the awards presentations will be at approximately 3 p.m. Race results will be posted at www.flinthillsbarriers.com For more information, contact Lee Chenoweth, 770-9849 or bonza2@aol.com

## Cancer Support Group

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting will be Nov. 3, 6 p.m., Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic. Participants are asked to bring any news articles pertaining to your cancer diagnosis.

Military servicemembers, their family members and Department of Army civilians are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged for persons who were recently diagnosed with cancer, family and friends of persons with cancer and cancer survivors. The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 239-7163.

## Zig Ziglar Seminar

A Zig Ziglar Seminar will be held Oct. 22, at Barlow Theater.

The first session will be 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and a second session will be held 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. The seminar is open to all Fort Riley civilian employees.

## Holiday Craft Fair

Bring your family to the Holiday House, Gifts and Things Fall Craft Fair for food, fun and entertainment Nov. 13, at Hangar 817.

## Barlow Theater

### Tonight:

7 p.m.  
Freddy vs. Jason (R)

### Saturday:

7 p.m.  
S.W.A.T. (PG-13)

### Sunday:

7 p.m.  
Open Range (R)

### Thursday:

7 p.m.  
S.W.A.T. (PG-13)

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If you are interested in a booth or need more information, contact Sherri Weber, 537-7781.

### Love and Logic

"Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" classes in parenting are designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately.

The classes will be taught Oct. 9, 16 and 30 and Nov 6 and 13. No classes are 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264. Call 239-9435 for more information. The course is free and there is free childcare with advance reservations.

### OCSC Basket Auction

Please join OCSC for their October Dinner and Annual Basket Auction at the Holiday, Oct. 17, 6:30 pm. The theme is a birthday party to celebrate Fort Riley's 150th birthday and the 50th OCSC anniversary. A magician will provide entertainment and the menu will include mixed greens with toppings, penne pasta salad, Kansas roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potato and country gravy, corn O'Brien, and the desert will be birthday cake. Tea, coffee and water will also be included. The cost of the dinner is \$15. A selection of themed baskets put together by units and organizations across the post, as well as local businesses, will be on the auction block. Jay Brown will be the auctioneer.

Reservations are required for the dinner. You should RSVP to Connie Taylor, 784-5111, by Wednesday. Childcare is available at ASYMCA, Junction City. Availability is on a first come, first served basis. For information on childcare or to make a reservation, call Heather Spencer, 784-2245 by Wednesday.

### Hispanic Heritage

The Division Equal Opportunity Office has rescheduled Fort Riley's celebration of Hispanic-American History Month Oct. 15,

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Morris Hill Chapel. The free program is open to all soldiers, their families and civilian employees. It will highlight and honor the struggles, accomplishments and ongoing essential contributions made by Hispanics in our country. For information, call 239-2928.

### Tobacco Cessation Classes

Community Health Nursing of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free Tobacco Cessation classes. This is a four-week program, which meets once a week and is run by trained medical professionals. Participants may choose to quit smoking without medication or health care providers may prescribe Zyban. Nicotine patches are also offered during the class. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dietician teaches healthy ways to avoid weight gain. Military service members, their families and DoD civilians are eligible to participate. To register, call Community Health Nursing, 239-7323.

### FRG Meeting

There will be a Family Readiness Group Advisors and Leaders Business and Networking Meeting Wednesday, 9 a.m. - noon. For additional information, contact Sonya Brown, Family Readiness Center coordinator, 239-9435.

### Business Seminar

Fort Riley University Army Career and Alumni Program will

sponsor a seminar for new and existing small businesses presented by the Small Business Administration. The seminar is Oct. 10, 9 a.m. - noon at the ACAP Center classroom, building 210, room 7 in the Personnel Processing Center, Main Post. This entire seminar is free. Reserve your seat by contacting the ACAP Center, 239-2278 or 239-2248, or e-mail acap@riley.army.mil

### PWOC

Protestant Women Of the Chapel invites all women to join them at Morris Hill Chapel, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. and/or Thursdays, 7 p.m., for fun, fellowship and spiritual feeding. There are multiple Bible studies to choose from as well as outreach opportunities, programs and activities. The theme for 2003-2004 is Come to the Living Water.

Childcare is available. For more information, call Juli Kelly, 784-8333.

### Detour

The Patton Hall, building 200, lower level hallway leading to Administrative Services Branch (room 18a) and the Help Desk Center of Technical Services (room 22) will be blocked off beginning Monday for approximately two weeks.

During this time, entrance to those two areas may be reached by using the back doors of the building and going through room 25's doors. Watch for signs or direction arrows placed to guide visitors in the building.

### Stars of Tomorrow

The Army Community and Family Support Center is currently seeking performers for the 2003 Stars of Tomorrow entertainment contest. The categories for the contest include male and female vocalist, vocal duet, vocal solo (self accompanied), vocal group, instrumental solo, instrumental group, as well as specialty solo and group acts. All entries are due by Oct. 16. For more information, call 239-8147 or 239-9354.

### Soldier Show

The Army Community and Family Support Center is currently seeking performers and technicians for the 2004 Army Soldier Show. All application packets must be submitted by Nov. 15. For more information about the application packet, call 239-8147 or 239-2179.

### ACAP Job Fair

The Army Career and Alumni program is sponsoring a Job Fair Oct. 24, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the ACAP Center on Main Post, building 210, room 207. There will be local, national and international employers present to talk with and interview prospective employees. Updated lists are available for review in the ACAP Center. Visit or call the ACAP Center, 239-2278 or 239-2248, for more information, including the list of attending employers.

### Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop has a large selection of previously owned articles, from clothing to house wares to furniture. Visit building 267, Stuart Avenue (next to the stables) Tuesday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and the

first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Consignor-Customer Appreciation Day is tomorrow.

Items for consignment are accepted on Tuesdays. Donations are accepted everyday. To schedule a pickup for large items, call 784-3874.

## 30th Infantry Brigade mobilizing

*DoD Release and Staff Reports*

The Secretary of Defense approved Sept. 26, the Army's request to mobilize two U.S. Army National Guard brigades that on July 26, were alerted to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 30th Infantry Brigade from North Carolina mobilized effective Wednesday and the 39th Infantry Brigade from Arkansas will mobilize effective Oct. 12.

These units can expect to be in the Iraqi theater for up to 12 months. The total length of mobilization is up to 18 months to allow time for equipping, training, mobilizing, leave and demobilizing activities. These mobilizations are part of the force rotation plan announced on July 23.

As headquarters to the 24th Infantry Division (Mech), Fort Riley is deploying approximately 70 key personnel to Fort Bragg, N.C., to oversee training and readiness preparations of the 30th Brigade Combat Team for deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Over the past two years, the 30th BCT has participated in many field-training exercises to sharpen its soldiers' war fighting skills. In July 2002, the brigade participated in Operation Hickory Sting at Fort Riley, where the soldiers practiced deploying and training in mechanized combat. In May and June of this year, the brigade deployed to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., where they battled an opposing force in the Mojave Desert.

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# Cook becomes Fort Riley's new fire chief, has big plans for department

By Adam Clayton  
K-State Intern

The Fort Riley Fire Department recently named a new fire chief.

Mike Cook has taken over for Fire Chief John Boyd who retired on Wednesday.

Cook, who was the assistant fire chief under Boyd, started his firefighting career as a volunteer in 1977 at a rural fire station in Hope.

"Fire fascinates me, instead of being scared of it. I always wanted to learn more about it. Once you have a better understanding of it, it is easier to put it out," said Cook.

In October 1980, Cook transferred to the Abilene Fire Department until coming to Fort Riley in June 1982.

Cook said he has seen his share of excitement and changes since he started his firefighting career. He sighted an example of a fire at Camp Funston where barrels of materials were blowing straight up into the air.

Safety standards are one thing that has become much more strict since Cook started his career he said.

"A lot of things have changed since I started firefighting. Firefighters didn't even wear air masks back then. Now, we have to," said Cook.

"Dealing with all the different things that happen to children and infants is the most difficult," said Cook. "My first structure fire was in Abilene, and it involved two children that I knew. That is how I started my career."

Cook said he tries to maintain a positive outlook on his life and work. He said he knows he's helping people, and that's what's important to him.

"When I see fire's affects on people, it makes me want to help even more," said Cook. "It really makes you appreciate life when you see death as much as we do."

Cook said that working at the fire station is a busy job. It's not just sitting around waiting for a call, he said. There is endless training and maintenance on all the equipment.

"Not knowing what you're going to be doing in the next five minutes makes this job very exciting," Cook said. "Because of terrorists, we have been really busy. We have to be ready . . . we have to do a lot of proficiency training to make sure

everyone is still proficient on the equipment."

According to Cook, a firefighter's training is never done.

"When you think you know it all, it's time to retire, because that's when somebody gets hurt. In this line of work, you learn something new every day," he said.

According to Cook, the former chief did an excellent job, and he plans to maintain the standard, while implementing some ideas of his own.

"He [Boyd] set the bar pretty high. It's up to me to keep it there. That will be quite a challenge," Cook said.

The other members of the Fort Riley Fire Department had some thoughts on the new chief.

"I have served with him since he was a captain. (The bar) was set very high before, but I don't think he'll have any trouble falling right in. He's personal and mission-oriented. He always takes care of his people," said Lt. Lester Kaiser.

Cook wants to bring several programs back to the department that are either on hold or the department has been too busy to do because of the training they have been going through.

"In previous programs, we used to go to the schools, but now they come to us because we are so busy," said Cook. "We used to do fire training for the National Guard and Reserves. That program is on hold, and I would like to see it brought back. I would also like to get a training tower."

One of the successful programs running right now is Fire Prevention Week, he said.

"Fire Prevention Week starts Oct. 5. Schools come take tours of the fire station. They get to watch a video, and we dress up in our gear. We do this so they can see us dressed up. That way, if they ever see us in a real situation, they won't be scared of us," said Cook.

"We use the kids to back door educate the parents on fire safety. A lot of parents know fire safety, but they don't necessarily practice it. Sometimes it takes the kids nagging on them to check the batteries in the fire alarm or do a practice drill in their homes."

The Fort Riley Fire Department is also involved with the conflict in Iraq.

"The units in Iraq were trained here. One of my firefighters is over there and

training soldiers right now. [His name is] Brian Good. We stay in touch. If he wants a training program, we just attach it to an e-mail and send it to him," said Cook.

In the mean time, Cook said the fire department does structural fires, grass fires, hazardous materials and medical calls.

"We do prescribed burns with the Directorate of Environment and Safety. They draw up a map, then we put together a schedule and get to work. The burns get the weeds and brush, while at the same time they provide a lush environment," he said.

According to Cook, they also work with the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical office to provide chemical training.

"We have hazardous materials response. We take care of a spill or the release of a chemical. We stop it, render the chemical harmless and then we clean up the mess. The majority of the fire department is trained in hazardous material training," said Cook.

As for Cook's future, he plans to work to get some programs back on line, while continuing the department's success for as long as he is around.

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But critics of embedding think that the process stifles the reporter's chance to be objective when reporting the news.

"People have a right to raise questions about objectivity," Potter said. "Some people think that the reporters embedded in units were cheerleaders. But I think that the only way you're going to be able to tell a soldier's story is to be like the soldier, 24-hours a day. I think the readers have to realize that the reporter on the ground only sees what that particular unit is doing."

Some critics argue that since these reporters rely on the units for protection

and sustenance, that they cease to be neutral and become swept up in the camaraderie often seen in military units.

"Your survival is intertwined with the unit's survival," Potter said. "But even in the most difficult situations, you have to keep your objectivity."

"It happens for anybody who is reliant on a unit — whose safety and security depends on the unit," said Air Force Lt. Col. Larry Cox, chief of the press desk at the Joint Information Bureau in Kuwait City, during an interview in April.

"The whole concept was not to put limits on the embed experiences, but sim-

ply to provide the opportunity, and let the embedded press experience whatever there is to experience. Part of the journalistic endeavor is for the journalists to make that judgment themselves, and we expected they would, one way or another," he said.

Another reason that media was embedded was to combat propaganda used by the enemy during the conflict. One of the more famous incidents was in April when the Iraqi Information Minister, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, told reporters that there were no American troops in the center of Baghdad, even

though at the same time, embedded media were sending back video of tanks rolling through the capital.

Though Cox said that combating propaganda wasn't the main reason for embedding the media, it was an added bonus.

"A predictable and beneficial product of independent reporting is providing whatever information, good, bad or ugly, about the war that might exist," he said.

He added, "It is a goal unto itself to provide that in a free society. When that level of access is granted, it illuminates the lies and propaganda employed by

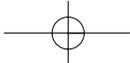
those who do not operate in a free society.

"The goal of countering propaganda was a byproduct of a larger goal that derives from the operation of a free press in a free society," he said.

So, even though the embedded media plan seemed to work out, there were a couple of hiccups along the way.

"Being embedded had many more pluses than minuses," Potter said. "The reporters had to pass the objectivity test, but the ability to get a first-hand glimpse of a soldier's life — you can't pass that up."

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# Worst fire in American history remembered during fire prevention week

**Fort Riley Fire Department**

"One of the country's worst urban fires was the "Great Chicago Fire" that started on Oct. 8, 1871, and lasted for 27 hours," said Chief Mike Cook, Fort Riley Fire Department.

The worst of the fire occurred on Oct. 9. The fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The origin of the fire has never been determined, but there have been many speculations on how it began. One popular belief is that Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow, Bessie, when it kicked over a lamp, setting the O'Leary barn on fire and starting the fire.

On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the International Fire Marshal's Association sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day, as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation. Since 1922, National Fire Prevention Week has been observed during the week in which Oct. 9 falls. In addition, the president has signed a proclamation pronouncing a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

Soldiers, families and civilians need to do their part in making Fort Riley a safe place to live and work. "Everyone needs to inspect their areas and take the measures necessary to prevent fires in the

quarters and where they work," Cook said. Since the beginning of the year, the post has had four kitchen fires in family quarters, and all of these fires were caused by family members leaving the kitchen while cooking food. It does not take long for grease or other material to overheat and catch fire. "Additionally, the situation can become worse by attempting to put a grease fire out with water, as it actually causes the fire to spread," said Cook.

"Luckily, this year we have not had anyone hurt due to kitchen fires," he said.

"In the event you do have a kitchen fire, call 911 first, then, if it is safe to do so, turn off the stove, cover the pan and then evacuate the quarters, he said.

"The best action a family can take in preventing kitchen fires is to never leave cooking food unattended," said Lt. Col. Wesley Anderson, director, Public Works.

All residents should have renter's insurance according to Charlie Williams, housing manager. There are two reasons to have renter's insurance. First, to replace your property in the event of fire, he said. Although on-post residents can file a claim with the

Staff Judge Advocate, the government does not cover the cost of replacing your property. A good quality renter's insurance with replacement value coverage will, with proper documentation, cover the cost of replacing all of your property. Second, when a fire is caused by the negligence of the resident, it will cover the cost of repairs to the quarters.

"Resident's without renter's insurance face possibly having to pay the full cost of repairs themselves," Williams said.

"Fort Riley has had 11 other building fires this year," said Cook. "Most of these fires were the result of leaving unattended candles burning, kids playing with lighters, improperly storing gasoline and melting shoe pol-

ish." Therefore, family housing residents, as well as units, agencies and soldiers living in the barracks, need to check their areas and remove any fire hazards as well as eliminate any unsafe procedures, such as melting shoe polish, Cook said.

All family quarters on post should have smoke detectors, and they should be tested monthly. Residents can check their detectors by pressing the little red button, which should sound the audible alarm. If the alarm on the detector does not sound, immediately notify the Family Housing Service Order Desk, 784-2599. The detectors in barracks and administrative areas work differently and are not designed to be checked. If you are unsure about how a smoke detector operates, call the Fire Department, 239-4257, and they will be glad to check it for you.

Two of the most effective campaigns developed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs are the battery change campaign for smoke detectors and the home fire drills. The first is the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Campaign." The focus of this campaign is to urge families with battery-operated and battery backup detectors to change the batteries when they change their clocks in April and October. All the detectors in family housing quarters are powered by the house's electrical system, but they have a battery backup. Therefore, residents should replace the battery the day they change their clocks.

The second campaign promotes families developing their own fire escape plans and rehearsing that plan.

"This campaign, since 1998, has been directly responsible for saving many lives," said Cook. The program is commonly referred to as "EDITH" for Exit Drills In The Home.

Anderson said all residents should develop a fire plan of their home with a least two ways out of every room, to include using windows if necessary. Review the plan and escape routes with every member of your household and ensure it includes a meeting place outside of your home, preferably in front, so parents can account for every one.

"One of the first items upon arriving at a fire is to determine if anyone is trapped inside," Cook said. "Knowing that someone is missing and who to look for helps us in our search and rescue efforts."

Once your plan is complete, hold a home fire drill at least twice a year, and make it realistic. Pretend that some escape routes are blocked by smoke or fire, and practice using alternative exits.

Next week, the Fort Riley Fire Department will be participating in National Fire Prevention Week Activities. This year's theme is "When fire strikes: Get out, Stay out." The fire department will display equipment at the post Main Exchange daily during the week, 5 - 7 p.m. They will also be at the Commissary Oct. 11, noon - 2 p.m.

The fire department regularly schedules support for unit and agency fire drills. If you want to conduct a fire drill for your facility, call and reserve a time. During National Fire Prevention Week, if you would like to tour the fire department, call ahead, 239-4257, to coordinate a tour.



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# Air Support Operations Squadron assists 1st Brigade in Iraq

By Jamie Bender  
Staff writer

AL ANDAR, Iraq — The 1st Brigade Combat Team is not alone in the desert. A few airmen from the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron are here to provide support.

These airmen are tactical command and control specialists who work with the Army to provide air strikes and various other combat support.

"We go out with the maneuver units and find out what the ground commander's scheme maneuver is," said Tech. Sgt. Gregory Shaffer, 10th ASOS. "We incorporate the air strikes on the targets he wants neutralized. We also provide reconnaissance and presence of force type missions, where the aircraft is just overhead, to control a situation. We can

also provide airlift capabilities with Air Force assets."

With all the capabilities the airmen provide, air strikes are their main effort, said Shaffer.

"Our aircraft can provide pinpoint munitions based off the coordinates and information we provide them," he said. "It's kind of like an artillery forward observer, but instead of calling in the artillery, we are calling in the air strikes."

Shaffer said he thinks there is a potential of doing a lot of work here. "It all depends on the command and what they want to do," he said. "It depends on the target, the location, how many friendlies are around and the composition of the target."

While air strikes may be the squadron's main job, they have the means to provide several avenues of support.

"We are Air Force guys embedded as

deep as we can be with the Army," said Shaffer. "Sometimes it's even to the squad level, and we go kicking in doors, or whatever, with the Army. It all depends on what the maneuver unit needs and what assets we have available."

The squadron is also able to get involved in coalition assets. "We work the terminology and the requesting and execution of whatever assets they need," said Shaffer. "If they need supplies brought in and air dropped, we can do that. If they need to do a parachute operation, we can control that. There is a lot we can do just having aircraft overhead. We can provide eyes and intelligence first hand."

The squadron faces some challenges because of the type of operations in Iraq. "Some of the biggest challenges we have out here are small targets," said Shaffer. "They aren't mass target arrays.

It's basically guerrilla, terrorist type tactics and it's difficult to get large munitions into a small space. You have to worry about collateral damage and fratricide of friendly forces. It's not hoards of Infantry or Armor, it's an intelligence operation."

The airmen plan to be with 1st BCT four to six months before being relieved by replacements.

"The Air Force has a different policy for deployments and how often we deploy," said Shaffer. "A lot of us have already been in this theater for the initial battle. Some of us already have from two to four months already in country. During this deployment we want to have things up and running so we have a fully working operation to hand over to our replacements."

The Air Support Operations Squadron is a unique career field in the Air Force.

"We are one of the only Air Force career fields that are embedded with the Army like we are," said Shaffer. "Other folks can do parts of our job, but we are the only ones that are living on Army posts just about our whole career."

Shaffer has been in the Air Force for just over 19 years and has spent only six months on an Air Force base, while at Tech School, the equivalent to Advanced Individual Training.

"Many of our Air Force brothers and sisters wouldn't live like this," he said.

"But the Army has a reason for doing it. Going out and doing their job isn't the most pleasant thing, but it's a job that has to be done. We have to go out there and feel the same thing they do and get the job done. We all have a job to do, but I think we are some of the closest folks in the Air Force to the front lines," Shaffer stated.

# In-state tuition information now available to Army family online

Army News Service

The Army Continuing Education System launched the In-State Tuition Web site Sept. 15.

"The site provides information on state policies and laws regarding in-state tuition eligibility requirements for military personnel and their families," said Mike Tevnan, education specialist at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

The site will also track the initiative's progress to achieve common policies in all states, Tevnan said.

The Army contacted each state asking them to consider their residency requirements for in-state tuition in light of the Army's goals

for common policies. The desired outcome, Tevnan said, is eligibility for in-state tuition rates under each of the following conditions: in-state tuition for soldiers and family members within the state of legal residence; immediate in-state tuition for soldiers and family members in the state of assignment and continuity of in-state tuition once established.

Users of the new Web site will

be able to tell whether a particular state meets all three criteria by simply clicking on "Summary by State." A map will then pop onto the screen and users can click on the state of interest.

Other features of the Web site include a section of "Frequently Asked Questions," which can serve as a starting point for those accessing the site, Tevnan said.

In addition, a news section on

the home page discusses any new developments or updates related to in-state tuition, and the references section will provide links to military education Web sites, scholarship Web sites, and other important information that may be of further assistance.

Currently, 43 states have policy or legislation that meets two of the three goals, 19 of which meet all three criteria of the model policy, Tevnan said.

Kansas is one of the states that meets all three criteria. Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, South Dakota, Vermont

and Virginia still have policies that are unfavorable to the military or no policy at all, he said.

The In-State Tuition Web site can be accessed by logging onto the ACES Web site: <https://www.armyeducation.army.mil/inState/index.HTM>

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Family readiness groups will be selling food and beverages at Apple Day/Open House.

## Food, fun at Open House

By Bobby Miller  
19th PAD

Fort Riley is celebrating its 150th anniversary at Open House tomorrow on Main Post. The Open House gives soldiers, family members and civilians a chance to come together and celebrate the accomplishments and achievement of Fort Riley and its soldiers. This year's Open House has food and entertainment for everyone. On the venue for this year's

celebration are a series of events including a petting zoo, static military displays, chapel tours, food sales and live music.

Live music ensembles include the bands Whiskey Point, which plays at 11 a.m. and Mainstreet, which plays at 1 p.m. Both bands will perform on Cavalry Parade Field.

Family Readiness Groups from Fort Riley will be selling food to visitors during tomorrow's Open House. Concession stands will be set up on the

parade field offering a wide variety of food and beverages. Keeping with tradition, soldiers will perform mounted cavalry assault demonstrations at noon and 2 p.m. as well as period reenactments that are supported by the Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Children will have the opportunity to negotiate the "downed pilot" obstacle course where, if they are successful, they will earn a set of pilot's wings. The

See Open House Page 10

## Museums offer historic exhibits

By Kevin Doheny  
19th PAD

Historic Fort Riley is hosting its annual Open House tomorrow and a couple of attractions for people to visit are the museums located on Main Post.

The three museums to visit are the U.S. Cavalry Museum, Custer House and Fort Riley Regimental Museum.

According to the Fort Riley website, the U. S. Cavalry Museum features life-size dioramas that bring the past to life. The realistic displays have mannequins dressed in period uniforms - from the Revolutionary War to World War II - performing different duties associated with this branch of service.

Visitors are initially welcomed to a gallery depicting three soldiers, one from the Revolutionary War cleaning his saber, another from the Civil War and a final fig-

ure dating from the Spanish-American War. This technique continues in other galleries — from the Dragoons of the 1830s and '40s to a prairie scene depicting mounted troops escorting a wagon train along one of the overland trails that transformed mid-19th century America. Other galleries have mannequins dressed in the uniform of the late 19th century, World War I and World War II eras.

The second museum, Quarters 24, is commonly referred to as Custer House. The house will open its doors tomorrow to visitors coming to the historic post. Visitors will step back in time to when Fort Riley was a frontier Army post. Furnishings date from the 1870s and '80s and provide a glimpse of Army family life from a bygone era. Period rooms include a front parlor, dining room, kitchen, servant's room, family room and upstairs bedrooms. Quarters 24 was built in

1855 during the post's initial construction period. Gen. and Mrs. George A. Custer lived on post from late 1866 to the summer of 1867. At one time, post historians believed the Custer's lived in Quarters 24, and the name became associated with the structure. However, more thorough research revealed they lived on Quarters 21.

The third museum on post is the Fort Riley Regimental Museum. It is located near the U.S. Cavalry Museum and showcases the 1st Infantry Division, along with current Fort Riley units. "Civilians and dependents of the military take it for granted a lot of times that we have such a rich history," said William McKale, museums director. "We rarely take advantage of opportunities to show off our quality of life and our history here on post, but the Open House celebration is one day out of the year that we are able to do just that."

## Statue pays tribute to cavalymen

By Sam Robinson  
Staff Writer

Soldiers and guests visiting Patton Hall or the U.S. Cavalry Museum have a new landmark to welcome them.

The equestrian statue "Duty" was erected on a grassy area between the two buildings Aug. 12. Patton Hall was once one of the Cavalry School's academic buildings.

During the Fort Riley Apple

Day/Open House, the statue will be officially dedicated to pay tribute to the American cavalymen who have played a large role in the history of Fort Riley.

The 15-foot, bronze statue weighing two tons features a 1933 cavalryman on horseback in a saber salute. It honors cavalymen from the Revolutionary War to World War II, who served their Army honorably.

The ceremony will take place at the base of the statue tomorrow and the public is welcome to

attend. Bill McKale, director, U.S. Cavalry Museum, will facilitate the ceremony, which begins at 11 a.m.

"The statue is to remind us of soldiers who served before," said McKale.

James Muir, the artist that created Duty, and Col. Richard McPhee, chief of staff, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, will provide remarks during the dedication.

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## Access to post for Open House easy if procedures followed

By Steven Cooke  
19th PAD

Fort Riley will welcome thousands of civilians from neighboring communities on post tomorrow for its annual Apple Day/Open House. Everyone is reminded that there are certain rules and regulations for entering the post.

Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Ferguson, operations noncommissioned officer in charge, Fort Riley Provost Marshal's Office, said one of the primary regulations visitors need to remember is the proper documentation required to enter Fort Riley.

"Drivers of every vehicle need to have a valid drivers license, proof of insurance

and vehicle registration," said Ferguson. "Everyone else in the vehicle needs to have some kind of valid proof of identification."

If a child under the age of 16 is with a parent, the child does not need identification, according to 1st Lt. Rod Galindo, platoon leader, 127th Field Artillery, the current unit providing access control for Fort Riley.

After all documents have been checked, each vehicle will be issued a one-day pass, said Ferguson. The pass should be displayed in the vehicle at all times, she said.

Ferguson said she suggests all visitors to use the Trooper, Marshall Army Air

Field or 12th Street gates tomorrow. The Grant St. entrance will remain closed.

While on post, Ferguson wanted to remind visitors to be aware of speed limits, closed roads and designated parking areas.

Safety is a big concern said Ferguson, and their will be signs posted, as well as military police officers doing patrols on bikes, in vehicles and on foot. Ferguson said rules would be enforced.

One safety rule Ferguson pointed out was for motorcycle drivers.

"Kansas does not require helmets, but once on Fort Riley those on motorcycles must wear one, as well as reflectorized vests," said Ferguson.

"Everyone on a federal installation falls under post rules and regulations," said Ferguson.

Parking will be available all around Cavalry Parade Field, said Ferguson. She also said good places to park would be in the parking lots of buildings 404, 210 and 214.

On the day of Open House, there will be several closed roads, she explained. Sheridan Avenue will be closed except for residents. Barry and Godfrey Avenues will also be closed, except for resident, up to Morris Avenue. Pleasonton Avenue will be blocked off all together.

Ferguson said there would be walking lanes for Open House patrons. A variety of other services will be

made available to Open House patrons, said Brad Carlton, supervisory operations and plans specialist, G3.

Carlton said there will be free water stations, first aid tents, a lost and found tent as well as a lost children tent.

In addition, there will be portable toilets available throughout the area.

Carlton said the main thing visitors should know is Open House is a chance for Fort Riley to showcase to the public what it has to offer.

The Fort Riley Open House hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., on Cavalry Parade Field. Ferguson recommends visitors allow themselves ample time to get visitors passes and parking spots.

## Apple Day/Open House Map



# Self-guided tours good way to see Main Post

By Sam Robinson  
Staff Writer

Learn about the 150-year history of Fort Riley during a self-guided walking tour of Fort Riley's Main Post during the Apple Day/Open House Oct. 4. Walkers are invited to tour the post 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The time it will take to complete the tour varies based on each person's pace. Booklets and flyers, with maps, highlighting the historic

sites will be available at the U.S. Cavalry Museum. "It is a great way to see Main Post and learn a little of the post history," said Bill McKale, director, U.S. Cavalry Museum. The U.S. Cavalry Museum was constructed in 1855 as the post hospital. The building became headquarters for the Cavalry School after a remodeling in 1887. Two floors of exhibits tell the mounted soldiers' colorful history, from the Revolutionary War to 1950.

Most of the Apple Day/Open House events take place around Cavalry Parade Field, which is site five on the tour. Located in front of Custer House, the original fort was established around this area. Another historic site featured on the tour is St. Mary's Chapel. This chapel, completed in 1860, has the distinction of being the first stone church in Kansas and the oldest West of the Mississippi. Both St. Mary's and the historic Main Post Chapel will be

open for viewing. The Main Post Chapel contains plaques memorializing soldiers of the past. In addition to chapel pamphlets, copies of "Boots and Bibles" will be available to the public. The chapels will be open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. "The chapels are just such beautiful places to visit," said Chap. Otto Schnarr. "It's a wonderful chance to see the stained glass and appreciate the history of the post," stated Schnarr.



Duty statue near the U.S. Cavalry Museum, Fort Riley.

# Driving while drowsy can lead to accidents

Fort Polk Safety Office

"Youthful energy" may be a myth for most of America's 18-29-year-olds, according to the National Sleep Foundation. More than half of the country's young adults report "waking up feeling unrefreshed." Add to that getting to work and handling on-the-job stress and the result? The potential for diminished productivity, property damage and even death due to drowsy driving and fall-asleep crashes. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates

that every year 100,000 reported car accidents involve drowsiness or fatigue. People who fall asleep at the wheel cause an estimated 13 percent of all automobile deaths. The cost of automobile accidents is staggering. Consider that each year automobile accidents cost an estimated \$176.1 billion. Working Americans lose an estimated \$51 billion in wages annually due to car accidents. And, every case of roadway death costs \$800,000, according to the NHTSA. Occasionally, drivers are drowsy not because of lack of

sleep but because of the medications they have prescribed. Roughly 30 million drivers who suffer from allergies use prescription and over-the-counter antihistamines. Over-the-counter antihistamines and certain prescription allergy medications can cause drowsiness. In fact, about half of all drivers with allergies use an over-the-counter antihistamine at some time. Thirty-two states and the District of Columbia have broadly written laws prohibiting driving while impaired by any substance that affects driving, including various legal medications. Penalties

range from fines to jail terms. Medications, including sedating antihistamines, are packaged with precautions about drowsiness that can affect even the most careful driver. Read labels of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, and ask your doctor or pharmacist about non-sedating antihistamines. If you must take medications that have sedating effects, do not drive while under their influence. For more facts on drowsy driving, visit the Internet at [www.sleepfoundation.org/activities/daaafacts.html](http://www.sleepfoundation.org/activities/daaafacts.html)

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An additional part of the ceremony will be the unveiling of a plaque that commemorates the 150th anniversary of Fort Riley, "Home of Cavalry." The 150-year milestone will also be celebrated with a birthday cake. Members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will carry the Fort Riley birthday cake. McPhee will cut the cake on behalf of the commanding general and it will be served in the Veterans Tent. Duty joins Old Trooper and other monuments at Fort Riley, celebrating the history of the Cavalry.

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obstacle course is sponsored by 937th Engineer Group. For those interested in seeing and learning about the tools of different trades, Public Works, the Provost Marshal's Office and 774th Explosive Ordnance Disposal will have displays for viewing. Public Works will have their Fire and Rescue equipment on hand and the PMO will have a Kansas Highway Patrol rollover simulator that demonstrates the importance of wearing a seatbelt. The PMO will also have their

working dogs performing demonstrations and a Drug Awareness Resistance Education table. Soldiers from 774th EOD will demonstrate robotic demolition equipment. The Public Affairs Office will have a Veterans' Tent located on Cavalry Parade Field, which is a walk through time highlighting the history of wars from World War II to present. The Veterans' Tent will remain open all day and will include photos, video and living history that will give people

the most realistic taste of past conflicts. Another attraction at this year's Open House will be the Expo Tent, located in the center of Cavalry Parade Field. The tent will feature information from the local community and activities available on post. If you are looking for good food, fun and entertainment, Fort Riley is the place to be tomorrow.

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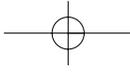
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## Golfers tee off at championship

By Steven Cooke  
19th PAD

The Fort Riley Custer Hill Golf Course hosted the 3rd Annual "Salute to Champions: Custer Hill Golf Championship" Sept. 20-21 in conjunction with its annual Club Championship.

In the Men's Open Division, Mike Steffens was the champion (first winner with a final score of 154). Runner-up, Ed Coleman came in one stroke behind with a final score of 155. In the Men's First Flight, Mark Taubee came in first place with a final score of 181. Mark Neely took second place scoring 184. For the Men's Senior Division, Sam Escoc took first place with a 167 score. Escoc's wife, Vera Escoc, was the top player in the Women's Division with a 179 final score.



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**Jim Wasenius drives from a tee at the annual Salute to Champions: Custer Hill Golf Championship Sept. 21.**

Amanda Schable, assistant manager, Custer Hill Golf Course, said the championship went well.

"The weather was beautiful, except for a little rain Sunday morning," Schable said.

She said due to recent deployments, the number of participants was about half what it was last year. Still, she said the golfers seemed to have a good time.

Fran Dinkelkamp, second place winner in the Women's Division, agreed.

"It's unfortunate we didn't have a bigger turnout, but everyone had a good time," Dinkelkamp said. "It was a great way to spend the weekend."

Dinkelkamp, who won the "Salute to Champions" the first year, said fun is the reason she plays.

"I play to have fun. I've played against Vera (Escoc) in the past. She's great fun to play with."

Champion Mike Steffens said he had a good time playing against his friend and competitor Ed Coleman.

"My closest competitor, Ed Coleman, played a heck of a game," said Steffens. "We kept going back and forth. The final hole was the determining factor in the championship."

Steffens described the winning moment.

"I was only one stroke ahead when I hit my ball off to the right. On my second, I had to chip over a sand trap. I got lucky and got within four feet of the hole. I made the final putt to win the championship."

Steffens said he also won the championship in 2001, and winning this year was a goal he set earlier in the year.

Steffens said he encourages more people to participate next year.

"It's fun competition, and it improves your game," he said. "Whether you are good or bad; don't be afraid."

The "Salute to Champions" is an Army wide event, with 38 installations participating this year. The championships are held between July and September. Other installations participating this year include Fort Hood, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Jackson and West Point.

This year's championship was co-sponsored by the Community Family Support Center. First place winners in the men's, senior's and women's events will receive a keepsake poster with all the participating installations and their top players names printed on it, an Army championship crystal golf ball clock and a gift certificate to the Custer Hill Golf Course pro-shop. The top players from each installation will also be entered into an Army-wide drawing for a \$500 gift certificate to the installations golf course pro-shop.



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**A golfer attempts to chip one on the green during the Salute to Champions: Custer Hill Golf Championship.**

## Boxing tournament scheduled, more participants needed

By William Biles  
Staff Writer

The 2003 Fort Riley Novice/Open Boxing Tournament is slated for Oct. 21 - 25 at King Field House.

A battalion may organize one men's team and one women's team, with each consisting of 12 novice boxers, to receive maximum participation points. An open division will be conducted, but participation points will not be awarded in this category.

An official team roster, signed by the battalion commander, needs to be forwarded to the Sports Office by Oct. 9.

The roster will need to include team members' full names, ranks and weight classes. It should also indicate if the boxers are open or novice fighters. Coaches and seconds should also be included, with a phone number of the point of contact.

Units are limited to two boxers per

weight class. Weight classes are: 112, 119, 125, 132, 139, 147, 156, 165, 175, 185, 195, 205, 215, 225 and over 225 pounds.

Bouts will consist of three, one-minute rounds for novice boxers and three rounds of two minutes duration for open fighters. It is the responsibility of the unit's point of contact to enter boxers in the appropriate classification.

All boxers are required to pass a physical within two weeks of the mandatory weigh-in scheduled for Oct.

20. A copy of the physical must be turned in at the time of the weigh-in. Unit points of contact are responsible for scheduling all physicals with their unit dispensaries and for ensuring that boxers complete their physicals.

The initial weigh-in for all boxers will be conducted at King Field House 8 - 10 a.m. Boxers who weigh-in above their entered weight will have until 10 a.m. to lower their weight. After 10 a.m., those boxers who still fail to weigh-in at their entered weight may elect to compete at a

higher weight if space is available or withdraw from the tournament. Boxers are also required to weigh-in prior to each night's bout.

A coaches meeting for the tournament bracketing will be conducted at King Field House Oct. 20, 2 p.m.

The boxing tournament may be cancelled if there is a lack of participation for the event.

For more information, call the Sports Desk, 239 - 3945.



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**Colleen Shanklin, 1st sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (TS), crosses the finish line at the Clay Center 10K last weekend. Shanklin is a member of Fort Riley's Army 10-miler team this year.**

## Scavenger Hunt Fun Run scheduled

By William Biles  
Staff Writer

The Fort Riley Sports Office will be holding a Scavenger Hunt Fun Run Oct. 25, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Any Department of Defense civilian identification cardholder,

military active duty, dependents, retirees or Reserve Guardians and Guard soldiers may participate in the event.

"The scavenger hunt run will begin and end at King Field House and is geared to offer something fun and different to the Fort Riley community. It also

encourages family fitness," said Kim Miller, fitness program manager, Fort Riley Sports Office.

With clues, each family or participant will be lead along a 3-mile route on historic Main Post. Participants may walk, bike or rollerblade. There will be light snacks provided, as well as small

prizes at each stop along the route. There will also be several small door prizes.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled. If the weather is questionable, call 239-3868 the morning of the event to verify whether or not the program will run. For more information about the event, call 239-2813.

## Several flowers bloom in fall on Fort Riley

By Alan Hynek  
DES Biologist

Fall is an exciting time of year to be outdoors. The cool, crisp air is a refreshing change from the normally smothering Kansas summer. Even with the onset of cooler weather and shorter days, Mother Nature continues to inspire with some striking fall wildflowers. The tallgrass prairie is known for its diversity and resiliency, making it a great place to train soldiers as well as a unique place to enjoy the splendor of the Flint Hills.

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

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

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

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

Aromatic Aster resembles a small sunflower, with 25-30 purple or bluish floral rays. It is usually two to four foot high, with numerous flowers. As the name implies, Native Americans reported several medical uses of aster, but apparently little, if any, food value.

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

Last, but not least, the cardinal flower is probably the most striking of all fall flowering plants. As the name implies, the flower of this plant is a deep cardinal red. Cardinal flower can be found statewide, mostly in wet and shady places — usually along stream banks. Among the many medicinal uses tied to cardinal flower, it's apparent use as a love potion is most notable. In times past, the roots of this plant were finely chopped and mixed in the food of a quarrelsome couple without their knowledge. This "love potion" was used extensively by Native Americans. They believed it to help avert divorce and make a pair love each other again.

Although the end of the growing season is near, Mother Nature still has a few splendid wildflowers for viewing. Stop by the Conservation Division, building 1020, for more information on native plants of Fort Riley.

### On the Wildside: News About Nature



# ITR

The Information, Ticketing and Registration office is located in building 6918, across from the PX. ITR hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and the office is closed for federal holidays. For further information, call 239-5614 or 239-4415. Check out the Department of the Army Leisure Travel website, [www.off-dutytravel.com](http://www.off-dutytravel.com), for more great deals on travel.

ITR services and discount attractions tickets are available to active duty military, retirees, National Guard, reservists, Department of the Army Civilians and family members.

The ITR office will be closed

Oct. 4. Stop by the ITR booth at the Fort Riley Open House.

### Six Flags Over Texas

The ghouls and goblins are out to get you! There's nothing quite like Fright Fest at Six Flags Over Texas. It's the largest Halloween event in Texas! The metamorphosis to haunted houses, dark shadows and eerie surprises will keep you anticipating what's around the next corner, and watch your back... 'cause Dr. Malice is back! Thrilling monster coasters and spooktacular haunted attractions combine to create the ultimate Halloween experience. Fright Fest is scheduled each Friday

evening, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 - Nov. 2. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

### McCain Auditorium

Military discounts are available for upcoming performances at McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University, Manhattan. There is a limit of two discount tickets per ID. The schedule of performances includes: Oct. 16 - Sound of Music (Broadway musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein), Oct. 22 - Othello, Oct. 25 - Heidi Grant Murphy, Oct. 30 - The Second City on Tour (Chicago's famous comedy troupe), Nov. 4 - The National Ballet of Cuba, Nov. 6 -

Concertante, Dec. 5 and 6 - Cats, Feb. 6 - Giselle (Moscow Festival Ballet), Feb. 14 - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Feb. 26 - Moscow State Radio Symphony, Mar. 4 - Rigoletto, Mar. 7 - The Importance of Being Earnest By Oscar Wilde, Mar. 14 - Lunasa (Irish Folk music for St. Patrick's Day) and April 17 - Regina Carter Quintet. Stop by ITR for brochure and further information.

### Kansas City Wizards

The Kansas City Wizards are having a Military Appreciation Salute Oct. 18, 7 p.m. There will be over 200 giveaway items for fans attending the game that

night! Stay after the game to enjoy a spectacular fireworks display. Each service branch will have displays in "Soccer Street." Free soccer games, inflatables and live music will be 5-7 p.m. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

### Kansas City Chiefs

Experience the excitement of NFL football with the Kansas City Chiefs. A limited number of tickets are available through ITR. Tickets are \$60 without transportation and \$80 with transportation. Grab some friends and tailgate at Arrowhead stadium. Support your favorite team. The home

game schedule includes: Sunday - Pittsburgh Steelers, Oct. 5 - Denver Broncos, Oct. 26 - Buffalo Bills, Nov. 9 - Cleveland Browns, Nov. 23 - Oakland Raiders, Dec. 14 - Detroit Lions, Dec. 28 - Chicago Bears.

### Military Salutes

Many theme parks, regional attractions and vacation destinations will salute the military with free admissions and deep discounts through late fall and early winter. Stop by ITR for additional information and low rates for hotels near those attractions.

## Commentary

### Sport's oldest curses might be broken during baseball playoffs

By Kevin Doheny  
19th PAD

October is the month of Halloween and is known for ghosts, ghouls and goblins, but in the baseball world it is curses for two particular teams.

Well, if you don't believe me, just ask Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cub fans.

As good as the Red Sox have been over the years and as storied as their franchise is, the ghost of the Bambino still haunts the walls at Fenway Park.

Remember Bill Buckner? Bucky Dent?

In 1919, the Sox traded Babe Ruth for \$100,000 cash and a \$300,000 mortgage on Fenway Park. The rest, they say, is history. "The Curse of the Bambino," is what it has been tabbed. So, is this the year the Sox actually squash the curse? Maybe.

Then, there are the Chicago Cubs. The Cubbies are another franchise with a storied past and some of the greatest players of all-time. In case you didn't know the story behind this curse, in 1945, during a World Series game, a local tavern-keeper, Sam Siamis, tried to watch the game with his goat but was kicked out of Wrigley Field because the odor was annoying to nearby fans. On his way out of the stadium that day, he muttered these words, "Never again will the World Series be played in Wrigley Field!" The curse is now known as "The Billy Goat Curse." That series in 1945 was the last time Chicago would ever step on the field as National League champs. Who would have thought a tavern-keeper could have predicted the Cubbies fall from the ranks as one of the league's best franchises to the league's favorite loser.

Which curse will come to an end first?

Is this the year for one of these teams? It is tough to win in the post season without great starting pitching. The Cubs have the best young staff in baseball. Mark Prior, Kerry Wood and Carlos Zambrano all have strong, talented arms. Of course, the Sox have Pedro Martinez, but can Pedro's teammates score enough runs to win a seven-game series.

Here's the breakdown of these two teams as they look to break their storied and heavily followed curses.

The Red Sox have a match-up with the American League West's winning Oakland A's. The Sox have a chance in this series because Pedro could, if needed, run out on the mound three times in the five-game series. Boston is the scrappy team that wins post-season games. They can score runs at will, but their weakness is their relievers and closers. Scott Williamson is a very hittable and shaky

closer. Byung-Hyun Kim's past post-season woes still haunt the Korean. Remember in 2001 when the Yankees bombed him in the later innings of those World Series games? When he's on, he's nearly unhittable. When he's not, his slider looks as big as a watermelon to the other team. Prediction: Oakland in four games.

The Cubs have a different scenario against the Atlanta Braves. Their strength all year has been their young and talented starting pitchers. Wood and Prior are fireballers who have the potential to shut down any offense in baseball. In a five-game series, an underdog has a better chance than in a seven-game series. Sammy Sosa was much maligned for having a corked bat earlier this season. He has been very professional in his approach to the situation. Sosa hammered the Braves this season hitting over .500, with four homers. Even a team as

solid from top to bottom as the Braves are, one fact remains — pitching wins post-season games. The Cubs haven't done well against the Braves this season, but this is real life and there has to be an upset somewhere.

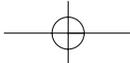
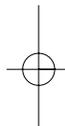
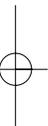
Prediction: Cubs in five games.

So, which team will break their curse first? I still think the Red Sox are further along than the Cubs in their quest to reach the World Series again.

The Cubs and Red Sox will have fans rooting for them to break their curses, but the fact still remains that Babe still haunts the Sox at Fenway and that goat still whisks away hopes for an NL pennant in Chicago.

As children dress up for Halloween, realize the scariest ghosts might not be in haunted houses or dingy mansions, but rather at two of baseball most historic stadiums.

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