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Fort Riley Post

Reenactors perform

A variety of re-enactors added an historic flavor to Apple day/Open House activities last Saturday.

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Diane Kimball receives instructions from a 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, soldier before taking her turn to fire an M-4 at the Apple Day / Fall Open House.

Apple Day, Open House

Visitors, families enjoy fall festivities on Fort Riley

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

As summer turns to fall, people put away their baby swimming pools and sprinklers and pull out rakes and leaf blowers.

To add to the fall tradition, Fort Riley held an Open House and Apple Day celebration. For the last several years, in mid-September, people have enjoyed the smell of apple pies. These apple pies are the basis of a special day for the post, as a total of 1,000 were made for the Open House.

Over 8,000 people came to Fort Riley for the Fall Open House and Apple Day celebration Saturday to see both the historic and present aspects of the post. The day observed the 150th year-long anniversary of Fort Riley and helped keep with the theme, "Where the Past Meets the Present."

"This was a fantastic turnout," said Brad Carlton, chief of garrison operations. "It's great to see the civilians and soldiers getting together and remember our past history and see all the things that Fort Riley has to offer."

The Custer House brought in many visitors, as children were able to make fresh apple cider and parents were able to buy frozen or baked apple pies from the Fort Riley Historical and Archeological Society.

There were many other things to see and do at the Fall Open House. Children were able to fire weapons at targets on Sturgis Field or put on camouflage paint and run through an obstacle course at Tuttle Park. People were also able to put on night vision goggles and go through a lane in King Field House.

"My favorite part was going though the 'Own the Night' station," said Travis Glasscock, 11. "I got to see sniper rifles and infrared chemical lights through the goggles. It was really rad."

"I loved firing the guns," added Sean Hargraves, 12. " It was fun trying to aim for the targets and firing the M-4 (Carbine)."

The Open House also featured a Veterans' Tent, which gave viewers a chance to see pictures and videos from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm to the attacks on Sept. 11th.

"Veterans coming through the tent get to go back and remember the good times they had," said Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Richard Young. "It might not have been good at the time, but they remember that the experience made them what they are today and that it was the beginning of their future."

The Fort Riley Honor Guard also put on three shows on Cavalry Parade Field, followed by Civil War era re-enactors showing how soldiers loaded and fired period weapons.

"We are trying to portray the Civil War, trying to reenact what it was like back then," said Thomas Gosser. "We're happy we got a great turn out because we don't want anyone to forget about the people who served this country back then and made it what it is today."

Family Support Groups were also out on Cavalry Parade Field, selling everything from sloppy joes to bowls of fruits. An Expo Center was also set up in the center of the field, featuring several displays and interactive displays which was focused on new soldiers and family members on Fort Riley.

Cavalry Parade Field was also the site of the K-9 military police dogs, which put on demonstrations for the public. The audience saw how the dogs attacked potential criminals and searched vehicles for drugs or explosives.

"I thought the dogs were absolutely fabulous," said Helen Long, from Junction City. "I got to see how they attacked and how they followed the signals from their leaders."

"I really didn't want to watch the dogs," said Janice Bernarde, from Germantown, Wis. "But I'm glad I did, because I loved it."

People interested more in the historic aspect of the post were able to visit the U.S. Cavalry Museum, the U.S. Constabulary and Regimental Museum, as well as the Custer House. There were also

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Maj. Gen. Metz receives new assignment

By Christie Vanover
Staff Writer

Fort Riley's Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, has assumed a temporary position as the Chief of Staff for U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force, Fla.

CENTCOM's mission is to shape the Central Region for the 21st Century, to facilitate integration and to protect America and its allies' interests, through warfighting, engagement and development.

CENTCOM is the headquarters for U.S. military presence in 25 countries of the Middle East, Central and Southwest Asia and Northeast Africa, including the Arabian Gulf, the Arabian Sea and the Red Sea.

Metz is replacing Maj. Gen. (P) Robert Clark who was nominated for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general and assignment as the Commanding General, Fifth United States Army on Sept. 9.

Clark is currently serving as the Deputy Commanding General, Fifth United States Army and is detailed as Chief of Staff, United States Central Command.

Col. (P) Frank Helmick, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, is serving as the division and installation commander in Metz's absence.

OPFOR Challenge tests reserve units

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support) will hold their annual Opposing Forces Challenge Nov. 1, 2 and 3, to test the skills of the brigade's OPFOR teams.

"The OPFOR challenge is a team building competition that challenges reserve soldiers to complete critical tasks needed to master their job," said Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Elder, 3rd Bde., 75th Div.

"It is a two and a half day event conducted under field conditions that tax the soldiers' field craft skills," said Elder.

Some of the tasks the soldiers will face are land navigation, engaging a target with the multiple integrated laser engagement system, an obstacle course and small unit infantry tactics, such as ambushes. The challenge culminates in an eight-mile road march that must be completed as a team.

The four soldier teams will be awarded prizes such as a situational kit, containing props for the different scenarios the soldiers will carry out, said Elder. The kit includes a sniper suit, foreign military uniform, a moulage kit containing simulated injuries and a host nation police kit. OPFOR soldiers will also deal with civilians on the battlefield scenarios.

The planning for this year's OPFOR challenge began at the end of last year's challenge, Elder said. "For us, the planning began out about six months out. For the reservists, they develop their training plans throughout the year. Their training goes together exactly with their job skills, and this competition is a tool to assist them to become more proficient."

Elder explained that Training Support, which facilitates the OPFOR Challenge, comes from a concept conceived in March 1997. The mission of Training Support XXI is to conduct collective training for National Guard and Reserve units. It integrated readiness groups, training support battalions and Army Reserve exercise divisions, Elder said. Divided into five divisions, training support falls under the command and control of the First Army, east of the Mississippi, and the Fifth Army, to the west.

"Our job is to train reserve and guard members in a mentorship role," said Elder. "We provide a unit assistance visit to help make

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MPs return from protecting Pentagon during Operation Noble Eagle

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The 300th Military Police Company was welcomed home Sept. 30 from Washington, D.C., where they took part in Operation Noble Eagle.

The unit deployed in April, seven months after the attack that destroyed part of the Pentagon.

The primary mission of the company was to provide security and defense for the Pentagon. Working with the Defense Protective Service, the Secret Service and the Criminal Investigation Detachment, the unit conducted daily patrols and was responsible for the outer perimeter of the Pentagon security plan.

They also performed access control at the Secretary of Defense, General Officer and diplomat entrance. The unit had the additional duties of providing escorts for special needs children and security for visiting VIP groups on Independence Day, the Army's Birthday and Sept.11 - Patriot Day.

The soldiers of the 300th MP Co. worked long and tedious hours, but it was not without its rewards, said Staff Sgt. Joshua Beamer.

"We were there to maintain a sense of security for the people who worked there. September 11 changed how we see the world around us. We were out there to make sure that people felt comfortable going back in there every morning, and were able to have a good day. We were always meeting people who would tell us, 'Thank you. We appreciate you being here. It may be a long time away from your family, but we knew it was for a good reason,'" he said.

The soldiers were able to witness the rebuilding of the damaged section of the Pentagon while they were there.

"The pictures on TV did not show the extent of the damage. We were able to watch them put it all back together. It was amazing how fast they restored it," said Beamer.

Having a spouse away from home was difficult for the family members left behind. "It is hard being a single parent, not having that extra hand to help for the little things, and the kids missed their Dad," said Christy, Beamer's wife. "You never like to have them away, but you appreciate the reason they are gone. We are very proud of them."

The time away from families was difficult for the soldiers as well.

"It really makes a leadership challenge for us to keep their motivation high," said Staff Sgt. Michael Lawson. To keep morale up, the company went on numerous recreational trips to tourist attractions around the city. They toured the monuments and went deep-sea fishing, to baseball games and to Busch Gardens in Virginia.

"It feels great to be home," said Beamer. "You don't realize how much you miss Fort Riley until you have been away from it. It will be nice to get away from the busy life and skyscrapers of D.C. and settle into the quiet life and wide open spaces of Fort Riley."

Post/Vanover

Hayley and Cody welcome their dad, Staff Sgt. Michael Lawson, home after a five-and-a-half month deployment to Washington, D.C. Lawson is also greeted by his wife, Shanna.

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75th Division (TS) discusses future of reserve training at forum

Christie Vanover
Staff Writer

Army transformation for reserve and active forces was the topic of conversation this past weekend as the 75th Division (Training Support) held its division forum at Fort Riley.

Leaders from battalion level and up, including Maj. Gen. Perry Dalby, commanding general, 75th Div. (TS), came together to impart the vision for how they're going to conduct collective training in the future for reserve forces.

"If you remember back to Desert Storm, there were several guard forces and reserve forces that were ready to go when they were called. They deployed, and they did their mission," said Col. Gasper Gulotta, commander, 3rd Brigade, 75th Div. (TS), Fort Riley. "There were some that were not as ready as they probably could have been. For that reason, divisions like this one were stood up to give some oversight and some resources, integrating active component and reserve component soldiers in one unit."

The division is one of five training support divisions nationwide strategically located to support regional units in the guard and reserve component in the United States.

It's headquartered in Houston, Texas, and is comprised of four brigades located at Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Sill, Okla., and in Houston, Texas. The division of 3,000 active and reserve soldiers provides training for a nine-state region.

Key division leaders discussed techniques, tactics and procedures for the Army, as well as classified mobilization issues, to ensure that they were prepared and ready from a training support perspective to support the Army transformation.

The forum came on the heels of a FORSCOM conference held in Fort McCoy, Wisc., where general officers discussed issues of how to train reserve forces better.

"There was a lot of consensus that the work that brigades like this one (the 3rd Brigade) are doing is crucial to successfully train the reserve forces," said Gulotta.

One issue discussed at the FORSCOM level that was carried over to the division forum was the concern that the Army is only resourced to handle priority units, which is a small number of the total Army Reserve units, said Gulotta.

"Because of the dearth of personnel, we can't really train more than that," he said.

Brigade commanders suggested to Dalby that they needed to do their training business differently, so that with the same resources, they could touch more units, he added.

"The way we do that is to develop a vision that demands that every two years the units conduct a major Combined Training Center-like exercise or training environment for reserve units where they can train up for a two-year period training on individual tasks and collective tasks, including simulation," said Gulotta.

Some training sites for reservists currently include the National Training Center and Fort Riley. "Fort Riley is becoming more and more a great place to train reserve soldiers," said Gulotta.

In Fiscal Year 2001, Fort Riley conducted annual and weekend reserve training for 32,396 soldiers, and it Fiscal Year 2002, it increased its training through Operation Hickory Sting.

"For the typical units on Fort Riley, the main job of the soldiers and the noncommissioned officers is to prepare their unit for war. We (3rd Brigade) don't do that. We don't prepare ourselves for war...We prepare hundreds of units for war," said Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Elder, command sergeant major, 3rd Brig., 75th Div. (TS).

"We have a very unique mission that encompasses a lot of different things from mobilization to training to emergency support and simulation exercises," he added.

To polish their missions, brigade commanders prepared a draft training vision, which they presented to Dalby and his staff during the forum. It included an enhanced training exercise, "Dependable Focus," designed to reach non-priority units.

It involves bringing entire training battalions together with multiple Reserve and National Guard units who perform combat support and combat service support missions, said Gulotta.

By capitalizing on resources, we'll take advantage of the overhead and apply it to numerous units, he added.

The new training vision is now being staffed and is awaiting approval. "We in the training support business recognize that we must be synchronized with the transformation so that our training techniques remain relevant," said Gulotta.

He added that the conference was a tremendous success. "We each left with a renewed sense of belonging to the 75th Division, of being part of something bigger than ourselves in the Army, and established new relationships that will impact the way we train our supported units over the coming years."

"The Army field manual on leadership says that leadership is the crucial element to combat power. It's not maneuver. It's not fire support...It's leadership, and so face-to-face leadership where a commander gets on the ground with his fellow commanders with his subordinate commanders, looks them in the eye, tells them what he expects, that is the crucial element of combat power. Maj. Gen. Dalby did that this last weekend with his brigade commanders, his battalion commanders and his sergeants major," said Gulotta.

"One of the key elements is to ensure that, as the key leaders of this division, we're focused on what it is that we need to focus on to ensure that the training readiness of all of the units in the Army are ready to go and prepared to go if we're mobilized," said Dalby.

Soldier, family issues addressed

By Christie Vanover
Staff Writer

Military family members from across the Midwest gathered this past weekend at the 75th Division (Training Support) Forum on Fort Riley to discuss issues that affected their family readiness.

"We want to make sure that family readiness is embedded in our philosophy because when families are taken care of, soldier's readiness improves," said Maj. Gen. Perry Dalby, commanding general, 75th Div. (TS). "We want to make sure the family readiness program in this division is a key component of our overall training strategy."

The division's units are spread over the western United States; therefore, soldiers and families don't have access to active duty installations to draw upon services like the hospital, Post Exchange or commissary.

"We find that by getting together in this type of forum and discussing some of those aspects of it, we can much better appreciate the requirements and what needs to be a good family supporter of Army transformation," said Dalby.

Some issues brought up by family members included commissary usage, access to legal and community services and pay compensation. Currently, reservists are only allowed to shop at the commissary 24 times per year, if they are not on orders. And, they are not reimbursed for travel or lodging pay on drill weekends.

Another issue addressed was the lack of information flow, and as units deploy, communication is essential, said Col. Gasper Gulotta, commander, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (TS), Fort Riley.

The 75th Division is not one that deploys overseas, however they do have the mission to mobilize soldiers to a power projection platform like Fort Riley, taking them away from their hometowns, he said.

"The possibility of moving our troops around is quite a real one. You can just look at the headlines today to see that a mobilization is possible, and our soldiers would be mobilized accordingly. They most likely would be moved within the continental U.S., but still, while their families are hundreds of miles away, their families have to deal with day-to-day issues," said Gulotta.

"The need to have a rear detachment commander is still there, and the need to have families that are ready and know how to contact others is necessary. This is a primary issue on the division commander's mind," said Gulotta.

A total of 62 spouses, family readiness liaisons and unit administrators from 27 of the divisions 33 units were represented. Additionally, David White, the chief of the Army Family Liaison Office from the Pentagon was in attendance to offer guidance and assistance to attendees.

The family members issues were addressed at the end of the forum to Dalby who promised to review the issues that could be changed at division level and to forward on issues that needed to be addressed at a higher level.

White and Col. George Katz, division G-1, also recommended that family members forward the issues on to their state representatives.

In addition to roundtable discussions, family members were also invited to participate in a Friday night social, formal dining out and division run. "These are traditional military events that strengthen this part of the Army. Likewise, when you have the spouses here and you incorporate them in the family readiness group training, you make them feel like part of the team, and we've got to do that over and over," said Gulotta.

"The spouses left with a renewed sense of urgency that this is something that they need to do. They need to tighten up their programs. Great soldiers come out of great families," he said.

In Step with Fort Riley changes stations

The only Department of Defense television show that airs on a commercial television station, "In Step with Fort Riley," will move to Topeka's CBS affiliate on Sunday.

The show, which first appeared on Nov. 18, 2001, is moving from FOX 43 to WIBW, and will air every Sunday at 7 a.m.

"Moving to channel 13 will increase our viewership and we're excited about telling the Fort Riley story to more people in Northeast Kansas," said Scott Rhodes, producer/director, "In Step with Fort Riley."

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Units' honorary members inducted

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

A Regimental Investiture Ceremony was held Sept. 26, on Cavalry Parade Field to officially induct honorary members into the 16th Infantry Regiment, 34th Armor Regiment, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 13th Armor Regiment, 70th Armor Regiment and 1st Field Artillery Regiment.

In order to receive the distinguished membership, inductees must have served in the regiment or have exhibited traits that the regiment holds desirable, typically the seven Army values, according to Brad Carlton, chief of garrison operations.

"Most posts will just mail the certificates to the honorary members and not have a formal ceremony," Carlton said. "We at Fort Riley elect to bring them all here and give it to them in person. Not only is it cool to see them when they get it, it also allows the soldiers to meet them, that way they've not only heard about the past, but actually met someone who's lived through it."

Also at the ceremony, Merrill Werts was presented with the Distinguished Trooper Award. Werts served in the Army from June 1943 to March 1946 in the European Theater of Operations with the 27th Infantry, 69th Division, earning the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Ardennes and Rhineland Campaign Stars.

Upon returning to Kansas, Werts became a prominent member of the business community as well as serving a term as state senator from 1978 to 1989, at which time he served on numerous subcommittees in support of the military.

Werts received a plaque and a coin for this honor. His photo will also be posted at the entrance of the 24th Infantry Division Headquarters building.

16th Infantry Regiment

Col. (Ret.) Gerald K. Griffin - Honorary colonel
Master Sgt. (Ret.) Lorenzo Cooper - Honorary Sergeant Major

Distinguished Members
William A. Kania
Thaddeus A. Lombarski
Roger W. Meadows
Harold N. Porter
Harley Reynolds
Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ronald Saxton

34th Armor Regiment

Col. (Ret.) Gregory Fontenot - Honorary Colonel
Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Donald Stockton - Honorary Sergeant Major

Distinguished Members
Denny I. Cherry
1st Sgt. (Ret.) Ronald A. Forgie
Command Sgt. Maj. Nathaniel Hopkins
Lt. Col. Bart Howard
Gary Lapp
Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Clayton E. Melton
Sgt. Major (Ret.) John G. Ricciardo
Col. (Ret.) Raymond L. Stailey
Master Sgt. (Ret.) William L. Stoolmaker
Col. (Ret.) Larry Githerman

5th Field Artillery Regiment

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) William F. Burns - Honorary Colonel
Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Alber B. Daley - Honorary Sergeant Major

Distinguished Members
James G. Bush
Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gordon. A. Longabach
Col. Michael T. Madden
Col. Lance A. Moore
Master Sgt. (Ret.) Emanuel Roberts, Sr. (Posthumously)

13th Armor Regiment

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Frank B. Clay - Honorary Colonel
Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Herbert H. Izumi - Honorary Sergeant Major

Distinguished Members
James Fugate
Lt. Col. Michael P. Wadsworth

70th Armor Regiment

Col. (Ret.) Edward F. Corcoran - Honorary Colonel
Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Jack L. Moody - Honorary Sergeant Major

Distinguished Members
Command Sgt. Maj. Philip D. Finerson, Jr.
Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert Hutchins - (Posthumously)
Col. (Ret.) A.T. Pumphery
Staff Sgt. (Ret.) Dale Roseman
Col. (Ret.) Richard Strieff
Maj. Gen. (Ret.) William F. Ward
Maj. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb

1st Field Artillery Regiment

Col. (Ret.) Ralph R. Ripley - Honorary Colonel
Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Ellis J. Haynes - Honorary Sergeant Major

Distinguished Members
Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) David L. Bynog
Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Richard P. Johnson

Talk Around Town

"What was the most fun event at Apple Day, Open House?"

"The best thing was shooting the guns. Whoever comes ought to shoot the guns."

Michael Coleman, 15
ROTC Cadet
Junction City High School

"I liked the apple pie. It was good. I liked the apples because they were squishy, kind of. The ice cream was good, too."

Kimberly Gross, 10
Junction City

"The weapons firing was the first thing I did, so it was the most fun so far. But, the night vision was the best thing I did at the one (Open House) in June."

Robert Bratt, 17
Junction City High School student

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training techniques more effective. We are observer and controller trainers for field exercises, and by planning, resourcing and executing high-intensity training at field sites throughout the United States, the command is presented with subject matter experts, observers who can independently provide an objective review of the commander's training."

The OPFOR Challenge is reserve units annual test on what they have learned.

The teams at this year's OPFOR Challenge will score points in five different areas such as lane training exercise, physical fitness, engaging targets with laser equipped weapons, a road march and land navigation. The team with the most points is designated the winner. The winning team will take home a streamer, a trophy and most importantly, the bragging rights, Elder said.

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Briefs

Water System Flushing

Public Works, in a continuing effort to keep Fort Riley's water clear, will be flushing the water distribution system starting Monday.

The schedule for flushing is: Monday - Main Post and Whiteside Areas; Tuesday - Custer Hill Housing Area; Wednesday - Custer Hill Troop Area; Thursday - Custer Hill Motor Pool Areas and Friday - Forsyth/Funston/ Marshall Field Areas.

Flushing of the water mains will begin at 8 a.m. each day, 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.

Waterfoul Class

Outdoor Recreation is having an Introduction to Waterfowl class tomorrow, 10 a.m.

The class begins at Outdoor Rec and will move to one of the ponds on post. Instructors will teach waterfowl identification, hunting rules, how to set up decoys and more.

The class is free of charge. Call Outdoor Rec for more information, 239-2363.

Refuse Collection Holiday Schedule

Due to the upcoming holiday on Oct. 14, refuse collection will change. There will be no refuse collection on Oct. 14.

On Oct. 15, collection will be at Colyer Manor, Main Post housing and Marshall Air Field housing. On Oct. 16, pick-up will be at Ellis Heights, Montieth, Peterson Heights and O'Donnell Heights.

On Oct. 17, collection will be at Burnside and Warner Heights.

And, on Oct. 18, collection will be at South Peterson, South Warner, McClellan Heights and Meade Heights.

New Time for Marriage Enrichment

Want to make a good marriage better? Want to better understand your spouse? Want to have your spouse better understand YOU?

Come learn how to deal with misunderstandings and how to stop the argument cycle at the monthly Marriage Enrichment Class on Oct. 19, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, room 30. Free child care is provided, if you bring your child's shot records. Register by Oct. 17 by calling 239-3436. Presented by Chaplain (MAJ) Paulson, the Fort Riley Family Life Chaplain.

OCSC News

The Fort Riley Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club will be holding its annual Basket Auction, Oct. 25, at Riley's Event Center. Basket viewing will begin at 6 p.m., buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and auction will begin at 7 p.m.

The theme for this event is "A Night at the County Fair," so dress appropriately! Everyone, including spouses, is invited to this fundraiser, which will benefit the OCSC Community Assistance Fund. Cost is $15 per person for dinner. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Gina Greene at 784-2884 or Kim Crusinberry at 537-1116, if you live in Manhattan. Limited childcare is available at the Armed Forces YMCA. Childcare reservations can be made by calling Donna Coulson at 784-2404.

Abandoned Vehicle Auction

Fort Riley announces its' Abandoned Vehicle Auction Oct. 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., building 1671, Camp Funston. On the auction block will be over 90 vehicles to bid on. The Fort Riley sale is open to everyone.Vehicles are sold as-is! Buyers are responsible for transporting vehicles off of the premises.

Awards Dinner

The Fort Riley NCO and Soldier of the Year Awards Dinner will be Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Riley's Conference Center. Command Sgt. Maj. Michael L. Gravens, command sergeant major, III Corps and Fort Hood, will serve as guest speaker for the event. Gravens completed two tours with 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley. Among the notable distinctions during his career, Gravens was selected as Honor Graduate for BNCOC, ANCOC and the First Sergeant's course.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact his/her unit first sergeant for ticket information.

Ticket money is requested to be turned in by Tuesday.

Commissary News

For your shopping convenience, the Commissary will be closed Oct. 14, for Columbus Day, but will be open Oct. 15, for regular shopping.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The Fort Riley Annual Retiree Appreciation Day is today at Riley's Conference Center, 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.

For more information, call 239-3320.

ACAP Hours Change

Beginning Monday, the Army Career and Alumni Program, Department of Labor and Dept of Veterans Affairs job assistance workshop hours will be Monday - Wednesday, 8 a.m – 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, 8 a.m. – noon. The ACAP Center operating hours will remain the same: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

DoD Vehicle Decals

Important notice! Security alert! The Department of Defense Vehicle Registration Stickers are controlled forms and must be accounted for.

The vehicle sticker is issued to authorized individuals for the purpose of identifying properly registered privately owned vehicles.

The vehicle owner is responsible for the control of these stickers and must return them if the ownership of the vehicle is transferred.

The sticker must be scraped off the window and returned to the Vehicle Registration Office in building 210. Stickers stolen or otherwise missing from a vehicle must be reported immediately to the Vehicle Registration Office or to the Military Police Desk at 239-MPMP (6767).

In addition, the stickers are not transferable from one vehicle to another.

When purchasing a new vehicle it must be registered with the Vehicle Registration Office.

The Shoppe

The Shoppe continues to have a large inventory of fall items, so please remember us when you are decorating for this season. The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave. (just west of the Fort Riley Honor Guard Stables). Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday. Phone 239-2783.

Apple Days, as well as Wild West Night, were huge successes for The Shoppe. Thank you for your continued support!

Post Wide Yard Sale

The Post Wide Fall Yard Sale is scheduled for tomorrow, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Thrift Shop

Make it One-Stop-Shopping with The Shoppe and the Fort Riley Thrift Shop. Both are located on Stuart Avenue, just a few buildings from each other. Gifts and collectibles, as well as treasures for your home, are available

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static displays set up outside of King Field House, which included an array of tanks, vehicles and a UH 60 Blackhawk helicopter.

Even though there was a lot to see and do at the Fall Open House, remembering the past was why the event was so important to the post, according to Young.

"When you look around at the faces in the pictures of the Vet Tent, you know why we're here," he said. "You realize that all these young men and women, from every service, need to be remembered and this is the perfect way to do that."

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More Briefs

at The Shoppe and a variety of used items to solve your needs are at the Thrift Shop. Thrift Shop Phone 785-784-3874. The Thrift Shop is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Both civilian and military are welcome.

Claims Office

The Fort Riley Claims Office, located in Patton Hall, room 106, has new operating hours. Our new hours are more convenient for military members and their families, as we now offer services through the lunch hour. Claimants who wish to turn their DD Form 1840/1840R (pink sheet) may do so on a walk-in basis. Claims packets may also be picked up from our office on a walk-in basis. Claimants must make an appointment if they wish to submit their claims.

The new hours of operation are: Monday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday; 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Friday, 1 - 3 p.m.

Heating System Turn On

Heating systems are scheduled to be turned on Sunday - Oct. 18, in the following order: barracks, BOQ's and BEQ's, 8000 area, community buildings, administrative buildings, dining facilities and motor pools.

The heating and cooling systems in chapels, child development center and medical and dental buildings will be maintained as appropriate. Family housing occupants control their own heat/air conditioning systems as desired. The authorized temperature for the heating season is 65-70 degrees.

Mail Training

A unit mailroom class will be held Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at building 808 and and an official mail class will be held Oct. 23, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at building 319, CPAC. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll. DOD 4525.6-M, Vol II, DOD Postal Manual, requires each commander who has a unit mailroom to appoint a unit postal officer and alternate unit postal officer(s). Each mailroom must also have a primary unit mail clerk and at least two alternate(s), no more than three. Prospective mail clerks are required to attend a class and bring with them a copy of their memorandum of on-the job training. Call Sylvia at 239-5411 for more information.

Aerial Spraying

The Fort Riley Directorate of Resource Management has contracted a civilian company to perform aerial spraying of noxious weeds on post on today.

A crop duster plane will be spraying Maneuver Area B, which is a couple miles north of Custer Hill, according to John Barbur, management agronomist with the Conservation Division.

All tank trails and roads in this area will be closed from before sunup until after sundown. However, perimeter roads, including Vinton School Road, Old Highway 77 and Richardson Road on the west side of the impact area, will be open. The closest the plane will be to the Custer Hill troop area is one to two miles north of that area.

Teen Symposium

A Teen Symposium will be held tomorrow, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Teen Center, building 5800, will focus on issues teens on post deem important. Teens are encouraged to attend the event to allow their voice to be heard in the community. Adult facilitators will be on hand, along with subject matter experts to assist in the process. The event is free and will include lunch and door prizes. For more information, call Becky Willis, Soldier and Family Support Center, 239-9435.

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New Operating hours

Provost Marshal Office		
Physical Security		7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Vehicle Registration		7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Civil Liaison		7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Staff Judge Advocate		
Client Services		8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Mission Support		7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Trial Defense Services		8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Civilian Personnel Action Center		7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. M-F Closed noon - 3 p.m. W
Directorate of Environment and Safety		
Environmental Team Training		8 a.m. - 3 p.m. M - F
Safety Officer/NCO		7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. M - Th
Recycle Center		6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
EWMC		7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
HWC	Appointments	7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. M- F
	No Appointment	8 - 11:30 a.m. Tu
	No Appointment	1 - 3:30 p.m. Th
IRAC		7 a.m. - 4 p.m. M - F
Soldier & Family Support Center		
ACS		7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. M-F
ASAP		7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. M-F
WIC		8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-W 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Th 8:30 a.m. - noon F
IBTC		7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. M-F
Business Operation		
Riley's		10 a.m. - 5 p.m. W-F As required
Rally Point		11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. W-F 5 p.m. - close W-F 5 p.m. - 4 a.m. Sa 11 a.m. - close Su
Public Works		
Housing		7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Work Orders		7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
All offices and shops		7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Except Scheduled Maintenance		7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Service Order Desk		6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Self-Help School		8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Director of Community Activities		
Fort Riley University		
ARC		9 a.m. - noon M - T & Sa 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. F Noon - 8 p.m. Sun.
Troop Schools		6:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. M-F
College Programs		5:30 - 10:30 p.m. M-F
Digital Training Center		6:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. M-F
BSEP		8 a.m. - noon M-F 1 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. M-F
LSEC		7:30 a.m. - noon M-F 1:30 - 3 p.m. M-F
Language Lab		8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. M-F
Main Post Testing		7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F
TABE on Custer Hill		7:30 p.m. - noon M-F
Individual Training		6:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. M-F
Cavalry Museum		9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. M-Sa
Regimental and Constabulary Museums		10 a.m. - 4 p.m. M-Sa Noon - 4 p.m. Su
ACAP		8 a.m. - noon M-F 1 - 3:30 p.m. M-F
Post Library		1 - 8 p.m. Tu-Sa 1 - 6 p.m. Su
Child and Youth Services		
CDC		6:15 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SAS		6:15 a.m. - 6 p.m.
FCC		6:15 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Community Recreation		
Auto Skills Center		1 - 9 p.m. M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sa-Su
Arts & Crafts		9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. M-F 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. W-F 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sa-Su

Fort Riley changes work schedule

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

Fort Riley went to a new work schedule this week, which, according to Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, commander 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, will make the post run smoother.

The biggest change in the schedule is that physical training has moved from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"I think that this is a good change," said Spc. Richard Gerzemehle, 70th Engineer Battalion. "We've been doing this for a while now and now that it's about to be winter time, it will be warmer in the afternoon, which will make for better PT."

The new day starts at 7 a.m., when soldiers report to their company in their battle dress uniforms for a formation. After the formation, they are released to work from 7 a.m. to noon. Soldiers then take lunch until 1 p.m. After lunch, soldiers go back to work until 3:30 p.m. when they are released to change into their PT uniform. Then, from 4 to 5 p.m. soldiers do PT. After PT, they are released for the day.

Another change is that sergeants' time has moved from Thursday to Friday.

Thursday has become a regular day, while Friday starts the same, but soldiers will do sergeant's time until lunch. Soldiers will come back for lunch at 1 p.m. and work until 3 p.m., when they are released for family time.

"I really like getting out early on Friday," Gerzemehle said. "It makes for a longer weekend."

The 70th Engineers are one of the units that have been doing PT in the afternoon since April.

Lt. Col. Mike Iverson, 70th Engineer Battalion commander, said "Surveying my leaders and soldiers, they think PT in the evening is great. It gives them five straight hours of uninterrupted training, uninterrupted maintenance or uninterrupted services, whatever's on their schedule."

But according to some, the new schedule took some getting used to.

"It was hard to adjust to the times," said Cathy Jones, wife of Pvt. 1st Class Mark Jones, 70th Engineers. "My husband and I both work, and we share a car. But after a few weeks, we were able to work out all the kinks and now I think this schedule works even better."

"It was rough getting the kids to daycare," said Pamela Johnson,spouse of Spc. Franklin Johnson, 70th Engineers, "With only one car, we had to sit down and come up with the best way to do things, and now it's working."

There are several possibilities that can still happen, including PT could be moved into the mornings during the summer months due to the heat.

"We evaluate constantly," said Iverson. Every day sick call numbers and efficiency reports are gathered from the entire battalion and considered in the final result.

Another focus point of the program is to make the workweek more predictable to both soldiers and commanders. Daily formations at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for reveille and retreat provide accountability as well as a definitive structure for the day.

Many soldiers have to adjust to taking one hour for lunch, instead of an hour and a half. However, soldiers said that they find that to be enough time.

"Going to an hour lunch never really bothered me," Gerzemehle said. "I usually eat at the dining facility anyway, so I'm usually always in and out."

"I really like the changes now," Johnson said. "It took some growing pains to get accustomed to it, but now it's better because my husband comes home early on Friday and he's always home right at about 5:15 (p.m.). I really like that."

Cartoonist, Mauldin, receives Army recognition

By Richard Puckett
Army News Service

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif - For more than 50 years, Bill Mauldin provided inspiration to U.S. soldiers with his cartoons depicting military life.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley visited Mauldin Sept. 19 to try and return the favor.

Tilley presented Mauldin with a personal letter from Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, a hardbound book with notes from other senior Army leaders and several celebrities to include Walter Cronkite, Tom Brokaw and Tom Hanks. He also promoted Mauldin to the honorary rank of first sergeant and presented him SMA and Pentagon 9-11 coins.

Mauldin is most famous for the World War II cartoons "Willie and Joe," which depicted daily life for the average dirty, worn-out infantrymen. The cartoons were published in Stars and Stripes. Mauldin served as an enlisted man during the war.

Mauldin, whose health is failing, couldn't respond verbally to the gifts, but his eyes were attentive and alert as Tilley praised his support to the Army and its veterans.

"He did so much to lift the spirits of our soldiers in World War II and our nation in the years since," Tilley said. "He is truly a national treasure. I am so honored to have been able to give him these small tokens of our appreciation. We can never say or do enough to pay him back for all he has given us."

Mauldin's son Nat and his wife were on hand during Tilley's visit.

Mauldin, now 80, is living in a nursing home in Orange County, Calif. He won his first Pulitzer Prize before his 23rd birthday in 1945 and second in 1959.

He joined the Army in 1940 and began producing his cartoons for the 45th Division News. He took part in the invasions of Sicily and Italy in 1943. In 1944, Stars and Stripes began featuring his "Willie and Joe" cartoons.

An Ernie Pyle article about Mauldin prompted United Feature Syndicate to pick up his work in 1944. Shortly afterward, Mauldin's characters were featured in newspapers around the nation.

In an interview shortly after the war, Mauldin described his work.

"I drew pictures for and about soldiers because I knew what their life was like and understood their gripes," he said. "I wanted to make something out of the humorous situations which come up even when you don't think life could be any more miserable."

Although he is known for his "Willie and Joe" cartoons, Mauldin has been featured on the cover of Time magazine, wrote the best-selling novel "Up Front" and went on to a civilian career in journalism. He also starred with Audie Murphy in the 1950 film "The Red Badge of Courage." Mauldin retired in 1992.

Editor's note: Master Sgt. Richard Puckett is the public affairs adviser to the sergeant major of the Army.

Limited POV access for recreation allowed on post

DES News Release

Limited privately-owned vehicle access to areas of Fort Riley north of Vinton School Road for recreational activities is now allowed. Use of privately owned vehicles was prohibited in that area of the fort following the events of 9-11.

"In addition to the standard Fort Riley regulations, additional restrictions are in place," said Herb Abel, chief, Conservation Division.

All vehicles must have either a DoD vehicle sticker affixed to the windshield or they must have a daily pass displayed to enter the portions of the installation east of U.S. Highway 77. Vehicles driven west of U.S. Highway 77 do not need a daily pass or DoD vehicle stickers. Daily vehicle passes can be obtained at the Ogden, Marshall Army Air Field, Grant Avenue and Washington Street entrances to Fort Riley.

Also, all vehicles must display a Recreational Vehicle Marker. These may be picked up at the Outdoor Recreation Center (building 9011) or the Conservation Division office (building 1020). There is no charge for either these markers or the daily vehicle passes.

The Conservation Division authorizes daily which recreation areas are open. Before, visiting Fort Riley for recreational purposes, visitors should call 785-239-6669 for an up-to-date list of open areas.

For the latest information concerning recreational access procedures, contact the Fort Riley Conservation Division Office at 785-239-6211 or visit Fort Riley's website for Outdoor Recreation information at http://www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor

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Korea 50 years ago - U.N. offers three prisoner repatriation options

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

The United Nations agreed to a 10-day truce 50 years ago this week in Korea so that the communists could study repatriation plans for POWs.

Sept. 26 - Oct. 2, 1952 — Eighth Army reports Sept. 26 that the day before nine Chinese POWs were injured in a fight with guards on Choju Island.

Gen. Mark Clark, allied supreme commander, announces Sept. 27 that a "sea defense zone" provides security in South Korean waters, to include the island POW camps. He said it will "eliminate infiltration of enemy agents" with instructions to prisoners from North Korea.

North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il, chief of the Reds' truce team, strongly objects to the "persecution and butchering" of prisoners in a letter to Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, the U.N. chief delegate, at Panmunjom.

On Sept. 28 Harrison presents to Nam three different U.N. plans for settling the prisoner repatriation issue, the only issue that the communists use to forestall a truce.

One plan would have all prisoners delivered to a demilitarized zone. The International Committee of the Red Cross or a U.N.-Red military team would question each prisoner to see where he wants to go after his release. He then would be sent to the side he chooses.

Sending POWs to the neutral zone also automatically settles the last issue and the armistice can be signed then.

The second plan calls for immediately sending home those prisoners who want to be repatriated. Those who do not want to return home will be sent to a neutral zone, be questioned about their desires by a mutually acceptable nonmilitary group and be allowed to go to "the side of their choice."

Under the third plan all prisoners will be released in a neutral zone and allowed to walk in any direction they choose.

Nam tells Harrison the plans do not meet the communist demands to return all communist POWs, which will be done by force, he says, if necessary. He does agree to a 10-day recess so the communists can study the options.

Harrison emphasizes to Nam that the United Nations will not concede on the principle of not returning prisoners who do not want to go back to North Korea or China. The three different plans are the "widest selection of choices the U.N. Command can offer."

The Eighth Army reports Sept. 28 that Greek troops attached to the 3rd Infantry Division in I Corps were forced to give up a hill being attacked by Chinese when four U.S. Air Force planes mistakenly bomb them.

The Air Force reports that F-84C Thunderbirds capable of in-flight refueling are on duty in Korea.

The Chinese have 2,500 combat aircraft - 1,100 jet fighters - in China and Manchuria, Gen. Otto P. Weyland, commander of the Far East Air Force, reports Sept. 29.

On Oct. 1 the Fifth Air Force denies the alleged bombing of Greek troops Sept. 28. Also on Oct. 1 Fifth Air Force says that U.N. fighter pilots shot down 62 MiG-15s against 30 U.N. combat losses - seven jets - in aerial combat. It's the largest one-month total of enemy jet fighter kills of the war.

U.S. troops at the Cheju-do POW camp kill 52 POWs and wound 113 during a riot that began when guards were trying to organize work details Oct. 1.

Maj. Gen. Thomas W. Herren, commander of the U.N. Korean Communications Zone, says Oct. 2 that the riot was the largest of the war so far. The 6,000 POWs on the island planned to escape and join communist guerrillas in South Korea. Another reason for the Oct. 1 riot was that it coincided with a "peace" conference in Peking on the anniversary of the Chinese People's Republic.

Nam sends another letter to Harrison Oct. 2 that blasts the "bloody yet cowardly massacre" of the 52 Cheju POWs.

Oct. 1 — American casualties in Korean through Sept. 26 are 119,379, including 20,915 killed, according to a Pentagon spokesman.

The Defense Department announces the posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Army Pvt. Bryant H. Womack, 21, Rutherford, N.C., for giving his life to aid wounded men under fire on March 12.

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

Remains of U.S. servicemen recovered in North Korea

Army News Service

Remains believed to be those of eight American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War were repatriated in formal ceremonies today in Korea.

The remains were flown on a U.S. Air Force aircraft from Pyongyang, North Korea, under escort of a uniformed U.S. honor guard to Yokota Air Base, Japan, where a U.N. Command repatriation ceremony was held.

A joint team operating near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea recovered five sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. Army soldiers from the 7th Infantry Division who fought against Chinese forces November-December 1950.

Additionally, a second team recovered three sets of remains in the area along the Kuryong River near the junction of Unsan and Kujang counties, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. The area was the site of battles between communist forces and the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry and 25th Infantry Divisions in November 1950.

Approximately 1,000 Americans are estimated to have been lost in battles of the Chosin campaign.

The 28-person U.S. contingent was composed primarily of specialists from the Army's Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii.

The Defense Department's Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office negotiated terms with the North Koreans in June, which led to the scheduling of three operations this year. This repatriation marks the end of the second of this year's three operations. The remaining operation is set for Sept. 28-Oct. 29.

Twenty-four individual joint operations have been conducted since 1996 in North Korea, during which 167 sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. soldiers have been recovered.

Thirteen have been positively identified and returned to their families for burial with military honors.

Of the 88,000 U.S. servicemembers missing in action from all conflicts, more than 8,100 are from the Korean War.

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