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# Fort Riley Post




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Several Soldiers of 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division are on security patrol in Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Operation OK Corral goes smoothly

**By Jamie Bender**  
Staff writer

Operation OK Corral began early Friday morning in the town of Khadiyiyah, with several 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division units working in conjunction with the 82nd Airborne Division.

The purpose of Operation OK Corral was to capture high value targets known to be in the area. The operation went smoothly and no shots were fired.

The four-phase plan began with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance done by troops from 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, and military intelligence.

"1st Battalion, 34th Armor maintained their regular patrol scheduled in order to recon the routes and houses without putting more force than normal in the area," said Capt. Kevin Toner, a brigade planner. "We didn't want to tip off the targets that we were doing something there shortly."

The second phase of the operation was the actual raid of the high value targets' homes.

It began close to 3 a.m. last Saturday, when 1st Bn., 34th Armor, cordoned off the town of Khadiyiyah. Traffic control points were set up to prevent anyone going in or coming out of the town. The Air Force was also providing surveillance of the area, watching rooftops and open fields.

"There were three objectives that we hit simultaneously, going after personalities," said Toner. "We took (almost 70) Iraqis in for questioning (the first day) and found many contraband items that could be used to make improvised explosive devices."

During the third phase, a search of neighborhood houses was conducted.

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## Several Fort Riley Soldiers get R & R

**By William Biles**  
Staff Writer

Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team are home on leave from Iraq for some much needed rest and relaxation.

Approximately 30 percent of the brigade will receive the mid-tour R&R, and have been filtering their way back to the states and their loved ones for the last few weeks.

"From what I heard, they will be getting 30 percent of the brigade to rotate through for R & R. It's too bad everybody can't go, because it's great to be back in the middle of the fall," said Sgt. Cory Owens, battalion reenlistment noncommissioned officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion.

Owens endured the long flight home by sleeping a portion of it and wondering what it was going to be like seeing his family again, as well as what he was going to say to them.

"It was a pretty long flight, so I slept for a lot of it. When I wasn't sleeping, I was nervous because I haven't been here for awhile, and I was trying to think of something to say when I saw them (family)," said Owens. "I didn't have anything to talk about, and I don't know why, then when I saw them I had a lot to talk about."

Sgt. Owens wasn't the only Soldier feeling nervous on the way home.

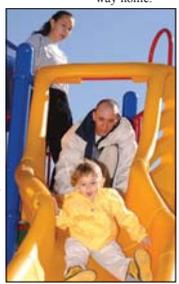
"I felt relieved when I reached the airport and very happy when I got home and saw my wife and daughter. I remember thinking about how she (his daughter) has grown since I last saw her," said Cpl. Andrew Hondolero, construction engineer, Company B, 70th Eng. Bn.

"When I picked her up, she was hugging my neck really tight and wouldn't let me go, and that made me feel so happy, because I was nervous that she wouldn't remember who I was."

Owens had some reservations about his daughter's reaction to him as well.

"It was great seeing my daughter."

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Sgt. Cory Owens, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Engineer Battalion, and his wife, Melanya, spend time with their daughter, Talia.

## New Seamless Transition Team helps injured get VA care

**Army News Service**

Soldiers disabled overseas often have difficulty making the transition from the Army's care to treatment offered by the Veterans Administration. A joint effort by the VA and the Army, though, is now making that transition a little easier.

Dr. Michael Kussman, a former commander of Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital, said the new Seamless Transition Team is designed to help Soldiers with service-related disabilities make the change from Army to VA care.

"As anyone who has made the transition is aware, it's very difficult and bureaucratic," Kussman said. "It can be difficult for people to get the benefits they deserve, that they're entitled to."

He said the transition team was developed in response to a directive from Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi.

"He's made this a priority. We had two administrations didn't talk to each other very well," Kussman said. "What we did was put a full-time social worker at Walter Reed along with a full-time benefits advisor from the VBA. They coordinate with discharge planning. Anyone with an injury that could lead to a disability, we want to get involved as early as possible," he said.

Soldiers have a number of treatment options, Kussman said, including Tri-Care, as well as VA benefits.

"If they choose to use the VA, we enroll them even before they're discharged," Kussman said. "Then, when we know where they're going, the VBA rep can call the area VA and say 'this Soldier will be heading home and will be in this town.' This is really raising the bar compared to how it was done in the past," Kussman said.

Xiamora Telfer, the VHA/DoD liaison for the transition team, said it is her job to

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## 10th post Soldier dies during war in Iraq

The Department of Defense announced that Pvt. Jonathan I. Falaniko, 20, of Pago Pago, American Samoa, was killed Oct. 27 in Baghdad, Iraq.

Falaniko was assigned to Company A, 70th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

He joined the Army in May 2003 and has been stationed at Fort Riley since August 2003. He was assigned to the unit as an engineer bridge crewman and deployed to Iraq in September 2003.

Falaniko was near the Al Khadra Police Station in downtown Baghdad when a vehicle containing an improvised explosive device detonated. The incident is under investigation.

He is the 10th Fort Riley soldier who has died while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. A memorial service will be held for Falaniko Tuesday, 11 a.m., at Morris Hill Chapel.

## Soldiers send greetings

**Army News Service**

The Army and Air Force Hometown News Service is offering its free print holiday greeting program to servicemembers worldwide. The program, now in its fourth year, will be open for submissions through Nov. 25.

An important change for this year's program is open access to the program by individual servicemembers.

The print greeting program is a fully electronic Internet program that allows any servicemember to send a formatted holiday greeting to relatives through the Hometown News Service. After processing, the HNS staff e-mails the greeting to newspapers serving the relatives' community. The program is free to both the servicemember and his or her community newspaper.

"Complete and correct information is vital," Proctor said. "Submissions without a ZIP code or with an incorrect ZIP code go nowhere."

Besides having several releases generated from each form, the servicemember can input multiple forms as well. Program information and forms are accessible on HometownLink at <http://hn.afnews.af.mil> from any government computer system.

## Camp Junction City renames chapel

**By Jamie Bender**  
1st Brigade Combat Team

CAMP JUNCTION CITY, Ar. Ramadi, Iraq-The Camp Junction City chapel was recently renamed the Cutchall Memorial Chapel in memory of Staff Sgt. Christopher Cutchall, who was killed in action on Sept. 29 in an improvised explosive device attack while on patrol.

"It's been a tradition in the Army that when we lose someone in a hostile situation to name something in the base camp after that person," said Chap. (Maj.) Richard Green, 1st Brigade chaplain. "We named the chapel after Staff Sgt. Cutchall because it was suggested by one of the other soldiers. We talked it over with the command and the unit that the soldier was in."

The naming of the chapel after Cutchall was more than just tradition.

"It also helps us keep in mind the sacrifice that one of our own made," said Green.

The Cutchall Memorial Chapel holds services every Sunday. A Lutheran service is held at 8 a.m., followed by a Protestant service at 9 a.m. A Latter Day Saints service is held at 11 a.m. and another Lutheran service gathers at 5 p.m. On Saturdays, a Catholic Mass is held in the evening and arrangements are being made to have another on Sunday.

The chapel is available for all soldiers, not just those of the Christian faith.

"For soldiers who are not of the Christian faith, we make available to them whatever they need to worship," said Green. "The chapel is open to any person of any faith. If they need anything, we try to get it for them. That is part of our responsibility, to provide for the religious needs of everybody. We may not be able to do their services, but we can facilitate them as best we can."

Unit ministry teams, consisting of a chaplain and the chaplain assistants, have several responsibilities, said Green.

"One of our biggest challenges is making sure the morale of the troops stays high and stays

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Spec. Ralph Schenck and other soldiers in the Cutchall Memorial Chapel read their Bibles during the dedication ceremony.

# Commentary

## Dakotas stay busy at Forward Operating Base

By Spc. Sean D. McBurney  
1st Battalion, 13th Armor

Time really does fly when you aren't paying attention to it. When we first arrived at our Forward Operating Base, it was in the hands of 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor and major combat operations had just ended. There was not a single building in what used to be the Iraqi Directorate of Military Intelligence that did not have some form of damage from either looting or bombing. Many buildings and warehouses had been reduced to piles of rubble, while debris from looters was piled up almost everywhere.

This is not meant to cast aspersions on the wonderful Soldiers of 2nd Bn, 69th Armor. They had been in the thick of the fight and had themselves only just arrived at the FOB and were waiting for

their turn to go home. The state of our FOB was horrendous, but fixable.

Immediately after settling in Task Force 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, we began the long, arduous task of rebuilding our new home. While missions were being run, Soldiers who were not on patrol did what they could to improve, make safe and personalize the buildings that they had taken over. Civilian workers were hired to clean up the mess (a still ongoing process) while others were brought in to work on the power. Within a month, we had electricity. True, it was unstable and would go out at the drop of a hat, but we had it. Running water was piped into several buildings and Porta-Lets were rented to the great joy of the enlisted. It meant no more latrine-burning details.

Master Sgt. Gordon took over 22nd Bn, 69th Armor's PX truck

within a month of us rolling in, so Soldiers now had a chance to purchase toiletries and whatever small luxuries they could get before others bought them out. Some are still lamenting being late for the DVD-players, while civilian vendors provide access to the local markets. The 3rd Brigade S-4 sent in air conditioners, providing our new place with cool spots to relax, and in August, our pool beside the TOC was opened, as well as not one but two Internet Cafes. There was a third run by the battalion itself opening at the Dining Facility building.

Since the end of June, access to satellite phones has been available, meaning our troops have had a way to call home for nearly our whole deployment, which has been a real morale booster, even if they do complain about the prices. But hey, who doesn't gripe about their phone bill?

With the help of our friends in Khadimiya, we have managed to turn FOB Dakota into one of the best FOB's in Baghdad. With a higher standard of living and places for Soldiers to relax and call their families, the morale of TF 1-13 Armor has had a telling effect on the way we do our jobs in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We have earned the respect of our Iraqi neighbors here in our zone and provided many of them with steady jobs so that they may improve their own families' lives. While it is true that our duty here is still dangerous we may take comfort in the fact that our families and friends back in the States are only a dialed number or a mouse-click away. Thank you for supporting us, for even if in reality you are thousands of miles away, you are closer than you think.

### Grunt *By Wayne Udden*



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"We knocked on doors and asked if we could search," said Toner. "It is a benign way of searching the area without kicking in doors and stirring up the populace."

The operation had objectives beyond capturing high value targets.

"The town of Khadlidiyah has not had U.S. forces present until now," said Toner. "Non-compliant forces may have felt that the town was a refuge for them. By bringing this kind of power in at one time, they can't think that anymore."

The fourth phase is post operation activities.

"Civil military will provide humanitarian assistance in order to funnel money and projects back into the town to create a sense of shared responsibility," said Toner.

There are 11 projects that will begin, including a health clinic, two schools and a police station.

Civil affairs spent money on Sunday in the area to get these projects started.

There was a mix of units involved in the operation. While 1st Bn, 34th Armor had the cordon in place for the two days of the operation, they had support from brigade assets.

"Delta Troop, 4th Cavalry, the brigade reconnaissance troop, was with them along with a scout platoon from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment," said Toner. "They also had Psychological Operations with them as well as tactical human intelligence teams."

The psychological operations team broadcasted messages to the people of Khadlidiyah to ask them to stay in their homes and not to worry. The tactical human intelligence teams interviewed the detainees to get further information on the high value targets in

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# Fort Riley residents should act now to save energy this winter

Public Works Release

With the coming of cooler temperatures and northerly breezes are the ice, snow, wind and cold that come with a typical Kansas winter. Winter is the time when Kansans and Fort Riley consume the most energy. It is also the time when there are more opportunities for energy conservation. Now is the time to prepare homes, quarters and work areas for the coming winter cold.

Fort Riley spends over \$14 million each year on energy for electricity and natural gas. More energy consumption is used for heating than for any other purpose. With the threat of higher natural gas prices this winter, Fort Riley and the Public Works Energy Office need your help to reduce energy consumption and minimize Fort Riley's energy bills. What can you do? Maintaining room temperatures within the authorized temperature range is the most significant contribution you can make to reduce the

Fort Riley energy bill. Army Regulation 11-27 specifies that most spaces will be maintained in the range of 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit while occupied. Temperature in warehouses and similar active working spaces will be adjusted lower (55 degrees or below) depending on the type of occupancy and degree of activity. Remember to turn back your thermostat in your home or workplace when it will be unoccupied. Also, keep in mind that operation of portable heating devices in your workplace is prohibited where the

intent is to circumvent the heating standards. Keeping your home thermostat at 70 degrees or below can save big bucks. Each degree that you lower your thermostat setting can save up to 5 percent on your heating bill. Now is the time to seal cracks around doors, windows and other building penetrations to reduce building heat loss and cold air infiltration. This is very effective in reducing energy consumption as well as making the building more comfortable for your family or coworkers.

Public Works' Operations and Maintenance Center provides weather stripping to units to seal small cracks around doors and windows in administrative buildings and motor pools. Larger cracks should be repaired by Public Works. Call the Public Works service order desk, 239-0900. If you live in family housing, call the family housing maintenance contractor, 784-2599, to have the cracks and openings sealed. If you have a question or concern about energy, call the Public Works Energy Hotline, 239-2371.

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ter and how excited she was to see me, she wouldn't leave my side. I didn't think she would remember who I was; I thought she would be real shy like she was the last deployment that we came home from," he said. "This time though, she knew who I was, and it made me feel a lot better this time than the last time."

"Talia's reaction was ecstatic when she saw him. She just kept saying 'Daddy, daddy, daddy,' it was really cute," said Melanya Owens, of the couple's 2-year-old daughter.

Melanya was feeling more anxious than ecstatic about the reunion with her husband. "I picked him up from the airport (Kansas City International), and it was a very long drive because of the anxiety I had about seeing him," she said. "When I saw him, it just felt... right. It felt sort of surreal. I have only seen him for four months during the last year because of deployments, so we're going to hang out and spend this time together," she said.

Hondolero's wife's feelings about the reunion echoed those of Melanya.

"I felt very excited when I got to see my husband again, and my daughter, Alexis, was even more excited than I was when we saw him," said Erettie Hondolero. "When he came in the door she said, 'Daddy's here,' and ran and attached herself to his leg."

"After the initial excitement of seeing each other after all of these months, some of the expectations were lived up to while others were surprisingly not.

"Cory being home is everything I expected it to be and more. I expected us to feel more nervous about seeing each other again after all of this time, like when he returned the last time, but we weren't. This time it just felt right, like it was how it's supposed to be," Melanya said.

The Soldier's children benefit from the R&R as much as the soldiers and their wives.

"I think that him being home is great for Talia. She understands that her daddy is gone, but it is hard for her to understand why," said Melanya. His being here reassures her that daddy does come home from work. I feel that it assures her that when daddy leaves for work again that he will be coming home also."

The wives had short notice of their husbands coming home.

"I found out he was coming home a week in advance, and I

was shocked when I heard because I didn't think he would be one of the Soldiers to get the leave," Melanya said. "I didn't really sink in that he was coming home, it just didn't seem real. I just didn't believe he was coming home," she said. "I thought there was going to be a change, but then I got a phone call from him saying he was in Kansas City."

Hondolero's wife had even shorter notice due to her husband wanting to surprise her.

"He was trying to surprise me by not telling me he was coming home, but the rear detachment called and told me," said Erettie. "At first, I was shocked because I didn't know that he was coming home, and then I felt anxious waiting for him to come through the door. I kept pacing back and forth waiting for him," she said.

The R&R is important for the Soldiers who had received it, and could possibly help the Soldiers who didn't.

"Having this R&R is real important for the Soldiers," said Owens. "Being over there, you are there. For us few who were able to come home, we get to remember why we are there and what we are doing there and why it is important. Without it (R&R),

you get into the mindset that you don't want to be there and that it doesn't matter, it isn't going to help the future and so on," he said. "Coming home is good for morale and lets you realize that it is important for us to be there. Hopefully, with me returning with a higher morale than when I left, I will be able to help lift the morale of the Soldiers that weren't able to have this leave."

The spouses see the importance of the R&R, but for a different reason.

"I think this R & R is very important for any families... that get it. It's more important than it would have been if they hadn't been gone for all of this time," said Melanya. "By the time they come home from this deployment, we will of only had them home for six months out of the last two years."

Even though the 3rd BCT soldiers have been deployed for a long time, the families have an understanding of why it is important for their Soldiers to be away from home.

"We are missing a lot of family life with him being deployed, but he is a Soldier and that is what he is here for - to make sure that one day they (Iraqis) can spend time with their kids and family and not

have to worry about being killed walking down the street or driving across a bridge," Melanya said. "Knowing why he is there makes it more tolerable that he is gone. Knowing that he is there, and knowing he is one of the soldiers there for the right reason, makes it a little easier. It makes me feel very proud of him," she said.

The Soldiers found out on their way home that there is pride for them with the American people.

"The people in the airports were telling us how proud they were of us for serving our country, and how they appreciate us for what we are doing in Iraq. It made me feel very proud," said Hondolero.

"Every time we got on a plane, they would announce how we were on the plane coming home for some much needed R&R," Owens said. "Once we got on board, the people would give us standing ovations and we got a lot of handshakes, a lot of thank yous. Those made me feel really good inside, and definitely made

me feel proud. I felt like a hero," he proclaimed.

The Soldiers said very little about how their tour was going; they wanted to concentrate more on the fact they were home.

"Our tour there is going well, but I hope this will be a once in a lifetime experience for me," Hondolero said. "I'm not trying to think about going back right now; I'm trying to enjoy this while I can. I'm hoping these two weeks will go by slow so I can just enjoy it because I know I will be devastated when I have to leave again."

The Soldiers and their families echoed each other's thoughts about what their feelings will be at the end of the two weeks.

"The hardest part is knowing that he is going back, and having to go through the daily life without having him here. So, we will have to keep busy and stay busy, and then prepare for when he finally comes home for good, said Melanya.

"The hardest part, in two weeks, will be saying goodbye, then going back again and doing it all over again, but I think we are making a difference, and we are doing the right thing there," Owens concluded.

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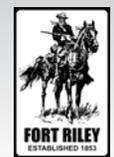
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## Spouses learn cake decorating, share feelings, take break

By Steven Cooke  
19th PAD

Every Monday is Weekly Activity Day for Spouses of Deployed Soldiers at the Soldier and Family Support Center. This past Monday the activity was cake decorating. "They learned the basics of cake decorating," said Cathy Cabrey, cake decorating class instructor. "It went really well. They were picking it up quick." Many of the spouses said they had a good time, but then they said they always do when they come to activity day. "I always have fun," said Yolanda Smith, military spouse. "It's enjoyable. I like the conversation and the socializing." "I've been coming since my husband deployed in September," said Pam Emerson. "It's fun, learning and getting ideas. The main thing is the support." Support is the driving force behind the activity days, said Sonya Brown, family readiness center coordinator. "There are several reasons for having the activity days,"

and the education, Brown said another reason for the class is to give spouses a break from their young children. While activity day is happening, free childcare is available for children 6-weeks to five years old. For some spouses, having others to relate to is beneficial not only for them but for their children as well. "It's good for both of us to have people to talk to," said Kenya Speights, military spouse whose been going to the program since July. "My two-year-old daughter gets to interact with other kids while I'm here." Brown said for more information on upcoming activity days, spouses should contact the Soldier and Family Support Center, 239-9435. Two important days Brown said spouses should remember are Dec. 6 and 20. On those days the Child Development Center will offer free childcare from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. so spouses can take care of errands, like Christmas shopping. For more information, Brown said spouses should contact the CDC, 239-9935.

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Cathy Cabrey, cake decorating instructor, demonstrates making a flower out of icing, during a cake decorating class at the Soldier and Family Support Center.

## Casualty: Know what this word means in Army terms

By Sam Robinson  
Staff Writer

There are many phrases and terms used by the Army to describe the events and conditions affecting Soldiers. One that often causes confusion is "casualty." "We usually get four or five calls per week from spouses saying they heard there had been another casualty," said Capt. Jeffery Jurand, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Rear Detachment. "They assume someone has been killed." According to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, a casualty is any person who is lost to the organization by reason of having been declared beleaguered, besieged, captured, dead, deserted, detained, duty status whereabouts unknown (DUSTWUN), injured, ill, interned, missing, missing in action or

wounded. When these guidelines there are various expressions for casualty status, which is a term used to classify a casualty for reporting purposes. There are seven casualty statuses: (1) deceased, (2) duty status whereabouts unknown, (3) missing, (4) very seriously ill or injured, (5) seriously ill or injured, (6) incapacitating illness or injury and (7) not seriously injured. "There are seven statuses for use of the

term casualty," said Shari Lawrence, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, HRC, Alexandria, Va., "but we most commonly use it for just four: dead, wounded, DUSTWUN or captured." The type of casualty can be either hostile or non-hostile, according to the HRC. "The information that a family gets is not always accurate," said Jurand. "The rumor mill is not the best source; it tends to change the story." "Once a story is out, spouses begin to

call," said Jurand. "They ask if their Soldier was hurt, too." According to Jurand, it is becoming more common for unofficial information to reach the family before we can make official notifications. This is due to increased media coverage of events and the use of cell phones and other technology by Soldiers. "Family members should not over react when they hear the word casualty," said Jurand. "It is something we take very seriously, but we want to have the facts straight before we contact anyone." The official process for notifying next of kin in the event of a casualty may seem as though it takes forever, but the process uses a well-organized plan with very little deviation from case to case, according to Lawrence. The process begins at the Casualty

Area Command, which is the regional casualty office responsible for the area in which the casualty occurs or the area in which the next of kin resides. The CAC reports the casualty to the U.S. Army Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center at HRC. For Soldiers involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, the process begins with the Kuwait CAC. When the basic information has been collected, the initial report is forwarded to CMOAC, according to Lawrence. If the Soldier is seriously or very seriously ill or injured, the primary next of kin will receive a telephone call from CMOAC. The family will be given a toll free number to call if they have additional questions. See Casualty Page 6

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—Shari Lawrence  
HRC Public Affairs

## Ghost tours offered scary side of Fort Riley

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley's annual Ghost Tours, a look at the more frightening side of Fort Riley, were held Sunday evening, with haunted tours beginning and ending at the Custer House. A volunteer standing outside each of the 14 stops on the two-mile walking tour spoke about the rumors and legends surrounding their building, with locations as varied as the Custer House, the Public Affairs Office, Building 500 and Old Trooper Monument. "I think it's a great thing for the kids and also for the families here to get to visit the old quarters," said Col. Victor Horton, Staff Judge Advocate legal advisor, who told the story of his own house. "There are some unusual stories that go with these old quarters, so I think it is a great thing for the community." "I decided to join this tour because I like to be scared," said Rachelle Powers, a Kansas State student, who walked through the tour along with several of her friends. "We had read about it in the K-State Collegian and it sounded interesting. We wanted to have an adventure, so we thought we'd come out."



One of the better known haunts on Fort Riley is the Public Affairs Office, building 405, which was part of the Ghost Tours.

Because there are more haunted spots on historical Fort Riley than there were volunteers, each group was equipped with a tour guide to explain some of the lesser known locations which didn't have an assigned storyteller. "I think that anytime you have a lot of historical buildings, especially when there's been a lot of death like there was in the cholera epidemic, you're going to get some ghosts," said Holly Garvin, organizer of this year's ghost tours. "I've never seen one myself, but I have heard things in my quarters and from other people." The first stop on the tour was Quarters 26, the site of a relatively

new ghost on the post. "Quarters 26 is the first set of quarters on the tour, and as the story goes, the ghost's first appearance was back in 1990 when Robert and Ella Shadley moved into this set of quarters," said Horton. "They first noticed the ghost because their pets were acting very strangely. The quarters were old even then, so when the first floor was being worked on, the Shadley's would keep their cat up in the attic. As they were going to bed one night, the cat let out a bloodcurdling scream. They ran upstairs, and the cat was looking in the corner of the quarters, so they picked the cat up and brought it downstairs and it was okay for that night." "They also noticed that their dog was acting real strange," he added. "The dog would go up to the attic door and he would bark, even though there was nobody there, so they opened the door thinking that he wanted to go upstairs, but he wouldn't go upstairs." According to Horton, strange things continued to happen in the house until Mrs. Shadley and her neighbor, frightened a final time by the ghostly resident, took steps to ensure its cooperation. "Mrs. Shadley woke up one morning, after her husband had left early, and heard footsteps going across the attic floor," Horton said. "She jumped out of her bed and ran over to the neighbor's house, and that's when her neighbor told her that this house used to be overflow for patients at the hospital." According to Horton, the two of them brought a plant upstairs and spoke to the ghost, informing it that they would leave the plant for the spirit to tend if it would start behaving itself. Since that time, the cats and dogs of the house have behaved normally and no further evidence of the ghost has been spotted. Horton is one of many on post who still experience unexplainable phenomena within their homes. Many of the people participating in the tour also claimed that the ghosts had increased activity in the weeks leading up to the Ghost Tours.

## Take care of pets before leaving town

By Adam Clayton  
K-State Intern

Cats and dogs accompany families of Fort Riley all over the post, but what happens to those pets when Soldiers get shipped out and families leave? According to Michael Hansen, Fort Riley Veterinarian Services, the Soldiers basically have two options. "They can bring their pet to us and put it up for adoption, or they can leave it with a friend," said Hansen. "Putting the pet up for adoption costs \$22." However, some Soldiers are choosing a third, illegal option — abandoning their pets. According to Maj. Deborah Anderson, deputy provost marshal, abandoned animals are a serious problem with deploying Soldiers. "It seems like when the Soldier deploys, they leave the pet with their spouse and the spouse will just leave," said Anderson. Hansen said abandoning any animal is considered neglect, more specifically, leaving the animal outside without adequate food and water. "We usually find the animal all skinny and scrawny, take them in, find out who the owner is and charge them as such," said Hansen.

Anderson said the problem is that most of the cats and dogs picked up are not microchipped, making it almost impossible to identify the owner. "Fort Riley pets are required to be taken to the Vet, where they put a needle in the scruff of the animal's neck, inserting a microchip. If an animal is picked up, a scan can be done that picks up the microchip and tells the information of the owner," said Anderson. "We find three to four strays a week, and most of them are not microchipped. But, it's hard to believe that many animals simply wander on to the post." According to Anderson, the punishment for animal neglect goes to unit command, so it depends on the commander. Punishment can run along the lines of a company grade of 14 days of work and restriction, to a field grade of 45 days of work and restriction and higher, depending on the severity of the offense. Anderson said a lot of times the Soldiers will say they told a friend to take care of the pet, but the friend didn't. "According to Hansen, it is the owner's responsibility to take proper care of their pet. "If they can't do that, they need to put the pet up for adoption," said Hansen.



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If appropriate, the family will also be given the telephone number to the medical facility where the Soldier is being treated. If the Soldier's doctor believes having family members with them as they recuperate will be helpful, CMAOC will issue Invitational Travel Orders so the primary next of kin and one other person may travel to the medical facility.

Proper identification of the Soldier can take time. Soldiers that die in theater are tentatively identified. The remains are then sent to Dover Air Force Base where the Armed Forces Medical Examiner will make the positive identification.

According to Lawrence, if a Soldier had died, been taken captive or is in a DUSTWIN status,

the primary and secondary next of kin will be notified in person by a Soldier of equal or higher rank.

Normally primary next of kin is a spouse, children and parents. Secondary next of kin can be siblings or anyone who has been listed on the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance contract.

According to Lawrence in the case of DUSTWIN and missing Soldiers, next of kin will receive a "believed to be" notification. An example would be: "It is with deep regret I am here to inform you your Soldier was manifested on an aircraft which crashed in Baghdad. We have accounted for eight of the nine Soldiers on board. Unfortunately, your Soldier has not been accounted for at this time and we believe he per-

ished in the crash."

"We will not release a Soldier's name until we have notified all of the primary dependents," said Lawrence.

"We notify primary and all secondary in the case of any death," said Lawrence. "This is something we do for all Soldiers, not just those involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom."

"We do the best we can to give the family the most accurate and timely information we have," said Lawrence. "The Soldier deserves that."

According to Jurand, a less complicated way to distinguish the type of casualty that has occurred is through the notification process.

"The person doing the notifica-

tion will be in a Class A uniform and make direct contact with the family in the case of a death," said Jurand. "Notification for wounded or injured Soldiers will be by phone."

"We cannot release any information without consent of the Soldier or primary dependents," said Jurand. "Even then, it is the minimum."

"All we can say when a Soldier has been injured is there was a Soldier from Unit A and he/she has been transported to a medical facility for treatment," said

Lawrence. "The injured or ill Soldier or the family, if the Soldier cannot make the decision, must give permission for his/her name to be released. With the latest Privacy Act restrictions, there is little, if anything, we can release about injured or ill Soldiers."

According to Lawrence, as of Oct. 21, there have been 154 Army Soldiers killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom. An additional 90 non-hostile deaths have occurred.

The total number of Army Soldiers wounded in action during

OIF is 1,646. There have been just over 6,400 non-battle injuries. A significant portion of the injured returned to their duty stations, according to Lawrence.



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consistent," he said. "We work hard to do that. Also, when soldiers have any needs or problems back home, we help them work through that."

The Cutchall Memorial Chapel is also home to the camp library.

"Just before we left Fort Riley, we got in touch with the library on post and asked if they had any books we could take with us," said Green. "They gave us more than 300 books, so we packed them up in tough boxes and sent them here. We have everything from westerns to romances to fantasy novels. A lot of the soldiers have a limited number of books, or no books at all. To keep them from being bored, these books are available to them."

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# Veterans Day events planned in Manhattan

## Flint Hills Veterans Coalition

The Flint Hills Veterans Coalition will once again observe Veterans Day in Manhattan, with a parade and multiple events.

On Nov. 9 there will be a free program, featuring local talent, in the Manhattan City Auditorium.

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, will start with an Honor Breakfast at the American Legion Hall. The breakfast will be 7 a.m. - 9 a.m., The cost is \$3 per person.

The parade, which already has over 80 entries,

will begin at 9:30 a.m. The theme this year is, "United We Stand." The route begins near City Park and runs east, down Poyntz Ave, to the Town Center Mall.

A ceremony, featuring remarks from local, elected officials and Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, will be at 11 a.m. in the Wareham Theater.

There will be several Veterans exhibits throughout downtown businesses and the Town Center Mall. You may call 785-539-2627 for more information.

# Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus to perform

The Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus, the musical ambassadors of the Army, will perform Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., at McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University, Manhattan. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

The performance will include standard concert music, pop, patriotic and show tunes. Tickets are available at the McCain Auditorium box office, (785) 532-6428 or at [www.ksu.edu/mccain](http://www.ksu.edu/mccain)

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make certain services are available for Soldiers who are being separated from the Army either for their injuries or for other reasons.

"They need to know they can receive VA benefits for two years at no cost for conditions believed to be related to their service," Telfer said. "That's regardless of their ultimate VA rating, so it's a good thing for most patients."

Telfer said she gets referrals from social workers and from Walter Reed, and the Bethesda Naval Hospital. She said she helps servicemembers once they

leave the hospital and head to home.

"I contact the VA closest to their home. Before they leave here, they know when their appointment is, and they're enrolled with the VA," she said.

"In the past, we were fairly passive. We'd let the service member know about the benefits, but it was largely up to them," Kussman said. He said the transition team works to improve communication between the branch of service and the VA.

Kussman said the transition team is working to establish a

memorandum of agreement with the Army's Disabled Soldier Liaison team.

"We're trying to codify what we've been doing," he said. "We want this not to be specific just for OEF/OIF, but to be able to treat everyone who is injured the same way, whether that is in Iraq, or in training at Fort Benning," Kussman said.

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# Briefs

## SFSC Class

The Soldier and Family Support Center Family Readiness Program is sponsoring a class, Assertiveness vs. Anger - Coping with Your Emotions. During Deployment, Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at building 7264. There will be free childcare on site. Children should be signed in by 6:15. Bring your child's shot records.

## Wreath Laying

The annual German and Italian Wreath Laying Ceremony will be conducted at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. During the ceremony, Fort Riley will honor the German and Italian Prisoners of War buried at the Fort Riley Cemetery. Col. Rainer Waelde, the German Liaison Officer to the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, will preside. Senior German and Italian representatives in attendance will give commemorative remarks. Placement of wreaths by the German and Italian delegations will follow the remarks. The ceremony is open to the public.

## Volunteers Needed

The Kansas Special Olympics will be holding their Fall Classic at the Custer Hill Bowling Center Nov. 7-8. There is a need for volunteers Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Nov. 8, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 12:30-5 p.m. Call Sgt. Christy Hawkins, 239-6737 or 239-2119, or e-mail christy.hawkins@us.army.mil, to volunteer.

## Special Forces

The Special Forces Recruiting Team will be visiting Fort Riley next week. Briefings will be held at Post Retention, building 7626, Monday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday, 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Soldiers in

the rank of E3 to E7 and 21A/11A are eligible for applications. There will be a PT Test on Wednesday and Thursday, 7 a.m., at Long Track. The uniform for the test is BDUs and running shoes. Contact (719)524-1461 for more information.

## Exercise on Post

There will be an exercise held on Fort Riley Nov. 12 that will include raising the Force Protection Condition level up one, from Alpha to Bravo, on that day only.

## Holiday Craft Fair

Bring your family to the Holiday Home, Crafts and Things Bazaar for food, fun and entertainment Nov. 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., at Marshall Army Air Field, Hangar 817. If you are interested in a booth or need more information, contact Sherri Weber, 537-7781. To volunteer for the event, call 784-4228 or 784-3191.

## Garrison Commander's Address

The Garrison Commander will address the civilian workforce Nov. 18, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at Barlow Theater.

## Blue Chip Social

There will be a Blue Chip Social Nov. 20, 4 p.m., at Rally Point.

## AAFES/Commissary Council

The next AAFES Council Meeting will be Nov. 13, 9:00 a.m. at the AAFES conference room, building 222.

## Cancer Support Group

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting will be Monday, 6 p.m., Irwin Army Community

Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic. For more information, call 239-7163.

## Spouses of Deployed Soldiers

Is your spouse deployed? Do you need a break? Don't stay home alone. Come out and join other family members for a few hours of fun, support and sharing.

The Family Readiness Program sponsors a weekly activity day for spouses of deployed soldiers every Monday. The program is held at the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264, noon - 3 p.m. Child and Youth Services offers free childcare for parents attending the program.

Childcare is available for children 6 weeks to 5-years-old. You must bring the child's shot records, but a snack is provided. Parent must stay in the center.

For additional information, contact Sonya Brown, Family Readiness Center coordinator, 239-9435

## The Shoppe

Come and visit The Shoppe. The Shoppe offer gifts for every occasion including unit and farewell gifts. Bring this ad Thursday evening, Nov. 6, to receive a 10 percent discount. Stop by the yard sale, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave., 239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

## Youth Basketball

Youth Basketball registration will be Monday through Nov. 14. The program is open to girls and

boys in 2nd-6th grades. A current sports physical, dated on or after March 13, must be on file at Central Registration at the time of sign-up. Registration will be held at Central Registration, building 6620, 1 - 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, except for Veterans' Day. For more information, call the Youth Sports office, 239-9223, or Central Registration, 239-4847.

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## No hard freeze means take precautions for West Nile

By Todd Vento, MD  
MEDDAC

As winter approaches, the Fort Riley community should continue to take appropriate precautions for prevention of West Nile Virus infection. The installation's West Nile Virus surveillance program has conducted regular monitoring during spring and summer. On Oct. 14, a report confirmed a mosquito collection on Fort Riley tested positive for West Nile Virus. There have been no confirmed cases of West Nile Virus meningitis or encephalitis in humans on Fort Riley; however, the presence of West Nile Virus in mosquitoes on the installation indicates there may be the risk of acquiring the disease. Preventive Medicine at Irwin Army Community Hospital encourages the continued use of personal protective measures and the avoidance of mosquitoes to prevent the disease from occurring.

West Nile Virus is a viral infection that is spread from mosquitoes to other animals and humans. Birds serve as a reservoir for the virus and help to maintain its life cycle. A mosquito that bites an infected bird can then spread the virus to other birds, humans and other animals.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, even in areas where the virus exists, very few mosquitoes are typically infected. Only a small percentage of individuals infected with West Nile Virus will develop severe illness. The majority of infected persons will not have signs or symptoms of illness, and will not develop complications. In those individuals with symptoms of disease, most will not have

meningitis or encephalitis, but may have mild symptoms such as fever, headache, muscle aches, rash, nausea or vomiting. Encephalitis refers to an inflammation of the membrane around the brain and the spinal cord, according to the CDC. Severe illness can present high fever, headache, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis.

West Nile Virus was found throughout Kansas in 2002 and has been found in most Kansas counties in 2003. According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the total number of confirmed human cases of West Nile Virus meningitis or encephalitis in Kansas in 2003 is 88, with five deaths as of Oct. 24. The KDHE advises individuals to take precautions against West Nile Virus, regardless of whether there has been a laboratory-confirmed human case in their area or county.

The Fort Riley West Nile Virus surveillance program is comprised of several activities. The program is a joint effort between the Fort Riley Health Services and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. For more information, contact the Fort Riley Health Services at 343-4333.

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Wildcat Rashad Washington takes down Kansas University's Charles Gordon during the Sunflower Showdown.

## Wildcats beat Jayhawks

By Deb Skidmore  
MR/CR Officer

Some folks call it a rivalry. Some folks know it as the Sunflower Showdown. However you label it, Saturday was the 101st face off between the Kansas State Wildcats and the Kansas University Jayhawks. Although neither team was ranked going into this game, KSU boasted a 10 game winning streak over the 'Hawks. With 51,614 fans cheering on their favorite team, the K-State Wildcats walked away with the state bragging rights. The final score was 42-6. The first quarter was full of action as both teams exchanged fumbles, quarterback sacks and suffered penalties. A KU interception picked off by Defensive

Back Randy Jordan changed the momentum for KSU. KU stalled the 'Cats to a fourth down, but instead of attempting a field goal, Wildcat Quarterback, Eli Roberson, ran the ball in for the first points on the board. Kicker Joe Rheem added the point after to make the score 7-0. KU came back down the field and knocked at the 'Cats' door. The Wildcat defense held and forced the 'Hawks to settle for a field goal with 4:19 on the clock in the first quarter. In the beginning of the second quarter, Wildcat Running Back, Darren Sproles, surpassed KSU's career rushing record with 2,543 yards. Sproles finished the 2002 season ranked 19th in the nation in rushing. He averaged 124.9 yards per game

and 6.3 yards per carry. With KU in possession, Quarterback Brian Luke fumbled the ball to give K-State good field position on the 20. A short pass from Roberson to Devin Dennis put six more points on the board for KSU. Rheem added the point after. The 'Cats were ahead, 14-3. KU struggled with their next possession, turning the ball over to the Wildcats. Roberson chewed away at the yards, putting Sproles in position to make a 7-yard TD run. Rheem added the point after. The score was 21-3. Again, KU could not make any ground, and upon kicking the ball away, watched as Sproles dodged and ran for 63 yards for another Wildcat TD. The halftime score was 28-3.

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## Ghost Riders win game big

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

The 24th Infantry Division Ghost Riders rolled over the 6025th Garrison Support Unit in flag football Wednesday evening, winning 28-6. The play of the game came from Ghost Rider running back Kevin Doheny, showcasing his running skills with a 50-yard touchdown scamper.

After the snap, the opposing defense spread out in a pass defense, clearing a path right down the center of the field for Doheny to run through. Despite encountering some resistance at the 20-yard line, Doheny managed to dodge the tackle and jet off down the sideline for a touchdown. "It just opened up like the Red Sea," Doheny said following his amazing play. "I broke old boys ankles on the 20, then ran it in the

rest of the way without a problem." Ghost Rider Ricky Tomlin felt this play proved his theory on the team's undefeated status. "We're just better," he said. "All of our guys are athletically endowed. We're just good athletes." Yet another good play came on fourth down of the Ghost Riders' drive, when the ball was snapped

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## Scavenger hunt fun for families

By Steven Cooke  
19th PAD

The Fort Riley Fitness Program and the office for Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored the three-mile Fort Riley Scavenger Challenge Oct. 25 on Main Post. "It's a program to encourage physical fitness in families," said Kim Miller, fitness program manager. "It gives families ideas of what they can do for fun and fitness." The challenge, set up very similar to a scavenger hunt, included stations where families participated in activities like sit-ups, three-legged races and a 160-meter dash. The challenge began at King Field House, where participants were given their clue to the first station. The clue read, "For a sweet little gift, make your way down the street where there's always something neat." So it was off to The Shoppe, and so on for three miles. Participants could walk, bike or roller blade the course. At each station, challengers were rewarded with a treat. The fourth station was Tuttle Creek Park. Here families participated in the Yarn Course. Upon entering the park, they followed the yarn until they came to different exercise events. For some, the course provided family fun. "That's the first sit-up I've ever done with my children," said Susie O'Neill, military spouse and mother of Ally, 3, and John, 2. O'Neill, who exercises regularly on her own, said she liked the

idea of incorporating exercise into a fun activity like the Scavenger Challenge. "I think it's great," she said. "I want my kids to think exercise is fun, not dreadful." Other parents had positive things to say about the challenge as well. "It was good exercise — a little different than just running during PT," said Sgt. 1st Class Rondal Lang, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division. Lang, who completed the course with his wife Rita, said it was also nice to exercise and spend time with wife. "It was fun for us to exercise together," he said. "I usually do PT in the morning and my wife

walks to and from work. We never thought to exercise together. It was nice to talk and catch up." The children said they enjoyed the day, too. "The best parts for me were the prizes and the 160-meter dash," said Todd Swartz, 10. After completing all seven stations of the challenge, participants headed back to King Field House for even more prize giveaways. Some of the prizes given were free bowling and skating on post, inflatable sports chairs, fitness towels and animal and jester hats. Miller said the feedback she got from the participants was that they had a good time. She hopes the Scavenger Challenge becomes an annual event.



Susie O'Neill helps children perform reverse push-ups properly at an exercise event in the Yarn Obstacle Course during the Fort Riley Scavenger Challenge.

## Bald eagles common site near waterways on Fort Riley during winter

By Gibran Suleiman  
DES Biologist

The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is a common winter resident on Fort Riley. The first eagles typically appear on Fort Riley in mid to late-October and increase in numbers until mid-January. The majority of eagles have vacated the fort by the middle of March. In recent years, there have been some eagles that have nested and raised broods near Fort Riley, so the chance does exist that Fort Riley might someday produce a nest of eaglets. Eagles on Fort Riley have a strong association with water. Milford Lake and the Kansas and Republican Rivers are likely areas to see eagles. Public lands along Milford Lake make the best place to view eagles, where they spend their days looking for dead or dying fish and ducks. Adult birds

have powerful wings and are capable of flying holding a four-pound animal. Eagles will also occasionally dine on road-killed animals. During the winter, eagles spend the night in roosting areas. The same trees are used year after year. The main roosting area on Fort Riley is one of the largest wintertime roosts in the entire country. In recent years, 380 eagle where recorded using the area in just one night. The roost area is utilized increasingly as the weather worsens. The colder and windier the night, the more eagles typically are found on the roost. The Conservation Division has established buffers around eagle roosting areas in order to minimize any disturbance to eagles on Fort Riley. These no disturbance buffers are off-limits to all activities not specifically approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Anyone enter-

ing an area that has been posted off-limits on Fort Riley may face criminal charges.

### On the Wildside: News About Nature



The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is a common winter resident on Fort Riley.

The use of DDT, direct killing and habitat loss caused the bald eagle to be listed under the endangered species act in 1967. Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act requires all Federal agencies to insure that their actions are not likely to jeopardize a listed species or destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. Section 7 has the potential to place a great burden on the military mission. On Fort Riley, there is very little overlap between the habitat favored by eagles and training lands needed for training, so having eagles on Fort Riley has caused very little problems for the military. Today, the bald eagle is considered a success story of the ESA. Eagle numbers have become strong enough that it is likely they will be taken off, or de-listed, from the ESA. Currently, if the bald eagle is de-listed, they will still be protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald Eagle Act. Current threats to eagles today

include illegal shooting, electrocution from power lines, ingestion of meat with poison (intended for coyotes), lead pellet in dead animals or collisions with man made objects such as radio towers or vehicles. Of all of the birds that can be viewed on Fort Riley, none of them conjure up the same feelings one gets watching a bald eagle soaring high in the sky. It then becomes easy to see why it was chosen as the national symbol of the country. The bald eagle even beat out Benjamin Franklin's vote for the wild turkey. If you get a chance this winter to view eagles, show a little respect and keep a good distance in between yourself and them. They are very sensitive to disturbance and will leave an area if repeatedly bothered. If you have any questions regarding bald eagles, call the Conservation Division, 239-6211.



# Outdoor Recreation activities scheduled

There will be a Hunter's Education Class Nov. 13 and 14, 5:30-9:30 p.m., and Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Individuals may sign up at the Outdoor Rec. Center, building 9011. Individuals must attend all three days. There is also a \$10 deposit, which is refundable when students attend the class.

The Outdoor Recreation Fishing Contest is still going on until Dec. 31. A total of 46 tagged fish were released in selected ponds on post. At the present time, only two tagged fish have been caught. One of those is the Gold Tagged fish. Catch him and win the Grand Prize, a four-person inflatable raft. Entry fee for this contest is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

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The second half found Kansas's skies clearing, but KU was only able to add points with a 51-yard field goal by Kicker Johnny Beck.

In the next 'Cat possession, Roberson fired a 27-yard pass to Tight End Thomas Hill and rushed for 16 yards himself setting up a 1-yard TD run by Full-

back Victor Mann. Rheem made the point after, bringing the score to 35-6.

KU continued to struggle, turning the ball over to the 'Cats. In a matter of eight plays, the Wildcats went 56 yards to put another seven points on the board. Roberson carried the ball in for six, and Rheem added another point after.

The score was now 42-6, which would be the final.

Overall, Rheem has made 106 of 114 extra point attempts. Up to this game, he has scored 169 total points for the Wildcats.

In the fourth quarter, the Wildcats found the game was not going entirely their way. Rheem missed a 52-yard field goal

attempt and, after a drive that put the 'Cats on the 'Hawk 16-yard line, they fumbled the ball away. KU recovered.

But as the minutes ticked away, the 'Cats beat the 'Hawks, who were ranked as the 10th offensive team in the nation, for another year of football supremacy in the state.

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al installation activities: Entomology and Preventive Medicine Service, Veterinary Service, Provost Marshal's Office, Directorate of Environment and Safety and IACH. Further coordination for mosquito testing, reporting and surveillance is conducted with Kansas State University, KDHE, the Army's Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, U.S. Geological Survey and the CDC. Mosquitoes are collected systematically during periods of increased activity and results are utilized to determine whether additional control measures are indicated. According to Bill Wildman, Entomology section, IACH, periodic mosquito trapping will continue until the first hard freeze of the season.

According to the CDC, the easiest and best way to prevent West Nile Virus is to prevent mosquito bites. This may be done through

limiting outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active (dusk and dawn), wearing appropriate clothing (long sleeves, long pants, socks), using DEET (diethyl-meta-toluamide)-containing insect repellents on skin, fixing broken screens and draining standing water around your work and living environment. Additional mosquito control measures such as mosquito spraying (fogging) are conducted by the installation's Pest Management Activity. The installation's Director of Environment and Safety indicates that while the use of fogging is generally safe, individuals should avoid direct exposure with the fog stream during spraying.

Further measures to decrease the spread of West Nile Virus include reporting dead birds (notably crows, blue jays and birds of prey) to the Provost Marshal's Office or Veterinary Ser-

vices so they can properly collect for testing or disposal. This measure helps with continued surveillance for disease activity in the community. To report dead birds off post, call the state's West Nile Virus surveillance toll free number, (866) 452-7810.

If you have any questions or concerns about West Nile Virus, installation points of contact and

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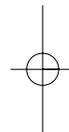
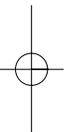
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# Fort Riley Turkey Shoot tomorrow

By Sam Robinson  
Staff Writer

The Fort Riley Turkey Shoot is tomorrow at the Outdoor Recreation Center. Soldiers and civilians may take part in the event 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Five shooters will compete at a time, and the person with the shot closest to the mark on the target will win a coupon for a frozen bird at the commissary. Shooters may enter as many times as they wish. The adult and junior (16 and under) turkey shoot costs \$5. Only 12 and 20-gauge shotguns, with modified chokes will

be allowed. Shotguns and ammunition will be available that day at the Outdoor Rec Center. "We want to level the playing field," said Col. Gasper Gulotta, commander, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support). "We want everyone to have a fair chance and a good time." A Master Gunner and Junior Master Gunner competition will also take place that day. The cost to enter is \$10. Results will be tracked throughout the day. The winners will be announced at 2 p.m. and each will receive a new shotgun. "We hope this will give fami-

lies a chance to get out of the house," said Gulotta. "They can see what the Outdoor Rec Center has to offer." He also said it will give the families the opportunity to visit with one another. Other activities will take place during the event at no cost. There will be archery target practice, shooting skill video game, horseshoes, skeet shooting and a moonwalk. "I encourage my Soldiers to work hard and play hard," said Gulotta. "This is a great way to promote the outdoor recreation at Fort Riley." For more information, call 785-239-2363.

# Wives walking to Baghdad

By Steven Cooke  
19th PAD

A group of wives from Fort Riley are walking — walking 6,874 miles to be exact, the distance from Fort Riley to Baghdad. Why? Well, for a couple reasons. "It's good exercise and to support my husband and our troops," said Bekah Anderson, wife of Sgt. Ryan Anderson, 300th Military Police Company. "It's important to show my husband that I am willing to walk the same distance he has to convoy, to stand by his side, even though he is in a different country," said Wendee Eaton, wife of Spec. Neil Eaton, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry.

"It's an opportunity to get out of the house," said Heather Labadie. "You can get depressed staying in the house (while your Soldier is deployed)." She also said it is good to socialize with others going through the same thing. Labadie, who came up with the idea, said originally the plan was to walk the distance from Fort Riley to the National Training Center in California. Labadie said the group meets every Monday and Wednesday, 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Long Fitness Center to walk around the outdoor track. Labadie said she is giving the group one year to meet their goal. At the half way point, the distance from Fort Riley to New

York, the group will have a party. "It will probably have a New York theme to it," said Labadie. She explained the way she counts the miles is collectively not individually. Each individual does not have to walk 6,874 miles. If 10 people walk 10 miles one week, then that will count as 100 miles. Labadie said the group is not just for wives but also for husbands with deployed wives, or anyone who has a loved one away on deployment. She added that if someone cannot make it on Mondays and Wednesdays and would like to participate, he or she can walk on their own and send the information by e-mail to heatherlabadie@yahoo.com

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to quarterback Jason Shepherd, 24th Inf. Div. Just as he went to throw it, James Conklin, 6025th GSU, jumped up from nowhere and smacked the ball to the ground, giving the ball to 6025th and setting them up for their single touchdown of the game. "I used to play basketball," said Conklin, to explain his block. "I just shot blocked him, that's really all I did. You just have to look for tendencies in the quarterbacks arm and try to get the timing." At no point in the game did the 6025th give up hope, according to running back Richard Williams, 6025th GSU. According to Williams, the team had gotten out of tighter situations. "We were down last night two touchdowns, and we scored four in the last half to come back," said Williams. "You always have to believe that you can win. Nobody enters a race to come in second."

The game was interrupted briefly near the end of the first half when Reginald Williams, 6025th GSU, took a ball to the face and collapsed on the field, requiring removal from the game. As the first half ticked to a close, the Ghost Riders led 28-0, yet 6025th still held on to the hope they could come back and win the game. "You always have a chance to come back," said Michael Clayton, 6025th GSU. "We're only down by two now, and it's never too late." "We practice twice a week, four times a week before the season," he continued. "Our secret is lots of practice; practice and a strong defense. That'll give us the win." Although the Ghost Riders failed to score in the second half, the extra efforts of a number of their players managed to keep the defense working hard enough to finish out the game with a strong

two-touchdown lead. "Our running back is (Kendrick) Gaines, and he's too fast to catch right now," said Allison. "No one can touch him, we call him 'lightning'." "There are no stars on our team, it's a group effort," said Gaines, disagreeing with Allison's analysis. "We played as a team and didn't fall apart and start yelling at each other." "Everybody had a role to play and they played it," said Raymond Doffney, Ghost Riders. "We were professional." The 6025th was only mildly disappointed at the loss. "We should have had better coverage of their players, maybe more speed," said James Quintex, 6025th GSU. "We've improved a lot over the course of the season, and what's important is that we had a lot of fun."

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