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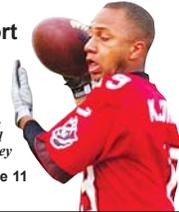
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Around The Army

Fort Rucker:

The Army Flier reported Oct. 8 that the last four UH-1 Iroquois in the post's aviation inventory retired after many years of service. A ceremony marking their departure took place at Lowe Army Heliport Sept. 29.

Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Knowles, chief warrant officer of the branch, was the guest of honor at the ceremony because he also was flying for the last time in his military career. Knowles retired after 28 years of service.

For more about this story and other Fort Rucker news, visit www.armyflier.com on the Web.

Fort Dix:

The Post reported Oct. 1 that the installation workforce began that day to implement the combination contractor - most efficient organization format mandated by commercial activities studies under way at Fort Dix for more than four years.

Major elements of the reorganization included a shift to a Directorate of Readiness that will replace separate force protection and logistics organizations.

The Directorates of Public Works and Information Management will become (or further expand) hybrid organizations of contract and civil service employees, with Johnson Controls submitting the "best value" bid on the work.

For more about this story and other Fort Dix news, visit www.dix.army.mil/PAO/Post04 on the Web.

Fort Knox:

Inside the Turret reported Oct. 14 that the first 24 Warrior Transition Course Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armor Training Brigade, graduated Sept. 30 in Hazard Auditorium.

The Soldiers completed a 28-day condensed version of basic training, just to get them back up to speed and qualified on the M16 rifle. The Soldiers also trained in the core warrior tasks and drills.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.thenevcenterprise.com/turret/ on the Web.

Fort Riley:

Charges were preferred under the Uniform Code of Military Justice against Sgt. Aaron R. Stanley and Sgt. Eric J. Colvin, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry.

Stanley was charged with conspiracy to commit murder, two specifications of premeditated murder, wrongful possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, wrongful distribution of methamphetamines, wrongful use of methamphetamines, absence without leave, violation of an order restricting him to the limits of Fort Riley and adultery.

Colvin has been charged with conspiracy to commit murder, two specifications of premeditated murder, wrongful possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, wrongful distribution of methamphetamines and wrongful use of methamphetamines.

Senate OKs \$122.5M for Riley

Defense Authorization Conference Report goes to Bush for signature

By Gail Parsons
The Daily Union

The Defense Authorization Conference Report approved Oct. 10 by the U.S. Senate and passed on to the president contains Kansas projects totaling more

than \$1 billion.

After the president signs the legislation, Fort Riley will receive \$122.5 million for five projects, including construction of 126 new housing units.

Other components of the bill include a 3.5 percent permanent pay increase for military person-

nel; makes permanent the rate for imminent danger pay at \$225 per month; increases the family separation allowance to \$250 per month; and calls for changes in the military retirees' benefits programs.

Junction City military liaison Ken Burgoon said that with the

expected increase of 3,400 Soldiers beginning in October 2005, the new housing is especially good news.

In addition, this region needs to remain cognizant of the expected draw down of U.S. troops in Europe and Korea.

"We need to be conscious that

housing needs will increase," he said.

In addition to the family housing, \$41 million will go to barracks renewal, \$3 million for a communications center, \$15.5 million for a maintenance facility

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Town fighting

Colorado Soldiers assist tankers

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Special Forces Soldiers from Fort Carson, Colo., helped members of Fort Riley's 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, train in urban operations Sept. 29 through Oct. 1 at Fort Riley's Military Operations in Urban Terrain training site.

The 10th Special Forces and the Dreadnaughts also worked together at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., in August. Capt. Tripp McCullar of the 10th Special Forces said he and some of his troops were asked to help the Fort Riley Soldiers more.

"We could be working together in the future in Iraq," he said. "This training helps us build a stronger working relationship."

The intent of the exercise was to teach the tankers how to conduct dismounted urban movement, how to work better off vehicles and how to be better on the ground, McCullar said.

Soldiers learned about clearing rooms, moving from building to building and working together as a team, said Sgt. Rolando Rodriguez of Co. B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor.

"It was excellent just to get the feel of an urban environment. We're tankers, we don't do this much."



Post/Blackmon

Soldiers of Co. B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, enter a building as part of a training exercise teaching them correct techniques for clearing buildings of suspected enemy elements.



Post/Blackmon

Staff Sgt. James Hancox (left) and Sgt. Brian Morris of Co. B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, secure a room during urban operations training.



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Sgt. Michael Trayhern (center) and Staff Sgt. James Hancox (right) of Co. B, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, prepare to enter a room while a fellow Soldier watches the doorway. The tankers were practicing urban warfare operations with the assistance of Special Forces Soldiers from Fort Carson, Colo.

Post will get less flu vaccine

Shots will go to Soldiers, high-risk first

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Fort Riley and surrounding communities are feeling the affects of influenza vaccine shortages as the flu season nears.

The United States is expected to receive only half of its originally anticipated flu vaccine doses this year because British authorities suspended the license of Chiron Corporation on Oct. 5 for the next three months. Problems at its vaccine manufacturing plant in Liverpool, England, prevented the company from releasing any flu vaccine doses for the 2004-2005 influenza season.

Chiron, a California-based biotech company, was under contract to provide as many as 48 million doses of flu vaccine to the United States, nearly half of the supply.

A Medical Department Activity spokesperson at Fort Riley said post medical officials have received a small shipment of vaccine from Aventis Pasteur Inc. and

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Chemical Soldiers advised on career

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Chemical specialists need better training and utilization, Chemical Corps Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Z. Alston told approximately 25 career specialists at Fort Riley Oct. 7. Changes to reach that goal are being taken, he assured them.

"We have got to make sure we get our young hoo-ahs the right skill set" to become a value-added factor for commanders, he said.

Initial action to achieve that goal came recently in the form of eliminating redundancy in classes presented during One Station Unit

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that vaccinations are being given based guidance from the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

Originally, medical officials at Fort Riley were expecting a combined shipment from the two flu vaccine manufacturers.

Jan Clark, Irwin Army Community Hospital spokesperson, said additional shipments are expected as Aventis and the Defense Department are combining efforts to ensure the Army can meet demands for vaccinating deploying Soldiers and high-risk patients.

"Only Aventis flu vaccines will be distributed," Clark said.

As a result of the shortage, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Defense have prioritized vaccinations. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs William Winkenwerder Jr. announced the following vaccine priority:

- * Deployed or deploying servicemembers and others designated as critical to national defense
- * High-risk individuals, including health-care workers, infants and the elderly.
- * Recruits
- * Non-deployed healthy active

Irwin Army Community Hospital officials offer tips for avoiding flu

With a major shortage in flu vaccine this year, it is important that individuals practice good respiratory and hand hygiene to prevent transmission of the flu. Measures that can be taken by all individuals to prevent acquiring and spreading influenza include:

- * Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- * If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
- * Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting

sick.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

It is particularly important that parents, teachers, and daycare workers remind children and students to:

- * Cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw it away;
- * Cover up with a sleeve if you don't have a tissue, and
- * Clean hands often with soap and water.

Most healthy patients who are infected

with the flu will not have complications. Some patients may be candidates for anti-flu medications after they are infected or if a close contact of theirs is infected. The decision to start such medications is one made by an individual's healthcare provider and will be affected by the timing and duration of symptoms and other factors.

MEDDAC will continue to use limited vaccine supplies to vaccinate individuals according to the prioritization categories. As more vaccine supplies arrive, mass vaccination days and immunization clinic hours will be coordinated and communicated to the Fort Riley community.

For more information, individuals may call 239-7323.

duty

* Other healthy eligible beneficiaries

As additional flu vaccine shipments arrive on post, MEDDAC will release when and where high-risk patients can receive vaccination, Clark said.

According to the Disease and Injury Control Program of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, the vaccine is required for all active forces for the prevention of

influenza A and B. Those strains of influenza are known to cause epidemics within military populations, especially under conditions of crowding such as recruit training, aboard ship, extended air transport or certain deployment settings.

The Army's influenza vaccination program last year indicated 72 percent of all Soldiers in the Army and 82 percent of Soldiers in the Medical Command were vaccinated.

Last year, the Defense Department contracted with Aventis to provide one-third of the vaccine demand anticipated and with Evans Vaccine Ltd. to provide the other two-thirds.

The vaccine shortage caused Geary County Health Department authorities to cancel its bio-terrorism exercise Oct. 9 and local health departments have indicated

plans to prioritize vaccines of high-risk patients in accordance with the CDC recommendations.

The CDC estimates that 10 to 20 percent of Americans contract the flu during each flu season, which typically lasts from November to March.

Children are two to three times more likely than adults to get sick with the flu and children frequent-

ly spread the virus to others.

CDC officials are asking healthy people 2 to 64 years of age to not get vaccinated this year at all or to wait to get their vaccine after persons in priority groups in their area have had a chance to be vaccinated. That would make it possible for people at greater health risk from flu to get the vaccinations.

Although most people recover from the illness, CDC estimates that in the United States more than 100,000 people are hospitalized and about 36,000 people die from the flu and its complications every year.

Major flu vaccine distributors like Cincinnati, Ohio-based Bess Medical announced that they would not be supplying Chron Fluvirin (influenza virus vaccine) for the 2004-2005 influenza season, leaving many of the nation's medical clinics and public health departments without flu vaccine doses.

For more information about the flu vaccine program on post, contact the Irwin Army Community Hospital Preventive Medicine Service at 239-7323.

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revitalization and \$30 million for family housing improvements.

With \$122.5 million in construction projects being planned for Fort Riley, Geary and surrounding counties can expect to benefit.

"The increased demand for construction workers of all kinds provides an economic boost to the community, not just us but for several miles around," Burgoon said.

Geary County Economic Development Commission Director Larry Cope said the effect of the new money on post will be seen in Junction City.

"Those construction dollars will bring additional dollars to the area; those dollars bring in additional spending," Cope said. "It is

a boost to our local economy any time there is an additional investment at Fort Riley."

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he was pleased the Senate passed the legislation prior to adjournment.

Other Kansas projects included in the legislation are:

- * \$4.2 million for the Marine Corps Urban Operation Environmental Laboratory and \$4.1 million for Marine Corps research to explore use of nano-particle technology in urban operations at Kansas State University, and
- * \$12 million for chemical and biological agent sensor network

research for early detection of biological and chemical agents at the University of Kansas.

"This bill showcases the contribution Kansas makes to our national defense. There are several important projects contained in this bill, including funds for family housing improvements at Kansas installations.

The bill also provides the tools our men and women in uniform need to accomplish the mission at hand, and to begin preparing for future threats," Roberts said.

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Post news in brief

MP company set to deploy

A deployment ceremony for the 977th Military Police Company is planned for 3 p.m. Oct. 15 on Cavalry Parade Field. This will be the company's second rotation to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. During this scheduled six-month rotation the MPs will be establishing fixed security in the Baghdad area as well as conducting detainee operations.

Graduation ceremony set

Fort Riley military members, family members and civilian employees who are graduates of local college or SOCAD college programs are being invited to participate in the postwide graduation ceremony at 1 p.m., Dec. 9, in King Field House. For more information, call 239-6481.

Irwin notifies Vioxx clients

Merck and Co., Inc., makers of Vioxx, have advised discontinuation of the medication. Irwin Army Community Hospital is using its Audiocare system to telephonically notify all those listed as Vioxx prescription holders and advising them to discontinue its use.

Those using Vioxx are being advised to call 239-3627 during duty hours for an appointment. Patients may also leave a telephone consult for their Primary Care Manager, who will decide which medication should replace Vioxx.

DoD aims to attract Hispanics

By Donna Miles
AFPS

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is increasingly reaching out to Hispanic organizations to get the word out about the broad range of military and civil service opportunities open to Hispanics, the Pentagon's top personnel officer told the American Forces Press Service Oct. 12.

Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David S.C. Chu said Hispanic representa-

tion in the armed forces has grown steadily during the past 10 years, and that DoD is continuing to make a concerted effort to attract more Hispanics to its work force.

Hispanics represent 9.9 percent of the active-duty enlisted force and 4.7 percent of the active-duty officer corps. In the reserve components, Hispanics make up 9.1 percent of enlisted service members and 4.3 percent of officers.

In contrast, Hispanics make up 16 percent of the 18 to 24 year olds in the U.S. population.

Chu said Hispanic representa-

tion isn't shared equally by the military services.

The Marine Corps is doing the best job of attracting Hispanics, he said, with Hispanics making up 14.5 percent of its enlisted force and 6.4 percent of its officer corps.

The Army follows closely behind, trailed by the Navy.

With Hispanics making up just 6 percent of its enlisted force and 3.6 percent of its officers, the Air Force faces "the biggest challenge," Chu said. Hispanics make up 6.2 percent of DoD's civil service work force, officials report-

ed.

Chu said DoD is working with several Hispanic organizations to help overcome roadblocks in attracting Hispanics into military and civilian jobs in the department. One problem, he said, is that the Hispanic community doesn't tend to put as much emphasis as some other groups on finishing high school — a virtual prerequisite to enlisting in the military.

Chu said the military's requirement that enlistees receive a high school diploma "isn't about smarts," but rather, provides an

indicator of the person's ability to function in a structured environment.

Similarly, Chu said, Hispanics are less likely than some other groups to go on to college, possibly because they don't know about programs such as ROTC available to help them. Because all military officers must have a four-year degree under their belt, Chu said this means fewer Hispanics qualify to earn commissions.

At the same time, Chu said,

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Training, the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course and the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, Alston said.

More needs to be done... training needs to be geared toward what chemical Soldiers need to know in the field, Alston said. Some lessons learned in Iraq already are being incorporated into BNCO, but more needs to be done, Alston repeated.

The regimental command sergeant major plans to move in that direction by convening a board of Soldiers in grades E-1 through E-5, "maybe E-6s," at the U.S. Army Chemical School the weekend of Oct. 15.

Alston said he wants to pick those Soldiers' brains about what chemical Soldiers need to know. What Alston learns at that board and what he has personally experienced may be integrated into the program of instruction for chemical specialists in fiscal year 2006, he told the Fort Riley Soldiers.

One thing Alston insists future chemical Soldiers must know is how to correctly operate a unit NBC room for maintenance, accountability and issue of nuclear, biological and chemical equipment.

Too many times Soldiers right out of OSUT are given the responsibility for running those



Post/Horonomus

Chemical Corps Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Z. Alston emphasizes the need for chemical specialists to be more well rounded in their knowledge and better trained in their career field in order to be a "value added" factor for their commanders. Alston visited Fort Riley Oct. 7.

company rooms without sufficient guidance from battalion enlisted chemical Soldiers, Alston said.

The Chemical Corps also must urge Training and Doctrine Command to integrate environmental sampling skills into BNCO, Alston said.

Commanders and their units face the real possibility of dealing with topical and environmental agents in the war against terror-

ism, Alston said.

Chemical specialists in the unit must know how to deal with those agents, he said.

Soldiers attending ANCOC must be taught consequence management, Alston said. When hazardous material is found, the local police chief or the fire chief would normally be the commander on the scene, Alston said.

If they're unsure of what to do,

they look toward the Army's chemical specialists for guidance, and there is a very real possibility a chemical specialist would become the on-scene incident commander, he said.

"The title of chemical specialist tells the world you know everything about chemicals," Alston told the Fort Riley Soldiers.

The ideal chemical Soldier would be well rounded in chemical knowledge and operational skills so that they could live up to that expectation, he suggested.

"We need (chemical specialists) that can do almost everything. We need to get rid of ASIs (Additional Skill Identifiers) because we are grooming those Soldiers for limited use (limited time serving in positions requiring an ASI)," he added.

"All chemical Soldiers need an overview of those assignments requiring an ASI so they all can be assigned (to those jobs)," Alston said.

That gives the Army much more flexibility in assigning chemical Soldiers, prepares chemical Soldiers to successfully perform those jobs, better equips the chemical Soldier to advise his or her commander and, in the long run, improves the Chemical Corps, he said.

CSM Alston

- 10th regimental command sergeant major of the Chemical Corps
- Began his career as a medical specialist at Fort Belvoir, Va.
- Completed airborne school
- Served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada and earned Combat Medical Badge
- Distinguished Honor Graduate of Air Assault School
- Association of the U.S. Army Outstanding NCO of the Year while stationed with the 34th Support Group in Korea
- Honor graduate of Technical Escort Course
- As master sergeant, served as first Technical Escort Battalion command sergeant major
- Served as 2nd Inf. Div. chemical sergeant major in Korea, 23rd Chemical Battalion command sergeant major and 23rd Area Support Group command sergeant major

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Post news in brief

Commission briefings set

Irwin Army Community Hospital will host briefings for Soldiers interested in learning about the Army Medical Department's Enlisted Commissioning Program. Briefings are scheduled at 8 and 10 a.m. and again at 1 and 3 p.m. Oct. 19 in Room 4A of the hospital.

Center offers new programs

The Army Education Center is sponsoring a new 12-semester-hour graduate certificate program in Conflict Mediation offered by Kansas State University. The program begins with the October on-post term. The first course to be offered is FSHS 700, Conflict Resolution: Core Skills and Strategies. The course will be taught on Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 25 through Dec. 18 in the Digital Training Center, Building 7285.

Cost of the course is \$786. Tuition assistance is available to eligible military personnel. Anyone interested in attending should visit with an Army education counselor.

Boughs offered for decorating

Units, housing occupants and post activities desiring cedar and pine boughs to decorate the interior and exterior of their buildings can pick up this material Nov. 12 through Dec. 24 at the Public Works parking lot on Dickman Avenue across from Building 364 on Main Post on a first come, first served basis.

Extreme care should be taken in using the boughs in order to avoid fire hazards. Frequent misting or sprinkling of boughs with water is recommended to retard their drying out. All units, housing occupants and activities are reminded that cutting pine and cedar trees or branches anywhere on the installation is prohibited.

For more information, call the Operations and Maintenance Division at 239-3908.

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3rd Brigade pairs qualify at range

Soldiers buddy up to fire machine guns, squad automatic weapons



19th PAD/Selmek
Pvt. Lance Sherrick of the Support Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, carefully aims his weapon while attempting to qualify on the M2 .50-caliber machine gun. Pfc. Hugo Romero (laying), also of Support Pltn., acts as his assistant.

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

Sometimes it takes two to shoot and qualify, to paraphrase an old bromide.

Some 3rd Brigade Soldiers went to the range in pairs recently to test their skills firing the Squad Automatic Weapon, M249 Light Machine Gun, M240B machine gun and M2 .50-caliber machine gun.

Each weapon requires the gunner and assistant gunner to be trained in its use, said 1st Lt. Joshua Eggar, 70th Engineer Battalion headquarters platoon leader. The large ammunition is difficult for a single Soldier to load. An assistant gunner also is needed to adjust the traverse and elevation knob used to aim the weapon correctly.

"You have to exercise good teamwork," said Pvt. Lance Sherrick, a member of the Support Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, "because my assistant has to adjust the positioning for me every time in order for me to shoot where I want to."

Weapons qualifications topped the "to do" list for companies of 3rd Brigade the past several weeks because the units are preparing for an upcoming Iraq deployment, Eggar.

The 70th Eng. Bn. joined such other units as 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, 1st Battalion, 41st

Infantry, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor; 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery; 125th Forward Support Battalion; and the 977th Military Police Company on the ranges. Those units expect to deploy to Iraq as a group.

"We just qualified one and a half to two and a half months ago," Eggar said. "We would have had to wait to qualify again until early next year. Soldiers are required to requalify every six months, (and) we're not sure if we'll have time for it all next year, so we're getting it out of the way now."

Nearly 30 Soldiers have been qualifying each day on the four pair-operated weapons since the range firing began. Qualification has taken at least a few days each week for the past three weeks.

Soldiers qualifying on the machine gun range must meet requirements on the 10-meter as well as the pop-up range and night fire. Soldiers must also qualify with the M2 while wearing nuclear, biological and chemical protective gear.

While those pairs of Soldiers concentrate on demonstrating their skill on the larger weapons, the 3rd Brigade units put other Soldiers on the ranges to qualify with the M16 rifle, into training scenarios simulating military operations in urban terrain, and through a variety of other training.

"We'll all basically be doing

the same mission, so while defense is important and we might need to pull some guard or something, most of these guys will be conducting raids and being out kicking doors in, or conducting reconnaissance sweeps to make sure nobody's mined the road ahead of us," Eggar said.

"It's neat to be out here, but to be honest, the training has been exhausting," said Pfc. Hugo Romero with the Support Pltn., 2nd Bn., 70th Armor. "We've been training on the M-16, reflexive fire, you name it. We've been doing everything we can to be ready for deployment."

Reflexive fire training requires Soldiers to find targets and shoot at them without taking careful aim through their weapon's sights.

Though it is grueling, few Soldiers debate the necessity of the training.

"This is the best weapon system the Army has," said Staff Sgt. Brian Trapp of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor. He referred to the Squad Automatic Weapon he had qualified with. "I put this on my (M809) 5-ton (truck) and it pretty much runs the convoy. We're going back to Iraq soon, so this training is pretty mandatory."

"You got to know how to use it, because if you don't and you run into a situation where you need it, you're going to find yourself in a lot of trouble," Sherrick said.

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Hispanic youth are facing the same phenomenon he said young people in other cultural groups are experiencing: their parents, teachers and other role models aren't necessarily supporting their interest in military service.

In response, the Defense Department is using a far-reaching strategy to attract Hispanics, from partnering with Hispanic groups to running ads directed at young people as well as adults in a position to influence their decisions, to sponsoring stay-in-school campaigns directed at Hispanic youth.

For the first time this year, DoD and all the military services

participated in the League of United Latin American Citizen's annual training conference and convention, held in July in San Antonio.

During the session, DoD entered into a memorandum of understanding with the league supporting efforts to recruit and employ more Hispanics, showcased Hispanic military heroes from the past as well as on the battlefield today in Afghanistan and Iraq, and sponsored a career fair luncheon.

"It was clear that they were very appreciative of this outreach," Chu said.

DoD officials met later with League of United Latin American Citizens members to reaffirm the relationship.

In addition, the Army has an extensive stay-in-school outreach campaign, Operation Graduation, run in partnership with the Ad Council, that features funny and poignant television and radio spots in both English and Spanish. The Army also has a "You Soy

El Army" advertising campaign, the Spanish-language counterpart to the "Army of One" program, which airs nationally on the Univision and Telemundo cable networks as well as on radio stations in key Hispanic markets.

The services also are turning to the Internet to reach the Hispanic community.

In addition to a Spanish version of its Web site, the Army has five bilingual "cyber recruiters" available to address specific questions in their online chat room.

The Navy also has a Spanish version of its Web site.

Chu said he's optimistic that these and other initiatives will have a positive impact on recruiting efforts by sending a clear message to recruitment-age Hispanics and their role models about opportunities for them in DoD.

"We must appeal to the full cross-section of young Americans with sufficient encouragement so they are interested in considering a tour of military duty or perhaps a career," he said.

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Commentary

Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Of the Army's core values, loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage, which is most important to you personally?



"Loyalty and integrity go hand-in-hand. If you're loyal and dedicated to the job and profession, you'll try to do all the rest. If you don't have integrity, you'll do things the wrong way."

1st Lt. Jeffrey Hancock
Executive Officer
HHC, 3rd Bde., 1st Armored Div.
Home: Tampa, Fla.



"LDRSHIP (the acronym for the core values)" Proper leadership is what gets things done. It sets the standard for performance. It's doing the right thing when no one is looking."

Maj. Michael O'Neill
Support Operations Officer
HHD, 125th FSB
Home: Fountain, Colo.



"They are all important. Loyalty may mean most to me because it's the trust you have in fellow Soldiers and comrades. It's trusting they'll do what needs to be done without having to check on them."

1st Sgt. Moses Simmons,
Co. B, 1st Eng. Bn.
Home: Clinton, N.C.



"Respect is the most important because as you move up in rank, you get different kinds of respect from subordinates. It's important to earn respect of those below because they expect you to know the answers."

Staff Sgt. Shonta Tucker
24th Inf. Div./U.S.A. Garrison
Installation Ammunition Clerk
Home: Longs, S.C.



"Integrity, because it puts the welfare of everyone before yourself. I think it's the core of Army values because it entails doing the right thing no matter what the sacrifice."

Spc. Brandy Vance
Admin Clerk
917th Corps Support Group
mobilized for duty in Iraq
Home: Tonganoxie, Kan.

Next week's question:

What do you think the Post should ask Soldiers, family members and civilian employees while conducting Riley Roundtable interviews?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

Citizenship means voting

Servicemembers should exercise right



Gen. Richard Myers

AFPS

In this election year, you our men and women in uniform - are stationed around the globe serving our nation and defending democracy. We have both the responsibility and the privilege to participate in our democracy by exercising our fundamental right to vote.

I encourage every eligible man and woman in uniform, as well as all family members of voting age, to join in the democratic process and cast your ballots. You will have the opportunity to vote, either in person or through absentee ballots, in primary, special run-off and general elections - no matter where you are stationed or what operation you are participating in.

Recent elections have demonstrated the importance of every absentee ballot. Your vote does count! The 2004 elections will determine our choice for president and vice president, 34 senators, the entire House of Representatives, and 13 governors, as well as thousands of local officials. I urge each of you to participate, starting with the primaries already under way and continuing through the general election on Nov. 2.

Most of you will be using the absentee voting process, which has never been easier than it is today. As members of the Armed Forces, we each have a responsibility to take part in determining our nation's leadership. It's your future, vote for it!

Gen. Richard B. Myers,
Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Thanks for job done bravely

Former commander praises post troops

I wish I had the time to write a handwritten note to tell you how proud I am of the leaders and Soldiers from Fort Riley who have fought in Iraq so professionally and bravely. I was able to overlap with the Bulldog Brigade for a couple of months, and their actions and operations in Baghdad were already legendary upon my arrival.

As either the Deputy Commander Coalition Joint Task Force-7 or the Commander Multi-National Corps-Iraq, I have been able to observe the actions and operations of the Devil Brigade, 1st BCT, 1st Infantry Division, for over eight months. They have fought in one of the toughest parts of Iraq against the best trained, resourced and motivated enemy in Iraq.

As you know, the number of Soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice was high for the Devil Brigade, and many were severely wounded. Families have given much over this past year, and your support has helped them immensely. Thank you very much for all you have done to care for our Soldiers and their families during this very demanding period in our Nation's history.

Please welcome the wonderful, professional, battle-hardened Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division home as the heroes they truly are. I know you will. I will not get to see each one of them, but as you greet them, tell them how proud I am of each Soldier from Fort Riley.

Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz
Commanding General
Multi-National Corps Iraq

Editor's note: This letter was written to members of the Junction City civilian community and provided to the Post by one of those Fort Riley supporters.



Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz

Equal Opportunity

'Friendly' racial slur still inappropriate

By Larry D. Caldwell
Senior EO Advisor

Racial slurs are racial slurs no matter whom they are used with.

Sensing sessions conducted by the Equal Opportunity Office this summer revealed that some Soldiers call each other by nicknames including "My Dirty Mexican," "My Chocolate Covered Monkey," and "My Nigger." The Soldiers who use these nicknames believed it was OK as long as no one was offended and that they were only used among friends.

If it is not OK for some people to use these names, it is not OK for anyone to use them. One possible training strategy could be to show a video excerpts from movies - that demonstrates how these racial slurs now used as terms of endearment were once commonly used with hatred toward people of other races and ethnicities.

Leaders, don't turn your heads and walk away without making on-the-spot corrections. Soldiers, you too can make on-the-spot corrections.

Much improvement has been made since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with regard to education, awareness and acceptance of the many different cultures and ethnicities that our nation and Army are built upon. However, when people outside the Soldier's circle of friends hear them using racial slurs, it sends the wrong message. It sends the message that there are racial problems in that unit and in the Army.

Leaders at all levels need to continue with the education and awareness process. One idea to consider when planning unit EO training is to reflect on past training conducted and ask the following questions:

- Was our training the same old quarterly EO training that checks the block?
- Was the lesson plan reviewed by the commander to ensure it reflected current EO issues - Command Climate Survey results, current events, etc.?

Contact the your brigade or installation Equal Opportunity Office for training ideas and resources.

The Post wants to print your comments about issues affecting Soldiers, families, veterans or employees. Call the editor at 239-6854 to discuss your ideas.

Grunt By Wayne Udden



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Post news in brief

Secretary visits Fort Riley

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Thomas F. Hall visited Fort Riley Oct. 6, to talk with Reserve unit leaders on post, visit Reserve training sites and facilities on post and dine with Reserve Soldiers.

He was accompanied by the Kansas Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Tod M. Bunting, and Maj. Gen. Michael W. Symanski, commanding general of the 89th Regional Readiness Command.

Public Works slates pick-up

Leaf pick-up with the Public Works leaf vacuum machine will begin in areas of heavy tree concentration on Nov. 1. When weather permits, the leaf pick-up schedule (with emphasis on housing areas) will be:

- Main Post on Mondays and Tuesdays
 - Marshall Army Airfield on Wednesdays
 - Camp Forsyth on Thursdays
 - Custer Hill and other areas on Fridays
- Leaves to be removed by the leaf vacuum should be raked and piled in rows on the lawn area adjacent to the curb, but not on the curb or street. Leaf piles must not contain grass clippings, limbs or other heavy debris that would interfere with the vacuum operation. The leaf vacuum will operate through November as long as necessary to complete fall leaf removal.

Housing occupants desiring to confine leaves in trash bags may place these bags adjacent to the trash carts for pick-up by the trash collection contractor on regular pick-up days.

Bagged leaves should not weigh any more than 40 pounds each.

The trash collection contractor will not pick up leaves for activities serviced by dumpsters. These units will be required to haul their leaves to the yard waste compost area near Building 1945 in Camp Funston. Leaves may be hauled loose or in bags, but all leaves

must be deposited loose into the compost. Dumpsters containing bagged or loose leaves will not be emptied.

For more information, call Burton Shepherd at 239-3908.

ID card center restricts service

The ID card center will be closed to the public on the following dates except for emergencies: Oct. 15, 18, 22, 26 and 27.

For more information, call Gary K. Morris at 239-5667 or 239-9202.

Recycling earns units awards

Recycle Troop Incentive Program winners for 4th Quarter FY04 in the small unit category were:

- First place and \$750 to 2nd Battalion, 289th Regiment (TSB) (FA); second place and \$500 to Detachment D, 15th Personnel Services Battalion; and third place and \$250 to 2nd Battalion, 291st Regiment (TSB).

Winners in the large unit category were:

- First place and \$1,000 to 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery; second place and \$750 to 1st Battalion, 13th Armor; and third place and \$500 to 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor.

Winners of the Random Act of Recycling - Magazines category were 2nd Bn., 289th Regt. (TSB) (FA) for small units and 4th Bn., 1st FA, for large units.

The small unit winner earned \$250 for recycling 194 pounds of magazines. The large unit winner earned \$250 for recycling 26 pounds of magazines.

Car registration office moves

Fort Riley's Vehicle Registration Office moved from Building 210 to the Henry Drive entrance to post Oct. 6. The staff resumed operation in their new office Oct. 7.

MPs alter training routine

By James Tamez
19th PAD

Soldiers of the 523rd Military Police Detachment faced a few obstacles during physical training last week, followed by a little gas. The cool, brisk October morning started at 6 a.m., at the post's obstacle course, where the MPs would form teams to run through the course for their physical training session.

"It's good to shake up the rou-

tine from time to time," said Capt. Michael Bromund of the 523rd MP Det. "Running the obstacle course is a good team building exercise."

Detachment 1st Sgt. Charles Bullard added that the change in the routine physical training was done to help build team cohesion, which is an integral part of the unit's operations.

After they completed the obstacle course, the MPs put on their flak vests, load bearing equipment

and Kevlar helmets and marched about three miles to the nuclear, biological, chemical chamber.

"Our unit has an annual requirement of a 20-kilometer road march, and we like to get in a 10-kilometer road march quarterly," Bromund said. "So this is good training for us."

After a brief period of rest, the Soldiers began refresher classes on wearing their Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear. The Soldiers received instruction on the

different MOPP levels, then dressed to meet MOPP 4 warnings for the highest level of NBC threat for the next four hours of training.

At MOPP 4, each Soldier wears protective over garments, gloves, over-boots and a protective mask.

The Soldiers were divided into three groups and worked their way through different NBC stations.

"It's a good idea to knock out the training in a round-robin fashion and end it in the NBC chamber," said Staff Sgt. Eddie Patterson.

Patterson, who has served in Iraq, said it is important for Soldiers to be ready to don their MOPP gear and be prepared to wear it for long periods of time. More importantly, Soldiers have to realize the importance of hydrating (maintaining good body fluid levels) while in MOPP gear.

"Soldiers have to remember to constantly hydrate," Patterson said. "Today is a perfect day for this training. It is cool and over-cast, but it still gets extremely hot when you are in MOPP 4."

After the groups finished training at the NBC stations, they went through the NBC chamber.

"It is important for Soldiers to trust that their masks will work," Bromund said. "They need to have the confidence of knowing that their equipment works."

The Soldiers completed the day's training with a road march back to the obstacle course. Overall, Bromund said he was happy with the training. "We have learned some good lessons out here today. The obstacle course went well and morale has improved since we started."

"This type of training can be tough for Soldiers who aren't used to it," Patterson said. "It's good training."



19th PAD/Tamez
Soldiers of the 523rd MP Det. round a corner during a 3-mile road march from the obstacle course to the NBC chamber at Fort Riley.

Is your unit doing something a little different for training? Let the Post know. Call 239-8854.

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Division dedicates monument

Memorial honors fallen 1st Armored Division Soldiers

By John D. Banusiewicz
AFPS

WIESBADEN ARMY AIRFIELD, Germany — The day 1st Armored Division officially welcomed its Operation Iraqi Freedom Soldiers home, the division honored its fallen Soldiers with a memorial dedication at the parade ground in front of the unit's headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey, the division's commanding general, dedicated a replica of an as-yet-unfinished granite memorial to 130 division Soldiers, including one from Estonia who was serving with the division when he was killed.

Some 1,200 Soldiers in desert camouflage uniforms stood in formation as Dempsey acknowledged 11 seriously wounded division Soldiers who were present to help honor their fallen comrades.

"All of our lives were interrupted," Dempsey said. "Their lives were altered, and we're inspired by their heroism every day."

Dempsey read from a letter written by Sarah Cowherd, widow of 2nd Lt. Leonard M. Cowherd, who was killed by a sniper in Kar-

bala in May and is honored on the memorial: "You were Leonard's family for six months. He talked of you all so much, and he truly loved you all. I'm so thankful that Leonard was with people he loved when he was taken from us."

The general called the lieutenant and his widow heroes and said heroes live their lives with courage. "I'm sure you'll agree with me that we know a lot more about courage today than we did a year ago," he said.

Dempsey noted that the Soldiers being memorialized had died in service to America, its people and ideals, their families and their fellow Soldiers. He said their willingness to serve made them special.

"At an age when most young men and women worry about who will advance to the next round of 'American Idol' or which team will make the Super Bowl or who's ahead in the NASCAR standings, they took a stand and decided that they would try to make a difference in the world," he said.

The memorial will serve as a lasting reminder of the fallen Soldiers, Dempsey said. But he noted that no honor the division can make to the Soldiers' memory can match the honor of their sacrifice.

"We really can't honor them," he said. "They did that for themselves. And we shouldn't mourn them, because their lives weren't taken; they were given. We should celebrate their lives, remember their families and recommit ourselves to the hard work remaining to ensure we live up to that example."

A pyramid with 6-foot sides, the memorial rests on a 1-foot-high base. On one pyramid side, the names of the fallen Soldiers are etched around an M-1 Abrams tank. Another side of the monument shows a map of Iraq and the crests of the six major units that served as part of Task Force 1st Armored Division there.

The memorial's third side features the 1st Armored Division's triangular patch and an inscription:

"In the history of our great nation, there have been times when Soldiers have been called upon to re-earn America's freedom. This is such a time. You now take your place among the heroes of our past who sacrificed so that their fellow Americans would remain free. You are Iron Soldiers."

The monument also notes the inclusive dates the division served in Iraq, from May 2003 to August 2004.

AFPS/Banusiewicz
The 1st Armored Division dedicated a memorial Oct. 7 to its 130 soldiers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The ceremony was conducted in front of the division's headquarters at Wiesbaden Army Airfield in Germany.

Army Reserve expands recruitment

Army News Service

ST. LOUIS — The Army Reserve is seeking 400 enlisted Soldiers to take active-duty tours to fill new recruiter positions located across the country.

Soldiers already in the Active Guard Reserve program will be detailed into recruiter positions for three years.

These Soldiers will retain their original military occupational specialty for future assignments, officials said.

Soldiers who are newly hired into the AGR recruiter program would hold the recruiter designation as their primary specialty.

Those who are accepted into the AGR recruiter program will attend the seven-week Army Recruiter Course at Fort Jackson,

S.C. "We are looking for those Soldiers who want to volunteer to take on the challenging mission of those in recruiting," said Sgt. 1st Class Gabriel Fierro, recruiting program noncommissioned officer with the Army Reserve Active Duty Management Directorate at U.S. Army Human Resources Command-St. Louis. "We work hard to place our volunteers where they want to be."

Fierro served as an AGR detailed recruiter from 1997 to 2000. "I loved it," he said of recruiting. "If you really think about it, how many jobs can you hold where you can go out knowing that you are changing someone's entire life?"

"As a recruiter, you have a direct influence on someone's

perspective, future and ambition," Fierro explained. "It is the greatest feeling when you work with someone and put them into the military because you know how far they can go."

Beyond the intangible benefits that come with the job, Fierro pointed out that there are many other benefits to becoming an AGR recruiter, including:

- Promotion potential — AGR recruiter positions are designed for sergeants first class. This gives

those who succeed the opportunity to be promoted to this level, officials said.

- Special Duty Assignment Pay — \$450 is paid monthly to AGR recruiters.

For more information about becoming an AGR recruiter, visit the AGR section of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command-St. Louis Web site: <https://www.2xcitizen.usar.army.mil/soldierservices/programs/agr/agrdetailedrecruiter.asp>.

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Medics move combat care closer to front

By Donna Miles
AFPS

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas - From surgical care to physical therapy to blood supplies, the military medical system is moving its assets closer to the front lines to be more responsive to patient needs and, when possible, to return wounded troops to duty faster.

At the same time, the military is boosting know-how about treating combat casualties so everyone on the battlefield, regardless of job specialty, knows the most basic steps to take to help save a life.

Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan represent the first time these concepts, which the Army started introducing about eight years ago, are being applied in combat.

Army Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, said the trend reflects research about injuries, particularly trauma injuries. "What we have found is that the sooner you get to people after they have been wounded, the better your chances of saving them," he said.

Weightman said that's particularly true of injuries involving extensive blood loss, "because that's what kills people on the battlefield if they don't die instantly," he said. "So the sooner we can get the medical people to them, the better the outcome."

Recognizing the importance of quick care for wounded troops, the Army started beefing up its training programs - introducing a three-day combat lifesaver course taught to all Soldiers in their units and creating a whole new job

description for combat medics, who receive their training at Fort Sam - Houston, Weightman explained.

But just as important as increasing expertise about combat lifesaving, Weightman said, is getting it as close as possible to the patient. In response, each Army company typically includes four to five combat medics, who operate "right there where the action is happening," he said.

In addition, forward surgical teams, 20-person units that include three surgeons and an orthopedic surgeon, are being assigned at the battalion or brigade level. Weightman said these teams moved alongside the combat forces during the early, "maneuver" phase of operations in Iraq, cutting medical evacuations, when necessary, to less than 20 minutes.

Weightman said these teams offer not just trauma care, but also a full spectrum of services ranging from physical therapy to preventive medicine. "We've pushed a lot of resources down to the brigade level and the division level," he said. "So not only can we treat them far forward, we can prevent them from getting sick and needing to get evacuated."

When necessary, air evacuations to higher-echelon care facilities are far shorter than in the past, Weightman said, thanks to the positioning of medical helicopters closer to the units. "We're able to get down and get to the Soldiers after they've been wounded and get them back to definitive care in under an hour - in many cases, in 20 or 30 minutes," he said.

Four Army combat support hospitals throughout Iraq offer the

most advanced patient treatment available in the country, "the best care short of a medical center," Weightman said.

For medical service troops, the trend toward offering care closer to the front offers unique challenges and opportunities.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Quentin "Shane" Thompson experienced the trend firsthand during the opening days of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While coalition troops were moving north toward Baghdad, Thompson traveled directly alongside them with the blood supply used to treat casualties.

"We were constantly moving," said Thompson, who quickly set up operations each time the unit stopped, drawing packed red blood cells from the back of a refrigerated 5-ton truck.

"Blood management has usually been done in the rear echelon," said Thompson, now a microbiology instructor at the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School's laboratory technician course. "But now the idea is to get the blood to the person as close as possible to the front lines. We're trying to provide the best care possible as far forward as possible."

Maj. Tracy Smith, director of the school's physical therapy specialty program, said she's witnessed the same phenomenon in her field. Although physical therapists and their assistants once rarely deployed to the battlefield, today they're in Southwest Asia, providing sports medicine and other related care so troops can more quickly recover from their injuries and return to the battle. "With technicians and therapists now forward-deployed, we've become force multipliers," she said.



ANNMiles
Army Cpl. Robert Bosley, a Reserve Soldier with the 2290th U.S. Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., learns how to operate a field respirator at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from his instructor, Army Staff Sgt. Rachel Marchbanks.

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Aircrew drops off gifts, smiles for children

By Aaron J. Orr
82nd Medical Company

Toys were distributed and new friends made Oct. 10, when one of 82nd Medical Company's aircrews made two stops near local villages in eastern Iraq with Iraqi National Guard soldiers and 5th Special Operations Group troops.

The brainchild of Chief Warrant Officer Travis Montgomery and former Chief Warrant Officer Scott Hagenbrock, both UH-60 pilots, this is the third toy drop the 82nd Med. Co. has made this year that put them on the ground, face-to-face, with local Iraqi citizens.

The concept of the toy drop is not a new one. Such things have been happening since World War III. The 82nd Med. Co.'s involvement came from two pilots who were saddened by the civilian casualties they were seeing.

Montgomery explained, "Last year during the ground war, me and one of our other pilots ... were going in and out of the combat support hospital and the Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals and seeing a lot of the civilians that were caught in the crossfire.

"As we would get candy in and stuff we would take it in and give it to the kids. When we came back out this time I notified my family, hey, if anybody has any toys or clothes they want to give, I'll make sure they get to someone needy," he said.

This toy drop was the second to involve Iraqi National Guard soldiers, 5th Special Operations Group and 82nd Med. Co.

Chief Warrant Officer Jason Russell, a UH-60 pilot, said of the ING's involvement: "It's gonna matter more for them than for us. Because when we're gone,



82nd Med. Co.
Flight Medic Staff Sgt. Patrick Simmons pauses for a picture with an elderly woman at the first stop of the 82nd Med. Co.'s two-stop toy drop Oct. 10.



82nd Med. Co./Montgomery
An Iraqi National Guard captain gives a young girl a bag of toys and a smile at a Kurdish school near Kirkush, Iraq.

they're still going to be here, so it's more important that the people have a better outlook for the army that's in place now than they did for the Republican Guard or Saddam's army that was here before."

The troops made two separate stops on this mission, one at the brick and mud house of one of the ING company commanders, the other at a tiny, six-room Kurdish school for children ages 5 to 16.

During the first stop, a near-mob of Iraqi citizens, friends, family and neighbors of the commander swarmed the Soldiers

who brought friendly smiles and gifts from abroad.

"The first site was kind of like a mob site, you know," said Russell. "They mobbed the toys and everything. But it was pretty cool."

After a short time on the ground the Soldiers returned to their vehicles and aircraft and departed for another pre-selected site. While the ground troops made their way to the second site and secured it, the aircrew flew around this part of the Iraqi desert, just west of Iran. When the crew

on the ground called the aircrew to tell them the site was secured the aircraft headed toward the landing zone.

The second stop was very organized. The children had just been released for the day when the ING and SOG soldiers arrived. When the UH-60 arrived, the nearly 100 students were nervously lined up

between their teachers.

"We're very happy. We like you a lot and we're very glad you are here to help us out," said Salam Hussein, the principal of the school.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Simmons, a flight medic, said he enjoyed his involvement with the toy drop because, "It gives them a face-to-

face with us. It gives a more personal feel for everything, to let them know that we're just not here as barbarians or oppressors or something like that."

Simmons said he liked helping out with this mission also because of "the smiles on the kids' faces, reminding me of home a little bit, of my kids."

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Sports news in brief

Golfers play at Leavenworth

Twenty-two Fort Riley golfers traveled to Fort Leavenworth Oct. 8, to play in a Home and Home Golf Match. This was a continuation of the Home and Home series between Fort Riley's Custer Hill Golf Course and Fort Leavenworth's Trails West Golf Course.

The matches were scored on a points system with players receiving one point for match play for winning the front and backside and one point for the overall winner. The Custer Hill team scored a victory with 39 points against the opposition's 27 points.

Low Custer Hills scorers on the par 71 course were Paul Confer (70) and Staff Sgt. Mark Taulbee (70).

The traveling "Golden Eagle" trophy will reside at Fort Riley for the next year.

For more information, call Tom Pettegrew at 239-2544.

Post wrestling tourney planned

The 2004 Fort Riley Post Wrestling Tournament will be Nov. 15-17 at King Field House. Competition starts at 6 p.m. nightly. A battalion may organize one men's team and one women's team, each consisting of 10 wrestlers. Coaches and wrestlers can attend a clinic beginning at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 3 in the field house.

All wrestlers pass a physical exam within two weeks of the initial mandatory weigh-in scheduled for Nov. 15. A copy of the physical must be turned in at the time of the weigh-in.

All wrestlers must make the weigh-in between 8 and 10 a.m. Nov. 15 in order to be eligible to compete.

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

KSU slates 5K race Oct. 24

The second annual Kansas State University Homecoming 5-kilometer Race will be Oct. 24 and is open to members of the Manhattan and K-State communities.

The race is sponsored by the K-State Alumni Association as part of homecoming week, Oct. 24-30. Proceeds will benefit Manhattan's Sunset Zoo.

The race will begin and end at the K-State Alumni Center, 17th Street and Anderson Avenue. Lineup begins at 9:30 a.m. and the race starts at 10 a.m.

Priority registration deadline is Oct. 15. Entries submitted before the deadline will cost \$12 for current K-State students or Alumni Association members, and \$15 for the general public. Race entries postmarked after Oct. 15 will cost \$20.

Race packets must be picked up at the Alumni Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 22 or 7:30 to 9 a.m. Oct. 24.

For more information, call (800) 600-2586 or (785) 532-6260.

Center plans hunter course

The Outdoor Recreation Center will host a hunter education course from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 20-22.

The class is limited to the first 30 participants. A \$10 deposit is required. It will be returned the first night to those who attend the course.

Children 11 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 239-2249.

Troopers make historic comeback 8th-graders score four touchdowns in 90 seconds to win

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Fort Riley Middle School's 34-32 come-from-behind win Oct. 5 over Chapman Middle School may well be the greatest comeback in sport's history.

Outplayed for 30 minutes with

little offensive success, the Troopers scored four touchdowns in 90 seconds to overcome a 32-6 deficit and win by two points, improving its record to 4-3.

Chapman used a bruising ground game to control the clock and score 18 points in the first half.

With seven starters out for the game, Fort Riley's lone offensive

success was Andy Birchmeier's 55-yard touchdown throw to Chris Toombs in the second quarter.

"I've never seen anything like it in my 17 years of football at any level in any sport," Coach Mark Ellner said of the 90-second, 28-point barrage. "We couldn't stop Chapman for nearly four quarters."

The Troopers punted from their

end zone with three minutes left in the game.

With Fort Riley having one timeout left, Chapman could run out the clock. Instead, Chapman scored its final touchdown, pushing its lead to 26 points with 1:30 left to play.

They wouldn't touch the football offensively again.

Trooper Jason Chun returned the ensuing kickoff 70 yards, breaking two tackles before finding his seam of blockers. Birchmeier hit his tight end, Jacob Nangle, for two points, helping Fort Riley cut the lead to 32-14.

"You could see the pendulum of

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Snagged win

MPs ward off Dreadnaughts win, 42-40

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

The 342nd Military Police fended off Company A, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, 42-40 in Northern League flag football play Oct. 5.

"Offensively, it was one of our more efficient games. Our quarterback, Ryan Thiel, did a good job managing the offense and lead us to 42 big points," said MP Coach Antonio Saunders.

Both teams scored twice in the first quarter. Co. A successfully took the fourth-down chance on their first drive of the second. A two-pass play took them down to the five-yard line. They scored on the second down, but didn't produce the extra points.

The MPs took the ball for the next seven plays of the half and ran the ball in for a touchdown. In an aerial battle, the MPs snagged the extra points and the 22-20 halftime lead.

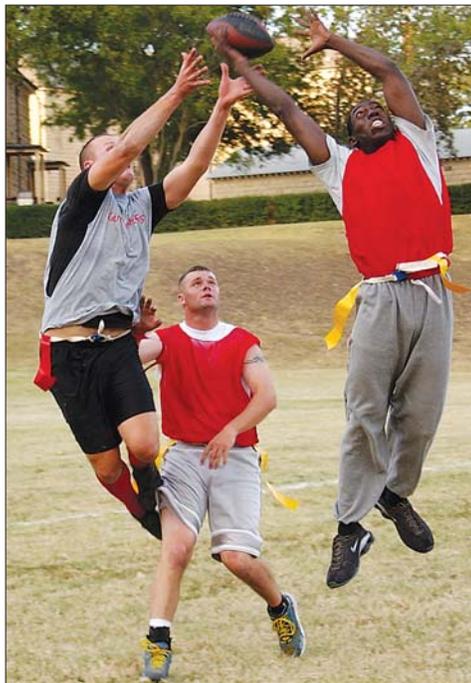
An MP quarterback drive down to the two-yard line set the team up for another six points. Co. A came back with a touchdown and then intercepted the MP ball to score eight more points.

The MPs stole Co. A's lead with a touchdown and two extra points to end the third quarter.

Co. A scored its final six points in the first fourth-quarter drive. Two plays later, the MPs ran a touchdown in but missed the extra points.

Refusing to go down without a fight, Co. A won another fourth-down gamble. The MPs were cited with interference in Co. A's final pass attempt, but Co. A's second chance was thwarted by the defense.

"Overall, we did good. I think that towards the end, we just pretty much coughed up the game. We had critical catches and a critical pass that we missed," said Co. A Coach Lou Rodriguez.



MP Nathan Holdbaugh (left) and Dreadnaught Carlos Cherry fight for the ball while Derek Popp looks on. Holdbaugh snagged the ball on the extra points attempt to add to the MPs' score. The MPs won by two points.

Touchdowns

Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor
Jason Skinner (1)
Derek Popp (3)
Aldolpho Greene (1)
George Martinez (1)

342nd MP Co.
Ryan Thiel (1)
Nathan Holdbaugh (1)
Jason Sturgill (1)
Daniel Purdue (2)
Michael Cox (1)



MP Michael Cox (center) is stopped by Derek Popp and Dale Medcalf (left).
Post/Blackmon

Northern League Standings

(as of Oct. 5)

Team	W	L
A-1-41 Inf.	3	1
HHD, 125th FSB	4	0
C-4-1 FA	1	3
HHC, 2-70 AR	0	5
A-2-34 AR	3	2
HHC, 4-1 FA	1	3
342nd MP	3	1

Squirrel variety abundant on post, in state

By Alan Hynes
Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Among urbanites, there is a love-hate relationship with squirrels.

Considered a pest by some and entertainment by others, squirrels tend to be equally at home in the city as in the country.

A quick check of Web sites available on the Internet for squir-



Alan Hynes

rels verifies the affection-hate split the urban dwelling rodents. There are just as many Web sites that are anti-squirrel as there are pro-squirrel. The red or

On the Wildside: News About Nature

fox squirrel is by far the most common in Kansas. It is found throughout the state.

Gray squirrels are found only in the eastern third of Kansas, but are the most common in North America.

Both squirrels spend most of their time on the ground foraging for food. They cache nuts for later

consumption in shallow holes in the ground.

Urban squirrels tend to be much more bold than their wild counterparts. It is not uncommon to get within a few feet of these domestic squirrels, a feat that is nearly impossible in the wild.

Squirrels are members of the rodent family. There are eight

species of "tree squirrels" in North America and two additional species — the southern and northern flying squirrels — which are also related.

The eastern gray squirrel is usually gray or brownish-gray with a white or lighter gray belly. The red squirrel, also a tree squirrel, is smaller and has reddish brown fur with white underparts.

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Transporters win opener

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer



Post/Hardesty

Bradley Arrington, 596th Signal Co., tips the ball in the air as Morris Smith, 24th Trans. Co. is in position for the interception during the 24th Trans. 26-6 Southern League win Oct. 4.

The 24th Transportation Company scored on its first three possessions to rout 596th Signal Company 26-6 in Southern League company-level intramural flag football Oct. 4 at Sturgis Stadium.

The victory opened intramural play for 24th Trans. Co., who joined the league recently. The 596th Sig. Co.'s record fell to 1-2 on the season.

Quarterback Willie Sanders passed for three touchdowns and 174 yards to lead 24th Trans. Co. to all four touchdowns. The transportation company amassed 228 yards of total offense over the 80-yard football field.

"We came out motivated for our first game," said Tony O'Neal, offensive coach for 24th Trans. Co. His team built a 20-0 halftime lead behind a defense that allowed 596th Sig. Co. only 153 yards of total offense, more than one-fourth of which came on the signal company's lone touchdown.

With speed and height on the transportation company's side, Jerome Wilson hauled in a five-yard touchdown catch from Sanders, capping a five-play, 60-yard scoring drive to put 24th Trans. on the scoreboard first. Lee Johnson caught a Sanders pass for the extra points and an 8-0 lead.

On 596th Sig. Co.'s second play from scrimmage in its first offensive series, David Mathis intercepted Signal quarterback Michael Wolfe's pass to give the 24th Trans. Co. another first-quarter scoring opportunity. Sanders took advantage of the turnover, driving the Transportation Company's offense 59 yards in six plays and hitting Wilson with a 15-yard scoring strike to push the lead to 14-0.



Transportation Quarterback Joseph Sanders runs from Signal defender Jose Lopez Oct. 4.
Post/Hardesty

After the 24th Trans. Co. defense stopped 596th Sig. Co. on its first second-half possession, Sanders connected with Harry B. Willis III, on a 50-yard touchdown bomb to give 24th Trans. Co. a commanding 20-0 lead.

The signal Soldiers fought back quickly. Wolfe caught a lateral and passed 19 yards downfield to Daniel Kenney, who threw 23 yards to Evan Leach just before getting his flag ripped off after scampering 18 yards down the middle. That accounted for 596th Sig. Co.'s lone score - a 60-yard, one-play drive to close the third quarter behind the Transporters 20-6.

The 24th Trans. Co. responded, turning to its double-pass offense as Sanders hit Anthony Hopkins on a curl-in pattern. Hopkins tossed a 35-yard pass to Willis to account for the game's 26-6 final score.

Fighting back offensively, 596th Sig. Co. moved 20 yards in two plays before Anthony Jackson picked off another Wolfe pass to stop the Transporters' fourth-quarter drive after they had picked up a first down.

"As a team, we just didn't step

up to the challenge," said 596th Signal's Coach Loren Ropp about his team's struggling offense. "We were flat-footed out there, and they just outplayed us."

"This was our first game, so we still need a lot of work on offense and defense," said Timothy Yates, 24th Trans. Co.'s defensive coach. "We are still learning some of the flag football rules and are learning to defend against the double pass."

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momentum change," the Trooper coach said.

The Troopers recovered the kickoff with 1:15 left in the game.

Birchmeier would hit several receivers before Devin Dickens caught a four-yard touchdown pass. Birchmeier and Nangle hooked up to convert the two-point try, slicing Chapman's lead to 32-22.

Again, the Troopers grabbed the on-side kick, down by 10 points and with only 29 seconds left to play.

On a one-play bomb, Toombs snagged Birchmeier's 45 yard-pass for his second touchdown reception of the game, and the Troopers climbed to within 4 points of the middle school Irish with 20 seconds left in the game.

For a third consecutive time, the Troopers snatched up the on-side kick and had 15 seconds left and 45 yards in front of them. It was time to find out if they would have a winning or losing season.

"Teams don't practice how to

get four TDs in a minute," Ellner said.

An improbable victory in sight less than a minute before, Birchmeier connected with Toombs on a pass that reached the 15-yard line.

As soon as he made the catch, two Chapman defenders hit Toombs. He bounced off and ran the rest of the way into the end zone and gave the Troopers a winning season.

Birchmeier threw for 190 yards and four touchdowns, 135 yards of which came in the last minute. Toombs tallied 160 receiving yards.

"The tandem of Birchmeier hitting Toombs in stride was the most impressive throw-and-catch duo I have ever seen," Ellner said. "Friday's game will be talked about on Fort Riley for years."

"The offensive line did a superb job of protecting Birchmeier in that final minute," Ellner said. "I couldn't be more proud of them. They never gave up."

Southern League Standings

(as of Oct. 6)

Team	W	L
10th ASOS	2	1
596th Signal	2	2
HHD, 24th ID	3	0
USA MEDDAC	3	0
Det D, 15th PSB	1	2
568th CSE	0	2
523rd MP Co	1	2
300th MP Co	1	4
24th Trans Co	2	1

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Middle school nets second in tourney

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Host Fort Riley Middle School placed second in a six-team volleyball tournament Oct. 9. The Troopers fell to Junction City Middle School, 15-25 and 12-25 in the tournament finals.

Earlier in pool play, the Troopers split wins with Manhattan's Eisenhower Middle School, 17-25

and 25-18. Ashley Brockman led the Troopers' victory charge, scoring seven points with her serve.

The Troopers also split wins with Emporia Middle School, 22-25 and 25-12. Barbara Commons' and Shannel Johnson's serves added five points each in the Troopers' victory.

Ranked as the No. 2 seed from pool play, the Troopers fought their first tournament battle against Solomon Middle School.

Brockman's serve resulted in 10 total points in the first match. Commons' serve put 10 points on the board for the Troopers in the second match.

In semi-final play, the Troopers defeated Manhattan's Susan B. Anthony Middle School, 25-20 and 25-20.

Trooper Yolanda Reid put five points, including the game-winning point, on the board in the first game. Myisha Myles' serve added four points to the second Trooper victory.

In other games:
Anthony defeated Emporia, 25-11 and 25-16 to take third place.

JCMS beat Emporia in the semi-finals, 25-22, 18-25 and 25-12.

JCMS defeated Eisenhower, 25-15 and 25-13 in first-round play.

In other pool play:
JCMS defeated Solomon, 25-20 and 25-19, but lost to Anthony, 13-25 and 22-25.

Anthony beat Solomon, 25-14 and 25-23.
Emporia beat Eisenhower, 25-19 and 25-14.



Post/Blackmon
Trooper Ashley Brockman scoops the ball as teammates Catherine Carmichael (left), Yolanda Reid (center) and Barbara Commons watch for a chance to assist.

Custer Hill Lanes bowling results

(As of Oct. 5)

Team	Points Won	Points Lost
Red Dog Express	12.0	4.0
OSIMA	11.0	5.0
Team 10	10.0	6.0
TGIF	8.0	8.0
Team On A Mission	8.0	8.0
Team 9	8.0	8.0
SE Strike Force	8.0	8.0
Team 5	7.0	9.0
Survivors	6.0	10.0
Crazy Eights	6.0	10.0
Only On Fridays	6.0	10.0
Vacancy Team	5.0	11.0
Team 13	2.5	1.5
Team 14	1.2	2.5

High Game Handicap-To Date	Score
TGIF	946
Crazy Eights	862

High Series Handicap-To Date	Score
OSIMA	2,521
Team On A Mission	2,467

Officers' Wives' Club League

Team	Points Won	Points Lost
Bowldacious Babes	10.0	2.0
Queen Pins	9.0	3.0
The Hot Flashes	7.0	5.0
Team 8	6.0	6.0
Babes With Balls	6.0	6.0
Grammas On A Roll	5.0	7.0
Strike Force	3.0	9.0
Team 4	2.0	10.0

High Game Handicap-To Date	Score
The Hot Flashes	637
Babes With Balls	618
Queen Pins	618

High Series Handicap-To Date	Score
Bowldacious Babes	1,773
Strike Force	1,690

NOTE: Custer Hill Lanes submits standings to the Fort Riley Post. Teams earn a point for each game won plus one point is awarded to the team with the most pins in the three-game match. Teams receive a point lost for each game lost in a match.



Post/Blackmon
Trooper Catherine Carmichael fights to keep the ball on Emporia's side.

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Wildcats take on Sooners at home

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Kansas State University plays its first home conference game of the season Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. against No. 2 Oklahoma Sooners.

The Sooners are looking for revenge after a surprise 35-7 loss to K-State last year in the Big 12 Championship game.

Led by Heisman Trophy winner, quarterback Jason White, the Sooners have yet to take a defeat this season. The Wildcats, however, have been struggling this season.

K-State lost to the University of Kansas, 28-31 Oct. 9. Despite outgaining KU 365-238 in total offense and taking a four-point lead in the last quarter, the Cats failed to win against the Jayhawks for the first time since 1992.

K-State's No. 1 quarterback Dylan Meier was fit enough to play only in the second half last week's game. He hit a new career high with 249 yards through the air and a pair of TD tosses, including an 86-yarder to senior Tony

Madison. After his strong showing at KU, Meier said he feels better this week.

"My body feels 10 times better than what it did last week. It was a tough week on me, both physically and mentally. I was awful confused at times, both physically and mentally.

"At this moment I feel 10 times better and 10 times more confident," he said Oct. 12 at K-State's weekly press conference.

It was another rough game for running back Darren Sproles. After a pair of drops deep in Wildcat territory in the past two weeks, Sproles has been replaced in the punt-return lineup by Yamon Figurs.

"Coach made that decision. It relieves me of some of the stress. It feels a little better to have that off my back," Sproles said.

Figurs, a 6-foot sophomore, handled punt returns at both Garden City Community College and Westwood High School in Fort Pierce, Fla., before joining the Wildcat squad.

K-State (2-3, 0-2) vs. Oklahoma (5-0, 2-0)

When: Oct. 16
Kickoff: 11 a.m.
Tickets: Sold out

TV: ABC Sports
Radio: Mid America Sports Network, 29 affiliate stations; Junction City on 1420 AM, 102.5 FM; Manhattan on 1350 AM, 101.5 FM, 102.5 FM
Internet: www.k-state-sports.com. Click the "Live" button at the top of the page and mouse down to "Live Football."

Oklahoma



The Sooners beat southern rival Texas Longhorns 12-0 last Saturday in Dallas.

True freshman Adrian Peterson picked up his fifth 100+ yard rushing game, tallying 225 yards against the Longhorns last week. So far this season, the OU offense has 237 rushing attempts for 1,260 yards.

Several Sooners return to the lineup, including Heisman Trophy winner, quarterback Jason White. White went 14-of-26 for 113 yards and had two interceptions last week.

Head Coach Bob Stoops returns for his sixth season at the helm, with five bowls appearances and two Big 12 crowns under his belt. A former Wildcat co-defensive coordinator from 1991-95, he was part of the program's impressive turnaround. During his final four seasons there, K-State was 35-12 with three bowl appearances.

K-State



Kansas State pulled off one of the biggest shockers of the 2003 season as the Wildcats reeled off 35 unanswered points to upset then-No. 1 and undefeated Oklahoma, 35-7, on Dec. 6, 2003 at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium.

The victory was K-State's first ever over a top-ranked opponent and secured the Wildcats' first league title in football since 1934.

Darren Sproles rushed for 235 yards on the ground and a then school record with 345 yards of total offense, including a career-long 60-yard catch-and-run screen pass that capped a 21-point outburst during the second quarter.

K-State's defense put the clamps on the Sooners' high-powered scoring machine from then on, pitching a shutout over the final 57:49 of the game and sacking quarterback Jason White three times.

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Both are active during daylight hours and are primarily herbivores, feeding on roots, stems, bark, shoots, leaves, fruits, nuts, seeds, fungi, flower bulbs and occasionally insects.

Because they have rootless teeth that keep growing, they must gnaw continuously to wear them down. Otherwise they would be unable to close their mouths, and their teeth would continue to grow and eventually prevent them from feeding.

Squirrels have slender toes with sharp claws that make them excellent climbers.

They keep busy collecting and hoarding seeds and other food. Red squirrels will store food where they live, whereas grays will store it elsewhere.

They often store more than they need and sometimes forget where they stashed it. This contributes to reforestation by scattering seeds that will take root and grow in a new location.

Gray or red squirrels generally build their nests high up in trees, in hollow trunks or forks between thick branches, using moss, twigs, and dry leaves.

Sometimes squirrels will live in colonies with several nests shared amongst them.

Although they do not hibernate, they will spend long hours in their nests during winter. Red squirrels will stay in their nests for days since they have food stored, whereas grays will go out of their nests every day.

Gray squirrels mate in January or February and again

around July; reds mate in February or March and again in July or August. The gestation period is 38 to 44 days.

One to seven hairless and blind pups are born in a litter.

They do not venture out of the nest until seven to eight weeks and are not weaned until 10 to 12 weeks.

Their average life span is five to eight years.

The ability of squirrels to adapt to a varied environment combined with their intelligence and curiosity has made them prolific urban dwellers.

Squirrels have adapted a cunning approach to acquiring their food in the city. They are nearly impossible to keep out of a bird feeder and are just at home running across a power line as they are a limb.

Any entrance to an attic is fair game for acorn storage, causing damage to homes and utilities.

Squirrel season in Kansas is long, running from June 1 to Feb. 28 for both species. It is open statewide with a liberal daily bag limit of five and possession limit of 20. Squirrel hunting is challenging and rewarding.

On Fort Riley, the squirrel harvest has remained fairly steady for many years.

For more information on this or other wildlife subjects, call the Conservation Division at 239-6211 or visit its Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor/Fishing>.

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Post library hosts storytime

Children are invited to the Fort Riley Library, Building 5306, for weekly Storytime hours beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoons. Stories about the fall season and autumn holidays will be featured during Storytime in October and November. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. A light snack and juice will be served.

The program will start Oct. 16, with a mysterious story about Jack Frost called "The Stranger" by Chris Van Allsburg. Nature poems about the season from "A Chill in the Air" will also be shared. On Oct. 23, children can join the library staff to read "Trick or Treat, Smell My Feet" and "Apples and Pumpkins."

The "Cat in the Hat" will visit the library from noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 30. Ashley Griffith will portray this favorite Dr. Seuss character. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera to take a photo of their child with the "Cat in the Hat." Every child will receive a treat bag, and costumes may be worn. Featured stories will be "Halloween Hats" and "The Cat in the Hat."

For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-9582.

Pageant queen collecting items

Kelcey Marie Sealey, Pride of America Young Miss and the daughter of Lisa Sealey at Fort Riley will continue her project of collecting items for "Kids in Crisis" that she began Oct. 2, at the Main Post Exchange.

Blankets, stuffed animals, children's clothing, hygiene items, diapers and other baby items she collects will be donated to different organizations that help kids who have experienced a disaster, such as a fire or severe weather.

Through the rest of October, donated items may be left at 6757-4 Burside Loop on Fort Riley.

Auto center to host meeting

The Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center Car Club re-deployment meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at the center, Building 7753. For information, call 239-9764.

PWOC to host 'miracles' talks

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite the Fort Riley community to hear stories about "Miracles from Iraq." The talks by Soldiers and spouses will reveal some of the good things that have been done in Iraq. The presentations will begin at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 2 at Morris Hill Chapel on post.

Club offers dance lessons

The Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club will offer lessons Oct. 23 and 30 and Nov. 6 at the 4-H Senior Citizens Center on Spring Valley Road in Junction City.

Caller Kevin Onesinger from Lawrence will teach the lessons from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. A potluck lunch will be served each day. Cost will be \$60 per couple or \$30 for singles for all three sessions.

For more information, call Henry Brackney at 238-5114 or (800) 444-5114 or Connie Stewart at 263-3449.

Hispanic traditions

Post celebrates heritage month

Story and photos by April Blackmon
Staff writer

Fort Riley community members gathered Oct. 6 to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Riley's Conference Center. This year's theme was "Hispanic Americans: Making a difference in our communities and our nation."

Martha and Alexis Rodriguez began the event with salsa dancing.

Guest speaker Mary Rodriguez, civilian human resource director for the Southwest Region, spoke of her life and what it meant to her to be Hispanic.

"Yes, I am Hispanic. But at the same time, I'm American through and through. On outward appearances, I am one person. But reality, I am two. I have the best of both worlds," she said.

Along with sharing stories of her past, Mary gave audience members some words of wisdom.

"Helen Keller, a woman of great strength and courage, said 'I am only one, but still, I am one. I can not do everything, but still, I can do something.' We can all make a difference. We must not refuse to do something," she said.

"We can be different and we can be the same. We can hold on to our cultural traditions and we can be proud to be Americans with the freedom to achieve anything we want to. I believe we all have a responsibility to learn about, accept and respect the various

cultures and heritages that make up our great country."

More dance followed Rodriguez's speech. Francheska Soto, Yadiliz Nieves, Yvonne Ramirez and Rocio Ramirez entertained the group with their routine.

Staff Sgt. Michael Argmedo, a reserve Soldier from Lawrence, read some of his poetry.

The event also featured various Hispanic foods.



Francheska Soto (left), Yadiliz Nieves and Rocio Ramirez perform at the Hispanic Heritage Month observance.

At left: Martha Rodriguez dances the salsa.



Alexis Rodriguez twirls around as she dances the salsa.

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and covers the anniversary of independence for several Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua on Sept. 15, Mexico on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. The month includes Dia de la Raza (Columbus Day).

Dental staff supports assistant training

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

The Fort Riley Dental Activity and the American Red Cross have joined forces to meet the growing need for dental assistants at the three dental clinics on post.

Supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom while providing dental support for mobilizing, deploying and redeploying troops has com-

pounded DENTAC's workload with only a one-to-one ratio of dental assistants to dentists.

"We are currently at one-third strength," said Col. Donn A. Grimes, Dental Activity commander. "We need two to three dental assistants for each dentist to be efficient. The Red Cross Volunteer Dental Assistant program will increase the number of dental assistants, helping dentists to be more productive."

"The overall dental health and

well-being of the Soldier, and dental readiness are the Dental Corps' ultimate mission, and Red Cross volunteers help us accomplish our mission, especially where there are staff shortages," said Lt. Col. Nancy Elliston, a dentist and officer-in-charge of the Red Cross Volunteer Dental Assistant program.

"We are, and always have been, extremely grateful for Red Cross volunteers' presence in our clinics. Red Cross volunteers are, and

have always played, an integral role at Army dental clinics where they plus-up staff manpower," Elliston said.

"Col. Grimes approached the Red Cross and directed the reimplementation of didactic (classroom) and clinical training of volunteer assistants here, which will benefit the dental clinics as well as volunteers, who will learn a new job skill," she said.

Fort Riley and the Red Cross used the volunteer dental assistant

program until 1997, and it has been used at other military installations. Grimes said. "The system of using Red Cross volunteer dental assistants has worked in the past. It is a win-win situation."

Elliston brings considerable experience to her task responsibility for coordinating the revived dental assistants program at Fort Riley. She has worked with many Red Cross volunteer dental assis-

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Youth gives teddy bears to kids needing comfort

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

When second-grader Emily Stava decided to have 13 of her friends over for her birthday party, she didn't ask for presents. Instead, she had each friend bring a teddy bear for children whose parents have been killed while serving their country.

"She had been hearing about kids losing parents fighting for freedom and wanted to give bears

to the kids," said Emily's mother, Doris Stava. "We were very glad she made that decision."

On Oct. 5, Emily, along with her parents, Doris and Steve, and sister, Kristen, drove from their home in Lenexa, Kan., to bring the bears to Fort Riley.

Installation Chaplain Col. Kenneth Sampson accepted the bears on behalf of the families.

"This is really something," Sampson told Emily. "Just knowing there are people like yourself

supporting Soldiers makes a big difference. It means an awful lot." Sampson took Emily and her family to see the new War on Terrorism monument on post.

There he showed her the names of Soldiers who had been killed whose families "would be the beneficiaries of the vision the Lord gave her," Sampson said.

"What you've done with these teddy bears is 'remember us,' fulfilling the words of the poem on this monument," he said.



Emily Stava (left) helps her mother, Doris, and sister, Kristen, lay out the teddy bears they brought to Fort Riley Oct. 5. Post Blackmon



Community news briefly

VFW offering scholarships

Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and their Ladies Auxiliaries are seeking applicants for college and vocational school scholarships.

Applicants must have a parent or grandparent actively affiliated with a VFW Post or Ladies Auxiliary in Kansas. An active member is either a life member or a member whose dues are paid for the current membership year or were so at the time of his or her death.

Applications should be submitted through the VFW Post or Ladies Auxiliary that can verify the membership affiliation of the parent or grandparent.

Applications are available through local VFW Posts or Ladies Auxiliaries. The deadline for submission of applications is Feb. 1, 2005.

In 2004, the VFW Endowment Association had \$55,000 in scholarship commitments. The scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$4,000 for durations of 1-4 years.

VFW sponsors 'Voice' contest

State Commander Larry Graham of Tribune has announced the start of this year's Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary "Voice of Democracy Program" competition. High School students may compete for scholarships and awards in the 58th annual audio essay program.

The theme for this year's program is "Celebrating Our Veterans." In 2005, VFW National Scholarships will be awarded totaling \$143,500 with a first-place scholarship of \$25,000. Additional scholarship money will be added during the year.

The Voice of Democracy is a script writing program designed to give high school students the opportunity to voice their opinion on a patriotic theme and to express their thoughts to the American people. All ninth-, tenth-, 11th- and 12th-grade students in public, parochial, home study programs or private schools are eligible to participate through the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Exchange students and all past first-place Department (state) winners are not eligible to participate.

The deadline for completing judging on the post level is Nov. 1, 2004. Local VFW posts should receive their entries before that date.

The Department of Kansas program will have scholarships and other awards amounting to \$3,600. First place is \$1,000 and paid trips to Washington, D.C., and the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge. Second place is \$750, and third place is \$500, given by the Ladies Auxiliary.

For more information, contact the local VFW post or its Ladies Auxiliary.

At the movies:

The Barlow Post Theater Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for Children 5 to 11 years old and free for children under age 5, except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Oct. 15 - Hero (PG-13)
Oct. 16 - Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (PG-13)
Oct. 17 - The Cookout (PG-13)

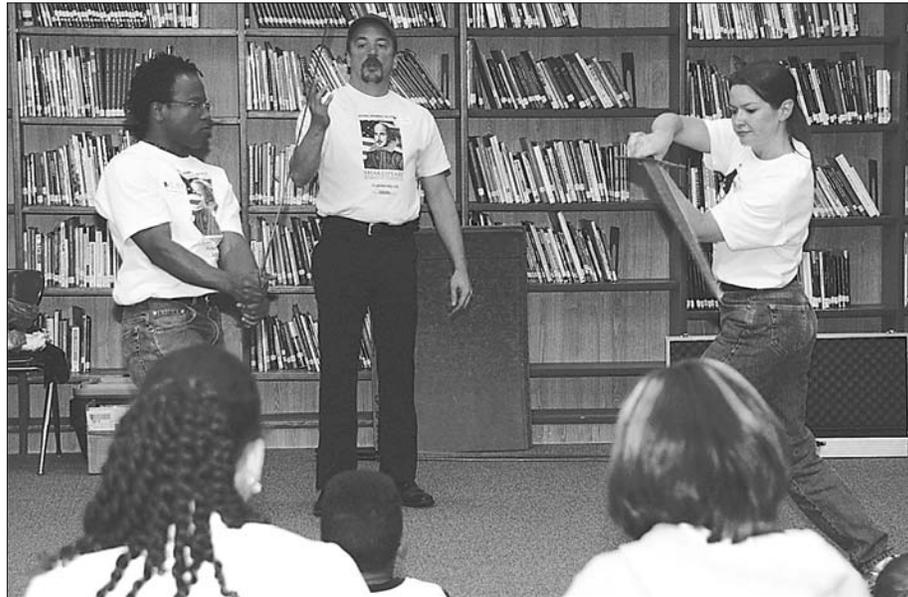
Oct. 21 - Hero (PG-13)
Oct. 22 - Cellular (PG-13)
Oct. 23 - Paparazzi (PG-13)
Oct. 24 - Napoleon Dynamite (PG)
Oct. 28 - Cellular (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

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See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Staged battle



Actors Warren Jackson (left), Chris Mixon (center) and Jennifer Hunt show how a sword battle is staged for "Macbeth" as Fort Riley Middle School Students Kiara Ocasio (left) and Laura Howard watch.

Post/Hardesty

Theatre troupe reveals backstage mysteries

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Before the curtains went up for William Shakespeare's tragedy "Macbeth" Oct. 6 at Barlow Theater, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's first performance a day earlier was to show the troupe's educational outreach program. "We try to bring outside speakers and guests to increase our student's learning outside of a normal classroom setting."

"We enjoy getting out and providing the educational aspects of theater," Mixon said. "For our troupe, it is our calling, our desire."

For some in the military community, the Shakespearean troupe's performance of "Macbeth" was the first time they had seen a live play.

"Going into the schools is a good way

to introduce Shakespeare to new audiences," Mixon said. "The props we use help define a character as we recreate stories for our communities."

The actors choreographed fight scenes and sword duels for the students, used make-up to show how injuries could look real, made noises and used props to help bring some realism to the stage.

"Kids don't understand how much work it takes to be a good actor," said Jennifer Hunt, another member of the troupe. "Sometimes, it doesn't look like they are working hard because their performance is so smooth."

Mixon and his fellow cast members explained that what happens on stage, with television and movies, is not real.

"It is fun to open young minds to the theater," said Suzanne Curtis, a cast

member. "We don't live in that culture (Shakespeare's time) when storytelling was society's entertainment instead of television and movies. Watching the artistic techniques we use helps kids development a critical eye."

The students appeared impressed. "It was cool because of what they showed us," said Kiara Ocasio, 12, about how the actors explained how they made the fight scenes and fake blood look so real.

"It looked so real," said Nell Simpson, 11. "After seeing everything, you can tell it's not real. We are investing in future generations," said Warren Jackson, a fellow troupe member.

The investment had already paid dividends. According to Barnes, about 30 children and their families attended one of the performances.



Lady Macbeth, played by Kathleen McCall, tries to screw up her resolve for the foul deed -- murder -- she and her husband have planned.

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Actress Suzanne Curtis (left) shows Fort Riley Middle School student Alyssa Wilkerson how real a make-up wound can appear on stage.

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tants during her 18 years in military dentistry. "At Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, I was especially busy supervising and hands-on teaching to numerous Red Cross and Leeward Community College (Pearl City, Hawaii) dental assistant students.

The new Fort Riley class was originally limited to 12 students, Grimes said. "However, 15 applicants were very qualified for the program, so we raised the class size from 12 to 15."

The 15 volunteers started the classroom portion of the course Oct. 1.

Elliston said the Red Cross vol-

unteers will receive 25 hours initial classroom training, and then rotate through the three dental clinic facilities for 800 hours of clinical training. In the clinics, they will receive exposure to general dentistry, prosthodontics (tooth restoration or replacement), periodontics (gums), oral surgery (tooth removal) and endodontics (root canals).

"The volunteers will have frequent continuing education and follow-up training throughout the clinical rotations," Grimes said. "They will have weekly sessions to determine individual training priorities."

Grimes described the training

volunteers will receive as a life skill. "The training will be intense for three months of book work, followed by three months of clinical training rotations putting in time to hone skills learned. They will learn the biomechanics - or positions and posture to reduce possible injury; how to sterilize instruments; and the laws, rules, regulations we have to stringently follow," he said.

Graduates of the Red Cross volunteer dental assistant training will receive Red Cross certificates upon completion of training, Elliston said.

"Although they are not guaranteed employment upon course

completion, they may challenge a state board to receive dental assistant certification after attending a civilian radiograph (X-ray) course," she said.

"The volunteers won't be perfect after the six-month course," Grimes said. "But we are introducing them to a career field, training, coaching and mentoring them with a marketable skill at no cost. They will have the hireable skills for a dental clinic or dentist's office."

DENTAC's cost for the program is time, Grimes said.

"Our initial cost is the dentists' and dental assistants' time to teach," he said. "Once the volun-

teers start clinical rotations, it could initially slow productivity. But, as they start functioning as a dental assistant, they will be getting hours in our clinics. We will have more assistance available to cover dentists and productivity will increase."

Grimes said another Red Cross volunteer dental assistant class is scheduled for April. All sign-ups for the class are handled through the Red Cross.

For more information on the American Red Cross volunteer dental assistant program, contact Debbi Freeman, assistant station manager, at 239-1887.



Travel & Fun in Kansas

Leisuretime ideas

Abilene:

What: Haunted Lebold Mansion. Tales of the haunted home.
When: Tuesday through Sunday Oct. 22-31
Where: 106 N. Vine
For more information: Call (785) 263-4356 or visit www.Lebold-Mansion.com on the Web.

Beloit:

What: Solomon Valley Arts and Craft Fair, 100 craft booths from area participants.
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23
Where: Municipal Building
For more information: Call (785) 738-5488

Salina:

What: Smoky Hill Contra Dance, music by Gary Hughes and Friends, caller to be announced. All dances taught. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable casual clothing and soft-soled shoes. Bring water to drink.
When: Lessons at 7 p.m., dance 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 23
Where: 146 S. Santa Fe, Dance Elite Studio
For more information: Call (785) 819-3292 or visit www.kansasfolk.org/contra/salina.html on the Web.

Wichita:

What: Concerts in the Gardens presents Friends University Singing Quakers. The internationally renowned Singing Quakers of Friends University present an outstanding musical experience. Hear the finest in choral music inside Botanica's auditorium.
When: Doors open at 5:30 p.m., concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21
Where: 701 Amidon, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens
For more information: Call (316) 264-0448 or visit www.botanica.org on the Web.
Hours: Doors open 5:30; concerts begin 7:30 p.m.
What: Mid-America All Indian Center Art Market. Twelfth annual Indian art market. A weekend of sharing in Indian heritage and culture and helping to preserve indigenous ways of life. There will be fine art, music, artifact reproductions, jewelry, sculptures and many more things to see.
When: 6:30 to 9 p.m. (ticket only) Oct. 22; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23-24
Where: 650 N. Seneca
For more information: Call (316) 262-5221 or visit www.indiancenter.com on the Web.
What: Wichita Grand Opera presents Mozart's Don Giovanni. Celebrate the new season with the "World's Greatest Lover," Don Giovanni, who exudes passion, lust, and charm.
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 23 and 3 p.m. Oct. 24
Where: 225 W. Douglas, Century II Concert Hall
For more information: Call (316) 683-3444 or visit

www.wichitagrandopera.org on the Web.

Arkansas City:

What: Arkalalah, since 1928, fun for the whole family. Crafts, concessions, parade and Queen Alalah coronation.
When: Oct. 27-30
Where: Downtown
For more information: Call (620) 442-6077

Lawrence:

What: Annual antique show and sale. Wide array of antiques.
When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 22-23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24
Where: 21st and Harper, Douglas County Fairgrounds
For more information: Call (785) 843-6219 or visit www.visitlawrence.com on the Web.
What: 10th annual Art Walk. Self-guided tour of Lawrence artists' studios and galleries featuring artwork in all media by over 50 artists.
When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 23, noon to 6 p.m. Oct. 24
Where: Citywide
For more information: Call (785) 865-4254 or visit www.sunflower.com/~lawrence artwalk on the Web.

Atchison:

What: Haunted Trolley Tour. Hour-long trolley tour of Most Haunted Town in Kansas narrated by costumed storyteller.
When: 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. Oct. 22-31
Where: 200 S. 10th St., Santa Fe Depot
For more information: Call (913) 367-2427 or (800) 234-1854 or visit www.atchisonkansas.net on the Web.

Fort Scott:

What: Fort Scott Believe It or Not. Tales of Fort Scott's haunted history on evening ghost trolley tours.
When: Oct. 21-31
Where: 231 E. Wall
For more information: Call (800) 245-3678 or visit www.fortscott.com on the Web.
What: Sesquicentennial Celebration. Historical re-enactors, children's programs, unique displays, food, music, community picnic.
When: Evening Oct. 22, all day Oct. 23, morning church service Oct. 24
Where: 1000 Main St., John Brown Memorial Park
For more information: Call (913) 755-4384
What: Talking Tombstones. Spirit of Osawatomie's past comes alive through John Brown, Rev. Adair and others who will tell their stories.
When: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 24
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Ghost tours

Annual event scheduled for Oct. 24

By Heidi Paulson

KSU student

A servant was ironing late one night in the kitchen when she saw a woman outside pressing her face against the window. She screamed, hurled the iron through the window, quit her job and never returned ... or so the story goes.

In a tradition begun in 1996, the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will host annual walking tours of historic Fort Riley on Oct. 24.

These "Ghost Tours" of Fort Riley cover a two-mile route that provides visitors a chance to see the historically spooky side of Main Post.

Diane Buczkowski, Fort Riley resident and second-year HASFR volunteer, heads publicity for the organization.

The sites visited during the tours change from year to year as different houses' stories are added, Buczkowski said.

"It depends on the year and what is happening. Most of the stories on the tour are old, but with the changes the visitors can come back year after year and still feel that they are experiencing something fresh and new," she said.

Buczkowski said changes to the tour this year include better stroller and wheelchair accessibility. Also, Bacon Hall and the Public Affairs Office have been taken off the tour.

Tours this year start at the Main Post Chapel because renovations are being made to the Custer House, the traditional starting point for the tours.

"This year will be different, but the community will still be able to enjoy the stories. The first tour begins at 4 p.m. and the last one goes out at 7 p.m."

"What hasn't changed, however, are the thrilling stories that can be heard along the way," she said.

One of Buczkowski's favorites, Quarters 123 on Scott Place, is the "oldest home on the tour," she said. "It used to be a parsonage and is also the oldest set of quarters still used today."



According to Saint Francis Xavier church records in Junction City, an exorcism was performed in the house to "lay the ghost" of a woman supposed to have drowned herself in a well because of unrequited love.

"The history, along with the fact that an

Tour guides, vendors needed

Volunteers are needed as Ghost Tour guides. Anyone who can spare 1 to 1 1/2 hours of his or her time to help the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley conduct these free tours is asked to contact Diane Buczkowski at 784-4797 or by e-mail at AppleDayPies2004@aol.com.

Food and beverage booths are available to Family Readiness Groups during the Ghost Tours on a first come, first served basis.

exorcism was performed in the house, adds to the tale's impact," Buczkowski said. "[The house] sort of looks a little creepy with the dark bushes and hedges. It is on the tour every year; we either go past or inside.

"If you're interested in hearing more, the ghost stories can be purchased in two booklets at The Shoppe located in the U.S. Calvary Museum of Fort Riley," she said.

Post resident Debbie Elliott testifies that the "Ghost on Ray Road" story is set on her street, but she is not convinced of its presence in her home.

"The ghost supposedly only bothers doctors and psychologists. But we've had several doctors spend the night with no incidents. One of our dogs refuses to go into the basement, and a real log takes forever to light in the fire place but we haven't had any [ghosts], which is good," Elliott said.

Still, the tours offer a chance for the public to get to know a little about Fort Riley's past.

"It's a nice event whether you believe in ghosts or not," Buczkowski said. "It is good exercise and a good opportunity for the people, especially of the surrounding communities, to come and see historical Main Post."

Beach Museum schedules glass exhibit

Other activities

- The video, "Chihuly: Glass Master," will be shown at 7 p.m. Oct. 21. The video explains how noted glass master Dale Chihuly creates his glass art.
 - The video, "Maestro in Glass: Lino Tagliapietra," will be shown at 7 p.m. Nov. 11. The video looks at how Tagliapietra creates his glass art.
 - The children's activity, "Careful! It's Glass," will be offered 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 4 to 6 and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 6 on Nov. 17, and 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 18 for ages 2-3. The cost is \$3 per child and reservations are required.
- For reservations and more information, call the museum at (785) 532-7718.

with glass. I don't play music, I play glass. It is part of my culture, my brain, my blood."

Tagliapietra dropped out of school at the age of 11 to begin an apprenticeship in the studio of Archimede Seguso, an internationally known Muranese master. By the age of 21 he had achieved the rank of maestro, or master glassblower.

The Beach Museum of Art is located on the southeast corner of the K-State campus at 701 Beach Lane. Admission to the museum is free and complimentary visitor parking is adjacent to the facility.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 785-532-7718.

color catalog also is available and includes photos of works in the exhibition and an essay by James Yood, critic and art historian at Northwestern University, and Bill North, senior curator at the Beach Museum of Art.

Tagliapietra said his works reveal his deeply personal vision. "When I was born, I was born

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