

25 July 2012 1HBCT Weekly News Update: please pass along to Soldiers, Family and Friends of 1HBCT. You can always stay up to date with local events by going to 1st Infantry Division page at http://www.riley.army.mil/default.aspx or if you are having issues reading this you can click on this link to read the weekly news. http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=1bct. We are always up and posting new information on FaceBook! Join us on the Official 1HBCT FaceBook Page at www.facebook.com/1HBCTDEVILBRIGADE?v=wall&ref-sgm

Fort Riley Current News Updates: This information has recently been updated, and is now available.

http://www.riley.army.mil/OurPost/CurrentNews.aspx In addition to the Current News page there are Garrison Commander's Community Corner articles http://www.riley.army.mil/DocumentList.aspx?lib=GC-Corner

The 5th Annual Kaw Valley Rodeo Military Family Appreciation Night is THIS Thursday, July 26th- with the pre-rodeo picnic beginning at 5:30. The rodeo starts at 8pm! All attendees MUST HAVE A TICKET! Dick Edwards Ford on Hwy 24 in Manhattan has a limited number of FREE tickets remaining- first come, first served until they're gone! On site on Thursday only- Military Adult tickets will be available for \$5.00, and children are admitted for free with the donation of a non-perishable food item. I will be on post a number of times this week- if your unit has food for donation, I can pick it up- just let me know you have some and where you are! Your unit may also bring your donation with you to the rodeo on Thursday evening- we will have collection boxes at the entrance to the picnic! I cannot thank all of you enough for your help and support of this event, and of me. You have all been so amazing and are great assets to the military families you represent! POC Alison Pulcher at cell is (785) 375-8170. I will be at the fairgrounds much of this week-but if you need anything, feel free to call my cell! ~ Alison P.

Furniture Amnesty Day is this Friday July 27th at Wilson Baseball field, City Park. You can drop off furniture from 8am to noon and pick-up furniture noon to 5. I have attached the flier with more information. If you have any questions feel free to call or email us. POC: Alexandria Anderson, Program Coordinator HandsOn Kansas State

12th Annual Bluegrass Festival at Milford Lake July 27-28, Milford State Park, 7 miles NW of Junction City, for more information and to see all the information on this Festival please go to their website at http://milfordlakebluegrassfestival.com/



FURNITURE AMNESTY DAY

CITY PARK- WILSON BASEBALL FIELDS RAIN OR SHINE

SCHEDULED PICK-UP 8 am -NOON (785) 587-2404 SPRIGGS@CITYOFMHK.COM

PUBLIC FURNITURE DROP-OFF: 8 am-NOON PUBLIC PICK-UP: NOON-5 pm FOR DETAILS, VISIT WWW.HANDSON.KSU.EDU











Gary Sinise & the LT Dan Band Concert: Jul 28, 7pm - Riley's Conference Center, FREE More info here http://rileymwr.com/main/?p=32543

Honor Flight Journey send off, Manhattan, July 31st: We want your help in sending off some of our cherished WWII Veterans as they begin their Honor Flight journey to Washington D.C. on July 31st! If you would like to send them off- we are planning on meeting at the Fairfield Inn parking lot at 061 5am on July 31 to gather our flag waving group as the Honor Flight veterans pass by on their way out of town. A small token of our appreciation but so important to honor those who served us so honorably. Bring your flags (there will be a small number available as well) and come wave them proudly! Hope to see you there! Don't know what Honor Flight is? Honor Flight Network can be searched on Facebook, or visit www.honorflight.org

August MRC Luncheon for Manhattan Military Relations Committee: Our upcoming August MRC Luncheon is scheduled for August 1, 2012 at 11:30am at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center. Our presenting group is AUSA (The Association of the United States Army), the voice for Soldiers and Army Families nationwide. They look forward to sharing their message, mission and goals with us! We look forward to seeing you at the MRC luncheon on August 1- you may register online, via email to me, or by calling the Chamber directly at (785) 776-8829. Military Spouses are free. POC is: Alison R. Pulcher, Military Community Liaison, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce O: (785) 776-8829 ext. 252 or C: (785)375-8170 alison@manhattan.org

Don't forget the Devils Den Dining Facility Drive-thru is now reopen!!!! Hours of operation are breakfast 0730-0900 and lunch is 1130-1300-come thru and get yourself a delicious meal!!!

ATTN TRICARE ONLINE USERS: Starting August 1st, you will no longer be able to access your TRICARE online account with your MHS/iAS username and password. To continue to get your personal health data online, you must either use a registered DoD Common Access Card or register for a DoD Self-Service Logon. This is also called a DS Logon. To register for your account, visit: www.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement

Full Replacement Value Compensation on Household Goods Claims: Jeffrey J. Fleming, Chief, Claims Division, OSJA. Soldiers and DA civilians are now eligible for Full Replacement Value (FRV) protection on most DoD funded personal property shipments. This is a great benefit in terms of the amount one can recover for loss or damage sustained in a move. Example: Your 3-year old television was destroyed in a move. Under the old rules, you would only be compensated for the depreciated market value of the 3-year old television. Under the new rules, the carrier now has to either provide you with a new, comparable television – or pay you the full replacement price for a comparable, new television. This article provides a summary of the rules under the FRV program. As you read these rules, keep in mind that the Fort Riley claims office is ready to assist you with any questions. Feel free to call us anytime at: (785) 239-3830. ON-LINE FILING: An increasing number of shipments now fall under a new "on-line" Defense Personal Property Program (DP3) – which requires claims to be filed on-line through a DOD website. For these shipments, the same FRV rules outlined below still apply. We highly encourage you to visit the Fort Riley claims office for assistance and particularized guidance regarding claims on these shipments. There have been technical issues with this program, including need for new user ID and passwords; connectivity issues; and DP3 incompatibility with some PC's. You are welcome to use a kiosk in the claims office to file your notice of claim and your claim – with our claims staff ready to assist. INITIAL NOTICE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE – 70 days, providing prompt, initial notice of loss and damage within 70 days is still an essential part of the new claims process. You must ensure the carrier's delivery agent lists all loss and damage discovered at delivery on the front side of the DD Form 1840 (or DP3 equivalent "Notification of Loss or Damage At Delivery"). Any loss or damage discovered after delivery must be listed on the reverse side of the DD Form 1840 (or DD Form 1840R) (or DP3 equivalent "Notification of Loss or Damage After Delivery"). List all damage discovered after delivery on the DD Form 1840R (or DP3 equivalent) and submit it to the Fort Riley OSJA claims office within 70 days of delivery so that the claims office can timely dispatch it to the carrier. Submitting the DD Form 1840R merely gives the carrier notice that you may submit a claim, it is not the same as filing a claim. Failure to give timely notice of loss or damage to a particular item means you forfeit the right to later claim for that item. Your DD Form 1840R to the OSJA claims office. We will then give you a briefing on the new FRV claims process and we will give you contact information so you can file your FRV claim directly with the carrier. The carrier has the right to inspect the damaged items once it receives the notice forms. Normally the carrier will arrange to inspect your goods within 45 days of receipt of the DD Form 1840R, but it has the right to inspect damaged items up until the claim is finally settled. Please cooperate with the carrier in arranging a time for such inspections. Do not discard items without first checking with the OSJA claims office or the carrier. If your shipment falls under DP3, you may file your notice on-line, but you are highly encouraged to visit the claims office to ensure the on-line notice is confirmed. We will also separately dispatch the notice to the carrier via fax. FILING YOUR CLAIM WITH THE CARRIER – 9 months Under the FRV program, you file your claim directly with the carrier within nine months of delivery. The carrier will settle the claim by repairing or paying to repair damaged items. For items that are lost or destroyed, the carrier will either replace the item with a comparable new item, or pay the full, undepreciated replacement cost. A few large items, such as pianos, organs, ATVs, watercraft, vehicles and motorcycles, as well as firearms and objects of art, are not covered by FRV. Likewise, the carrier cannot replace some missing items with new ones. These are items that have value because of their age, such as collectible figurines, antiques, collectible plates, baseball cards, comic books, and coin and stamp collections (private insurance for these items is highly encouraged). On full replacement value claims, the carrier is liable for the greater of

\$5,000 per shipment or \$4.00 times the net weight of the shipment (in pounds), up to a maximum limit of \$50,000. If you believe the full replacement value of your property is more than \$50,000, you may be able to obtain additional FRV coverage at your own expense from a private insurance company or from the carrier, if the carrier offers additional coverage. In addition, if you file your claim directly with the carrier within nine months of delivery, the carrier will be responsible for obtaining/paying for all estimates of repair and replacement costs. If you file your claim directly with the carrier more than nine months after delivery, the carrier will only pay the depreciated replacement cost or repair cost, whichever is less. Also, the carrier will not be responsible for obtaining repair or replacement or estimates and the carrier will not pay more than \$1.25 times the weight of the shipment. For example, if you filed a claim on a 10,000 pound shipment ten months after delivery, the carrier would not be required to pay more than \$12,500. Finally, if you file your claim directly with the carrier, you will have to file your claim by mail. You should send your claim to the carrier by certified mail (and keep a copy for your records) so that you have a record of the date on which you submitted the claim. If your shipment falls under DP3, you may file your claim on-line. Once the carrier receives your claim, it will have up to 60 days to pay or deny your claim. FILING YOUR CLAIM WITH THE MILITARY CLAIMS OFFICE: You may still file your claim directly with the OSJA Fort Riley claims office and waive your entitlement to FRV. However, if you do, you will give up your right to have the carrier settle your claim on the basis of full replacement value. The Fort Riley claims office will settle your claim by paying the depreciated replacement or repair cost, whichever is less. In most cases you will be able to obtain more money for less work if you file directly with the carrier within nine months of delivery. The Fort Riley OSJA claims office is available to assist you in filing your claim and DD Forms 1840R with the carrier, and can advise you on whether an offer from the carrier is a fair offer. DISPUTES WITH CARRIER/TRANSFERRING CLAIM TO MILITARY CLAIMS OFFICE: Unfortunately, some carriers do not comply with the FRV rules. If this happens to you, do not hesitate to contact the Fort Riley claims office for assistance. If you file your claim directly with the carrier within nine months of delivery and you are dissatisfied with the carrier's final offer, or if you do not receive a final offer within 30 days, you should not hesitate to contact the Fort Riley OSJA claims office for guidance. Do not delay seeking help! Bring documentation of all discussions with the carrier with you to the claims office. The claims office can evaluate whether the carrier is treating you fairly and can provide assistance. Ultimately, if you complied with the FRV rules and cannot reach a satisfactory result with the carrier, you may transfer your claim to the Fort Riley OSJA claims office. In such a circumstance, the claims office will pay you the depreciated replacement cost or repair cost, and then attempt to recover the full replacement value from the carrier. Once the Army has recovered the full replacement value from the carrier, the Army will then make a supplemental payment to you representing the difference between what it recovered from the carrier and the amount it has already paid you. If you do not file your claim with the carrier within nine months and therefore lost the ability to obtain FRV recovery, you must file your claim within two years of delivery to obtain any recovery at all. Although there are some very limited exceptions to this requirement, they are rarely approved. The Fort Riley OSJA Claims Office is here to help you. We are located in Building 216, and we accept walk-ins from 0800-1600 hrs. Monday – Thursday and 0800-1200 hrs. on Friday. You may also call the office with questions at: (785) 239-3830.

Upcoming Ft Riley Events with MWR: Download our FREE Android App!

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rileymwr.rileymwr&hl=en "Like" us on Facebook & show us at these events and receive a prize! http://www.facebook.com/rileymwr

Outdoor Adventure Day will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 28 and is free to participants. The one-of-a-kind experience will feature an introduction to the new paintball course, an artificial climbing wall and bounce houses. For more information, call 785-239-2363

The Master Blaster Paintball Tournament will be Aug. 4. Registration is \$35 per person. All equipment and supplies are provided, or individuals may use their own equipment. Participants must be 13 years or older to play. For more information, call 785-239-2363.

A geo-caching class will take place Aug. 18 at Outdoor Recreation. Registration is \$5 per person. For more information, call 785-239-2363

Fit 4 Life: Operation Afghanistan: To any and all who wish to participate in this year's Fit 4 Life: Operation Afghanistan, please register at the fitness offices at King Field House by July 31st! Also, please bring the \$15 registration fee (to cover the cost of a t-shirt). I look forward to seeing everyone compete for the top prize! Please let me know of you have any questions. POC: Justin Giger, Fitness Specialist DFMWR (785) 240-2664 justin.m.giger.naf@mail.mil



Fort Riley offers Army Strong beginnings: Starting kindergarten can be a daunting for little ones, but pre-kindergartners can make a smoother transition with "Army Strong Beginnings – Pre K." The one-year program is offered annually at the Child, Youth and School Services on Custer Hill and was created to prepare children for a better transition from pre-school to kindergarten. Children must be 4 years old on or before Aug. 31 and must be entering kindergarten the following year to enter the pre-k program. Aug. 4 also is the Unified School District 475 Geary County Schools cutoff date to enter kindergarten in Kansas for the following year, said Carole Hoffman, community based program manager, CYSS, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "Here at Fort Riley we offer part-day pre-k which is three hours a day, five days a

week, and then we offer a pre-k program which is "imbedded" in our full-day child care," Hoffman said. An option for full-day preschool child care also exists for 3 to 5 year olds that does not include the pre-k program. The pre-k program uses a criterion called the "82 Early Learning Standards." "The Army took and looked at all the Early Learning Standards coming out of all the 50 states and said, 'Let's take the best of the best,' and so the Army came up with '82 Early Learning Standards,'" Hoffman said. "We've had our school district folks look at them, and they said, 'You covered them all – there's not an Early Learning Standard that Kansas has that we don't." The curriculum for the pre-k program is Armywide. So wherever a military Family is stationed, the pre-k program will always be the same. "That's why they wanted a standardized logo, a standardized font, I mean, seriously, they wanted standardization so Families could recognize it wherever they go," she said. The Early Learning Standards in the program prepare the pre-kindergartners academically, socially and emotionally as well, she said. "It's important to know your ABCs and all that, but it's also important to know silly things like "how do I stand in line," or "how do I open a milk carton," Hoffman said. "We think of those things as being silly, but when you're 5 and everything's new, just being able to open your milk carton and drink your milk at lunch can really help the day go by a little better." Other subjects for students in the pre-k program include learning how to work together in a group setting, math, science and technology, language, the arts and more. "It's very much about intentionality," Hoffman said. "Everything we do with those children has intention behind it – even more so than all of our other programs." Children who participated in the pre-k program also improve their chance of success later on in the school years, she said. "We partnered with USD 475, and they were able to track our children several years into school, and the children that participated in the pre-k program had higher academic scores than their peers who did not have pre-k," Hoffman said. The program began at Fort Riley in August 2009, and currently there are 110 full-day pre-k spaces and 80 spaces in the part-day pre-k program. "So we're offering a 190 children total the opportunity to participate in Strong Beginnings pre-k the year before they go to kindergarten, and our spaces stay full," Hoffman said. The feedback from parents has been very positive as well, she said. "The parents love it – we have parents of 3 year olds who are begging to let their child in (early), but we don't because it's just a repeat curriculum – we repeat the same thing every year," Hoffman said. To participate in the pre-k program, Families must be registered with CYSS. Families can register at Parent Central in Building 6620. Registration is free, and fees for the pre-k program are based on total Family income. For more information call 785-239-9885 or visit http://rileymwr.com/main/?page_id=13 By Calun Reece, 1st Inf. Div. Post

Explore the Flint Hills through a collection of guided experiences that examine wildlife and cultural history. Footsteps in the Flint Hills is designed to educate youth ages 7 to 9 about the Flint Hills utilizing interactive teaching methods and hands-on learning activities. A series of three two-hour educational programs will take place each Saturday until Aug. 4. Participants will learn about the day's topic, and they also will have the opportunity to make new friends and form a better understanding of the wildlife in the Flint Hills. "The programs will be very interactive and will help the participants learn and have lots of fun while doing so," said Lisa Stork, educator. Each event is \$10 per child or \$9 for youth members and will give the children an opportunity to experience the Flint Hills in a new way. Upcoming class: Fire on the Prairie – 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 4. For more information or to register, call 785-587-2726.

Ft Riley Funds Custodian Course is once again available online! Those wishing to complete the course online should first review the Funds Custodian slide deck and then complete the quiz. Once the completed quiz is emailed back to ACS, a certificate of completion will be emailed back to the client within 2-3 business days to the email address provided. Course can be accessed at http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=ACS.dm&nav=FamSvcs

The Ft Riley Key caller class is also now on-line at the following link: http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=ACS.dm&nav=FamSvcs those wishing to complete the course online should first review the Funds Custodian slide deck and then complete the quiz. Once the completed quiz is emailed back to ACS, a certificate of completion will be emailed back to the client within 2-3 business days to the email address provided.

Fort Riley Religious Ministries Update: Registration is currently under way for Vacation Bible School which will take place Aug. 6 to 10 at Morris Hill Chapel. For more information or to volunteer, call Roxanne Martinez at 785-240-1443 or Don Ericson at 785-239-0979.

http://www.riley.army.mil/NewsViewer.aspx?id=6385
The Chaplain's is still in need of Volunteers for the Vacation Bible School scheduled for August 6-10.

One out of every five Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans suffers from Traumatic Brain Injury, Post Traumatic Stress, or major depression. For Vets needing help finding treatment, call the Lifeline for Vets™ - 888-777-4443.

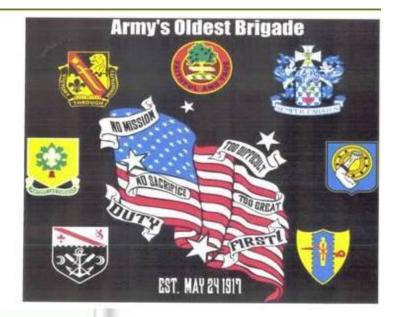




Brigade is selling T-shirts again... new design! See flyer!

Brigade still has some extra glasses left over from the Brigade Dining- In and looking to recoup some money spent on them. Brigade is selling them for \$2/glass! They would make great gifts, even if that gift is for you!!!! POC: PFC Oudman at Brigade, CMD Sec. We will not mail these, not a fundraiser. Please bring exact change for the # of glasses you would like to purchase.





Due Dates for Orders to be placed into Brigade to PFC Oudman, Brigade Command Group Secretary, Bldg 7232. Brigade will be placing orders on these dates below, you may bring in money prior to, pay for and drop off your order and receive your receipt of payment.

Order#1: 15 June 2012 by 1300 Order#2: 16 July 2012 by 1300 Order#3: 15 August 2012 by 1300 ACS hosts Army Family Team Building classes: Family members new to military life or who want to know more about the opportunities available to them on post can participate in the Army Family Team Building...see attached flyer. Also attached is the flyer for the September Resilient Spouse Academy- great class to take!



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