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Veterans honored
America's veterans were honored in local communities last weekend. Junction City held Military Appreciation Day and Manhattan held their annual Veterans Day Celebration and Honor Parade. See Page 9

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Fort Riley battalion prepares Reserve troops to mobilize

By **Christie Vanover**
Staff Writer

To date, more than 25,000 National Guard and Reserve soldiers are serving on active duty to support the global war on terrorism, and Secretary Donald Rumsfeld announced Nov. 4, that the Department of Defense will continue with call-ups.

"We do it as we look at the entire force disposition worldwide. We have folks in Kosovo, we have them in Bosnia, we have them in the Sinai, we have them in a number of places around the world," said the Secretary of Defense during a press briefing.

"So I would expect that there would be additional Reserve call-ups in the period immediately ahead," he added.

One of Fort Riley's units plays a major role in preparing the Army as a "total force" for such call-ups.

The 2nd Battalion, 291st Regiment (Aviation) (Training Support), 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (TS), located on Marshall Army Air Field, is responsible for providing training and mobilization

assistance and readiness assessments to all utility, assault, heavy lift, air traffic services and air ambulance aviation units within the Fifth U.S. Army area of responsibility.

In the last 12 to 15 months, Company B has conducted four mobilizations involving six of its 14 medical air ambulance client units. "Of all the aviation units this battalion has deployed since I arrived 16 months ago, there have been more MEDEVAC than anything else," said Maj. Brian Almqvist, commander, Co. B.

The company's most recent mobilization mission involved the 1042nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) out of Oregon. The National Guard unit received orders last spring for Operation Enduring Freedom.

"When a unit receives notification of an upcoming mobilization, we go out with a team of subject matter experts. We go through everything from training records to flight records to unit supply to maintenance standards, and this gives us a starting point," said Almqvist.

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Joint-service protective suit working in CENTCOM

By **Marcia Triggs**
ARNEWS

Hours after it was reported that Iraq had ordered antidotes to a nerve gas it claims not to have, Army chemical soldiers at a Pentagon press briefing affirmed they have the skills and equipment to respond to such weapons of mass destruction.

The U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit is able to respond whenever a chemical or biological agent is suspected or found, said Lt. Col. George Leakes, battalion commander for the TEU. The unit supports Department of Defense and other federal, state and local agencies.

From the war-torn country of Afghanistan to gala sporting events, TEU soldiers have suited

up to detect, identify or dispose of hazardous chemical or biological material.

With the threat of war with Iraq in the air, Americans want to know if soldiers are prepared.

"Can you operate in that chem/bio suit in the desert and for how long," one reporter asked during the briefing.

"Is there any specific chemical that you are fearful of," another reporter rang out.

"I put my life on the line in this suit while serving six months in Afghanistan, and I'll do it again," said Staff Sgt. Michael McRoberts, chemical operations sergeant, TEU.

The suit McRoberts defended is called the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology.

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The Fort Riley Honor Guard rides down in the Manhattan Veterans Day Parade. Local communities held various ceremonies and events to honor veterans. See more on area Veterans Day activities on page 9.

Gauntlet exercise brings brigade together

By **William Biles**
Staff Writer

The 3rd Brigade, 1st Armor Division, is holding its Gauntlet Field Training Exercise Nov. 10-26. Gauntlet is a train-up for the unit's upcoming National Training Center rotation or any contingency deployment.

The brigade units will build on their field training exercises, which they performed during the past six months, to sharpen their skills as warfighters and increase their combat effectiveness, said Maj. Joel K. Tyler, operations officer, 3rd Bde., 1st Arm. Div.

Companies have been training for the Gauntlet by going to the field and performing their Military Occupational Skill unique exercises and also through their Sergeant's Time Training, Tyler

said.

"Gauntlet allows us to work collective training at the company, task force and then at the brigade level and also exercises the battle staffs in a realistic environment," he said.

The gauntlet train-up has three different phases of operation by the brigade.

The train-up will start with company training exercises, with their focus on Task Force, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, said Tyler.

"The 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, company level exercise will include them doing a deliberate attack, which will involve the company attacking through an enemy disruption zone and into an enemy battle zone," Tyler said.

"They will conduct a breach and then seize an enemy's objective." Additionally, the companies will

conduct a movement to contact and a counter-reconnaissance screen, he added.

Along with that, the brigade will also be able to train components of 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, who will be acting as the Opposition Force for the company training exercise, along with other elements from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Tyler added.

The second part is a force on force exercise which puts together the proficiency of the company level training and the battle staffs and it allows the brigade to train, both maneuver task forces and its supporting battalions, in a brigade operation against the OPFOR provided by 1st Bde., 1st Inf. Div., said Tyler.

The third stage is a combined-armed live fire exercise that will

focus on one task force at a time, shooting at targets in a realistic combat environment, he said.

During the live fire brigade soldiers will focus on fire control distribution, effective direct fire planning, deliberate attack techniques and use of the brigade's support battalions, stated Tyler.

Deliberate attack techniques include breaching enemy obstacles and integrating that with the use of direct fire, he said.

The mission of Gauntlet is two fold. "Their mission is to build a team of the many elements that make up the task force and accomplish a tactical mission in an operational environment."

The Gauntlet brings together every component of the brigade, and allows the use of every system that they will need while training at NTC, said Tyler.

Ceremony marks 60th anniversary of invasion

By **William Biles**
Staff Writer

The 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, held a ceremony on Nov. 7 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the unit's involvement of the first Allied invasion at the western front against German forces during World War II.

The speaker at the ceremony talked about the resourcefulness and heroism the soldiers on that day showed and also spoke of some of the problems that occurred due to the magnitude of the operation.

Bill McKale, museum curator, Fort Riley Museum Division, said the Army enlisted anything that floated, from converted refrigerator ships to an ex-passenger liner, to get the more than 107,000 American and British soldiers to Morocco and Algeria.

"Because of its scale, Operation Torch had its problems," said McKale. "Vehicles fell overboard; troops were landed on the wrong beaches and some soldiers, wearing heavy packs, drowned when their boats crashed onto the reefs."

But by 9 a.m., Nov. 8, 1942, practically all the personnel of the 1st Inf. Div. were ashore and functioning, McKale said. "The 1st Infantry Division had experienced the first shock of battle, the first assault and the first objective taken."

The Allies had not only defeated Vichy French resistance in North Africa, they had added to their armies the 19th French Corps, said McKale. The French Corps joined the race to take Tunisia and the ultimate defeat of the German and Italian forces in Africa.

The invasion of North Africa was the first major United States operation in the war against Germany.

"This is the largest operation that has ever taken place in the history of the world," Hitler remarked with awe and envy as he received intelligence reports about hundreds of Allied transports and warships approaching North Africa on Nov. 7," said McKale.

"It was a massive Allied bid to end the desert war."

"It's very important that we don't forget our past," said Col. Arthur Connor, commander, 1st Bde., 1st Inf. Div. "By remembering the past, it helps us keep integrated with the future."

Operation Helping Hand aids servicemembers

By **Lori Butman**
Editor

During the holiday season many look forward to big holiday meals with steaming hot turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes and all the other fixings that go along with them. Some soldiers may not be able to afford such treats though. Operation Helping Hand was created on Fort Riley for the purpose of making sure

all soldiers have bountiful holiday feasts.

"This program is a way that soldiers can help soldiers," said Chap. (Maj.) James Paulson, project officer for Operation Helping Hand. "In the Army, we take care of each other in this way. This is an opportunity for us to give, because it is when you give that you really receive the most." But, Paulson added, Operation Helping Hand is a community effort as well as a soldier effort.

The program begins Monday, although the first designated offering was taken up at chapel services on Nov. 1. Donations will be collected through unit 1st Sergeants and Command Sergeants Major, Chaplains and at Fort Riley National Bank through Dec. 1, Paulson said. At that time, the funds raised will be deposited into an account and will be divided between the needy families on post, he said.

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Renovated Normandy Theater will offer low prices, quality movies

By Lori Bultman
Editor

Looking for something to do tonight? Buy your tickets, popcorn and soda and get ready to see a movie in the newly remodeled Normandy Theater. The Banger Sisters, starring Goldie Hawn, will begin tonight at 7 p.m. sharp.

The theater, which closed in April for extensive renovation, will reopen this evening with an

entirely new look.
"The building was completely gutted and new carpet was put in all the way up the walls," said Sherry Johnson, office assistant, AAFES services and vending. There is a new 12-speaker surround sound system, acoustic ceiling, new seats and a new, fully equip, concession stand.
"The Army owns the building, so they provided the renovations to the structure, like the lights, ceiling, carpet and seats," Johnson

said.
"AAFES put in the Platter systems, a new surround sound system, movie screen and concessions equipment, anything not physically part of the building. The projection system was also upgraded," Johnson stated.
After tonight's opening, movies will be shown each week on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.
The theater will not be open on holidays.

Tickets for movies will be \$3 for adults, and \$1.50 for children ages 6 - 12. Children under 5 are admitted free of charge unless there is an expected sell-out of a movie or children's matinee.
There must be one military, Department of the Army civilian employee or AAFES employee identification cardholder with each group attending a movie.
Next week, as part of Military Family Appreciation week, AAFES is sponsoring several

movies to be shown for free or at a discounted rate. All movies will be shown at 7 p.m.
On Monday, Rugrats in Paris will be shown, with free admission to everyone. Admission will be \$1 per person on Tuesday and Wednesday for Spy Kids 2 and Lilo & Stitch. There will be another free movie, E.T.—The Extra-Terrestrial (Re-issue) on Thursday.
Special showings will also be held over Thanksgiving weekend,

Johnson said.
On Nov. 29 there will be a 2 p.m. matinee showing of Jonah— a VeggieTales movie and at 7 p.m. Spiderman will be shown, Johnson said. These movies will be at the regular prices.
No movie is complete without treats. At the theater's new concession stand, Johnson said, AAFES will offer popcorn, self-service soda, candy, nachos and pickles for moviegoers to purchase.

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overgarment. The JSLIST will replace the Battledress overgarment, which is the clothing that most soldiers now wear while performing required annual chemical and biological training.
Both overgarments are similar. JSLIST was a result of Congress mandating that all future research, development and procurement for chemical items be jointly managed, officials said.
Dressed in the joint-service suit, a blast-resistant suit and other variant chemical suits about a dozen of the TEU soldiers demonstrated what they do during peacetime when people spot suspicious cont-

aminants. The scenarios included an unattended package at a Super Bowl Game, a suspicious letter in a mailroom and an unexploded World War II munition.
After the demonstration and while standing under the bright television lights during the question-and-answer session, a soldier fainted, but was able to return to the briefing a few minutes later.
The combination of bright lights, nervousness, lack of water and close conditions were most likely the reasons the soldier fainted, said a TEU spokesman.
"TEU teams have been wearing the JSLIST suits in support of

Central Command for over a year. They have trained in a variety of scenarios in the hot desert summer of Afghanistan without incident," officials said.
The chemical suits that were displayed by the soldiers are unlike anything any other country has, officials added. As long as soldiers stay hydrated and are in decent

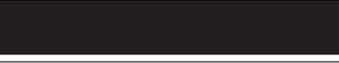
physical condition, the chemical suits are lifesavers, officials said.
TEU will soon celebrate its 60th anniversary as the oldest military chemical unit in existence. It's a battalion-level organization with companies in Maryland, Virginia and Arkansas. Its personnel go through a rigorous six-month training program, Lecakes said.

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Following initial evaluations, Almqvist debriefs the unit commander and discusses what tasks need to be completed and perfected prior to deployment.

"When you look at a Guard unit with only 39 days of training a year to accomplish everything, it's very difficult to become completely proficient in all of the tasks that they need to be able to do," said Almqvist.

When the 1042nd Med. Co. deployed 59 of its soldiers to Bosnia for Operation Joint Forge in 2000, Almqvist said they, like other guard units, needed support with certain task proficiencies.

"It had been quite a while since the unit had been to the field. It had been quite a while since the unit had done realistic collective training," he added.

The Blackhawk unit is comprised of flight medics, pilots, crew chiefs and support personnel, all of which are required to meet their proficiencies.

Sgt. 1st Class John Williams, aircraft repairman, Co. B, assisted in the validation process, ensuring the unit was technically and tactically proficient in aircraft maintenance tasks and recovery of aircraft and air crews.

"If a MEDEVAC aircraft goes down, it falls on that aircraft company to recover their own crews and aircraft, so they have to be tactically proficient and technically proficient to be able to do that," he said.

While the Joint Forge mission was a peacekeeping mission, involving only half of the company, the current deployment involves nearly 110 soldiers and is in support of the war on terrorism.

Their mission this time is to provide 24-hour MEDEVAC support to their respective theater. "A little over half are directly involved with troops fighting in Afghanistan. A small number are in support of Desert Spring in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, and as the rotations go between the locations, there is a small number located at Fort Bragg," said Almqvist.

Although the two deployments were two years apart, the soldier's past mobilization experience brought them to a higher level, according to Almqvist.

"Having been mobilized before, this time around, they were more in-tuned to what we expected from them as far as fulfilling their federal mission," said Williams. "Their tactical state of readiness was more enhanced by the mission that they did before."

After going over the unit's mission-based requirements and training them on individual and collective tasks, Almqvist recommended validation to Col. Gasper Gulotta, commander, 3rd Brig., 75th Div. (TS).

Almqvist made his determination based on the unit's performance and ability to meet the standards of all training completed during the previous three months, concluding with a demanding two-week field training exercise where all unit collective tasks were evaluated.

"It's not something I make a

decision on in a matter of a day. By working with a unit over a period of time, you gain confidence in them. By working with their soldiers and their leadership, you know that they're going to be able to execute like they should," said Almqvist.

"I think it comes down to do I have confidence that this unit will go pull that soldier off the battlefield in as timely, safe and efficient manner as possible. Bottom line it's the infantry platoon leader out there or who ever's calling that MEDEVAC mission. He doesn't know who's on the other end of that line, but he's expecting them to be able to launch and come out there and get his wounded soldier," he said.

Desert Shield/Storm veteran, Sgt. 1st Class Luis Illescas, knows what its like to be a medic in a war environment. The air ambulance noncommissioned officer for Co. B spent eight months in Saudi Arabia with an infantry unit.

"It gave me a realistic



US Air Force Photo by Aaron Allmon

A UH-60 Blackhawk MEDEVAC pilot from the 1042nd Medical Company, Oregon Army National Guard, deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, gets inserted via hoist during training in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Pvt. 2 Brian Wright
Company C,
70th Engineer Battalion



"Saving Private Ryan. It had great action scenes that were real to life."

Staff Sgt. James Griffith
Company C,
1st Engineer Battalion



"We Were Soldiers. I think that it portrayed war very realistically, and it also showed how war affects the family back at home."

Pvt. 2 Owen E. Griffith
Company C,
70th Engineer Battalion

\$1,000 reward offered

The U.S. Army CID is offering a reward for the information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction, of individual(s) involved in the suspected arson of the 18 hour shopette, located on Main Post, building 640, around 10 p.m., on Aug. 11. If you have any information pertaining to this incident, please contact Special Agent James R. Supynowicz at 239-2450-2390. The identities of the personnel providing information will be kept confidential.

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Briefs

PW Employee of Quarter

Frank Haggerty was selected as the Public Works' Employee of Quarter for the 4th Quarter. Haggerty is currently employed as a Gardener/Tractor Operator in the Operations and Maintenance Division. He received a Public Works Certificate of Appreciation, a 16-hour Civilian Time-Off Award and a reserved parking space at his place of duty for the quarter. Other Public Works employees nominated this quarter for their outstanding performance were: Marvin Springer, Brandi Sekulich, and Jennifer Falkner, all of the Public Works Housing Division.

Wrestling Meet

The 2002 Fort Riley Post Battalion Wrestling Meet is Nov. 18-20 at King Field House. Competition starts at 6 p.m. each night.

Post-wide Graduation

Fort Riley University will conduct the 29th semi-annual post-wide graduation ceremony at King Field House on Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. Counseling services at the Learning Centers on post will not

be available on the afternoon of the graduation.

Opening announced

The Fort Riley Child Development Center has openings in the Tuesday-Thursday part-day preschool. The morning classes are held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The afternoon session runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is based on total annual family income. Call Central Enrollment Registry at 239-4847 for information to register and enroll. If classes fill, you may have your name placed on a waiting list.

Limited Service

There will be limited customer service at 15th PSB, 4th Finance and all G1 agencies between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 21, due to the G1 Family Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Holiday Lighting Guidance

When planning your outdoor holiday decorations, please comply with Fort Riley Regulation 11-1, which states that outdoor decorations will be predominantly non-electric. Holiday lighting should be arranged with energy

conservation in mind and hours of operation should be limited to 5-10 p.m. Holiday lighting should not be displayed any earlier than Nov. 15 and no later than Jan. 1, 2003.

Office Closed

The Vehicle Registration Office is closed the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Christmas Boughs

Units, housing occupants and activities desiring cedar and pine boughs to decorate the interior and exterior of their buildings can pick up this material at the Public Works parking lot on Dickman Ave., across from building 364, Main Post, on a first come, first serve basis, from Nov. 22-Dec. 24. Extreme care should be taken in using these 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 strictly prohibited. Call 239-3908 for more information.

Flu Vaccine

Primary Care Clinics 1, 2, and

3 of Irwin Army Community Hospital have the flu vaccine available for military family members and retirees who are meet the health guidelines. Call 239-7250 for more information.

Employees Need Help

Several Fort Riley employees are experiencing a personal or a family medical emergency and are facing a period of more than 24 hours of Leave Without Pay (LWOP). Due to the Privacy Act, we are unable to expand on specific medical reasons. CPACLI0220
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Employee of Year

James Brown has been selected as the Public Works' Employee of Year for FY 2002. Brown is employed as a Material Handler in the Operations and Maintenance Division.

His selection was due to his exceptional customer service and professional workmanship. He will receive a Public Works Cer-

tificate of Appreciation, a 32-hour Civilian Time-Off Award and a Public Works polo shirt. Eleven other PW employees were also nominated for the award. These outstanding employees are Lennie Blixt, Elbert Newman, Wilson Austin, David Young, James McCarrell, Carlos Gonzales, Mike Gorcham, Frank Haggerty, Marvin Springer, Brandi Sekulich, and Jennifer Falkner.

Exhibit Opening

In conjunction with American Education Week, the US Cavalry Museum will open a temporary exhibit highlighting the Cavalry School that was here at Fort Riley.

The Cavalry School educated and trained soldiers at Fort Riley from the 1890s to 1946. The display officially opens on Monday, Nov. 18 and will remain on show until the first part of March 2003. For more information on the display, please contact the U.S. Cavalry Museum at 239-8230.

Workshop Offered

The Morris Hill Gospel Choir invites you to participate in the Living Water Workshop, today, Sunday, at Morris Hill Chapel, Bldg. 5315. The workshop focuses on ministering to others through the use of music. The

classes will run tonight evening and tomorrow morning followed by a concert performed by workshop participants tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. For more information about the workshop and concert, please call the Morris Hill Gospel Choir at 785-239-5416 or 785-239-4685.

Birthday Party

Come Join Us For Jesus' Birthday Party Dec. 7, 3 - 4:30 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary School. RSVP by Dec. 2 to: Robin Ann Tobin, 717-1565, Main Post Chapel; Toya Wise, 717-2871, Gospel Service, Karla Moody, 784-4608, Contemporary Service; Kathy Wood, 784-4226, Kapaun Chapel or Anna Sherman, 784-4266, St. Mary's Chapel.

Please bring optional gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Recipes needed

Do you have a special holiday recipe that you would like to share with others? If so, please submit it via e-mail to eco5975@ksu.edu. Select recipes will be chosen to appear in the Fort Riley Post newspaper for a series about holiday food safety and holiday cooking throughout the season. If there

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At the same time money is being collected, the names will be gathered of those families needing to receive those funds, according to Paulson.

"The units all identify their needy families and submit the names to the unit chaplain. The names are consolidated by a committee and the funds are then dispersed to the soldiers in the form of checks."

The checks are not payable to the soldiers though.

"We don't give them money, we give them a check made out to the commissary. They then take the check to the commissary and buy food items," Paulson said. The money each family receives will be different though. "The money is divided among the people whose names were turned in, but also, the amount each family receives is pro-rated according to how many family members there are," he said.

The Holiday Basket checks will be distributed to recipients beginning Dec. 13 and will be handed out by the battalion chaplains or their designees, Paulson said. He said the checks will be handed out in a discrete manner and soldiers should not be embarrassed about receiving the gift. "When you are in the Army, the Army is your family. You learn to receive from each other as well as give." Programs similar to Operation Helping Hand take place on posts Army-wide. "The name might be different, but the concept remains basically the same," Paulson said.

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is a special story about the recipe, for example, being in the family for several generations, please include that information, too.

Green to Gold

One of Kansas State ROTC's most rewarding scholarships is called Green to Gold. The Green to Gold scholarship allows enlisted active duty soldier to attend college and receive a commission as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation. K-State Army ROTC offers two, three and four year Green to Gold scholarships to anyone currently on active duty with at least two years of active duty before school starts. Contact Sgt. Maj. Thomas Kelly NCOIC of the Command Retention Office 239-4216 for more information.

March planned

The Division Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor a commemoration march in honor of the late Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 15, at Morris Hill Chapel from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The theme for this year is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!" The program is open to all soldiers, their families, civilian employees and the surrounding communities. For more information please contact Fort Riley EO Office at 239-2928.

Access Hours Change

Rifle Range and Estes Road gates are open to outbound traffic on Fridays from 3-5 p.m. They

continue to be open Monday through Thursday to outbound traffic from 3:30-6 p.m. This change has been implemented due to Fort Riley's new workday schedule.

GATE HOURS: Trooper Drive (Junction City), Huebner Road (Ogden) and Henry Road (I-70) - Open 24 Hours, 12th Street (K-18 - Delivery Access) - Open 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Estes Road (Old Hwy 77) and Rifle Range Road (Hwy. 77) - Open to incoming vehicles w/DOD Decals 5-8 a.m. and open to outbound traffic Mon.-Thurs. 3:30-6 p.m. and Fri. 3-5 p.m.; Grant Avenue (Junction City) - Open to vehicles w/DOD Decals 5 a.m.-11 p.m. and open to visitors 8 a.m.-11 p.m.

Operation Santa Claus

Santa's elves are gearing up for the Christmas holiday with Operation Santa Claus. It will be in operation through Jan. 15, 2003. Santa's workshop is located in building 222 on Main Post. Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and organizations from Fort Riley and surrounding communities may make donations of toys and supplies, as well as cash contributions. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts. To help, call 239-3034.

Special Olympic Volunteers

The Kansas Special Olympics will hold the Fall classic event Nov. 22 - 23 at the Custer Hills Bowling Center. Up to 180 volunteers are needed in order for these special athletes to enjoy the com-

petition. Volunteers are needed on Nov. 22, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Nov. 23, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 12:30 - 4 p.m. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt.

For more information, email charles.ryan@riley.army.mil (preferred) or call 239-3594.

Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Thanksgiving Post-Wide Ecumenical Worship Service will take place at Kapaun Chapel, Nov. 27, 12:15 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Thrift Shop

Christmas items are now being accepted for consignment at the Fort Riley Thrift Shop. We have a wide selection of clothing, electronics, furniture, jewelry, collectibles and lots more!

The Thrift Shop is located in building 267, Stuart Ave. For more information, call 784-2351. As cooler weather approaches, don't forget that the Thrift Shop is a fun location for your coffee group to meet. Both civilian and military are welcome!!

Housing Pre-term Briefing

Pre-termination briefings for housing residents will be held only on Tuesday afternoons, 2 p.m. The briefings will be held on the third floor of Carr Hall, building 45.

Pre-termination inspections at quarters can now be scheduled for

Tuesdays - Thursdays. Call 239-3525 to schedule the pre-term appointments.

Martial Arts

Martial Arts beginner and advanced classes are held at the Teen Center, building 5800, every Saturday.

The beginner classes meet 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and advanced classes meet 2 - 4 p.m. for boys and girls ages 6-18.

Cost is \$20 per month. Contact Central Enrollment at 239-4847 for more information.

The Shoppe

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our holiday open house on Dec. 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will have refreshments, door prizes and many wonderful decorating items. The Shoppe will be open on Mondays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16. The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave. Call 785-239-2783 for more information.

Grief Support Group

The Fort Riley Grief Support Group will have their next meeting on Thursday, 6 p.m. in the annex of Kapaun Chapel. The Support Group created by parents for parents who have lost children through miscarriages, stillborn or neonatal deaths.

This is an ecumenical group and everything is kept confidential. For more information, contact Anna Sherman, 784-4266, Sr. Carolyn Juenemann, 239-4814 or

Fr. Gary Fukes, 239-5007.

Dance classes

Dance classes are being offered in ballet, jazz, tap and lyrical. Classes are held for boys and girls 3-13 years of age. The classes are currently preparing for holiday performances. Instruction will continue

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70th Armor tankers conduct 'Three Day War,' Table VII training

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, conducted Tank Table XII in conjunction with a

"Three Day War" throughout the first week of November as the culminating event for their fall gunnery rotation. The soldiers were evaluated from the Mission Training Plan for a Tank Platoon field manual,

which sets the standard for platoon-evaluated tasks, according to Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Jeff Ingram, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor. "We make it as much like a real war as possible. The enemy won't cut them any slack, we don't cut

them any slack either." The soldiers were out in the field for three days and were evaluated on how they performed certain platoon level tasks in a tactical environment.

After their missions were over, the soldiers had an After Actions Review to let them know what they needed to sustain and what they could improve upon. "It helps them to discover what they think went wrong and find a solution to the problem," said Capt. Shane Celeen, battalion adjutant, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, who was acting as an Observer Controller for one of the tank platoons.

About every six months the tank battalions have gunnery qualifications. "They're not out there just to keep their marksmanship honed, but also to better see how mission capable their equipment is and what problems need to be addressed," said Ingram. Tank gunnery begins with crews practicing gunnery in a computer simulation called UCOFT (Unit Conduct of Fire Trainer) and progresses to practicing "dry-runs" on tanks without ammunition on pop up targets.

Once tanks are screened, the tankers shoot Tank Table V and Tank Table VI with live rounds using machine guns and the 120mm main gun. Tank Table VII

is the next tank table to be shot before crew qualifications. It involves similar scenarios the tank crews will face on Tank Table VIII.

During Tank Table VIII qualifications, crews are extensively evaluated on their fire commands and time it takes to hit the targets. "We want to train with what we use in war. We want to train as we fight, and we fight with live rounds so we train with live rounds," said Celeen. "Gunnery is the most important thing we do; shooting our tanks is as important to us as shooting and qualifying with an M-16 rifle is to the infantry." The gunnery exercise concluded with the battalion conducting Tank Table XII, where the tankers fired live rounds at the targets.

The tankers shoot at a variety of targets both day and night during the training. Targets vary from enemy tank and Armored Personnel Carrier to enemy troop targets. The tank crews shoot on the move on offense, as well as shooting from a defensive fighting position.

"This is a true test of being able to hit targets under stress," said Ingram.

On the battle field the tankers mission is simple: "Close the width of and destroy the enemy

by means of maneuver, firepower and shock effect," said Celeen.

Shooting the big guns wasn't the only thing the soldiers performed in the field during Tank Table XII. They also held tactical road marches, established a Tactical Assembly Area, received and issued their operation orders, conducted rehearsals, re-armed and re-fueled their vehicles, conducted an operational Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Decontamination site and proofed lanes of approach for land mine clearing through the use of a mine roller exercise; all of that after performing extensive pre-maintenance checks and schedules on their tanks and weapon systems, said Ingram.

"This is a very challenging three-day war," said Maj. Eric Wick, Battalion Executive Officer, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor. "This is an all-encompassing exercise where we try to throw in all aspects of a battle."

The high-tank platoon and high tank crew of the exercise will receive a trophy for their performance, said Ingram. The battalion will not just recognize the tank platoons, but also the best in their support platoons, such as the medics, mechanics, and mortars, Ingram added.



Photo: Biles

Tank commanders use hand signals in order to relay messages while crossing a bridge backward. Some tanks cross bridges backward so the mine plow does not catch on the bridge during the crossing.

Publishers join to send free books to troops

By Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

Three major publishers have revived the World War II practice of publishing special editions of their books for U.S. troops serving overseas.

They kicked off the new program by giving away several hundred books in the Pentagon Nov. 7.

During World War II, more than 123 million paperback books were handed out to U.S. troops overseas as special Armed Services Editions. The books were light and small enough to fit in a cargo pocket.

For the new books, Hyperion, Simon and Schuster, and Dover

Publications joined together to publish and distribute more than 100,000 copies of four different titles. The books are in the small, signature style of the 1940s versions and will be distributed to service members overseas and aboard ships at sea in December.

The four titles published as special editions are: "Medal of Honor: Profiles of America's Military Heroes from the Civil War to the Present," by Allen Mikaelian, with commentary by Mike Wallace. "Henry V," by William Shakespeare. "The Art of War," by Sun Tzu. "War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence from American Wars," edited by Andrew Carroll. Carroll, author of "War Let-

ters," was instrumental in restarting the program.

Carroll said he'd been working with the publishers for a couple years, but the outpouring of patriotism stemming from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks has really helped.

"I think there's a greater appre-

ciation now for what our men and women in uniform are doing for this nation," he said. "This is a very small token of saying thank you." The author said he'd like to see more volumes published as Armed Services Editions and hopes more publishers will support the program in the future.

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Letter to the Editor

Veteran remembers local writer's trials, tribulations of war

Veteran's Day reminds me of a book, "Doctor and Soldier in the South Pacific," locally written by Phillip Hostetter of Manhattan. He describes his experiences in medical school at Kansas University where he received one of those "Greetings," telling him to report to Medical Field Service School in Carlisle, Penn. on July 15, 1943. That was where he got his military training. Hostetter had never been out of the central states before, let alone one of the continental USA.

On Jan. 13, 1944, Phil boarded a ship, the USS Mt. Vernon, at San Francisco. The ship was unescorted because its speed of 22 mph was faster than any submarine. Even so, as a precautionary

measure, it zigzagged at random so as to be a more challenging target. They crossed the equator and an entirely new set of stars appeared. At night, as the ship bow went through the water, it would glow with thousands of specks of light from the organisms that live in a tropical sea. The ship was to be a total black-out, and that meant not even a match could be lighted on deck because it could have been seen for miles.

After 28 days at sea, they landed on the mainland of New Guinea. The soldiers cleaned their own mess kits by putting them in boiling pots of water. Phil and his counterparts used their helmet lin-

ings for a water basin to wash, shave and clean up. Phil told about a group of soldiers who eventually came up with the idea of putting a 50-gallon barrel up about 10 feet off the ground on poles. They would fill that in the morning and by evening, they would have hot water for showers.

Each man had a cot with a mosquito net the size of the cot suspended over it. They ate a lot of dehydrated potatoes and eggs, which ended up looking like mashed potatoes and scrambled eggs.

Thirty-caliber carbines were issued to his group at Milne Bay. That required a session on learn-

ing to handle the carbines. The first island they invaded was Hollandia. The first casualty Phil and his medics saw was a man crushed to death by a rolling boulder. He was bathing at the water's edge when the boulder struck him. Their responsibility was to take care of the disabled-not the dead.

Bob Hope and his company came to the area to entertain the troops. The stage was only a platform, and coconut logs served as seats. Hope joked about when he started out in New York City the theaters that had comfortable leather upholstery on the seats and no one would come to hear him. "Now you're sitting on logs out in

the rain to see me. I feel honored." Phil wrote his wife Helen on V-Mail. It was microfilmed to save cargo space, then printed when it got to the States. In one message he wrote to her, "All my jungle hammock needs for comfort is you and ice water."

D-Day was Oct. 20, 1944, at Leyte. The list of machines and men needed for that invasion force is impressive: 150,000 men; 332,000 tons of equipment, including 235,000 tons of combat vehicles; 200,000 tons of ammunition and 200,000 tons of medical supplies. They marveled at the superb planning such a coordinated maneuver required and the way it was carried out.

MacArthur came ashore. Hostetter was busy giving a soldier blood plasma. Later, someone asked him if he knew who had been there-no one told him that MacArthur was watching him give blood to that soldier. MacArthur and an admiral left. Hostetter didn't get a chance to see MacArthur. The general said he would return and he did.

Dr. Phillip Hostetter returned to the states in 1945. As they flew over the Golden Gate Bridge, nothing was more beautiful to see lighted up than a bridge.

Ken Visser
Veteran
Manhattan, Kan.

DES wins Kansas Quality Award

By Diane Stevens
DES Contractor

The Directorate of Environment and Safety at Fort Riley was among 43 Kansas businesses and organizations honored at the 7th annual Kansas Award for Excellence banquet Nov. 7 in Overland Park. The DES received a Performance in Quality award. This is the second level of three levels of recognition under the statewide program.

The Performance in Quality Award is presented to organiza-

tions that demonstrate through their commitment and practice of quality principles, significant progress in building sound, systematic processes and management practices.

The Kansas Award for Excellence program annually recognizes companies from across the state that have utilized the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Criteria for Performance Excellence. For more than 15 years, thousands of U.S. organizations have used the Baldrige Criteria to stimulate improvements in their competitiveness and business per-

formance that lead to global success.

In Kansas, the award program is operated by a non-profit organization, the Kansas Award for Excellence Foundation. The Foundation is the Kansas affiliate of the Baldrige Program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The DES joins over 176 Kansas organizations recognized by the Kansas Award for Excellence Foundation for their commitment to and application of the Baldrige Criteria in Kansas.

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Korea 50 years ago - Pinpoint Hill changes hands four times

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

The battle for control of Sniper Ridge ended after Republic of Korea troops drove the Chinese off the hill, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

Nov. 7-13, 1952 — The Eighth Army reports Nov. 8 that ROK guards on Pongnam Island, near Koje Island, injured 21 prisoners of war Nov. 6 in breaking up a demonstration. It also reveals that two POWs who failed in trying to escape from the Koje-do prison camp had been carrying maps of the prisoner compounds and pleas for help from the North Koreans and Chinese.

News media reports Nov. 8 from ROK say that the average daily rate of communist artillery fire on Nov. 4 was 23,000 shells. By Nov. 7, the daily rate was down to 2,100 rounds a day. Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus, Fifth Air Force commander, tells reporters Nov. 8 that the enemy probably used up their reserves of heavy ammunition and was forced to cut back. Allied aircraft have been flying attack missions against enemy artillery batteries, as well. But the communists still have plenty of cannon ammo to use when they go after objectives.

A Thailand Battalion attached to the 2nd Infantry Division in I Corps comes under a heavy pre-attack Chinese barrage on Pork Chop Hill Nov. 7. After a 45-minute firefight, the Chinese withdraw, regroup and hit the Thais again. Once more they are thrown back.

In the ROK I Corps east of X Corps on Nov. 9 two North Korean battalions drive soldiers of the ROK 5th Infantry Division off the crest of Anchor Hill. After two counterattacks, backed by intense mortar and artillery support, helped the South Korean soldiers reclaim the hill. But the final assault ends up in face-to-face bayonet clashes before the ROK soldiers prevail.

At the same time Anchor Hill is under attack, the communists go after Hills 268 and 345, about three miles south of Anchor. The North Koreans gain the edge of

the crest of 268. They are driven off Nov. 10. Effective artillery fire breaks up the North Korea battalion going for Hill 345.

A larger enemy force goes after the two hills on Nov. 11. It takes 90 minutes of savage fighting to



repel the communists. With this flurry of attacks defeated, ROK I Corps will experience a period of relative calm until March 1953.

After four days of peace on Pork Chop, an artillery barrage precedes a new enemy offense on Nov. 11. Two Chinese companies attacking from the northeast and southeast gain the trenches. The Thai troopers throw them back after hand-to-hand fighting. That night and again Nov. 12 the Reds attempt to take the hill, but each attack is defeated. After the second one, the Chinese temporarily withdraw.

Elements of the ROK 9th Infantry Division remain engaged with the Chinese on Sniper Ridge, northeast of the Triangle Hill complex. From Nov. 12-13, Pinpoint Hill, the highest point on the crest of Sniper Ridge, changes hands four times.

When the Chinese finally gain control, accurate and lethal allied artillery drives them off the hill.

Trygve Lie, of Norway, tells the U.N. General Assembly Nov. 10 that he is resigning as Secretary General. He reads a letter he sent to President of the General Assembly Lester Pearson. He writes that a new Secretary General "may be more helpful than I can be" in ending the Korean War.

"The UN has thrown back aggression in Korea. There can be

an armistice if the Soviet Union, the Chinese Peoples Republic and the North Koreans are sincere in their wish to end the fighting," Lie writes.

Lie told the U.S., British and French ambassadors about his decision before the announcement, but not the Soviet delegate.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky tells the Assembly's Political and Security Committee on Nov. 10 that Russia will "never budge" from its opposition to voluntary repatriation of prisoners held by U.N. forces in Korea. He dismisses proposals from other nations to allow voluntary repatriation. He claims the United States is "torturing" Korea, making "feverish preparations" to widen the war to all of Asia and manipulating the U.N. Security Council into making "illegal" decisions.

In London Nov. 10 Prime Minister Winston Churchill says he cannot "purchase peace at the price of dishonor" by sending "helpless prisoners of war back by force to be massacred by a Chinese communist government that boasts that it has actually rid itself of two million of its own people."

Deputy Secretary of Defense William C. Foster, who recently returned from a trip to Korea, Taiwan and Indochina, discusses what he learned Nov. 10 in Washington, D.C. In Korea, he says, U.N. commanders no longer count on a negotiated peace. The Chinese Nationalist troops he saw on Taiwan appeared to be effective soldiers with effective leadership. He also says that Vietnam's army has made great improvements over the past year. Indochina, Foster says, is second in priority to Korea in maintaining peace and security in Southeast Asia.

On the same day in Washington, Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, says the United States must continue its steady, effective approach to defenses in Korea and Europe with "patience." They have "shaken (Russia's) confidence in this cat-and-mouse waiting game."

The communists had counted on "our traditional impatience to bring about discouragement and force us to appease their unrea-

sonable and dangerous demands." Nov. 7 — President Harry S. Truman holds a meeting with his cabinet to ensure that the transfer of government leadership to President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower's administration goes as smoothly as possible with no problems.

Es-Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring and former Kansas Governor Alf Landon announce in Topeka their opposition of Eisenhower's trip to Korea. They say it is "too great a risk ... for what can be gained."

Eisenhower vowed during the campaign to go to Korea if he was elected. He did not give any details about what such a trip would accomplish. Landon and Woodring say that lie can fulfill that pledge by "sending some military official to get the facts."

The Army's District Engineer office in Washington releases a mimeographed booklet of an emergency military command

post being built on Camp Ritchie, Md. The booklet contains photos and diagrams of a three-story building to be placed inside Raven Rock Mountain on Ritchie. The "alternate Pentagon" will be used in case of an enemy attack on the real Pentagon.

The pamphlet also reveals information about the bacteriological warfare center at Camp Detrick, Md.

The U.S. Navy is "as large as all other navies of the world put together," stated the 1952-53 edition of Jane's Fighting Ships published in London Nov. 7. It is "the largest peace-time fleet ever maintained by any country." The publication also says the USSR has at least 370 fast submarines and is building another 120.

Nov. 8-13 — The Los Angeles Examiner runs an article Nov. 8 about eyewitness accounts to the detonation in the Pacific of the world's first hydrogen bomb. The

Atomic Energy Commission, Defense Department and congressional sources refuse to answer reporters' questions.

Nov. 11 — Air Force Secretary Thomas K. Finletter says at an Armistice Day event in Atlanta that the country is prepared to bomb Soviet targets if the communists attack the United States. Americans around the world reportedly remembered the nation's war dead in ceremonies ranging from simple activities to large events with bands and parades.

Nov. 12 — DoD reports that American casualties as of Nov. 7 totaled 125,887, with 21,984 of them killed. The British government announced yesterday that of its casualties in Korea 505 are dead, 1,771 wounded, 915 prisoners and 192 missing.

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

ACAP Job Fair offers opportunities

By Jeanetta R. Chart
ACAP Manager

The Army Career and Alumni Program is sponsoring a Job Fair from Nov. 22, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the ACAP Center on Main Post, building 210, room 7, Custer Avenue.

"There will be local, national and international employers present to talk with and interview prospective employees," said DeAnn Parsons, ACAP counselor. She also emphasized that a list of employers invited to the Job Fair is posted in the ACAP Center.

To prepare for the Job Fair, Parsons provides the following Job Fair strategies:

First, research the companies that you would like to talk to for employment opportunities.

Next, have your resumes ready and bring copies to the fair.

Lastly, come dressed appropriately for an interview on the day of the fair.

"You only have one chance to make a first impression, make it a good one," Parsons said.

For more information on the Job Fair, call the ACAP Center, 239-2278/2248.

One of the companies that will be present at the Nov. 22 Job Fair is Vinnell Corporation.

The Vinnell Corporation is a government contractor with the U.S. Army. Positions are open on a recurring basis for former military officers, warrant officers and noncommissioned officers to work in the Middle East. Contracts are open in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. A Vinnell representative will be in the ACAP Center to take walk-in interviews from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Nov. 21, and representatives will be staying for the Job Fair the next day.

For additional information on Vinnell, please visit their website or come by the ACAP Center.

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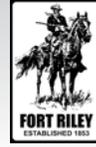
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Celebrations honor veterans, troops



Hundreds of students from Fort Riley and area communities marched in the Manhattan Honor Parade Monday.

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Post Bender

Many veterans, including retired Buffalo Soldiers, were honored at the Military Appreciation Day events held at Heritage Park in Junction City.

Manhattan, Junction City hold events

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

America's veterans were honored in local communities last weekend.

Junction City held Military Appreciation Day at Heritage Park on Friday, and on Monday, Manhattan held their ninth annual Veterans Day Celebration and Honor Parade.

Junction City's event began with a pancake breakfast at the Elks Lodge.

Following the breakfast, local radio stations held live remote broadcasts from the park.

The Junction City High School band and choir provided musical entertainment and later a dinner and dance were held at the Municipal Auditorium, with big band music provided by Vaughn Bolton and his Orchestra.

"[This event] is a way that the business people and Junction City can give back to the military and the veterans of our community," said Michael Wunder, chairman of the event. "Our goal was to come out and make an all day event to give everyone an opportunity to come out and celebrate this day. The good thing about today is that we are not allowing any of the veterans or military to work. It's all volunteer business people and men and women of the Junction City area putting on

this celebration to make this a great day for them."

At noon, David Bossemeyer, mayor of Junction City, spoke about some of the changes in this year's holiday.

"Veterans Day is different this year," said Bossemeyer in his speech. "This day we remind ourselves that freedom isn't free. This Veterans Day we feel nervous when we see a low flying airplane, and we feel concern when our secretary opens the mail. This Veterans Day, we look up small pox in our medical records. This Veterans Day, red, white and blue is one color. This day our heroes are policemen, firemen and emergency personnel. This day our stores have run out of American Flags... This Veterans Day is a new generation that has its own day that will live in infamy."

Col. (P) Frank Helmick, acting commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, spoke about the readiness of today's military.

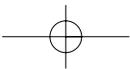
"Our military still makes up the mightiest force in the world," he said. "Second place is not even close. Our military still stand guard around the world to protect our freedom and the democracies of other nations. Our military still has the strength of character to stand up for what the American people believe to be right, and then to back up those words with deeds... Our military is still willing to lay it all on the line to pay the ultimate sacrifice, if required, in defense of our Nation."

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Dressed in red, white and blue, a patriotic American displayed the story of the American flag as she marched in the Manhattan Veterans Day Parade on Monday.



Middle School honors veterans, past and present

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By William Biles
Staff Writer

Fort Riley Middle School held a Veterans Day celebration Nov. 8 in the school gymnasium to honor soldiers, past and present, for the sacrifices they have made and are still making.

Students were also treated to a living history demonstration on what frontier life was like during the era before the Revolutionary War.

During the eighth graders program, the students listened to the eighth grade band play the Star Spangled Banner as a seventh grade student, Amanda Whitney, performed in sign language.

After the National Anthem, the students learned about the history of Veterans' Day through a lesson given by Laura Martin, a FRMS student.

Martin told her schoolmates of how Veterans Day had started and how it was first called Armistice Day.

On Nov. 11, 1918, when WW I ended there was great rejoicing and celebration, and the following year Armistice Day began, she said.

Following Martin, Jason Lubbers, eighth grade history teacher, gave recognition to the veterans within the faculty of the school and said that when the years of service between them were added

together the total years was over 700 years.

Next, the band and chorus performed America the Beautiful. Then, several students read patriotic speeches, which they had written themselves, to the students and guests.

One of the highlights of the program was a performance given by the Junction City Junior ROTC Armed Exhibition Drill Team.

The drill team executed a drill and ceremony routine where they entertained the students with their choreographed steps and weapon handling skills.

A guest speaker at the event was Mike Buchanan, son of a Baton Death March soldier. He spoke about his father and what he went through as a Prisoner of War, and what Veterans' Day means to him.

Buchanan talked about a newspaper article written in the Manhattan Mercury that was about his father and what had happened to him as a POW.

"My dad was in the Army for 34 years, and after learning about how he spent his first four years, it makes me wonder why he stuck with it," said Buchanan.

He told of how his father enlisted prior to the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor and was assigned to the Philippine Islands, where the Japanese on the island of Baton took him captive.

Buchanan told his audience how his father and over 100,000 other prisoners were forced to

march the 60 miles to the prison camp. He told of the pains, starvation and disease they had to endure to reach the camp and how life was once they arrived.

Buchanan closed his remarks with a request.

"As we get closer to Veterans' Day on Monday, at least think about what it means and what some of these men had to go through to make sure that we have the kind of lives that we do today," he said.

When Buchanan finished, the hand bell choir performed the song America, followed by the

poem, I am your flag.

When the poem was finished the students gave a moment of silence for the veteran and reflected on what they had heard and learned.

The program came to a close with the playing of TAPS.

Joe Handlos, school principal, said he hopes the students will gain an appreciation for their parents and the community. "It's a time to give thanks to veterans, past and present, for the sacrifice they have made and are still making."



Post Files

Cadet Lt. Col. Alex Morales and Cadet 2nd Lt. Kenneth Torres, Junction City Junior ROTC Armed Exhibition Drill Team, perform a dual drill for the students of Fort Riley Middle School as part of the school's Veterans Day activities.



Post Files

Amanda Whitney, a seventh grader at Fort Riley Middle School, uses sign language during the poem reading of 'I am your flag' at a Veterans Day program at the school.

History project captures veterans' stories

By Courtney Brooks
Army News Service

The great wars are usually remembered for their bloodiest battles, most decorated brass and historic treaties - rarely do the soldiers and civilians on the home front have an opportunity to voice their individual experiences.

The Veterans History Project is giving soldiers a chance to relay these personal stories. Project organizers are encouraging Americans of all ages to participate in a mission to capture and chronicle oral histories from America's war veterans. The stories will become a collection in the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center, located in Washington, D.C.

Volunteers interview veterans, collect letters, photographs and journals from former service members of World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars, as well as the civilians who supported them.

Most importantly, the project seeks to honor the individual's experience, said Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, director of the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress.

"We're not attempting to patch together a complete history of every war," said McCulloch-Lovell. "We're trying to let people talk about their experiences and

what meant the most to them."

The personal wartime accounts have preserved history that may have otherwise been forgotten, said Charlie Mendoza, vice president of membership and member services for the American Association of Retired Persons, a founding sponsor of the project.

Mendoza said that the U.S. is losing 1,600 veterans a day and before long, there won't be any memory to collect. Wartime accounts are an important part of America's history, he said.

Authorized by Congress through the enactment of Public Law 106-380 and signed into law by President Clinton on Oct. 27, 2000, the Veterans History Project has chronicled histories of approximately 1,500 veterans to date.

McCulloch-Lovell hopes to reach much larger masses for the historical collection. The project will be ongoing with goals of reaching literally millions of people, she said.

McCulloch-Lovell said that other youth and adults can get involved in the ongoing project by accessing the Veterans History Project Web site or calling a toll-free number, which provides guidelines for partners and volunteers. A project kit, with instructions, for people who would like to interview veterans is available on the Web site.

To become involved with the project, visit the Veterans History Project Web site at www.loc.gov/veterans or call the toll-free number at 1-888-371-5848.

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After the speakers, several local veterans, including Buffalo Soldiers, were honored for their service with plaques.

"People in Junction City hold dear the youth, the elderly and the veteran population here," said Bossemeyer. "It's an honor to be here and be a part of this. I think we have a reassertion of patriotism ever since 9-11, and we are seeing a resurgence of American pride. I hope this is just the first of many large events like this," he said.

Manhattan's celebration also began with a Veteran's Day breakfast held in the Veteran's of Foreign Wars building.

A parade, which featured 85 entries, followed at 9:30 a.m., down Poyntz Ave.

Helmick was the Grand Marshal of this year's parade and was followed by the Fort Riley Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year.

Additionally, 100 soldiers from 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, marched the parade route and were greeted with cheers and applause through the entire route.





American Education Week events planned

By Kay L. Gatz
Chief, Student Services

Fort Riley University joins educators from across the country to celebrate American Education Week, Nov. 18-22. During this

week, the Army again refocuses on strengthening their resolve to educate America's soldier-students to meet the challenges of leadership today and tomorrow.

This year's theme is "An Army of One, Education for All," which underscores the philosophy that

started American Education Week. Representatives of the National Education Association and the American Legion met for the first time in 1919 to discuss the distressing fact that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and nine percent were physically unfit. This meeting generated public support for education.

The centerpiece of Fort Riley's commemoration of American Education Week is a ribbon cutting ceremony for Fort Riley University, which will be held on Tuesday, 10 a.m., in front of building 217. "This ribbon cutting will be the official recognition of the joining of a number of education and training programs on Fort Riley which we believe will provide a one stop service to our customers," according to Gordon Farmer, dean, Fort Riley University. Farmer added that "other events during the week will include open houses at the learn-

ing centers, Digital Training Facility and Army Career and Alumni Program, as well as the opening of a new exhibit on the Cavalry School at the U. S. Cavalry Museum."

Fort Riley University offers a variety of programs to assist soldiers, family members and civilians interested in taking courses in basic skills, leadership development or career development for a college degree. The programs offered can also help students learn how to transition to a second career or meet self-improvement needs. These programs take into consideration soldiers' busy career and their personal time, whether leisure or with family. Farmer said that students are invited to stop by any Fort Riley University facility for more information on programs and services. More information can also be found on the education and training website at www.riley.army.mil/Services/Education/Educ.asp

American Education Week events

Tuesday Fort Riley University ribbon cutting ceremony, building 217
10 a.m.

Wednesday Open House - Learning Center 1, building 7604
1 - 3 p.m.

Open House - Learning Center 2, building 7656

Thursday Open House - Digital Training and Military Schools, building 7285
1 - 3 p.m.

Antifreeze poses serious hazard for pets

K-State News Release

Antifreeze may pose a serious health threat to pets, but seeking treatment quickly can prevent irreversible damages, a Kansas State University toxicologist says.

Fall and spring are the most common times of year for cats and dogs to be affected by antifreeze poisoning, said Fred Oehme, professor of toxicology and pathobiology and director of K-State's comparative toxicology laboratories in the department of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology.



Antifreeze is a common danger to pets because it is a commonly used product and is often carelessly stored or disposed.

"Animals are inquisitive in nature and are likely to lick the antifreeze out of curiosity,"

Oehme said. "Also, because antifreeze has a mild sweet taste, they may be more attracted and continue to lick it, causing them to ingest dangerous levels."

Although cats and dogs are both prone to antifreeze poisoning, Oehme says it is more common in dogs. Symptoms of antifreeze poisoning include vomiting, weakness and acting drunk or depressed. If the animal does not receive treatment, symptoms will worsen and eventually the kidneys will fail, Oehme said.

If your pet is poisoned from antifreeze, Oehme suggests acting quickly.

"If you see your pet ingest antifreeze, you can try to induce vomiting, but if they are already showing signs, then they should promptly be taken to a veterinarian," he said. "If treatment is

received within four to six hours, the chances are good for avoiding irreversible damages and there is a better chance for recovery."

There are poison control phone numbers available if you have questions or concerns about poi-

sons. The K-State Poison Control Hotline for information pertaining to animals is 785-532-5679 and Universal Poison Control can be contacted at 1-800-222-1222 and can assist with information pertaining to humans.

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Ceremony honors WWII POWs

A German and Italian wreath laying ceremony is scheduled for today, 2 p.m., at the Post Cemetery. The ceremony will honor prisoner of war soldiers who died at Fort Riley during World War II. A delegation of German and Italian officers and noncommissioned officers from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, will be present to lay the wreath. German and Italian taps will be played and a firing detail from Fort Riley will fire a three round volley. The public is invited to attend.



Gerlean Baylor helps her 2-year-old son, Kaleb, paint a pumpkin during the Child Development Center's Fall Festival. More than 200 parents, children and CDC employees participated in the annual festivities.

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Local teacher wins Outstanding Special Educator of the Year

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

A Fort Riley Middle School teacher received the 2002 Outstanding Special Educator of the Year Award Oct. 18 from the Kansas Federation for the Council of Exceptional Children. Ronnie Whalen received the award at the council's state convention in Lawrence.

According to the Geary County USD 475 District, Whalen received the award for her exemplary classroom performance, her ability to inspire students and staff and for the qualities of innovation, imagination and creativity. Whalen has been teaching for 22 years, the last seven at Fort

Riley Middle School. She is a member of a team of teachers who teach 75 sixth graders.

"The teaming concept makes all the difference in the world," Whalen said. "Our kids are so successful because we have time every day to sit down and plan together and talk about this problem or that problem or that wonderful thing that is happening. The communication and being in touch with what is happening in all the different classrooms makes all the difference."

Of the 75 students Whalen's team has, 17 have been identified as needing special education. "We have students that have specific learning problems. They

are certainly able to learn, but they may learn in a different way. The special education teacher's job is to help those students be successful in a regular sixth grade curriculum in the classroom," said Whalen.

While she does not often teach to the whole team, Whalen does have a set curriculum that she uses. "I use a curriculum called Learning to Learn. There are different strategies involved with it. The first one is called attention control. It helps children be aware that they are in charge of their attention, and it gives them specific strategies to help them focus and refocus, because things distract us," she said. The strategy they are currently working on is called deep processing. "It involves helping the children to understand how our brain remembers information, such as through mental pictures, through our senses and our emotions, through talking about it, writing about it and so forth," she said.

When working with her students, Whalen said she employs the same kind of strategies that the regular teachers use, such as cooperative learning groups and peer groups as well as direct instruction.

Some of Whalen's students need different things to help them be successful.

"In order to make sure that the needs of my students are met, I will sometimes have to modify an assignment. I have several students who are not reading on grade level. Although they can learn from class discussion, for them to read the text on their own is very difficult for them," she explained. "In order for them to answer the questions at the end of the text, I will modify the assignment for them. Instead of answering an essay question, they might have a fill in the blank question or a multiple choice. Something that will give them more cues to help them be successful, but will still measure whether or not they understood what happened in class that day."

Whalen teaches her students more than just academics.

"My goals for my students are for them to be successful in the sixth grade and to become independent learners as they become older," she said. "I want them to be advocates for themselves because many of these children will have these learning disabilities their whole lives."

Whalen also wants her students to realize that they are responsible for their education. "I want them to understand that there are things the teacher has to do, but there are also things that they need to do as well," said Whalen. Some things the students may need to do are sitting in the front of the classroom or letting their teacher know if they can hear the discussion, she said.

Whalen is one of many teachers on Fort Riley who help ensure students receive a quality education. "Mrs. Whalen is an outstanding teacher and she is so deserving [of the award]," said Joe Handlos, principal of Fort Riley Middle School.

"[This award] is also a reflection of the staff that we have here and the district's commitment to educate all kids," he added.

"To provide support necessary for all students to be successful, it takes the collective effort of everyone, students, staff and parents," Handlos said.

"We are fortunate here to be in a district and a community like Fort Riley that is willing to work

hand in hand with the school district to meet the needs of all students. It is very easy to overlook people that work on a military installation because so much of the clientele come and go. There is no one there to sing their praises. I think the word is getting out that this is a great post to be on and a place where we try to address all students needs," he added.



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Ronnie Whalen grades students' papers in her office at Fort Riley Middle School.

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1st Engineer Bravo Bulldogs win flag football championship

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The Bravo Bulldogs of Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion beat Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery's Delta Dogs flag football team 24 - 6 in the 2002 Fort Riley Flag Football season ending championship game Nov. 4 at Sturgis Field.

Helping the Bulldogs to their victory was the fact they used a strong air-campaign against the Dogs and only used their running game to keep their opponents off-balance.

"We threw the ball mostly, but ran the option play or another run play occasionally to keep the defense guessing," said Bulldog running back/corner back, Jason March.

The Bulldogs were the last place seat entering the tournament and had to come from behind in several tournament games.

"The competition was a little stiff during the tournament, but we were able to beat two undefeated teams," said the Bulldog's wide receiver, David Ashley.

During the first half of a semi-final game, the Bulldogs found themselves at a 16-point deficit while facing the team

from 331st Signal Company. The Bulldogs scored late in the first half to close the gap and then scored quickly in the beginning of the second half.

On the next Signal possession, the Bulldogs caused a turnover, which turned into more points and helped them get to the championship game.

"We never gave up," said Ashley. "The teams heart was the strongest part of our playing, and through our pride, we never gave up."

The Bulldog's practicing was limited to once or twice a week at Physical Training during the season.

However, the lack of practice couldn't

deter the Bulldog's confidence in their team, with all the pride they felt for just being in the play-offs, said March. This, after having a 2 - 3 record at the end of the regular season, was how they pushed themselves every game, he said. "With such a small team, everybody contributed and were the game's Most Valuable Players."

"What helped us was that we played the same way as we always did; we would line-up with three wide receivers, which gave us a lot of options, and their defense couldn't adjust to our offense."

"They were pumped after beating 331st Signal Company," said Delta Dog's

quarterback, Lee Diaz. "We couldn't hold them on defense and we couldn't score. Their defense was able to stop me, where previously I was able to scramble in the other games," he added.

"The engineer's quarterback was quick and mobile and they had momentum built up from their win in the game before, and it's hard to stop that," said Dog's defensive lineman, Miguel Absaah. "Just being at the game was a proud feeling due to the fact we had just come out of the field and didn't know we made it. It was a good feeling just being there."

K-State now 8-2



Kansas State University Quarterback Ell Roberson keeps the ball and rushes for three yards in the third quarter against Iowa State.



Iowa State University Strong Safety Anthony Forrest takes to the air in an attempt to block a field goal try by Kicker Joe Rheem. Rheem, with 5:01 left in the game, nailed the kick.

Women Wildcats beat Vikings

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Forward Kendra Wecker poured in 31 points Nov. 8 to help lead the Kansas State Wildcats past the Solna Vikings 99 - 49 in an exhibition game for the 2002 - 2003 Big 12 Women's Basketball season at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan.

Wecker also had a 50 percent success ratio for three-pointers thrown, 70 percent from the free-throw line and recorded four steals and five assists as the Wildcats increased their pre-season record to 2 - 0.

Other top scorers of the night for the Wildcats were, center, Nicole Ohlde with 22 points, two assists and two steals; guard, Laurie Koehn with 21 points, two assists and two steals and guard, Megan Mahoney with 11 points, 11 assists and two steals.

Throughout the game, the four Cats also amassed a total of 35 rebounds.

For the second week in a row, the Wildcats out-played and out-performed their opponents by out-shooting them from the paint, with a considerable margin of 46.3 percent to the Vikings 31 percent.

The Cats also beat their opponents to the board by scoring 23 points on fast breaks, where the Vikings couldn't manage to achieve any points.

The scoring went back and forth between the teams for the first 10 minutes of the game.

However, due to numerous turnovers by the Vikings, the Cats were able to steadily widen the

Wildcats take wind out of Iowa Cyclones

By Deb Skidmore
Media Relations Officer

The Kansas State University Wildcats took the wind out of the Iowa State Cyclones Saturday night at home 58-7.

Coming off a win over Kansas University, the 12th ranked Wildcats put 30 points on the board during the first half.

K-State quarterback, Ell Roberson ran in for a 28-yard touchdown and later ran for a 1-yard TD after an Iowa State fumble. Joe Rheem kicked the point after through the uprights. The score was 13-0.

A holding call on K-State, followed by a pass interference charge, changed the momentum of the game for the Cats. An off sides call sealed the Cats' bad luck, as

Iowa put seven points on the board when Michael Wagner ran across the goal line. The score was 13-7.

The Cats recharged when Roberson connected with tight end Thomas Hill for a 56-yard gain. Unable to put the ball across for six, Rheem added three with a 35-yard field goal. The Cats were up 16-7.

Flags littered the field for the next few plays as Iowa was called on a false start, too many players on the field and holding.

Turning the ball over to KSU, Roberson worked the field with Darren Sproles, James Terry and Taco Wallace. Fullback Ayo Saba did the honors of crossing the goal line for the third Cat TD. Rheem made the point after to make the score 23-7.

Penalties plague Iowa again as they were called for intentional grounding, holding, clipping and pass interference.

K-State took possession of the ball and slowly moved down the field. Sproles found a hole in the line and sprinted 17 yards for the TD. Rheem added the extra point. In eight plays, the Cats went 55 yards in 3:07. The score was 30-7.

Iowa came back with momentum, but penalties again hurt their game plan. The Cyclones were nailed for offensive pass interference and a false start before a pass was picked off by KSU's Bryan Hickman. As the second half ran out, the Wildcats held their lead of 30-7.

The second half started fast as KSU's Bobby Walker picked off a pass from Iowa's quarterback Seneca Walker and ran it in for six. Rheem added the point after. The score was 37-7.

In the next few seconds, it was dejavue for Walker as

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'They're baaaack' -- Bald eagles make winter home on Fort Riley

By Gibran Suleiman
DES Biologist

"They're baaaack" - These words made forever famous by the movie Poltergeist could also describe the return of the bald eagles to Fort Riley. The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is a common winter resident on Fort Riley.

The first eagles typically appear 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 eagles.

Eagles have a strong association with water. Milford Lake and the Kansas and Republican Rivers are likely areas to see eagles. Public lands along Milford 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 post.

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 create 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 few problems for the military.



US Fish and Wildlife Service photo

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 delisted, 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 (possibly 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 has the national symbol of our country. The bald eagle even beat out Benjamin Franklin's vote for the wild turkey. If you have 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.

A great opportunity to learn about bald eagles and view them is at the Milford Nature Center's Eagles Days. The event is held annually in January on the weekend before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. For more information on the event, call 238-5323.

If you have any further questions regarding bald eagles, call the Conservation Division, 239-6211.





Wildcat Kimmery Newsom, guard, does a lay-up for two points during a game against the Solna Vikings. The Cats won the game, 99 - 49.

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gap in the score. "I thought our victory tonight occurred because we had great contributions across the board, and it was tremendous to see the contributions we had come from some of the bench players tonight," said Head Coach Deb Patterson. The Wildcats entered the game with a new starting line because Chelsea Domenico, a guard, injured her ankle during a practice a few days prior to the game against the Vikings, said Patterson. Patterson was impressed and pleased with the way the team

handled the change in the roster and the way they were able to pull it together with only one and a half practices before the game against the Vikings. "It's not necessarily surprising to me, because I have great confidence in them, but it's very impressive to me and I think it's a very important compliment to their versatility, their focus and their coach-ability," she said. The Wildcats next game is tonight, against Ball State, in the pre-season Women's National Invitational Tournament, 7 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum.

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he picked off another Iowa pass from Wallace and ran it in for another Cat six. Rheem kicked the point after and made the score 44-7. Walker set a school record on intercepted yards returned. So far this season, he has 177 yards. "Bobby Walker was in the right place at the right time," said KSU Head Coach Bill Snyder. "He was doing what he was supposed to be doing." Snyder said that to the best of his knowledge Walker is the only defensive player he knows of to score on consecutive downs. The next Cat possession found Robertson going to Sproles. Sproles rumbled, spun and dug his way to the next Cat TD. Rheem's kick was good. The score was 51-7. An Iowa fumble recovered by

KSU set up the last Cat scoring drive. In a matter of five plays in 2:22 minutes, the Cats were on the board again. Jared Britte did the honors of adding the point after. The score was 58-7. "They did some things that hurt them," said Snyder about the Cyclones. Snyder said, "You can't turn the ball over like that. Six turn overs is major." Synder added, "And, we played extremely well tonight." As for the next big game against the Nebraska Cornhuskers, Synder said, "You have to realize that Nebraska is playing as well as they anticipated they would. They have some talent." Snyder stated. This match up will take place at KSU Stadium tomorrow.

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Be smart, be seen while doing physical training

By Chris Otto
Education and Awareness

Imagine this: It's a dark and dreary afternoon; your workday winds down and it's time for physical training. You put on a gray Army T-shirt and black Army sweat pants. The sun still lingers above the horizon, so you do not wear any reflective material. Your unit jogs in formation. Traffic moves by fast, but seems to be keeping its distance. Suddenly, there is a sharp pain, the back of your head hits something hard, you are launched into the air and then hit the street. When you come to, road rash runs from your Achilles tendon to your Adam's apple.

Accidents like this one can be prevented. The simple safety tips presented in this article will show you how. With the onset of fall, we face shorter days, longer nights and overall reduced visibility. Periods of reduced visibility are one-half hour before sunrise or earlier and one-half hour after sunset or later. Overcast days, rain and fog also reduce visibility. Under these conditions, the opportunity for vehicle accidents involving pedestrians increases. According to the National Safety Council, pedestrians account for one of every six traffic deaths in the United States and seven of every eight drivers who hit pedestrians at night claim to have had difficulty seeing them.

Wearing reflective clothing or accessories, such as shoes, belts or armbands, greatly improves visibility in low-light conditions to approaching traffic. According to the NSC, a driver traveling at 30 mph needs as much as 200 feet to stop a vehicle. At 55 mph, a vehicle needs about 550 feet to stop. Most types of reflective material can be seen in vehicle headlights at distances over 700 feet. White or fluorescent materials are visible only within 180-200 feet in low-light conditions. Wearing white or fluorescent material increases a person's visibility in daylight conditions, but helps little in low-light conditions.

Regardless of the lighting conditions, the Fort Riley Safety Management Plan, Chapter 8, requires anyone running or jogging on the installation's streets to wear brightly colored clothing or

reflective material. Reflective belts are acceptable. During hours of reduced visibility, anyone running or jogging (excluding PT formations) is required to wear reflective devices or clothing. During hours of darkness, troops participating in PT runs or marches are required - at a minimum - to have a guard traveling 100 feet behind the column to warn and stop traffic if necessary. The guards must be equipped with a flashlight and wear a reflective belt or vest. Reflective armbands are recommended for the outer line of troops in formation to mark the column.

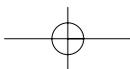
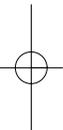
With the change in PT times, military personnel, civilian employees and visitors should take special precautions to avoid accidents. Be aware of the increased traffic at 4 p.m., when most civilian employees are leaving the installation. FR 350-1, Fort Riley Training Directive,

Chapter 9 states, "Troops conducting PT or marching in columns have the right-of-way over all traffic, except emergency vehicles. They will maintain the formation of not more than four abreast, including control personnel, and will not occupy more than one lane of traffic. Unit formations are to use the right side of the roadway as near to the curb as practicable." Vehicle traffic that meets or has room to safely pass a PT formation may do so, but at a speed of no greater than 10 mph. Units running PT in formation will limit their routes to those listed in FR 350-1, Chapter 9. Maps of approved routes are located in Appendix E of the regulation. PT formations are prohibited on Huebner Road, First Division Road, McCormick Drive, Henry Drive, Trooper Drive, Custer Avenue, Caisson Road, Trainfire Road, Williston Point Road, Campbell Hill Road, Mallon

Road, Old Highway 77, Vinton School Road and any tank trails. These roads are off-limits for formations, unless prior approval for a specific training event has been granted by G3 and coordinated with the Provost Marshal's Office to provide a Military Police escort. There have been no PT accidents involving soldiers and vehicles during the past three years on Fort Riley. This could easily change if safety is forgotten. Remember safety and stop accidents before they stop you. For more safety information, visit the Directorate of Environment and Safety web site at www.riley.army.mil/services/fort/safety.asp or the intranet site at <https://intranet.riley.army.mil/des/Safety/Safetyhome.html> The DES Safety Division can be reached at 239-2514.

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Dixie Stampede

Stampede into Christmas. Dixie Stampede gets into the spirit of season with a special Christmas show for the whole family. This time it's North Pole vs South Pole! You'll be enchanted as elves serve your Yuletide feast and Santa arrives by sleigh. Holiday music, a Nativity scene and even wise men on camels all say "Merry Christmas!" Dixie Stampede style. Discount tickets available through ITR.

Winter Park Resort

Looking for the perfect Colorado mountain experience? Look no further than Winter Park, a haven for skiers and snowboarders' hungry for great terrain and the deepest powder of any major ski resort. When it comes to snowfall, nobody gets more than Winter Park. Can anything top their snow? Probably not, but their lodging and lift tickets packages make Winter Park more affordable than ever.

Holiday Travel

ITR can now assist you with leisure commercial travel. Make your holiday plans early for better pricing and ticket availability. A computer KIOSK is available at ITR for customer use in booking airline tickets through the Internet or call ITR for assistance in booking your commercial travel.

Walt Disney World

Prepare to be awed, inspired, thrilled and enchanted. This is, without a doubt, the most magical time in your life, visiting the world's vacation kingdom. The Walt Disney World Resort special 50 percent discount military room night offer is being extended through Feb. 12, excluding Nov. 26-29 and Dec. 26-31. All active U.S. military personnel are eligible for these special rates. This includes active members and activated members of the National Guard and reservists. Activated members of the National Guard or reservists must show active duty orders.

Czars 400 years of Imperial Grandeur

All the drama and intrigue of 400 years of Russian history comes alive in Topeka. The State Historical-Cultural Museum-Preserve "Moscow Kremlin," one of the most prestigious museums of Russia, is proudly presenting this exhibition in the new permanent Kansas International Museum through March 15. From the moment you begin your self-guided tour, you will be awe-struck by the magnificence and grandeur of this exhibit, which includes 267

artifacts from the era. The eleven galleries depict the lives of the czars through the artifacts that touched their lives. Discount tickets available through ITR.

Sawyer Brown Christmas

Sawyer Brown is coming to the Salina Bicentennial Center Dec. 14, 7 p.m. Tickets are now available through ITR.

Holiday Gift Ideas

Stop by ITR for area discount movie tickets, tickets to Science City, Czars exhibit or Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. Tickets are not date specific and make great holiday gifts. Let ITR surprise that special person with a dream cruise or a package for Walt Disney World or Branson, Mo. Call ITR at 239-5614 for further information.

Santa Suit Rental

It's time to make a reservation for that special guest in "red" for your unit or organizational party. Cost is only \$25.

Topeka Scarecrows

The Topeka Scarecrows of the United States Hockey League are having Military Appreciation Day Nov. 22. Discount tickets are \$6 through ITR. See the Scarecrows in action against Omaha at 7:05 p.m. Stop by ITR for schedule and ticket information.

Silver Dollar City

Come home to Silver Dollar City for an Old Time Christmas. The City lights up in splendor with over four million lights as the Holiday Light Parade winds its way through the streets proclaiming the Gifts of Christmas. The festival features a five-story special effects Christmas tree, Tinker the Talking Christmas Tree, that sings and interacts with kids, and the living nativity. Silver Dollar City truly appeals to all ages. Discount tickets are available to numerous other attractions in Branson. Let ITR put together a holiday package get-a-way.

Carnival Cruise

Dollar for vacation dollar, you get more for your money on a "Fun Ship" cruise vacation. Because one price covers virtually everything to include superb meals that would cost a fortune at

most restaurants, shipboard activities that is always fun and often hilarious, a wide variety of live entertainment, including Vegas-style spectacles, use of the complete Nautical Gym and the supervised activities of the Camp Carnival children's program. Even 24-hour stateroom service is complimentary. Plus, you'll have a spacious stateroom where you can savor the sheer joy of unpacking once and only once. In addition to all this, you'll get to sail to exciting destinations while you dine or dance or dream the night away. Military discounts are available.

McCain Auditorium

Tickets are available for all performances through ITR for McCain performances at Kansas State University, Manhattan. Stop by and pick up complete performance schedule. Upcoming performances include Nov. 13 - Hamlet and Dec. 8 - The Sleeping Beauty.

Kansas City Chiefs

Tickets are still available for the following home games Buffalo Bills - Nov. 17, Arizona Cardinals - Dec. 1, St. Louis Rams - Dec. 8 and San Diego Chargers - Dec. 22. Tickets are \$65 each without transportation and \$80 with transportation.

Discount Movie Tickets

Discount movie tickets are available at ITR. Passes may be used at Carmike Cinemas in Manhattan and Westside Twin in Junction City. Cost is \$5 for J.C. and \$5.50 for Manhattan. This is a great savings on evening shows; up to \$2 per ticket.

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COTTONWOOD THEATERS
1 x 3"
Black Only
POST SCHEDULE

KANSAS PRESS ASSOCIATION, INC.
2 x 2"
Black Only
CHASE

HEARTLAND TRADING CO.
2 x 3"
Black Only
HOLIDAY