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Rebalancing planned to reduce mobilizations

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press

If you're a National Guardsman or Reservist, chances are approximately 64 percent that you've been called to active duty during one of seven major mobilizations since 1990. There's about a four to five percent chance that you've been mobilized two or more times.

And if you're among approximately 8,000 members of the reserve components, you've experienced the one percent chance of being mobilized three or more

times since 1990. As significant as these percentages are, they don't factor in about 7,800 Guard and Reserve members who have been mobilized more than once for the Global War on Terrorism alone.

Those most likely to have been tapped multiple times serve in what the Defense Department calls "high-demand, low-density" or "stressed" specialties concentrated largely in the reserve components. These include civil affairs, psychological operations, mortuary affairs and air traffic

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Fort Riley soldier killed on patrol in Iraq

The Department of Defense announced the identity of a Fort Riley soldier killed Oct. 1 in Al Khadra, Iraq.

Dead is Spec. Simeon Hunte, 23, of Essex, N.J. Hunte was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

Hunte joined the Army in July 2001 and has been stationed at Fort Riley since December 2001. He was assigned to the unit as a tankner and deployed to Iraq in April 2003.

Hunte was on patrol when an Iraqi citizen approached and shot him. The incident is under investigation.

Hunte is the eighth 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.

New trainer puts soldiers in combat

By Bobby Miller
19th PAD

A squad of U.S. soldiers watches for the enemy attentively, from cover, as they wait in the prone position for their targets. Suddenly there is movement 500 yards away, straight-ahead, from behind heavy brush. Enemy soldiers scurry to cover, trying to get within firing distance to initiate contact. Bursts of machine gun fire erupt from a 7.62mm M240B machine gun and the soldiers lay a wall of fire as all five enemy soldiers are brought down.

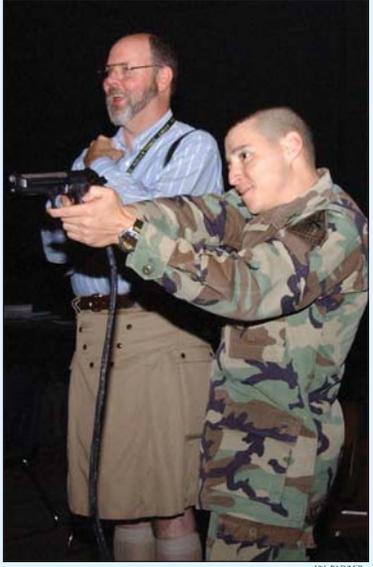
"Stop," the master gunner shouts, and he asks what the soldiers did right and wrong. Then, he replays the entire exercise on the large screen so all the soldiers can see where their rounds were fired.

At the Marksmanship Training Facility, soldiers are able to exercise skills on a simulated course called the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000. According to a presentation by Program Executive Office Simulation Training and Instrumentation, this trainer supports 11 weapons systems and is the Army's premier small arms training system.

Like a normal firing range, there are lanes for each soldier.

"We currently have 10 stations, and over the next few years we will be expanding to 60 stations total," said George Eads, chief, training support center. "The number of stations goes by the number of soldiers on the given installation, so if Fort Riley expands, the number of stations will increase."

A 10-lane trainer requires a 35-foot square room, eight feet high, according to PEOSTRI. On one wall is a large projection screen, which nearly spans the width of the room, with large speakers adding realistic sound effects. The firing line is eight meters from the screen. Soldiers fire from an eight-inch raised platform, wide enough for a soldier to lay in the prone firing position and long enough for 10 soldiers total. The weapons are modified with a rubber hose running to an air compressor. Each weapon also has a laser in the barrel. When the weapon is fired, the laser is shot to the screen and the compressor recocks the weapon. Each shot fired is recorded in a computer. The computer stores many different exercises for different



Maj. Cameron Kramer, executive officer, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, fires during a law enforcement engagement exercise while George Eads, chief, Training, looks on.

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Army achieves, exceeds recruiting goal for fourth straight year

Army News Service

The United States Army achieved mission success for a fourth straight year. Regular Army projections are for 74,167 accessions for the mission of 73,800, equalling 100.5 percent of the mission. The Army Reserve expects to achieve 27,485 soldiers against a mission of 26,400, equalling 104.1 percent of the mission. Cadet Command, the parent organization of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, exceeded

its fiscal year 2003 mission of commissioning 3,900 officers.

Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Cavin, commander, U.S. Army Accessions Command, said, "Innovative programs, incentives, and a fully integrated marketing and advertising program supporting both officer and enlisted recruiting are keys to the Army's mission success.

For example, the Army is using 'cyber recruiters' who run online chat rooms in English and Spanish, fielding more than 750 e-mail messages daily.

"Our commitment to recruiting a quality force continues to be a top priority for the Army," Cavin said. In fiscal year 2003, 94.5 percent of new enlistees received their high school diploma. This is a three percent increase over fiscal year 2002. The percent of enlistees with some college increased from 21.6 to 23.9 percent in 2003.

Cavin attributed the Army's fourth straight year of mission success to the Army's tireless effort to find qualified applicants. "We offer excellent opportu-

nities, and I would encourage young Americans to talk with their local Army recruiter about the more than 200 job opportunities the Army has to offer," he said.

Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle, commander, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, echoes Cavin's comments, "The U.S. Army Recruiting Command, thanks to outstanding Army recruiters, is achieving unprecedented success in recruiting for America's Army. We have achieved our mission for the fourth year in a row,

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Memorial service held for Fort Riley soldier

By Sgt. Kevin Doheny
19th PAD

Hundreds of thousands of men and women who have served in the United States military since the Revolutionary War have made the ultimate sacrifice. On Sept. 29, one of Fort Riley's own died while serving in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Cutchall, Delta Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, was on a patrol in the streets of Iraq when he was killed in action.

He was remembered during a memorial service at Morris Hill Chapel Monday where many paid tribute to him, including fellow Devil Brigade soldiers, members of the Command Group, other units on post, civilians, friends and family.

At the service, those in attendance paid tribute to not only a husband and father, but a friend as well.

"He made me feel as if I was always a part of his family," said Sgt. John Graber, Troop D, 4th Cav., who served under Cutchall for over two years. "He was like a father to me and taught me what it was like to be a father."

Cutchall was remembered by friends, as they spoke of how they each were touched by him, and how his legacy will go on, not only with his wife, Donna, and two sons, Nathaniel and Logan, but with his

friends and fellow soldiers who stood beside him as he served his country.

"Staff Sgt. Cutchall was a non-commissioned officer in every sense of the word," said Graber. "I am the soldier I am today because of him. He left a great legacy behind for his soldiers. He was the consummate trainer and he always took me to ask him questions if I wanted to learn. He was a friend and confidant."

"Chris was a soldier, Cav. Scout, husband, father, son, brother and a friend," said Alina Jones, whose husband was deployed with Cutchall. "The enemy might have taken him away from us, but they did not take away his spirit. He will live forever in the hearts of loved ones and his fellow countrymen."

Jones spoke of how Cutchall was very proud to serve his country and in Iraq. She spoke of how all will cope with the loss, and of how to honor him.

"Chris was very proud to serve in Iraq," she said. "We will all deal with this passing in our own way, but I ask that every time you pass a flag being flown to treasure his memories and all the stories being told."

Jones completed her honoring with giving the National Service Flag with a blue star to Cutchall's family. The flag is given to the families of soldiers who have been killed



A 1st Brigade Combat Team soldier pays his respect to his fellow Devil Brigade soldier during a memorial service at Morris Hill Chapel Monday.

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Combined Federal Campaign kicks off

By William Biles
Staff Writer

It's official. The 2003 Combined Federal Campaign had its official kick-off Oct. 2 at Rally Point.

The campaign will run through Nov. 14.

Key personnel from units and various agencies around post that have been empowered to be campaign representatives were in attendance to listen to speakers talk about this year's CFC goals, and the importance of getting the word out about the campaign to everyone on Fort Riley.

"We are having speakers talk about the importance of getting the word out about the CFC today," said Dori Farrow, coordinator, Fort Riley Combined Federal Campaign. "We are also giving away door prizes, with the main prize being Kansas City Chiefs' football tickets for the Oct. 26 game against the Buffalo Bills," she said.

The CFC goal for this year was lowered due to the number of Fort Riley soldiers on deployment.

"We have set a goal of \$150,000 for this year's campaign, which might be difficult to get with so many of our troops deployed. Another goal is to make 100 percent contact with every-

body on Fort Riley," said Farrow. "Last year, our goal was \$200,000 and we made about \$196,000. We lowered the goal this year because it was more feasible with all of the deployed soldiers from Fort Riley."

With the deployment of Fort Riley's soldiers, there is an added reason for giving to the CFC drive.

"This year we have some significant challenges at Fort Riley that we haven't had before. Normally, we run about 9,000 or 10,000 soldiers here, and if we have over 6,000 of them deployed - you can do the math," said Col. Thomas Luebker, assistant division commander (S), 24th Infantry Division. "All of those that are in harm's way have families back here that, from time to time, will have needs. Those families don't have their primary family members living with them to help look out for those needs," he said. "So now, what you have here is a small population of givers and a larger population of people who will probably need services from organizations in the Combined Federal Campaign," said Luebker.

With the hurdles this year's drive faces, the tactics have changed to adapt to the deployment situation.

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Army's strategic message of providing "door-opening opportunities that empower success" to young Americans and influencers. The Army expanded its motor sports program with the launch of its integrated NASCAR program in February and the addition of a

National Hot Rod Association Pro Stock Bike team. The Army's NASCAR program has exceeded the 2003-lead generation goal with seven races remaining in the race season. Pro Stock Bike drivers Angelle Savoie and Antron Brown further Army awareness

and outreach to diverse communities by participating in the NHRA "Youth Education Services" program at high schools throughout the country.

The "Army Game," that debuted in 2002, continues to draw awareness to the Army attracting more than two million

players as of Aug. 13. It is the second most played game worldwide. More than 1.2 million America's Army players have completed basic training in the game and continued to play more than 1.8 million game missions, spending more than 18.5 million hours exploring the Army.

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training, but they all fall in three categories, marksmanship, collective, which is large scale combat, and shoot, don't shoot situational training.

"There are approximately 250 scenarios, and more can be made and added," said Eads.

The EST2000 has been around for a while, but it is new to Fort Riley.

"The Army has been using these for two years, and they are fielding these systems to each installation now," said Eads. "Almost every installation has one, and by the end of the year, every post will have some form of this system."

Even though the soldiers are not actually in the field, this training reaps many benefits.

"It will give the soldiers the opportunity to get more hands on weapons training without having to go out to the range, allocate

ammo and then have to come out the next day and do it again," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Browning, Master Gunner, Company B, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment.

"This is something soldiers could do in two to three hours, in a morning, afternoon or during

sergeant's-time training. It will give squads leaders an opportunity to run through combat scenarios with out going through a field

problem, drawing multiple integrated laser engagement system equipment, allocating field chow

and burning fuel. I think this is going to save the units and the Army a lot of money and give the

soldiers the opportunity to train in combat situations in a three to four-hour period."

"The most beneficial part of the training, marksmanship wise, is the after action review capability," said Eads.

He added that "The instructors get to see exactly where the soldier fires, unlike firing at the range, where a soldier can miss the target and the instructor can-

not track where the rounds are going. And, as far as the combat scenarios go, you get the replay ability, and the instructor can watch the exercise again ... and see where everyone fired and how well they did."

Soldiers can use the Marksmanship Training Facility 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and can request time by calling the facility, building 7739, 239-5515.

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Pioneers break ground on facilities for new Iraqi Army near Baghdad

937th Engineer Group

Over the last three months, the 937th Engineer Group (Combat) has been diligently working on a massive construction plan in support of the Coalition Provisional Authority. Unlike the majority of units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Pioneers are not directly supporting a current coalition partner. As strange as it may seem, the soldiers of the group are supporting the new Iraqi Army.

In late June, the group was directed to coordinate the construction program that would support the new Iraqi Army. Under the direction of the Coalition Military Advisor Training Team, the group rapidly shifted its focus from supporting the mobility, survivability and general engineering requirements of United States Army forces, and began to build the training base for the new Iraqi Army. The site chosen for this endeavor was a former Iraqi military base located about 90 kilometers northeast of Baghdad.



937th Engineer Photo

Several of the facilities the 937th Engineer Group is helping repair for the Iraqi Army.

Now known as the Kirkush Military Training Base, this massive multi-million dollar project will provide a 3,000 man basic training facility for the new Iraqi Army and garrison a fully trained brigade.

The training portion of the base is nearing completion, but not without challenges. The base was heavily looted after the war, and the Pioneers had to completely refurbish every building and all the utilities. Maj. Scott Johnson, group operations officer, said, "When we started this project, the buildings were just empty shells; floors, windows, wiring, plumbing pipes and fixtures were just about completely removed by looters."

Another challenge faced by the group was the lack of facility plans, which were reportedly destroyed in a fire at some point during the war. This limitation resulted in discovery learning as the group's project management team oversaw the work of the Iraqi contractors who were hired to refurbish the facility. "Initially, we weren't sure if we were connecting water pipes to sewer pipes, but over time and with a lot of trial and error, we slowly but surely mapped out the subsurface structure of the facility," said Capt. Chris Miller, 937th Engineer Group project manager. Challenges aside, the training base

portion of the facility is nearing completion. The majority of the brigade garrison refurbishment at KMTB will be complete around the end of the year.

Early this month, the group initiated a refurbishment project for the 2nd Brigade Garrison at what was formerly known as Taji Army Airfield. Like KMTB, this project had its own unique challenges. There was more extensive damage from the war, and the facilities were older and more dilapidated than those at KMTB. "Capt. Shawn Nelson, the 937th Engineer Group planner, and his team of United States Army Corps of Engineer master planners, did an outstanding job developing the concept to convert this old Iraqi Army facility into a viable quality brigade facility that any soldier would be proud to live in, here or in the United States," Johnson said.

Over the remainder of this year, and into next year, the new Iraqi Army infrastructure program will grow exponentially to coincide with the projected growth of the new Iraqi Army. Eight new facilities for army, navy and air force units are being planned, four of which could begin construction over the next three months.

This massive planning and refurbishment program is only possible with the support of the United States Army Corps of Engineers according to Johnson. "The Corps of Engineers has provided us with the engineer expertise in master planning and project management that has enabled us to plan and execute the infrastructure program for the new Iraqi Army. They are key to ensuring the funding we receive is well spent — in other words, we get a quality product for a reasonable price — and the interests of Iraqi people are protected," said Johnson.

The Pioneers will continue their mission in support of the new Iraqi Army until they are directed to redeploy in early 2004. Until then, this combat engineer group will continue to plan and execute the military infrastructure program for the nation of Iraq.

"The group is working well above the level in which it was designed to function. For an engineer group to be executing a mission on such a large and broad scale is remarkable. The soldiers in group are making history and are truly Pioneers in this endeavor," Johnson said.

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"It's really not about raising a certain amount of dollars. This year, what we want to do is to go out and make certain that we give 100 percent to the folks in our community the opportunity to give what they can," Luebker said.

The donations made to the CFC can cause change in the lives of people in need.

"If you're over 30 years old, you can remember going to the school gymnasium to receive a Polio vaccine, if you are under 30, you don't remember having to do that because they found a cure and Polio became part of history," said Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Richard Young, guest speaker. "That cure took research, and that research took money, it took people, like yourself, to give."

In this modern world, there are modern reasons to donate.

"Today we are still fighting cancer, heart disease, AIDS, SARS and diseases we don't even have names for yet," said Young. "We will find the answers, but it takes money, time and people who care about their fellow man."

The CFC representatives can set up events that can aid in raising the money for the campaign.

"Each key person from the Local Federated

Coordinating Committee can set up their own fundraising event to help achieve the goal. The events can vary from car washes to bake sales," said Tatum Couture, director, United Way. "These types of events are very important in order to get the word out about the Combined Federal Campaign and making the 100 percent contact. With so few troops here, it makes these events essential in getting that 100 percent contact so we can reach our goal."

The challenge has been put on the table for the Fort Riley community to meet the CFC goal.

"Now it comes to you, Fort Riley, Kan., to step up to the plate for the CFC drive, and yes, it's worth it," said Young. "CFC saves lives. What I like about CFC is that you can pick where your money goes, whether it stays here in the community or if it goes elsewhere, and you can see where all of your money is going," he said. You can see how much will go to research and how much will go to administration; it is all laid out for you. If we get out there, if the leadership supports the key personnel, and they are able to contact 100 percent of their organization, our goal can be reached," concluded Young.



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Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, fills out his Combined Federal Campaign donation form as Dori Farrow, CFC coordinator watch- es. Hardy's form was the first filled out at Fort Riley this year.

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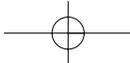
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Eisenhower honored Saturday

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

The President of the United States and Fort Riley will commemorate the birthday of President Dwight Eisenhower with a fire and open wreath laying ceremony Oct. 11, 10 a.m. at the Eisenhower Center, Abilene.

Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, incoming assistant division commander, Fort Riley, will place a wreath sent by President George W. Bush on Eisenhower's grave inside the Place of Meditation at the Eisenhower Center. Command Sergeant Maj. Gilbert Canuela will assist Kearney during the ceremony. The 1st Brigade will provide an Honor Cord for the event.

The evening before, the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their annual all-night vigil at Eisenhower's grave beginning at 5:30 p.m. Col. Clay Edwards, director, combat studies institute, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, will open the vigil.

Eisenhower is buried with his wife, Mamie, and their son, Doud. The Eisenhower Center, comprised of the Eisenhower family home, Dwight D. Eisenhower Museum, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Place of Meditation, and Visitors Center, is located at 200 SE 4th Street, Abilene.

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in action. It was first designed in World War I, but was more used in World War II. The flag is similar to giving the servicemember's family the U.S. flag during the funeral. "I feel Chris died doing what he believed in," said Jones. "He would want us to all be proud of him for being a part of history. He was very dear to our hearts and will live in our memories forever."

Observance scheduled for Hispanic Heritage Month

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. This year, Fort Riley will observe the occasion with a speaker and food tasting at the Barlow Theater, Oct. 15, 11:45 a.m., with 1st Sgt. (Ret.) David Rodriguez-Cruz as the featured guest speaker.

"This year's theme for Hispanic Heritage Month is 'Honoring our Past, Surpassing our Present and Leading our Future,'" said Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Boyd, Equal Opportunity Office.

"In honor of Hispanic ancestry, the U.S. has celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 every year since 1988," said Boyd. "The term Hispanic is composed of Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Central Americans, South Americans, Caribbean Islanders and Spanish people who share some common culture values."

"It's important for soldiers to come out for Hispanic Heritage Month (observance), so they can learn about the different groups that make up Hispanic Americans," said Boyd. "There are so many Hispanics that fall under that umbrella and this observance will teach them a little bit about the culture and what contributions Hispanics have made to this country since its beginning."

Along with the observance, Steve Ruhnke, exhibit specialist, Museum Division, will provide a display honoring all of the Hispanic Americans who have won the Medal of Honor.

Rodriguez-Cruz, the observance guest speaker, stressed the importance of everyone being able to reach out and try to help people who might need a hand and that this caring will lead to a better understanding of yourselves and others.

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—1st Sgt. (Ret.) David Rodriguez-Cruz

"One thing that we all have in common is diversity," said Rodriguez-Cruz. "It doesn't matter if you are of the same culture or even twins, everyone is different."

Boyd echoed Rodriguez-Cruz's statements, encouraging soldiers to come and learn about a group which has contributed to the history and culture of the country from the very beginning.

"We all are different. Each one of the ethnic groups plays such a significant part in the history of the United States," said Boyd. "For me, it is important to learn more each and every day, every time that I can, about contributions that we all have made to the country."

"I urge all soldiers to come out and reflect on the invaluable contributions that Hispanics have made to the greatness, the diversity and the strength of our nation," said Boyd. "Hispanics have made significant contributions to develop our nation since the earliest of times. Hispanics have provided wisdom, energy and leadership to our communities and our country."

For more information on Hispanic Heritage Month or the Oct. 15 observance, contact the Equal Opportunity Office, 239-2277.

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Trick or Treat Hours

The Trick or Treat hours on Fort Riley are Oct. 31, 5 - 8 p.m.

Road Delays

Road construction will occur Oct. 13 - 17 on Normandy Drive. Traffic will be impeded during this construction. There will be only one lane of traffic open to movement during the daylight hours between the Fire Station at 1st Division road and the "Y" intersection where Normandy and Apennines join near 7001. Traffic will be open for nighttime access. Day traffic will be controlled by a pilot car. Delays should not be greater than 12 minutes each time the pilot car makes a round. Customers that frequent the businesses on Normandy, to include Child and Youth Services, Custer Hill Elementary, Custer Hill Golf

Course, Credit Union 1, Post Office, Fort Riley National Bank, the Shoppette and Barracks 7001, could possibly have delays.

Holiday Refuse Schedule

Due to the upcoming holiday Monday, refuse collection will change as follows: Monday - No Collection; Tuesday - Colyer Manor, Main Post housing and Marshall Army Air Field housing; Wednesday - Ellis Heights, Monteth Heights, Peterson Heights and O'Donnell Heights; Thursday - Burnside Heights and Warner Heights and Oct. 17 - South Peterson, South Warner, McClellan Heights and Meade Heights.

Post-wide Graduation

Fort Riley military personnel, family members and civilian personnel who are graduates of a local college or SOCAD college programs are invited to participate in the Fort Riley Post-wide Graduation ceremony Dec. 4 at King Field House. Counseling services at the Learning Centers will not be available on that afternoon for the ceremony. For more information, call 239-6481.

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 entertain-

ment, 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. 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.

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts of Fort Riley are having their annual Olympic Day event Oct. 18, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Fort Riley Scout Hut located on Marshall Army Air Field. Due to recent deployments, soldier volunteers are unavailable, so if you would be interested in volunteering to assist at the sport-

ing events, contact Alina Jones, 717-2454.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The Fort Riley Annual Retiree Appreciation Day will be held Oct. 24 at the Manhattan Holiday Inn/Holiday, 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 Hospital.

Diabetes Education Program

A Diabetes Education Program will be held at Irwin Army Community Hospital Oct. 21, noon - 4:30 p.m., in the Nutrition Care Division classroom, hospital

basement. Beneficiaries who have a documented 'consult appointment' from their Primary Care Managers are eligible to participate in this program. Participants are to bring a sack lunch or a healthy snack. Participants who complete the Diabetes Education Program are encouraged to schedule an individual appointment with Maj. Kevin Schaller, Family Nurse Practitioner, or with the hospital's Registered Dietitian, Beth Gallaher. For additional information, contact the Nutrition Care Division, 239-7644.

OCSB Basket Auction

Join OCSB for their October Dinner and Annual Basket Auction at the Holiday, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$15. Reservations are required for the dinner. You should RSVP to Connie Taylor, 784-5111.

Youth, Family Action Conferences help express needs, concerns

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

The Army Family Action Plan will host two conferences this month to gain better insight into the needs and concerns of the Fort Riley community. There will be a Youth Action Conference Oct. 18 and a Family Action Conference Oct. 23-24. The Youth Action Conference will be held at the Teen Center, building 5800, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Family Action Conference will take place over two days at the Battle Simulation Center, building 8388, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. "The conferences are a great opportunity for people to voice their concerns and make changes," said Becky Willis, program manager, Army Family Action Plan. "It's an opportunity to make a differ-

ence, as individuals have insight that can positively impact another person's life," said Willis. Willis said anyone associated with Fort Riley and interested in improving the community may participate in the conference. She advises anyone wanting to participate to contact the Soldier and Family Support Center. Willis said she does request individuals from units and different organizations on Fort Riley participate. She tries to get people with different perspectives including enlisted soldiers, officers, civilian employees and family members. Willis also takes into consideration whether participants are single, married, a single parent or married to another military member. For the youth conference, Willis asks for middle school and high school stu-

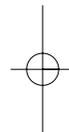
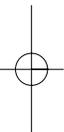
dents. She said in the past the students have been eager to participate. "The kids usually are excited about being a part of the process," she said. "They are really super motivated. The kids want to be heard and this is their chance." At the conferences, participants will be placed into groups. Each member becomes a delegate of that group. Each group is assigned a topic, then, under the guidance of a facilitator, discusses issues relevant to the topic. A recorder is also assigned to each group to document the group's progress. The group then tries to come up with solutions. When they are finished discussing the issues and their proposed solutions, all the data, including what the group decides are the top three issues, is turned over to the garrison commander

and the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is made up of personnel from Fort Riley directorates, school liaison officers and representatives from agencies like AAFES and the commissary. The garrison commander and the committee then try to resolve the issues. Willis said while most agencies and organization are willing to make changes, there are still some issues that cannot be resolved at the Fort Riley level. If the issue cannot be resolved, it is sent to a higher level of authority, a major command. Willis said the major command has its own conference in early spring. If issues cannot be resolved there, the next level is the Department of the Army. At this level, new legislation and Army-wide regulations can be made to resolve issues.

Willis said past topics have been medical and dental care, force support, consumer support, housing, family readiness, childcare employment, benefits and entitlements. Willis gave an example of how participation in the conferences can bring about change. A constant issue has been college tuition. With military families moving around every few years, they were unable to qualify for in-state tuition. The Department of the Army was able to get legislation passed enabling military members and their dependents in Kansas to receive in-state tuition privileges at state schools, no matter how long they have lived there. Those interested in participating in the conference can stop by the SFSC, building 7264, call 239-9435 or e-mail Willis, willisb@riley.army.mil

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School-Age Services receives grant to help children set, attain goals

By William Biles
Staff Writer

School-Age Services held its inaugural "All I Can Achieve/Goals for Graduation" pep rally Aug. 22. At the event were approximately 90 children from SAS, as well as parents and staff.

Goals for Graduation is an academic goal-setting program that provides SAS children with a variety of one-on-one, small-group and large group activities to support academic goal setting, learning and success in school.

"The SAS staff meets one-on-one with the children and review their goals. They encourage the children to do well in school, while helping them to stay focus on their goals to achieve excellence," said Valda Campbell, training and curriculum specialist, Child and Youth Services.

The Fort Riley SAS received grant money to help fund the Goals for Graduation program.

"The JC Penney's After School Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to support high-quality after-school programs. The funding of Goals For Graduation is just part of the sponsorship for educational enhancement," Campbell said. "JC Penney's provides grants to Boys and Girls Clubs of America across the nation. The grant provides funds to develop programs and activities to motivate young school-age children to set goals to achieve academic excellence for the new school year," she said. The Boys and Girls Clubs of America play a key part with JC Penney to administer and control the grant funds, she added.

Not everyone that applies for the grant receives it.

"There are limited amounts of fund-

ing, so only a select few Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and affiliated clubs, receive these grants each year," said Campbell. "Last year, Fort Riley School-Age Services applied for the grant, but did not receive it."

The pep rally that marked the beginning of a celebration at SAS kicked off with children singing and teen volunteers dressed in animal costumes entertaining. Also at the event was an All I Can Achieve puppet show put on by the SAS staff to stress the importance of education.

"The pep rally marked the beginning of a celebration for the school-age children, staff, parents and the (grant provider) to commit their pledge in working together as a team to help the children set achievable goals for the school year," said Campbell. "The pep rally is part of the program requirement to receive the \$1000 grant money."

Goals for Graduation is Project Learn's newest program resource, said Campbell. "It introduces club members, ages 6-15, to the concept of academic goal setting," she said. "The program helps youth make connections between their aspirations for the future and concrete actions they can take today."

Project Learn is a Boys and Girls Club of America program that reinforces and enhances the skills and knowledge young people learn at school during the hours they spend in School-Age Services.

"The program is based on Dr. Reginald Clark's research, showing that students do much better in school when they spend their non-school hours engaged in fun but academically beneficial activities," said Campbell. "Through Project Learn, SAS staff use all the areas and programs within the program to create opportunities for these "high-yield learn-

ing activities," which include leisure reading, writing activities, discussions with knowledgeable adults, helping others, homework help and tutoring and games ... that develop young people's cognitive skills," she said.

Project Learn also emphasizes parent involvement and collaboration between the SAS staff and school personnel as critical factors in creating the best after-school learning environment for children.

"It is very important for the parents, staff, children and the local (grant provider's store) representative to work together to achieve success," Campbell said.

The pep rally concluded with an explanation of the "Goals for Graduation" program by Maureen Riggs, Child and Youth Services coordinator, and then the group released balloons symbolizing the children's future aspirations.

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control positions. Thomas F. Hall, DoD's assistant secretary for reserve affairs, said repeated call-ups for some reserve component members are putting too much strain on families, employers and the troops themselves.

And, although Hall reported that all the reserve components met their end-strength targets for fiscal 2003 by Sept. 30, he's concerned that too many call-ups for reserve troops could hurt recruiting and retention down the road.

That's why Hall is committed to Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's plan to rebalance the force — basically shifting missions between the active and reserve components, and in some cases, to civilian contractors.

Rebalancing, Hall explained, isn't simply a matter of taking high-demand reserve component jobs and moving them to the active force. While that might work in some situations, it won't necessarily work in all, he said. He pointed to examples in which mobilized reservists bring experience to their military missions. For example, Army Reservists,

who make up 97 percent of the Army's civil affairs units, are contributing city mayors, public works managers, school principals, health-care administrators, banking officials and other highly qualified professionals to rebuilding Iraq's infrastructure.

Another consideration is that building active units "doesn't happen overnight," Hall said. "You have to have training, you have to grow the leaders, you have to recruit. That could take three to four to six years. It takes awhile."

And defense planners aren't willing to take that long to rebalance the force. Hall said he expects it to occur "over this year and next year, not five, six or seven years from now." The services each have plans and "are committed" to the concept, he said.

Another option being considered to rebalance the force, Hall said, is adding more billets for high-demand jobs in the Guard and Reserve. This, he explained, would increase the number of reserve component troops in a particular specialty, broadening

the pool of qualified people available for mobilizations. "That way," Hall said, "you wouldn't have to keep using the same ones."

Still another way to help rebalance the force is to contract out some of the jobs reservists and Guardsmen are being mobilized to carry out, particularly those that are not considered "core" military functions. So far, Hall

said, DoD has identified as many as 370,000 jobs that could be performed by civilians.

For example, when Hall visited troops mobilized to Kosovo, he was particularly impressed by the successful use of a contractor to run many typical garrison-type functions. Contractors there ran the food service operation, all morale, welfare and recreation activities and trash and garbage

disposal. "They were also doing force protection," Hall said. "And they were doing a magnificent job."

Hall said DoD probably will use a combination of these

options in its strategy to rebalance the force. "There is no one single solution to rebalancing," he said. "It's a multiple-solution problem, and we're looking at all of those multiple options."

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Apple Day- Open House



Reenactors play music for visitors to Saturday's Open House.



Jessica Stiles and her daughter, Cailey, 2, feed the goats at the Petting Zoo.



Shealyn and Sirena Martin watch as their father, Sgt. Paul A. Martin, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, prepares for a day of manning "Old Thunder," a civil war replica artillery piece on display during the Fort Riley Open House.

Visitors enjoy entertainment, see sights, learn history at Fort Riley

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

The soldiers, civilian employees and families of Fort Riley opened their doors and invited the local community on post for a day of celebration and exploration during the Fort Riley Open House and Apple Day celebration Saturday.

An estimated 5,000 - 7,000 people attended this year's festivities, according to Brad Carlton, supervisory operations and plans specialist, G3, who described the day as having "the feel of a large block party." Historical displays, military vehicle displays, an expo tent with 42 different vendors, weapons firing and much more was on hand for anyone who wished to tour the post and enjoy the multitude of food and crafts that were available. Even with the consolidated festival area, a result of recent deployments, it took over 300 soldiers and civilians to set up and run the various venues, said Carlton.

"It was an absolutely perfect day; from the weather to the food, entertainment, reenactors and especially the crowd," said Carlton. "The Open House definitely showcased what Fort Riley does for the Army and the country. I was overwhelmed by the number of families and children who came, many without their fathers who were deployed."

Apple Day, a tradition on post for the last 14 years, was also celebrated on Saturday with the bak-

ing of over 1200 apple pies, which were sold as a fundraiser for the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley. Volunteers from the post and the surrounding communities did all of the work on the pies in the days leading up to the Open House.

"We spent four days making the pies," said Joanne Gulotta, vice president, HASFR. "We have made 1212 pies, which exceeded our goal of 900. The volunteers just came out in droves. We had 241 total volunteers for all the shifts that we had."

Over the course of the four days, volunteers ended up doubling the expected amount of ingredients that they used due to the large number of volunteers and high volume of pies that they produced.

"We used close to 1000 pounds of sugar, 800 pounds of flour and 1300 pie shells," said Gulotta. "I was so happy with the amount of volunteers that came out. We made record pies per shift. Where we used to average 150 an hour last year, we made 200 to 250."

Proceeds from the pie sales are the only fundraiser that the society will hold this year, said Gulotta. Funds go toward the Fort Riley Scholarship Fund at the end of the year and also to the free HASFR monthly programs such as the Ghost Tours and tours of homes at Christmas time.

Along with downing a slice of pie or some homemade cider, the public was treated to military vehicle displays, emergency vehicle displays and numer-

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Sidney Santos, 5, the nephew of Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, command sergeant major 24th Infantry Division (Mech), conquers the obstacle course at the Apple Day/Open House.

War veterans share history with soldiers, Open House visitors



Sgt. Kevin Doheny, veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and James Meigs, former Buffalo Soldier and veteran of World War II and Vietnam, swap stories at the Veterans' Tent during Fort Riley's Open House.

By Gary Skidmore
Command Information Officer

James Meigs served in World War Two and Vietnam. However, he's most proud of the fact that most of his 30 year career was served at Fort Riley, first as a buffalo soldier and later with an engineer unit.

He gets around a little slower these days, most of the time with the assistance of a walker, but that doesn't stop him. Last Saturday, the 85-year-old veteran, dressed in a sport coat and tie, adorned with his many medals, manned his post in the Veteran's tent, staying all day, greeting each visitor, as they entered his era, WWII. If a visitor took the time and spoke to Meigs, the veteran was quick to share a

story and offered a history lesson of what his days in the Army were like.

Kenneth and Kermit Adams, twins from Manhattan, Kan., served together in Korea.

They too stood at their post in the Veteran's tent, greeting visitors as they passed from the WWII era to the Korean War era, their era.

Together for their entire 21 months of service, the two brothers were drafted in March, 1951 and after having taken their basic training at Fort Riley, were shipped to Korea and served 10 months in combat.

According to Ken, the two were faced with separation several times but managed to stay together the whole time they

served. "We heard if we talked to the chaplain, they'd try to keep us together, so we did and they left us alone."

Still together, the brothers shared stories with all the visitors that had questions about their time in service.

"The Veteran's tent is really nice," said Kerm. "You meet a lot of people that come through with questions about Korea and the war."

Lined with oversized photos of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, 911 and most recently Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Veteran's Tent combines living histories, photos, historic video of each era and patriotic music playing at every bend in the path to create an atmosphere for visitors to witness

and try to feel what each eras veterans went through.

"The Veteran's Tent is a labor of love," said Christie Vanover, Fort Riley Community Relations Officer. "It's a place for all veterans and their families to come and experience."

Vanover said that the single one aspect that sets the Veteran's Tent apart from other static displays is the living histories.

"The veterans that stand in our tent and share their memories and pass their experiences on to not only each other, but to the generations that follow, is priceless," said Vanover.

"The Veteran's Tent is a living history for everyone to experience."



Duty statue unveiled, dedicated to cavalry soldiers, horses

By William Biles
Staff Writer



Throughout the Fort Riley Apple Day/Open House festival Saturday, there were several key events performed in honor of the post's 150th birthday. One such event was the official unveiling of Fort Riley's newest statue "Duty" which stands outside the Cavalry Museum.

The Cavalry Museum Director, Bill McKale, opened the ceremony by stating who the statue honors and how it is fitting that it be at Fort Riley.

"Today we unveil the statue 'Duty,' which was designed and sculpted by Mr. James Muir. Duty honors all cavalrymen — it is fitting that this statue resides at Fort Riley, as Fort Riley will forever be considered the home of the cavalry," said McKale. "Units such as the 7th, 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments all trained and rode campaigns from these grounds. Soldiers such as Jeb Stewart, George Armstrong Custer and George S. Patton... all trained here," he added.

Col. Richard McPhee, chief of staff, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, spoke at the ceremony about what the statue represents.

"This 15-foot sculpture, Duty, created by Mr. James Muir, features a 1933 cavalryman on horseback in a saber salute. The piece speaks to the same values that the cavalry upheld and today's soldiers live by — terms like loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage," said McPhee. "Today, Duty stands as a tribute to the cavalrymen from the Revolutionary War to the mid-twentieth century, who served the Army bravely in numerous conflicts.

The statue poses as a reminder to those who look at it.

"We are dedicating this statue to our history, and here it will stand, for our future, as a reminder of the soldiers that have served so proudly. I am proud to say that the cavalry's legacy continues on this post today," said McPhee.

The statue's creator, James N. Muir was on hand for the unveiling and spoke to the crowd gathered.

"This piece is entitled Duty. It is first and foremost, a tribute to the men and animals that have served this country so faithfully from the Revolutionary War to the end of the Mount- ed Cavalry in the middle of this last century," said Muir.

Muir reflected on why he felt it was important for the piece to have the saber included with the sculpture.

"To the best of my ability, everything on it is historically accurate and correct. I chose 1933 - 1934 because the model 1913 saber, which he is holding, was essentially withdrawn from active use during that time," said Muir. "It was critical to this piece, as to the cavalry, the symbolism of the

saber. It was the arm blanche of the cavalry... it was the primary weapon of the cavalry."

Muir went on to say what the cavalry saber ultimately represents and why that representation is so important.

"Ultimately, that saber is the sword of truth. There is no higher religion, there is no higher political system and there is no higher belief than truth. There is no greater calling than the pursuit of truth, wherever that truth may lead," said Muir.

"This country has always stood for truth, truth to our own citizens, truth to the world. It is up to each of us to make sure that ideal is not forgotten."

M c P h e e touched on the importance of why we should recognize the past cavalry as well as the present cavalry.

"We were established back in 1853 as a cavalry post to protect the frontier and western settlers. In 1892, the post earned the title, 'The Home of the Cavalry' with the establishment of the Cavalry School," he said. "It is important for us to recognize the cavalry today, as they play such a large

role in Fort Riley's history... and not just Fort Riley, but the nation's history as we expanded to the West," said McPhee.

"Through the Golden Age of Cavalry, Army horsemen and the training they received at this great institution made them among the finest mounted soldiers in the world. Today, our Fort Riley Honor Guard showcases the post's cavalry tradition, and they not only represent our past... they represent our present, and quite honestly, our future. They are, in essence, incredible young soldiers, and not just an Honor Guard," he said.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of Fort Riley after the unveiling of Duty, McPhee and Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, command sergeant major, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, unveiled a plaque for the occasion.

The plaque read, "Fort Riley, 1853 - 2003, 150 years of soldiers serving our nation. Dedicated October 4, 2003.

The plaque will be placed on the Cavalry Parade Field reviewing stand at a later date.

After the plaque was unveiled, Canuela was presented with a cavalry saber from the Honor Guard in order to perform the first cut of the birthday cake for Fort Riley's 150th birthday. The cake was served inside the Veteran's Tent to any who wanted a piece.

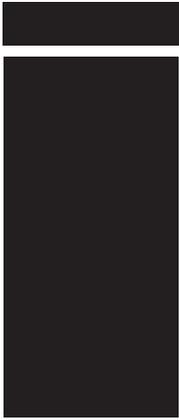
The ceremony concluded with the playing of Garry Owen, a popular Irish song from the 19th century that became the marching and fighting song of the 7th U.S. Cavalry.



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The 15-foot sculpture, Duty, was created by James Muir and features a 1933 cavalryman on horseback in a saber salute.

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Fort Riley Honor Guard performs during Apple Day - Open House

By Bobby Miller
19th PAD

Thousands of soldiers and civilians gathered Saturday on Main Post to celebrate Fort Riley's 150th birthday and its years of service to the military and the surrounding community.

One of the biggest hits at this year's Open House and Apple Day celebration was the Fort Riley Honor Guard demonstration. The Honor Guard spent the entire day at Cavalry Parade Field and performed two shows. During the shows, the soldiers were dressed in periodic uniforms from the 1800s and used equipment from that time period.

One of the drills they performed was the Saber Assault Course. The Saber Assault Course involved a series of equestrian drills with horse jumps and obstacles. The soldiers also demonstrated the old tactics of the mounted cavalry. Each soldier took to the Assault Course wielding a saber and negotiating several horse jumps. They had to pop balloons while moving quickly on horseback.

The Honor Guard was popular with many people and most seemed to enjoy the old time reenactment.

"It brings back the history of the cavalry," said Spec. Adam Hawks, Honor

Guard member. "What we do really shows the kids how things were in the old days."

Hawks said it took a week to prepare, and all the hard work paid off.

"It took us six days to get ready for it (Apple Day), and we had perfect weather and it feels really good to be here," said Hawks. "The older people come out and really enjoy seeing us perform, and I hope we put a smile on everyone's face."



Nancy Durbin talks with soldiers from the Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Everyone seemed to enjoy it." Hawks added that the Honor Guard performs weekly from one day to five days a week.

Jean Wollan, mother of a Fort Riley soldier, said she liked the Honor Guard presentation.

"I enjoy this period of history, so I find the Honor Guard presentation extremely interesting," said Wollan at the celebration. "The Honor Guard demonstrations were everything I expected, and I do a lot of reading about this time period. I'm having a great time."

Hawks said that the lower number of soldiers on post did not seem to have much effect on attendance at the celebration.

"I hope the kids were able to meet the horses and realize that they are not big and mean, that they are very gentle," said Hawks. "I hope that we put on a great

show and that everyone is happy. I love to see the smiles on people's faces. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show. Even though we have a lot of soldiers deployed, everybody seemed to be in

good spirits, and we get to come out here today and forget things for a little while." Lisa Thompson, of Salina, said she had a great time watching the Honor Guard perform.

"The Honor Guard demonstration was really cool," said Thompson. "It was so awesome. I really loved seeing the old reenactment and the horses and the soldiers."



Sgt. Ryan Thomas and Spc. Matthew Hutzenbiler of the Fort Riley Honor Guard perform on an assault course at Open House Saturday.

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ous historical displays, with soldiers and Department of Defense civilian employees offering information on items.

Spec. Donald Gowler, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, was involved in the display of "Old Thunder," a three-inch replica Civil War era cannon, which was manned by soldiers in period dress.

Gowler thought the community's support of the military and the interest in military activities and Open House displays were a great boon to the post.

"It's really good for the community and surrounding areas because a lot of them don't always know what happens here on post. They don't get to see everything that we do," said Gowler. "We have things like the

cannon, the cavalry and the K9 units. There are just so many other things that people don't see that we do here at Riley, and I think that it gives them a better idea of what we do."

Capt. Justin Avery, 82nd Medical Company, air ambulance, enjoyed the children and their interest in his Blackhawk helicopter, which was on display.

"It's a good reaction," said Avery. "A lot of kids and people who wouldn't normally get to see this kind of equipment are so excited to look at it and climb inside the cockpit and get the pilots perspective."

Avery also saw the benefits of a time of celebration and a feeling of openness on post under the current circumstances.

"All this will give a good light to the surrounding community — let the people know that the Army is not all uptight and that things are starting to relax and maybe things aren't as bad as they seem over in Iraq and around the world."

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Open House festivities offer lots for children of all ages

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

Fort Riley's Open House attracted visitors from across the region, but probably the most discriminating group of visitors, the group demanding the most of their entertainment, were the children.

Children at last weekend's celebration each had their favorite attraction.

"The wagon ride is my favorite because you get to move around without necessarily having to walk," said Kaitlyn Inouye, 14, of Milford. "I also liked the teacup spinning ride — that's one where if you turn the wheel hard then it'll start spinning too fast. If you count the moon-walk as a ride, then I like that one too."

The Petting Zoo by Hedrick's Exotic Animal Farm attracted a large crowd all day as well, selling seed for the animals and allowing free access for kids of all ages to many different types of animals.

"We have Nilgai Antelope babies, A Scottish Highland Heifer, llama, water buffalo, emus, miniature Cecilian donkey, alpaca, camel, Patagonian cavies, zebra's and a turtle," said Rick Campbell, petting zoo assistant manager, listing a wide variety of uncommon animals.

"I think that this is my favorite thing so far because that's a Highland Cow, and it's my favorite thing in the whole world," explained Kristin Taylor, 11, of Fort Riley, as she pointed to the animal.

"This has been the funniest so far," said Rachel Martin, 7, of Fort Riley. "I liked the pig best because he's so small."

And then there were the less outgoing few; looking with quiet amazement at a thing they had never seen before.

"The deer just ate the whole thing, even the cup," complained Dylan Scott, 7, of Fort Riley, holding out a hand noticeably absent of a feed container.

The largest attraction, by claim of the soldiers running it, was the Freedom Course located in Tuttle Park, which put children into the role of a downed aviator who must pass through seven obstacles on his way to the extraction point.

"We've been keeping track of the people that come through, and there have been 145 so far, just before lunch," said Sgt. Christopher Dart, 1st Maintenance Company, 937th Engineer Group. "We expect a lot more after lunch, because that's when the crowds start coming in after they've slept late."

At the start of the course, there was a soldier that briefed the young aviators after surviving their downed aircraft incident.

"While on a top secret mission, your helicopter has just crashed behind enemy lines in a hostile territory," said Spe. Gabriel Harper, 1st Maint. Co., reading off a

sign posted at the beginning of the course. "You now have to escape to the extraction point for evacuation. The only way to the extraction point is through the Freedom Course, which has seven obstacles you will have to navigate. If you can make it to the end, you will have to radio for extraction and use your flare to signal heli-

sign our position and continue to the extraction point for evacuation."

Cox then threw a red chemical light and completed the mad dash to his extraction point, where a final soldier clipped his vest to a rappel line and promptly unclipped it, simulating a safe extraction. He then awarded Cox flight wings for his bravery in combat, which were awarded to all warriors in this adventure.

"You soldiers have successfully escaped from behind enemy lines," read a board at the finish of the course. "You were able to escape cap-

ture and make it through dangerous terrain to call for your evacuation. To honor you for your bravery and courage under extreme and dangerous conditions, you are being awarded these aviation wings."

"I think they went a little over the kids heads with the debriefing," Dart explained with a chuckle. "Most of the kids are so excited when they come through, they don't even care."

Experts, those who have run the course in years past, agree that this year's course looks even better than the previous one.

"I expected it to be more hard than last year, with bigger obstacles," said Antonio Cherry, 10, of Junction City. "I wanted to do it because it is a lot of fun, I know because I did it last year."

"It feels good to be working out," said Logan Ellithor, 8, of Fort Riley. "It was only a little hard, but a lot fun."

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A young boy completes an obstacle on the Freedom Course. There were seven obstacles on the course, and all participants received aviation wings.

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