Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston, the 1st Infantry Division senior noncommissioned officer, was recently selected to serve as the top enlisted Soldier of the 1st Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

“I’m proud to offer my congratulations to Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston as he continues to lead and prepare our Soldiers to fight and win,” Maj. Gen. W. Grigsby Jr., commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, “It’s the epitome of a ‘Big Red One’ Soldier — heroic, responsible and on point for our nation — and will carry his inspirational leadership to the Corps, Drop Zone, CMS.”

Grinston is the 1st Inf. Div.’s 23rd senior noncommissioned officer, assuming responsibility Oct. 25. He previously served with the Big Red One as a first sergeant in the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team. Grinston is set to hand responsibility of the 1st Div. over to Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison, who is coming to Fort Riley from Fort Hood, Texas, where he is the senior noncommissioned officer of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.
Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Ballard, a native of Wilmington, North Carolina, assumed responsibility of the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division from Command Sgt. Maj. Jose M. Barajas Sept. 3 during a change of responsibility ceremony on Cavalry Parade Field at Fort Riley.

Before recently graduating from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Ballard’s last assignment was with the 41st Fires Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas. Right: Command Sgt. Maj. Barajas stands in front of the “First Lightning” color guard. During this ceremony, Col. Jarrad Collins, battalion commander, spoke of Barajas’ contributions, achievements and great leadership during his tenure. Collins said he worked with many senior noncommissioned officers, but, by far, Barajas made him a better officer and leader, and for that he thanked him.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jose M. Sticca, the outgoing senior noncommissioned officer of 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, stands in front of the “Long Knife” color guard Sept. 9 during change of responsibility ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field on Fort Riley. Sticca relinquished his responsibilities as the top enlisted Soldier for the battalion to Command Sgt. Maj. Scott A. Lambert, a Lowell, Massachusetts native. Sticca will serve as the rear detachment senior noncommissioned officer while the brigade serves a nine-month deployment to Kuwait. Left: Command Sgt. Maj. Lambert stands before a color guard during the change of responsibility ceremony. As a cavalryman, Lambert has held every position in his career field in his 23 years of active military service.
In 1860, one of his relatives, William Colbath, who served in Michigan’s 8th Cavalry Regiment for the Union Army, was captured by Confederate forces and became a prisoner of war.

“Unfortunately, he was captured when he went to Andersonville, Georgia, which was the Confederate’s prison, which was quite horrible,” Adams V said. “You don’t live more than a month in there and he survived six.”

Colbath eventually died of starvation during his incarceration in the Confederate prisoner-of-war camp, Adams V said.

Due to the sometimes dangerous aspect of serving in the military and the fact that Adams V is the only male descendant, his father was not enthusiastic about his decision to enlist.

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Beware blisters that slow you down

By kwon Horseland
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Most people have experienced the pain of a friction blister. Friction blisters form when an object such as a rock, shoe or strap is repeatedly moved across the skin with enough force to cause the layers of skin to rub against each other. The heat causes the skin’s layers to separate, or “lift,” between the outermost layer of the skin and the rest of the skin layer. The blister fills with fluid causing a raised area on the skin. They typically form on the feet, hands and ankles but can also occur on the hands other places where there is repeated rubbing, such as on the way from the stairs of a heavy backpack.

Because these injuries often only cause discomfort and don’t require medical treatment, they are sometimes described as “pigeon blisters.” However, some blisters become severe and progressively debilitating for Soldiers and athletes. Blisters can foul nutrition of activities and limit physical readiness. In some cases, friction blisters develop into infections that require antibiotics and medical treatment. In one of the most common injuries among active-duty military, friction blisters can have an adverse impact to military readiness.

Activities such as marching and running are the common cause of blisters in the military. Blisters are most often associated with marching or hiding that showed poor padding. Running increases your risk of blister formation, but it is possible to avoid activities that increase the risk of developing blisters. However, there are things you can do to minimize the likelihood of developing a blister and can reduce the severity.

Some individuals are more prone to develop blisters than others who perform the same activities. While the reason is not yet understood, studies do provide evidence that some people may have a higher risk of developing blisters. For example, having no friend or the feet being of a ethnicity other than African American, can increase risk of getting blisters. White Rome factors cannot be changed, other factors that increase the risk of blisters include: pounded, foot. For instance, wearing cotton socks, especially the toe or socks, and using insoles, including moisture moisture, can increase chances of developing blisters. In addition, various “best practices” for preventing blisters are also recommended by medical professionals and professional and amateur athletes. While there is limited scientific evidence validating the effectiveness of these tactics among large populations, try some of the tactics below to determine what works best for you in avoiding the pesky but painful blister.

ADAPTATION

Move slowly and build up to activity and equipment to help skin become more robust.

- Increase duration and intensity of blister-causing activities slowly over time.
- Use the same shoes, gloves or load weight and shape as your intensity.

SOCKS

Use synthetic moisture-wicking bands that do contain cotton. Keep thin-dry.

- Synthetic socks made from acrylic, polyester or polypropylene that wick away from the feet are accommodated over cotton, to prevent blisters, especially during long distance marching or running.
- Some people advocate wearing a double layer of

FOOTWEAR

Wear properly fit and maintain. Minimize contact between foot and shoe.

- Make sure toes do not pinch tight. Shoes with room for toes to wiggle.
- Purchase shoes later in the day since feet can swell slightly half a size throughout the day or after activity.

TAPING AND SKIN COVERINGS

- Certain skin coverings can help prevent blisters from forming. For example, a closed-cell neoprene insole reduces the friction during movement which can reduce blister occurrence.
- Zinc Oxide tape has been scientifically reviewed to reduce friction in running communities to help prevent blisters from forming. It may be used as a cleaning blister. Other tape “pads” will expand to fit on the feet and prevent the area from blisters increasing. Scissors or insoles can protect the area from blisters.
- Inexpensive products, such as petroleum jelly, may be used to reduce friction. Excess petroleum jelly can be removed with water, or of more recent popularity, longer lasting non-oily coatings. And certain coatings reports suggest that therapy blisters when properly applied. In addition, athletes use foot wear and tape.

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- Do not leave shoes or socks on radiator or other heat, since this can cause them to shrink and soon to protrude.

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Commentary

SAFETY CORNER

Treat electricity with utmost respect

By Anu Bhandar

GARRISON SAFETY BRIEF

According to statistics, 70 percent of people who have electric accidents are from home. Many fatalities occur each year from household electrical accidents. To prevent these fatalities, several tips should be followed:

1. Never touch an electric cord or an appliance that is plugged into a wall socket while standing in water; electricity can travel through water.
2. Use extension cords only when absolutely necessary. If you are using an extension cord, be sure to use one with three prongs that fit the outlet.
3. Do not place any electrical cords near a heat source. If you are using an appliance near a heat source, be sure to use a cord designed for that appliance.
4. Do not overload electrical outlets.
5. Use a surge protector for electrical outlets.
6. Be sure to unplug all electrical appliances before cleaning them.

Fire Alarm System

In 2012, the camp 占y installed a new fire alarm system. The system is designed to detect any fire and alert the proper authorities. The system is wireless and can be installed in any area of the camp.

Personnel Records Review and Emergency Notification

The Personnel Records Review and Emergency Notification Group Life Insurance and Disability Insurance Plan is designed to provide eligible Soldiers with coverage for life insurance and disability insurance. The plan is available to eligible Soldiers at no cost to them.

To learn more about the Personnel Records Review and Emergency Notification Group Life Insurance and Disability Insurance Plan, please contact the Garrison Safety Office.

TENDING TO PERSONAL AFFAIRS

Soldiers urged to verify life insurance disbursements

By Terri Moon Cronk

DEFENSE SECURITY

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter delivers remarks during the Pentagon Memorial service at the Pentagon courtyard, Sept. 11.

The Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Adrian Cadiz | DOD

On the 14th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Department of Defense is reminding Soldiers to verify the beneficiary designations on their life insurance policies.

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CONSTRUCTION ON RIFLE RANGE ROAD HAS BEGUN

Construction on Rifle Range Road will affect traffic flow for approximately the next 374 days. As a result, the work will affect travel to the schools in the area. School officials have been briefed and can offer guidance. There are detour and guidance signs posted, including detour routes along tank trail purple and through the Forsythe Housing area. Motorists are asked to exercise patience and follow all guidance posted on signs.

ALL SCHOOL ZONES IN EFFECT

School zones are now in effect. Tickets will be issued. Be vigilant. Some school zones have lights and others have posted times.

ROAD STRIPING UNDERWAY

Road striping and crosswalk painting is underway. The work will involve all major thoroughfares on Fort Riley, then move on to secondary roads. In addition, stripes on parking lots at post schools will also be painted. Motorists may be re-directed to the road shoulders, but no roads are expected to close.

HAMPTON PLACE

A portion of Hampton Place, from Jackson Avenue north to Ashby Drive, will be closed to thru traffic through September. A pedestrian and bike detour is in place during this time. The closure is part of the demolition and construction project in the Warner Peterson Community. Access to Custer Hill Elementary School will be available from Ashby Avenue. For more information, contact Custer Military Living at 785-717-2200.

ACP HOURS OF OPERATION

Access control point hours are:

- Four Corners/Trooper/Ogden: Open 24/7
- Henry: Open 24/7
- 12th Street: Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; closed on Sunday and federal holidays.
- Rifle Range: Closed to all traffic.
- Grant: Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; closed Sundays and federal holidays.
- Estes: Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; closed Sundays and federal holidays.

TRAFFIC REPORT

The Sept. 15 question was: “If someone on Fort Riley provides excellent customer support, how do you let the leadership know about it?”

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CONGRATULATIONS, JANET!

HOUSE FILL AD
Suicide Prevention Program managers host candlelight vigil

By Hannah Kleopfer

Before a storm rolled in the evening of Sept. 10, the Suicide Prevention Program managers hosted a candlelight vigil to raise awareness about suicide victims, survivors and prevention at the Main Post Chapel. At the front of the chapel sat white combat boots, known as The Ghostly Formation, to represent the Soldiers who lost their battle with suicide.

Ted Parks, Suicide Prevention Program Manager, welcomed the small group who braved the weather to the vigil after the invocation from the Chap. (Maj.) Anthony Kazarnowicz Jr.

The theme of the week and night was “Taking Action.” Soldiers spoke of their experiences talking fellow Soldiers down from committing suicide and helping prevent it in the lives of the people around them.

“We have had one completed suicide in this calendar year,” said Parks, “but we have also had 28 suicide attempts.”

Two Fort Riley Soldiers and Easterling talked about their experiences with suicide.

“Suicide means something completely different and unique to each of us,” said Easterling.

After Easterling spoke, attendees sat in a moment of silence as they held a glow stick in lieu of a candle. To close the vigil, Kazarnowicz said a benediction.
New school year brings new flu concerns

TOOMBS OF DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY, MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION TAKES EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH HONORS

Active-duty service members to be randomly selected for anonymous health-related survey

Effect has taken place for one of three years since 1980

Active-Duty Service members will be randomly selected to complete their Service branch and complete an anonymous Health Behavior and Readiness Survey. The survey, accessed online, takes about 40 minutes to complete.

The HRRS has been conducted annually every three years since 1980 and is used to measure the health-related behaviors and lifestyle of military personnel and the potential impact on readiness. Participation in the survey is voluntary, but it is an important health-related questions. The survey can be completed using a government computer during duty hours or a home computer with Internet access. To protect privacy, the survey is anonymous.

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For more information about the flu vaccine and presenting the flu shot are described in the TRICARE Flu Resources with page, tricare.mil/HealthWellness/ Preventive/FluResources.aspx.

Sleep issues with overworked Soldiers cause for concern

WASHINGTON — “I don’t think I’ve ever been in a formation of drunks,” the noncommissioned officer told Col. Kate E. Van Arman.

The NCO was referring to a group of Van Arman reported to have been under the influence of alcohol.

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Story by David Vergun

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WASHINGTON — Army Emergency Relief, or AER, has made it easier for junior Soldiers to get financial help if they need it. The policy shift is because AER feels that said the change was brought as assistance chief for AER, command. By going through their chain of advanced Individual Training — service or have completed Initial Entry Training and have a minimum of 12 months private through corporals and apply for emergency financial request interest-free loans and it easier for junior Soldiers to Emergency Relief, has made policy shift is because AER has The new policy pertains to effective Sept. 9, many terms and positions or they might lose fitness is being developed. A new category of assistance — minor home repair for those women’s shelters, and its a kind of integration mental where good financial fitness is developed. Amounts for the change in the policy shift to become AER has about a 35 percent decline during the last six years in the number of active-duty Soldiers seeking assistance, Durr said. During calendar year 2014, AER provided assistance and differed nearly $46 million to help active-duty Soldiers set up housing, offset costs and take care of expenditures that were士兵们, to say. “We attributed the decline in asking for help to what was minimization, time-consuming process in that Soldiers would have to go to the squad leader, the squad leader to the platoon sergeant, the platoon sergeant to the first sergeant and so on,” Durr said. “We think our Soldiers deserve to be afforded a streamlined process for seeking any of their short-term financial needs.” Durr said that no interest from requests and grants were down for fear of a perceived stigma that’s associated with asking for help and being labeled as “bad Soldiers” because they had financial issues. Some Soldiers felt that financial help would threaten their promotion prospects or selection for leadership positions or they might lose title of cryptocurrency that won’t be used. Durr said that no-interest loans won’t be used. Durr said that no-interest loans won’t be used.

The retired command sergeant major said when Soldiers had to move through the administration and ensuring the chain of command, they would seek out alternatives like possible lenders for emergency financial assistance. Then they’d be stuck with high-interest loans. It takes more than a good expert facilitator for the courses, said Sharon Lee, an online and video teleconferenceing facilitator for the courses. “It’s more important with the online training and whatever we’ve had to work hard for financial help has been a lot of time developing and selecting for leadership positions or they might lose. The goal of the online and video teleconference courses is to create a sense of community for workers who may go from one Exchange to another without involving going through their chain of command. Charlie Dunn, who serves as assistance chief for AER, said the change was brought on because AER felt that first year of service is essential in establishing a link between leader and a service member.

EXCHANGE

It takes more than a good expert facilitator for the courses, said Sharon Lee, online and video teleconferenceing facilitator for the courses. “It’s more important than simply having someone in the room who’s teaching,” Lee said. “We look for candidates that already have some leadership skills and potential, because people need more direct input before they’re selected for the program.” Lee worked with ROMA in 2009 and then became a learning facilitator with ROMA before returning to teach the course.

The ROMA courses include online and video teleconference classes, which are taught in corporate, non-corporate settings and in classroom settings. The virtual classes are taught by someone from corporate headquarters or a designated instructor who is a part of the course, but instead of teaching the course, the instructor can focus on the online and video classes.

Each month there is a new topic. Topics have included Frontline Operations, Performance Standards and Evaluations, Back of House owners’ insurance. If you have a significant investment of money from the American Red Cross and $12 million from the American Legion.

Since its creation in 1942, Army Emergency Relief has provided more than $1.7 billion to 3.7 million Soldiers and their Families. On Sept. 9, AER granted direct access to private bankers to corporations, who have completed Initial Entry Training and have a minimum of 12 months service or have completed Advanced Individ-ual Training — whichever comes first.
Frankenberg said he has an “average” 17-year-old kid with a strong desire to become a policeman in his hometown of Las Vegas, but could not due to his age, so he walked into an Army recruiting office.

“When the recruiter told me he needed at least 30 but 8 inches tall to become a military police officer, I was crushed,” Frankenberg said. “The only thing I had was myself being a police officer.”

Frankenberg said the recruiter had a video that might change his mind about what he wanted to do in the military.

“The video started slow, then you see an M1 Abrams tank moving very fast, hitting a small hill then jumping through the air over a small predesigned obstacle,” Frankenberg said. “It was the coolest thing I had ever seen and I knew I wanted to do that in the military.”

Frankenberg enlisted in the Army as an armor crewman. On Aug. 23, 1985, he reported to Fort Knox, Kentucky, to begin his life of service.

“Thirty years go by faster than you think,” Frankenberg said. “When I first enlisted, I had no idea what I was doing, but I knew what I wanted to do.”

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Makin's Splash
Custer Hill Swimming Pool's annual Speedos and Fidos event for ball owners, man's best friends.

Preparing now leads to success in future
Preparedness month about being informed, building a kit, making a plan, getting involved

By Maria Childs

September is National Preparedness Month. Themes of the month include Be Informed, Build A Kit, Make A Plan, and Get Involved. Here are some tips to help you be prepared for any emergency.

1. Be Informed
   - Keep an emergency management action plan for your household.
   - Know the evacuation routes and emergency shelters in your area.
   - Stay informed about the weather, natural hazards, and community hazards.

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Hispanic Heritage Month opportunity reflect on contributions

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Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions and culture of people of Hispanic descent. These individuals can trace their heritage back to Spain, Mexico as well as Spanish-speaking countries in Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands.

Hispanic Heritage Month has its origins in President Lyndon B. Johnson’s decision in 1968 to designate the month of May as a week-long observance of the contributions of Hispanic Americans. The celebration was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. It is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions and culture of citizens of Latin American descent.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month heightens our attention to the many contributions Hispanic Americans have made to enrich the Army as well as the United States. The Army embraces the diversity and ingenuity of all people including those of Hispanic descent.

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As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I encourage you to reflect on the accomplishments and contributions of our fellow Hispanic Americans. Remember they served courageously as Soldiers in our history and they continue to do so for today’s Army.

— To comment on this article or to suggest a topic for Community Corner, email story@us.army.mil or visit my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fortriley.

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Patriots Day Appreciation Lunch honors post Soldiers, families

Event includes prize drawings from area eateries, businesses

Story and photo by Hannah Kleopfer

Staff and volunteers of USO Fort Riley provided a luncheon Sept. 11 in appreciation of Soldiers and their families with military service through-out this nation’s history.

“Patriots Day Appreciation Lunch is provided to active duty troops and their families and it’s a small way to say thank you on this day of remembrance …,” said Jill Tinkey, Director of the USO Post.

“In 1988, President Ronald Reagan made a proclamation designating the month of May as Hispanic Heritage Month. This celebration has continued to grow every year. Today, Hispanic Americans have made and continue to make significant contributions in our military and civilian communities,” said Tinkey.

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The menu included pizza, soda and boxes of Girl Scout cookies. On top of that, there were drawings for prizes donated by restaurants and businesses in the surrounding communities such as Harry’s, 4 Olives, Bourbon & Baker and the Manhattan Performing Arts Center. Drawings were made every five to 10 minutes.

Tinkey helped put the luncheon together. It’s a way for us to let the troops know how grateful we are for them,” Tinkey said.

“I usually come out when I get the time and get my own lunch,” said Spc. Reshard Park, 1st Infantry Division, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. “It’s a good combination of relaxation and work. Soldiers and their guests were free to come and go between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

“Thank you to all of the Soldiers, Families and USO Volunteers for the wonderful job you do,” said Master Sgt. Charles Bottorff, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Safety Center.

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**Neighborhood’s last home on schedule for Sept. 30 completion**

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In 1917 Corvias preserved the Military Housing Preservation initiative, which authorized the military companies like Corvias to build on the construction of new homes for military families. Currently Corvias is on seven Army installations and the Air Force bases across the country.

Carries along the Fort Riley in 1996 and entered into a 30-year partnership with the Army. Since starting work in June 2007, Corvias members and partners built 1,617 homes, developed and created distinct neighborhoods and furnished 860 homes donated to swing for the families. They also built four community centers and pools, 15 parks, one dog park and a two-mile running trail.

The renovations include single-family and duplex homes. Housing services include loan, mortgage and trade services. When building houses, Corvias directors kept in mind the idea of longevity and maintaining live-in living. The initial 10-year development period will end in June 2017, and the second development period will be focused on historic renovation and maintaining the standard of living for military families.

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Kelly Keil, Director of Construction, also pointed out the work Corvias has done on this historic home. “Not only helps the families but it also helps small businesses. They work with more than 91 local, small businesses in the surrounding community.”

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**New Parent Support Program of Fort Riley fosters caring network**

**Story by Hannah Kinugal**

The New Parent Support Program of Fort Riley has created a structure for new mothers and fathers to come together and learn tips about what to expect. The program gives them a chance to provide exemplary customer service to our customers internally and externally, and Community Office Office Point. The new positions of customer service ambassadors for the DeCA mission, values and goals. DCAs vision is to “Understand our Customers and Deliver a 21st Century Community Benefits.” With that vision in mind they created their new positions to help develop their customer service in connection across the nation.

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For more information about the New Parent Support Program, call Army Community Services at 785-239-9655.

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**Customer service ambassadors bring care to commissary**

**Story by Hannah Kinugal**

Atmosphere and service is something that Operations Office Point. Hoodlum takes seriously at the Fort Riley Commissary. This is also a high priority for the corporate leaders of Defense Commissary Agency.

DeCA helped in crafting of serving military member and their families by assigning Customer Service Ambassadors at each store. The Ambassadors are voted on and chosen by their peers. The title of ambassador is something that is added to the current titles of the employee who were voted into the position.

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**The final house scheduled for completion Sept. 30, 2015.**

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**Barrief Theater is now in digital! Tickets for 3-D and first-run movies cost extra. Children younger than 3 admitted free.**

**FRI., SEPTEMBER 18**

• Fantastic Four (PG-13) 7 P.M. 
• SHAUN THE SHEEP (G) 1 P.M.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

• Fantastic Four (PG-13) 7 P.M. 
• The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (R) 7 P.M.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

• Shaun The Sheep Movie (G) 7 P.M.
“This is a great way for her to get it out. I love this event.”

KAYLA WILLES-SPOUSE

“She could play all day, it just wears her out,” Willis said.

This great way for kids to use their energy. Capt. David Draper, Company C, 334th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, said this is his family’s third time coming to the event. He said this is a good way for kids to interact with one another.

“We see opportunities for our dog over here to come out to the pool and interact with other dogs and these type around,” Draper said.

Judy Gardner, lead obligated at Gömer Hill Pool, said it is always fun seeing the dogs and owners interact at the pool.

Kayla Willes, wife of Sgt. Gerald Willis, 2nd Battalion, 34th Atmospheric Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, offered this is a great way for her to get it out.

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in Kansas and were issued to provide water users a flexible tool to better manage and conserve valuable water resources,” said Secretary McClaskey. “It’s important for water users to understand how WCAs can be a part of their water management plans, and how this tool is different from traditional water rights.

The KDA staff is working with water users across Kansas to develop and fully understand WCAs, and the information on the website will be another resource for them to use.

Signed into law in April by Governor Sam Brownback, WCAs are a simple and flexible way to protect our water for new uses.

Watereight, or the allowing of multi-year allocations, water rights, including creation, transfer, and conserve valuable water resources.

For more information, visit Caution-agriculture.ks.gov/wca

The Kansas Department of Agriculture encourages water users to consider developing and implementing a WCA to further improve water conservation efforts. WCAs can be a part of their water management plans, and the information on the website will be another resource for them to use.

Any groundwater water quantity in a WCA or multiple WCAs.

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We encourage all water users to learn more about WCAs as they develop management plans for their water rights.

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Kansas Secretary of Agriculture suggests developing WCAs

WHAT MAKES WATER CONSERVATION AREAS?

For the purpose of a WCA, an area in need of conservation must meet one or more of the following conditions:

Groundwater levels in the area are declining or have declined excessively.

The rate of withdrawal of groundwater within the area is causing a reduction or recharge in the area;

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Unreasonable deterioration of the quality of water is occurring or may occur.

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The crowd at the Kauffman Stadium, typically dyed and applauds for all stars or pancreatic play, on Sept. 9, 2015. The uniformed group had fans on their feet before Oct. 1st.**

**For Team RWB local chapter events, see “Team RWB Fort Riley” on Facebook.**

By Amanda Kim Stairrett | 1ST INF. DIV.

The Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group is sponsoring a youth deer hunt Oct. 9, 2015, at the Outdoor Recreation Center paintball course. It’s open to participants ages 13 and older. For more information, call 785-239-2363.

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE VETERANS?**

If you are interested in serving your community, please check out the website www.1stinf.com/101.

**SPORTSMAN SYSTEM**

For more information, contact the Sports and Recreation Department at 785-725-3357, or visit 1stInfPost.com.

By Maria Childs | 11/30/2015

Fort Riley volunteers host Youth Deer Hunt, scheduled for early October

The Zombie Paradise Paintball Extravaganza is an annual event featuring nature-infused, glow-in-the-dark zombie scenarios. Themed games and scenarios are offered for those of all ages and experience levels. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Outdoor Recreation Center paintball course. Registration fees are $25 per person. For more information, visit rileymwr.com/paintball or call 785-784-3543.

**PAINTBALL SHOOTOUT**

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By Maria Childs | 11/30/2015

**HOME OF THE BIG RED ONE**

The 1st Infantry Division Soldiers visit Kansas City Royals

By Amanda Kim Stairrett | 1ST INF. DIV.

Members of the Fort Riley and surrounding communities are invited to watch the Fort Riley Post Basketball Team scrimmage with players from Midnight McConnell Air Force Base and Fort Carson, Colorado, on Sept. 19, at King Field House.

Admission is free and games start at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The 20-man Fort Riley team is made of players from units across the post. Tryouts were held in August and the team practices three times a week at King Field House. This is the first time in two years that the post has formed a basketball team, said Command Sgt. Maj. Derek Dunbar, senior noncommissioned officer for the 1st Infantry Division’s first section. The official first game is set for Oct. 10 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

For more information, visit the team’s website, go to https://www.facebook.com/FortRileyPostBasketballTeam.

**THE ROYAL TREATMENT**

1st Infantry Division Soldiers visit Kansas City Royals

The royal treatment includes a tour of the field under the home plate in the Kauffman Stadium. To visit rileymwr.com/golf or call 785-784-4600.

Weston Graves harvests his 11-point buck during Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Groups annual Youth Deer Hunt Oct. 11, 2014 at Fort Riley.

Caldicott donates hunter orange hats and all the ammunition for this youth hunt. The FROG has firearms that can be used to kill deer during the hunting season. Don’t miss your chance for a great experience on the field during this event. It is not required that a parent be present for a child to participate. Children are assigned an adult mentor from the FROG that will assist them during the hunt. Being on a military installation, all participants must have an active military pass. Don’t miss your chance to take a child hunting. Visit rileymwr.com/paintball or call 785-784-3543.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The crowd at the Kauffman Stadium, typically dyed and applauds for all stars or pancreatic play, on Sept. 9, 2015. The uniformed group had fans on their feet before Oct. 1st.**

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The Zombie Paradise Paintball Extravaganza is an annual event featuring nature-infused, glow-in-the-dark zombie scenarios. Themed games and scenarios are offered for those of all ages and experience levels. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Outdoor Recreation Center paintball course. Registration fees are $25 per person. For more information, visit rileymwr.com/paintball or call 785-784-3543.

**PAINTBALL SHOOTOUT**

The Zombie Paradise Paintball Extravaganza continues on Oct. 2, Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Outdoor Recreation Center paintball course. It’s open to participants ages 13 and older. For more information, visit rileymwr.com/paintball or call 785-784-3543.

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**HOME OF THE BIG RED ONE**

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Members of the Fort Riley and surrounding communities are invited to watch the Fort Riley Post Basketball Team scrimmage with players from Midnight McConnell Air Force Base and Fort Carson, Colorado, on Sept. 19, at King Field House.

Admission is free and games start at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The 20-man Fort Riley team is made of players from units across the post. Tryouts were held in August and the team practices three times a week at King Field House. This is the first time in two years that the post has formed a basketball team, said Command Sgt. Maj. Derek Dunbar, senior noncommissioned officer for the 1st Infantry Division’s first section. The official first game is set for Oct. 10 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

For more information, visit the team’s website, go to https://www.facebook.com/FortRileyPostBasketballTeam.
Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS — A letter in a locker was the spark that ignited a personal-best performance at the World Class Athlete Program.

Upon arrival at the Orleans Arena to compete in the 2015 World Wrestling Championships, Williams opened his locker and found the letter written by a 9-year-old Gunner Cortez, along with a pair of patriotic-looking socks.

“Gunner [Cortez] is this awesome kid, who wrote me a letter and sent me a pair of really, really nice socks,” Williams said after the first day of wrestling. “He knows all about my hand,” Williams said after the first day of wrestling. “It was an interesting experience,” he said. “I’m really happy to come — especially with such a great American partner such as baseball — to celebrate this and it was an honor to be a part of it.”

Grigsby said it was a great event because Kansas City is a home team. It is important to organizations like the Royals to publicly recognize the Big Red One Soldiers because they are busy returning, conducting and preparing for missions all over the world.

“For us to take some time right now to come together and watch a baseball game — we’re part of Kansas City,” Grigsby said. “This is our culture and the Kansas City Royals are our home team.”

Grigsby, who played baseball in college, also accepted a game ball from Neil Yost, the Royals’ head coach, before the game. Sgt. 1st Class Bob Fran, DHS, joined representatives from other branches of the Armed Forces to announce the Royals’ starting lineup.


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“An awesome kid named Gunner sent me this letter and these socks,” said Williams. “Thanks for your support.”

“I really believe that when you grow, it’s going to be in leaps and bounds, not just littleitty bitty things,” Williams said. “One day, you’re not winning at Nationals; next year you’re winning the Team Trials. One day, you’re not winning any, and next thing you know, you’re winning the whole thing. So one day you’re going to be talking fifth at Nationals, next year you’re going to be talking world.”

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Travel back in time and experience the thrill of jousting knights on thundering steeds, taste the exotic foods and drinks from the far reaches of the globe. Enjoy the performances of comedians, musicians, magicians, and more on the 20 stages of non-stop entertainment. Feast on delicious food and drinks fit for a king from the far corners of the world. 

Step back in time and be on the lookout for royals, pirates, Celts, gypsies, minstrels, peasants, Galileo, Shakespeare, or any number of other characters you might encounter. To truly experience the event, dress in period costumes for medieval times. Decide on a character you always wanted to be — fairy, knight, lord, lady, or other. Do you want to be Irish, Scottish, German — anything you can imagine, you can become at the Renaissance Festival. There's something for the whole family in the enchanted 16-acre village. It's a non-stop, day-long adventure.

New events for 2015 include:
- Wizard's Flight School Zip Line
- Queen's Teas - Daily at 2:00pm
- Craft Beer Pub and Daily Tastings - taste a selection of beers while relaxing in the all new craft beer pub.
- Kid's Quest
- 50 Free Family Activities - families and children can enjoy free once they arrive at the Festival.
- There will surely be a smile on every young face this season!

Upcoming Theme Weekends are:

**PET FEST**
September 19 & 20
- Pet Vendors/Pet Demonstrations
- Pet Costume Contest
- Eating Contest

**ARTISAN APPRECIATION WEEKEND**
September 26 & 27
- Cider Village/Celeb Carnies
- Arm Wrestling
- Free Arts & Crafts for Kids!
- Costume Contest
- Eating Contest

**WINE, CHOCOLATE & ROMANCE**
October 3 & 4
- Chocolate Festival
- Cupcake Battle
- Wedding of the Century (Saturday)
- Vow Renewals
- Costume Contest
- Eating Contest

**OKTOBERFEST**
October 10, 11, & 12
- Farmer's Market
- Trick-or-Treating
- Craft Beer Tastings
- Free Arts & Crafts for Kids!
- Costume Contest
- Eating Contest

**PETALS ALE FEST**
October 17 & 18
- Tattoo Competition
- Pirate Games & Contests
- Best Beard Competition
- Craft Beer Tastings
- Trick-or-Treating
- Free Arts & Crafts for Kids!
- Costume Contest
- Eating Contest

Also available: The fall 2015 Great Plains Renaissance Festival
Sept. 26 to 27; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sedgwick Co. Park, Wichita, Kansas