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**WEDNESDAY**

# Fort Riley Post




A soldier provides overwatch security during the second phase of Gauntlet. (Below) Sgt. 1st Class Anthony M. Velasco, 331st Signal Company, 101st Forward Support Battalion, poses as a demonstrator during a mock riot.

## Bulldogs tested by opposing forces

**By William Biles**  
Staff Writer

The 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, kicked-off the second phase of their three-part Gauntlet training exercise Nov. 18 in preparation for their upcoming deployment to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Units from the brigade conducted training missions against an opposition force, which was made up of units from 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. The training ended yesterday.

This part of the exercise is a brigade/battalion-synchronized effort. It puts together all the training the individual units have been doing to prepare them for Gauntlet, said Capt. Robert Cordray, intelligence plans officer, 24th Inf. Div.

"Phase two of Gauntlet lets the units practice all of 3rd Brigade's NTC missions the

same way they are executed there," said Master Sgt. William Shattuck, operations planner, 24th Inf. Div.

"They have three primary missions to accomplish with several smaller ones," said Shattuck. Their first mission was a defense, where they had to fight off the OPFOR who claim the



mock province of Sonoma as their own. The brigade task force soldiers are there as peacekeepers to aid the Sonoman government. (Sonoma is the name of the disputed land the task force is occupying for training purposes.)

Between missions, some soldiers prepped their vehicles and equipment, while others went out to conduct reconnaissance missions to determine the enemy's position, said Shattuck. They also needed to continue having security forces posted

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Soldiers from 70th Engineer Battalion provide perimeter security during Gauntlet. The 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, conducts the Gauntlet training exercise in preparation for their up-coming deployment to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

## Poaching, breaking hunting rules can mean big trouble if done on post

**By Jamie Bender**  
Staff writer

While Fort Riley may offer an abundance of wildlife to hunters, there are several regulations to abide while hunting on post, and the consequences of violating these regulations may be too high to risk.

Fort Riley offers some of the finest hunting in the state, said Richard Eyestone, Outdoor Recreation manager. The post has over 60,000 acres of hunttable land.

"The most commonly hunted animals are upland game, such as quail, pheasants, prairie chicken, turkeys and white-tail deer," Eyestone said. "Fort Riley

offers hunting seasons for dove, small game, upland game, waterfowl, fur-bearing hunting, whitetail deer, turkey and elk."

The regular rifle deer season on Fort Riley begins Dec. 20. The first session runs three days, until Dec. 23, and opens again Dec. 26 - Dec. 30. The fall turkey season is from Oct. 1, until Dec. 3 and again from Dec. 16 through Dec. 31. The seasons are scheduled around field training events, said Sgt. Kelly Miller, non-commissioned officer in charge, game warden section, Provost Marshal's Office.

The job of Fort Riley's game wardens is to enforce game laws to ensure the safety of soldiers and hunters in the field,

said Miller. "Our main goal is to make sure people are where there are supposed to be," he said. "We make sure that hunters are hunting responsibly. That's why they call it hunting, not killing."

There are several things a hunter must do before shooting game on Fort Riley. In order to hunt on post, hunters must comply with Kansas regulations as well as Fort Riley regulations. Anyone wanting to hunt on military land must also have completed a hunters safety course, and all firearms must be registered, Miller said.

Hunters must draw a permit specifically for the Fort Riley area, said Miller. Permits can be applied for through Outdoor Recreation, the Natural Resources

## Soldiers receive free tax assistance

**By Jamie Bender**  
Staff writer

Fort Riley will be offering free tax assistance to active duty soldiers, retirees and their families beginning Feb. 3. Preparation assistance will be provided by Unit Tax Advisors, as well as at the Tax Center.

"The UTA is the first line of defense for the soldier. While they primarily will handle single soldiers' 1040EZ forms, many of them have additional experience with other forms," said Capt. Alison Tulud, legal assistance attorney. The only restriction is that the Army cannot process taxes for a home-based business such as sales of cosmetic products or kitchen items, said Tulud.

UTAs and volunteers at the tax center will be qualified by the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistant program. "They go through a week of training with the IRS," said Tulud.

Once the program is in place, a soldier can contact their UTA with questions they have about their taxes. If a soldier does not have a UTA or needs additional help, the soldier can call and book an appointment with the post's Tax Center. The Tax Center will begin taking appointments on Jan. 27 and will continue throughout the

tax season, including April 15.

"There will be 15 civilian personnel and some supporting UTAs that have been fully trained under VITA to help with taxes at the Tax Center," said Tulud.

There are several different options available for filing taxes and receiving refunds.

"We will electronically file federal taxes, but state taxes still need to be sent in paper form," said Tulud. "We can also do an electronic funds deposit if you are expecting a refund, or we can have a hard check issued," she added.

If you would like an electronic funds deposit, Tulud recommends bringing in your checkbook or bank statement to verify your account information.

"This year, the IRS will not help you if your funds are deposited in the wrong account because you make a mistake filling out the form. It will be something you have to work out with the bank," she said.

When you come to your appointment, be sure to bring your W-2 form and your 2001 Federal income tax return, along with any other pertinent paperwork, such as a 1099 for accrued interest. Civilian employees can get an electronic copy of their W-2 at the Employee/Member Self

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## Much preparation goes into post holiday meals

**By Jamie Bender**  
Staff writer

While many soldiers go home to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with their families, many will stay on Fort Riley. These soldiers do not have to miss out on the traditional Thanksgiving food, though.

The Main Post Dining Facility will serve Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., and soldiers are welcome to bring their families and guests. The price of the dinner is \$5.25, and for soldiers E-4 and below and their families, the price is \$4.55.

The brigade DFACs will serve the holiday dinner today.

"We have a lot of soldiers who leave the area and go home for Thanksgiving, so in order to have a brigade-like atmosphere with all the soldiers together, they serve the meal the day before," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Julius Thomas, installation food advisor. Soldiers and their families will be able to choose from traditional or non-traditional meal items.

"There will be a host of things served," said Thomas. "We have the traditional turkeys and ham. Some of the facilities will serve shrimp. There will be roast beef and various dressings and desserts, a lot of desserts; all kinds

of pies and cakes," he said.

Some of the non-traditional items will include egg rolls and macaroni and cheese.

It takes a lot of food to feed the number of soldiers who will eat their Thanksgiving meal at the DFAC according to Thomas.

"We will serve approximately 900 pounds of turkey, 700 pounds of ham and 300 to 400 pounds of dressing," said Thomas. "The amount of potatoes I don't even know. There are so many different kinds."

He said it also takes time to cook a holiday meal for so many.

"Food preparation begins the night before," said Thomas.

"Then, the actual cooking begins in the wee hours of the morning."

The DFACs have spent most of the last week decorating for the holiday.

"There is a competition for the best decorated DFAC," said Thomas. "It is a great opportunity to see the skills that the soldiers have learned. Based on their skills, some of the soldiers will be chosen to participate in the culinary arts competition at Fort Lee in March," he said.

In previous years, servers have dressed up as pilgrims and there have even been live turkeys on display, Thomas said.



# Soldiers learn to deal with civilians, media

By William Biles  
Staff Writer

Soldiers from Company B, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor were in the field Nov. 19, conducting an exercise dealing with civilians and the media on the battlefield.

The exercise was part of 3rd Brigades Gauntlet train-up for their up-coming deployment to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

The purpose of the Gauntlet exercises is to replicate, as close

well as any possible scenarios the task force might encounter at NTC, said Maj. Kenneth Krumm, intelligence plans officer, 24th Infantry Division.

The Nov. 19 exercise scenario was an unannounced demonstration of "Sonoman" locals who were protesting about the property damage the task force's vehicles have been doing to their crops and livestock.

In addition to the confusion from the protesters, the exercise also involved the media being present at the scene, which added

sense of realism to the exercise. Personnel posing as reporters were out in force conducting interviews with soldiers, leaders and the protesters.

"By exposing the soldiers to the media, the command has the opportunity to assess the amount of additional training they (the soldiers) will need to receive before being able to conduct interviews, said Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Hewitt, counter intelligence non-commissioned officer, 24th Inf. Div.

When soldiers think of a training exercise, images of camera men and reporters are usually not what comes to mind.

"This is good training," said Master Sgt. William Shattuck, operations planner, 24th Infantry Division.

"Ten years ago we didn't have this type of training," he said. "We are pretty good in the training maneuvering, shooting the tanks, shooting artillery and all those types of training," said Hewitt.

"But we don't train enough on how to effectively deal with the civilian population and also with the media."

"The demonstration that occurred on Nov. 19, was a no-notice demonstration, simulating civilians on the battlefield that may not support the U.S. deployment into Sonoma," said Krumm.

"The training exercise will let the brigade see how well trained and briefed the individual soldier is at being able to not allow the protesters to enter and damage or interfere with anything within the perimeter," said Hewitt.

"Go home Joe" and "Stop destroying our farms cow killers," were some of the cries from the crowd of protesters.

"The soldiers and leaders must properly handle the demonstration and determine who the spokesperson for the group is so that their (the protesters) concerns are addressed and the demonstration doesn't become violent," Krumm said.

"Soldiers and leaders must understand that we are a guest of Sonoma and it is vitally important to maintain the support of the local population," said Krumm.

"Due to the media on the battlefield, the public perception isn't limited to the local area the soldiers are in," said Hewitt.

"What happens in the area of operation can be seen around the world within minutes, so we really need to watch our actions while we are occupying those areas."

Capt. Aaron Cichocki, commander of Company B, 13th Arm., 1st Bn., expressed confidence in his soldiers.

"They are well prepared to handle any situation that might arise."



As possible, the opposing force as a real Protesters demonstrate outside of the 1st Battalion, 13th Armor's assembly area during a Gauntlet training exercise.



Soldiers put up concertina wire to hold back protesters during a mock riot as part of Gauntlet.

# Christmas trees, decorations can be hazardous if precautions not taken

By Chris Otto  
DES Education, Awareness

The holiday season is here. The ornate decorations that mark the Christmas season will be unfurled soon. Holiday decorations may seem innocent, but can become the culprits behind a holiday tragedy - if safety is forgotten.

Dry Christmas trees, faulty electrical systems, unsafe wiring and unsafe fireplaces can be hazards that ruin your holiday celebration. For many people, the Christmas tree is the signature decoration for the holiday season. Festive trees can be beautiful, however, they can be a fire hazard if safety precautions are not followed. If using a live tree, make sure to purchase a fresh one. To test a tree for freshness, gently grab a branch close to the trunk and pull outward, then examine your hand for needles. A fresh tree will leave a few to no needles in

your hand. If you have a handful of needles, shop for a different tree. When taking a new tree home, shake off as many dead needles as possible before carrying the tree into the house. Select a location for the tree away from fireplaces, heating vents and other sources of heat that may dry it out. Saw approximately one inch off the bottom of the tree's trunk. Place the tree in a stand that holds at least one gallon of water. Keep the water level above the bottom of the trunk. Proper watering keeps the tree fresh and green, while lowering the chances of fire. A six-foot tree will use one gallon of water every two days. If using an artificial tree, find one that is flame retardant and approved by the Underwriters Laboratory (UL). For a metallic tree, use spotlights, and not a string of electric lights, to prevent the possibility of electrical shock. Safety rules for Christmas

lights should not be taken lightly. Use lights that have the UL label. These products are inspected by safety professionals and are the safest to use. Check electrical cables for signs of wear and tear. Decorations with frayed cables or broken lights should be discarded. Do not overload extension cords or use more than three strings of lights linked together. Do not place extension cords under rugs or in a frequently traveled path. For outdoor lighting, use lights designed to decorate outdoors. Turn off all Christmas lights before you leave the house or retire for the evening. Candle safety can be a "hot" topic. Never use candles to decorate a Christmas tree. Keep candles away from decorations or other combustible materials. Never display lighted candles in windows or near exits. Do not leave children unattended in a room with lit candles. Keep can-

dles, matches and lighters out of the reach of children. Before Santa slides down the chimney, make sure your fireplace is safe. Chimneys and vents should be inspected and cleaned annually by a professional chimney sweep. Burning Christmas tree branches or gift-wrapping paper in a fireplace is a bad idea and unsafe. Using a fireplace screen will keep sparks from igniting materials in the room. Every year, people are injured when they fall off a ladder while hanging decorations in hard-to-reach places. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer five rules of ladder safety to help prevent these accidents. Select a ladder that is the correct size for the job and is certified by the UL and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Inspect the ladder for any prob-

lems that could render it unsafe before using it. Set up the ladder up with care. Stepladders should be opened fully with the spreaders locked. Straight ladders should be placed at a four-to-one ratio, meaning the base of the ladder should be one foot away from the wall or other vertical surface for every four feet of height to the point of support. If you climb on top of a roof or platform from a ladder, be sure the ladder extends above the edge at least three feet. Climb and descend a ladder cautiously.

Use common sense when working on a ladder. Maintain your balance, hold on with one hand and never climb too high. Common sense and keeping safety in mind can go a long way toward preventing a holiday tragedy. For more safety information, visit the Directorate of Environment and Safety web site at [www.riley.army.mil/services/fort/safety.asp](http://www.riley.army.mil/services/fort/safety.asp), on the intranet site at <https://intranet.riley.army.mil/des/Safety/Safetyhome.html> or call the DES Safety Division, 239-2514.

# Hunting

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at schools, he added. A list of scheduled hunter education classes can be viewed at [www.kdwp.state.ks.us/cgi-bin/education/classlist.cgi?type=Hunter](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/cgi-bin/education/classlist.cgi?type=Hunter). Pre-registration is required for many courses. Hunter Education Instructors try to conduct three or four classes a year on Fort Riley. Contact Outdoor Recreation, 239-2363, for more information. The Kansas Wildlife and Parks Department can also be contacted for information on hunting and hunter education by mail at 512 SE 25th Ave. Pratt, KS 67124 or by phone at (620) 672-5911. Soldiers wanting to have

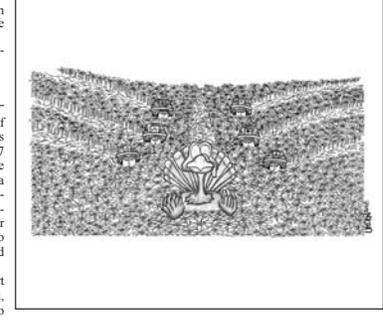
firearms on post can register their personal firearms through their unit. Civilians can register their firearms at the physical security office at the PMO or through Outdoor Recreation. Hunting game out of season, or without a permit, is poaching and it is a crime with consequences. "Consequences can vary from a significant fine as high as \$20,000 to up to 10 years in jail," said Tom Duckworth, civilian game warden on Fort Riley. "Soldiers can face Uniform Code of Military Justice charges in addition to the state statutes." Hunters can also face the loss of hunting privileges, he added.

Certain cases can become a federal offense, said Miller. When poached game is transported across jurisdictional lines, when the amount of game is enough to be considered commercial or the animal has reached a certain size, the Lacey Act is violated and it becomes a federal case, he said. According to the Lacey Act, it is unlawful to import, export, sell, acquire or purchase fish, wildlife or plants taken, possessed, transported or sold in violation of United States or Indian law. Felony criminal sanctions are provided for violations involving imports or exports, or violations of a commercial nature in which the value

of the wildlife is in excess of \$350. The Criminal Fines Improvement Act of 1987 increased the fines under the Lacey Act for misdemeanors to a maximum of \$100,000 for individuals and \$200,000 for organizations. Maximum fines for felons were increased to \$250,000 for individuals and \$500,000 for organizations. "It is awesome to hunt on Fort Riley," said Miller. But, he added, "It is worth the time and energy to find out all the rules and regulations before you step foot in the field."

# Grunt

By Wayne Uhden



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# Letter to the Editor

## Soldier replies to K-State student

**Editor's note: The following is in response to a recent editorial in the K-State Collegian. To view this editorial, go to [www.k-statecollegian.com](http://www.k-statecollegian.com).**

I was attacked today. It wasn't by an Iraqi missile or by a terrorist. It was by one of my fellow countrymen in the heartland of America. I checked my e-mail and had several links to an article in the Kansas State Collegian. The article described soldiers as "government created, human robot-killing machines."

I am in Kuwait now. Everyday I see these "government created, human robot-killing machines" on the phone talking to their wives and children as they prepare to sleep in a twin bed in a warehouse full of soldiers. They are allowed three ten-minute calls per week to keep in touch with their families. These "out of control" soldiers are lining up outside the post office at Camp Doha, Kuwait to send their families and children gifts for the holiday season. These soldiers, like many others around the

world, are supporting America and its people. They are "serving our country."

When you are attacked, it is a natural reaction to take the offensive. This soldier, supposedly under "the influence of thought control," will not make any sort of attack on college students. It would be pointless, irrelevant and insulting to pick out the most offensive students at K-State and imply that the college made them that way.

What is the point of the article? It certainly isn't "news." There were no dates, details, specific locations, names or even facts for that matter. Real journalists are often allowed a certain degree of slant in their reporting. That is one of the concepts of an editorial. Real editorial writers present facts and statistics to back up their articles and to reinforce the points that they are trying to make. There were no facts or statistics at all in the article. It was basically a racist rant unworthy of publication.

Let me show this student the

concept of using statistics to back up an argument. According to The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition, a race is "a group of people united or classified together on the basis of common history, nationality or geographic distribution." It would be fair to call Fort Riley soldiers a "race" by definition. It would also be fair to state that an article calling Fort Riley soldiers "Mongoloids" and "Brainwashed Degenerates" is a racist article. It certainly is not fact, since "mongoloids" are ineligible for military enlistment.

The author of the article attacking soldiers will remain nameless, since I am certain that he will remain nameless as a want-to-be journalist. I am certain that he must have had classes on "responsible journalism" at K-State. Maybe a little less time in Aggieville and a little more time studying will do this student a lot of good.

*Spec. Brian Boles  
19th Public Affairs Detachment*

# Talk Around Town

## "Do you plan to pursue a higher education while in the Army?"



**"Yes, I will continue my education until I complete my degree."**

*Sgt. Paul I. Bradshaw  
NBC NCO  
Company B, 70th Eng.*



**"Yes, I have already started. I am doing it because I need to have a retirement plan."**

*Sgt. Richard Jackson  
Truck driver  
24th Transportation Co.*



**"Yes, I plan to further my education just to better my chances in life."**

*Spec. Samuel McMahon  
Communications Spec.  
541st Maintenance Bn.*

## Holiday thoughts from Chairman

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday dating back to our colonial times. Each November, Americans gather together with family and friends to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy as citizens of this great land.

This past year has been exceptionally poignant in realizing all that America is and will remain. We are blessed to live in a nation that values freedom and the sanctity of life.

And as we rally friends and allies from around the world to

eliminate terrorism, we must carry those values with us.

We should also give thanks for the brave American men and women - soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coastguardsmen and Department of Defense civilians - active duty and reservist alike - deployed around the world.

Many are spending yet another holiday away from their homes and families. They are protecting the freedoms that every American treasures so dearly.

Their dedication to duty and

selfless service is truly a blessing to us all.

On this special American holiday, the Joint Chiefs of Staff join me in sending you and your families best wishes.

You are in our thoughts and prayers and in those of each citizen of our nation as well.

May God bless you and may God bless America.

*Richard B. Myers  
Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff*

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within their area of operations, he added.

The task force's next mission was a movement to contact with the enemy.

"With a movement to contact, soldiers don't know the enemy's exact location because they (enemy) are also on the move," said Cordray. "This allowed us units to exercise, in detail, their command and control of maneuvers over a large piece of terrain."

The third mission was a deliberate attack on the enemy. The task force had to attack through a defending enemy element and seize the enemy's objective.

Some of the smaller problems the task force needed to overcome, between their regular missions, were an assassination attempt on the regional mayor and a protest from the local populace. The protest was about the maneuver damage the task force's vehicles had been causing to their property.

This force-on-force exercise provides the units with live competition. When the soldiers are maneuvering it's not just a simulated enemy, Shattuck said.

"They (the task force) actually have a thinking enemy who is really trying to defeat them. That heightens their awareness that bad things will happen if they're not doing what needs to be done," Shattuck said.

Units are assessed throughout the exercise by standards set by the Army Readiness Training Program the same way they will be at NTC, said Shattuck. These standards specify what needs to be done as well as how to get it accomplished. They also give the maximum amount of time in which the specific task needs to be finished to standard, Shattuck added.

"We always have Observer Controllers with the units to give them on-the-spot evaluations and to provide feedback to the 3rd

Brigade Combat Team's chain-of-command," Shattuck said.

The command will use the feedback to ascertain the areas that need to be improved on.

In addition to having the evaluators actually with them, the units' vehicles and personnel were equipped with multiple integrated laser engagement system gear, he said. "The MILES gear allows the soldier to know when he has been hit by enemy fire."

"This part of Gauntlet prepares the soldiers for phase three's combined arms live fire," said Cordray. "This phase is the next logical step because they're firing fake bullets here to prepare them for when they will be firing real ones during the next phase."

The third phase of Gauntlet is scheduled to begin Dec. 2.

## Thanksgiving message from the President

I am honored to have this opportunity to thank the brave men and women of America's Armed Forces for their service to our nation. This Thanksgiving there's much to reflect upon - and even more to be grateful for.

More than a year ago our nation was attacked, and thanks to all of you, today we find a liberated Afghanistan, and we find that the terrorists are on the run. But more work in the war against terror remains. We will root out all the terrorists who threaten America and our allies. We will not be secure as a nation until all these threats are eliminated. And no matter how long it takes, we will fight the enemies of freedom, and we will win.

This Thanksgiving, we have so much to be thankful for. We are thankful for the goodness and generosity of our citizens. We are thankful for the freedom of America's democracy. And we are so very thankful to you the men and women

who wear our uniform. And thanks to our military, the people of Afghanistan live in freedom and have hope for a better life. Thanks to you freedom is replacing fear throughout the world. And thanks to you we are bringing justice to those who would harm America.

Each and every one of you is dedicated to serving something greater than yourself. You put the protection and safety of others above your own. You are guided by a code, and you fight to bring a promise of freedom to others. I'm honored to be your commander in chief.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. May God bless you and your families. And may God continue to bless America.

*George W. Bush*

## Taxes

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Service website by Dec. 29, said Tulud. "Active duty servicemembers can get a copy by Jan. 24. The hard copy will accompany soldiers' January Leave and Earnings Statement." If you have bought or sold a house during the tax year, that paperwork should also be brought in when you go

to the tax center, she added. The tax center is located in building 7826, across from Robinson Gym. Hours of operation are tentatively scheduled to be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursdays the center will be open 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. and on Saturday

mornings, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Contact your unit to find out when your UTA will be available for appointments or after Jan. 27, call the Tax Center at 239-1040 to make an appointment. If you are interested in volunteering at the tax center, call Tulud at 239-2836.

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## Briefs

### Thanksgiving Service

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

### Holiday Tree Lighting

Holiday cheer will illuminate Fort Riley Dec. 6 when Col. (P) Frank Helmick lights up Fort Riley's Christmas Tree in front of the Headquarters Building. The annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony begins at 4:45 p.m. on Ware Parade Field and will include holiday music, the arrival of Santa Claus and warm beverages and holiday cookies.

Parking is available at Riley's Convention Center and shuttle buses will be available from 4 p.m. until 45 minutes after the conclusion of the ceremony.

### Combined Federal Campaign

Fort Riley's participation in the annual Combined Federal Campaign has been extended for two weeks after the original Nov. 22 deadline.

"We've only gotten about 70 percent of our goal right now," said Dori Farrow, chief of administration and operations, DCA. "There were units in the field and units that were deployed and they requested an extension."

The new deadline for all CFC donations is Dec. 6. For more information about the CFC, call Dori Farrow at 239-3467.

### Post-wide Graduation

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

### Refuse Schedule

Due to the upcoming holiday on tomorrow, the refuse collection schedule will be as follows.

Friday pick-up will be in South Peterson Heights, South Warner Heights, Meade Heights and McClellan Heights. Due to the holiday schedule, there will not be any large pick-ups scheduled. Please have your trash carts on the curbside no later than 7:30 a.m.

### Click It Or Ticket

Would it surprise you to learn that the leading cause of death for U.S. military members is traffic crashes in private vehicles? That's right. Not combat or training exercises, but traffic crashes.

That's why the Fort Riley will partner with more than 12,000

other law enforcement agencies in a nationwide crackdown against seat belt violators during Thanksgiving week.

During Click It or Ticket, military police officers at Fort Riley will use checkpoints, saturation patrols and will stepped up enforcement through Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Drivers who fail to buckle up or to buckle their child passengers will be ticketed.

Deaths among military personnel occurring in private motor vehicle crashes are up 35 percent from last year. In the fiscal year 2002, 321 military personnel across all services lost their lives in traffic crashes. Tragically, nearly half of those young service members who failed to wear seat belts possibly could have survived if they had buckled up. Military personnel, by virtue of age and gender, typically epitomize the low belt user: males ages 18-34. This year, approximately 8,000 Americans, adults and children, will die in crashes simply because they failed to buckle their seat belts.

### Holiday Lighting Guidance

When planning your outdoor holiday decorations, please contact Maria Cox, 461-5804, or by cell phone at 223-7576.

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 be displayed no later than Jan. 1, 2003.

### Powerlifting Meet

The 2002 Post Powerlifting Meet is scheduled for Dec. 6 at King Field House beginning at 3:30 p.m. Contestants are required to weigh-in between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at King Field House. Eight weight classes will be contested in the men's competition and five in the women's division. Competition is open to active duty military personnel assigned to Fort Riley. A powerlifting clinic will be conducted at King Field House, building 202, Nov. 12, 1:30 p.m.

For additional information contact the sports office at 239-2172, or contact your unit Athletic and Recreation Officer.

### HASFR Celebration

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will be having a celebration of Christmas for its members Dec. 8, 3 - 5 p.m., at Custer House.

Holiday frontier customs of the mid-west will be the theme for the celebration. There will also be a guest speaker dressed as Maj. Gen. George A. Custer's wife,

Libby.

"Libby" will speak on how the settlers of her day celebrated Christmas, said Rachelle Boslego, president, HASFR.

During the celebration, members will also sing Christmas carols while a mandolin player strings out the melodies. Light refreshments will be served, as well as light snacks.

If you would like to go to the celebration, call Boslego at 717-2818 to find out more on how to become a member of HASFR to be able to attend.

### Hanukkah

Jews around the world have celebrated the festival of Hanukkah for thousands

of years. This joyous festival begins at sundown Friday and lasts for eight days.

The Jewish congregation of Fort Riley invites the community to celebrate Hanukkah with them on Dec. 6, 6 p.m. The Sabbath services are at Normandy Chapel, with a party immediately following. We'll eat latkes, play dreidel and light the Menorah.

For more information or to let us know you are coming so we can prepare plenty of latkes, contact Maria Cox, 461-5804, or by cell phone at 223-7576.

### Men's Bible Study

Join the Faithful Men's Bible Study as they discuss "Spiritual Leadership Principles" on Thursdays at Kapaun Chapel, 5:30 - 6:30 a.m. For more information contact Don Ericson, Director of Religious Education, 239-9313.

### Office Closed

The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed Friday.

### Holiday 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, until 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.

### New Exhibit

The U. S. Cavalry Museum unveiled a new exhibit in the Temporary Gallery recently. Located on the second floor, the exhibit features artifacts and printed material from when Fort Riley was the center of cavalry training.

The museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday's, noon to 4:30 p.m. There is no admission fee. The exhibit is in conjunction with American Education Week and will continue through early 2003. For more information on the display, please contact the U.S. Cavalry Museum at 239-8230.

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### EFMP Celebration

The Exceptional Family Member Program will be hosting the EFMP Holiday Celebration Dec. 10, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Riley's Conference Center, building 446, Seitz Drive, Fort Riley.

This is a great time for families to meet one other and socialize, along with the children having a great time playing with one other and making crafts. All military families who have a special needs family member are invited to attend. Operational Santa Claus will provide a gift for all children attending. Santa Claus will visit just in time to hear each child's Christmas list.

Families need to R.S.V.P. to Laurie McCauley, Exceptional Family Member Program manager, 239-9435, Dec. 3.

### 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.

### Standards of Conduct

Only duly appointed contracting officers can obligate the government contractually. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in an "unauthorized commitment" - an agreement that is not binding solely because the government representative who made it lacked the authority to enter into that agreement on behalf of the Government. Unauthorized commitments must be investigated and the perpetrators are subject to adverse actions. Ordering officers may, by virtue of their written appointment, obligate the Government up to their designated approval limits. Also, government purchase cardholders may obligate the government when funds are certified by an approved funds certifier, so long as they remain within designated single purchase and monthly purchase limits. For additional information, contact the Directorate of Contracting at 239-0468.

### Mail training

Unit Mailroom Service Training will be conducted Dec. 4 and

11, 8 a.m. - 4:30, building 319, CPAC. Official Mail Training will be conducted Dec. 10, building 319, CPAC, and Dec. 16 at building 808, conference room. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 for enrollment.

### 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.

### Gymnastics Class

There are openings in Child and Youth Services' Gymnastics and Tumbling classes. The classes for boys and girls ages 3-5 meet once a week on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday at the Jefferson Elementary School multipurpose room, for approximately one hour. The cost is \$20 per month. For information, contact the Central Registration Office at 239-4847 or stop by building, 6620 Normandy Drive.

The Gymnastics and Tumbling program is currently taking names for those interested in tumbling classes for boys and girls ages 2-4 years. These classes are "Mommy and Me" classes, which means the parent or caretaker will participate with the child in the tumbling classes, under the direction of the instructor. Classes will meet on Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m. until the end of May 2003 and cost \$20 per month. Classes are scheduled to begin January 2003. Contact the Central Registration Office at 239-4847 to put your name on a waiting list. At least five participants must indicate interest for this class to be held.

### Cheerleading Classes

Child and Youth Services is planning to have Cheerleading Classes from January - May 2003, for boys and girls who are currently enrolled in grades 4-8. Cost will be \$20 per month. The classes will be divided into elementary and middle school groups. Classes will begin in January, and will meet during the week after 5 p.m.,

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with the exact time and location for practices to be determined. Those who participate in the classes will also be able to cheer at the upcoming CV5 basketball and soccer games. Cheering at the games on week-ends will be voluntary. There may be additional costs involved for uniforms. The instructor for this class is a military spouse who was a former member of the Kansas State University Kats dance team and cheered in high school in the Kansas City area. Contact the Central Registration office at 239-4847 to put your name on the waiting list. At least ten students must indicate interest by Dec. 20 for this activity to be programmed.

### Piano Lessons

Private piano lessons are being planned for students ages 6 and up beginning January 2003. Classes will be scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday evenings 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. every half hour and Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The cost will be \$40 per month and there will be additional costs for books and materials. There will be slots for fourteen students and a waiting list already exists. The Central Registration office will begin calling those on the current waiting list, between Nov.

22 and Dec. 3. Once the current waiting list has been cleared, any open slots will be filled on a "first come, first served basis."

For more information, call Central Registration, 239-4847.

### March planned

The Division Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor a commemorative 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.

### 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.

### Thrift Shop

The holidays are coming and the Thrift Shop is a great place to buy gifts for those hard-to-buy-for people on your list at a reasonable price. We have a wide selection of clothing, crafts, electronics, furniture, sporting goods and much more!

The Thrift Shop will be open two Saturdays in December for your shopping convenience - Dec 7 and 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Thrift Shop will take consignments on both days.

The Thrift Shop is located in building 267, Stuart Ave. For more information, call 784-2351. Both Civilian and Military welcome!!!

### The Shoppe

We would like to invite everyone to our Christmas Open House at The Shoppe on Dec. 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be door prizes, refreshments and many new decorating ideas. The Shoppe will be open on Mondays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 for your convenience this holiday season!

The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave. Call 785-239-2783, for more information.

### Letters to the Editor

Do you have something you would like to say? A letter to the editor may be the forum you are looking for to get your ideas out into the open. The Fort Riley Post welcomes your input. Email any letters, 600 words or less, to [afzinpointr@riley.army.mil](mailto:afzinpointr@riley.army.mil) All letters are subject to editing for style. Please include your name, unit and phone number in case we have any questions."

### Leave Donations

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. Due to the Privacy Act, we are unable to expand on specific medical reasons; however, we can tell you that the following individuals have requested that their names be released in order that they may receive donated leave. They are: Gary Barrick-G3-CPACLT0220; Gina Fisch-IG-CPACLT0305; Amalia Delatorre-MEDDAC-CPACLT0222; Lewis Marretta-MEDDAC-CPACLT0224; Scott Melcher-PW-CPACLT0302; Don Webb-PW-CPACLT0305; Mozelle Corbin-SWCPOC-CPACLT0304; Jeanne Noss-HQ

GARRISON-CPACLT030; Niel Sitton-SJA-CPACLT0214.

To donate annual leave to any of the individuals listed above, please complete Optional Form 630-A. This form is located on the CPAC Intranet web site under "Forms." Completed forms should be forwarded to Sonja Eley, CPAC. For additional information on leave donation procedures, please contact your activity's administrative POC.

### Territorial Capitol

The First Territorial Capitol will not be open for tours tomorrow or Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. Regular winter hours will resume on Saturday to accommodate family holiday-season excursions and special events.

At the First Territorial Capitol, 693 Huebner Road, Fort Riley, visitors step back in time. Museum displays and tour guide tell the story of the historic First Territorial Capitol of Kansas, Pawnee Settlement and Pioneers, "Bleeding Kansas" and events that lead to Civil War.

Regular winter hours are Nov. 30, 2002 - April 3, 2003, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Group tours and facility reservations are available

by appointment. To reserve dates for bookings, especially holiday events, call 785-784-5555 as soon as possible. Know a history buff? Gift membership certificates are available!

### Support Group

The Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Support Group meets monthly, very third Thursday, 6 p.m., at Kapaun Chapel. The next meeting will be held Dec. 19, 6 p.m. We will have a holiday memorial service. Families will have an opportunity to place a ornament of remembrance on a Christmas tree.

Parents who have experienced miscarriage and infant death are invited to come. Call Chaplain Mike Wood, 239-7872, for more information.

### Trout

The Directorate of Environment and Safety, Conservation Division, made a stocking of 500 pounds of rainbow trout on Nov. 22 at Cameron Springs Pond.

This is the second of five stockings that will occur between October 2002 and April 2003. Rainbow trout will again be stocked in late January, March and April.

## Certified Nurse-midwives care for healthy women - adolescents to elderly

By **Emilie L. Howe**  
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Certified Nurse-midwives, Maj. Cassandra Blakley and Sally Prickett, have recently joined the health care team of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic of Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Blakley enjoys helping women with health issues.

"My favorite part of being a Nurse-midwife is to instruct women about their health care needs and their baby's health," said Blakley. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1988, after she completed her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing at the University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo. In 1995, she received her master's degree from the University of Colorado, Denver, to qualify as a Certified Nurse-midwife. She then passed the national certification examination, which enabled her to practice as a Certified Nurse-midwife.

Although Prickett qualified as a CNM in 1996, she has been in nursing for a long time. "I've worked in several medical practices and have been an Obstetric Nurse for about 22 years," she said.

Prickett studied at one of the oldest schools of Nurse-midwifery in the United States, the Frontier Nursing Service of Kentucky. "My heart felt desire is that women have a safe and rewarding pregnancy and childbirth experience at IACH," she said.

Certified Nurse-midwives have been part of the Army Medical Department Activity since the late 1970s, according to Lt. Col. Susan Altenburg, chief, Nurse-Midwifery, Fort Carson, Colo. Altenburg also serves as the Women's Health Advance Practice Nursing Consultant to the Surgeon General. She said the reason for the increased awareness of the Army's Certified Nurse-midwives is due, in part, to

the declining numbers of OB/GYN physicians in military medicine.

The Army no longer trains Certified Nurse-midwives in a military setting, she said. Qualified Army Nurses are sent to civilian schools that have a master's degree program for the study of Nurse-midwifery. Their degree programs are usually 18 months to two years in length. "All Certified Nurse-midwives on active duty must have a bachelor's degree in Nursing and a master's degree in Nurse-midwifery," Altenburg said.

"Providing health care to essentially normal women is the nurse-midwives' area of greatest

expertise. We're certainly not trying to be doctors," Altenburg said.

"Nurse-midwives practice independently, and primarily care for healthy women from adolescence to senescence, yet function within a health care system that allows for consultation and collaboration with their physician colleagues. Nurse-midwives and their consulting physicians work together to establish mutually agreed upon protocols or practice guidelines to assist in high quality patient care."

According to Altenburg, an obstetric patient who is identified as being a high risk case is either managed collaboratively between nurse-midwife and physician, or

referred directly to the physician for medical management.

Nurse-midwifery has been in the United States since the 1920s, according to the website for American College of Nurse-Midwives, and there are currently 30 Certified Nurse-midwives on active duty.

"There are also a number of civilian Certified Nurse-Midwives, such as Sally Prickett, who work within the military system," Blakley said. Civilian Nurse-midwives provide well-women, gynecologic, prenatal and birthing services to women at military health care sites.

According to Blakley, the OB/GYN team at IACH staffs one

of the largest groups in the hospital.

There are four clerks, six nurses, a nurse practitioner and four OB/GYN physicians.

"There are lots of resources in this group, and it offers an excellent environment for the Midwifery and Medical model of care. The doctors, Sally Prickett and I have a mutual respect for each other. By our coming together in consultation and collaboration, IACH OB/GYN provides world-class care to women," Blakley said.

For more information on Nurse-midwifery or Women's Health Education, call Blakley or Prickett, 239-7944.

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# Korea 50 years ago - ROK troops beat back Thanksgiving attack

By Jim Caldwell  
Army News Service

As U.S. troops celebrated Thanksgiving, Republic of Korea troops defeated a communist attempt to take Pinpoint Hill and Rocky Point, 50 years ago this week in Korea.  
Nov. 21, 1952 — Air Force Staff Sgt. Giuseppe Cascio, 34, Tucson, Ariz., is arrested for conspiring to sell secret data on the new F-86E Sabrejet to the communists. He is eventually charged with 16 counts of accepting military payment certificates from a Korean civilian. Cascio, a photo lab technician and photographer, was an officer bombardier in World War II and twice won the Distinguished Flying Cross. The Air Force says he was kept from actually passing information to the enemy. Cascio's source for unclassified specs is Staff Sgt. John P. Jones, Manchester, N.H., who was deemed insane and returned to the United States without being charged.  
Nov. 22 — Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, tells reporters that he learned on his recent trip to air

bases in Europe and Korea that pilots of the new Sabre E models are shooting down 10 MiGs to every Sabre lost. In Korea on Nov. 19 he said that the air forces there could enforce any policy the new administration sets. He said in Tokyo Nov. 17 that Far East Air Forces will not be beefed up any further.  
Nov. 23-27 — Eighth Army troops fight seesaw battles to win back Jackson Heights on the IX Corps front.  
The Chinese broadcast propaganda at ROK 2nd Infantry Division troops on Sniper Ridge Nov. 25 from a loudspeaker on "Papasan" Mountain north of Sniper Ridge. They promise the South Koreans "lots of promotions, good food and clothes" to change sides. Evidently the Chinese are disappointed in the results and stage pre-dawn attacks against the troops on Sniper Ridge's Pinpoint Hill and Rocky Point Nov. 27. The ROK troops beat them back.  
Mess sergeants and cooks prepare Thanksgiving dinners for frontline troops Nov. 27. In many cases, turkey with all the fixings are put into insulated containers and taken by jeep to American and

other U.N. soldiers who can't leave their foxholes.  
At the United Nations, the Political Committee votes to settle India's peace proposal Nov. 25 before conducting any other business. India modifies its peace plan Nov. 26 to make it conform to  
America's demand that prisoners of war not be forced to return to their home countries when they are released.  
Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei V. Vishinsky, who had rejected the Indian

plan and all others but his before the Political Committee Nov. 24, tells the General Assembly that it is a "rotten resolution" without adopting his amendments.  
On Nov. 27 the United States delegation says it will support the Indian proposal.  
A Nov. 27 Associated Press report from New Delhi says that Vishinsky's vehement opposition to the Indian peace plan has angered many people there and "severely shaken many Indians' faith in Russia as a firm proponent of world peace."  
Nov. 23 — At the cornerstone-laying of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Va., President Harry Truman says only religion provides the "spiritual" force that is "the only hope of mankind for enduring peace." There's no "room" for bigotry, discrimination, class struggle and international enmity in "the teaching of the Savior," he says.  
Nov. 24 — The U.S. Navy destroyer Hanna is hit by North Korean shore guns on the east coast. A petty officer is killed and the ship is slightly damaged.

Nov. 25 — The Air Force announces U.N. tactical aircraft destroyed about 1,250 supply trucks in an operation against communist supply lines in an operation from Nov. 15-24.  
Nov. 26 — The Defense Department reports that 271 American casualties in Korea from Nov. 15-21 is the lowest one-week toll since June. They bring the overall count of casualties to 126,997, including 22,258 dead.  
The Navy announces that the death of the Hanna petty officer Nov. 24 brings the number of sailors killed in the war to 131. There have been 64 vessels damaged. Five Navy vessels and an Army tug have been sunk by the Reds.  
Lt. Cecil G. Foster, San Antonio, shoots down his fifth MiG and becomes the 23rd American jet ace in Korea.  
Chinese radio claims that the International Red Cross told communist leaders that U.N. forces killed 909 Red POWs in South Korea camps.  
Fort Riley continues to be a Korean War Commemorative Community through 2003.



## Soldiers bound for remote tours get POV storage

Hundreds of service members have begun taking advantage of the Military Traffic Management Command's new long-term privately owned vehicle storage program.  
Available since May 1, the program offers a no-cost standardized storage option for service members who qualify.  
"The program is designed for a service member who is assigned to a remote tour or an area where taking a vehicle is not an option," said Dennis Barborak, MTMC program manager. "One vehicle may be stored at no cost for the duration of the tour."  
"We see a number of vehicles bound for storage," said Terri Mroz, center manager.  
Assignments that preclude taking a privately owned vehicle, but allow POV storage, include: hard-ship tours to Korea without family members for a year or less; assignments to Japan for troops whose vehicles were made from

1976 to the present; assignments to Egypt for troops whose vehicles are older than four years.  
"There is a service maintenance track to these vehicles," said Steve Douthit, operations manager. "The vehicles are covered and stored inside. Engines are started once a month. For each vehicle, we follow the manufacturer's recommendations for long-term storage."  
There are several practical pointers for storing a vehicle, Douthit said.  
"The vehicle should have had a fresh oil change, be clean and mechanically safe," said Douthit.  
Under the new program, vehicles may be turned in for storage at any of 39 processing centers operated by American Auto Logistics. Vehicles may be left at

other sites outside of the Global Privately Owned Vehicle Contract including Yokohama, Japan, Keflavik, Iceland; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and American embassies and consulates.  
Qualifying soldiers departing Fort Riley needing vehicle storage may arrange to take their vehicle to a government storage center, or they can store it in a commercial storage facility and receive reimbursement from the government for the cost.  
"If a soldier desires POV storage at government expense, the nearest facility is located at the Vehicle Processing Center, Pontoon Beach, Ill. (St. Louis)," said Penny J. Hauserman, lead transportation assistant, Directorate of Logistics, Fort Riley. The toll free telephone

number for the VPC in Illinois is 1-800-320-0755. The locations and phone numbers for other Vehicle Processing Centers are on the MTMC Web site at www.mtmc.army.mil  
"If a soldier desires to store a POV at a commercial self-storage facility, the soldier has to make arrangements with a facility and pay for the storage," Hauserman said. "The soldier must have a letter from the Transportation Office authorizing the storage. Then, when the soldier returns from overseas he or she may file a Claim for Reimbursement with the Transportation Office and be reimbursed for the storage costs."  
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**Editors note: MTMC and staff reports**



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## Soldiers help special participants win at Olympics



Special Olympics volunteer Spec. Mark Kiel helps Brandon Hull of the Wamego Windmills check his score.

By Emily O'Connor  
K-State Intern

Upon entering Custer Hill Bowling Alley on Nov. 22 and 23, onlookers could see hundreds of happy, glowing faces. The faces belonged to Special Olympics athletes in town for the Fall Classic, and Fort Riley soldiers and civilians volunteering for the event.

Approximately 500 athletes came from all over the state for the Special Olympics Fall Classic, which included bowling and volleyball. The events took place in Manhattan and at Fort Riley.

"I've been bowling for a long time because it's fun," said Jason Romine of Topeka. "I got two spares on my first game and a spare on my second game today!"

With the rumbling of bowling balls crashing down the highly polished lanes in the background, Romine said that his team trains once a week and that he really enjoys bowling.

Debbi DeVenuto, the Northeast Area Special Olympics director said that the athletes really enjoy seeing the soldier volunteers in uniform. "With all of the stuff going on in the world, seeing the soldiers in their uniforms really brings the news home to the athletes."

One such volunteer was 1st Sgt. Cleveland Smith, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Inf. Div., who worked three

shifts during the event handing out the medals and ribbons. "I like to be around the kids. I've been here presenting awards all day," Smith said. "A lot of the kids tell me they want a medal, not a ribbon."

"I don't know if I enjoy the outward smiles of the athletes more or the inner satisfaction I know every volunteer feels," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Ryan, 1st Replacement Co., and organizer of the event. "I think that the volunteers get as much out of the events as the athletes do."

Ryan has been helping with the event on Fort Riley for three years now.

According to Ryan, Fort Riley sometimes has a reputation of not offering much for soldiers to do. This event was something nice for them to do with their spare time.

DeVenuto, who has been on the Special Olympics northeast area office staff for four years and has volunteered for the Special Olympics for 23 years, stressed the fact that volunteers are the backbone of making any type," she said. "Also, maintaining the food temperatures either below 40 degrees or above 140 degrees Fahrenheit is one of the most important controls, especially when dealing with meat items and prepared food items, especially those containing eggs."

Avoiding cross-contamination is also key in maintaining the safety of your food.

"Overall, people that prepare food need to pay attention to what they are doing and make sure that they clean their hands, work area and utensils, refrigerate perishable products, keep different kinds of foods separated and to cook their foods to, and maintain them at, the proper temperatures," Gonzales said.

For more information about food safety during the holiday season, check out the following websites:

Food Safety and Inspection Service: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/pubs/buffets.htm>

FSIS Seasonal Features: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/pubs/holpackets.htm>

K-State Research and Extension Holiday Food Safety: [http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/extrapi/dresponse/holiday\\_food\\_safety.htm](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/extrapi/dresponse/holiday_food_safety.htm)

fun.

"Just giving the athletes the opportunity to do something makes this job extremely satisfying," DeVenuto said. "A lot of people don't think that people with mental retardation can do anything. We're proving them wrong. They can fulfill roles in society and take regular jobs in the community."

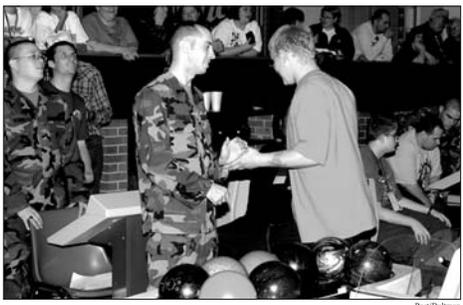
Another aspect of volunteering for the Special Olympics is being a coach for one of the teams. Kim Mudd helps coach a team of 103 Special Olympics athletes. "I do this because it is just so much fun. Watching these guys is such a thrill," Mudd said. "I get goose bumps watching them everyday; they try so hard and have so much fun. I just really love these guys."

Mudd's team, the Wichita Independents, had a total of 39 medals toward the end of the competition on Saturday, without results from the last round of competition.

"Participating teaches the athletes self-esteem. 'Training for Life,' our old motto, sums it all up," DeVenuto said.

"The best part of being here today was being able to give back to the community," said Spec. William Smith, 15 PSB. "Cheering people on and providing moral support really makes a difference."

To find out more about Special Olympics events in Kansas, please visit the Special Olympics web site at <http://www.ksoo.org>



Spec. Patrick Flavey congratulates Lonnie Bruner, Special Olympics participant from Scott City, on his high score. Bruner won first place in his group.



Brandon Hull, of Wamego, bowls during the Special Olympics event held on Fort Riley recently at Custer Hill Lanes.

## Prevent illness from food: Never cook turkey, stuffing together

By Emily O'Connor  
K-State Intern

As colorful leaves fall from the trees and temperatures plunge from the heat of the summer, thoughts of the holiday season come to mind. Along with the holidays come the topic of entertaining large groups at Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Eve, which usually involves food.

Holiday entertaining often involves large cuts of meat, such as hams and turkeys. However, many people do not know that the manner in which these meats are handled is of the utmost importance.

"When thawing a turkey, do not thaw it at room temperature; do not thaw it in warm water, either," said Staff Sergeant Teresa Gonzales, noncommissioned officer in charge of food inspection on post. "This will do nothing but increase your chances of getting sick. The same goes for a ham."

Gonzales said the best way to thaw a turkey or ham is to do so over several days' time in the refrigerator. "If it is not completely thawed by the time you need to cook the meat, than it in cold water, not hot, not warm," Gonzales said.

According to the Food Safety and Inspection Service, the refrigerator thawing time for a turkey weighing eight to 12 pounds is one to two days. A 12 to 16 pound

turkey will usually thaw under refrigeration in two to three days, while a turkey 16 to 20 pounds can be expected to take three to four days to thaw. Five or more days should be allowed to thaw a turkey that is more than 20 pounds. The FSIS recommends that if you must finish thawing your turkey in water, to use cold water, as Gonzales recommends, but to change the water every 30 minutes. With this method, you should allow 30 minutes defrosting time per pound of turkey.

After the thawing process has been completed and the cook is preparing the turkey for the oven, the cook should wash both the inside and the outside of the turkey with cold water, helping to remove any harmful bacteria on the surface of the meat. It should be noted that the turkey and stuffing should be cooked separately, as well.

"Many people tend to not get the stuffing hot enough," Gonzales said. "While the turkey is cooking, its blood and bacteria can be transmitted to the stuffing. If the stuffing doesn't get hot

enough, these organisms can make you sick. The stuffing should reach at least 165 degrees during cooking."

Gonzales also mentions that a whole turkey should reach 180 degrees while cooking, and a turkey breast should reach 170 degrees. Achieving these temperatures should ensure that harmful bacteria in the meat are killed.

Moving from food to drink, another staple of many holiday functions is eggnog. When making eggnog, Gonzales suggests using a pasteurized egg product. "A pasteurized egg product will decrease, but not eliminate, potential problems," she said.

Unpasteurized eggs can cause illnesses, such as salmonella, which can cause fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhea, according to the Centers for Disease Control website. The illness may be severe enough that it requires hospitalization.

Two of the most basic concerns in food safety year-round are temperature controls and sanitation, according to Gonzales.

"One of the first things people need to consider is keeping their hands, working area and utensils clean while working with food of any type," she said. "Also, maintaining the food temperatures either below 40 degrees or above 140 degrees Fahrenheit is one of the most important controls, especially when dealing with meat items and prepared food items, especially those containing eggs."

Avoiding cross-contamination is also key in maintaining the safety of your food.

"Overall, people that prepare food need to pay attention to what they are doing and make sure that they clean their hands, work area and utensils, refrigerate perishable products, keep different kinds of foods separated and to cook their foods to, and maintain them at, the proper temperatures," Gonzales said.

For more information about food safety during the holiday season, check out the following websites:

Food Safety and Inspection Service: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/pubs/buffets.htm>

FSIS Seasonal Features: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/pubs/holpackets.htm>

K-State Research and Extension Holiday Food Safety: [http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/extrapi/dresponse/holiday\\_food\\_safety.htm](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/extrapi/dresponse/holiday_food_safety.htm)



### Holiday food safety quiz

How much do you really know about holiday food safety? Take the quiz to find out! (Answers on page 8)

- Which of the following is the safest way to cook a turkey?
  - Stuffed with stuffing
  - Cook the turkey half way, then stuff it and finish cooking
  - Cook stuffing and turkey separately
  - Cook turkey stuffed with stuffing, but longer than normal cooking time for an unstuffed turkey
- What is the safest way to thaw a frozen turkey?
  - At room temperature on a plate
  - In warm water
  - In hot running water
  - In a refrigerator
- When refrigerating leftovers, always observe the following rule:
  - Place cooked items on a lower shelf than raw items
  - Place raw items on a lower shelf than cooked items
  - Store raw and cooked items on the same shelf
  - Refrigerate even non-perishable items
- What are two of the most basic food safety concerns?
  - Flavor and texture of the food
  - Temperature control and sanitation
  - Flavor and sanitation
  - Appearance of the food and sanitation
- Food temperatures should be maintained at:
  - Either below 40 or above 140 degrees Fahrenheit
  - Either below 35 or above 135 degrees Fahrenheit
  - Either above 65 or below 165 degrees Fahrenheit
  - Either above 30 degrees or below 130 degrees Fahrenheit



Post files

Volunteer soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, help prepare Thanksgiving baskets to be given to soldiers on Fort Riley by the Mid-America chapter of the Warrant Officers' Association. A total of 70 baskets will be handed out by the group.

## Tree Lighting kicks off holiday season

By **Emily O'Connor**  
K-State Intern

Fort Riley will kick-off the holiday season with the festive Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Fri., Dec. 6 at 4:45 p.m. The ceremony will take place in front of building 500 on Ware Parade Field.

During the ceremony, those in attendance can expect holiday music, the lighting of the holiday tree and the arrival of Santa Claus and his elves.

Col. (P) Frank Helmick, acting commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, will speak at the event.

Winners of the Fort Riley, Ogden, Manhattan and Junction

City Random Acts of Kindness Award will also be recognized during the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, light refreshments such as cider and candy canes will be offered, free of charge.

Parking for the event will be at Riley's Conference Center, where shuttles will be available.

### Normandy Theater

**Friday:**

2 p.m.  
Jonah - a VeggieTales Movie (G)  
7 p.m.  
Spiderman (PG-13)

**Saturday:**

7 p.m.  
Knockaround Guys (R)

**Sunday:**

7 p.m.  
White Oleander (PG-13)

**Dec. 5:**

7 p.m.  
Knockaround Guys (R)

**Dec. 6:**

7 p.m.  
Red Dragon (R)

**Answers to the food safety quiz on page 7.**

- 1-C
- 2-D
- 3-B
- 4-B
- 5-A



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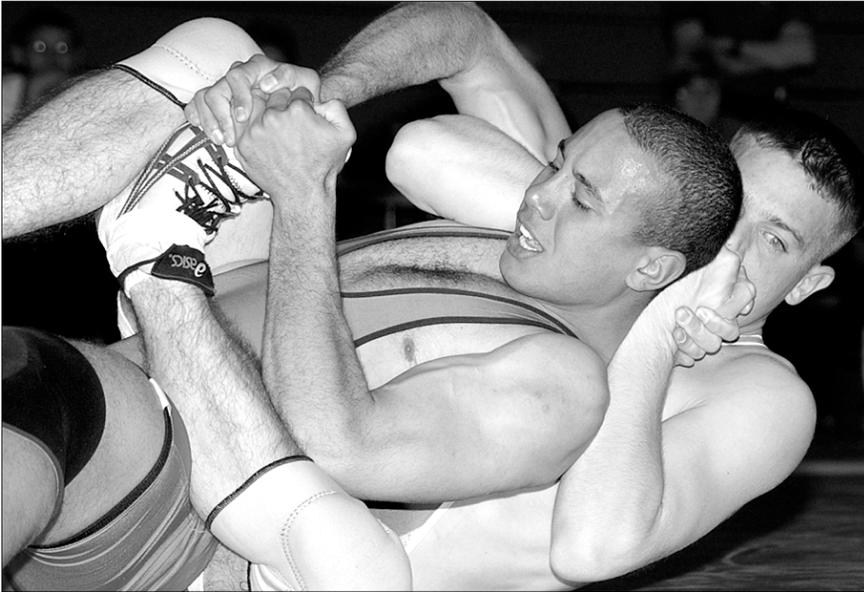


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## Soldiers take to mat

Devon Perryman, 300th Military Police Company [top] and Nick Rossman, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, wrestle for the top position during the 2002 Fort Riley Freestyle Wrestling Tournament.

## MP Battalion takes home tournament trophy

By William Biles  
Staff Writer

The Fort Riley 2002 Freestyle Wrestling Tournament concluded Nov. 19 at the King Field House, with the 924th Military Police Battalion's winning the competition and taking home the trophy.

The MPs outmatched their closest opponents, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry and 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, by a margin of 18 points throughout the competition.

Although 1st Bn., 16th Inf., had more first place wins [three of seven weight classes] than the MPs, the 924th

MP Bn. had more total wins in the competition.

The wrestlers were judged on a point system. Wrestlers can earn from one to five points per move, depending on the aptitude of the move.

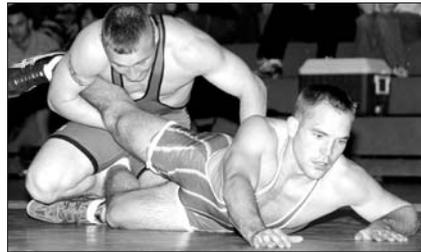
Points were awarded to the competitors for taking their opponent down as well as for winning the top position once on the floor, said Brett Deam, competition referee.

Many of the competitors there were experienced wrestlers, from being on high school wrestling teams.

"The competition is good," said Nick Rossman, Company A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., "Not that many people showed up but the ones that did were quite good

wrestlers." Rossman took home the gold in the 167-pound weight class.

The other top winners of the competition were Derek Drew, Battery B, 4th Bn., 1st FA, in the 127-pound class and A.J. Soltero, 82nd Medical Company, in the 139-pound class. Soltero also won the award for Outstanding Wrestler. Raymond Hodge, Company A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., won in the 152-pound class and Matthew Long, Troop D, 4th Cavalry Division, took first in the 187-pound class. Sean Case, Service Battery, 4th Bn., 1st FA, won in the 214-pound class and Drew Hettich, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., won in the 276-pound class.



Raymond Hodge, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, attempts to roll Joel Schults, 977th Military Police Company, onto his back to gain additional points during the wrestling tournament.

## Kansas winter can be cold, blustery to people, life threatening situation for many animals

By Gibran Suleiman  
DES Biologist

For most of us, wintertime is nothing more than an inconvenience. We find ourselves dreading having to run out into the frigid mornings to warm up car because we don't want to scrape the windows.

On those real snowy winter mornings we find ourselves glued to the radios praying and praying that work or school won't be canceled, because everyone knows how awful it is to crawl back into your warm bed on a cold ugly morning and miss work. But imagine if you lived in a world with no central heat, no insulated walls to stop the 30 mph gusts or not even any clothes to protect your skin.

That's the reality wildlife in cold winter climates face, and if they don't deal with it seriously, wintertime will deal with them.

Being ectothermic, or cold-blooded, has its pros and cons when it comes to wintertime. For snakes and lizards, the main disadvantage of being cold-blooded is that all of the body's processes become extremely slowed as the temperature drops. For example, while a mouse may have no problem scurrying away from hungry coyote in 40-degree weather, a snake might not be so lucky. To make matters worse, if any

ectotherms are caught out when the temperature falls much below freezing, they themselves will freeze and die.

The main advantage of being cold-blooded is that the animal is able to go extremely long periods without any food.

In one experimental situation, a snake lived over two years without a single meal and successfully started to feed again. Snakes and lizards in Kansas spend most of the winter underground.

The most common winter denning sites or hibernacula are rocky outcroppings on the side of hills. There are usually small openings in the rocks that enable reptiles to go underground far enough that the threat of freezing is removed. Occasionally, snakes will get into basements, entering through cracks in the foundation. During hibernation, very little activity takes place until spring.

Facing just the opposite problem of snakes are the birds.

Since most birds maintain a constant body temperature of around 102 degrees, they are unable to enter a hibernation like state. They must constantly eat in order to stay alive. This leaves birds with two options, love it or leave it. For the majority of birds that breed in Kansas, leaving to a warmer climate is the way to go.

But, a group of hardy wintertime residents will remain and tough out the winter.

Common Kansas wintertime species are juncos, chickadees, titmice and cardinals. Many different factors become very important to songbirds during the winter.

During cold spells birds must balance their energy expenditures very wisely. If a bird spends a lot of energy looking for a small amount of food, it can spell disaster for the bird.

While birds might not have central heat, they do know that certain types of trees, like cedar trees, protect them from stinging winds far better than others. During periods of heavy snow cover and ice, food can be almost impossible to find for songbirds. Luckily for birds, living near people can make life a little easier. Some birds become completely reliant on birdfeeders, so it is important that once someone puts up a feeder, they keep it full all winter long.

Mammals fall in between reptiles and birds when it comes to wintertime activity.

A general rule for mammals is, the smaller they are, the higher their metabolism. Mammals, unlike reptiles, must eat throughout the entire winter, so a solid state of hibernation is not practical.

Many small mammals go through states of drastically reduced activity, or torpor. During this time metabolic processes such as heart rate and breathing become considerably reduced. This allows them to essentially sleep through the coldest parts of winter by reducing the amount of food intake needed to survive.

They will occasionally become active to feed on stored foods or to leave their den to find new food sources.

The larger mammals of Kansas stay relatively active throughout the winter. As for other animals, food items can become extremely hard to find during the toughest parts of winter.

For many older or unhealthy animals this becomes the last straw for them, and they become nourishment for scavengers such as coyotes or crows.

Kansas's winters can be miserably cold, especially if you're from the Southern U.S. But, you can look at the bright side and realize it could be a lot worse. If a little bird or field mouse out in the wilderness can make it through the winter, it should be a piece of cake for us.

And remember, if you're feeling a little sorry for those little birds, you can always keep a well-stocked feeder handy for them.

## 'Cats win against Women of Troy

By William Biles  
Staff Writer

Forward, Kendra Wecker was on fire as she raked in 24 points to help lead the Kansas State Wildcats past the Women of Troy from the University of Southern California. The Wildcats won 73 - 61 in their third game of the Women's National Invitational Tournament Nov. 20.

Wecker also nabbed 12 rebounds and lit-up the free-throw line by nailing 100 percent of her shots taken, as the 'Cats increased their record to 3 - 0 in the preseason tournament.

The Cats hit the floor running from the start of the game, having an 18 - 8 scoring run.

"We really wanted to come out intense and come out playing our game," said Cats guard, Laurie Koehn.

Koehn contributed 17 points and three rebounds for the night.

The Women of Troy did what they could to keep pace with the Cats by going point-for-point with them during the second half of the game. Nevertheless, they came up short, with a 31 percent success ratio shooting from the paint while the Cats achieved 46 percent.

The Cats also out-shot the USC women from three-point range by a margin of 27.3 percent to USC's 14.3 percent.

As a whole, for the preseason, the Cats are shooting 45.7 percent from the field, 46.2 percent from the three-point range and 66.7 percent from the free-throw line.

Another top player for K-State was All-American candidate and Preseason Big 12 Player of the Year, Nicole Ohlde, who tallied 19 points, 10 rebounds and had three assists and three steals. The 6-foot-4 center is averaging 19.0 points and a team-leading 11 rebounds per outing.

On the defensive side of the game for the Cats was forward Brie Madden, who accumulated 14 rebounds, 13 of which were on the defensive end of the court, three blocks and a steal.

Of Wecker's 24 points, 18 of them came in the second half, which was 50 percent of the teams total points for that half.

"Kendra, to me, was the difference-maker in this basketball game," said Cats head coach, Deb Patterson. "While she did

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Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers is having an Improv Show. Tickets are now available at ITR for the performance on Dec. 13, 8 p.m., at Rally Point. Cost is only \$5 for an evening of great fun, excitement and laughs.

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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.

You will see 267 artifacts from the era. The eleven galleries depict the lives of the czars. Discount tickets available through ITR.

### Sawyer Brown

### Christmas

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

### Holiday Gift Ideas

Need 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.

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Tickets are available for all McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University, Manhattan, performances through ITR.

Stop by and pick up a complete performance schedule.

### Kansas City Chiefs

Tickets are still available for the following home games:

- Arizona Cardinals - Dec. 1
  - St. Louis Rams - Dec. 8
  - San Diego Chargers - Dec. 22
- Tickets are \$65 each without transportation and \$80 with transportation. Call ITR for tickets.

### Discount Movie Tickets

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 great savings for evening shows; a savings of up to \$2 per ticket.



Fourth grade students from Ware Elementary School learn how to float in lifejackets during the Learn to Swim instruction at Eyster Pool. The students learn water safety and survival, including how to rescue someone without endangering themselves during the four-day class.

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start a little slow and missed some baskets she might normally make early in a basketball game, she stayed in it mentally. And, in the second 20 minutes of the game I never felt comfortable when she wasn't out on the floor."

"In the first half, I just wasn't playing aggressive like I want to," said Wecker. "At half time, I refocused myself in the locker room, and then with some good passes from my teammates, I was able to score."

Wecker leads the team in shooting and rebounds, averaging 19.5 points and 10 rebounds per game. She is also averaging 4.5 assists and a steal per game.

Two other Wildcats averaging in the double digits per game for scoring are Koehn [13.0] and guard Megan Mahoney [12.0].

With the win against USC, the Wildcats extended their winning-streak in Bramlage Coliseum to seven games, which dates back to last season.

Another hi-light of the night was that Patterson received her 100th win, bringing her record to 100-84.

**Wildcats forward, Kendra Wecker, goes to the board for two points against University of Southern California, Women of Troy.**



Photo by William Biles

### Deer Season Permits

The first segment of the Fort Riley deer season will begin Friday and end Sunday. Any permits that are not picked up by 7 p.m. on Sunday will be reallocated on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.

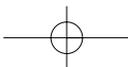
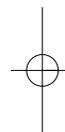
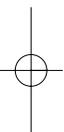
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