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2014 Year in Review

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'Proud Americans' train on fire, sling-load operations

Soldiers conduct last training exercise before unit deactivates

By J. Parker Roberts
 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A sharp "boom" ripped across the Kansas prairie, and the Soldiers gathered around the gently rocking howitzer knew the silence that followed would continue until the next time the nation called for their storied unit.

Even as their brigade prepares for its upcoming



Soldiers with the 2nd Bn., 32nd FA Regt., 4th IBCT, fire the last shots Dec. 11 at the completion of a four-day field training exercise on Fort Riley.

training exercise at Fort Riley in order to maintain their skills with heavy artillery, like the howitzer, reinforce air assault capabilities and remain a globally available force.

The exercise, which included several fire missions, sling-load training and missions to establish procedures for commanders, was the last scheduled for the battalion, which was activated to fight the nation's conflicts and inactivated as operations wound down.

"This is our last battalion live-fire shoot before the unit deactivates," said Staff Sgt. Brian Brown, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA Regt. "It'll be the last round shot downrange from the 'Proud Americans.'"

The exercise concluded Dec. 11 with an im-

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'Demon' Soldiers host candlelight vigil to honor fallen helicopter crew

By Sgt. Michael Leverton
 1ST CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Six Soldiers were honored Dec. 11 during a candlelight vigil in the 1st Infantry Division's Victory Park at Fort Riley.

The emotional event brought together 1st CAB Soldiers, families and friends of fallen warriors Chief Warrant Officer 2 Randy Billings, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Josh Silverman, Sgt. Chris Bohler, Spc. Terry Gordon, Sgt. 1st Class Omar Forde and Staff Sgt. Jesse Williams.

Those gathered held candles and shared stories about the Soldiers who lost their lives when Arrowsmith 35 went down one year ago during the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade's nine-month deployment to southern Afghanistan. The UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter they were in was shot down by enemy forces Dec. 17, 2013, taking the lives of six service members.

Billings, Silverman, Bohler, Gordon and Forde served with the 1st CAB.

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Sgt. Michael Leverton | 1ST CAB A Soldier with the 1st CAB lights a candle to place on the memorial stone of Spc. Terry Gordon during a candlelight vigil in Victory Park Dec. 11 at Fort Riley.

Wreaths Across America is tradition now

By Andy Massanet
 USAG PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

It has been 22 years since Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company, Harrington, Maine, discovered his company had a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season.

After an inquiry, Worcester received approval to place the wreaths on gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery during Christmas 1992.

From such humble beginnings, traditions are sometimes born. The 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley sustained that tradition on a mild damp morning Dec. 13 during the Wreaths Across America event at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery.

Keynote speaker was Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole, who also placed the official U.S. Army holiday wreath near the cemetery monument. Joining Cole was Garrison Com-



Andrew Massanet | USAG PAO Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole lays a wreath for the U.S. Army Dec. 13 during the Wreaths Across America event at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery.

mand Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt and Chaplain (Maj.) Anthony Kazarnowicz. Schmidt placed

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The next USAG Resilience Day Off is

DEC. 24

SAFETY HOLIDAY

As of Thursday, Dec. 18,

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days have passed since the last vehicular fatality at Fort Riley. One hundred ten more and the post will celebrate with a safety holiday to take place at each unit's discretion.

HIGHLIGHTS

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Staff Sgt. Jason Ford (left), 1st Inf. Div. Band, conducts the joint 1st Inf. Div. and Junction City Community bands in a rendition of "An Irving Berlin Christmas" Dec. 14 at the C.L. Hoover Opera House, Junction City. The assembly of musicians performed the Sounds of the Season concert Dec. 12 to 14 featuring holiday favorites and new takes on classic carols.

'Big Red One', community musicians spread holiday cheer

By J. Parker Roberts
1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JUNCTION CITY – The 1st Infantry Division and Junction City Community bands teamed up again this year for a holiday concert at the C.L. Hoover Opera House. The assembly of musicians performed the Sounds of the Season concert Dec. 12 to 14, featuring holiday favorites and new takes on classic carols.

"The 1st Inf. Div. Band has a long legacy, a long history, and it's incredibly talented," said Brig. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley senior mission commander, at the Dec. 14 performance. "We in the division have the opportunity to listen to them all the time at our various ceremonies, but we don't want to hold them in and hide them on post, we want to be able to share."

The concert exemplifies the partnerships formed by the "Big Red One" and Fort Riley with the post's surrounding communities.

"This is a little bit here in this Christmas season, a gift back to the community," Wesley said. "This place, this community, is unmatched nationwide in the embrace that we feel when we come in. My Soldiers and my family feel the embrace of this community unlike any other."

Wesley asked the audience to keep in mind the Soldiers from Fort Riley who will be deployed during the holidays this year.

"The concerts went really well," said Staff Sgt. Richard Ingle, vocalist, 1st Inf. Div. Band.

The Friday and Saturday performances packed the house, he said, while the Sunday matinee had only 20 seats unoccupied.

"It worked out really well for us," Ingle said.



J. Parker Roberts | 1ST INF. DIV.

The 1st Inf. Div. Band, playing alongside the Junction City Community Band, performs "A Canadian Brass Christmas" Dec. 14 at the C.L. Hoover Opera House, Junction City.

TRAFFIC REPORT

NOTICES

REVEILLE AND RETREAT

signal the official start and end of the duty day. In an effort to pay respects during reveille at 6:30 a.m. and retreat at 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday and at 3 p.m. Fridays, military

personnel in uniform, but not in formation will face the flag and render a hand salute.

The salute should begin at the first note of reveille and end on the last note. This also will be done during retreat, ending after the sounding of "To the Colors."

Family members, civilian contractors and retirees are highly encouraged to participate in this tradition by standing firm and upright with their hands over their hearts and removing their headgear, if applicable. While driving during reveille and retreat on the installation, drivers are required to bring their vehicles safely to a complete stop, as they would if an emergency vehicle were approaching, and place their vehicles in park.

Personnel in civilian clothing are to remain seated in their vehicles pulled off to the side of the road for the duration of the bugle call. Fort Riley's guidance is that personnel turn off any music playing in their vehicles during this time. If a group is in a military vehicle or bus, only the senior occupant is to exit the vehicle and render honors.

HAMPTON PLACE

A portion of Hampton Place, from Jackson Avenue north to Ashby Drive, will be closed thru traffic through May 2015. A pedestrian and bike detour will also be in place during this time.

The closure is part of the demolition and construction project in the Warner Peterson Community. Detour signs will be in place. Access to Custer Hill Elementary School will be available from Ashby Avenue.

For more information or questions regarding the partial street closure, contact Corvias Military Living at 785-717-2200.

ACP HOURS OF OPERATION

The Directorate of Emergency Services would like to bring attention to the available access control points for normal and federal holiday hours.

Four Corners/Trooper/Ogden: 24/7.

Henry: 24/7.

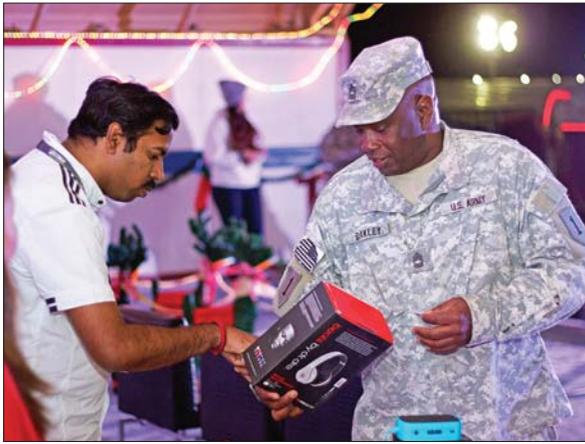
12th Street: Open from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Closed on weekends and federal holidays.

Rifle Range: Open for construction vehicles only at this time.

Grant: Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays; closed on Sundays and federal holidays.

Estes: Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; closed weekends and federal holidays.



Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner | 1ST ABCT
Mandar Pal, an MWR staff member (left) talks to Master Sgt. Timothy Oakley, support operation NCOIC, HHC, 1st ABCT (right) about the headset he won during the Christmas tree lighting and winter carnival Dec. 3 at MWR at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. The event was co-sponsored by Camp Buehring MWR and ASG-Kuwait to usher in the holiday season.

Holiday season in full swing with tree lighting

By Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – Soldiers with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, along with other deployed service members and civilians, participated in the annual Camp Buehring Christmas Tree Lighting and Winter Carnival Dec. 3 at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Oasis Stage Area, Camp Buehring.

Lt. Col. Jennifer Hicks-McGown, commander, Camp Buehring Area Support Group-Kuwait and native of Victory, Texas, said the purpose of the annual event was to boost the morale of all personnel on the base.

"The Christmas tree-lighting ceremony is used to set off the holiday season," Hicks-McGown said. "We arranged lots of entertaining and fun things to get people into the holiday spirit."

The carnival-style event featured Christmas carols, food, balloons, face painting, character drawing, local bazaar vendors for shopping and a variety of games.

Cherry Burch, Camp Buehring MWR supervisor and native of Pangasinan, Philippines, said Soldiers who earned tickets for participating in the events could use the tickets for prizes.

"The MWR and Army and Air Force Exchange Service provided more than 80 gifts, including blankets, electronics, designer handbags watches and \$300 in cash for attendees participating in the various activities," Burch said.

The highlight of the evening was the inflatable bungee run event, which tested service members and civilians' strength and endurance.

"This was a fun event that put me into the holiday spirit," said Staff Sgt. Charmain Tudela-Griswold, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives noncommissioned officer, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st ABCT. "What made this event so special was being able to share this moment with people in my unit that I consider family."

Tudela-Griswold, a native of Guam, said the event was a great way to meet and socialize with other service members on the base.

"I hope they do more events like this throughout the holidays to keep everyone's morale high," Tudela-Griswold said.

Hicks-McGown said this was a special time of the year for Soldiers and civilians.

"Our goal was to provide those far away with a little piece of home," Hicks-McGown said. "We know this event cannot take the place of deployed Soldiers spending the holidays with loved ones, but we hope it put a smile on their face."

SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY THANKS TROOPS



Sgt. 1st Class Abram Pinnington | 1ST INF. DIV.
Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III speaks with Pfc. Yonadab Soto, infantryman, Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, as he pulls guard duty from a fortified fighting position during a visit to Operation Inherent Resolve area of operations Dec. 10 in Southwest Asia. Chandler met with Soldiers and members of the coalition, thanking them for their service and support. The visit consisted of tours of several locations in the area and a lunch where Chandler encouraged Soldiers to ask questions about today's Army.

Stay vigilant during holiday rush

By Kalyn Curtis
1ST INF. DIV. POST

With the upcoming holidays, safety should always be the first thing on people's minds, according to Patrick Burch, installation antiterrorism officer, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

If someone wants to ensure they stay safe, Burch said, the first thing he recommends is they memorize a rule about suspicious behavior.

"If it doesn't fit for what you normally see in that area, it probably doesn't belong there," he said. "Let's say you're sitting down to get something to eat at a shopping mall, and while you're eating, you notice some people walk into the mall, and they don't go shop or talk to any of the vendors, but they're paying attention to what the crowd is doing. That's suspicious behavior because it doesn't fit for what you normally see in that area."

While shopping, some easy rules to follow include parking in well-lit areas and not parking behind bigger vehicles, he said.

While theft may be the number one thing most people worry about during the holidays, Burch said military members can also be targets for other crimes.

"I know people are proud of the stickers and things on their car, but when you put those on your car, you're identifying who you are and who you are associating with, and that can make you a target," he said.

With it being the holiday season, travel is also on a lot of agendas. Some safety tips for traveling include concealing anything that may associate you with the military, including your identification card, Burch said, adding military members and civilian employees may also want to go as far as organizing their wallets so their military identification card is not easily seen.

"Other things that people don't think about are things that people can look at and mistake for government affiliation, like an American Legion card or a National Rifle Association card," Burch said. "We, as Americans, all understand what that is, but if you have somebody that's just come to the U.S. and they don't understand what that is, they may see that and assume you're with the government."

Burch said if you do happen to notice suspicious behavior, report it immediately to iWatch, a program designed to allow anyone to report suspicious behaviors by phone, email or in person. To report suspicious activity, call the Fort Riley Police at 785-239-MPMP (6767), Antiterrorism office at 785-239-6303 or email tousarmy.riley.imcom-central.list.iwatch@mail.mil. To make an in-person report, go to the Fort Riley Police Department, Building 221 on Main Post.



RILEY ROUNDTABLE

Who will you spend your holidays with?



"I work and then as soon as I'm off I'm going to go spend time with my hubby."

CATHERINE SPRAGUE
Warrior Zone food and beverage specialist



"I'm going home to New York and just spending time with family because I don't get to go home that much."

KEVIN GONZALEZ
Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"We are just going to have my husband's family over and just spend some time with them and see what Kansas has to offer."

JASMIN DAHL
Military spouse



"I plan on going home to St. Louis and hang out with family at my mother and grandmother's house."

MARCUS COMPTON
Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division



"My plans for the holidays are to go spend Christmas with friends and family. Because my wife's mother is working for the holidays, we have another day after that for Christmas."

SPC. PRESTON EAGLE
82nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team

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Soldier confronts unethical behavior online

DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel met with a senior noncommissioned officer Dec. 15 to thank her for leading by example and defending Army values despite facing harassment after confronting service members who were behaving unethically online.

Army 1st Sgt. Katrina Moerk, now the first sergeant of Charlie Company, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, was browsing a social media network's community page earlier this year when she came upon a video that she found offensive and sexist. When she commented as much, several respondents attacked her with insults. Some of these respondents were wearing uniforms in their profile photos, the first sergeant said, so she wrote to them directly.

"I looked them up, introduced myself and explained to them why they were stupid. And I [copied] the director of the Army SHARP program to help their units

improve their SHARP training, because it was obviously lacking. And it's kind of blown up from there," Moerk said.

SHARP is the acronym for the military's Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention program.

This wasn't the first time Moerk had experienced online harassment, she said, but it was "the first time I've put my foot down and was very adamant about correcting what was wrong with them."

The response was "vicious," she said. "I tried to explain why I didn't care for it," she added, "and [said], 'If you don't know who you're talking to, be careful what you say in an open public forum on the Internet,' and it just made it worse. . . ."

When I started calling them by rank, they figured I was in the military and made jokes about calling people out on the Internet or [that] pulling rank on the Internet is like calling somebody out in a bar."

Things died down online, she said, but Dr. Christine Altendorf, the SHARP director, brought Moerk's email to the attention of Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg,

then the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel. Shortly thereafter, the Army launched three administrative investigations, because soldiers from three separate major commands were involved, either through producing the video or making inappropriate comments.

"Everyone was kind of pulled to the carpet and called in, and training changed," the first sergeant said.

For her willingness to stand up and defend Army values, Moerk received an Army Commendation Medal from Lt. Gen. James C. McConville, who succeeded Bromberg as the Army's personnel chief, during a Dec. 15 ceremony at the Pentagon.

"What she did is the epitome of being an NCO and a soldier, and of course a leader," said Army Command Sgt. Maj Leslie Hudson, the 741st Military Intelligence Battalion sergeant major. "I think that soldiers out there can learn from the example that she set, and I think that she has set the standard for what leaders are expected to do."

Stress and the Holidays

What would the Griswolds say?

By Almarah Belk
DCOE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In the holiday comedy movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," Clark Griswold, played by actor Chevy Chase, was a perfect family Christmas; however, things go awry quickly.

We think movies like this are funny because most of us can relate to the tales of holiday stress – aka holiday traditions – as spun on our viewing screens. Most of us have had something go wrong during a holiday gathering, particularly during a family holiday gathering.

"You set standards that no family can live up to." – Ellen Griswold

Webster's dictionary defines "holiday" as a special day of celebration ... a day when most people do not have to work ... as a period of relief.

No work? Relief? In reality and in quite a contrast from the traditional definition, we've come to view the holidays – basically the time between mid-November to mid-January – as a period of great stress and anxiety with more work to be done.

"Will you please take it easy, Ellen. I'm in complete control." – Clark Griswold

We shop, cook, clean, wrap, decorate, sing, party, entertain houseguests, drink too much, eat too much, spend too much, deploy or prepare for deployments, travel or prepare for fam-

ily separation and (take a breath here) ... did I mention deployments and family separation?

The stress of military life can be intense under normal circumstances and even more so under other-than-normal circumstances. A short time out for some needed stress relief should be added to our to-do lists like everything else.

There's an App for That: "... the gift that keeps on giving the whole year." – Cousin Eddie

Just like using a mobile app for your daily dose of news from around the world, there are many apps available for stress relief ... and they are accessible any time of day or night, from the privacy and comfort of our homes or during a break from work or school.

A quick search in any app store provides a handful of stress relief apps, such as ones to relieve the stress of cooking dinner each night; music to help with sleeping; games designed to relieve stress; virtual vacation spots; Zen puzzles; and there are even apps where you can tickle a virtual cat or dog.

The National Center for Telehealth and Technology, or T2, designs and builds mobile applications for the benefit of service members, veterans and their families.

T2 MOOD TRACKER

You can monitor, track and reference your moods to see how environmental influences and life stress may be affecting your psychological

health. Unique features make it easy to keep a record of your own awareness, or to share with your therapist or health care provider.

BREATHE2RELAX

This app provides easily accessible relief for stress and anxiety. It guides you through a series of breathing exercises to help reduce symptoms of anxiety or stress. Practice regularly on your own or in tandem with clinical care directed by your health care provider.

One of the most interesting parts of Breathe2Relax is the "body scanner" feature that allows you to review an image of the human body to learn the effects of stress on its various systems.

In understanding the negative and often unseen consequences of stress, users may be more motivated to use the app on a daily basis to develop a beneficial stress relief habit.

This app is of particular value to people coping with posttraumatic stress disorder.

TACTICAL BREATHER

This customizable stress management tool introduces you to the benefits of controlled breathing through tutorial and guided exercises. Primarily created for service members during intense combat situations, the app teaches you how to gain control of your heart rate, emotions, concentration and other psychological and physiological responses to your body during any challenging situation in life.

CBT-1 COACH

This app guides users through the process of learning about sleep, developing positive sleep routines and improving sleep environments. It provides a structured program that teaches strategies proven to improve sleep and help alleviate symptoms of insomnia.

For more mobile apps, or other psychological health tools developed by T2 visit the center's website and new Mobile Health Blog.

More ideas to reduce stress:

- Simplify: keep things as simple as possible and try not to put too much pressure on yourself
- Plan Ahead: Get as much done in advance as you can to help with time management the day of your events
- Enlist Help: This time of year you are usually surrounded by friends and family—don't bear the burden of planning alone, ask for help.
- Plan time for yourself: It's easy to feel overwhelmed during the holidays—don't forget about your needs and taking some time for yourself.

"Joy to the World ... " – Clark Griswold

Most importantly, don't forget to enjoy the holidays. Smile, laugh, hug, sing, play, frolic outside, volunteer – do one thing that makes your heart sing.

For additional ways to cope with stress, contact the DCOE Outreach Center at 1-866-966-1020 or resources@dcocoutreach.org.

Holiday novella brings financial wisdom to light

By Clint M. Strutt
FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM MANAGER, ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

When Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol," he did not know how popular it would become. It is a timeless story of how Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Come. Let's take a look at how we relate Ebenezer's situation.

THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST

The Ghost of Christmas Past reminded Ebenezer of poor decisions he had made and warned him to change his ways. Every year, we too play out our own version of "A Christmas Carol." The Ghost of Christmas Past appears in our mailbox every January with interest. It fills us with the same dread and fear Ebenezer felt. We may not be able to change Christmas Past, but we can learn from it just like Ebenezer did.

What can we learn from Christmas Past?

- Anything bought with your credit card that carries a balance is not on sale.
- Avoid last-minute shopping. You buy things you don't want or need.
- Take a good look at last year's spending. Is it appropriate?
- Set a spending limit for each person on your list and stick to it.

THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT

The Ghost of Christmas Present told Ebenezer to look around and see if this is how he wanted Christmas to look.

Is your Christmas present filled with happiness and joy or worry about money and bills? Are you having the type of Christmas you want or at the end of the season, do you feel like mean old Mr. Scrooge?

The reason for the season is giving, to be with family and friends, and to remind us of what is truly important. Don't get caught up in the fervor of excess.

What can we do differently in Christmas Present?

- Make a list of suitable gifts and possible alternatives.
- Buy one gift for each couple.
- Consider a Christmas lottery, where the members of your family choose a name out of a hat and buy only one gift, instead of many.
- Give the gift of yourself: Babysitting IOUs and car-cleaning coupons.

THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME

Just like Ebenezer, you have a chance to make Christmas Yet to Come full of joy and wonder. It will be like when you were a kid – your biggest worry will be about batteries and not money. So how do you go about making friends with the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come?

The secret to this ghost is planning. If you give this ghost the attention you have been giving the Ghost of Christmas Past, you will be well on your way to the type of holiday you want.

What changes can we make for Christmas Yet to Come?

- Create an annual budget. Take a good look at how much you are spending and what you want to do differently.
- Begin funding a Christmas nest egg. Put money in a savings account. It beats paying interest on a credit card.
- Begin your shopping the day after Christmas. Gift wrap, greeting cards and tinned foods are as cheap as they will ever be.
- Repair the damage caused by the Ghost of Christmas Past. Getting out of debt may be the best present of all.

It may be difficult to pay off this year's Christmas bills, while saving for next Christmas.

You may need to scale back your holiday spending a bit or be creative in gift giving.

Whatever you choose, giving to the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come is clearly better than giving to the Ghost of Christmas Past.

Stay protected, get vaccinated

By Col. Paul Benne and Capt. Wiley B. Paschal Jr.
FORT RILEY DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Fort Riley Public Health and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment are reporting the first cases of influenza for the 2014 to 2015 Season. Fort Riley had its first four influenza cases.

"We must prevent the threat of influenza, and it is important that all of us at Fort Riley stand ready and protected by being vaccinated," said Col. Paul Benne, chief, Fort Riley Department of Public Health.

The influenza vaccine is recommended for nearly everyone six months and older. Infants less than six months are too young to be vaccinated and are more vulnerable to the complications from influenza.

Being vaccinated against the flu is especially important for anyone at high risk of complications and for anyone who is caring for children five years and younger. It is also important for persons caring for those with medical conditions that put them at higher risk for severe complications.

The flu is a highly contagious illness caused by the influenza virus and is spread by coughing, sneezing or nasal secretions.

Symptoms of influenza include fever, non-productive cough, sore throat, headache, extreme tiredness with major symptoms lasting an average of two to three days. Complications can include pneumonia, ear and sinus infections, and dehydration. Influenza may also

worsen other chronic conditions.

Getting the vaccine can reduce chances of getting sick from the flu, missing work due to the flu and preventing flu-related hospitalizations or deaths.

Additional ways to avoid spreading influenza include covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands and staying home when sick. The influenza vaccine provides protection for up to a year. It helps to avoid spreading the flu to others.

Be sure to get a flu vaccine before traveling during the holidays. Celebrate the holidays without getting or spreading the flu by washing hands, using hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available and avoiding close contact with those who are sick.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, about half of the virus samples changed or drifted away from being a complete match to the vaccine. Despite this, the vaccine can still protect from severe illness or hospitalization from the flu.

"Our goal is to protect and vaccinate all our eligible beneficiaries," Benne said.

For information about receiving the influenza vaccine, contact health care providers. Fort Riley's immunization campaign is in full swing, and patients can still get their vaccine by visiting the Irwin Army Community Hospital, Custer Hill Clinic, Farrelly Health Clinic and the Aviation Clinic. Call 785-240-4FLU (4358) for details.

For additional information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm and www.kdheks.gov/flu.

IACH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

All eligible beneficiaries can receive the influenza vaccine, including nasal Flu-mist, in their Medical Homes during walk-in flu hours. Walk-in clinics are available at the following locations: IACH Medical Homes, 2 to 4 p.m. daily; Farrelly Health Clinic, 1 to 3 p.m. daily; and Custer Hill Health Clinic, 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. daily.

Beneficiaries may also receive the influenza vaccine from various TRICARE-participating pharmacies in Junction City and Manhattan. Dillons in Junction City and Manhattan have the injections for those 6 years and older from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Patrons should call ahead for availability.

Beneficiaries may receive influenza vaccine injections and nasal Flu-mist for all ages from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays; and from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays at Riley County Health Department, 2030 Tecumseh Road, Manhattan. For more information and available at Riley County Health Department, call 785-776-4779.

Injections for all ages are available and from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Monday to Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays at Konza Prairie Community Health Center, 361 Grant Avenue, Junction City. Please call ahead for availability at 785-238-4711.

IRWINFORMATION

How many times a year can I request a copy of my medical records?"

Patients may request a full copy of their medical records once during their time at Fort Riley. Patients may request certain portions of their medical records several times as it relates to the situation. For instance, if parents need children's shot records for school, that portion of their records may be requested. To request a copy of medical records, patients must fill out a release of information form or fax in a notarized letter with a copy of their identification. Additional complete copies of medical records can be purchased for 15 cents per page with a \$12 processing fee. All completed Authorization for Disclosure of Medical or Dental Information forms must be notarized and faxed to 785-239-7779 or 785-239-7969, or mailed to: Official Business, Irwin Army Community Hospital, Attn: Correspondence, 600 Caisson Hill Road, Fort Riley, KS 66442-5037.

Why do I receive a survey in the mail following my appointment?"

The Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey, or APLSS, is a survey program administered by the Office of the U.S. Army Surgeon General. Patients are randomly selected within 48 hours after their visit with their provider. Survey data is processed and trended to provide immediate feedback to Irwin Army Community Hospital leadership. Patient information is not included, so your identity remains completely confidential.

Why should you respond? IACH leadership cares about your feedback. Your responses are tied to funds we can use to improve services for you. Returned surveys are tied to funds we can use to improve services for you. To complete APLSS survey, log in to the website with the provided username and password, call the toll-free number provided in your letter or fill out the letter sent in the mail and mail back in the envelope provided.

'Big Red One' officers support Jayhawk ROTC branch orientation lab

By 2nd Lt. Katelyn Radack
STB, 4th IBCT

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Company-grade officers from across the 1st Infantry Division, representing the 16 basic branches, supported the Jayhawk ROTC Battalion's annual branch orientation lab Dec. 4 at the University of Kansas.

Lieutenants and captains representing the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Sustainment Brigade and 1st Combat Aviation Brigade gave brief introductions of their branches to the assembled cadets, and an open-format branch fair followed. During the fair, cadets moved between representatives and asked questions to learn more about the branches in which they had the most interest.

The branch orientation lab was the first major partnership event with the Jayhawk Battalion this academic year. Future partnership events are set to

include a one day Cadet Troop Leader Training-type event at Fort Riley and providing support for the KU Cadet Ranger Buddy competition.

The 1st Inf. Div. officers shared information about what traits are needed to excel in their branches, what to expect at Basic Officer Leadership Course and common career development tracks at the company level.

"As a recent ROTC graduate, I wish we had an opportunity like this in my program," said 2nd Lt. Heather Dunham, who represented the signal corps and is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 4th IBCT. "We didn't really have a chance to talk one on one with lower-level officers in the branches, only with higher officers who were trying to sell their branch, but didn't really tell you what it was like as a lieutenant."

The event, which lasted two hours, was an overwhelming success, according to Jayhawk cadets and Maj. Flora Carson, the Jayhawks battalion's executive officer.

"I think (the branch lab) was a really valuable experience," said Ethan Leiker, freshman pre-pharmacy major, KU, who talked to 2nd Lt. Suzume Sibaja, medical services officer, 701st Brigade Support Battalion, 4th IBCT. "I think everyone is learning a lot, and they seem to be enjoying talking to the branches where they want to go and finding out about other branches."

Carson also seemed enthusiastic about the event's success. This was the first year the event featured junior officers, thanks to a partnership with the STB, 4th IBCT.

The partnership between the Jayhawks and the "Wolverines" battalion began in 2013 under the guidance of



Staff Sgt. Aaron P. Duncan | 4TH IBCT

Capt. Shayne Smith, HHC, 4th IBCT, and a native of Olympia, Wash., speaks to KU ROTC cadets about the adjutant general career field during the branch orientation lab Dec. 4 at KU in Lawrence, Kan.

Lt. Col. Dana T. Stowell, battalion commander and a Jayhawk ROTC alumna. In previous years, the Jayhawks received support for the

branch orientation lab from majors attending Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

"I am glad we were able

to arrange this," Carson said. "I've heard a lot of very positive feedback from the cadets. I hope we will be able to repeat this in the years to come."

Fort Riley, community donate gifts through Operation Santa Claus



Marcie Scipio | FORT RILEY COMMISSARY

Vendors from the Fort Riley Commissary sponsored \$700 in toys for Operation Santa Claus. Toys purchased at the Exchange decorated the large Mt. Dew Christmas tree at the commissary just before they were picked up by Santa's helpers, from left to right, Spc. Greg Strzelecki, Sgt. 1st Class Francis Persing and Spc. Zach Clouse.



ABOVE: Fort Riley Finance Office members pose for a picture after donating more than 150 toys recently for Operation Santa Claus. TOP LEFT: Soldiers with the 701st Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division conduct a foot march to donate more than 250 toys recently to Operation Santa Claus. LEFT: A Manhattan business purchased more than \$2,000 worth of toys at a local shopping center. (Courtesy photos)

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prompt ceremony, during which these proud Americans fired two white phosphorus rounds from their howitzers before 32 regular rounds, saluting the 2nd Bn., 32nd FA Regt.

Lt. Col. Timothy Blackwell and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Hardy, the battalion's command team, fired the final round, on which was written the names of every member of the unit who died in combat as far back as records could be found. Blackwell was given the shell from the final volley as a parting gift.

"Before we deactivate, I wanted to make sure that we paid homage to everybody who served in this battalion," Blackwell told his assembled troops before firing the battalion's last round. "Everybody standing here today is doing something that most people in this country couldn't even imagine doing. You are serving your country, serving it well, and in most cases, sacrificing not only your personal time, but your family – your family sacrificed by loaning you out to your country. That's awesome."

Blackwell urged his Soldiers to remember their time with the battalion and look back on their time as Proud Americans with fondness.

"It's a milestone in my career," said Brown, who has been with the unit since 2009, shortly after its reactivation at Fort Riley. "I've seen a lot of people come and go."



Sgt. Michael Leverton | 1ST CAB
A HMMWV is flown across the training area Dec. 9 at Fort Riley.

The Hot Springs, Arkansas, native said the training went well, including some rare aerial support during sling-load operations.

"We did a tandem rig, where we flew the howitzer and the Humvee together, so it's all one component," Brown said. "It all went smoothly."

While the battalion went out with a big bang, the Soldiers who participated in the live-fire training took the lessons learned with them to their new units.

"It was a good week," said Pfc. Andrew Ballerino, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA Regt., who has been with the unit for the past six months. "It's been really



Sgt. Michael Leverton | 1ST CAB
Sgt. Nicolas Spangler, 2nd GSAB, 1st Avn. Regt., 1st CAB, carefully watches the load that hangs under the CH-47 Chinook helicopter Dec. 9 at Fort Riley.

good training for me. A couple years down the road when I want to go up for promotion, it will be very beneficial."

The Connellsville, Pennsylvania, native said the training ended on a bittersweet note.

"It's my first unit," Ballerino said. "I definitely wouldn't change it for anything."

Although inactivating, the Proud American's commander promised the world hasn't seen the last of the battalion.

"Even though this battalion is deactivating, don't worry," Blackwell said. "I guarantee you, the next time this country needs us, we'll come back, and we'll come back even harder."

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Andrew Massanet | USAG PAO
Three members of a local Boy Scout troop place wreaths at selected gravesites Dec. 13 during the Wreaths Across America event.

the POW/MIA holiday wreath, while Chaplain Kazarnowicz provided the invocation and benediction.

"It is becoming, truly, a national holiday tradition," Cole said. "At this moment, a ceremony just like this one is taking place in over 300 locations in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, and in 24 overseas cemeteries. Those efforts include tens of thousands who will join us in placing the signature wreaths on the graves of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of liberty."

The three tenets of Wreaths Across America are: Remember the fallen; honor those who serve; and teach children the value and costs of freedom.

Cole emphasized the third tenet when he addressed the many young people in attendance.

"We recall the words of the late President Ronald Reagan: 'Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same,'" Cole said. "Whether you choose a career in the military or your life's goals takes you along a

different road, endeavor to find those ways of serving your nation. Find those ways of helping your community. Find your own special way of serving the cause of liberty. If you can do that, then you honor the memories of the men and women resting in these blessed grounds."

For Jerri McBride, VFW Post No. 1281 Ladies Auxiliary, and event coordinator, the event has a deep personal meaning.

"If you ever have someone come up to you and thank you for laying a wreath on their loved ones grave, you will know why this is an important event," McBride said. "It is an honor to be able to show your respect to those who served in the military. When you show your respect to those who have passed, you are honoring the family as well."

"It allows me to continue to show my gratitude to those American heroes who now rest in hallowed ground."

The next annual Wreaths Across America event is scheduled for December 2015. For more information about Wreaths Across America, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

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and Williams served with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment out of Vilsck, Germany.

"This crew embodied the qualities that make Army aviators so formidable on the battlefield," said Capt. Andrew Wempe, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div. "Our fallen brothers were experts and professionals as both Soldiers and aviators, and we are better human beings and Soldiers for having served with them."

Wempe was Billings, Silverman, Bohler and Gordon's company commander.

"Sgt. 1st Class Forde had an energetic personality that would light up a room," said Capt. Evan Godderz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div. "The light of this charismatic leader, husband and father will continue to shine through the example he left behind for us all."

Godderz was Forde's company commander.

While Williams wasn't a member of the 1st CAB, Soldiers

at the vigil spoke highly of him.

"His fellow Soldiers described Williams as a highly motivated Soldier who lived life with great passion and loved his job as an electronic warfare specialist," said Capt. Andres Pazmin, 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div. "The way he lived was an inspiration that provided many valuable lessons on how to live life to the fullest."

Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Whitehead, 3rd AHB, 1st Avn. Regt., 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., ended the vigil by asking those in attendance to continue to remember their brothers in arms.

"As we mark this tragic anniversary, tell their stories and share the memories," Whitehead said. "For as much we keep their memory alive, their lights still shine and bring warmth to our souls."

As the ceremony ended, Soldiers gathered around the memorial stones with the names of their fallen comrades, placed candles on each and left them to burn.

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Photos by Staff Sgt. John H. Johnson III | 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general and Command Sgt. Major Michael A. Grinston, 1st Inf. Div. senior enlisted leader, case the colors of the division Oct. 8 at Fort Riley. The 1st Inf. Div. Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion deployed to a Central Command area of responsibility.



Army, state officials and local community members came out in full force for the 1st Inf. Div. colors-casing ceremony Oct. 8 at Fort Riley. Soldiers from units across the post provided the division headquarters with a sendoff befitting the storied "Big Red One."

PUTTING DUTY FIRST!

1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley continue to answer a nation's call while honoring the needs, deeds of military families and Big Red One veterans

SUMMARIES COMPILED BY 1ST INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF AND STAFF FROM THE 1ST INF. DIV. POST

Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division continued to be brave, responsible and on point in 2014 as they engaged in a variety of missions in their adopted hometowns and across the globe. Whether it was bolstering Fort Riley's training capabilities, helping honor "Big Red One" heroes, accommodating the Army's ever-changing needs or answering the nation's call in Africa or Southwest Asia, 1st Inf. Div. men and women again proved they were regionally engaged and globally responsive.

1. 1ST INF. DIV. DEPLOYS TO SOUTHWEST ASIA

The nation's first division once again took up the nation's call as the 1st Infantry Division's headquarters was sent to Southwest Asia.

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston, the 1st Inf. Div. commanding general and senior noncommissioned officer, cased the "Big Red One's" colors during a ceremony Oct. 8 at Fort Riley's Victory Park. Colors for the division's Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion were also cased in front of a crowd of post and state leaders and community members.

"I wouldn't have thought they would pick anybody else," Funk said of the division being selected for this mission. "This is the nation's first division. ... We are, in fact, ready. We've been ready. We trained to do this. This is what we get paid to do, and we're good at it."

The casing ceremony came as Soldiers from the 1st Inf. Div. headquarters prepared for a yearlong deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. The Defense Department announced Sept. 25 the Big Red One, led by Funk and Grinston, would advise and assist Iraqi Security Forces "to help them go on the offense against ISIL and conduct intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance flights," according to information from the Pentagon. The 1st Inf. Div. troops will also increase the United States' ability to target ISIL and coordinate the U.S. military's activities across Iraq.

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- 1st Infantry Division deploys to Southwest Asia.
- Officials cut ribbon on new Fort Riley middle school.
- Army, Air Force validate new landing strip at Fort Riley.
- 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, takes over Africom mission.
- 1st Infantry Division troops deploy, redeploy.
- 'Black Lions,' IACH partner to test Fort Riley's Ebola response.
- 'Big Red One' hosts activations, inactivations.
- 'Big Red One' Soldiers help commemorate 70th anniversary of D-Day; Honor World War II hero.
- 'Big Red One' Soldiers receive medals of honor.
- Demon's Diner stands out in Connelly competition; will compete at Department of the Army level in 2015.

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MAJ. GEN. PAUL E. FUNK II
1ST INF. DIV. COMMANDING GENERAL

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JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH 20

YEAR IN REVIEW



Players and staff members with the **Kansas State University men's basketball team** were able to sit in the cockpit of CH-47 Chinook, OH-58D Kiowa Warrior and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter simulators Jan. 15 at Marshall Army Airfield.

Victory Chapel came one step closer to opening, with a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony Feb. 13 in the chapel sanctuary.



A parade of tattoos was on display during **Kung Fu Ink** Feb. 20 at the Warrior Zone.



About 200 **British Army and Royal Marine** officers visited Fort Riley Feb. 29 to hear from 1st Infantry Division leaders and see the capabilities and methods of the division and its subordinate units.

The **1st Inf. Div's Culinary Arts Team** won 10 medals at the 39th annual Military Culinary Arts Competitive Training Event March 12 at Fort Lee, Va.



Angelique N. Smythe | POST

Soldiers with the 97th Military Police Battalion disembark a C-130 Hercules after it lands Oct. 27 at Fort Riley. The landing was part of a Joint Airborne Air Transportability training exercise between the Army and the Air Force from Oct. 27-29 to validate the new flight landing strip. It is one of two austere landing strips in the Army nationwide.



Julie Fiedler | POST

Officials from Fort Riley, USD 475, DEA and FRMS cut the ribbon on the new Fort Riley Middle School during a ceremony Oct. 24 at the school.



Sgt. William Gore | 40th PAD

Staff Sgt. James Galvan, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, interacts with role players June 24 during a situational training exercise in Exercise Western Accord 14. Exercise Western Accord 14 is a U.S. Army Africa-hosted annual joint training and exercise between the U.S. and Economic Community of West Africa States.

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2. OFFICIALS CUT RIBBON ON NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Eight sets of hands and one giant pair of scissors did the ceremonial snipping for Fort Riley Middle School during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 24.

With nearly double the classroom space of the previous school, an abundance of natural lighting and state-of-the-art technology, the new school represents a first-rate learning environment, said the school's principal, Joe Handlos.

Having schools of such caliber not only enhances educational opportunities for military children but also strengthens the Army as a whole, said Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole.

Groundbreaking was Jan. 22, 2013, and the new school opened to classes at the beginning of this school year. However, its inception began in 2010 when then Secretary of Defense Robert Gates hosted a town hall with military spouses. One spouse spoke up and expressed concern over the educational environment.

Since then, officials from Fort Riley, Unified School District 475 Geary

County Schools, the Department of Defense, the Office of Economic Adjustment and the State of Kansas worked collaboratively to bring the new school to fruition.

3. ARMY, AIR FORCE VALIDATE NEW LANDING STRIP

The Army and Air Force performed a Joint Airborne Air Transportability Training exercise Oct. 27 to 29 on a new flight landing strip at Fort Riley.

The exercise validated the air strip's capabilities for future operations and replicated conditions Airmen and Soldiers encounter in austere forward operating locations.

Airmen assigned to the 186th Airlift Squadron, Montana Air National Guard flew to Manhattan Regional Airport, loaded up a C-130 Hercules and airlifted Soldiers and equipment to the landing strip Oct. 27.

Soldiers with the 116th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion disembarked with weapons and a Humvee as they simulated arriving at an austere operating environment.

4. 4TH IBCT, 1ST INF. DIV. TAKES OVER AFRICOM MISSION

Civilian and military personnel from South Africa National Defense Forces, the U.S. and other partner nations gathered in Lilongwe, Malawi, to participate in the U.S. Africa Command-sponsored Exercise Southern Accord '14, or SA14, through July 31.

SA14 is comprised of 200 participants from 10 countries and combines academics and team building into a command post exercise built around a fictional deployment in support of a United Nations peacekeeping mission.

"Over the next two weeks, we will help shape the future of military cooperation in southern Africa," said Maj. Gen. R.R.K. Chimowa, commandant, Malawi Armed Forces College, during an opening ceremony July 15 in Salima, Malawi.

The U.S. Army Africa-executed SA14 exercise is an example of U.S. and African countries training together to contribute to a desired end state of a secure and stable Africa.

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Capt. Keith E. Thayer | 4TH IBCT

Command Sgt. Maj. Larry H. Orvis, STB, 4th IBCT, center, greets some of the local children July 15 in Salima, Malawi, during the SA14 exercise. The U.S. and other partner nations are working together to ensure they have a common ability to conduct peacekeeping operations.

YEAR IN REVIEW



Members of the **1st Infantry Division Band** joined the **Junction City Community Band** for a series of concerts (June-July) at the C.L. Hoover Opera House in Junction City.



1st Infantry Division Soldiers raced in the **Sports Car Club of America** autocross event July 18 to 20 at Marshall Army Airfield.

The beginning of the 2014 to 2015 school year in August marked a new chapter for several Fort Riley schools, including **Fort Riley Elementary School, Custer Hill Elementary School and Fort Riley Middle School**. Both FRES and CHES will shut their doors at the end of the school year.



Soldiers with the 1st Infantry Division conducted a **combined arms gap crossing exercise** with the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. Aug. 18 to 21 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.



Athletes lined up to tackle a serpentine swim at the start of **Splash-n-Dash**, a sprint triathlon, Sept. 6 at Custer Hill Pool.



A groundbreaking April 16 signaled construction on a new elementary school at Fort Riley. The new school will be a \$21-million, 75,000-square-foot facility.

Last-minute **Golden Gloves** decision denies two Soldiers with the 1st Infantry Division chance to go toe-to-toe with fellow amateur competitors at a Kansas City regional boxing tournament that began April 10.



1st Infantry Division's deputy commanding officer **Frank M. Muth** was promoted to brigadier general in a Victory with Honors promotion ceremony May 9.



'Fightin' Fifth' families played **Soldier for Fighter Jane/Joey Day** May 31 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Personnel with the **Kansas State University Police Department**, the **Kansas Highway Patrol** and **Riley County Emergency Medical Services** participated in active violence training June 12 at Victory Village on Fort Riley.



Sgt. Daniel Stoutamire | 2ND ABCT M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks with Co. D, 1st Bn., 63rd Armor Regt. wait prior to entering the range April 9 at Douthitt Multipurpose Range Complex at Fort Riley. About 30 tanks and their crews conducted crew live-fire certification, also known as Table VI gunnery.



Air Force Tech. Sgt. Chad Thompson | USAF Soldiers with the East Africa Response Force, a Djibouti-based joint team, prepare to support evacuation operations in Juba, South Sudan. At the request of the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Defense Department directed two U.S. C-130 aircraft to evacuate personnel from Juba, the capital of South Sudan, to Nairobi, Kenya. DoD also augmented physical security at American diplomatic facilities in Juba with members of the East Africa Response Force.



Julie Fiedler | POST Amelia Bartholome, 1, plays with her father's Cavalry Stetson following a redeployment ceremony May 5 at Marshall Army Airfield. Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Bartholome, 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 1st CAB, returned from a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan.



Capt. Robert Durr | 1ST SUST. BDE. Capt. Daniel W. Chandler (left), commander, 165th MCT, 541st CSSB and Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Ferguson (right), NCOIC, 165th MCT, uncased the unit's guidon during a redeployment ceremony Nov 6 at Fort Riley.



Sgt. Thomas Duval | 3RD IBCT



Sgt. Kendi Huggins | 3RD BCT

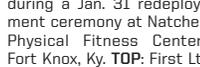
Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, commanding general, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, welcomes hundreds of 1st CAB Soldiers back to Fort Riley April 15 during a redeployment ceremony. They were among the first 1,000 1st CAB Soldiers to return home after spending nine months deployed to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, to conduct aerial missions in support of DEF.

Maj. J.B. Davis | 1ST CAB

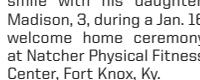


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Private 1st Class **Ronald Johnson**, 1st Bn., 26th Inf. Regt., center, embraces his two sons during a Jan. 31 redeployment ceremony at Natcher Physical Fitness Center, Fort Knox, Ky. **TOP:** First Lt. Stephen Miller shares a smile with his daughter, Madison, 3, during a Jan. 16 welcome home ceremony at Natcher Physical Fitness Center, Fort Knox, Ky.



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5. 1ST INF. DIV. TROOPS DEPLOY, REDEPLOY

Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team were the first 1st Infantry Division troops to return in 2014, returning to Fort Knox, Kentucky, from a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan. The brigade's Soldiers operated in the 7,000-square-mile Zabol province in southern Afghanistan, which is an area larger than the state of Connecticut. Various units of the 3rd IBCT were spread across all corners of Afghanistan assisting Afghan security forces, government and police forces in their transition to independent security and governance.

Soldiers from the "Duke" brigade continued returning to the United States through May. On May 7, Soldiers, family members and members of the Fort Knox community gathered to honor and memorialize Sgt. 1st Class William Lacey, Spc. Angel Lopez and 1st Lt. Jason Togi by rededicating the Duke memorial.

Back at Fort Riley, Soldiers of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., trickled home starting in January. Steady streams of Soldiers started to flow back

in April with the final five returning on May 9.

Men and women of the "Demon" brigade began their nine-month deployment to southern Afghanistan in summer 2013. In February 2014, Lewis got word he'd have to send 300 to 400 Soldiers home as the U.S. military began its force drawdown in Afghanistan. In all, about 2,000 Soldiers from the CAB came and went from the country during the course of nine months.

As the Fort Riley community got used to having most of its brigades at home, leaders across the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team and its battalions cased their colors June 18 in preparation for a nine-month deployment to Kuwait as part of Operation Spartan Shield.

While the year saw the movement of several of the 1st Inf. Div.'s brigades and their headquarters, it also witnessed the deployment and redeployment of smaller 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team and 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team units to and from Africa and more specialized units like the 1st Sustainment Brigade's 165th Movement Control Team. Those

Soldiers returned to Fort Riley Nov. 6 after a nine-month deployment to Romania where they were responsible for organizing and managing transit movements at the Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base Passenger Transit Center.

6. 'BLACK LIONS,' IACH PARTNER TO TEST FORT RILEY'S EBOLA RESPONSE

The U.S. military, part of which is deployed to help contain the Ebola outbreak in a small part of western Africa, has been proactive in the fight against the spread of the disease.

The Department of Defense instituted a 21-day quarantine for all Soldiers deployed to areas affected by the virus, and several other protective measures were designed to identify possibly infected Soldiers and protect the U.S. from any chance of exposure.

Leaders with the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, along with Irwin Army Community Hospital officials, reinforced measures already in place while ensuring the population would still be safe if any of the already instituted poli-



Staff Sgt. Aaron P. Duncan | 4TH IBCT Capt. Andrew R. Kennedy, senior physician assistant, 4th IBCT, and a native of Manhattan, speaks to a simulated Ebola patient to determine if anyone else was exposed to him while he was "sick" Nov. 5 in the 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt.'s medical station.

cies were to prove ineffective.

On Nov. 5 at the hospital and battalion medical station, troops and health care officials ran tests of their systems and trained on what would happen if a Soldier reported with positive indicators of an

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Soldiers with **Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)** participated in a volunteer outing Oct. 2 for the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Manhattan.



Former and current 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Soldiers gathered with local community members for the **2014 Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition** Oct. 13 to 15 in Washington, D.C.

Col. Ken Kemper, chief of staff for the 1st Infantry Division, read to schoolchildren Nov. 16 during the annual **Tell Me a Story** event at Fort Riley.



More than 20 Soldiers from units across Fort Riley completed 10 days of training between Nov. 12 and 26 on the **Raven**, an unmanned aerial system.



Soldiers of 2nd Bn., 32nd FA Regt., 4th IBCT, fire the last shots as others load rounds and prepare to fire. Dec. 11 at the completion of a four-day field training exercise on Fort Riley. It was the battalion's last scheduled exercise due to the upcoming inactivation of the brigade.

“Their contributions to this division, to the Army and to this nation are untold and exude in me — in all of us who serve here — a deep sense of pride. I can think of no better way to commemorate the 70th anniversary of our actions on D-Day than by reading and reflecting upon their sacrifices.”

MAJ. GEN. PAUL E. FUNK II

1ST INF. DIV. AND FORT RILEY
COMMANDING GENERAL



Sgt. Richard Davis, a Soldier with the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, 1st Inf. Div., stands on Omaha Beach and reflects about the great battle that took place 70 years ago. Davis was selected with 22 fellow Soldiers to help commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France.



Sgt. Luther Washington, 4th IBCT Sgt. Samantha Tram, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div. color guard, places a rose near the grave marker of a 1st Inf. Div. Soldier killed during World War II at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial in Liège, Belgium, Sept. 16. The Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial contains the graves of 7,992 members of the American military who died in World War II.



Staff Sgt. Tamika Dillard | 2ND ABCT
Retired Maj. Edward “Doc” Molloy (left) presents Lt. Col. Alexander Bullock, commander, 82nd Eng. Bn. (right) with the French Croix de Guerre medal during the 82nd Engineer Battalion's reactivation ceremony on Fort Riley's Cavalry Parade Field Oct. 16. Molloy served with the battalion during World War II and later became a commander for the battalion.



Chuck Kennedy | OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTO
First Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston accepts the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama on behalf of Sgt. Candelario Garcia, Co. B, 1st Bn., 2nd Inf., 1st Bde., 1st Inf. Div., and his family at a March 18 ceremony at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes in Washington, D.C. Grinston was one of two active-duty Soldiers accepting the Medal of Honor for those who had passed away.



Sgt. Daniel Stoutamire | 2ND ABCT
Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, fold an American flag over the casket of Walt D. Ehlers at a March 8 memorial service at the Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif. Ehlers was the last surviving recipient of the Medal of Honor from the Normandy campaign.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston (left), the 1st Inf. Div. senior non-commissioned officer, talks with retired Command Sgt. Maj. Bill Ryan about the “Big Red One” while standing near the division memorial June 5 on Omaha Beach, France. Ryan landed on the beach with the 1st Inf. Div. 70 years ago.



SFC Abram Pinnington | 1ST INF. DIV.



Sgt. Daniel Matthey, 601st ASB, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., puts out salad ingredients for lunch July 7 at the Demon's Diner dining facility. Demon's Diner won Phase II of the Philip A. Connelly evaluation and will go on to represent IMCOM West at the FORSCOM level of competition.

J. Parker Roberts | 1ST INF. DIV.

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7. 'BIG RED ONE' HOSTS ACTIVATIONS, INACTIVATIONS

Army leaders announced in 2014 that they would inactivate 10 brigade combat teams in an effort to reduce forces to 490,000 by the end of 2015. Affected 1st Infantry Division units included the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team at Fort Riley. Plans call for the 4th IBCT or “Dragon” brigade to inactivate in summer 2015 with some of its Soldiers being distributed to the division's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team and 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team.

Col. William B. Ostlund, 3rd IBCT commander, led a colors-casing ceremony May 21 at Fort Knox. The “Duke” brigade was first activated in May 1917 and has been inactivated two other times in its history.

Ahead of its deployment to Kuwait, 1st ABCT leaders inactivated the Special Troops Battalion and reflagged the 1st Engineer Battalion to the 1st Brigade Engineer Battalion during a brigade colors-casing ceremony June 18. Soldiers of the inactivating BSTB, which was led by Lt. Col. Brann G. Calvetti, bolstered the ranks of the new 1st Brig. Eng. Bn. under the command of Lt. Col. Jason Taliaferro. Units assigned to the BSTB moved under the 1st Brig. Eng. Bn., part of the Army's larger restructuring plan. Officials said the changes would not result in a decrease of 1st ABCT troops.

Though the 1st ABCT was deployed to Kuwait, a battalion reactivated and stood up under its colors. The 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, uncased its colors Sept. 29 at Fort Riley. Its Soldiers already engaged in pre-training center exercises with 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

The 82nd Engineer Battalion was deactivated eight years ago in Bamberg, Germany, as part of the Army's modular force structure realignment due to the war on terror. The battalion was reactivated Oct. 16 as part of the 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. During the same ceremony, the brigade's Special Troops Battalion was deactivated.

In other activations and inactivations:

- The 94th Engineer Battalion, 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., was inactivated Oct. 8 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The 94th Eng. Bn.

- The 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, officially returned to Fort Riley Oct. 9 as it was activated and organized under the 2nd ABCT. Previously, it served under the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, at Fort Riley in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

8. 'BIG RED ONE' SOLDIERS HELP COMMEMORATE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY; HONOR WORLD WAR II HERO

Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division took part in ceremonial events surrounding the 70th anniversary commemoration of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France in early June.

A team from the “Big Red One's” Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and more than 20 Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team participated in ceremonies on and around Omaha Beach that highlighted the historic World War II battle.

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, said then that today's Big Red One Soldiers walk in the footsteps of giants.

“Their contributions to this division, to the Army and to this nation are untold and exude in me — in all of us who serve here — a deep sense of pride,” Funk said. “I can think of no better way to commemorate the 70th anniversary of our actions on D-Day than by reading and reflecting upon their sacrifices.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston, the division's senior non-commissioned officer, led the “Big Red One” delegation in France.

Three months later, a color guard representing the 4th IBCT traveled to Belgium to help citizens commemorate the 70th anniversary of the country's liberation during World War II. The color guard participated in ceremonies at the Henri-Chapelle and

Ardennes American cemeteries and placed flowers on the graves of 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers who lost their lives on Belgian soil.

Pfc. Scott Fisher, one of the team's rifle bearers, said he never thought he would get to experience something like this, and it left an indelible mark.

“I have been very fortunate,” Fisher said. “With all the pictures that I got, I hope that I can pass on some of that history to the guys back home as much as I can.”

The significance of the Big Red One's contributions to the efforts on the Normandy shore and battles that followed in the days and weeks after was more apparent as one of the division's greatest World War II heroes, Walter D. Ehlers, died less than four months before D-Day's 70th anniversary. He passed Feb. 20 in California at the age of 92, the last living recipient of the Medal of Honor from the Normandy campaign.

In a legendary five-year military career, Ehlers was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts in addition to the Medal of Honor, which he earned for his actions in Normandy in June 1944 as a staff sergeant with the division's 18th Infantry Regiment.

Ehlers, who grew up in the Fort Riley area, always had a close affinity for the regiment, now part of 2nd ABCT, and the 1st Inf. Div. More than 30 Soldiers from 2nd ABCT served as the color guard, pallbearers and firing detail for the March 8 memorial service in California.

It was the nature of this Kansas farm boy's personality to never seek the spotlight and to downplay his own achievements. He always maintained that his brother Roland, who died on Omaha Beach on D-Day, was the real hero.

9. 'BIG RED ONE' SOLDIERS RECEIVE MEDALS OF HONOR

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MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

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Sgt. Garcia

Nietzel, a native of Queens, N.Y., served in Company H, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Inf. Div. He was recognized for his valorous actions in Heister, Germany, on Nov. 18, 1944.

Garcia, a native of Corsicana, Texas, served in Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. He distinguished himself Dec. 8, 1968, as a team leader during a reconnaissance-in-force mission near Lai Khe, Vietnam.

War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans were recognized with Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award. After a re-evaluation of the Soldiers' records and additional supporting evidence, the DSCs were upgraded to Medals of Honor, the nation's highest military award for gallantry and valorous actions.

Sgt. Alfred B. Nietzel, a native of Queens, N.Y., served in Company H, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Inf. Div. Nietzel is being recognized for his valorous actions in Heister, Germany, on Nov. 18, 1944.

When an enemy assault threatened to overrun his unit's position, Nietzel selflessly covered for the retreating members of his squad, expending all his ammunition and holding his post until he was killed by an enemy hand grenade.

Sgt. Candelario Garcia, a native of Corsicana, Texas, served in Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. Garcia distinguished

himself Dec. 8, 1968, as a team leader during a reconnaissance-in-force mission near Lai Khe, Vietnam. Garcia destroyed two enemy machine-gun positions in an attempt to aid casualties that were in the open and under fire. Garcia then rejoined his company in a successful assault on the remaining enemy positions. Garcia died Jan. 10, 2013, in Corsicana.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston, the 1st Inf. Div.'s senior noncommissioned officer, accepted the Medal of Honor from the president on behalf of Garcia and his family. The Nietzel and Garcia families were invited to the “Big Red One's” 2014 Victory Week, attending a June 12 ceremony at Victory Park where granite stones honoring their Soldiers were dedicated.

10. DEMON DINER WINS PHILIP A. CONNELLY AWARD

Demon's Diner stands out in Connelly competition; will compete at Department of the Army level in 2015

“Big Red One” Soldiers are often recognized for their skills, and the 1st Infantry Division's Soldier chefs are no exception.

Food service specialists from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade's “Demon's Diner” dining facility demonstrated their skills in the first three phases (on post, amongst the Installation Management Command West and at the Forces Command level, respectively) of the Philip A. Connelly evaluation, taking first place in all.

In early 2015, the dining facility will compete in the final phase of the competition at the Department of the Army level.

“I am extremely proud of the Soldiers and leaders of our Demon Diner,” said Col. Matthew Lewis, commander of the 1st CAB. “This accomplishment is a great tribute to all of our food service professionals in the aviation brigade who serve our Soldiers each day with tremendous heart, enthusiasm and bravery, with many of them who were called away to serve in combat with us as door gunners during our recent deployment to Afghanistan.”



Community Life

IN BRIEF

GENERAL INFORMATION

For general information about events and services at Fort Riley, visit www.facebook.com/FortRiley or follow @FortRiley on Twitter.

CEREMONIES

For U.S. Army Garrison Fort Riley ceremony information, visit twitter.com/usagceremonies.

COMMISSARY

In accordance with agency direction and President Barack Obama's declaration, the Fort Riley Commissary will be closed Dec. 25 and 26.

KEEP THE HEAT ON

Traveling during block leave or the upcoming holiday season? Corvias Military Living asks on-post residents to keep the heat on and set between 60 to 65 degrees while they are away. This will prevent frozen pipes, while conserving energy. If you have extended travel plans, please sign up for House Watch through your Community Office.

FAMILY BINGO

Family Bingo is scheduled for 2 p.m. Dec. 21 at Rally Point. Admission costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Adults win cash and children win prizes, such as gaming systems and cool toys. For more information, visit www.rileymwr.com/rallypoint or call 785-784-5434 or 785-239-3467.

SLINGIN' INK TATTOO

Celebrate tattoos as an art form and an expression of individuality during the Warrior Zone's annual tattoo and art competition: It's time for Slingin' Ink. Slingin' Ink is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Warrior Zone. There will be six tattoo competition categories, a drawing contest and combatives demos, as well as a "fake skin" trial that lets would-be artists try their hands at tattooing.

Contest admission is free and open to Department of Defense ID cardholders, 18 years and older. The Warrior Zone is located at 7867 Normandy Drive. For more information, visit www.rileymwr.com/warriorzone or facebook.com/rileybosswz, or call 785-240-6618.

MOVIE NIGHT

A Movie Night is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Fort Riley Post Library. Popcorn will be provided. For more information, call 785-239-5305.

COMEDY NIGHT

Comedy Night is scheduled for 8 p.m. Jan. 4 at Rally Point. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door, cash only. Guests must be 18 years or older. For more information, call 785-784-5733.

YOUTH DANCE

A Youth Dance will be from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Middle School Teen Center. It is open to teen center members and their guests. For more information, call 785-239-9222.

RILEY'S RENOVATIONS

Riley's Conference Center will be closed for renovations Dec. 22 to Jan. 14.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for scholarships for military children are now open. Applications will be available at the Fort Riley Commissary. The application deadline is Feb. 13. For more information, visit www.militaryscholar.org.

CORVIAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Corvias Foundation is offering scholarships and grants for family members of active-duty Soldiers. Applications are available and more information can be found on the Foundation website at www.corviasfoundation.org. Interested individuals may also call or email for more information at 1-401-228-2836 or info@corviasfoundation.org. Scholarship applications are due Feb. 12, 2015.

HASFR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley is offering scholarships for students who reside in or attend school in Geary or Riley counties. Three students will be awarded the scholarships for \$1,000, \$500 and \$250, respectively. Application packets are available at www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org. Deadline for applications is Feb. 15, 2015.

— TOP FIVE COMMUNITY STORIES FROM 2014 —



Angelique N. Smythe | POST
A Trooper with the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard shoots balloon targets while participating in a tactical cavalry demonstration Sept. 19 during the 2014 Fall Apple Day Festival at Artillery Parade Field.

POSTING NEW HIGHS

Area's military and community families embrace proud traditions of partnership and forge ahead with new projects for success

STAFF REPORT

The Fort Riley community experienced a year filled with new faces and families to the area, a year marked by comings and goings and a year marked by honoring proud traditions. These were the highlights from 2014.

1. FALL APPLE DAY FESTIVAL

More than 10,000 people enjoyed family fun activities at the 2014 Fall Apple Day Festival Sept. 13 at Artillery Parade Field.

Thousands of community members spent their Saturday indulging in apple pie-eating contests, watching cavalry demonstrations, learning from period re-enactors, firing at the laser range, touring military helicopters, riding all-terrain vehicles, jumping on bungee trampolines, viewing animals at the petting zoo, climbing rock walls, riding mechanical bulls, rolling in a human sphere and participating in many other forms of entertainment. The Kansas City Chiefs cheerleaders also performed for attendees.

"A lot of people said it was the best one they'd been to," said Ron Stewart, operations specialist, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "The (commanding general) commented that it was the best one out of the last four he's attended."

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TOP FIVE COMMUNITY STORIES FROM '14

1. Fall Apple Day Festival draws more than 10,000.
2. Fort Riley and USD 475 break ground on new elementary school.
3. Brett Eldredge wows crowd at Salute to Troops concert.
4. Emmy Award-winner Eric Stonestreet visits Fort Riley.
5. 170 students graduate from Barton Community College at Fort Riley.



Jessica Heasley | POST
Volunteers assemble apple pies Sept. 8 at the Culinary Arts Lab on Main Post for the 2014 Fall Apple Day Festival. More than 700 volunteers prepared, baked and sold nearly 2,000 pies, which were available for purchase at the HASFR tent during the festival Sept. 13 at Artillery Parade Field.

New school on schedule for fall 2015 opening

Teachers, staff get chance to go on walking tour of facility construction

By Kalyon Curtis
1ST INF. DIV. POST

On Dec. 10, teachers and staff members of Fort Riley Elementary School got the opportunity to tour the new FRES, which is still under construction.

Before the tour started, staff members were taken on a virtual tour of what the finished building will look like. The room seemed filled with excitement, as staff members were shown a glimpse of the future of the 76,000-square-foot school, which is being built to hold about 500 kindergarten to fifth-grade students.

"Right now, at this point, what they're really putting up is brick and mortar, framing up the school ...," said Bill Clark, CEO of Business Op-



Kalyon Curtis | POST

A Hutton Construction team member takes Fort Riley Elementary School staff members on a Dec. 12 walking tour of the school. Staff members were given an opportunity to see what the school will look like during a virtual tour before the walk-through.

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Founder of SEAL Team Six, Red Cell stops by Fort Riley

Marcinko uses signing event at Post Exchange to promote latest book

By Angelique N. Smythe
1ST INF. DIV. POST

An American hero visited Fort Riley Dec. 13 at the Exchange.

Retired U.S. Navy SEAL commander and Vietnam War veteran, Richard Marcinko, was the first commanding officer of SEAL Team Six and Red Cell.

He visited Fort Riley troops to share and autograph his latest book, "Rogue Warrior: Curse of the Infidel."

Dozens of people lined up with families to speak to and be photographed with Marcinko during the book-signing event.

"We came down here to do a little bit of shopping but just really excited to meet a real life hero in person," said Capt. Christopher Rogers, physician assistant, 1st

Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. "I wanted to make sure that my kids were able to shake his hand. They probably won't understand the meaning of what he's done for this country until they're older, but I think taking a picture and buying a book and getting it signed will be something very special for them later on."

Marcinko, who lives in Virginia, said he's visiting the Kansas area to share his new book, the latest of a sequel.

"All the books sold out," said Maria Ortega Berrios, sales and merchandise manager, the Exchange. "People know who he is and what he has done."



Richard Marcinko



COMMUNITY CORNER

Reflecting on 2014

By Col. Andrew Cole
GARRISON COMMANDER

As we near the end of 2014 and look forward to a new beginning in 2015, the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley are well poised for the future.

This year, we accomplished and experienced many great things in our Army community.

For example this fall, we hosted more than 10,000 people at our annual Fall Apple Day Festival.

Just a couple months ago, we had a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating our new Fort Riley Middle School, and earlier in the year, we broke ground on the new Fort Riley Elementary School.

In October, we partnered with the Air Force for a Joint Airborne Air Transportability Training exercise, which validated our new flight landing strip at Fort Riley.

We're also continuously strengthening our relationships with our local communities, as well as international allies, as we train together and show them all that Fort Riley has to offer.

In June we worked with the Kansas State University Police Department, Kansas Highway Patrol and Riley County Emergency Medical Services in conducting an active violence training at Victory Village, Fort Riley's Combined Arms Collective Training Facility.

And don't forget our hundreds of troops who are deployed in Africa, Southwest Asia and other areas of the world.

Our 1st Inf. Div. troops recently deployed to advise and assist Iraqi security forces as well as increase the U.S.' ability to target ISIL and coordinate the U.S. military's activities across Iraq.

We've done a lot in 2014. As you enjoy the holidays with family and friends, I hope you can reflect on all that we've accomplished as a team and all that is yet to come in 2015.



Col. Cole

PRINCIPAL SPOTLIGHT

Ware Elementary principal values relationships

By Kalyn Curtis
1ST INF. DIV. POST

What is your educational background?

I have a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Kansas State University, a master's degree in educational administrative leadership and a doctorate degree from K-State.

How long have you been a principal?

I have been a principal since 1992.

Why did you want to become a principal?

I made the decision to be a principal when I worked as a principal's secretary in 1980. I observed how many people the principal was able to assist through their position. They were able to make decisions that positively impacted the learning of students on a daily basis.

What do you like about being a principal?

There are many aspects of being a principal I truly enjoy. The fact each day is unique and challenging keeps the work interesting. Working with children and observing them grow emotionally, socially and academically is extremely rewarding. The process of hiring new teachers and mentoring them on their road to becoming exemplary educators is another part of the position I appreciate. Perhaps the part of the position I find the most stimulating is the opportunity to problem solve. I enjoy taking on new challenges and identifying either the best or a new way to approach a problem. Identifying a problem, breaking down the different components and brainstorming potential solutions in a team effort is something educators do daily, and I find the process enjoyable. After that process, we implement new processes, programs or protocols and monitor these to see if they improve the situations. The one thing that keeps me in this position is the opportunity to work alongside amazing people

while we make daily differences in the lives of children. More than a building leader, we are kid ambassadors. Our whole focus is on what students need to be safe, healthy, happy and educated. Being a principal means lying awake at night worrying about children who are not your own and trying to figure out what you can do to make things better for them.

starts with the relationships our teachers build with our students. It is impossible for a principal to take care of 700 children, therefore my philosophy has always been that I will build positive relationships with my staff that model for them the relationships I want them to have with our students. When students understand their teacher truly cares for them, it puts them in the right frame of mind to learn. Beyond that, we will progress monitor their learning and intervene when we see problems. The purpose of a school is for students to learn the intended curriculum. We have to provide an atmosphere and resources that allow that to occur.



Deb Gustafson

What are some of the unique aspects to being a principal for a school on a military installation?

I have been a principal on and off the military installation, and one thing for sure is that children are the same, regardless where you serve. Our "Ware Bears" are amazing young people just like their classmates off post. The fact we are on an installation has some challenges for the adults. In the fact, you often have to deal with rules and regulations, both within your local community and the different policies on the installation. The fact the children move so often and take extended family leave certainly adds to the challenge of educating them due to their attendance. Parents of military children have a lot on their plates because of repeated deployments, moves and circumstances beyond their control; however, all parents want the best for their children, and I feel privileged to serve the children of the military. I tell our teachers they are educating the world because our students will not stay in Kansas.

What is your goal for the students of this school?

For the past 10 years, Ware Elementary School has been recognized nationally and locally as a school of academic excellence, and I take it as a personal goal to maintain that status. Our goal is to have an outstanding learning environment, and I believe that

had a difficult time learning to read. Once I learned to read, I really took off academically. The struggle was due to my hearing loss, I could not hear the differences in the sounds. I taught myself to memorize sight words and then learned to read.

What are your hobbies?

I am married to a rancher, and we reside in the Flint Hills, southeast of Junction City. We have one daughter, Shelbi, and one granddaughter, Tava, who is a first-grader at Lincoln Elementary School. On the ranch, we raise registered Hereford cattle and quarter horses. Therefore, my hobbies are caring for my family and our animals. We show cattle on a national level as a family. In addition to serving as principal of Ware Elementary School, I also serve as an assistant professor at K-State in educational leadership. In this role, I assist in preparing the next leaders of our schools. I get to work among some of the best and brightest educators of our district as they complete their master's degrees in educational leadership.

What is your personal motto, and why?

"Laugh and smile when the rain pours, for any fool can do so when the sun shines."

I like this because not every day is perfect, but how you react to situations makes all the difference in the world. When life gets stressful around school, and it does, I try to keep a smile and a humorous story ready to lighten the mood of my staff to keep them focused on doing the great work they do each and every day.

Is there anything about yourself you'd like to add or anything you'd like parents and students to know about you?

I want our community to know I really care about the children we serve. I am firm in my convictions for children, and hold myself and others accountable for their needs.

Do you have a military connection?

I am a lifelong resident of Geary County, therefore I have always been surrounded by the military and military-related friends. My grandparents were civil service workers at Fort Riley. I was raised in the Geary County Jail because my dad served as Geary County sheriff, and our family actually lived within the jail. The sheriff's department always had a strong connection to the military, and so I grew up believing we were all partners.

Were you ever sent to the principal's office as a student? Why?

In high school, I believe I liked to challenge rules and see if I could get things changed. Teachers liked me however, I think they found me a bit frustrating, and this landed me in the principal's office a few times.

What kind of student were you in school?

When I applied myself, I was an A student. When I didn't, I was a B student. It was a choice. I enjoyed cheerleading, dance, drama, journalism and speech. I played sports, but I wasn't very good. I believe I used school as one big social event. In elementary school, I

COMMAND PERFORMANCE



Dena O'Dell | POST

Members of the 1st Infantry Division Band's brass quintet perform Dec. 16 for employees at Garrison Headquarters on Main Post. While Staff Sgt. Matthew Johnston, NCOIC, played the trombone, Sgt. Jose Hernandez, tuba, Spc. Chris Arnold, trumpet, and Sgt. Curtis Palmer, French horn, blended in playing several selections of holiday classics.



Julie Fiedler | POST

Brett Eldredge, country singer, rocks out with the crowd during A Salute to the Troops concert June 9 at Long Fitness Center. Eldredge performed "Don't Ya" and "Beat of the Music" during the show.



Jessica Healey | POST

More than 150 graduates sit ready to receive their college degrees during a Postwide Combined Graduation Ceremony May 20 at Riley's Conference Center.

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2. FRES GROUND BREAKING

Fort Riley and USD 475 officials, students and school faculty members participated in a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Fort Riley Elementary School April 16 at the Colyer Forsyth Community Center.

The new school will be a \$22-million, 76,000-square-foot facility and will be located on the edge of the Forsyth community to replace the existing FRES on Main Post.

"When this school is completed and ready for use during the 2015 to 2016 school year, we will be well on our way toward a key component of the Army Family Covenant, which states we will ensure excellence in schools," said Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole.

About 500 students will attend the new school, which will contain a total of 27 classrooms.

3. ELDRIDGE PLAYS AT SALUTE TO TROOPS

Brett Eldredge performed during Sony PlayStation's A Salute to Our Troops concert June 9 at Long Fitness Center.

For Eldredge, having an opportunity to entertain the troops was his way of giving back, he said.

"I'll do this any time I can," he said. "It's an amazing feeling and I'm just so grateful for what all these



Jessica Healey | POST

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folks do for us out here ... I just want this to be a big, major thank you."

An up-and-coming country singer, Eldredge has had a series of successes, like "Don't Ya," reaching No. 1 on Billboard's Country Airplay Chart and a recent performance at the Country Music TV Music Awards.

4. ERIC STONESTREET VISITS FORT RILEY

Fort Riley Soldiers, families and civilian volunteers rubbed elbows with two-time Emmy Award winner Eric Stonestreet Sept. 19 on post.

Known for playing the larger-than-life Cameron Tucker on ABC's "Modern Family," Stonestreet is a Kansas City, Kansas, native and graduate of Kansas State University. A vocal fan of the

school's athletics programs, the actor can often be found in and around Manhattan on a m e d a y s.

"It's hard to explain to people how great this area is,"

Stonestreet said during his tour of the post, which included an aerial tour of Fort Riley, stops at the Fort Riley USO, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade's helicopter simulators and lunch at the Demon's Diner dining facility.

The actor, along with FOX Sports 1 anchor and reporter Julie Stewart-Binks, spoke with 1st CAB pilots and

chefs and posed for photos with family members at the USO.

The visit was a way to highlight the unique partnership between the 1st Infantry Division and K-State.

5. BCC AT FORT RILEY GRADUATES 170

Barton Community College at Fort Riley celebrated the graduation of about 170 students May 20 at Riley's Conference Center. Of the 170 graduating, 96 chose to walk during commencement.

Graduates, their friends and families gathered at Riley's Conference Center and heard from commencement speaker Brig. Christopher J. Ghika (UK), deputy commanding general for readiness, 1st Infantry Division. He drove home the point that education is not only formal schooling, it is a continual process that needs attention every day. Ghika shared a quote from Newton Baker with the class of 2014 to further illustrate his meaning.

"The man who graduates today and stops learning tomorrow is uneducated the day after," he said.

According to Marian Moore, supervisory education services specialist, Fort Riley Education Services, 199 students at Fort Riley received their associate's degrees, 24 earned bachelor's degrees and 22 completed their master's degrees in May 2014.



Eric Stonestreet

HOUR OF CODE



WARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

From left to right, Ware Elementary School fifth-graders Jasmin Wright, Elena Curtis and Malika Thomas complete a coding activity Dec. 10 at Ware Elementary School. According to its website, <http://hourofcode.com>, Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anyone can learn the basics.

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erations, Unified School District 475 Geary County Schools.

The new school is slated to open in August 2015, replacing the old school, which is 60 years old. Cost of the new facility is estimated at about \$22 million.

The state-of-the-art building will provide all of the right tools to teach children at Fort Riley, as well as provide a safety shelter, Clark said.

"It's going to have a FEMA shelter, which will protect them from any kind of EF5 tornado or below," he said. "A library, the media room, is state-of-the-art, so when you look at collaboration and the ability to teach kids, you won't find a better elementary school."

For Principal Becky Coy, 21-year principal at FRES, the renovation has been a dream of hers for the past five years.

"It's the excitement, it's the space," she said. "For example, having a cafeteria and also a gymnasium, where we've been sharing the space, and having to redo our schedules and not even being able to bring the student body together, or we'd have to figure out schedules just so we could have different activities in the building."

In addition to the flexibility the new gym will offer, it will

ON SCHEDULE

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also function as a FEMA tornado safe room able to withstand winds up to 250 miles per hour.

The building will also be designed to have a controlled entrance that requires visitors to go directly into the administration area from the main entry way, with the remaining entries locked at all times.

The facility is being built by Hutton Construction, which credits a strong relationship with the installation for the project's progress.

"So as far as maintaining a relationship with a construction project, it's really just about maintaining communication," said Brandon Brungard, construction manager, Hutton Construction. "We try to be open and honest when we have successful things on a project, but you've also got to be open if you have a situation that you're not really excited about. That open and honest approach is kind of how we build those relationships."



Sports & Recreation

IN BRIEF

NEW YEAR'S EVE BOWLING

Ring in the new year on the lanes at Custer Hill Bowling Center: The New Year's Eve Bowling Party is scheduled for 8 p.m. Dec. 31 until 1 a.m. Jan. 1.

Cost is \$15 per person in advance and \$17 Dec. 31 at the door. Children, 3 years and younger, are free. The cost covers unlimited bowling with shoes, a small pizza, fountain drink, door prizes and DJ entertainment, as well as a glass of sparkling cider during the midnight balloon drop. There will also be entertainment for children, with a book and movie time from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m., along with games and other family-friendly activities.

Custer Hill Bowling Center is located at 7485 Normandy Drive. For more information, visit www.rileymwr.com/bowling or call 785-239-4366.

WARRIOR ZONE NEW YEAR'S

A Flash From the Past Retro New Year's Eve celebration is scheduled from 8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 1 a.m. Jan. 1 at the Warrior Zone. Party like its 1999 – or maybe 1989 – with tons of retro fun. Don't miss PacMan, N64 gaming tournaments, an Atari gaming console and more. End on a high note with a champagne toast at midnight, followed by a breakfast buffet. Open to guests 18 years and older. For more information, call 785-240-6618.

FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

A Community Life Futsal Tournament is scheduled for Jan. 7 at King Field House. Cost is free for active-duty teams and \$150 per team for others. The tournament is open to all Department of Defense cardholders 18 years and older. For more information, call 785-239-2813.

BUTTERBALL BULGE

Battle of the Butterball Bulge will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Jan. 10 at King Field House. The event consists of a free fitness marathon, including Zumba, spinning, TRX, Yoga and more mini classes. For more information, call 785-239-3146.

CYSS SPORTS OFFICIALS

Child, Youth and School Services needs sports officials for youth basketball and outdoor and indoor soccer. Volunteer and paid positions are available. Training is provided and no previous experience is necessary. A background check is required. For more information about how to apply, call CYSS Sports at 785-239-9223 or 785-240-5207.

TRAINING SESSION FEES

Fees for personal training sessions at King Field House are \$25 for one person, \$40 for two people and a three-person rate of \$48. All sessions are one hour. For more information, call 785-239-3868.

ISPORTSMAN

To register on Fort Riley iSportsman, an automated check-in-out system, visit isportsman.webpage.com at www.fortriley.isportsman.net.

Fort Riley iSportsman must be used by everyone recreating in a training area at Fort Riley in accordance with FR 210-15. Activities include hunting, fishing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, mushroom collecting, fuelwood cutting, biking and horseback riding.

Check-in and check-out may be accomplished with any personal device with internet connectivity. Participants may also visit the iSportsman Kiosk located at 1st Division and Vinton School roads or by visiting the Environmental Division Office, Building 407, during business hours. For more information, contact the Environmental Division at 785-239-6211.

GOLF WINTER HOURS

During winter months at the Custer Hill Golf Course, the course will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. If the weather is scheduled to be 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, then the golf course may close. Follow the golf course at [@custerhillgolf](https://twitter.com/custerhillgolf) Twitter for up-to-the-minute happenings with closures.

— TOP FIVE SPORTS STORIES FROM 2014 —



YEAR IN SPORTS

- 1.] Sgt. Erin Stewart, Warrior Transition Battalion, practices for the swimming event at the Warrior Games, Sept. 28 to Oct. 4 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. (Courtesy photo)
- 2.] Soldiers with the STB, 4th IBCF take the Victory Cup June 13 at Fort Riley. The battalion and winners of 19 of the 2014 Victory Week competitions were recognized during a June 13 awards ceremony at Custer Hill Parade Field. Victory Week competition began June 9 with the combatives competition's weigh-in. It concluded June 12. (Amanda Kim Stairrett, 1st Inf. Div.)
- 3.] Spc. Sam Kosgei, combat medic, 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 4th IBCF crosses the finish line first Oct. 26 during the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. Kosgei finished the 26.2-mile race in two hours, 22 minutes, 11.43 seconds – a 5:25-minute mile. Kosgei also finished 10th in the Oct. 12 Army Ten-Miler, helping propel the "Big Red One" men's team to its highest finish ever.
- 4.] Johnathan Herst, third baseman, Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, throws a ball to warm up Sept. 6 prior to a game against the Fort Riley Celebrity All-Star Team at K-State's Tointon Family Stadium, Manhattan. (Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes, 1st Sust. Bde.)
- 5.] Members of the 1st Inf. Div. Command Sergeant Major Ten-Miler team, Command Sgt. Maj. Philip Paniagua, Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Barajas, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston and Command Sgt. Maj. Maurice Jackson, pose with the first-place trophy they won during the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 12 in Washington, D.C. The "Big Red One" senior NCOs beat out three other teams of command sergeants major to bring home the win. (Sgt. Michael Leverton, 1st CAB)

Soldier athletes dominate fields in 2014

STAFF REPORT

The year 2014 was a busy one for Soldier athletes at Fort Riley. From running to combatives to competing at the Warrior and Invictus games, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Soldiers dominated in their respective fields.

Some of those monumental moments included: A record second-place finish for Fort Riley's Army Ten-Miler Team in the active-duty men division and a 10th-place individual finish for Spc. Sam Kosgei, combat medic, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division; a first-place finish by Kosgei in October at the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C.; and a first-place finish for the Fort Riley Combatives Team at the National Pankration Tournament May 17 in Temecula, California, qualifying the team for the world championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Additionally, three Fort Riley athletes – Sgt. Erin Stewart and Sgt. Scotty Hasting, both with the Warrior Transition Battalion, as well as Retired Staff Sgt. Jesse White – participated at the Warrior Games, Sept. 28 to Oct. 4, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Stewart and White also participated in the Invictus Games for Team USA in London.

The Warrior Games is an annual competition for wounded warriors across all branches of the military. This year, the Army claimed victory with 71 medals. The Invictus Games was the first international competition, hosted by the United Kingdom for wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women.

Hasting won two medals at the Warrior Games; Stewart won two medals at the Invictus Games and five at the

Warrior Games; and White brought home two medals from the Invictus Games and served as an Army archery coach at the Warrior Games.

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WARRIOR ZONE DJ DUAL



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ABOVE: Spc. Dwayne Richards, also known as DJ Way-Nice, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, shows off his disc jockey skills during the final round of the DJ Duel Dec. 12 at the Warrior Zone. The DJ Duel was from Nov. 7 to Dec. 12, where Fort Riley DJ's got the opportunity to showcase their talents in an effort to win a chance to DJ the Warrior Zone's New Year's Eve party as a paid gig.



LEFT: Staff Sgt. Cheston Johnson, also known as DJ Case, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, defeats DJ Way-Nice in the final round of the DJ Duel Dec. 12 at the Warrior Zone for a spot to play during the Warrior Zone's New Year's Eve Party, which is a paid gig. Winners were chosen by the audience at the Warrior Zone.

TIP OFF



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Spc. Cedrick Harris, 977th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, 42nd Military Police Brigade, center, fights for the tip off against Staff Sgt. Kermit Lugo, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, second from left, during an intramural basketball game Dec. 11 at King Field House. The 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt. defeated the 977th MP Co., 54 to 29.

SCUBA SANTA



ABOVE: A customer poses with Scuba Santa Dec. 13 at Eyster Pool on Custer Hill. The annual events gives families the opportunity to pose with Santa above or below the surface of the water for a unique photo opportunity. (Courtesy photo)

LEFT: A boy gets into the pool during the Scuba Santa event Dec. 13 at Eyster Pool. After taking their photos in the pool with Scuba Santa, children had the opportunity to enjoy some hot chocolate, sugar cookies and cupcakes. (Angelique N. Smythe, POST)





YEAR IN SPORTS

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Other highlights on the homefront included a visit from the nationally celebrated Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, a charitable organization that tours the country to raise awareness for wounded warriors and inspire people with whom they come in contact; and a Victory Cup win for Soldiers with the Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

during Victory Week—the first time a support unit has won the Victory Cup and bragging rights for a year since Victory Week's inception at Fort Riley.

In addition to the accomplishments by Soldier athletes, partnerships between Fort Riley units and Kansas State University continue to flourish and a new partnership with the University of Kansas is evolving and growing.



ABOVE: Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, commanding general, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, left; Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston, senior NCO, 1st Inf. Div., center; and Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Nibarger, senior NCO, 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., right, lead the K-State football team out of the tunnel Oct. 4 during the annual K-State Fort Riley Day at Bill Snyder Family Stadium, Manhattan. (Amanda Kim Stairrett, 1st Inf. Div.)

LEFT: Sgt. Justin Overton, DHHB, 1st Inf. Div., left, raises his hands in victory during the Victory Fighting Championship Fight Night July 12 at King Field House on Main Post. Overton defeated his opponent with a rear-naked choke early in the second round. (Sgt. Michael Leverton, 1st Inf. Div.)



Family and MWR

Fort Riley, KS

HOLIDAY HOURS DEC. 24 TO 28

	DEC. 24	DEC. 25	DEC. 26	DEC. 27	DEC. 28
ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
ARTS AND CRAFTS	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
AUTO SKILLS	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
CUSTER HILL BOWLING CENTER	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 a.m. to midnight	noon to 6 p.m.
BOWLING CENTER LOUNGE	Closed	Closed	Closed	5 p.m. to midnight	Closed
CDCS (ALL)	5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
CYSS PARENT CENTRAL	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
YOUTH CENTER	5:45 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Closed	Closed	2 to 11 p.m.	Closed
SCHOOL-AGE CENTER	5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
DFMWR HEADQUARTERS	7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
CUSTER HILL GOLF COURSE	Closed	Closed	Closed	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
GOLF SNACK BAR	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
FITNESS CENTER - CRAIG	1 to 8 p.m.	Closed	1 to 8 p.m.	1 to 8 p.m.	1 to 8 p.m.
FITNESS CENTER - LEONARD	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
FITNESS CENTER - LONG	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Closed	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
FITNESS CENTER - KING FIELD HOUSE	5 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Closed	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
FITNESS CENTER - ROBINSON	noon to 7 p.m.	Closed	noon to 7 p.m.	noon to 7 p.m.	noon to 7 p.m.
HABANERO	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
LEISURE TRAVEL SERVICES	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
LIBRARY	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	noon to 5 p.m.
MARINA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTER	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
SKREET AND TRAP RANGE	Closed	Closed	Closed	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed
POOL - EYSTER	Closed	Closed	Closed	1 to 6 p.m.	1 to 6 p.m.
POOL - LONG	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
POOL - CUSTER HILL	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
RILEY'S CONFERENCE CENTER	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
RALLY POINT BINGO	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
SOLDIER, FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
WARRIOR ZONE	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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FLASH FROM THE PAST RETRO NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

DECEMBER 31 * 8PM-1AM
WARRIOR ZONE

- * PAC-MAN HIGHSCORE CONTEST
- * MARIO SUPER SMASH BROTHERS TOURNAMENT
- * SONIC THE HEDGEHOG TOURNAMENT
- * BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT
- * RUBIN'S CUDE CHALLENGE
- * ATARI CHALLENGE
- * SEGA CHALLENGE
- * RETRO PHOTO BOOTH
- * RETRO GAMING TRIVIA
- * CHAMPAGNE TOAST
- * DJ ENTERTAINMENT
- * DOOR PRIZES
- * BREAKFAST BUFFET: \$5.50/PLATE, STARTS AT 11PM

FREE PLAY 785-240-6618 FREE PLAY

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED **MUST BE 18+ TO ENTER**

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Pick up a \$5 or \$10 card at ITR and use it to ride between Fort Riley and Aggieville on Friday and Saturday nights. Open to all DoD ID cardholders. Call 239-5614 for more information.

Fort Riley stops include Bldg. 7000F, Bldg. 7000G, Bldg. 7000A, Bldg. 7000C, Bldg. 70000, Bldg. 210, WT9 P-Lot, Bldg. 694 and Bldg. 1865A.