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Big Red One & Fort Riley Community Update

NOTES FROM LT. COL. CHRISTIAN KUBIK, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

Troop deployments do have an effect on the communities around Fort Riley. Although our current population of active duty Soldiers stationed on Fort Riley is more than 15,000, about 6,500 of them are currently deployed and another 3,000 are deploying this week and in the coming month.

That will leave only about 5,000-6,000 active duty Soldiers on Fort Riley for the next nine months or so, until our 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team returns from Iraq.

But, our astute observers report – our local schools are still filling up, and all the housing under \$140K is being bought up very quickly. What’s going on?

Well, the truth is that a good portion of Families will remain on Fort Riley even after Soldiers deploy. The last time we checked, about 70% of our Families choose to remain on Fort Riley when their Soldier deploys.

When community and Fort Riley support is perceived as

being strong, more Families choose to stay right here. Our leaders here certainly want that, because we can better take care of Families when they are here, instead of back in South Dakota or South Carolina.

Additionally, we have more than 1,000 Soldiers returning from deployment over the next month or so. These are Soldiers who deployed last fall, organized into what we call “security force” companies – beefed up convoy escort units. We hope that you are able to attend at least one of the redeployment ceremonies. They are emotional events, events that make you proud to be associated with these great Soldiers and enduring Families.

Fluctuating troop levels at Fort Riley will be a constant. We know that. We hope that another constant is your support for these young Soldiers and their families as they are deployed.

Duty First!

Lt. Col. Christian Kubik

NOTES FROM APRIL BLACKMON, COMMUNITY RELATIONS CHIEF

Throughout September and October, we will be welcoming home more than 1,000 Soldiers who deployed last fall. All are welcome to attend these redeployment ceremonies. Information will be posted on the Web, generally one day prior to the event, at www.riley.army.mil. Look for the “Ceremonies” link in the left column.

Recently, you may have had Fort Riley e-mails returned as “undeliverable.” The post’s e-mails have been slightly modified — the “riley” became “conus.” For example, april.blackmon@riley.army.mil is now april.blackmon@conus.army.mil.

As always, thank you for your support of Fort Riley.

April M. Blackmon

Approximate population figures

	Sept. '05	Aug. '07	FY 2011
Soldiers	10,060	15,138	~ 18,300
Family members	12,714	20,063	~ 25,660
On Post	7,751	7,854	
Off Post	4,963	12,209	~ 17,740
Civilian Employees	5,805	6,013 (Total = 8,089*)	~ 6,800
Retirees	19,752	19,195	unknown
Total	48,331	60,409	~ 69,955

* Includes temporary contractors for peak construction period.

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Transition Teams, deployments remain top missions

TRANSITION TEAM TRAINING



Approximate numbers as of Aug. 31:	Currently training	Trained	Total
Operation Iraqi Freedom	180	2,510	2,690
Operation Enduring Freedom	150	1,995	2,155
Total servicemembers	340	4,505	4,845

Navy teams go through TT training

Approximately 560 Navy servicemembers have gone through the Fort Riley TT program so far. For many Navy personnel, training with the Army is a different experience.

"They speak a different language than we do," said Navy Lt. Priscilla Del Carpio. "Sometimes we have them slow down and explain what they just said. But we're getting used to it and it's become second nature to us now."

DEPLOYED/DEPLOYING UNITS

We remember



Fort Riley mourned the loss of five service-members this past month . . .

As of Aug. 31, 126 Fort Riley Soldiers, TT

servicemembers and Reservist component Soldiers who mobilized through Fort Riley have been killed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Our active duty strength on post is nearly 16,000; but nearly 6,400 of those Soldiers are deployed.

We ask that you keep these Soldiers and their Families back home in your thoughts.

If you can, please come to our deployment and redeployment (welcome back) ceremonies – they are always open to the public (see p. 4 for ceremony dates).

Welcome home

Sgt. Rodney Sanchez, 1st Bn., 5th Field Artillery, poses for a picture with his sons, Rodney, 6, Andrew, 2, and Gabriel, 4 at his reunion ceremony Aug. 6.

"I had to do everything myself. We got through it, though. Thank God he's home," said his wife, Karla Sanchez.



Currently deployed about 6,380 Soldiers total (* = returning this fall)

- * 774th Ordnance Company (EOD) (Afghanistan)
- * Companies B and C, 1st Battalion, 16th Inf., 1st Brigade
- * Companies B and C, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Brigade
- * Batteries B and D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade
- * Troop D, 4th Cavalry, 1st Brigade
- HHD, 97th Military Police Battalion
- 1st Engineer Battalion
- Individual elements, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron
- 4th Inf. Brigade Combat Team
- 977th Military Police Company
- 70th Engineer Battalion (Afghanistan)
- 97th Military Police Battalion working dog teams
- 266th Movement Control Team
- 24th Transportation Company
- 2-2 Heavy Equipment Transportation Detachment
- 116th Military Police Company
- Detachment F, 15th Finance Battalion

Leaving in the coming weeks

- 1st Sustainment Brigade, approx. 350 Soldiers
- Combat Aviation Brigade, approx. 2,600 Soldiers

Scheduled to deploy (specific timeframes vary):

- None scheduled at this time

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DIVISION COMPOSITION

1st Infantry Division Headquarters is scheduled to modularize in Fiscal Year 2008. The \$43.1 million headquarters building project is still tracking to be ready for the division commander to move in mid-November. Located on 1st Division Road, the 138,000 square-foot building includes features such as a three-story glass lobby and a massive joint operations center.

1st Brigade Combat Team has the lead for the transition team training mission. The brigade has approximately 825 Soldiers as cadre for this mission. Additionally, the brigade has nearly 1,200 Soldiers deployed as security force elements to OIF. Those Soldiers are set to return in September. In addition, 500 Engineers with the 1st Engineer Bn. are deployed and to be back in December. Upon completion of the TT mission, which has not yet been determined, the brigade will modularize and grow.

2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division still based out of Schweinfurt, Germany, is currently in Iraq. To learn more about this brigade, visit their Web site at <http://www.2bct.1id.army.mil/>

3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division is at Fort Hood, Texas. The brigade eventually will be stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. Currently, the brigade has no deployment orders. The 1st Inf. Div. has training oversight on this brigade.

3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division has approximately 3,400 Soldiers assigned. Units began training with tanks and Bradleys in August and will begin training with its Paladins late September. Currently, no deployment orders have been received. The brigade also maintains command and control for the 70th Eng. Bn., which is deployed to Afghanistan.

4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team is in charge of Rashid District in Baghdad, roughly the size of Orlando, Fla., with a population of 1.2 million. The security situation is improving. There were 500 murders in the area on average when the brigade first arrived. That number is down to about 30 per month. Also down are the number of IED attacks and firefights involving the brigade's Soldiers. Going up is the number of high-value targets and enemy fighters captured.



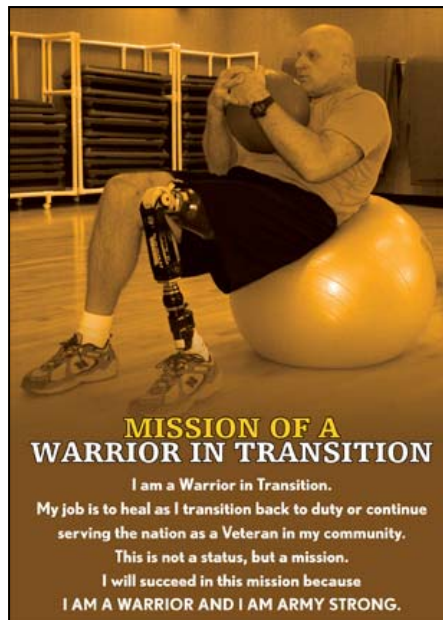
Engineer Soldiers from the Afghanistan National Army take instruction and guidance from the instructors and counterparts from 2nd Platoon, Co. C, 70th Engineer Bn. These ANA Soldiers were eager to dig and build their own bridge, and organized their own 6-man crews to lift the 600-pound panels on one side of the bridge, while 2nd Platoon Sappers built the other side.

Combat Aviation Brigade has 2,300 Soldiers assigned to Fort Riley and 300 at Fort Carson, Colo. The unit cased its colors Aug. 30, and is headed to Iraq for 15 months.

1st Sustainment Brigade is at its full strength of about 350 Soldiers and is enroute to Iraq for a 15-month tour. The unit officially bid farewell to Fort Riley during an Aug. 24 ceremony.

MEDDAC The Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) ranks at Fort Riley are filling. Capt. Allen Askew assumed command of the WTU with Capt. Cathryn Bessler as his executive officer June

15. Currently, there are approximately 50 Soldiers assigned. Soldiers eligible for the WTU include Reserve or National Guard Soldiers whose medical condition prevents them from fulfilling their duties, and active component Soldiers who are undergoing long-term medical care (usually greater than six months) or the Medical Evaluation Board process, who cannot contribute to the mission of their unit. The WTU is designed to allow these Soldiers to focus on recovery and/or transition to veteran status, while continuing to serve in various capacities as their medical conditions allow.



MISSION OF A WARRIOR IN TRANSITION

I am a Warrior in Transition.

My job is to heal as I transition back to duty or continue serving the nation as a Veteran in my community.

This is not a status, but a mission.

I will succeed in this mission because

I AM A WARRIOR AND I AM ARMY STRONG.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS NEWS

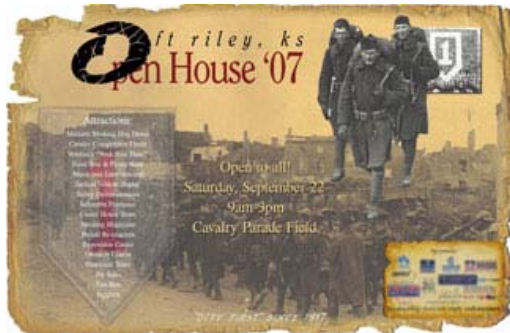
Post sets Open House, Apple Days for Sept. 22

Fort Riley's annual Open House/Apple Days event will begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 22 on historic Main Post.

Attractions include demonstrations, equipment displays, "hands-on" interactive activities, entertainment, information, historical tours and food and beverage concessions.

For the second year the post will kick off the day with a fun run at 8:30 a.m.. No registration is required. Just show up at the Old Bill Statue. Pets are welcome.

This year, the finals of the U.S. Cavalry Competition will provide a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to observe the best cavalry skills



from period reenactors.

For more information on Open House/Apple Days, visit our Web site: www.riley.army.mil.

Entrance. From I-70, you can come in Marshall Army Airfield at Exit 301. Coming from Manhattan, you can

take the Ogden Gate entrance. From Junction City, take the Washington Street entrance. Valid registration, drivers license, proof of insurance is required at the gate.

Parking. Guests may park on Main Post close to the festival site. All-accessible parking is designated at the post in-processing office parking lot on Custer Avenue (in front of Bldg. 210).

CEREMONIES & EVENTS

You are invited to attend the following ceremonies and events.

For more information, call the Community Relations Office at (785) 239-2022.

- **Throughout September** — Times TBD, Redeployment ceremonies for Security Force Companies. Check www.riley.army.mil for updates.
- **Sept. 8** — 6:05 p.m., K-State/Fort Riley Day (vs. San Jose State), KSU Football Stadium
- **Sept. 11** — 7:45 a.m., 9-11 Observance, GWOT monument near Cavalry Museum
- **Sept. 13** — 7 p.m. CG's Summer Concert Series, Schofield Circle on Main Post
- **Sept. 21** — 4 p.m., POW/MIA Ceremony, Custer Hill Parade Field
- **Sept. 22** — 9 a.m., Apple Days/Open House, Main Post
- **Sept. 29** — 7 a.m., Fort Riley post-wide yard sales
- **Oct. 10** — 11:45 a.m., Hispanic Heritage Month Observance, Riley's Conference Center

COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

These on- and off-post community events are open to the public. For more information, visit www.riley.army.mil and click on the "Events" calendar.

Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard will participate in the following events:

Sept. 8 3:30 p.m.	Hope Heritage Festival Hope, Kan.
Sept. 15 10 a.m.	Ogden Fall Festival Ogden, Kan.
Sept. 20-22 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	U.S. Cavalry Competition Training Area 314, Main Post, Fort Riley
Sept. 27 TBD	River City Roundup Omaha, Neb.

1st Infantry Division Band will participate in the following events:

Sept. 10 11 a.m.	Wichita State University performance WSU Park, Wichita, Kan.
Sept. 11 7 p.m.	KC Royals performance Royals Stadium, Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 13 7 p.m.	CG's Summer Concert Series Schofield Circle, Main Post, Fort Riley
Sept. 14 7 p.m.	Brown Grand Theater reopening Concordia, Kan.
Sept. 29 2 p.m.	Piotique Parade Downtown Clay Center, Kan.

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PUBLIC NOTICE — Notice of Availability for the draft**Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Army Growth, Force Structure Realignment**

The Army has prepared a draft PEIS to analyze alternatives for growing and adding up to 74,200 active and reserve component Soldiers to its forces. This action is intended to posture the Army to support national defense and security missions well into the 21st Century and will correct imbalances between increased mission requirements and shortfalls in the Army's force structure and manning. This action will provide better training and quality of life for Soldiers and their Families who have endured multiple deployments in support of the critical defense missions of the nation.

Proposed Army growth and realignment could include the establishment of up to six new Brigade Combat Teams. In addition, the Army proposes to add Soldiers in high-demand combat support and combat service support skill areas which have been identified as shortfalls while continuing to carry out the process of Army Transformation. Further details on the action and proposed alternatives are presented in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Register notice published Aug. 24.

The Army has evaluated 17 installations capable of supporting growth and realignment actions. The installations carried forward for analysis include Fort Riley. Each of these 17 installations could receive 1,000 or more additional Soldiers as part of alternatives being examined.

All interested members of the public, federally-recognized Indian Tribes, Native Alaskans, Native Hawaiian groups, federal, state and local agencies are invited to participate in the scoping process for the preparation of the PEIS. Information on the draft PEIS will be posted on the Web at www.aec.army.mil.

Written comments identifying potential impacts to be analyzed in the EIS will be accepted within 45 days of publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register.

Submit written comments, questions or suggestions on the draft PEIS to: Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Environmental Command, Building E4460, 5179 Hoadley Road, Attention: IMAE-PA, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401. Telephone: 410-436-2556. Fax: 410-436-1693. E-mail: PublicComments@aec.apgea.army.mil.

EMPLOYMENT/CONTRACTING

Federal job information at Fort Riley is available on the Internet. For information about the variety of opportunities, visit the employment Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/EmploymentOpp.asp>

There are two primary Federal employment Programs: **Appropriated Fund** (APF or Civil Service) and **Non-Appropriated Fund** (NAF). **APF and NAF Vacancies** are listed at the Army Civilian Personnel Online at www.cpol.army.mil. Or call the local Civilian Personnel Office at (785) 239-6004 for more information. The Directorate of Contracting provides a list of active

FOR MORE NEWS

- LOG ON TO WWW.RILEY.ARMY.MIL AND CLICK ON "KEEPING COMMUNITIES INFORMED"

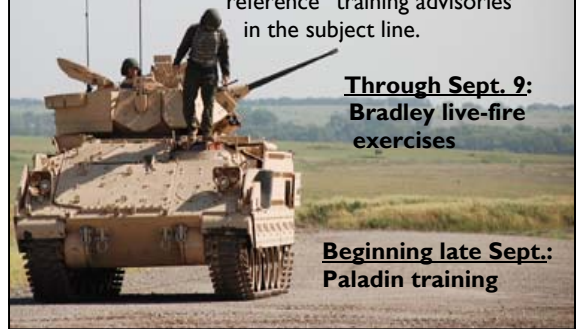
**Veterans now authorized to salute the flag**

Veterans and servicemen not in uniform are now authorized to salute the U.S. flag, thanks to the passage of a bill (S. 1877) July 25. Previously, veterans and servicemen not in uniform were to place their hand over their heart. The old law was unclear whether they could or should salute the flag.

TRAINING ITEMS OF INTEREST

We know our training can have an effect on you. We will try to keep informed on upcoming training exercises you could hear. To receive e-mail updates, send your e-mail to april.blackmon@us.army.mil and reference "training advisories" in the subject line.

**Through Sept. 9:
Bradley live-fire
exercises**



**Beginning late Sept.:
Paladin training**

contracts, as well as Fort Riley area construction business opportunities and information on submitting bids. For more information, visit <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/Contracting.asp>

AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) employment opportunities are available. Visit <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/default.asp> for more information.

Stay InTouch with Fort Riley. E-mails about upcoming job opportunities are available by visiting <http://www.riley.army.mil/view/article.asp?id=013-2005-02-08-47167-2> and joining the InTouch list.