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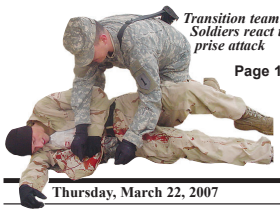

Transition team Soldiers react to surprise attack

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Performers show off their skills at Rally Point

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GC to hold LSS meeting

The Garrison Commander will conduct a town hall meeting at 1:30 p.m. March 27 at the Patton Hall auditorium to discuss the Army Business Improvement - Lean Six Sigma initiative. The purpose is to introduce the Lean Six Sigma (LSS) concept to the workforce, as directed by the highest Army leadership, so everyone has a general awareness of this massive, Army-wide undertaking. This event fulfills a mandate from the Installation Management Command and the Garrison Commander strongly encourages participation by Garrison/IMCOM managers and supervisors. The meeting will last approximately one hour.

For more information, contact Mark Taylor at 239-3747 or mark.jude.taylor@us.army.mil.

Combat vets sought to speak

The Fort Riley Public Affairs Community Relations office is seeking a speaker who has served in Iraq or Afghanistan for an Armed Forces appreciation event May 19 in Fort Scott. The Soldier must be comfortable speaking in front of a large group of people. The event, titled "Marilyn Maye" will begin at 8 p.m. May 19 at the Fort Scott Liberty Theater. Fort Scott is approximately 200 miles from Fort Riley. The speaker will talk about his or her experiences in the war for approximately 10 minutes. For more information, please contact the CR office at 239-2022 before April 2.

JROTC seeks unit help

Fort Riley Public Affairs is looking for a unit volunteer to support the Junction City High School JROTC unit in May. The group would like a combat arms orientation on any one of the following days: May 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17 or 18. This is part of a field trip to familiarize the JROTC cadets with Fort Riley and the U.S. Army. The unit requests a one-hour orientation and tour of the unit's area, barracks, training area, motorpool and/or equipment. Interested units can contact the Fort Riley Community Relations Office at 239-2022 or 239-3358 or e-mail april.blackmon@us.army.mil before April 5. Reference JROTC field trip in responses please.

Stay 'In Step' with Fort Riley

Get ready for severe weather season with "In Step with Fort Riley's" award-winning severe weather special, "Surviving the Storm," which will run on WIBW TV March 23 and on the post's cable channel 2 March 6 to April 1.

Topics covered include how storms form, how local meteorologists formulate a severe weather forecast, where to find life-saving information, and safety tips to aid in "Surviving the Storm".

Tune in to Fort Riley cable channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. or watch "In Step with Fort Riley" at 5 a.m. every Saturday and at 11 a.m. most Saturdays on WIBW TV Channel 13.

Last known WWI combat vet laid to rest

By Spc. April L. Dustin
Army News Service

PORTLAND, Ore. - The echo of a 21-gun salute and bugler playing taps seemingly marked the end of an era as a state and national treasure was laid to rest in Portland, Ore., March 2.

Retired Army Cpl. Howard V. Ramsey, Oregon's last living World War I veteran and the last known U.S. combat veteran of WWI, died in his sleep Feb. 22 at an assisted living center in southeast Portland. He was honored in a memorial service attended by nearly 200 people at Lincoln Memorial Park exactly one month before reaching his 109th birthday.

"This is a very historic occasion; we lay to rest today our nation's oldest combat veteran," said Pastor Stu Weber, who officiated over Ramsey's memorial service.

In an Associated Press report, Jim Benson of the Veterans Administration said there are now only seven WWI veterans on record with the VA, although it is possible there are unknown veterans who may still exist.

Of the seven known WWI veterans still living, none were shipped overseas, making Ramsey the last known combat veteran of "The Great War." Ramsey inherited the title two weeks before his passing, when Massachusetts veteran Antonio Pierro passed away Feb. 8.

Ramsey's lifetime spanned three centuries and 19 presidents. He was born in Rico, Colo., on April 2, 1898, when the U.S. flag had just 45 stars and President William McKinley was preparing to declare war with Spain.

Too young to be drafted, Ramsey tried to voluntarily enlist but was told he was too skinny by Army standards. After gorging on bananas and water to successfully meet weight standards, he was placed in the Army's transportation corps.

Ramsey sailed to France in September 1918 to join General John "BlackJack" Pershing's American Expeditionary Force. Ramsey drove cars, trucks and motorcycles for the Army and

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Moving in

4th BCT/Washburn

Sgt. Joshua Hess of Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery Regiment, practices his skills on a Military Operations in Urban Terrain range at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

'Big Red One' troops learn urban warfare

By Pfc. Nathan Smith
4th BCT, 1st Inf. Div. PAO

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — Less than a century ago, the Big Red One learned how to fight in the trenches of France. In WWII and wars since, BRO Soldiers again adapted to different forms of combat. The war in Iraq is no exception. Today, the 1st Division is adjusting to the rigors of urban combat.

Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery Regiment not only had to train up on their Military Operations in Urban Terrain skills, but they also had to make the transition from functioning as artillerymen to infantrymen for their deployment to Iraq.

To facilitate this transition, the Soldiers of Battery B, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA conducted close-quarters marksmanship training at the Camp Buehring MOUT Range Feb. 17.

Second Platoon Leader 1st Lt. Jeff Christy, Battery B, said his Soldiers have accepted the challenge and are performing admirably.

"They're absolute sponges," Christy said. "Each time we train, a new dynamic is introduced into this training. They've really absorbed it, and they're doing a fantastic job."

The unit has made great progress from the beginning of their close-quarters marksmanship training in October to now,

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More from Iraq

See pages 2 and 3 for more stories and photos from the 4th Brigade Combat Team in Iraq.

First Afghan SMA visits Fort Riley, TT training

By Spc. Stephen Baack
1st Inf. Div. PAO

The first sergeant major of the Afghan army visited Afghanistan transition teams and Fort Riley training sites March 13 to 14.

Afghan Sgt. Maj. of the Army Roshan Safi and Afghan Command Sgt. Maj. Ahmad Fazel, command sergeant major for the 203rd Tandar Corps of the Afghan National Army, were escorted on their visit to post by Command Sgt. Maj. Ruben Espinoza, command sergeant major for the Combined Security Transition Command in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Roshan, Fazel and Espinoza visited training sites behind the fences of forward operating base Army Strong at Camp Funston, saw and used vehicle simulators on Custer Hill, surveyed small-arms training at the ranges and talked to TT members throughout their two-day visit.

"I wanted them to see the type of training we do – how we take individual training and collective training and build upon it so you can combine it into situational training exercises that prepare Soldiers and leaders to execute operations in all types of the-

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1st Inf. Div./Baack

Afghan Sgt. Maj. of the Army Roshan Safi (center) and Afghan Command Sgt. Maj. Ahmad Fazel, command sergeant major for the 203rd Tandar Corps of the ANA, talk to Soldiers at Camp Funston March 13.

CID Lookout
On Point for the Army

CID warns of TSP scam

'Keylogging' a threat to savings plans

CID Public Affairs

FORT BELVOIR, Va. - Soldiers, family members and Army civilians using their home computers to access Thrift Savings Plan accounts online can be vulnerable to having personal information stolen, according to a recent alert posted on TSP's Web site.

According to the alert, TSP officials have identified customers who are victims of a computer crime known as "keylogging" or "keystroke logging." Keylogging is a diagnostic tool used in software development that captures a user's keystrokes, but in the wrong hands, it enables criminals to record all the typing on a keyboard without the user's knowledge. The technique can capture a computer user's TSP personal identification number or other personal account information such as a Social Security number.

Personal information is increasingly available on 'keylogger' lists for sale through criminal networks, said U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Computer Crime Investigative Unit Director Michael Milner. So far all of the TSP cases involve the transfer of electronic funds, since criminals normally prefer the 'paperless' way to steal money, he said.

"Computer users should protect themselves from keyloggers and other malicious software and should promptly close the Web browser after they have checked their TSP account information," Milner explained. "Users must remember logging off a Web site does not clear a browser's memory, and subsequent users might be able to access the TSP account information."

Milner said he is unaware of any Army victims at this point, but strongly recommends computer users review their home system's security effectiveness to reduce exposure to these types of attacks. He added the best advice for computer users is to follow general computer security principles at home and to download antivirus software.

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Fort Bliss chefs named installation champs at culinary competition

By Mike Strasser
Army News Service

FORT LEE, Va. - It will be a competition blissfully remembered by the Texas-based team of chefs who earned the Installation of the Year award March 16 at the 2007 U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Va. It is the first in the competition's 32-year history that Fort Bliss has won the top award.

"Our expectations were simple coming into competition," said Chief Warrant Officer Charles Talley, Fort Bliss team manager. "We come here to train, compete and ultimately, win. This is a competition that enhances the Army Food Program, and that's why it's special to be here. We were just fortunate enough to accomplish the ultimate goal."

The sounds of more than 150 chefs at work in the kitchen was nothing compared to the noise of the gold, silver and bronze medals they wore around their necks at the end of the presentations. With the medals displayed proudly on his Class A uniform, Pfc. Robert Capazzi, Fort Bliss, also carried the award for Junior Chef of the Year.

"I wasn't expecting to win this, so it's a great honor," said Capazzi, who also earned Best Exhibit in Pastry and Confection. "But winning Installation of the Year is a big achievement, because we have a great team and it's going to be great bringing this back to Fort Bliss for the first time."

Team Europe finished second in Installation of the Year, surprising Pfc. Garrett Andrews, who thought the judging was tougher

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trained other Soldiers how to drive. He was often selected to drive officers to special engagements, one officer "gigging" him for having a dirty truck despite the constant rain and mud in France. He also drove ambulances, transported troops to the frontlines and delivered water to troops on the battlefields.

Ramsey once recalled his service in WWI saying, "We were under fire a lot at the front, and we really caught hell one time. I lost friends over there."

After the armistice, Ramsey spent several months recovering the remains of American Soldiers who had been hastily buried in the trenches and transported them to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, the largest American cemetery in Europe.

"You'd better believe it was pretty awful work," Ramsey told Oregonian reporter Rick Bella in 2005. "It was tough, but you became hardened to it."

Nearly 90 years later, Ramsey was still haunted by regret for not breaking the rules and keeping a diary that fell from the pocket of one deceased American Soldier. Ramsey told family and friends, "I wanted to keep that diary so badly to send it to his mother, but it was against the rules to keep anything from off the bodies."

Veterans of many generations and wars, and military representatives attended Ramsey's memorial service to pay their respects including Brig. Gen. Raymond C. Byrne Jr., commander of the Oregon Army National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and Jim Willis, state director of Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs.

"If we are going to end an era, I can think of no better way than to do it with a person who is a model representation of the kinds of Soldiers who served this country in WWI, and someone who would be an example to any combat Soldier serving up to, and including those who serve in Afghanistan and Iraq today. All (veterans) would be justifiably proud to have known Corporal Howard Ramsey," Willis said.

Spc. April L. Dustin writes for the Oregon National Guard Public Affairs Office.

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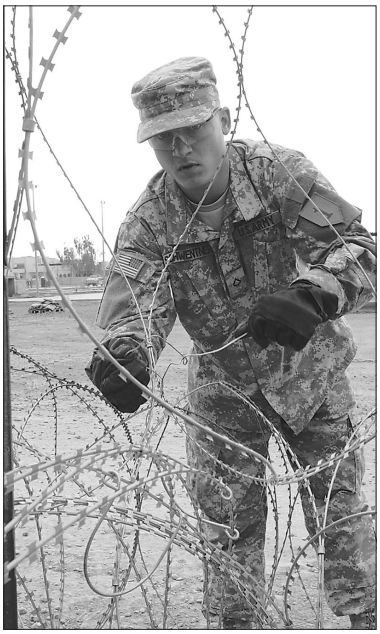

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'Dragon' Brigade settles in

Above: Staff Sgt. Jason Briglin, the reconnaissance noncommissioned officer for Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, bulldozes in front of the brigade's headquarters building at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Iraq. The Dragons arrived at the FOB in February and made renovation of the camp one of their top priorities.

Right: Pfc. Brian Schwentner, an aviation operations specialist with Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division from Orlando, Fla., places wire outside the brigade's headquarters building at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Iraq. The brigade is replacing the 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division in the building.

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‘Proud Americans’ arrive in Baghdad

1st Lt Charles Bloomfield
2nd Bn., 32 FA

BAGHDAD-Fresh troops arrived in western Baghdad and have assumed control of their area of operations March 15.

The 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery Regiment “Proud Americans,” officially assumed responsibility for operations during a transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Liberty, Iraq.

This is the first time the Proud Americans have uncased their colors in a combat zone since the unit departed Vietnam in 1971.

Lt. Col. Gregory Gadson, commander of 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, gave a motivational speech during the ceremony. He touched upon the progress the unit has made since receiving a change of mission from its traditional field artillery role, to mounted and dismounted infantry operations in western Baghdad.

“I am truly amazed at the transformation the Proud Americans have made over the past four months,” he said. “As recently as October 2006, we were manning our howitzers and providing fires for the “Dragon” Brigade. Now, we are poised for a new mission in west Baghdad and we are honored to serve with the Dagger Brigade, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.”

2nd BCT, 1st Inf. Div./Laird

Lt. Col. Gregory D. Gadson, commander, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, attached to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. William Huffin uncase the battalion colors March 15, at the transfer of authority ceremony held on Camp Liberty, Iraq.

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Christy said.

Sgt. 1st Class George Allen, the platoon sergeant of 2nd Platoon, Battery B, said the training is more intense than during the unit’s rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

“Here, we have subject matter experts who help assist not only myself and the platoon leader,” Allen said, “as well as those lower enlisted to grasp what it’s like to maneuver and engage on a target. Not only is this training intense, but it prepares us for our next step headed toward Iraq.”

Allen said his Soldiers are accepting their tasks enthusiastically.

“I can honestly say I wouldn’t want to deploy with another group of Soldiers,” he said. “The Soldiers of 2nd Platoon, Battery B, are very highly motivated, eager to train, and eager to learn. They’re focused on the mission at hand.”

The Soldiers of 2nd Bn., 32nd FA took over their area of operations March 15 at Camp Liberty, Iraq.

Soldiers, Iraqi police open teacher’s institute in Rasheed

By Pfc. Nathaniel Smith
4th BCT, 1st Inf. Div. PAO

BAGHDAD - The Iraqi National Police and Multi-National Division-Baghdad Forces opened the Mutanabi Teachers’ Institute in the Rasheed district of the Iraqi capital March 13.

The institute was opened at the Netaaken School, a school for girls ages 12 through 19, in the southern district.

Sabeeh Al Ka’abi, the head of the Al Rasheed District Action Council, said this project, which took about three weeks to complete, would help teachers do their job of educating young Iraqis.

Staff Sgt. Bryan Stone, a squad leader with Troop C, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, whose unit was instrumental in opening the school, said the mission went smoothly while providing a facility for the all-important business of education.

“Education’s something no one can take away from you,” he said. “It helps them provide for their own.”

This project took place through the cooperation between MND-B forces and the Iraqi National Police, Ka’abi said, because of the two groups’ common aim.

“The Iraqi government and the coalition forces work hard because they have one goal,” he said, “to build a new Iraq.”

The goal of building a new Iraq is one that the Iraqi people stand behind, Stone said.

“It makes me feel good to know that they appreciate what we do,” he said. “It looks like everybody out there is a little bit happier knowing they’re getting a little more education and a little more security.”

4th BCT/Smith

Sabeeh Al Ka’abi, the head of the Al Rasheed District Action Council, cuts the ribbon to open the Mutanabi Teachers’ Institute in Southeast Rasheed March 13. The institute was opened at the Netaaken School, a school for girls ages 12 through 19.

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than the past three years he's competed.

"After earning a bunch of commendables (ribbons), we may have thought we were out of the running," Andrews said, "but we were surprised. I think winning the Nutritional Challenge and Category P for Pastries (awarded to Spc. Leia Heeter) kept us in the running."

Sgt. Antoinette Scott, Fort Stewart, was proud of her team's third place recognition for Installation of the Year. The team challenge started before the competition, as they mustered a team of cooks together in between deployments.

"It seemed like we were almost not going to be able to come here, and it's been about five years since we've last been here," Scott said.

Each award they earned is special to a team of all first-year competitors, Scott said.

"We all medaled in everything, and are simply excited to have this opportunity before our next deployment," Scott said. "Even though we didn't get the gold in everything, we're happy. This is a confident team and a team that works well together. We want to come back next year."

The competition, held March 5-16, began 32 years ago to challenge military cooks to continually raise the standards of excellence and professionalism. The building where they competed, McLaughlin Hall, is named in honor of Lt. Gen. John D. McLaughlin. McLaughlin's name is synonymous with excellence in Army food service, and he is credited with establishing training courses for cooks and bakers, as well as building a world-class Culinary Arts Team.

Brig. Gen. Mark A. Bellini, U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School commanding general, spoke to the competitors at the ceremony, reminding them of what McLaughlin believed.

"In 1975, Gen. McLaughlin had this vision that in order to increase confidence, we should have a little bit of competition," Bellini said. "That vision is a reality now in what you've demonstrated in the past two weeks. It is living proof that his vision is not only sound, but it's been effective. Our nation is better because of that, and your contributions and what you do when you're wearing those uniforms is important."

The competition, held annually at Fort Lee since its inception, is rated the largest culinary competition in America. This year, 17 teams competed, with more than 150 food-service professionals entering 518 exhibits, according to Maj. David Allen, director of the Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence. An unprecedented 23 Soldiers roasted, poached, baked and created culinary masterpieces in the quest to become a member of the U.S. Army Culinary Team.

"Keeping our show on the cutting edge of culinary techniques is what has kept us strong for 32 years," Allen said. "The American Culinary Federation judging standards - the toughest in the nation - are the guidelines for our competition. When they receive ACF recognition, they can truly be proud of their accomplishments and feel confident of their exceptional skills."

Mike Strasser writes for the "Fort Lee Traveller."

Competition winners

Installation of the Year: Fort Bliss, Texas
Senior Army Chef of the Year: Staff Sgt. Nolan Kniss, Team Pentagon
Junior Army Chef of the Year: Pvt. 1st Class Robert Capazzi, Fort Bliss, Texas
Field Cooking Competition: 1st - Fort Bliss, Texas; 2nd - Fort Bragg, N.C.; 3rd - Team Hawaii
Student Team Skills Competition: Team Korea

Special category winners

Best Exhibit Cold Food Buffet: Staff Sgt. Monica Roberts, Team Korea
Best Exhibit Hot Food Shown Cold: Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Nixon, Fort Bragg, N.C.
Best Exhibit in Pastry and Confection: Pvt. 1st Class Robert Capazzi, Fort Bliss, Texas
Best Exhibit in Culinary Showpiece: Spc. Laron Smith, Fort Bliss, Texas
Special Judges Award Most Artistic Centerpiece: Spc. Laron Smith, Fort Bliss, Texas
Best Team Buffet Table Exhibit: Team Korea
Best in Class - Contemporary Cooking: Master Sgt. Mark Morgan, Fort Benning, Ga.
Best in Class - Contemporary Pastry: Spc. Leia Heeter, Team Europe
Best Two Member Team, Nutritional Hot Food Challenge: Team Europe
Baron H. Garland Culinary Knowledge Bowl: 1st - Team Alaska, 2nd - Team Hawaii, 3rd - Fort Carson, Co.
Best Centerpiece in Ice: Sgt. 1st Class David Russ, Sgt. 1st Class Andre Rush and Cpl. Robert Lough, Fort Bragg, N.C.

ANS/Strasser

Fort Bliss competitor Sgt. Dan Knecht kept the mood pleasant as he participated in the bone-in pork loin category.

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JROTC seeks unit sponsor

Fort Riley Public Affairs is looking for a unit volunteer to support the Junction City High School JROTC orienteering training in May. Approximately 45 cadets will be conducting orienteering training from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 5 at Moon Lake and Training Area 17. Interested units can contact the Fort Riley Community Relations Office at 239-2022 or 239-3358 or e-mail april.blackmon@us.army.mil before April 5. Reference JROTC orienteering in responses please.

CYS to celebrate children's month

Join Child and Youth Services staff throughout the month of April as they celebrate the Month of the Military Child. Several events are scheduled throughout the month, including a parade, pancake breakfast and numerous interaction activities for parents and children.

Several open houses are scheduled in April to allow parents, children and guests to tour CYS facilities and meet staff.

For a complete listing of events planned throughout the month contact Child & Youth Services at 239-9478.

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Commentary

Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What type of tournament or competition would you like to see held at Fort Riley?

"Post 'Field Day' with a watermelon-eating competition to boost Soldier's morale."

Sgt. Fredrick Woodberry
Transportation specialist
610th BSB
Home: Sommerville, Texas

"Video game competition because it will involve a lot of Soldiers who play video games."

Rodney Ludwig
AAFES concessionaire
Home: Salem, Neb.

"Soccer tournament because I haven't seen soccer here and that's what I love to do."

Pvt. Binyam Hailu
Petroleum supply specialist
125th FSB
Home: Washington, D.C.

"Fishing Tournament because they are competitive and peaceful at the same time."

2nd Lt. Derek Aubel
Executive Officer
HHC, 601st ASB
Home: Detroit, Mich.

"Basketball tournament because I'm used to watching street ball at home."

Pfc. Tashena Ellis
Supply specialist
Co. F, 610th BSB

Letters to the editor:

The Post welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should not contain any libelous statements or personal accusations.

Letters accepted for publication must include the writer's full name and a phone number where he or she can be reached.

Letters may be edited to fit space but never edited to change the writer's viewpoint. Send letters to anna.morelock@riley.army.mil or fax them to 239-2592.

Personal Safety

ISO reminds motorcyclists of post rules

By Joseph P. Zelko
Installation Safety Office

Old man winter hit pretty hard this year, leaving many motorcyclists looking forward to getting back in the saddle. Prior to riding on Fort Riley though, Soldier and civilian riders must ensure they have completed a motorcycle defensive driving course (MDDC).

Attending a MDDC will bring riders in compliance with Army Regulations and the Commanding General's Policy Letter 2-1. Courses are offered on post for motorcycles, mopeds, motor scooters, dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles.

The Installation Safety Office along with contractor Cape Fox, offers the Basic Rider Course (BRC), Experienced Rider Course (ERC), Dirt Bike Rider Course (DBRC) and the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Course (ATVSC). These courses are offered at no cost to active duty Soldiers and their family members, Department of the Army civilians, military retirees, members of the U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard, and multi-year contract employees. These courses are not open to the general public.

The purpose of the MDDC course is to provide students with the fundamental skills of safe, responsible motorcycling that can reduce their risk of death or injury. The ISO works closely with the Cape Fox to ensure quality training is provided.

Joseph Zelko

The MDDC emphasizes the following five main messages to motorcyclists: get trained and licensed; be a life-long learner; wear protective gear; ride straight; and ride within your skills.

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The BRC is a two-day course that includes Motorcycle Safety Foundation instruction on the proper techniques for safe motorcycle operation as well as a driver skill qualification course and written tests. Motorcycles, helmets and eye protection are provided for students during class, but attendees must bring full-fingered gloves, wear a long-sleeve shirt, pants, and sturdy boots or over the ankle shoes. All personnel attending the course must have in their possession a license or permit to operate an automobile. A motorcycle license or permit is not needed.

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The ERC is a one-day course that includes MSF advanced level instruction on the proper techniques for safe operation of motorcycles as well as a driver skill qualification course and a written test. Personnel attending this course must have a Department of Transportation approved helmet, eye protection, full-fingered gloves, a long-sleeve shirt, pants, over the ankle boots or shoes and a motorcycle that is in good operating condition.

All personnel attending the ERC must have in their possession a license by a civil authority to operate a motorcycle or moped and insurance as required by Kansas law.

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The ATVSC is approximately a five hour course that includes ATV Safety Institute instruction on the proper techniques for safe operation of an ATV and a driver skill qualification course. The instructor provides ATVs and helmets. Attendees must bring and wear eye protection, full-fingered gloves, long-sleeve shirts, pants, and over the ankle boots or shoes.

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The DBRC is a five-hour course that includes MSF instruction on the proper techniques for safe operation of a dirt bike as well as a driver skill qualification course. The instructor provides dirt bikes and helmets. Attendees must bring and wear eye protection, full-fingered gloves, long-sleeve shirts, pants, and over the ankle boots or shoes. Personal dirt bikes may be used if they are 250cc or less.

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Soldiers wanting to attend one of the courses offered must go through their schools noncommissioned officer starting at company level. Brigade schools NCOs will coordinate all MSF courses for their brigades with the ISO trainer except separate battalions or companies. All family members must have their sponsor's commander's signature for enrollment and can coordinate directly with the ISO. All DA civilians should coordinate enrollment through their directorate safety officer and will need their director's signature. All ATVSC and DBRC off-road riders should coordinate with the ISO coordinator by calling 239-2334. Christopher Maurich is the Cape Fox motorcycle coordinator and trainer for the BRC and ERC and can be reached at 239-8499.

Health Notes

IACH stays focused during turbulence from Walter Reed

By Lisa Medrano
IACH PAO

During a time of turbulence in the ranks of the Army's Medical Command, Fort Riley's Irwin Army Community Hospital strives to maintain their high standards of patient care and safety. Every member of the IACH staff is acutely aware of the Walter Reed situation, and the IACH Commander, Col. Dawn Smith reminds staff to continue the mission of taking care of our community, one patient at a time.

Like most military facilities, IACH has seen its fair share of changes and growth throughout the years. Most noteworthy are the IACH accomplishments of the recent past.

The credibility of the care and service provided to IACH beneficiaries was validated by the strong positive assessment from the Joint Commission surveyors in February and the incredibly low number of deficiency findings.

Another very strong point of pride for IACH is found in the statistics of the Army Provider-Level Satisfaction Survey (APLSS). APLSS is a customer based assessment of several areas of medical care, to include attentive listening; understanding of problems; courtesy and respect; explanation of matters and overall satisfaction of medical care and service. Within the regional purview of the Great Plains Regional Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, which covers 10 medical treatment facilities within the Midwest and Rocky Mountain areas, IACH was ranked second in overall case management and first for provider care.

The IACH facility is rapidly approaching its 50th birthday and in terms of technical growth and medical innovations, it is considered to be an old facility. However, the Army and MEDCOM recognized that challenge and dedicated over $80 million for facility upgrades and improvements at IACH over the next six years.

A snapshot of completed projects includes the renovated Women's Health Center, renovation and re-opening of the Caldwell and Aviation Clinics and a sterile preparation room for the pharmacy. Projects currently underway are renovations of the Emergency Room, front entrance and elevators, and upgrades to the primary care clinics. Between fiscal year '07 and fiscal year 13, there are plans to renovate the operating room, Pediatric Acute Care Unit, Ambulatory Surgical Clinic and Special Care Unit, build an additional troop medical clinic on Custer Hill, and add an additional wing to the existing hospital.

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After the return of the 1st Infantry Division, IACH increased its eligible beneficiaries from roughly 22,000 in 2005 to its current population of about 43,000. Commensurate to the population growth, IACH juggles the challenge of staying adequately staffed. The assigned medical staff deals with temporary duty station assignments, deployments and other mandatory training requirements without back-fills, just like most other military units.

IACH Deputy Commander of Administration Lt. Col. Richard Hoyt commented, he "routinely assesses the need for additional hiring actions to maintain a fully qualified staff." IACH exercises proactive recruitment and retention measures to attract medical providers to Fort Riley and northeast Kansas.

On a monthly basis IACH accommodates almost 20,000 clinic visits, fills over 30,000 prescriptions and processes just over 19,000 laboratory orders. IACH also manages around 2,100 emergency room visits, conducts 4,600 radiological procedures, delivers 49 babies and conducts 182 surgical procedures.

In addition to all that, IACH supports all the medical needs of the active, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers before and after deployments and provides total coverage to the transition team Soldiers as they pass through Fort Riley. Since June 2006, the transitional Soldiers treated within IACH clinics fluctuated from 700 to over 2,000 patients in addition to the permanent IACH beneficiary population.

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IACH's top priority is to the Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who have medical conditions preventing them from returning to their homes. Case managers track the care and welfare of medical holdovers and currently serve about 30 patients. The average length of stay for a holdover patient is 170 days, with a few outliers. According to Capt. Max Divine, commander of the Garrison Medical Processing Unit, "the junior holdover Soldiers are housed in brand new modular style barracks adjacent to IACH and those above the rank of sergeant first class reside in bachelor enlisted quarters."

In assessing the care and treatment of holdover Soldiers, the most common complaint is the processing is either too fast or too slow, or they are unhappy with their disability ratings. The Physical and Medical Evaluation Board process has several stages allowing Soldiers to dissent or non-concur with their condition or treatment. All of the holdover Soldiers have full access to complaint and comment sources like the inspector general, company support chains, the Interactive Customer Evaluation system and their elected officials.

Smith challenges her staff to, "be the eyes and ears for problems within work areas and never become complacent in responsibilities." If problems cannot be fixed on the spot, they should be reported to someone who can monitor and fix them.

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German, Australian press cover TT training at Funston

By Julie Mitts
PAO Intern

Radio and TV media from Australia and Germany received first-hand access to transition team training March 9 at Fort Riley.

Before getting to try meals ready-to-eat and experiencing life in a mock Afghan town, the reporters and cameramen attended a briefing from Lt. Col. Curt Hudson, deputy commander, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, who welcomed the group with an introduction in German.

"How do you take a guy out of Western culture and prepare him for operations in Iraq or Afghanistan?" Hudson asked the group.

He stressed the point that TT Soldiers leave Fort Riley with the skills of an adviser as well as those of a Soldier.

Following the briefing, reporters interviewed Soldiers from transition team Class 16 during combat lifesaver training. Capt. John Bezou, commander, Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion, demonstrated some of the medical equipment carried by the teams.

The group then learned how to eat like Soldiers, ripping into MREs for a lunch in the field at urban cluster site three.

"It was not bad," German Public Radio correspondent Klaus Kastan said of his MRE. "I kind of liked it."

Cameramen filmed role players portraying angry Taliban villagers and the handling of an improvised explosive device during a mission readiness exercise with transition team Class 15.

"Are you the real media, or are you just playing them?" a Soldier asked after the exercise ended.

Kastan said he would file several stories from his visit here.

"I plan to do one on living at Fort Riley and smaller pieces about the Soldiers deploying," Kastan said.

Transition team members were receptive to having the foreign press observe training.

"I think it is good for them to come and see what we are doing," said Sgt. 1st Class Gabriel Loera, transition team Class 15.

PAO/Mitts

German cameramen film as Soldiers from transition team Class 16 give each other IVs during combat lifesaver training at Camp Funston March 9. Six media from Germany and Australia witnessed the training as part of a press visit.

Post, Army news briefly

Recruiter team to visit post

Volunteer recruiters have the option of selecting one of nine battalions within the Recruiting Command under the New Assignment Incentive Program. Recruiters will also receive $450 per month in special duty pay upon assignment to a recruiting battalion, while receiving up to $75 in reimbursement per month for expenses.

Briefings will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 26 in the West Ballroom at Riley's Conference Center, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 27 in the Executive Ballroom at Riley's Conference Center and at 9 a.m. March 28 in the West Ballroom.

For more information, visit www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter or call Master Sgt. Walter Hampton at (502) 626-0210, DSN 536-0210.

Discover Riley's treasures

Newcomers to Fort Riley, and those who wish to learn more about the post are invited to attend a post orientation April 6 offered by Army Community Service's relocation staff. Participants will learn fun facts, interesting information and what the Fort Riley area has to offer. Orientations will be held the first Friday of every month. Contact ACS - Relocation at (785) 239-9435 or site2665@riley.army.mil to reserve a seat.

Tax Center offers services

The Tax Center will help prepare and e-file federal tax returns and will also assist in preparing state returns. Persons wishing to file should bring proof of identification including social security cards for all family members along with any tax forms and a copy of last year's return.

The Fort Riley Tax Center is located in building 7434B, directly across from the bowling alley on Custer Hill. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Call 239-1040 for more information or an appointment.

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According to the TSP notice, external penetration testing determined the TSP record keeping system was not breached, but concluded personal information was compromised when keyloggers monitored each individual keystroke of some victims when they used home computers to enter their TSP PIN and Social Security numbers. TSP was also able to identify participants who had relatively small amounts withdrawn from their accounts. As an added security measure, TSP has discontinued making electronic payments for on-line transactions, according to TSP officials.

CID will continually release notices such as the TSP alert through their CID Cyber Lookout program, an initiative aimed at helping Soldiers protect themselves and their families from becoming victims of cyber crime.

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Afghan Sgt. Maj. of the Army Roshan Safi picks up a modified M-4 carbine rifle at Range 3 here March 13 during his visit to Fort Riley March 13-14.

Visit

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aters," Espinoza said.

Roshan said he particularly found useful the "crawl, walk, run" method of training and how simulators like the Close Combat Tactical Trainer enable Soldiers to learn the first two phases.

"The training is very important," Roshan said. "The day I got here, every second I learned so many great things. I hope one day I can send my NCOs to this training to take back to Afghanistan for our soldiers to learn this."

The other part of the visit was for the TT teams' benefit, Espinoza said.

Since Fort Riley took over the TT mission for Afghanistan in November, servicemembers have been training to work with, advise and train both the ANA and the Afghan National Police.

A group of sailors and airmen gathered in the language immersion lab to talk to Roshan and Espinoza about their upcoming mission. Roshan talked about how the ANA and ANP have changed since the arrival of coalition forces, and answered questions about the training and mission in theater. Both Afghan sergeants major met one-on-one with class members after the session.

"I wanted to get it across to every servicemember here that the training they're going to is vital," Espinoza said. "It's a key asset. They're picking up skill sets that are going to be used every day while they're in theater."

Espinoza said he hoped TT class members who talked to Roshan and Fazel understood how motivated and committed the ANA and ANP are the security of their country.

From the way Roshan spoke to the TT Soldiers, Espinoza said, he hoped they could sense the importance of their mission.

"The ANA and ANP want to have a partnership that's going to last for years and it's going to help them stand his army on their own two feet," Espinoza said. "They already are – but it's going to help them move to a higher level of expertise."

"It brought to me the importance of us going over there," said Air Force Capt. Atley Gray, a transition team member. "Some of the (training) gets mundane throughout the days, but seeing what we can do to help them and also our Army brethren – it's an awesome opportunity."

Roshan said he hoped every American understands how appreciative he and many other Afghan citizens are of the U.S. Army helping to build the ANA from "nothing." He also said he wondered why international media coverage in his country seemed limited to improvised explosive device attacks.

"Afghanistan was like a sick person and the Americans have got the medicine for that sick person," Roshan said. "Everyone knows that the sick person is getting better every day … to keep winning the war for Afghanistan so one day we stand on our feet."

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Aviation medics train for deployment, brush up on combat lifesaving skills

By Sgt. Nicole Clarke
CAB PAO

"Medic! Help! Help me, I'm hurt. My arm, it hurts. Medic!" was a familiar cry during the fourth and final day of the Combat Medic Advanced Skills Training course.

Combat Aviation Brigade health care specialists attended the CMAST course taught by Barton County Community College as part of their mandatory pre-deployment training.

All health care specialists are required to attend the CMAST course prior to deployment, said Russ Wilson, senior instructor at BCCC.

Medics go through three and a half days of classroom and hands-on instruction, before they go out to the lanes and are tested on what they know, Wilson said.

During the instruction portion medics are updated on the newest items available to health care specialists and are taught how to provide care under fire, tactical combat care and casualty evacuation care.

CAB/Clarke

Pfc. Brandy Shreves, HHC, 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment breathes for the training aid during day four of the combat medic advanced skills training course required for health care specialist prior to deployment.

Training refreshes medics

"The Combat Aviation Brigade is the only brigade on Fort Riley that is having all medical personnel attend this class," said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Clarno, health care specialist and course coordinator with the Army Medical Department.

The class was a nice refresher before deployment, said Spc. Kyle Delong, health care specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment.

"I had the chance to work on some skills I don't use every day," Delong said. "You are never actually ready to go to war. Things happen so fast over there. When your buddy is down you don't really think about it; you just do it," he said.

Prior to becoming a member of the CAB, Delong was deployed with the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment as a platoon medic.

"The class is beneficial, it refreshes your memory," said Brandy Shreves, health care specialist, HHC, 3rd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt. "If you are not doing the tasks it can fade away with time.

"You need to be refreshed on specific skills so you don't forget them in war," she added. "I really like my job and I don't want to loose the knowledge I have. There was a lot of equipment that I hadn't seen before."

The training was as good as it can get without being dangerous, Shreves said.

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CGMCG bucks up horsepower, seeks riders

By Alison Kohler
Community Relations

Four new horses have taken up residence at the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard stables on post, and the unit is now looking for new riders to round out its numbers.

Currently, the CGMCG has 18 horses, two mules and 16 personnel, said CGMCG 1st Sergeant Wade Greif.

"I'm looking for athleticism, motivation and a willingness to learn, Greif said. "They do not have to have ridden a horse before - we'll teach them."

The four new horses were acquired from surrounding communities after the CGMCG placed an ad in a farming publication.

"We mix and visit with the people in the communities," said CGMCG Trainer Ron Roller. "It's an honor for them to sell a horse to the Army."

Horses crawl, walk, run

The horses are in the first stage of introduction into the unit where they are quarantined to ensure they have no communicable diseases. After their quarantine, the horses will be introduced to the herd to learn how to get along with one another and, eventually, be fully mission capable to ride in parades and perform in cavalry tactics demonstrations, Roller said.

"We crawl, walk, run. If you skip any of those, it causes failure," Roller said.

The process could take up to a year, and Roller said, they prefer to wait for the horse to want to perform rather than push him into it.

"We'll integrate the horses in when they're ready," Roller said

Stiff selection process

The CGMCG looked at approximately 45 horses prior to selecting their four new recruits. As a result of the current horse market, they paid less for four horses than they used to pay for just one, Roller said.

"We're looking for good quiet animals with the basics. We don't buy bronc horses. We put the finishing touches on them," Roller said.

The target age range for the horses was 5 to 10 years old, but one of the new horses, Rambler, didn't fit the bill being about 11, Greif said. They chose him anyway because of his calm demeanor, he said.

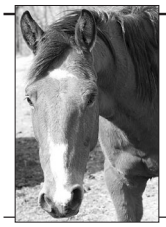
They also did a risk assessment when looking at the horses to identify any potential hazards to Soldiers and the people they would be around, Roller said.

"Safety comes first. If the animal is unruly, we don't tolerate that," Roller said.

After being selecting, the horses were taken to Kansas State University's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital for evaluation. When they passed inspection there, the CGMCG began to integrate them into the unit.

"So far, so good," Greif said. "We're real excited. They show a lot of great potential."

Soldiers interested in joining the CGMCG should call Greif at 239-3179.



Old Bill

Old Bill, a 7-year-old quarter horse, joined the herd from Council Grove, Kan.

"The owner was excited to sell him," Greif said.

He appears to have good ground manners and "enough go," Roller said.

Rifle

Rifle, a 9-year-old quarter horse from Junction City, stood out with his "quiet" personality and good temperament, Roller said.

"(He) reins well, backs well and has very few bad habits we can detect at this time," Roller said.

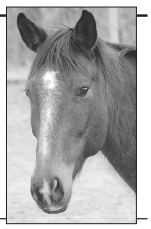
Winchester

Winchester, a 7-year-old quarter horse from Reading, Kan., was used in ranching and roping, Roller said.

When Roller and Greif arrived to look at him, his previous owner demonstrated his calm temperament by running a weedeater while on his back, Roller said. "He showed us he had been desensitized (to noise) and would put up with a lot."

Rambler

Rambler, an 11-year-old quarter horse from Green, Kan., stands about 16 hands tall with good conformation, Roller said. "His ground management is exceptionally good."



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Soldiers respond to surprise attack at Funston

By Master Sgt. Jack Lee
1st Bde. PAO

It's all simulation, planned to unfold like the real event might during a deployment.

Soldiers strolled to the dining facility. Suddenly, a suicide bomber detonated his load of explosives shattering the calm. Injured bodies lay in the grass, everywhere around the DFAC Soldiers cried out in pain.

Running onto the scene, transition team Soldiers evaluated the situation, started treating the wounded and providing security.

The responders weren't from one transition team, but whoever happened to be walking by.

"If this was a real bombing, that's how it would work," said Sgt. 1st. Class Mickey Grannan, an evaluator from Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion. "Whoever happened to be in the area would respond to the injured and work together."

Grannan was looking for combat lifesaving skills and liked what he saw. "They secured the area, started immediate treatment, established a casualty collection point and continued treatment," he said.

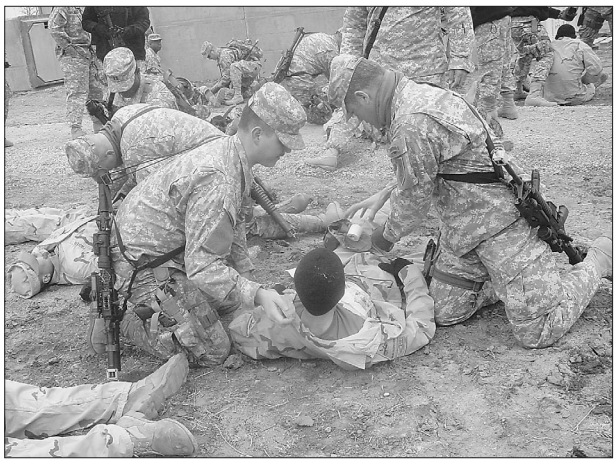
The Soldiers in the combat lifesaver course were going through medical validation that day, but this was totally unexpected, said Staff Sgt. Leotis Hightower, an emergency room medic from Fort Hood, Texas, and member of TT Class 18.

"We were walking to the dining facility when the bomb went off. We took cover until we determined another bomb wasn't going off, then the class started treatment," Hightower said.

"I am very confident that if the real thing comes along," Hightower said, "the team and I would be ready to provide the medical care needed to save lives."

During their combat lifesaver training, Soldiers learn to provide immediate emergency care and ongoing treatment until medical personnel arrive on the scene.

"I believe I could save a life with the medical training I've received here," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jackie Harris a Class 15 transition team member.



With role players simulating wounded, transition team members Maj. George Glass, right, and Sgt. 1st. Class Jason Hunt, both Class 18, started medical treatment. Trainers at Camp Funston try to make scenarios as realistic as possible, ensuring the Soldiers are as ready as can be for their deployments.

1st Bde./Lee

Veterans Affairs invites feedback on services, launches Web site

Department of Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson, head of the new interagency task force examining the processes for combat veterans seeking services and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies, announced the creation of a dedicated Web page to solicit input on the ease of accessing federal services.

"As the task force moves forward in studying how we can enhance services and cut red tape, we believe it's important to provide veterans, their family members and others with the opportunity to share their ideas and experiences," Nicholson said.

People can e-mail comments to the task force at TFHeroes@va.gov or fax comments to (202) 273-9599. Information on the task force, and mailing addresses are available at www.va.gov/taskforce.

More info

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The Web page allows active-duty servicemembers, veterans, family members and others to comment directly to the task force on the accessibility, timeliness and delivery of services. Comments will be studied by the task force, used in the panel's evaluation of gaps in service and will form the basis of recommended solutions.

Called the "Task Force on Returning Global War on Terror Heroes," the panel consists of the secretaries of Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Education, plus the administrator of the Small Business Administration and the director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Under the terms of the executive order creating the task force, the group has 45 days to identify and examine existing federal services for returning war on terror servicemembers; identify gaps in such services; seek recommendations from federal agencies on ways to fill those gaps; and ensure that appropriate federal agencies are communicating and cooperating effectively.

Courts-martial find 2 Soldiers guilty

Staff Judge Advocate

Two Soldiers at Fort Riley have been convicted by courts-martial in March.

Pvt. Michael K. Adams was tried at a General Court-Martial March 8 and found guilty of absence without leave for 111 days terminated by apprehension, missing movement to the National Training Center, and breaking restriction.

The military judge sentenced him to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for one year, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

Spc. Joshua G. Baase was tried at a General Court-Martial March 9 and found guilty of indecent acts on a male under 16 years of age, indecent exposure, and possessing child pornography.

The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 8 years, and to be discharged from the service with a Dishonorable Discharge.

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Employee survey to begin

An Employee Satisfaction Survey will be conducted on Fort Riley, April 1-13.

This survey will provide civilian employees an opportunity to submit confidential direct input to management in the areas of leadership; personal work experiences; recruitment, development and retention; performance culture; and job satisfaction.

Each organization has selected an individual to serve as a point of contact for the survey. These POCs will be responsible for dissemination of the survey throughout organizations and ensuring confidentiality is maintained.

Sealed envelopes will be provided and employees may return surveys to POCs, place in the organization's drop box or return to the Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office via distribution.

For questions, contact Todd Douglass at 239-2205 or Pam Perry 239-2011.

Security course scheduled

A Security Manager's Orientation Course (SMOC) will be held for all S-2s and security managers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 10-12 at Riley's conference center. For more information, call Pete Paras at 239-3607.

Aviators fly skies over U.S. border

By Sgt. Nicole Clarke
CAB PAO

Soldiers of the Combat Aviation Brigade recently returned from a month-long deployment in support of Joint Task Force-North under U.S Northern Command (Homeland Security) where they worked with the U.S. Border Patrol providing aerial reconnaissance out of Fort Bliss, Texas.

Approximately 80 Soldiers from 2nd Battalion and 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment and 601st Aviation Support Battalion deployed from Fort Riley. They augmented the main element of 220 Soldiers from the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment out of Fort Carson, Colo.

Fort Riley sent three UH-60 Black Hawks and two CH-47 Chinooks, while Fort Carson sent 21 Kiowa Warrior OH-58Ds.

During the deployment, the CAB Soldiers' mission was to provide the border patrol with aerial reconnaissance in the vicinity of El Paso, Texas, detect, and report cross-border activity to the U.S. Border Patrol, said Bill Huff, CAB operations officer.

"This has been a great opportunity to work as one team," Huff said. "It has been a success, and the Soldiers have been focused on the job at hand."

This is good training for our upcoming deployment this summer, Huff said. It gave the Soldiers a chance to focus on a real world mission and bring a tight team together.

"The first handshake with the 1/6 Cav., isn't going to be in the sandbox," Huff said. "You don't want to meet for the first time why you are in combat. You would like to do a little bit of training prior to and this is definitely an opportunity that we took advantage of."

This mission has made the 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., a better unit., Huff said.

"All of their main focuses they need to deploy were exercised minus one, force protection," Huff said. "The trade off was the units we sent from here got to experience the same thing and be a part of that."

During the time the CAB spent at Fort Bliss they also were able to utilize training areas.

"The 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., was able to shoot a aerial hellfire gunnery while at Fort Bliss and use the training areas Fort Bliss has to offer," Huff said.

"This gives the Soldiers confidence, knowing what they did to fix a helicopter helped spot a transnational trying to cross the border," Huff said. "That confidence just speaks volumes.

"This operation was in support of Homeland Security and it helps us prepare for our deployment operations by working as one team," Huff said.

Courtesy photo

Soldiers from Company C, 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade discuss maintenance needed on OH-58D Kiowa as a UH-60 Black Hawk lands in the background. The Soldiers were deployed for a month near El Paso, Texas, in support of the U.S. Border Patrol.

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Sports news briefly

GC tourney set at golf course

Bring your four-man team to Custer Hill Golf Course May 18 for the Garrison Commander's Spring Classic. The event will kick-off at noon with a shotgun start. The $40 per person fee includes green fees, cart rental and food.

The classic is open to the first 30 teams to register. Call the Custer Hill Golf Course at 784-6000 for additional information.

Golf for free

Golf for free and enter to win prizes during the Custer Hill Golf Course Open House from 1 to 5 p.m. March 31. The event will feature a long drive contest, putting contest and a grand-prize drawing for a free 2007 membership.

For more information, call 784-6000.

Soccer sign-ups to begin

Parents can register their children, ages 3 to 5 years old, for Start Smart Soccer from March 16 to April 6.

Start Smart Soccer is an instructional program designed to prepare children for organized soccer by teaching effective skills in a fun, non-stressful environment.

Registration is $20 per child and classes will be held from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. every Monday starting April 9 until May 14.

All children wishing to participate in Start Smart Soccer must be enrolled with Child and Youth Services.

For more information or to register, visit CYS Central Registration, Bldg. 6620 or call 239-4847. Interested individuals also can contact Youth Sports at 239-9223 or 239-9200.

Registration set for youth leagues

Parents can register youth, ages 5 to 13, in t-ball, baseball and softball from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday April 2 through 20 at Child and Youth Services, Central Registration, Bldg. 6620.

The registration fee is $40 for the first child and $32 for each additional child enrolled. All children wishing to participate must be enrolled through CYS.

All participants must have a sports physical form on file, dated on or after July 31, 2006 and be 5 years old by May 14, 2007.

For more information, or to pick up a registration form, visit Central Registration, Bldg. 6620 or call 239-4847. Interested individuals can also call Youth Sports at 239-9223 or 239-9200.

Individuals interested in volunteering as coaches (no previous experience necessary), should contact Youth Sports.

4th annual run set in Abilene

The 4th annual Eisenhower Marathon will be held April 7 in Abilene, Kan. Runners can register online at www.eisenhowermarathon.com or www.marathonguide.com. The registration deadline was March 1, but late registrations with fees still will be accepted including the morning of the race.

Fast track

Martin closes out 621-race streak in ATL

U.S. Army Racing

HAMPTON, Ga. - Mark Martin closed out the fifth-longest consecutive race streak in NASCAR Cup history with a 10th-place finish in the Kobalt Tools 500 March 18 at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Martin's 621 consecutive race streak began Feb. 14, 1988, at the Daytona 500.

With his fourth straight top-10 finish of the season, the U.S. Army Chevrolet driver maintained his lead in the Nextel Cup driver point standings. He left Atlanta with an eight-point lead over Jeff Gordon.

"It is really cool and I guess it's kind of a storybook way to go out after chasing those points so hard for the last 20 years," Martin said. "It's definitely the way to do it and I just can't say enough about this U.S. Army Race team. They are a fabulous team and an awesome group of guys. It's great to finally see them get the recognition they deserve. I sure wish I had been driving their car a little sooner."

"I get so many e-mails from our troops and it makes me even more happy that the Soldiers' car is on top of the standings," Martin added. "Our Soldiers inspire all of us and I am so proud to represent them."

Martin, who is driving a limited schedule for Ginn Racing, will miss the next two Nextel Cup races in Bristol (March 25) and Martinsville (April 1). Rookie Regan Smith will drive the 01 Army car in those two events before Martin returns for the Texas Motor Speedway race on April 15.

This is the third time in Martin's career that he has started the season with four straight top 10s. The other two times were in 1995 and 2000. Martin's other finishes in 2007 were: second at Daytona and fifth at both California and Las Vegas.

Martin, who started the race fourth after a strong qualifying effort on Friday, struggled with a loose racecar early in the event,

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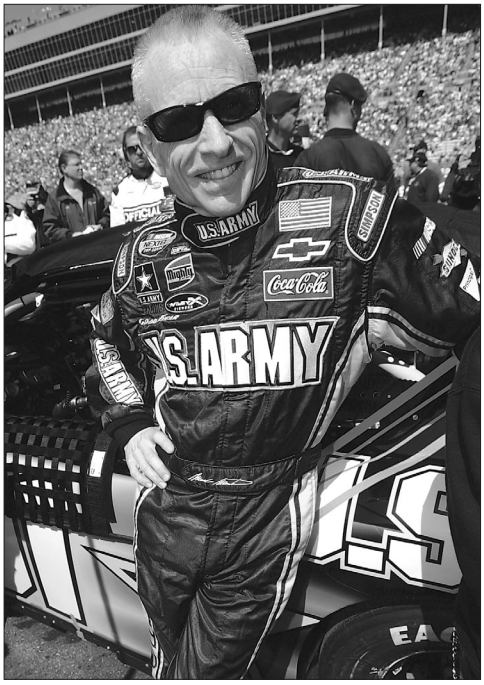

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Youth win basketball shoot-out

7 post kids get chance at regionals

Special to the Post

Seven Fort Riley youths are on their way to try for a chance to compete at the U.S. Olympic Training Center after winning at the Jr. Olympic Basketball Skills Competition local qualifying event March 8.

Local youth between the ages of 8 and 13 participated in the competition March 8 at the Middle School Teen Center gymnasium. To move on to the regional competition, shooters had to score as many points as possible by making baskets from designated shooting areas.

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The following finalists will move on to the regional competition and a chance to attend the national competition at the U.S. Olympic Training Center:

8- to 9-year-old division
- Nathan Zadina
- Lindsey Vandergraph and Casey McCardell (tie)

10- to 11-year-old division
- Danny Thornton
- Tiffany Person

12- to 13-year-old division
- Tra Twitty
- Patricia Counts

For more information about the competition, call the Youth Sports Office at 239-9223.

Schumacher hooks year's first win in Florida

U.S. Army Racing

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - U.S. Army Top Fuel driver, Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher, won his first race of the 2007 season March 18 in the ACDelco Gatornationals at Gainesville Raceway.

In Pro Stock Motorcycles, U.S. Army pilots Angelle Sampey and Antron Brown both lost in the first round.

Top Fuel

Schumacher, who had qualified third, beat Larry Dixon in the finals with a 4.542-second run at 325.14 mph. It was his second career Gatornationals victory.

"It means a lot to win this race again," said the Chicago native. "Without question, winning the U.S. Nationals is big, but the Gatornationals is definitely a close second."

The defending NHRA POWERade Top Fuel world champion rolled through a tough side of the eliminations ladder before his meeting with Dixon. He had to get by the likes of former teammates Melanie Troxel, Doug Kalitta and Rod Fuller.

"It was tough for sure," he said shaking his head. "There aren't any easy ones anymore in Top Fuel. When you win one of these races, you've earned it.

"What I'm most happy about is that we didn't take as long this year as last year to get a win for our Soldiers. As always, I hope we were able to put a smile on their faces."

Schumacher's 36th career victory moved him past the legendary "Big Daddy" Don Garlits, into fourth-place on the all-time Top Fuel win list.

"That's incredible to be on such a list with him," he added. "He's the man, bar none."

With his win in Gainesville, Schumacher also jumped four more spots in the standings to second-place and now trails Fuller by 39 points.

Pro Stock Motorcycles

Both Sampey and Brown were beaten on "hole shots," where one competitor posts a better elapsed time than his or her opponent, but leaves the starting later and gets to the finish line second.

In Sampey's case, she recorded a quicker pass than 16th-place qualifier Karen Stoffer (6.969 seconds at 185.05 mph) but her reaction time at the starting line was slower than Stoffer's - .119 seconds to .004 seconds.

"The numbers say it all," said a dejected Sampey, who had qualified number one on Saturday with a national record-setting run. "When you leave the line late that usually spells trouble."

Brown had a similar experience against 14th-place qualifier Tom Bradford. The New Jersey native posted a quicker 7.012-second quarter-mile trip at 185.64 mph, but his .109-second start was slower than Bradford's .042-second launch.

"I feel the same way as Angelle - horrible," Brown said. "The (crew) guys gave us great Suzukis and we just didn't get the job done today. After testing here in Gainesville tomorrow, we'll certainly look to make amends in two weeks out in Texas."

Schumacher, Sampey and Brown will next head to Houston Raceway Park, March 30-April 1, for the O'Reilly Spring Nationals.

Moles, gophers create backyard battlegrounds

By Alan Hynek
Fish and Wildlife Biologist

On the Wildside: News About Nature

Alan Hynek

Many lawns and mowed areas on Fort Riley are beginning to look like little battlefields. Small mounds of bare soil seem to appear out of nowhere. Craters erupt as if a miniature army has passed through the area, complete with mortar impacts and demolition zones. Raised tunnels appear overnight as if an advancing enemy is in the midst. What could cause all of this destruction? The answer is moles and gophers. Although both culprits can cause similar damage to the landscape, they are indeed two very different mammals.

The eastern mole is a member of the shrew family, which are mainly insectivores. Moles can be found in loose soils in search of earthworms and other invertebrates. Like other members of its family, moles have a voracious appetite. They can eat up to one-half of their body weight each day. Moles burrow year around, making tunnels near the ground surface at a pace as fast as one foot per minute.

Pocket gophers are a member of the rodent family and generally cause more disturbance than moles. There are two species of gophers in Kansas. The plains pocket gopher can be found nearly statewide, but is apparently absent from the extreme southeast corner of Kansas. It prefers sandy to loamy soils and is mainly found in bottomland habitat. The yellow-faced pocket gopher is only found in the southwestern part of the state. It inhabits areas of heavy, clay soil in both upland and bottomland situations.

The plains pocket gopher is more highly specialized for digging than any other North American mammal and lives underground for its entire life. Gophers are well equipped for their underground lifestyle with powerfully built legs. Their large claws and highly sensitive whiskers help them maneuver in the dark. An unusual adaptation is the gopher's lips, which can be closed behind the four incisor teeth to keep dirt out of its mouth when using its teeth for digging.

Pocket gophers live in a burrow system that can cover an area up to 2,000 square feet. The burrows are about three inches in diameter and usually six to 12 inches below ground. However, some nesting and food storage chambers may be as deep as six feet below ground. Pocket gophers do not hibernate and mostly stay active all year around.

Pocket gophers often invade yards and feed on various garden crops and ornamental plants. A single gopher moving down a garden row can inflict serious damage in a very short time. Besides plants, gophers can gnaw and damage plastic water lines and lawn sprinkler systems. Their tunnels can divert and carry off irrigation water and lead to soil erosion. Additionally, mounds of soil on lawns can interfere with mowing equipment.

Gophers and moles can cause significant damage to lawns and

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golf courses and are often scorned by landowners and greens keepers. However, their importance in maintaining a healthy prairie ecosystem cannot be underestimated. The tunnels they dig serve to aerate the soil and hold additional moisture. The churning action of the soil helps improve organic matter and increases fertility. Disturbed areas are temporarily converted to sparse vegetation covered with annual plants. These subtle changes help to maintain diversity within the tallgrass prairie.

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dropping as far back as 16th.

However, crew chief Ryan Pemberton and the No. 01 team refused to give up, continuing to work on the Chevrolet in hopes of improving the handling. By lap 270 of 325 Martin had driven the car back to the 11th position. And when the race's fifth caution was called (lap 272), the Army over-the-wall crew came through with one of its quickest stops of the day, sending Martin back out in ninth position. The veteran driver would run the remainder of the race inside the top 10.

"We weren't as good today as we had been the first couple of races," Martin said. "But the guys on the Army team never gave up - just like our Soldiers. We were able to gain positions on pit road during those last two stops and bring home a top-10 finish."

"They also allowed me to leave here as the points leader and I have to thank them for all they have done for me this year," continued Martin.

Following Sunday's race, Martin quickly put to rest any rumors about his plans for next weekend.

"I'm looking forward to next weekend," said Martin. "I just want to thank all the fans for their support, especially with this U.S. Army car and what we have going on. I know a lot of people still don't believe that I won't be racing next weekend, but they will have a really hard time finding me.

"We've worked really hard since January and we've put a lot into this. It's been a hard-working stretch and I'm looking forward to taking a little break."

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Sports news briefly

Registration open for classes

Registration is now open for Junior Golf and Gymnastics Summer Camps through SKIES Unlimited.

Junior Golf classes will be held at the Fort Riley golf course and will begin May 15.

Lessons cost $60 and will be divided into the following categories.

5:15-6 p.m., Tuesday - 6 to 10 year olds

5:15-6 p.m., Thursday - 11 to 18 year olds

Sessions run from May 15 to June 21, July 10 to August 16 and August 28 to October 4.

Gymnastics Summer Camp classes will be taught at Child and Youth Services, Building 6620 beginning in June.

Lessons cost $45 for 3 to 6 year olds and $55 for 7 to 15 year olds.

Sessions run from June 11 to 15, June 25 to 29, July 9 to 13 and July 23 to 27

Participants must be registered with CYS to enroll in classes.

Sports physicals are required to participate in gymnastics.

For more information, call 239-4723.

Swim for Life II set at pool

Swim from Kaua'i island to Hawaii without ever leaving Fort Riley. All Department of Defense civilians on Fort Riley are encouraged to enroll in Swim 4 My Life II. The program is free and prizes will be given once individuals reach specified distances.

Participants' distances will tracked by Fort Riley aquatic staff.

For additional information, or to enroll in the upcoming Swim 4 My Life program call 239-9441.

CVB seeks tourney helpers

Volunteers are wanted to assist with the ESPN/Bassmaster Bass Club World Championship Regional Tournament. Ten people are wanted April 12 to help set up for the tournament. Another 10 volunteers are wanted to help tear down April 14. In addition, a singer is wanted to help kick off the opening ceremony. The tournament runs April 13-14. Interested persons should contact the Junction City/Geary County Convention Visitors Bureau at 238-2885 for more information.

Lifeguard class scheduled

Individuals interested in becoming a certified lifeguard can enroll in Lifeguard Training at Fort Riley. Classes will be held April 26-29 and May 11-14.

The training will be free for perspective Fort Riley Aquatic Lifeguards. Graduates will receive professional rescuer certifications.

Interested individuals can call 239-9441 for additional information or to enroll in the courses.

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Community news briefly

Post-wide yard sale scheduled

Fort Riley's post-wide yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14. Community members without a Department of Defense decal on their vehicle will need their vehicle registration, proof of insurance, and a valid ID to get onto post.

Easter sunrise service set

The Installation Chaplain's Office will hold the Fort Riley Community Easter Sunrise Service from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. April 8 at the Outdoor Chapel near Huebner and First Division Roads. A continental breakfast will be served following the service. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Morris Hill Chapel, 5315 Jackson Street (corner of Jackson and Ewell Streets near Warner Heights housing area).

FRMS parent meeting set

Fort Riley Middle School will hold its spring sports parent meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 26. Parents of seventh- or eighth-grade students interested in playing tennis, golf or track, should plan to attend. For more information, call 717-4500.

CDC accepting Pre-K sign-ups

The Child Development Center on Normandy Drive is accepting registrations for the Geary County and Fort Riley Pre-Kindergarten Program. Classroom activities and services will be provided that follow the research-based Creative Curriculum framework.

Services will be offered for 40 children of active duty military servicemembers. Participants must be at least 4 years old by August 31 to enroll in the program.

Children must be enrolled through Child & Youth Services to participate in the Fort Riley Pre-Kindergarten program. Additional information can be obtained at Child and Youth Services, Central Registration Office, Bldg 6620 or by calling 239-9885 or 239-9478.

Earth Day event to be held

Celebrate Earth Day by geocaching at 9 a.m. April 21 on Fort Riley.

Geocaching is an outdoor recreation which uses a Global Positioning System to locate hidden caches.

This will be a great team challenge for families and small groups. Individuals are invited to attend.

The cost is $5 per person or $10 per family. Basic GPS skills are required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own GPS or they can rent one from the Outdoor Recreation Center for $3.

For more information, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 239-2363.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

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

Army creates hotline for wounded Soldiers

U.S. Army News Release

At the direction of the acting Secretary of the Army and Army Chief of Staff, the Army will open its newly created Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline March 19. The purpose of the hotline's call center is twofold: to offer wounded and injured Soldiers and their family members a way to seek help to resolve medical issues and to provide an information channel of Soldier medically related issues directly to senior Army leadership so they can improve how the Army serves the medical needs of Soldiers and their families.

"We have designed this call center to be able to collectively hear what the Soldiers say about their health care issues. So as issues are raised, we can identify systemic faults or problematic areas and senior leaders can better allocate resources," said Maj. Gen. Sean J. Byrne, commanding general, U.S. Army Human Resources Command. "It's all about serving our wounded and injured Soldiers and their families. If we can find a way to improve our system, we will. It's that simple."

The "Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline" can be reached from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday at (800) 984-8523. As additional personnel are trained to receive calls and refer them to the proper organization or agency for resolution, the hotline hours of operation will expand to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Talent show

1st Sust. Bde./Merritt

Shantih, a band from Salina, Kan., performs at the BOSS talent show March 9 at Rally Point. The group won first place, for which they received a plaque and a chance to perform during the BOSS fashion show at 7 p.m. April 14 at the Marriot Hotel in Junction City.

BOSS hosts performers at Rally Point

By Pfc. Andrea Merritt
1st Sust. Bde. PAO

Ten performers from Fort Riley and surrounding areas went center stage to compete for the No. 1 spot in a talent show March 9 at Rally Point.

The contestants displayed their skills in song, dance and poetry, but in the end Shantih, a band from Salina, Kan., walked away with the top prize.

The talent show, which was the first talent show organized by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program since 1995, began with a praise dance by Sgt. Ajita Curry, BOSS president.

Much of the talent that followed also had Christian related themes.

"We didn't know that a majority of the talent was gospel," Curry said. "We had R&B, we had rap, we had a little bit of everything, but it just turned out a majority of everything was gospel or Christian related."

After the first six acts the Gymnastics Bratz, a gymnastics team from the Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Education and Skills program at Child and Youth Services, performed an action-packed intermission.

The children, who ranged from kindergarten to fifth-grade, had the audience in awe with their gravity-defying stunts.

Once the halftime show ended, the talent portion continued with more singing and dancing from the last four contestants.

The judges deliberated at the end of the program and tallied each contestant's score, which was based on actual talent, delivery, style, audience participation and entertainment value.

Across the board, Shantih had the highest marks. They won the first-place prize, which was a plaque and a chance to perform at the BOSS fashion show April 14.

"It was fun. It was a fantastic crowd, very energetic," said Katie Shafer, lead vocals for the band. "We are really excited about the fashion show. We will hopefully get to play a set of a lot more original songs."

For it being the first talent show since

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Officer reflects on 30 years in Army

By Spc. Sarah B. Smith
Army News Service

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait - As March is designated Women's History Month, a deployed woman officer with the Army Reserve reflected on her 30 years of personal experience regarding women in the Army.

Lt. Col. Amy Blumenthal, a support operations plans officer for the 377th Theater Support Command, has experienced and witnessed changes both as an officer and enlisted Soldier.

"I've learned and seen a lot," Blumenthal said. "My military experience has made me have more confidence in myself. I was a turtle in a shell, and now I'm out of the shell."

Blumenthal was accepted into the National Guard Officer Candidate Program in 1979.

"This is when I realized, I had to survive in a world of men," she said.

The officer candidate school platoons were organized by alphabetical order and, by chance, Blumenthal was the only woman in her platoon.

She recalled how the women's barracks were a five-minute walk from the men's barracks, often making it difficult for cadets to change uniforms within the 10-minute allotted time.

She said she almost quit when she was assigned to flag detail and a last-minute uniform change caused her to rush back and forth to report in the correct uniform.

Blumenthal said she was picked on and singled out, despite not wanting extra attention. Regardless of the adversity, she completed the course.

"I did graduate in 1980, and I try to live by the three things constantly taught throughout the course: respect noncommissioned officers, never forget where you came from, and be professional," she said.

Another change Blumenthal witnessed in her 30 years with the Army was the integration of men and women.

"To an extent, I had a hard time with integration," she said. "The Army pushed for men and women to combine training and move living quarters closer together. The guys are like your brothers.

"I can understand joint training and living in the same building, but at least have separate floors," Blumenthal added. "Be professional, be a human being and be a lady. You can still be a Soldier and a lady."

Blumenthal joked she was even able to perform fitness routines when wearing the women's Class A uniform.

"You know you've mastered push-ups when you can do them in a skirt," she said.

Though it may be impossible to capture every facet of Blumenthal's 30 years of Army Reserve

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Olympic athlete shares experiences, motivation

By Sgt Nicole Clarke
CAB PAO

The first American Olympic gold medalist in the sport of inverted aerial skiing related her life as an athlete to military life during the Women's History Month Observance March 14 at Riley's Conference Center.

"You have to be on in those key moments," said Nikki Stone, as she spoke at the observance.

Stone's dad financed her first World Cup, and after seeing the 60-second tape from the event said, "I paid $15,000 for 60 seconds," Stone related.

"You have to shine when it counts," she said in reference to her skiing.

"When you are standing face to face with the enemy, there is a lot of preparation that goes into that," Stone said comparing her experience to the military. "You have to make sure you are on and ready in those key moments. You have to make sure in your job, maybe you are giving a presentation, that you are on in those key moments."

CAB/Clarke

Sgt. Jessica Jefferis, unit personnel sergeant, HHC, CAB, takes an opportunity to speak to Nikki Stone after her speech. Stone was the first American to win an Olympic gold medal in inverted aerial skiing.

Soldiers at the observance said they saw Stone as motivating and were glad to have someone who related to military life.

"It was nice how she converted her life into military life," said Pvt. Jennifer Clary, supply clerk with 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment. "She was very educational. She talked about setting goals and to always strive for what I want."

Being on and striving for her goals is what helped Stone qualify for her first Olympic performance in 1994, she said.

"I thought this was my chance to bring home my Olympic medal that I had dreamt about since I was five years old," Stone said.

She didn't make it past semi-finals that year and would have to wait four more years to win a gold medal in inverted aerial skiing.

The next four years was full of obstacles, but Stone said she faced them all.

At one time Stone had been told by multiple doctors she would never ski again due to two bad disks in her back, but that didn't stop her. Eventually she found a doctor that told her she could ski again with rigorous physical therapy to strengthen her back.

"I started jumping one year before the Olympic games in 1997," Stone said.

"This was the best way to show the world that Nikki Stone was back, but the world didn't wait for Nikki Stone. That contest, I fin-

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ished 11th and just to rub salt in the wound a Sports Illustrated journalist said 'Nikki Stone will never stand on the podium again.'

"It was then that I new that I could go home and feel sorry for myself or use that and prove him wrong," Stone said.

The most successful people are just the people that get through it, Stone told the crowd.

"You have to find someone who inspires you, who is going through something similar that you are going through," she said.

One Soldier at Fort Riley was going through something similar to what Stone went through.

Sgt. Jessica Jefferis was told by numerous doctors she wouldn't be able to ride horses daily anymore, that it wouldn't be good for her back.

At one time Jefferis tried out for the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard but wasn't able to stay with it because of her back.

"Listening to her has motivated me to look for other options to be able to keep on riding," said Jefferis, now in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade.

Stone also spoke about the adversities Soldiers go through.

"As Soldiers you have a lot of great adversities, more so than I do," Stone said. "You may be going to war or have people around you that are going to war.

"You have to make sure that you are ready for those obstacles," she added. "There is a lot of pressure, a lot of expectations and there are losses. So look to the people that handle it well and use them as inspiration."

It's said that 90 percent of the time flights from San Francisco to Hawaii are off track, but it's the pilots who make small adjustments to get back on track, Stone commented in her speech. "We have to be the pilots in our own lives and always put ourselves back on course."

Stone referred to a poem called "You Mustn't Quit" when talking about getting back on track. A teammate of hers gave the poem to her when she was 10 years old and wanted to quit gymnastics after a fall on the balance beam.

"I really liked the poem 'You Mustn't Quit' that she talked about," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Hard, equal opportunity noncommissioned officer, 2nd Battalion, 291st Aviation Regiment, 166th Aviation Brigade. "It carries over from everyday life, to combat, to personal goals."

Home wanted

Hershey

This is Hershey. Hershey is a 10-month-old male chocolate lab looking for a new home. He gets along great with children and other animals. Hershey is very energetic, so he would best be suited for a family with a fenced-in yard. Hershey also has a brother at the stray facility.

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Community news briefly

EFMP to hold spring fling

Join Fort Riley's Exceptional Family Member Program for a day of fun and creativity in conjunction with the New Parent Support Program at EFMP's and NPSP's Spring Fling from 10 a.m. to noon on April 28 at the Soldier and Family Support Center.

Several activities are scheduled to allow participants to work with their hands, practice mobility exercises and learn to work as a team. Individuals will be able to help make May Day baskets and participate in kite flying.

For more information, call 239-9435.

Thrift shop seeks help

The Thrift Shop is accepting applications for employment. Applications may be picked up at the Thrift Shop on Main Post.

Starting in April the Thrift Shop will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with consignments being accepted from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, with consignments being accepted from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Saturday of each month, with consignments being accepted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call the Thrift Shop at 784-3874

Infant care classes available

The New Parent Support Program will be hosting Infant Care Classes from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

March 29 - Preparing for the birth

April 5 - Nurturing a healthy family

For more information on the classes, call Toiane Taylor at 239-9435 or 239-5777.

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experiences, she said, she knows the only constant in life is change, and how she has reacted to changes is what best defines her.

"We come to work every day and something is different," Blumenthal said. "Things change all the time. All that matters is how we evolve and make it better."

Spc. Sarah B. Smith writes for the 377th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office.

1st Sust. Bde./Merritt

The Gymnastics Bratz, a gymnastics team from the Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Education and Skills program at the Child and Youth Services Center, take a bow after tumbling during the intermission at the BOSS talent show March 9 at Rally Point.

Talent show

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1995, it went really well, Curry said.

"It was a really good change of pace from the everyday life of going to a club or chilling in the barracks," said Pfc. Benjamin Snyder, a medic with 101st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, who performed a gospel rap in the talent show.

"It was a great opportunity for good, clean entertainment," Snyder said.

The talent show had a good turn out, Curry said, adding that BOSS members already had ideas for the next one.

"We are thinking of doing something like the "Gong Show" or an Apollo style show, where the audience will get to decide the winner," Curry said.

BOSS's next major event will be a fashion show, which is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 14 at the Marriot Hotel in Junction City.

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Luck o' the Irish

Spectators dressed in green line the streets March 17 in Aggieville for the St. Patrick's Day parade. Soldiers from the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, following the D.A.R.E car, carried the national and "Big Red One" colors during the parade in Manhattan.

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Travel & Fun in Kansas

Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost $3.50 for adults and $1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

March 22 - Because I Said So, PG-13, 101 min.
March 23 - Hannibal Rising, R, 117 min.
March 24 - Breach, PG-13, 110 min.
March 25 - Letters From Iwo Jima, R, 141 min.
March 29 - Hannibal Rising, R, 117 min.
March 30 - Norbit, PG-13, 102 min.
March 31 - Bridge to Terabithia, PG, 96 min. (2 p.m. showing)
March 31 - Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls, PG-13, 95 min.
April 1 - Bridge to Terabithia, PG, 96 min.
April 5 - Norbit, PG-13, 102 min.

For more information, call 239-9574.

Junction City:

What: Unlikely Trio, an ensemble of the National Symphony Orchestra
When: 7 p.m. March 24
Where: Junction City Little Theater
Tickets: $3 to $5
Phone: 762-2581
Web site: www.junctioncity-ac.org

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What: Family Fun Day
When: 3 to 6 p.m. March 24
Where: Twelfth Street Community Center
Web site: www.junctioncity-ac.org

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What: Patricia Lacy-Aiken Gospel Ensemble
When: 3 and 7:30 p.m. April 7
Where: Courtyard by Marriott Convention Center
Tickets: $21 general seating or $26 reserved seating
Phone: (785) 213-3297

Salina:

What: Pan's Labyrith, R, 119 minutes
When: 5 and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 2, 5, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and 5 and 7:30 p.m. Monday- Thursday March 23-29
Where: 150 S. Santa Fe, Art Center Cinema
Tickets: $6 to $7
Phone: (785) 452-9868
Web site: www.salinaartcenter.org

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What: Venus, R, 95 minutes
When: 5 and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 2, 5, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and 5 and 7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday March 30-April 5
Where: 150 S. Santa Fe, Art Center Cinema
Tickets: $6 to $7
Phone: (785) 452-9868
Web site: www.salinaartcenter.org

Manhattan:

What: "Much Ado about Nothing." Shakespearean play.
When: April 19-21 and 25-28
Where: Nichols Theatre, Kansas State University
Tickets: $8 to $15
Phone: (785) 532-6428
Web site: www.ksu.edu/sctd

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What: "The Sleeping Beauty"
When: 7:30 p.m. April 21
Where: McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University
Tickets: Public $36-$40, students and children $18 to $20, military, seniors and faculty $34 to $38.
Phone: (785) 532-6428
Web site: www.ksu.edu/mccain

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