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Second OIF Soldier to receive posthumous Medal of Honor

WASHINGTON – President Bush has announced that Spc. Ross McGinnis will posthumously be awarded the Medal of Honor in a White House ceremony June 2, two weeks shy of what would have been his 21st birthday.

McGinnis will be just the second U.S. Soldier to receive the Medal of Honor for actions in Operation Iraqi Freedom and a special Web site dedicated to his heroics has been created by the Soldiers Media Center at www.army.mil/medalofhonor/McGinnis. The site includes a profile on the 1st Infantry Div. Soldier, battlescape, background on the medal, video news reports and a number of other resources.

That Fateful Day

Dec. 4, 2006, 1st Plt., Co. C, 1st Bn., 26th Inf. Regt., 2nd HBCT, was gearing up to patrol the streets of Adamiyah, Iraq, and deliver a 250-kilowatt generator to provide increased electricity to the area.

An insurgent on a nearby rooftop threw a grenade at McGinnis's vehicle. He unsuccessfully attempted to deflect the grenade, and it entered the vehicle behind him. McGinnis quickly announced, "Grenade!"

According to official accounts by survivors, McGinnis stood up and was preparing to jump out of the vehicle. "That is what the machine gunner is supposed to do," said Maj. Michael Baka, Co. C commander from June 2005 to March 2007. "He's supposed to announce the grenade, give a fair amount of time for people in the vehicle to react, and then he's supposed to save himself. No one would have blamed him if he did that, because that is what he was trained to do."

This time, the 19-year-old Soldier would not heed his training.

The other Soldiers asked, "Where?" McGinnis's response - "It's in the truck."

McGinnis saw the grenade sitting on the radio mount behind him and realized the others weren't aware of its location. They were combat-locked in the Humvee and would not have time to escape. As he gave his response, he pushed the gunner strap out from under him and laid his back on top of the grenade. It detonated, killing him instantly. The others were wounded, but survived.

"The driver and truck commander I am certain would have been killed if that blast had taken full effect," Baka said.

Fort Riley welcomes several new commanders

Summer is a predominant moving time for Soldiers and their Families. You will see the post population fluctuate slightly as people transition in and out of the post. This also is a time for many leadership changes on post. The following are now in command:

- Col. Ricky Gibbs, Chief of Staff, 1st Inf. Div.
- Command Sgt. Maj. James Champagne, 1st Inf. Div.
- Col. Henry Arnold, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
- Col. Joseph Martin, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team
- Lt. Col. Christopher Wilbeck, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 1st Brigade
- Lt. Col. Jimmy Bradford, 1st Bn., 63rd Combined Arms Bn., 2nd HBCT
- Lt. Col. Robert Bailes, 1st Bn., 7th FA, 2nd HBCT
- Lt. Col. John Vermeesch, 1st Bn., 18th Inf., 2nd HBCT

At least seven more changes of command are slated throughout the summer. Visit www.riley.army.mil and click on "Ceremonies" for the latest information.

May Fort Riley Status Report

<i>*All numbers are approximates</i>	Mar. '08 <i>(as of 20 Mar.)</i>	Apr. '08 <i>(as of 20 Apr.)</i>	May. '08 <i>(as of 20 May)</i>
Military assigned to Fort Riley (not including TT servicemembers)	15,690	15,560	15,500
TT servicemembers assigned	375	370	30
Reserve component Soldiers on duty at Fort Riley	150	150	200
NAF/AF Civilian employees	5,805	5,805	5,805
Deployed Soldiers (OCONUS)	7,070	*3,720 <i>(*as of 28 Apr.)</i>	3,550
Deployed TT servicemembers	4,760	5,130	4,400

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WARRIORS IN TRANSITION

Warrior Internship Network program takes off at Fort Riley

Fort Riley's Warrior Internship Network is well into its pilot stage. The WIN program, a home-grown concept developed at Fort Riley, focuses on Soldiers in the Warrior Transition Battalion to find them job internships within the Greater Fort Riley Community.

WIN is a cooperative effort between the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Irwin Army Community Hospital, the WTB and the Welcome Home to Heroes Foundation in Junction City. Soldiers in the program are placed as unpaid interns in approved businesses to experience different vocations and give them practical experience in securing employment – a tool for Soldiers who plan to exit military service.

Soldiers with an interest in the WIN program begin their various screenings at the SFAC. They are administered the Campbell Interest and Skill Survey. The CISS measures individual's attraction for specific occupational areas, and provides an estimate of the individual's confidence to perform various occupational activities.

Simultaneous to the CISS, the Soldiers are screened by an occupational therapist and must undergo several levels of command endorsement before being approved for the WIN. Once the Soldiers are approved, and their vocations have been identified, they are considered for business placement.

The prospective businesses and work sites also undergo screenings by the WHHF and OT technicians.

"The workplaces and the Soldiers have to be mutually right for each other," said Tom Kelly, guidance counselor for the SFAC.

Placement into prospective businesses requires a memorandum of understanding between the business and the WIN director. The MOU outlines a two-week immersion period at the start of an internship, with weekly evaluations. The businesses may have to consider the Soldiers' physical or mental capabilities, social interaction and communication levels. The MOU also covers work scheduling, duration of the internship, background checks and the Soldier's

medical appointment schedules.

Some of the current business vocations in the network in the Greater Fort Riley Community are construction engineering; bio-medical maintenance and medical receiving; fitness programs and massage therapy; motorcycle, automobile and airplane mechanics; automated billing; wildlife conservation and management; and broadcast and radio operations.

The WIN is different from the Army Career and Alumni Program in that Soldiers employ their skills in resume writing and interviewing and actually go to work. The program is meant to reduce the level of uncertainty and stress associated with exiting the military.

"The WIN provides a mutually positive opportunity for the Soldiers and the community," said Col. Lee Merritt, commander of Fort Riley's WTB. "This is Fort Riley stepping out to do right by our injured and ill Soldiers, and this benefits the Greater Fort Riley Community by putting valuable Soldier skills, experience and discipline assets into the local business community," he said.

There currently are 53 Soldiers interested in WIN; 31 have begun the screening and endorsement process and seven have been placed in job-shadow internships. The WHHF and WIN director are engaged in negotiations with 36 businesses that have specific interest in providing intern opportunities for Soldiers.

"This is the best thing the Army has ever done," said Sgt. John Laukea, a tank mechanic who interns at Geary Community Hospital. Laukea also said that filling his days with productive, meaningful work is much better than dwelling on his injuries and reduced physical abilities.

First Lt. Mike Stewart, who has 17 years in the Army said he considers the WIN program invaluable for young Soldiers who have never experienced anything other than the U.S. Army. "They have the opportunity to explore other career fields and make career adjustments, and still have the Army to fall back on," Stewart said.

DEPLOYED/DEPLOYING/REDEPLOYING UNITS

We remember

Fort Riley mourned the loss of one servicemember this past month.



As of May 22, 149 Fort Riley Soldiers, TT servicemembers and Reserve component Soldiers who mobilized through Fort Riley have been killed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Welcome home 977th Military Police Company!

Currently deployed, as of May 22:

- 70th Engineer Battalion (Afghanistan) (returning now through June)
- 266th Movement Control Team (scheduled to return June/July)
- 24th Transportation Company (scheduled to return June/July)
- 2-2 Heavy Equipment Transportation Detachment (scheduled to return June/July)
- 116th Military Police Company (scheduled to return July)
- Detachment F, 15th Finance Battalion (scheduled to return October)
- 1st Sustainment Brigade (scheduled to return December)
- 1st Combat Aviation Brigade (scheduled to return December)
- Transition Team servicemembers (return dates vary)
- 97th Military Police Battalion working dog teams (return dates vary)
- Individual elements, MEDDAC (return dates vary)
- Individual elements, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron (return dates vary)

Information on upcoming ceremonies, as well as any time changes to those ceremonies, is available on the Fort Riley Web site — www.riley.army.mil. Click on "Ceremonies" in the top left column for the most up-to-date information.

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DIVISION COMPOSITION

1st Infantry Division Headquarters will welcome a new deputy commanding general later this summer, Brig. Gen. Perry Wiggins. Wiggins will oversee division operations. He takes over for Brig. Gen. Keith Walker, who will remain as the assistant division commander for maneuver. Walker will deploy to Iraq, where he will oversee the Iraq Assistance Group, which assigns transition teams to Iraqi Security Forces.

1st Brigade still has the lead for the transition team training mission. Approximately 825 Soldiers serve as cadre for this mission. To date, the brigade has trained and deployed more than 8,000 Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen. Upon transfer of responsibility of the TT mission, the brigade will modularize and grow.

2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team is currently deployed to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. The unit will spend a month there validating its readiness for its upcoming deployment. The brigade's Soldiers and Families were recently notified that the "Daggers" will deploy to Iraq this fall.



3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (DEPLOYING) is preparing to deploy its Soldiers to Iraq for a 15-month deployment. Families will continue to be supported by the 1st Infantry Division and the garrison staff at Fort Hood, Texas.

4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team welcomed its new commander, Col. Henry Arnold, during a change of command ceremony May 8. Arnold took over the brigade from Col. Ricky Gibbs, who is now the 1st Infantry Division Chief of Staff. The brigade's Soldiers will be ending their month-long block leave June 8 and will begin their reset phase.

1st Combat Aviation Brigade (DEPLOYED) The CH-47 Chinooks belonging to 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment's "Fighting Eagles" transport troops into battle along with mail, passengers and cargo between bases within Multi-National Division-North. Since the start of its deployment last fall, the 2-1 GSAB has moved 2,400 plus tons of cargo, transported more than 30,000 passengers and flown in excess of 400 combat missions.



1st Sustainment Brigade (DEPLOYED) Seven Soldiers of the 168th Brigade Support Battalion, a Fort Sill, Okla., unit attached to the 1st Sust. Bde., recently became U.S. citizens during an all-military naturalization ceremony at Al Faw Palace in Baghdad.

MEDDAC Due to the increased beneficiary population at Irwin Army Community Hospital, priority is being placed on the most efficient utilization of medical care providers. The Aviation Clinic is being closed until a future date due to decreased usage. Patients and care providers will be assigned and seen elsewhere on post.

75th Fires Brigade is located at Fort Sill, Okla. 1st Infantry Div. has training oversight of this brigade. Elements of the brigade are currently deployed.

3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command (DEPLOYED) was visited by FORSCOM Commander Gen. Charles Campbell during its Sustainer Anvil training exercise. Sustainer Anvil was the last of a series of exercises as the unit readies for its summer deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit is located at Fort Knox, Ky. The 1st Infantry Division has training oversight of this command.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS NEWS

Keep 'In Touch' through Fort Riley's e-mail system

Fort Riley works hard to be a good neighbor, and continues to explore ways to be an even better neighbor. As part of that effort, we have created several e-mail distribution lists designed to provide the latest information.

If you currently receive e-mails from the community Relations Office, I encourage you to sign up for Fort Riley's "In Touch" system. In Touch is a Web-based e-mail system that allows you to control what information you receive. This

system allows you to control the information you receive and will not disappear when an office e-mail account no longer exists.

While most of the lists of interest to the Greater Fort Riley Community are found under the "PAO" section, feel free to sign up for as few or as many lists as you wish. This service is free, and you may unsubscribe at any time.

To learn more, visit www.riley.army.mil and click on "In Touch" in the top right corner.

1st Infantry Division Band performs throughout summer

The 1st Infantry Division Band will perform various events throughout the summer season. All events listed are open to the public.



- **June 6** — 6:30 p.m., Days of '49, Hanover (Marching Band)
- **June 14** — 10 a.m., National Flag Day Celebration, Augusta (Marching Band)
- **June 19** — 8 p.m., Arts in the Park, Manhattan City Park (Concert Band)
- **June 21** — 9:30 a.m., Wah Shun Gah Days Festival, Council Grove (Marching Band)
- **July 2** — 6:30 p.m., Sundown Salute, Junction City Heritage Park (VICTORY 8 rock band)
- **July 3** — 11:30 a.m., Brown Bag Concert, Topeka (VICTORY 8)

Please note, these events may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

CG's Mounted Color Guard to participate in various events

Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard will perform at various events throughout the summer.

All events listed are open to the public.

- **June 6** — 6:30 p.m., Days of '49, Hanover (parade)
- **June 14** — 8 a.m., Fort Dodge Day (demo, encampment)
- **June 14** — 4 p.m., Arts in the Park, Manhattan City Park (color guard)
- **June 21** — 9:30 a.m., Wah Shun Gah Days Festival, Council Grove (parade, demo)
- **June 28** — 5 p.m., National Square Dance Convention, Wichita (parade)

- **July 1** — 7:30 p.m., National Junior Cattle Show, Kansas City, Mo. (color guard)

Please note, these events may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.



To request the 1st ID Band or CG's Mounted Color Guard, visit www.riley.army.mil and click on "Community Relations" in the left column.

CEREMONIES & EVENTS

You are invited to attend the following ceremonies and events on Fort Riley.

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

- **June 11** — 9 a.m., Army Birthday Cake Cutting, Cavalry Museum grounds
- **June 12-13** — Army Birthday Training Holiday
- **June 19** — 9 a.m., 1st Bn., 34th Armor Change of Cmd., Cavalry Parade Field
- **June 20** — 9 a.m., 1st Brigade Change of Cmd., Cavalry Parade Field
- **June 25** — 9 a.m., Monthly Retirement Ceremony, Bldg. 580 Field
- **June 27** — 9 a.m., 610th Brigade Support Bn. Change of Cmd., Cavalry Parade Field
- **June 30** — 3 p.m., Civilian Awards Ceremony, Riley's Conference Center
- **July 2** — 9 a.m., 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Change of Cmd., Cavalry Parade Field
- **July 3-4** — 4th of July Training Holiday



GREATER FORT RILEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCES

HOUSING ••• HEALTH CARE ••• RECREATION ••• EDUCATION ••• EMPLOYMENT

Greater Fort Riley Community leaders talk education

Leaders at Fort Riley and in the Greater Fort Riley Community gathered May 19 to focus on education. The conference was the fourth in a series of Community Partnership Conferences at Riley's Conference Center. Topics and ideas discussed included:

Post secondary education objectives

- Quality post secondary education for all Soldiers and adult Family members
 - Align on-post academic opportunities with the Army's new life cycle
 - Focus post secondary services for adult Family members (counseling, support testing, financial assistance)
 - Become a pilot site for any post secondary initiatives
 - Pursue federal legislation and policy enhancements (Troops to Teachers, Spouses to Teachers, Military Spouse Career Advancement Account)
 - Pursue state legislation and policy enhancements (teacher certification)
- Soldier initiatives
 - Continue to train Soldiers on GoArmyEd process before deployment
 - Assist Soldiers while in theater with enrollment and tuition assistance issues through assigned unit counselors
 - Work with rear detachments to develop and synchronize program delivery
 - Develop program delivery methods that are portable and can be conducted in de-ployed areas
 - In-process all Soldiers with educational counseling within 30 days of arrival
 - Resolve pre-existing tuition issues
- Family member initiatives
 - Work with Family Readiness Groups to develop educational programs
 - Provide daily living classes (basic auto care, home finance, computer basics, etc.)
 - Provide dedicated education counselors to assist Family members of deployed units
 - Inform Families about educational opportunities, financial assistance; conduct financial aid workshops

Pre-K through 12 objectives

- Ensure top quality and successful K-12 educational experience is provided in GFRC
- Raise awareness and better address impact of deployment stress on children
 - Work to create an environment of safety and stability during deployments
- Create seamless transition for all military children; address PCS transition challenges:
 - Records transfer, course sequencing, graduation requirements, exclusion from extra-curricular activities, varying requirements for students in special education programs/with special education needs, grade entrance age variations, etc.

GFRC best practices

- Graduation video teleconferences
- Continues support for delaying PCS moves during senior year
- Transitioning students can enroll in most extra-curricular activities any time during year
- Flexibility in credit transcription for transitioning students
- Reciprocal agreement of graduation requirements
- High school counselors on duty throughout summer

Best practices outside GFRC

- Interstate Compact (Reciprocal agreement between states and school districts)
- Military Family Liaisons employed by school districts
- District school board president coalition meetings
- Planning student curriculum for transitioning students
- District-wide resiliency training for students with deployed parent
- Dual credit for high school seniors
- Students receive pass/leave for parent's R&R or redeployment

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- LOG ON TO WWW.RILEY.ARMY.MIL AND CLICK ON "KEEPING THE GREATER FORT RILEY COMMUNITY INFORMED"

CPC Progress Details

Recreation, leisure opportunities at Fort Riley and the potential for growth in the GFRC

A follow-up working group meeting was conducted May 9. The following items were discussed / announced:

Working group actions:

- Establish quarterly traveling meetings in the GFRC
- Identify and invite additional recreation leaders
- Coordinate future Fort Riley concerts
- Ensure all GFRC community Web sites have a links page with a common Web button to other GFRC leisure sites
- Develop shared online GFRC calendar of events with common Web button
- Events brochure under development
- Develop *First Tee* youth program on Fort Riley (project underway)

FMWR programs at Fort Riley open to the general public:

- Golf course
- Bowling alley
- Rally Point
- Riley's Conference Center

GFRC awards list for local, regional, national marketing:

- Junction City recognized as one of top 200 places in America for anglers, hunters *Outdoor Life Magazine*
- Tuttle Creek & Milford Lake one of top 5 hot spots in nation to hunt whitetail deer *Guns & Gear Magazine*
- Manhattan one of best 50 places to live *Men's Journal*
- Milford Lake's Extreme Outdoor Water Festival Letter of Commendation *National Water Safety Congress*

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FORT RILEY NEWS

Fort Riley Marina at Milford Lake now open

Fort Riley Marina at Milford Lake opened May 24. Soldiers, Family members, retirees and DOD civilians are eligible to take full advantage of the marina's offerings. Eligible patrons will be able to rent watercraft from the Fort Riley Marina.

The marina will offer onsite boat and jet ski rentals. Anyone born before January 1, 1989 and wanting to rent a motorized water craft will need to pass a boaters safety test. This test is offered by ODR. Those born after January 1, 1989 will need their boater's safety certificate, which is available thru KDWP.

The boat ramp will be accessible to the general public, said Jim Westerhaus, Community Recreation Officer for FMWR. The gate will be open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. There is no charge to use the ramp.

For more information, call 239-2363 or 239-6368, or visit www.rileymwr.com.

Directions from Junction City

Head north on Highway 77 until you get to the Wakefield turn off (approximately 25 miles from I-70) Turn left onto Highway 82 and travel approximately 1 mile. The marina turn off is on the left-hand side.

Post Thrift Shop open to public

No military ID is needed to shop at the Post Thrift Shop in Building 267 on Stuart Avenue, next to the stables.

Store hours for shopping are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Reimbursement is available for volunteers needing childcare, and volunteers receive 25 percent off all Thrift Shop merchandise bought the day they volunteer.

For more information, call 784-3874.

Home buying seminar June 5

The Fort Riley Housing Services Office will offer a free home buying seminar at 2 p.m. June 5 at Riley's Conference Center. The seminar is open to the public.

The program is designed to educate potential home buyers about loan qualification requirements and explain the home buying process and the different programs available to assist first-time homebuyers.

Professional advisors will be available to answer questions, and onsite child care and refreshments will be provided.

TRAINING ITEMS OF INTEREST

Hear about what's going on

We know our training can have an effect on you. We will try to keep informed on upcoming training exercises you could see or hear.

To receive e-mail updates, check our Web site, www.riley.army.mil and click on "Training Advisories." There, you can sign up through InTouch to receive training advisories via e-mail.



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Post newspaper available online at www.riley.army.mil



Duty 1st monthly magazine available online at www.lid.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.aspx>

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

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.aspx>

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 joining the InTouch list. Visit www.riley.army.mil and click on the "Keep 'InTouch' with Fort Riley" link.

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GREATER FORT RILEY COMMUNITY UPDATE

Commander talks about wounded warrior battalion

The number of Soldiers in Fort Riley's Warrior Transition Battalion will swell beyond 500 by 2009, the battalion's commander, Col. Lee Merritt, told guests attending a May 7 Military Relations Council breakfast in Manhattan.

Fort Riley's Warrior Transition Unit stood up in June 2007 with just 39 Soldiers. The numbers grew enough to activate a battalion earlier this year. Currently, the battalion has about 420 Soldiers and is preparing to stand up a third company.

The units, and others similar to it, were activated at posts across the Army following problems at Walter Reed in providing adequate care to wounded Soldiers. They replace the old medical holdover units and provide more intense, balanced oversight of Soldiers' medical care.

"Even though there are differences in sizes, the basic footprint remains the same throughout the Army," Merritt said. "The intent is that it doesn't matter what component you are - active or National Guard or Reserve - it's all one Army, one fight, and you get the same quality and treatment regardless of what com-

ponent you come from."

Soldiers sent to the WTB typically face six months of care or more for an injury or medical condition or they are facing a medical board evaluation. The Soldiers come from active Army, Reserve and National Guard units.

About one-third of Soldiers sent to the WTB heal and go back to their units. The other two-thirds transition out of the military, Merritt said. Of the Soldiers in the WTB, about one-third are dealing with battle-related injuries and about one-third also have mental health related issues.

Merritt said the WTB will be the first in the Army to acquire a "complete project" Warrior Transition Complex. The \$50 million complex will not be complete for several years, but it will include barracks, the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, and a company operations facility and battalion headquarters.

Currently, the battalion is housed in one three-story building behind Irwin Army Community Hospital. The SFAC and barracks are in numerous relocatable buildings near the hospital.

JC, Manhattan realtors program offered on post

Fort Riley's Housing Services Office has partnered with the Junction City Board of Realtors and the Manhattan Association of Realtors to provide Fort Riley Soldiers and their Families with information regarding the home buying process. This free, no-obligation service offers information on the availability of homes for sale in the Fort Riley area.

This Realtor presence at the Housing Services Office serves as an informational resource to assist you in the process of settling into your new surroundings quickly and efficiently. Volunteers are available to answer questions and provide information on the following:

- Home purchasing: Where and how do I start?
- Mortgage application procedures
- Current interest rates
- Various loan types
- The local housing market

Stop in and visit the Housing Office from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Carr Hall, Building 45, on Main Post.

BRO Society's 2008 reunion slated for Colorado Springs

BLUE BELL, Pa. – Veterans of the Army's 1st Infantry Division, the "Big Red One," will hold their 90th annual reunion in Colorado Springs, Colo., from August 20-24 at the Crowne Plaza.

The reunion is conducted by the Big Red One veterans' organization, the Society of the First Infantry Division, located in Blue Bell, Pa.

More than 960 Big Red One veterans and their guests attended the 89th annual reunion held in St. Louis. Everyone who ever served in the division or any unit attached to it is invited to attend the reunion.

Details and reservation forms are available at www.1stID.org or by contacting the Society of the First Infantry Division, 1933 Morris Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422, at (215) 661-1969 or Soc1ID@aol.com.

Free lawn care available to deployed Soldiers, Families in Abilene and Manhattan area

For more information or to sign up, go to www.projectevergreen.com.

GREATER FORT RILEY COMMUNITY



"A GREAT PLACE TO TRAIN"
"A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE"

GFRC EVENTS

The following are a few of the many events with Fort Riley involvement in the Greater Fort Riley Community.

- **June 4** — 11:30 a.m., Manhattan Military Relations Committee Breakfast, Col. Ricky Gibbs, Chief of Staff will speak about 4th IBCT's recent deployment. Call 776-8820 for information/reservations.
- **June 14** — 1 p.m., Flag day at the Eisenhower Center, Abilene
- **June 26** — 7:30 a.m., JC/Geary County Military Affairs Breakfast, Col. Ricky Gibbs, Chief of Staff will speak about 4th IBCT's recent deployment. Call 238-1270 for information/reservations.

Thanks volunteers!

The following special quarterly volunteer recognition awards were presented to our Greater Fort Riley Community partners:

Outstanding Civilian Service Award

First Command Financial
Pioneer Services of Junction City

Helping Hands Award

American Legion, Bexley Post 430
Ball Buster Brigade
Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley
DENTAC and MEDDAC