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Fort Riley Post



Battle of the Bulge
Manhattan and Junction City veterans recall their service in the Ardennes Forest during the Battle of the Bulge at 10 a.m. Sunday on In Step with Fort Riley on Fox 43. Also see the story in this week's issue

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Nation pauses to recall 9-11

By Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—From Texas to Germany, soldiers paused for a moment of silence Tuesday to remember those killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

At the Pentagon, a remembrance ceremony at 9:30 a.m. marked the spot and time three months ago that a jetliner commandeered by terrorists crashed into the building.

Rows of construction workers in hardhats stood alongside service members and Pentagon employees as the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own) played the national anthem.

A 40-ton crane had raised a huge American flag in front of the construction site prior to the ceremony. As the band played, another 35-ton crane continued to lift reinforcing steel for concrete columns to rebuild the three rings of offices that had been cleared away.

About 200 Pentagon personnel had waded through mud and puddles near the construction site to participate in the outdoor ceremony as the morning's misty drizzle subsided.

Before the remembrance officially began, a volley of musketry echoed from nearby Arlington National Cemetery.

"Three months ago today at this hour, at this place, some 184 people died," said Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, including the plane's passengers in his number, but not the five terrorists aboard.

"They died because they were Americans... They died because they were here at this place that symbolizes the power of freedom and strength of American purpose," Rumsfeld said.

"We will remember their lives and the reason for their deaths until freedom triumphs over

oppression," Rumsfeld said, referring to a Taliban communiqué last month suggesting that Americans should forget Sept. 11.

"We will remember them and the other victims of that day ... and the heroes, both living and dead," Rumsfeld said about those who pulled the injured out of fire and rubble.

Rumsfeld said that those who died would have been proud to see how the nation has united in defense against terrorism.

"In Afghanistan today, our forces are teaching the Al Qaeda a lesson," Rumsfeld said.

"No weapon in the world is as powerful as the will of free men."

At many installations across the world, soldiers also paused for a moment of silence either at the time the first plane struck the World Trade Center (8:46 a.m.) or when the aircraft hit the Pentagon. Fort Riley paused at 8:38 a.m. Tuesday to listen to the national anthem and to honor those lost in the Sept. 11 tragedies at the Pentagon.

At Fort Hood, Texas, soldiers in the III Corps headquarters building said a prayer led by their chaplain, after the playing of the national anthem and a moment of reflection.

In Germany, members of the 21st Theater Support Command remembered the Sept. 11 attack by flying their flags at half-mast and observing a moment of silence at 2:45 p.m.

At Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., the 399th Army Band played the National Anthem, followed by a moment of silence at 7:46 a.m. central time. Then Maj. Gen. Anders Aadland, post commanding general, spoke to the audience before they joined in singing God Bless America.

"We didn't interrupt the training either," said Spec. Guadalupe Stratman of the Fort Leonard Wood public affairs office.

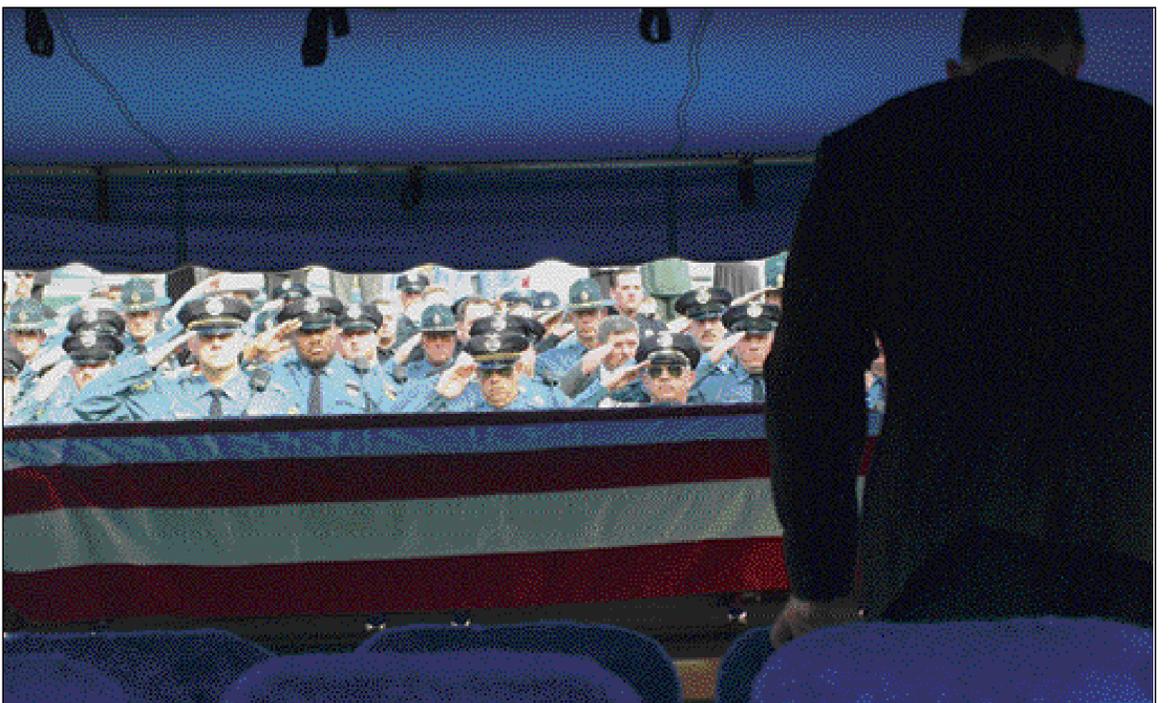
*"Officer 40,
Officer 40 is 10-7 on 12-3,
you've answered your last call...
...you're clear..."*

--The Last Call

Community In Mourning



Fort Riley pallbearers carry the body of police officer and retired NCO, Alex Johnson to his gravesite.



Officers from police agencies across Kansas and from other states salute the casket of fallen comrade Alex Johnson who was killed Dec. 3 in the line of duty. Johnson, a retired noncommissioned officer, was the first Junction City police officer killed in the line of duty in more than 100 years.

Veteran police officer laid to rest

By James B. Pritchett
Editor

In a year already marred by the tragedies at the World Trade Center and Pentagon, it seemed emergency workers, policemen and military personnel had suffered enough.

However, it was another heinous act that took the life of police officer and military retiree Wilson Alex Johnson Dec. 3.

Johnson, who was retrieving children involved in a domestic dispute was gunned down by a man who defied police in a three-hour stand-off and later turned the gun on himself committing suicide.

Fort Riley and Junction City came together to honor Johnson at a candlelight vigil Dec. 6 at the Junction City Police Department. Not since 1901 has a J.C. police officer been killed in the line of duty.

Johnson's Bronze Star, earned during his 20-year Army career, was among the flowers, candles and mementos covering a ledge near the flagpole. More than 400 people

attended the vigil which featured bagpipe music, a poetry reading and comments by officers who had worked with Johnson.

Cpl. Todd Godfrey, of the Junction City Police Department, said Johnson was "a quiet man" and that he served his communi-



Joe Henre (left) and Duane Porterfield of the Kansas City, Kan., police honor guard play "Amazing Grace" at a vigil for officer Wilson Alex Johnson Dec. 6.

ty with pride.

Members of the community drifted away slowly at the end of the vigil. Talking in huddled groups and sharing their tears and memories.

One man who arrived as the crowds were breaking up described Johnson as one who treated others with respect, no matter the consequences in which he met them.

"He was the kind of man who truly would give you the shirt off his back," he said.

The next morning, Junction City and its closest neighbor, Fort Riley, turned out more than 1,000 souls to bury one of their own. Funeral services were held in the Junction City Municipal Building to accommodate the enormous crowds.

"It's sad that it takes a Sept. 11 and now Dec. 3 for people to take notice of the sacrifices of our police officers and emergency workers," said Johnson's son, Riley County Police Lieutenant Michael Quintanar.

"I hope that now, when you see a police

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Soldier struck by car

By Jeremy Heckler

19th Public Affairs Det.

A Fort Riley soldier was injured Wednesday when a car ran over his foot while he was attempting to cross Desert Storm Street.

PFC Adam Gloudekmans was struck as he stepped onto the street, according to the Provost Marshal Office.

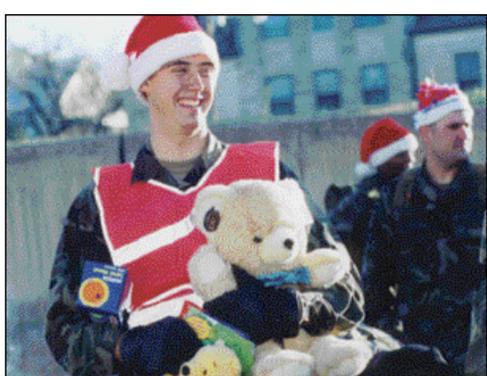
"The soldier ran into the intersection before he noticed the vehicle. Both the victim and the vehicle attempted to stop," said SFC Sylvia King, plans and operations NCO for the PMO. She said the victim skidded and fell onto the street where he was struck.

Gloudekmans was taken by ambulance to the Emergency Room at Irwin Army Community Hospital with a leg injury. Gloudekmans was released from the hospital at 10:55 a.m.

PMO has concluded its report and found no evidence of wrongdoing. The accident is one of the most common occurring to pedestrians, according to officials.

"A typical pedestrian accident occurs when the pedestrian doesn't look both ways before crossing the street," said Jerry McVey, post safety officer.

"The worst time to cross the street is when a car passes you, because you don't know what's on the other side of the street," said King. "Pedestrians should visually check the road again before they cross."



Soldier Santas

After completing a 5.5-mile foot march, PFC Justin Williams, Co. B, 70th Eng. Bn., grins from ear-to-ear as he turns in toys to Operation Santa.

Scouts conduct silent skills training

By Jeremy Heckler

19th Public Affairs Det.

The goal of a scout is to sneak up on the enemy, track their position and call in support to destroy them all without being detected.

Members of the Scout Platoon of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry practiced the art of being a scout during an exercise last week.

"This week we are just working on the basics," said SFC Scott Hallenbeck, a platoon sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. The soldiers conducted exercises in land navigation, vehicle identification and call for fire.

"The main thing we stressed was

survivability," said Hallenbeck. "We need to know where they're at and be able to keep in contact with them without dying. We also engage the enemy with the mortar platoon."

"Survivability is the key because many unit commanders believe that if they can take the scouts out they've won half the battle," said 1st Lt. Thomas Hanrahan, platoon leader.

"We've been training on vehicle identification in-depth using situational training," said Spec. Karl Weidmann, a scout. During vehicle identification, the scouts are required to identify unique characteristics of each vehicle from placement of antennas to shape and size of a vehicle's guard rails.

One of the other basic skills for a scout is land navigation. They use terrain as camouflage to move to a location identified on a map. Scouts must be able to locate the proper grid for a target so that when they call in rounds, the mortar unit can adjust for placement of the rounds.

"In land navigation my team was surprised by how well they did. They came in 50 meters, plotted their points, took off from the start point and figured it all out," said Sgt. Cortez Sanders, section sergeant.

Willis and his section put their land navigation and vehicle identification skills to the test when they set up an observation point.

"Vehicle identification works

directly with this," said Willis. "If you can't tell the difference between a tank and a BMP the mortar team can't select the proper round to destroy the target."

The scouts worked in conjunction with the battalion's mortar platoon during this part of the training. During combat, the mortars and the battalion's other direct fire weapons systems protect the scouts.

"The last thing we should do is fire our own weapons at the enemy because it gives away our location," said Spec. Andrew Willis.

Many times in a battalion, the unit's scouts are set apart because they do a different job. When new members join the team, it's up to the

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Manhattan WWII veteran recalls 'Battle of the Bulge'

By Scott Price

Community Relations Officer

A Manhattan veteran of one of World War II's bloodiest battles recounted the exploits of his unit during the Battle of the Bulge at a recent meeting of Manhattan's Chamber of Commerce Military Relations Committee.

Pete Lufburrow, a veteran of Illinois' 84th Infantry Division, began his presentation by saying, "I'd wager that almost everyone in this room has read the accounts of battles written by the famous generals long after the war was over; well, I'd like to tell you how the war looked from the perspective of a dogface who spent his time trying to carry out his orders from the deepest foxholes in Europe."

Lufburrow, a retired soldier, said he was an 18-year old college student when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and that shortly thereafter he entered the Army.

After basic training he found himself assigned to the famous "Rail Splitters" named in honor of Abraham Lincoln who served as a Captain in the militia during the Black Hawk War.

He said he was trained as a machine gunner and assigned to an infantry rifle company. Later he was selected for additional training as a demolition expert who deactivated enemy mines and booby traps.

Lufburrow said his fellow machine gunners told him when he left he was a dead man and they would never see him again. The old veteran said his friends' premonitions proved correct. After he reported for his demolition training with the Canadians, an Allied tank ran over his friends' machine gun nest and killed them all.

The training he received permitted him to recognize and disarm German booby traps and their anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. Before an attack, soldiers with Lufburrow's training were called upon to crawl out between the lines, clear a corridor of mines and obstacles then mark the pathway with engineer tape.

He said the Germans had several types of mines. Some were constructed of wood and ceramics that could not be detected by mine detectors. To make matters worse, these mines could be booby-trapped to make disarming them an even more deadly proposition.

"We were taught that when we disarmed land mines, to lay flat on our stomachs, with our helmet on and our hands stretched out in front of us," he added. "That way, if the mine went off, you'd lose your fingers or your hand but at least

you had a chance to survive."

Lufburrow's unit had been in combat for well over a month as it approached some of the last German obstacles west of the Rhine River.

The Americans began to run into formidable prepared German defensive positions when they approached the village of Geilenkirchen.

Lufburrow said he and his comrades found themselves facing reinforced concrete pillboxes and fighting positions with walls several feet thick that could house 15 to 20 soldiers complete with kitchens, ammunition storage areas and support trenches.

He said the infantry would fight their way up to the walls and then have the combat engineers blow them up with high explosives.

The combat veteran recalled that when he wasn't involved in disarming and removing booby traps or mines, he served as a stretcher-bearer on the front lines. "It seemed as if everybody who got wounded weighed at least 240 pounds while us stretcher bearers weighed less than 160," he said chuckling.

After the fight in Geilenkirchen, his unit moved on crossing the Roer River under fire in flimsy assault boats that carried 12 soldiers and "mysteriously" only six oars.

"That was the longest boat trip of my life," he said.

While fighting near the village of Marche, a regional transportation hub, American GIs realized that had come up against a truly unique enemy, former U-boat crews from the German Navy, who had been impressed into service as infantrymen.

The early December was bitterly cold and Lufburrow recalled that only rotating soldiers between the front line foxholes and abandoned farmhouses saved them from severe frostbite or worse.

After the unit had been in combat for 50 days trucks arrived and told the soldiers they were taking them to the rear for some well-earned R and R "rest and relaxation."

He recalled that the trucks drove through the night at breakneck speed with their lights on, something that was never allowed in a war zone.

He said that when the trucks finally stopped he and his fellow GIs found themselves literally dumped into the middle of the Battle of the Bulge, a huge German counter offensive that had begun on Dec. 16, 1944. He recounted that his unit immediately came under an intense German artillery barrage and that the first six or seven inches of the ground had frozen solid.

"Still, you'd be surprised at just how

fast you can dig when somebody is shooting at you," he said.

The Americans eventually learned their mission was to defend a narrow road through the forest in the vicinity of Berismenial, Belgium. They all hoped the German Army and its huge tanks would not test their flimsy defenses. However, Lufburrow said their worst fears were realized when a German deserter informed the Americans that the Germans planned a major infantry assault supported by six heavy tanks and 11 half-tracks shortly after sunset.

To oppose the assault, the GIs could muster only two under strength rifle companies, two anti-tank guns and a pile of anti-tank mines. The silver-haired veteran recalled sadly that the American's anti-tank guns could not even penetrate the armor of a German tank.

"We didn't even have time to bury the mines," Lufburrow said. The Americans decided to set a trap for the enemy tanks and the accompanying panzer grenadiers riding in their half-tracks. The plan was to permit the first two vehicles enter the kill zone, then to have soldiers pull sev-

eral mines attached to a rope across the path the first vehicles covered without incident.

The plan went awry from the start when a huge King Tiger tank ran over the pile of mines that were to be used to spring the trap and exploded.

The following enemy tanks then turned and attempted to cross a meadow and continue their attack and soon began striking other mines and were disabled.

"Eventually it began to dawn on us that we were actually winning," Lufburrow said smiling. "Their attack finally stalled completely and they abandoned their vehicles and fled into the nearby woods. We called artillery down on them and by the time the shooting was over we had over 300 prisoners and 17 armored vehicles captured or destroyed."

"It was the kind of battle we dreamed about fighting, inflicting severe punishment on our enemies while not losing a man," he said somberly. "Those mines saved us."

He said he and his fellow GIs came to respect General George S. Patton, the commander of the 3rd Army.

"He was egotistical, loud mouthed and overbearing," he said. "But, he never lost a battle and that's the kind of general you can get to like."

Lufburrow said the Battle of the Bulge broke the back of the German Army and that in early 1945, he and his fellow rail-splitters crossed the Rhine and advanced into the heart of Germany before the Third Reich surrendered.

Then the battle weary unit was informed that they were going to be transferred to the Pacific Theater for the final assault on Japan.

"We figured it would be much worse fighting the Japanese, at least the Germans would surrender when they were licked," Lufburrow said.

He added that he and his comrades were elated when they heard President Harry S. Truman had authorized dropping of two atomic bombs on Japan ending the war.

"Tens of thousand of American lives and many more Japanese lives were saved by those bombs and I believe that one of those lives belongs to me," he said.



National Archives Photo

American soldiers march along a snow-covered road in Belgium January 1945. Six months after D-Day, the Allies had 48 divisions along a 600-mile front from Switzerland to the North Sea. Then the Nazis launched a surprise last-ditch counter-attack through the Ardennes in southern Belgium. The Panzer-led assault drove a deep "bulge" into the allied lines, as the Germans pressed toward the port of Antwerp. By Christmas the attack faltered due to a lack of fuel and supplies and stiff allied resistance.

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Fort Riley soldiers fold the flag for presentation to officer Johnson's widow Hermine Johnson during the burial of the 18-year police veteran and Army retiree.

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officer, you will stop and say hello. Get to know a little about those who serve and protect you."

Besides Quintanar, Johnson is survived by his wife, Hermine Johnson, of Milford, and another stepson, David Quintanar, who works as a parole officer in Salina.

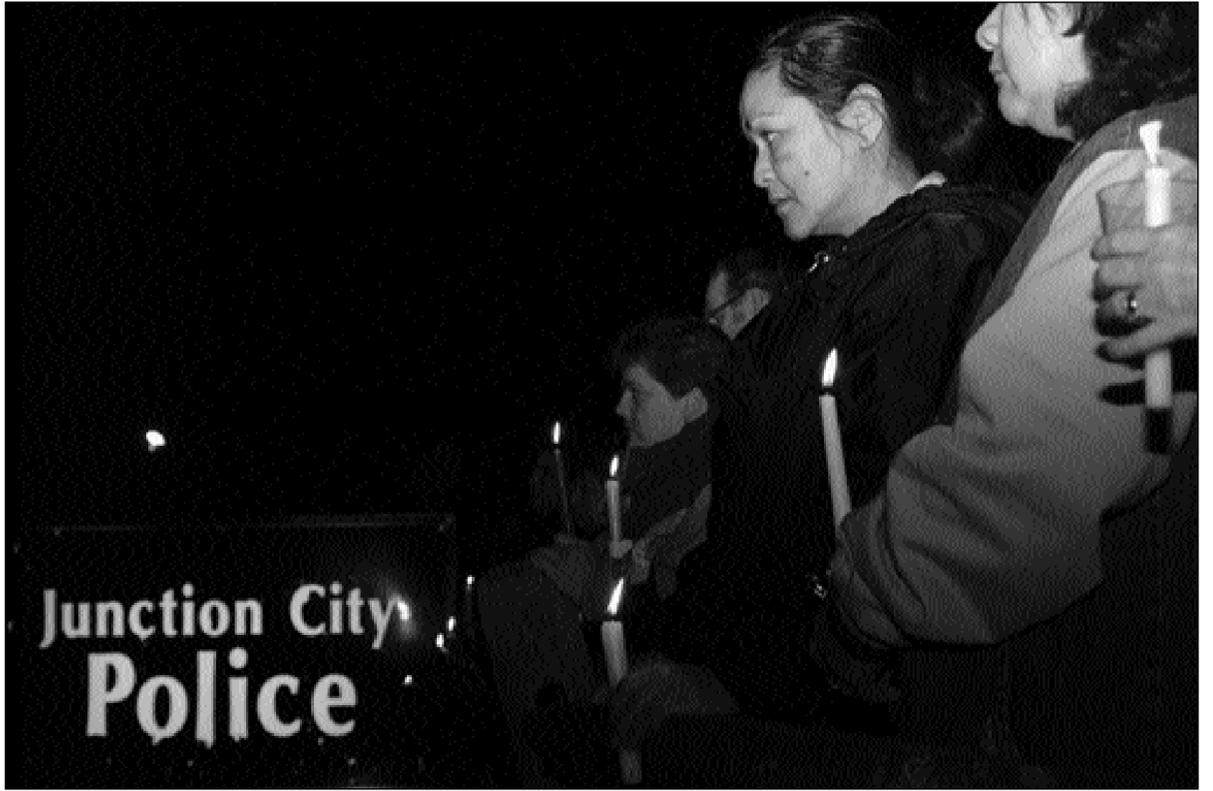
"We are also praying for the woman and the children that Dad helped," Quintanar said. "We hope that those kids will find a dad like the one my brother and I found."

Johnson's shift captain, Russell Blodgett said, "I got to know him as a man full of love. Alex loved life. He loved the simple things.

But Alex was also a very deep man. He was a man of wisdom."

After the funeral, Johnson--who retired from the Army as a staff sergeant, was taken to the Fort Riley Cemetery, where military pallbearers carried his casket past rows of law enforcement officers standing at attention. Bagpipes played haunting strains before a 21-gun salute sounded and "Taps" was played. Soldiers folded the flag and presented it to Johnson's widow.

To end the ceremony, a police dispatcher made the "last call" for Johnson, announcing the retirement of his badge number, while policemen choked back tears.



Post/Pritchett

Approximately 400 concerned citizens and police officers stand in remembrance of Junction City Police Officer Wilson Alex Johnson Dec. 6. Mourners gathered to reconcile feelings about the shooting and to honor the well-known officer.



Post/Pritchett

More than 1,000 people, including police officers from across Kansas and other states, attend the funeral of Police Officer Wilson Alex Johnson Dec. 7. Johnson was killed Dec. 3 in the line of duty.

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Shoppe News

The Shoppe continues to have many holiday gift items. The Shoppe is having a sale Monday-Dec-21. Stop by and visit with us. The Shoppe is closed Dec. 22-Jan. 8. The Shoppe is located in Bldg 259 Stuart Ave. Phone 785-239-2783.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop currently has a large selection of holiday decorations available. Store hours are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

The shop will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 21-Jan. 7.

Consignments are now taken on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon.

The Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 267 on Stuart Avenue near the stables. Volunteers are needed during business hours to help tag and put donations on the shelves. Child care reimbursement is available. For information, call 784-3874. The Thrift Shop now has an e-mail address, thrift@oz-online.net, for customer questions or concerns.

Office Closure

The Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registry, Bldg. 6620, Normandy, Custer Hill, will close Monday - Dec.-21 to enable its staff to participate in training. Community and Family Support Center contractor will be providing the Child and Youth Management System automated registration and data collection program training for CYS employees.

Sports U.S.A. Music

Sports U.S.A., 2600 Trooper Drive, Camp Forsyth, is adding two new special DJ music programs to its entertainment line-up. "Late Night" featuring Urban and Hip-Hop with DJ Monroe is scheduled Saturdays, Saturday and Dec. 29 starting at 10 p.m. "Late Night" dates for the following two months are Jan. 12 and 26 and Feb. 9 and 23.

Sports U.S.A. is also adding "Latin Music Nights" the next three months. Dates are Dec. 22; Jan. 5 and 19 and Feb. 2 and 16. The "Latin Music Night" program begins at 8 p.m.

Fire Calls

The following are the responses for the Fort Riley Fire Department for the week of Nov. 29-Dec. 5.

10:59 a.m., Nov. 29; Responded to an automatic fire alarm in a barracks. Upon arrival smoke was discovered in the hallway. Unattended cooking in a microwave caused the smoke. Fire Dept. cleared the smoke out of the building. There were no damages.

10:10 a.m., Nov. 30; Responded to a vehicle accident involving a Humvee and a privately-owned vehicle. The Humvee had driven on top of the POV. One Soldier had a minor injury that was treated at the scene. Fire Department stabilized the vehicles until

wrecker personnel removed them. 10:48 p.m., Dec. 1; Occupants notified 911 of a kitchen fire they had in their quarters. The occupants had extinguished the fire. Fire Dept. responded and investigated. The thermal imager was used to make sure there were no hot spots. The fire was caused by unattended cooking. Damage was done to the stove, range hood, wall, and cabinets above the stove. Occupant had suffered some burns on his hand that did not require medical treatment.

9:39 a.m., Dec. 2; Responded to a structure fire at Burger King. Fire was out upon arrival. It had started in the broiler area. The automatic protection system extinguished the fire. There were no damages or injuries.

4:37 p.m., Dec. 4; Responded to a grass fire in the training area. Sparks coming out of a mortar tube caused the fire. Fire Dept. extinguished the fire. Less than 10 acres were involved. There were no damages or injuries.

Quilting Project

Learn how to machine piece and machine quilt. You can make a Christmas table topper or tree skirt. Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center and see the pattern and ask for more information or call 239-9205.

Self Help

Every unit is required to have an NCO and three school trained members on their Self-Help Team. The Public Works Self-Help School can help units establish a good Self-Help Program. The course is scheduled every month. The next class is Jan. 7-11. For information, visit the PW web site or call 239-3757.

Museum Hours

The U. S. Cavalry Museum's hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Until further notice, the museum will be closed on Sunday's. The Fort Riley Regimental Museum (Bldg. 207) remains closed due to exhibit renovation.

Groups interested in arranging tours of Custer House may do so by contacting the Public Affairs Office or by calling the U. S. Cavalry Museum at 239-2737/2743.

Commissary News

The Fort Riley Commissary Christmas holiday schedule is open Dec. 23-24. The Commissary will be closed Dec. 25-26, but will reopen Dec. 27-30.

The Commissary will be open Monday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for regular shopping.

The Commissary is also expanding hours during the holidays. It will open one hour early and close two hours later on Sundays from now until Christmas. The expanded hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday and Dec. 23.

Protestant Women Meet

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. and Thursdays 7-9 p.m. at Morris Hill Chapel. Watchcare is provided. For information, call

239-3359 or 784-4926.

Worship Service

A Protestant Liturgical Worship Service has resumed at St. Mary's Chapel every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 239-5313/5711.

Catholic Soldier Service

Fort Riley is now hosting a new Catholic Soldier Service at 6 p.m. Sunday evenings at Kapaun Chapel Bldg. 7806.

Volunteers are needed to help with the service. For information, call 239-2818/6684.

Jewish Services Start

Jewish religious services are being held at Normandy Chapel for anyone desiring to attend at 6 p.m. Friday nights.

Trash Collection

Due to the upcoming holidays, refuse will be collected from residences as follows: During the week of Christmas—Dec. 24, Colyer Manor, Main Post Housing, Marshall Army Air Field; Dec. 25, No pickup due to Christmas; Dec. 26, Petersen Heights, Montieth Heights, O'Donnell Heights and Ellis Heights; Dec. 27, Warner Heights and Burnside Heights; Dec. 28, South Petersen Heights, South Warner Heights, Meade Heights and McClellan Heights. Due to the holiday schedule there will not be any large item pickups scheduled. Have carts at curbside by 7:30 a.m.

During New Year's Week, the schedule is as follows: Dec. 31, Colyer Manor, Main Post Housing, Marshall Army Air Field; Jan. 1, No pickup due to Christmas; Jan. 2, Petersen Heights, Montieth Heights, O'Donnell Heights and Ellis Heights; Jan. 3, Warner Heights and Burnside Heights; Jan. 4, South Petersen Heights, South Warner Heights, Meade Heights and McClellan Heights.

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 on the circular drive in the front (West) of Public Works, Bldg. 330, Main Post, on a first-come, first-served basis through 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.

Red Cross Volunteers

The Red Cross will not have a volunteer orientation class in December. The next class is 9 a.m. Jan. 23 in the fourth floor training area at Irwin Army Community Hospital. BAT training is set for Jan. 24 in the same locations from 7:45-11:30 a.m. for information, or to register, call 239-1887.

CIF Closure

The Central Issue Facility is closed for annual inventory Monday - Jan. 2. Normal business will resume Jan. 3. Hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Couples Classes

Want to make a good marriage better? Want a little help with your communication?

Then come to the Couple Communication Class offered by Fort Riley's Family Life Chaplain. Classes will be held Tuesday at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Rm. 29 from 6-8 p.m. Free child care will be provided.

To register call 239-3436 by close of business Monday.

Clinic Closure

Irwin Army Community Hospital clinics will be closed Dec. 24. The TRICARE Service Center will also be closed on this day. Emergency Medical Services will be open for patients needing emergency medical care.

Special Forces

A Special Forces recruiter will visit Fort Riley Jan. 7-10. Briefings will be held at the Post-Reup

building on Drum St. Briefing times are 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily. An additional brief is set for 6 p.m. Jan 8 and Jan. 10. PT tests will be conducted at Long track at 7 a.m. Jan. 9-11. Candidates will wear BDUs and running shoes. For information, call SFC Hawkins at (719) 510-4493.

AFTB Classes

Army Family Team Building marks the seventh anniversary of the program Sunday. The Army and Fort Riley celebrates the program's success in training thousands of soldiers, reservists, family members, and civilians since the program's initiation in 1994. AFTB leaders would also like to recognize the achievements of all the volunteers who administer the program. Here at Fort Riley AFTB has more than 20 active instructors, six master trainers, and two volunteer program managers/instructors. These volunteers have contributed more than 1,000 hours to the program in 2001 and have trained more than 200 students. Interested in finding out more about AFTB? Join an upcoming classes. For more information or to register for a class, call 239-1366/9435 or email at dcaarmfam@riley.army.mil.

AFFES Customer Calls

AAFES Military Star and Exchange Catalog Contact Centers are open 24 hours a day for your convenience during the holidays. The contact centers will close at 6 p.m., Dec. 24 and reopen at 3 a.m. Dec. 26 to allow associates to spend Christmas with their families.

Holiday Announced

The President has issued an Executive order excusing Federal employees from duty on Dec. 24, except those who cannot be excused for reasons of national security, defense, or other mission

essential business. For pay and leave purposes, Dec. 24, will be treated as a holiday.

Employees who are excused from duty Dec. 24 will receive the basic pay they would have received if no Executive order had been issued. An employee who was previously scheduled to take annual leave on Dec. 24 will not be charged annual leave (or any other form of paid leave or compensatory time off) for that day. (This statement does not necessarily apply to employees who receive annual premium pay for standby duty under 5 U.S.C. 5545(c)(1) or to firefighters who are covered by the special pay provisions of 5 U.S.C. 5545b.)

Consistent with mission requirements and supervisory approval, employees previously scheduled to take annual leave Dec. 24 may reschedule their leave to avoid forfeiture at the end of the leave year.

As an alternative, employees may donate leave in accordance with the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program.

Employees who are required to work nonovertime hours on Dec. 24 will be entitled to holiday premium pay under 5 U.S.C. 5546(b).

For additional information or assistance in this regard, please contact your Employee Relations Specialist in CPAC.

Deer Hunting

Hunters will be restricted from using centerfire rifles in a portion of Fort Riley's Deer Management Area 3 from Dec. 27-29 due to military training.

Deer hunters will be limited to using shotguns with slugs, muzzleloading firearms or archery equipment in the affected portion of the area to protect Fort Riley's soldiers.

For further updates, contact the Conservation Division office at 785-239-6211 or email afznesn@riley.army.mil

Ring in New Year at Fort Riley

New Year's Eve Parties for all ages will be offered in four settings on Fort Riley, Dec. 31.

Sports U.S.A. will feature its "New Year's Eve Bash 2002," from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Entertainment will include food, games, dancing, party bag, complimentary champagne at midnight and breakfast buffet. Tickets at the door will be \$5 and an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be served for \$3.95. Information is available by calling 784-5434. Party Shuttle Bus Service will be provided.

Custer Hill Lanes will continue its popular New Year's Eve bowling tradition for 2002 with its party set for 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Entertainment will include unlimited lineage, Xtreme bowling, live DJ entertainment, special contests and prizes galore, party favors, complimentary champagne and breakfast buffet. Tickets are \$50 per lane, up to six bowlers per lane with 40 lanes available. Early reservations for the Custer Hill Lanes New Year's Eve event are encouraged by stopping by the bowling center or calling 239-4366.

For the first time, Riley's Conference Center will host the annual Celebrate Sober New Year's Eve party, welcoming 2002 in an "alcohol-free, family setting." The party is planned from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and features children's games, amusement machines, treasure chest, Live DJ music, Karaoke, food, a Mystery Grand Prize Tour and balloon drop. Tickets are \$5 for singles and \$10 for families. Information and reservations are available by calling 239-5614.

Finally, the Child and Youth Services Teen Center will ring in the new year with a party and lock-in from 8 p.m. New Year's Eve to 6 a.m. the following day. Entertainment will include a live DJ, dance, games, prizes and balloon drop. Information on the Teen Center party is available by calling 239-9222.

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Security clearances set to expire soon

By **Pete Paras**
Security Division

Soldiers and DA civilians need to be aware of a date, looming in the future, which will have a dramatic effect on their careers.

That is the day when SECRET security clearances with a date of investigation older than 10 years will expire.

The U.S. Army Central Clearance Facility, located at Fort Meade Md., has directed that all investigations for SECRET clearances, older than 10 years, will be considered outdated, with all access terminated effective June 30.

Investigations for TOP SECRET clearances are only good for five years from the date of investigation, and SECRET clearances are good for only 10 years from the date of investigation.

Currently on Fort Riley, there are approximately 1,440 military and civilian personnel whose investigations for a SECRET clearance are older than 10 years.

The Fort Riley Directorate of Security, Bldg. 509, is hot on the case.

Security personnel have already notified all unit S-2's

and civilian security managers, and have provided them with rosters of those soldiers and civilians who need to re-do their investigations before the June 2 deadline.

The Fort Riley DSEC has access to Central Clearance Facility and Defense Security Services databases. They can instantly check to see the status of a clearance or of a pending investigation.

Soldiers and civilians whose clearance is about to expire should already have been notified by their S-2 or security manager to re-do their investigation. If you think your clearance may be out of date, check with your security manager or call the Fort Riley DSEC.

Tony Hunt, chief of Personnel Security Division at 239-6323, or Pete Paras, at 239-3607 will assist personnel in determining the status of their clearances.

The key is to take action now, and submit a new investigation packet for an updated clearance.

A security clearance affects access, as well as promotions, schools, and key assignments.

It is incumbent upon each soldier and civilian to ensure their investigation is up to date.

Garrison Commander speaks . . .

Holiday season brings computer threats

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind users of their responsibilities in protecting the organization's electronic assets and how users can potentially help avert a cyber incident over the holidays.

As the holiday season approaches, so does the annual flurry of holiday-related viruses, worms, and trojan horses. The typical holiday-related cyber incident occurs when a user receives an e-mail carrying a malicious attachment purporting to be a holiday card, message, or invitation.

The malicious attachment could contain a virus, worm, trojan horse, or other form of malicious code.

The social engineering aspect of these e-mail messages makes it more likely that users will open them, therefore infecting comput-

ers, networks, and possibly clogging e-mail servers.

Examples of past holiday-related malicious code include the Navidad (Spanish for Christmas) worm, which infected the computers of at least 10 Fortune 500 companies last year; the

These examples were successful to varying degrees because of their holiday-related themes.

Due to the recent Anthrax scares in the U.S. mail, we have seen an increase in the use of e-mail as a method of communications amongst the American public.

Given the aforementioned Anthrax scares, as we approach this holiday season, we can expect to see an increase in the use of electronic greeting cards.

Electronic greeting cards are often free and pose little threat in the minds of the American public.

For these reasons, they are an attractive alternative to sending traditional printed greeting cards.

This increased use of e-mail along with the past trend of holiday related malicious code creates

an environment where users, network administrators, and security personnel should be more aware of the threats posed by viruses, worms, trojan horses, and other forms of malicious code.

Here are a few tips that can help you protect your system:

If you receive an e-mail with an attachment from an unknown source, delete it.

Most forms of malicious code rely on code that must be executed in order to infect your system. By "double-clicking" on an e-mail attachment, you should be aware that you are executing code that may infect your machine with a virus or trojan horse.

When in doubt, call your network administrator and have them check it out. It's ALWAYS better to be safe than sorry!

Townhall Message:

By Col. Philip Pope
Garrison Commander

W32.Music worm, which contained a file that played a Christmas carol while the worm propagated; and VBS.Tqll.A, a basic Visual Basic Script worm that arrived with the subject "New Year!"

Support troops execute cross-training mission

By **Jeremy Heckler**

19th Public Affairs Det.

Supporting a task force or Brigade Combat Team is more than supplying beans and bullets. Troops from Company A, 101st Forward Support Battalion recently conducted training in basic soldier skills while also carrying on a support mission for another unit. At the same time, company leadership also took advantage of the field environment to cross-train soldiers.

"Our job here was to provide Class III supplies to 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor and the 1st Engineer Battalion and to practice company setup and defense procedures," said Capt. Erik Hinkley, commander, Co. A, 101st FSB.

The company trained soldiers who have seen little of the field since basic training. The soldiers learned to dig foxholes for their .50-caliber machine gun, proper patrolling techniques and camouflage skills.

"We dug a .50 caliber pit by the book and learned all about the proper placement of camouflage and sandbags," said Pvt. 2 Derek Barriault.

While a majority of the unit deployed, the remainder is cross-training in order to accomplish its mission.

"If you know what the guy next to you is doing then you'll be able to help them accomplish the mission," said Hinkley.

"Our job here is to teach not only their job but the basic soldier skills so they'll know

what to do when the time comes," said SSgt. Reginald Scott, fuel section platoon sergeant. Scott trained fuel transfer procedures to his team as well as setting up perimeter defense and movement to a Brigade Support Area.

"We have a lot of brand new soldiers who are willing to learn about their section," said 1st Lt. Rickey Haskins, supply platoon leader. Haskins and his platoon work around the clock to supply fuel, ammunition and water to the 1st Brigade Combat Team.

"I expect the soldiers to be able to take my warning order and get everything ready to roll with little or no guidance," said Haskins.

"I try to explain to them that they can make mistakes in training that you can't make in combat," said Scott.

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TF 1-34 heads home

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

CAMP DOHA, Kuwait—With just a few more vehicles to ready for storage in the desert sands of Kuwait, the soldiers of Task Force 1st Battalion, 34th Armor are preparing to go home — but not without the personal thanks of the Army's top soldier.

Making his third stop of five in Kuwait Dec. 6, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki thanked the "Centurions" for validating pre-positioned war stocks of M1A2 Abrams tanks, M2A2 Bradleys and a variety of other combat vehicles. They did this, he said, while overcoming the oppressive heat of a desert summer and helping to train Kuwaiti Army units during a five-month rotation from the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

Arriving in country last August, heat was a major opponent facing the troops in the sandy desert, according to TF 1-34 chaplain, Capt. Grady Gentry. Assigned as the chaplain to Fort Riley's 1st Engineer Battalion when the task force advance party left, Gentry said he got just a couple of days notice that his pastoral duties were needed by the

Kuwait-bound team.

"I was on one of the last planes to come over in late August," Gentry said. "When I got off the plane, the temperature was 146 degrees. I didn't think we would last long in the dry heat, but we learned quickly how to survive and function in it."

Part of that survival was drinking lots of water at every opportunity. As Shinseki visited the task force motor pool, stacks of water bottles abounded beside parked vehicles. And despite temperatures in the 60s during the chief's visit, the water bottles were still heavily in use due to the arid desert conditions.

During the deployment, the task force's two tank companies and scout platoon clocked 31,510 accident-free kilometers on their M1s and the infantry company with the scout platoon logged 17,866 accident-free kilometers on its Bradleys.

Three of the tank crews snared the coveted perfect 1,000 score on their armor crew qualification tables in the desert heat. And, the task force averaged a 96.1 percent operational rate on all its equipment.

TF 1-34 soldiers will re-deploy to Fort Riley this month.



Post/Doheny

Remembering a Comrade

Junction City Police Officers with black bands of mourning across their badges remember officer Wilson Alex Johnson during his funeral service Dec. 7 at the Junction City Municipal Building. More than 1,000 people attended the service for Johnson who was the first Junction City Police Officer killed in the line of duty in more than 100 years.

Post honors latest graduates

By Jeremy Heckler
19th Public Affairs Det.

More than 100 soldiers and family members received their college degrees Dec. 5.

Fort Riley recognized its new college graduates in an afternoon ceremony at King Field House.

The post-wide graduation ceremony honored 109 graduates from Kansas State University, Central Michigan University, Barton County Community College, Central Texas University and Upper Iowa University.

Dr. D. Terry Rawls, keynote speaker, addressed the importance of not only seizing today but seizing the opportunities of tomorrow as well.

"To be successful you must be successful at change management

and perfect lifelong learning skills," said Rawls.

"The ceremony is little different than most graduations, except it is more family oriented," said Gordon Farmer, Fort Riley director of education.

Families are encouraged to sit close to the presentation area to take pictures and watch their graduate receive their diploma. Farmer said that on some occasions the graduate has received their diploma and headed for their family before they had the opportunity to shake the commanding general's hand.

"Today was an incredible day for me," said SSgt. Reginald Gatewood, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division. "When you get deployed over and over you never

finish because you take a class here and there."

Gatewood said he waited 12 years to finally walk down the aisle a college graduate.

"I went through eight different colleges to get my bachelor's degree," said Gatewood, who earned his degree through Upper Iowa after gaining his associate's degree from Central Texas University while stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.



Post/Heckler

Sgt. Cortez Sanders and PFC Trevor Williams, Scout Platoon, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., set up communications for an observation point during training held last week.

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seasoned scouts to teach them the tricks of the trade.

"My goal is to teach them as my sergeant taught me," said Sanders. "My sergeants taught me by taking me out into the field and giving me hands-on training. That way, you can get used to the long days, the weather and the bugs so that when it's time for the real thing they'll be ready."

A team alone in a vehicle tracking a target can create a lot

of tense moments.

"The hardest part is late at night. You tense up because you don't know what might be out there when you dismount. You sometimes get caught up in the moment because you're tired and sleepy but you know the enemy is out there somewhere," said Sanders.

"Being a scout means you're willing to put yourself in harm's way without them finding you," said Hanrahan.

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Tora Bora continues

By Jim Garamone
AFPS

WASHINGTON—The Tora Bora cave and tunnel complex south of Jalalabad is the focus of fighting between opposition groups and Al Qaeda foreign fighters, Pentagon officials said Wednesday.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters that U.S. special operations forces are with the opposition forces and are providing combat air support. He showed F-18 and F-14 strikes on Al Qaeda forces in the Jalalabad area.

Pace said AC-130 gunships have also provided firepower to support opposition groups in the area. "As you know, the AC-130 is a very precise weapon system and they have been effective," Pace said.

He said reports that Al Qaeda forces have been cornered in one mountain in Tora Bora are premature. "I would not characterize it that way," he said. "We still have a long way to go. We have gone into this battle with the intent of eliminating the Al Qaeda leadership and eliminating the Taliban leadership and leaving behind an Afghanistan that is free from terrorists operating in their territory. There's still work to be done."



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Guardsmen plan to boost Olympic security

By Bob Haskell

Army News Service

WASHINGTON—Army National Guard soldiers, many belonging to Utah units, will make up a large part of the U.S. military's expanded Winter Olympic security support force for the Salt Lake City Games in February.

The Department of Defense has agreed to provide nearly 5,000 troops to help law enforcement agencies provide security for the international field of athletes and spectators that will attend the Games scheduled to begin Feb. 8.

About 3,100 will come from the National Guard, stated Col. Frank Grass, chief of the Army Guard's Operations Division in Arlington, Va.

That is more than three times the 1,500 troops slated to support the security force before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, it was announced during December's first week.

"The post Sept. 11 request will increase the total Department of Defense support to approximately 4,900 troops with the majority from the Army National Guard," Grass stated.

The troops will provide aviation, military police, logistics and public affairs support for the event.

Utah and Army Guard officials from many other states, working in conjunction with the Olympics Joint Task Force and the National Guard Bureau, have identified the troops who will be on duty for 35 to 45 days.

They will serve at Olympic venues and activity sites from mid-January until the end of February, Grass said.

Sports Briefs

Bowl for Temperature

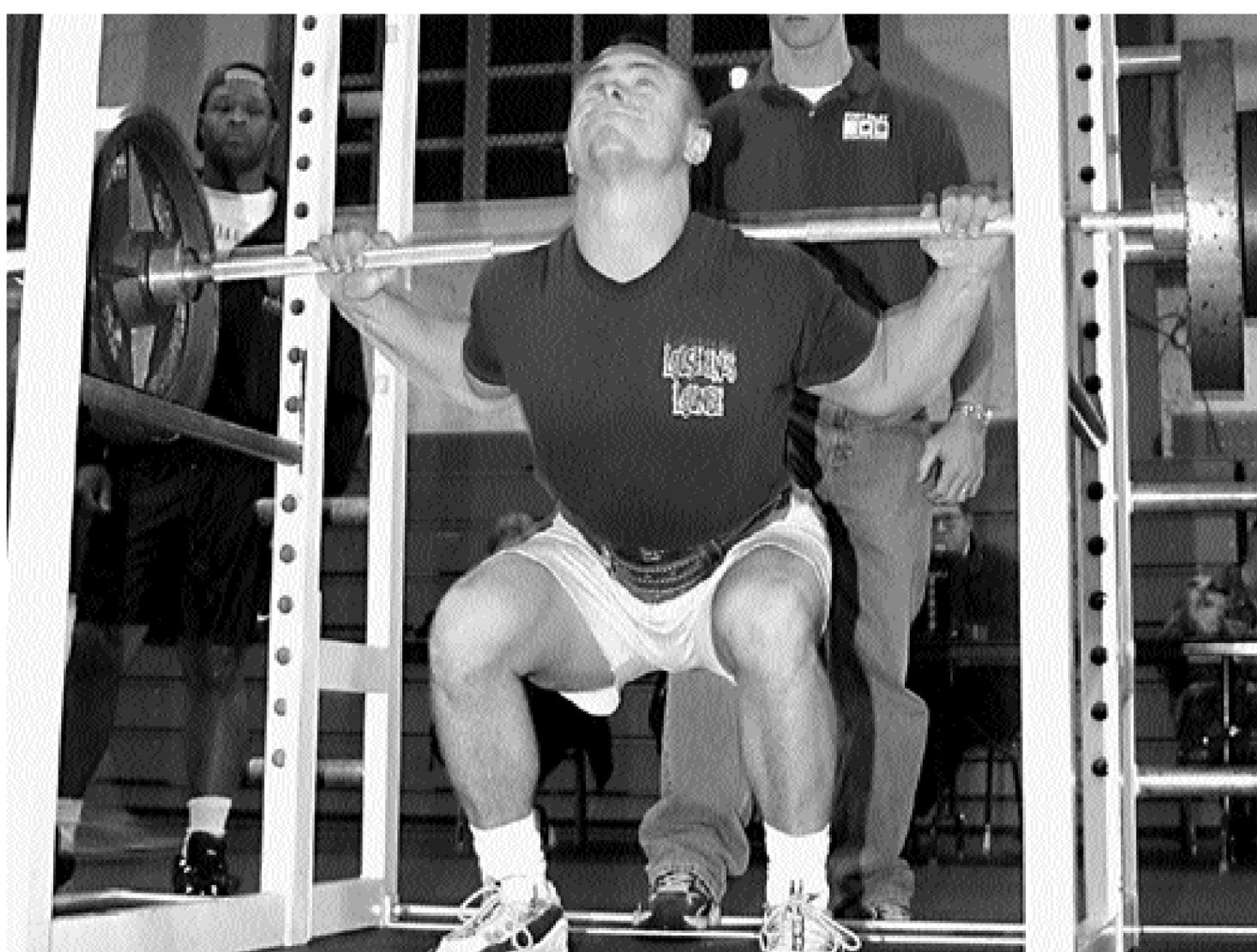
Custer Hill Lanes will offer a unique open bowling promotion tied to the Kansas winter weather during the Fort Riley half-day holiday schedule Dec. 20 through Jan. 1. Bowlers will pay \$1 rate for their first game during open bowling sessions and games after that will cost whatever the outside temperature is that hour.

Racquetball Tourney

The 2001 Fort Riley Holiday Battalion Racquetball Tournament will be played at King Field House Dec. 20-22. Deadline for entry is Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Basketball Tourney

The 2001 Fort Riley Holiday Battalion Level Basketball Tournament is Dec. 20-22 at King Field House. Deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m.



Post/Doheny

A Fort Riley soldier successfully performs a squat during the 2001 Fort Riley Powerlifting Championship Dec. 6 at King Field House. There were two other events in addition to the squat — the bench press and the dead lift.

Powerlifting

By Kevin Doheny

Sports Editor

The biggest, "baddest," and strongest tested their strength at King Field House Dec. 6 to see which soldiers had bragging rights on Fort Riley.

The 2001 Fort Riley Powerlifting Championship featured both women and men in three different events.

The three events, the Squat, the Bench Press and the Dead Lift, were the events used to determine the winner.

The total weight from the events, were added together to decide who were Fort Riley's strongest soldiers.

The weight classes for the championship were 123, 132, 148, 165, 181, 198, 220 and unlimited.

"Considering the number of competitors we had, the event went quit smoothly," said Barry Sundstrom of the Sports Office. "Even though the competition went well, we are thinking of using two squat racks and even maybe two benches next year."

Not only were there individual awards given out, but the team awards were also given out for the best teams at the event.

The lifters were given a certain amount of chances to lift the weight they set out for and at the end of each event the judges

added up the total weight from each of the events and the total weight made up the final weight after the three events.

In the team competition, the 924th Military Police ran away with both the men's and the women's title.

"I was very impressed by the female lifters this year," said Sundstrom. "In past years, the females would just show up. Our staff felt they really spent time preparing for this competition."

The only team which had three different winners in the individual portion of the competition was 924th, but all the teams represented well.

They had multiple lifters finish in the

top four or five in their respective weight classes, giving them the points they needed for the women's and the men's championship.

"Fort Riley has always had a number of outstanding lifters," said Sundstrom. "No records were broken this year, which is unusual although we have had several records that were in jeopardy."

This year's event featured many of the records, which almost fell, and maybe with a little more muscle, the soldiers who attempted the feat can finally break through and capture the record.

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Mycra Pickney and Terrace Simmons jump for the ball to start the game.

Women's roundball season begins, 125th grabs first win

By Kevin Doheny

Sports Editor

Basketball is a game of runs. One team gets a big lead and the other team makes a run to either get back into the game or to win it. Usually no lead is safe in competitive basketball.

Tuesday was no different as the season opener for the 2001-2002 Fort Riley's Women's League Tuesday at King Field House went down to the final minutes.

The game was a tale of two halves.

The first half featured a big run for 125th Forward Support Battalion as they defeated the 24th Infantry Division 36-28.

"We haven't really had a chance to practice or play, so we basically had to play street ball," said point guard Sherry Henry, who was the game standout, with 16 points and 6 steals on the night.

She led all scorers with her 16 points, and was also a force on defense. She split the 24th defense multiple times creating shots for

her teammates.

"Their point guard was really the key to their success," said Leonard Theus, coach of the 24th. "She was able to penetrate our defense, which led to easy shots for her defense."

Even though 125th was undermanned, they fought through the fatigue during the game.

"It was kind of tiring at times," Henry said after the game. "There were times when I had to catch my breath."

After getting the big lead in the first half, 21-4 at the half, 125th relaxed and the 24th made a huge run at them in the second half.

"They got rid of the first game jitters and came out in the second half and played the way they are capable of playing," said Theus.

The 24th hit their first three shots of the second half and rode the momentum all they way back to only trail 125th by five points with just over seven minutes left in the game.

The big contributors in the second half for the 24th were Chasity Nicoll, who lead the charge by

being aggressive and getting her shots near the basket. Also, Kelly Greer used her size advantage to snag rebounds and score as well.

Other contributors for the 24th Inf. Div. were Sarah Fisher, Mycra Pickney and Sharla Lewis, who stopped Henry in the second half.

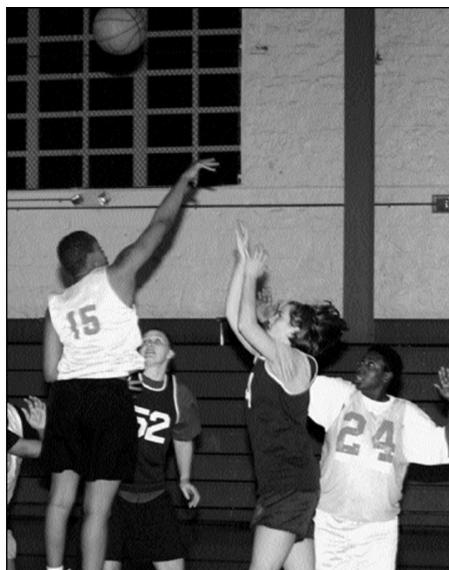
The 24th had a 22-10 run to start the second half, and it allowed them to get back into the ballgame.

By the time the game had gone into its final few minutes, the lead 125th had was too much for 24th.

The 125th defense had begun to assert themselves once again making shots at the basket hard again.

"Our team had a hard time trying to take care of the ball," Theus said, of his team's turnovers throughout the game. "We also had a hard time trying execute our low-post offense. For the next game, we need concentrate on taking care of the ball and executing our low-post offense."

Other contributors for 125th were, Sabrina Stonebridge with 11 points and 5 steals and Terrace Simmons with six points and a steal.



Post/Doheny

Chasity Nicoll attempts a shot during the first half of the 24th Inf. Div.'s loss to 125th FSB Tuesday at King Field House.

Army coach: Next year will be even better

By Jim Fox

Army News Service

Second-year Army football coach Todd Berry said he's in the midst of his fourth turn-around of a football program.

"We've stuck with a plan," Berry said Dec. 1 after the Black Knights beat Navy 26-17 to finish the season at 3-8.

"Sometimes a plan is hard to stick to. (The) third year is always (when it) happens. It's all about establishing your systems, getting people to buy in and believe, getting individuals to not play for themselves, but to play for each other. Those are all things that are significant in my mind to winning," Berry said.

That's why Berry hates to see this senior class leave. They have bought into his systems and he said they have helped Army football reach that next level.

"I'm going to miss them dearly," Berry said of his 26 departing players. When Berry arrived he needed the upperclassmen to buy into the new schemes. Beginning as far back as January 2000 the

class of 2002 began the process of absorbing Berry's new systems.

"These young people bought into this dramatic transition that we went through from a schematic standpoint and really in some ways a mentality standpoint," he said.

Now the job falls on Berry and his assistants to add further talent to the squad.

"We've got the right young people in the program right now. We'll keep supplementing them with other guys," he added.

Army will lose six offensive starters from this batch of seniors.

Quarterback Chad Jenkins, tight end Clint Dodson, wide receivers Omari Thompson and Brian Bruenton and offensive linemen Dustin Plumadore and Paul Henderson will graduate in June.

The defense will lose linebackers Brian Zickefoose and Ben Woodruff, defensive tackle Doug Larsen, defensive end Brandon Purdue and free safety Brent Dial.

The special teams will lose punter Dan McElroy and long snapper Reid Finn and, of course,

return man Thompson.

Because Berry plays so many players each position has a viable back up ready to step in, except maybe at quarterback and punter.

Backup quarterback freshman Reggie Nevels seems to be the heir apparent, but still has little game experience and backup punter junior Chris Castelli has yet to see any game action.

Junior Mike Schwartz is left at tight end; three of the five starting offensive linemen remain with the other two having viable backups moving up.

The wide receiver and running back positions are two of the team's strengths though they each take a hit due to graduation.

Freshman Ardell Daniels proved his worth with 131 yards and a touchdown against Navy. He also earned the game's most valuable player nod for his performance. Sophomores C.J. Young and D.J. Stancil also return.

As far as wideouts are concerned, there are a whole slew to choose from, beginning with juniors Aris Comeaux and Chris Pestel, sophomores Anthony

Miller, Clint Woody and Jonathan Wollam, plus freshman William White, and Lamar Mason.

Defensively the line will miss Larsen and Purdue, but junior Clarence Holmes returns along with classmate Paddy Heiliger. Subs like juniors Seth Langston, Brain Horvath and Alan Maszarose will help fill the holes along with sophomore Odene Brathwaite who should be back on the team.

With the exception of Zickefoose, Woodruff, and backups Ben Edgar and B.J. Wiley, the linebacking corps is intact.

Junior Jason Frazier and sophomore Ryan Kent return as starters along with backups like juniors Mike Lennox, Joe Martinez and freshman Mikel Resnick.

The secondary will miss Dial, but return starters Emiko Terry, a junior, and freshman Jonathan Lewis.

Subs like juniors Mike Sehzie, Maurio Smith and sophomore Thomas Roberts return.

"I'm very excited about our future," Berry said. "I think our young people are excited about it. I think this senior class wishes they had some more time to be a part of the changes that are happening.

"If you can recruit, you can win," Berry said.

"We've got the greatest institution in the country," Berry said. "We just need to expose it to young people that are around the nation. Once they see it and understand it, it's hard to turn down."



Photo by Micheal Rautio

Army defensive line coach John Mumford goes over the game plan during the Black Knight's 26-17 victory over the Midshipmen. Mumford and the rest of head coach Todd Berry's coaching staff looks forward to future seasons. Berry believes success is in Army's immediate future.

Troopers grapple

By Kevin Doheny

Sports Editor

As the season winds down for the Troopers from Fort Riley Middle School, they battled their local foes in a wrestling tournament Dec. 8 in the Salina South Tournament.

They finished fourth overall in the tournament and had multiple wrestlers finish in the top four in their respective weight classes.

Taking fourth place in their weight classes were Davd Watson, Matt Kurka, Andrew Stanley, Steve Lillard and Tony Hutchinson.

Winning the silver medal and placing second were Reshean

Uzzle, Jeff Sheehan and Anthony Wegworth.

Taking home the gold medal were Chris Toner, Brad McCormick, Paul Clark and Chris Bertucci.

Dec. 12 the Troopers lost to Salina South and Roosevelt-Lincoln of Salina.

The Troopers top grapplers were Watson, Toner, Chris Williams, McCormick, Will Gaskins, Lillard, K.C. Brown, Kurka, Jacinda Walborn, Clark, Bertucci, Sheehan, Hutchinson, Sean Stanely and Rodney Hutchinson. The FRMS Troop-er wrestling team continues on with their season with a home tournament at Junction City High School Dec. 15.

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2001 Fort Riley Powerlifting Championship:

Individual:

Women:

123 lbs.- Zoua Xiong	181 lbs.- Michael Dennis
132 lbs.- Jennifer Williams	198 lbs. - Michael Stone
148 lbs.- Claudine Utley	220 lbs.- Stephan Campbell
165 lbs.- Sara Mlynec	Unlimited- Anthony Morris
Over 165 lbs.- Danette Largo	

Men:

123 lbs.- Timothy Barbour
132 lbs.- Rodel Yadao
148 lbs.- Glenn Simpkins
165 lbs.- Shane Koele

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Fort Riley Community



Post/Flegle

One of 300 soldiers from the 70th Engineer Battalion, packs mommy bear and baby bear, on his back along with other toys inside his rucksack for some lucky children to receive this holiday season. The 5th Annual Kodiak march, over a 5.5-mile course, began at 70th Eng. Bn. headquarters and ended at Operation Santa Claus Headquarters Dec. 7. Soldiers from the march donated more than 500 toys valued at \$4,300 to OSC.



Post/Heckler

Soldiers from the 70th Engineer Battalion carry more than 500 new toys in their rucksacks to Operation Santa Claus.

Operation Santa Claus

In the wee hours of the crisp morning Dec. 7, just outside 70th Engineer Battalion's headquarters, the buzzing of friendly conversation and the shuffling of more than 600 booted feet announced the beginning of the Kodiak March.

By Lillian Flegle
Contributing Writer

More than 300 soldiers from the 70th Eng. Bn., carrying merrily decorated rucksacks overflowing with toys, made their annual journey to Operation Santa Claus' headquarters. The soldiers marched approximately six miles and delivered 524 toys valued at \$4,300 to OSC to brighten the lives of area children this holiday season.

Col. Bjarne Iverson, commander of the 70th Engineer Battalion, said this is the fifth year the battalion has marched for OSC and he feels that it's a great morale builder for the unit.

"You look at all the soldiers, and they're dressed up in holiday gear and really enjoying it," said Iverson. "The willingness of soldiers to contribute to a good cause shows they have good hearts and are interested in their communities. They're not doing it because they have to. They were asked to help and they did. That's what's so impressive to me."

"It's our way of contributing to the bigger Fort Riley program of Operation Santa Claus and helping the military community and civilian community as well. We're just doing our part," Iverson added.

SSgt. Joseph Mason, Company B, is on his third holiday march with the Kodiaks. He said he knows soldiers who have a hard time during the holidays.

"I think this is an awesome idea," said Mason.

"I've known soldiers who you could tell Christmas was a hard time for them—not a lot of money, young and

in the Army," he explained. "I don't care how far we have to march. I think this is an excellent thing to do—anything to bring joy to a kid."

Lt. Michael Ruel, executive officer for Co. C, said that at first he didn't know what Operation Santa Claus was all about. However, by the time the battalion reached the OSC headquarters,

he felt good about what he was doing, especially when he thought

about members of his own family who had been in similar situations.

"I heard all the hype about the whole battalion marching down the hill and delivering toys for those who need it and it made me want to help," he said.

Hundreds of soldiers lined up in formation with Christmas lights twinkling on their decorated rucksacks. Lt. Carl Craig, project officer, explained that lights have to be modified to be battery operated for the rucksacks.

"Thank God, we're engineers," he said with a smile.

Several soldiers had huge stuffed toys peeking out from their bursting packs while they sported Santa hats in place of the traditional black Army berets. They entertained each other by singing Christmas carols as they made the march.

"I was surprised on my first march," said Capt. Allison Gardner. "I wasn't expecting the decorated rucksacks and Santa hats. Everyone had lights on their rucksacks and lots of toys. People didn't just get toys; they got TOYS!"

Gardner believes that even though the battalion's esprit de corps is excellent, the march gives soldiers one more chance to get together and do something for other people.

Spec. Katherine Hines, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, said, "I was excited about the march. Good thoughts are going through your head. You're pumped up about it, and it goes



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Capt. Ben Wallen, commander, Company A, 70th Engineers, gives his son, Alec, a reindeer's-eye view during the Kodiak March, Dec. 7. Alec rode on his dad's shoulders all the way down Custer Hill.

really fast. It was a relaxing march, and they made it fun."

A five-year veteran of the Kodiak march, Sgt. Kevin Griffin, HHC, explained that new soldiers think it's just another road march, but he knows that it's a lot more than that.

"They see that they helped out the community and a lot of them open up and share Christmas stories of past," he said. "A lot of soldiers are here over the Christmas holidays. They're new and don't think of the Army as their family, so as we do this march they get a closer bond."

Craig believes that this year's march will be the best one yet.

"Last year, we had one horse from the Fort Riley Honor Guard carrying Santa, and this year, we have a nine-horse team," he said.

Spec. John Johnson, a member of the Fort Riley Honor Guard and a soldier in the battalion, said that this year he got to ride instead of walk.

"Two years ago, I did the Kodiak march on foot," stated Johnson. "This year it's a change of pace because I'll be doing it on horseback. I'm doing what I like, and we're doing it for the children."

"We want to help out the 70th Engineers and help the community at the same time," explained Sgt. Christopher Blockburger, of the FRHG. "We're strapping a toy to each soldier's saddle as well as leading the march."

Capt. Jeffery King, battalion S-1, said, "Knowing that all these toys and gifts that we deliver come right back to soldiers who really need them—that's the bottom line for the whole thing—knowing that everything donated goes to somebody who needs it." Operation Santa Claus, a 33-

year old program that accepts new toy donations for Fort Riley and Flint Hills area children at Christmas, has been accepting donations since early November. This year Santa's elves found a new home in Bldg. 222 located on Fort Riley's historic Main Post. The soldier elves are from various units at Fort Riley.

The traditional ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Dec. 4, and now OSC is in full swing gathering toy donations and scheduling volunteers for gift-wrapping sessions.



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SFC Jessie Smith, Co. B, 70th Eng. Bn. gets into the spirit of the holidays with a sign for all holiday Grinches during the annual battalion toy march Dec. 7. Smith carried a rucksack 5.5 miles loaded down with toys for donation to Operation Santa Claus.

Santa depends on volunteers to wrap toys for kids

By Lillian Flegle
Contributing Writer

The buzz of conversation, laced with laughter and rustling of paper, by the nine members of the Enlisted Spouses Club and 13 teens from the Club Beyond, a Fort Riley Christian youth organization, filled Santa's Workshop Dec. 7. The volunteers wrapped gifts to help share holiday cheer. Within their three-hour visit, the volunteers wrapped 487 gifts.

Paula Flores, a member of ESC and mother of two boys, believes in the child-like philosophy that children don't want just a new toy. She said they also want the excitement and surprise that's hidden underneath the wrapping paper.

"I think wrapping gifts is good because it's something the kids want. They don't just want to be handed a gift," said Flores. "They want to rip the paper off presents. That's the fun part of getting a gift."

Courtney Elder, a member of Club Beyond, said, "There's some weird shapes to wrap, but I can handle it. Looking at some of the gifts, I'd be glad to get one," she added.

"Club Beyond is a youth ministry here on post," said Don Erickson, Club

Beyond director. "We do a number of service projects, and this year, it's wrapping presents for Operation Santa Claus."

Erickson says his kids are really enthusiastic about everything they do and feels that wrapping presents is right up their alley.

"Wrapping presents involves a lot of work, like keeping the tables stocked with new toys to be wrapped, clearing out the wrapped ones, making sure there's plenty of tape and wrapping paper and cleaning up all the left over paper," said Spec. Joseph Porey, a soldier elf from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery.

Brittany Vowell was one of the Morris Hill Elementary School students who met the 70th Engineer Battalion to march the last stretch of the Kodiak toy march to Santa's workshop Dec. 7.

"I would have made the whole way with the unit if I could," she said. "Marching and wrapping presents is the way I can be a part of it. Operation Santa Claus is about giving toys to kids who need it, and we're here to wrap so kids can have something for Christmas."

"Christmas is about Christ," explained

Jacob Custer. "It feels really good to wrap presents because it's like I'm doing something for Christ."

Spec. Bryan Price, a soldier elf from Medical Department Activities, scurried around unloading toys to be wrapped onto the tables and loaded wrapped presents into his shopping cart. He said he clearly understood the importance of Operation Santa Claus and volunteered when his unit asked.

"I didn't grow up with a lot myself, and now I've got kids," Price said. "I know where the parents are coming from, who need a program like Operation Santa Claus."

MSgt. Mike Hitzges, senior elf, said that OSC hours are from 9-5 Monday through Friday. However, he and his elves welcome groups that want to volunteer for gift-wrapping after hours.

"Just give us a call ahead of time so we can have plenty of toys to wrap, supplies and enough elves to keep things stocked," he said.

"We like to have at least five people in a group and several groups of 10-15 is good. It keeps our elves busy but not

overloaded," said Hitzges.

Gloria Elder, member of ESC, said, "We're putting a smile on one child's face. That makes a big difference. We

may not ever see that smile, but just knowing there'll be something under the tree for them, makes all the difference in the world."

Operation Santa



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Teens from a Fort Riley Christian Youth Organization spent their Friday night wrapping presents for less fortunate children.



Law protects buyers from auto sales scams

From Legal Assistance Office

There have been a number of instances lately of soldiers falling victim to what is known as the "Spot Delivery," or "Gimme Back," automobile sales scams.

These are names for a number of schemes used by car dealers to try and gouge a car buyer for more money than he or she originally agreed to.

The scams work something like this: a soldier goes to a car dealer, finds a car, sits for hours while the salesperson trots back and forth "working out" the price and interest rate, signs a whole lot of forms that he or she is assured is required to finalize the sale, gets the keys, and drives the vehicle off the lot with the song "Happy Trails to You" playing in the background.

Then, anywhere from a few days to a month later, the dealer calls the buyer saying that the company could not get the deal financed.

The buyer is then told to bring the vehicle back to the lot. Upon his or her arrival, the "sympathetic" dealer says, "Soldier, I like you...and I want you in that vehicle. I pulled some strings with the finance company and they are going to let you keep the car...but you are going to have to finance for a longer period at a higher interest rate and, by the way, we need you to put some more money down."

Plus, if there was a trade-in involved, the dealer will sometimes say that it is already gone from the lot and sold to someone else. These types of scams are not only unfair to the buyer but they are also against the law.

The "Spot Delivery" has been identified as an Unfair and Deceptive Act and Practice.

What this means to you is that there are protections under Kansas law if you find yourself in this situation. This law provides for attorney's fees if you are suc-

cessful which is an incentive for civilian attorneys to take your case.

There are also federal laws like the Truth in Lending Act that can protect you. While Army Legal Assistance Attorneys can not represent you in civilian court, they can negotiate with the dealer on your behalf.

Soldiers and their family members have options to avoid the consequences of this unfair practice. If you believe you are the victim of such a scam, or if you have experienced a situation like the one above, you should make an appointment with the Legal Assistance Office to determine your best course of action.

You, the buyer, also have some options if a dealer calls you after you already have signed an agreement. You do not have to sign any new agreement. The dealer may try to put some pressure on you to do so, but you have already signed the contract outlining the original terms of your car deal. You can turn the vehicle back in to the dealer and get back any down payment and/or trade-in vehicle. You can also try and enforce the original deal. Do not let the dealer talk you into anything that sounds a little sweeter...it usually is not.

Most car dealers are honest hardworking people who are trying to make a living selling vehicles.

There are only a few who want to try and get more than what was bargained for. If you think this is happening to you, contact Legal Assistance at 239-3117 for an appointment immediately. Keep all the paperwork that the car dealer gives you and bring it in with you. An attorney will review everything and let you know what your next step is.

If you find yourself in a "Spot Delivery" or "Gimme Back" vehicle sale, you do not have to be a victim.

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Disney salutes military members with big discounts

From ITR

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla.—To honor American men and women fighting for freedom, the Walt Disney World Resort and the Disneyland Resort Dec. 6 announced an unprecedented program that allows active U.S. military personnel complimentary admission into Disney's U.S. theme parks, as well as ticket discounts for family members and friends.

"Disney's Armed Forces Salute" will be offered Jan. 1, 2002, to April 30, 2002, by both Disney vacation kingdoms in the United States - the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and the Disneyland Resort in California.

Active U.S. military personnel, with proper U.S. military identification, are eligible, including active members of the United States Coast Guard and activated members of the National Guard or Reservists.

"We think this is a great way to honor

not only the nearly 1.5 million men and women in our active military, but the millions of family members and loved ones who support them," said Paul Pressler, chairman of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts.

At the Walt Disney World Resort:
• Each active member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary seven-day ticket during the offer period, Jan. 1, 2002, to April 30, 2002.

This ticket, specially created for "Disney's Armed Forces Salute," will be valid for admission into the four Walt Disney World theme parks, Disney water parks, Pleasure Island and more for seven days from the date issued.

• U.S. active military personnel are also eligible for discounts at select Disney resorts, starting with a \$49 per night rate (plus tax) at Disney's All-Star Resorts, available most nights from Jan. 1, 2002-April 30, 2002. The number of rooms available at this rate is limited and

minimum length of stay requirements will apply to Friday and Saturday arrivals.

Additional charges apply if there are more than two adults per room.

For more information on "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" at the Walt Disney World Resort, or to make reservations, military personnel may call ITR at 239-5614/4415. Information is also available at base ticket offices. (see page 3 for offer details)

Aboard Disney Cruise Line:
Disney Cruise Line is also extending special rates to active military personnel on all of its tropical cruise itineraries, as well as its land/sea packages, for most sailings from January 2002 through May 2002. The number of staterooms available at these special rates is limited.

Seven-night cruise vacations feature entertainment, special programming, unique dining experiences and exotic ports of call. Three- and four-night voy-

ages sail to the Bahamas, and every Disney Cruise Line itinerary includes a day-long stop at Disney's private island, Castaway Cay. For more information or to book a Disney Cruise Line vacation, military personnel can call ITR at 239-5614/4415.

At the Disneyland Resort:

• During the offer period, Jan. 1, 2002, to April 30, 2002, each active member of the U.S. military may purchase at a 50 percent discount tickets to the Disneyland Resort theme parks for up to five friends and family members. Additionally, the active member of the military accompanying the party will receive the same ticket complimentary.

For more information on "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" at the Disneyland Resort, guests may call 714/781-4565 or visit disneyland.com. (see page 3 for offer details)

"Disney's Armed Forces Salute" is part of the ongoing commitment by The

Walt Disney Company to support United States troops at home and abroad.

The scope of Disney's efforts include several initiatives and various company affiliates, including ABC, Inc., ESPN, Disney Channel, Disney Consumer Products and The Walt Disney Studios. The Walt Disney Company recently became a USO World Sponsor, supporting outreach and marketing efforts on behalf of the USO and its programs.

Among the initiatives associated with this effort: Disney talent will visit U.S. troops abroad in January, and the company has produced and featured a series of public service announcements focusing on how people can get involved in the war effort. In addition, Disney has donated several thousand videos through the USO to military bases, and will provide a combination of first-run movies and library classics for the troops. Disney's radio properties are also providing support to the U.S. troops.

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Avoid post-holiday troubles

From Legal Assistance Office

The holiday season is a time of fun, family and friendship. However, many soldiers find that post new-year a variety of legal/financial difficulties or problems may arise.

Tax season is right around the corner. Now is a good time to start gathering all receipts, copies of military deployment orders, or anything else needed to put your tax return together. The Fort Riley Tax Center will be in full swing after W-2 forms are mailed in January.

There is no need to pay to have tax returns prepared. With electronic filing, there isn't much need for "rapid refunds" or other instant-tax-refund products some commercial tax preparers offer. These might seem like a good idea to pay off holiday debts. However, if you can wait an extra two to three weeks for your refund check from the IRS, you can save some money to pay off those debts.

Speaking of holiday debts, it's a good idea to start planning for them. Don't spend beyond your ability to re-pay. Take a close look

at your finances and don't spend in anticipation of a large tax refund or pay raise. This could keep you out of legal or financial trouble later.

The holiday season is also full of con-artists who try to take advantage of your good spirits. Be careful of the charities you donate to. You can also expect telemarketing companies to increase their pressure to buy things you don't need. Again, find out all the facts before you buy anything from a telemarketing company. If anything sounds suspicious, don't get involved with it. Remember, "if it sounds too good to be true — it probably is."

The holidays also bring the risk of other legal trouble. Ensure you "party smart." Have designated drivers when you go out to enjoy holiday fun. Also, take care of the

people you go with.

Holidays are when the criminals come out as well. Don't leave presents on your car seat in open view while shopping or traveling.

Ensure your house is secure before you leave. Tell people you know and trust if you are going out of town so they can keep an eye on your apartment or house while you're gone. Report suspicious activity to the authorities. These are all things people know but sometimes forget.

Finally, if in spite of your best efforts you find yourself with a legal problem or question, call the Fort Riley Legal Assistance office at 239-3117 for an appointment to talk with a legal assistance attorney.

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