

30 January 2013 1ABCT Weekly Newsletter: please pass along to Soldiers, Family and Friends of 1ABCT. 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/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 1ABCT 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. <u>http://www.riley.army.mil/OurPost/CurrentNews.aspx</u> In addition to the Current News page there are Garrison Commander's Community Corner articles <u>http://www.riley.army.mil/DocumentList.aspx?lib=GC-Corner</u>

**** Just Added**** Jan/Feb Bi Monthly 1ABCT Devils Corner Newsletter- It can be found on the 1ABCT web link on the Ft Riley webpage due to size! <u>http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=1bct</u> Lots of great stories from all of our BN's.

DEADLINE APPROACHING! NMFA MILITARY SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP: The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for its annual Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship Program. The Association recognizes the unique challenges today's military spouse's face pursuing additional training or education. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 are awarded to help ease the financial obstacles that accompany pursuing a higher education. Scholarships are awarded in eight categories: High School GED or English as a Second Language classes, Degree Seeking Candidates (Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate), Licensing Fee Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math Degree (to include certain, healthcare fields), Mental Health Career Fields, Spouses of Fallen Service Members, Spouses of Wounded Service Members, Vocational or Technical Certification. Applications will only be accepted online

<u>http://support.militaryfamily.org/site/R?i=hfjjvyOuTLxeouon3ABSpA</u> and must be submitted by **midnight EST, January 31, 2013**. Spouses of uniformed Service Members (active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retirees, and survivors) from any branch or rank are eligible to apply. The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, and school room and board. Apply now!

Army Cuts Training, base ops; freezes hiring. Story by C. Todd Lopez, ANS. WASHINGTON – In advance of possible extreme budget cuts that could arrive in March, Army leadership has called for an immediate hiring freeze and spelled out other pre-emptive measures meant to help the service prepare for a fiscal cliff. In a memo dated Jan. 16, Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray

Odierno laid out 15 "near-term" actions to help the Army "reduce our expenditure rate and mitigate budget execution risks in order to avoid even more serious future fiscal shortfalls." "We expect commanders and supervisors at all levels to implement both the guidance contained in this memorandum and the detailed instructions to follow," wrote McHugh and Odierno. "The fiscal situation and outlook are serious." WHAT HAPPENS NOW? First among those actions is an immediate freeze on civilian hiring, although Army leaders have left commanders with some latitude in the policy for "humanitarian and mission-critical purposes." Also, among employment-related measures spelled out in the memo, is a termination of temporary employees when "consistent with mission requirements." The memo also directs installation commanders to reduce base operations support for fiscal year 2013 – which runs Oct. 1, 2012 to Sept. 31, 2013 – to levels that are about 70 percent of FY2012. Commanders have been asked to reduce support to community and recreational activities and to reduce utilities consumption "to the maximum extent possible." Non-mission-essential training activities are up for reduction. In particular, training not related to maintaining "readiness for Operation Enduring Freedom, the Korean forward-deployed units, Homeland defense and the Division Ready Brigade." Also targeted is conference attendance and professional training not mission essential. Additionally, the secretary and the chief have directed installation commanders to cease facility sustainment activity that is not "directly connected to matters of life, health or safety," and to stop restoration and modernization projects. Army senior leadership also has spelled out changes for Army acquisition, logistics and technology. All production contracts and research, development, testing and evaluation contracts that exceed \$500 million must be reviewed by the under secretary of defense for acquisition, logistics and technology. The assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology also must assess the impacts of "budgetary uncertainty" on science and technology accounts. The secretary and chief of staff state civilian furloughs could be a "last resort" possibility in FY2013, "Therefore, no action should be taken with regard to furloughs without the express approval of the secretary of the Army." Measures taken as a result of the Jan. 16 memo, must be reversible, the document states. "At this point, the steps should focus on actions that are reversible if the budgetary situation improves and should minimize harm to readiness," McHugh and Odierno said in the memo.

**** Just Added**** The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is open Tuesday through Thursday and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with consignments from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Dollar Bag Room will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop continues to seek volunteers. Child care reimbursement for volunteers is available. Please inquire at the shop. The Fort Riley Thrift Store is located on Main Post, 267 Stuart Avenue. They offer a variety of products including pet supplies, clothing, furniture, and household goods. The store is open to the public, military and civilian are welcome. For more information call 785-784-3874.

**** Just Added**** Fort Riley Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Update: Check out what BOSS is doing on post and in the surrounding areas: UPCOMING EVENTS: Feb 16:VA Home Visit. (Topeka VA Hospital), March 16: St. Patrick's Day Party (Custer Hill Bowling Center), April 13: Paintball Tournament (Outdoor Recreation), May 24- 27:Las Vegas Trip. (\$450 per person). BOSS MEETINGS : Want more information about the events above? Or to learn about several more events going on? Come on down to the Warrior Zone every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month @ 3pm for the bi-monthly BOSS meeting. Here you will stay up-to-date with the latest events and how to get your tickets reserved first. MEETING DATES: Warrior Zone Conference Room, 3pm on Feb. 13 & 27, Mar. 13 & 27, Apr. 10 & 24, May. 8 & 22 http://rileymwr.com/main/?page_id=9

2013 Fort Riley Tax Center opens - 1/23/2013 - 4/15/2013. Need help with your taxes? *The Fort Riley Tax Center provides free tax preparation assistance to Soldiers, Family members and retirees. The Fort Riley Tax Center will prepare all federal returns and most state returns electronically, and you can get your refund by direct deposit. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Building 7034 (Corner of Normandy and Bullard), 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, 785-239-1040. Schedule for tax preparation: Mon-Fri 0900-1800, Sat 0900-1300; More Information: http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=SJA.TAX. Flyer is below w/ other flyers.

Deadline!! 1st Resilient Spouse Academy (RSA) for 2013 here and registration. Resilience is the ability to grow and thrive in the face of challenges and bounce back from adversity. Resiliency programming at Fort Riley is the cornerstone in delivering Comprehensive Fitness to our Soldiers, their Families, Retirees and Army Civilians. The Fort Riley Resiliency Campus seeks to increase resilience and enhance performance by developing and strengthening the five dimensions of strength Call ACS to reserve your spots. Call NOW at 785-239-9435!! It's being held the week of Feb 4th – 8th.

USO NO DOUGH DINNER: 30 Jan 2013 at the USO DFAC at Building 7856 from 5 to 6:30pm. For more information please contact 785-240-5326 or via email at <u>usofortriley@uso.org</u> and always can find information on their FB at <u>www.facebook.com/usoftriley</u> **Check USO Facebook for Super Bowl Party.**

World of WarCraft Guild Play Jan 31st at the WZ! Join the WZHORDE guild! The last Thursday of every month! For more info plz contact them at 785-240-6618

Childcare for Feb is available on 2 Feb 7-11pm and Feb 12 6-8pm: be sure to make your reservations in advance t Warren East CDC. Patrons may use their AFC hours or p the hourly rate to take advantage of the care. For more information please contact 785-240-0822

Comedy Night at Rally Point- on 2 Feb: drop off the kids at the CDC above and enjoy an evening of adult humor! Doors open at 7pm; show stars at 8pm. \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door; must be 18 or older to enter. For more information or to purchase tickets please call 785-784-5434

Super Bowl Party at the Warrior Zone! Come out and cheer for either the Baltimore Ravens or the San Francisco 49ers or just to have some FUN! Tailgate, BBQ, 3-5pm, Watch Party 5-11pm; must be 18 to enter! **Trivia Squares, TEAM rooms, FREE Giveaways!** For more info plz contact the WZ at 785-240-6618.

American Red Cross Swim Lessons Feb 4-7 and 11-14 at Eyster Pool. \$30 per child (6mos and up). For more information please contact 785-239-4854

MORE FEB Events: – Beerfest, Sweetheart Dinner & Dance, Flick – and Float, Valentine's Bowling Event, and Couples Zumba: 1. Beerfest will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 9 at Riley's Conference Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Attendees must be 21 to enter. For

more information, call 785-784-1000. 2. Riley's Conference Center will host the Sweetheart Dinner and Dance from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 14 and 15. Bring your sweetheart and celebrate Valentine's Day with a night of gourmet food, good music and dancing. Each evening will include a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, four-course meal and will culminate with music and dancing. For more information, call 785-784-1000. 3. A Flick-and-Float event will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 at Eyster Pool. Cost to participate is \$10 per Family or \$5 per person. Hot dogs, chips, juice and cookies will be served throughout the movie. Families may bring their own food, too. For more information, call 785-239-9441. 4. Couples Zumba will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Feb. 16 at King Field House. Cost to participate is \$2 per person or \$4 per couple. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is preferred. Child care will not be provided. For more information, call 785-239-3146. 5. A Valentine's Day bowling event will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Feb. 14. Cost to participate is \$20 and includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, two small pizzas, fountain drinks and a heart/key necklace for each couple. Necklaces are limited to the first 50 couples. If children accompany a couple, they will receive \$1 game and shoe rentals. For more information, call 785-239-4366. 6. Military Saves Campaign- The 2013 Military Saves Campaign will get underway during Military Saves Week, February 25-March 2, 2013. As part of the larger nationwide America Saves Campaign, Military Saves will again be conducted in cooperation with the Consumer Federation of America. As in prior years, the Military Saves Campaign is a year-long effort for the DoD military community, and the military banks have traditionally played a key role in supporting the Campaign. The result of a successful Campaign is the enhanced financial readiness of military members and their families by reducing debt and fostering a saving culture. The 2013 Military Saves Campaign memo from General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Sergeant Major Bryan B. Battaglia, USMC, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman, is on Facebook in the Feb album. The theme for this year's campaign is "Start Small, Think Big." Sign up now to participate in Military Saves Week 2013. You can do this by clicking on the following link (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MSW2013signup to join the 2013 Campaign.

McCain Auditorium Performances for Jan and Feb 2013 are: • Sweet Honey in the Rock, Feb. 1, 2013. The stirring vocals of six women inspire love, justice, hope and peace out of the rich textures of African-American traditions. • "DRUMLine Live," Feb. 8, 2013. The performance is a show stopping attraction that brings an explosive energy and athleticism to an eclectic mix of sounds. • McCain Student Showcase, 4 p.m., Feb. 10, 2013. Kansas State University students show off their talents in a celebration of inspiration and achievement. • "Shrek, The Musical," Feb. 12, 2013. Based on the popular DreamWorks film, the lovable green ogre joins more than a dozen fairy tale misfits from a land far, far away. • "Laughter and Reflection with Carol Burnett", 3pm, Sunday Feb 17th. A conversation with Carol where the Audience asks the questions. • "The Rambler," Feb. 22, 2013. The Joe Goode Performance Group blurs the lines of modern dance into humorous and poignant storytelling theater, dance and song. "Every artist and attraction in the series exceeds the highest standard of artistic excellence," said Todd Holmberg, executive director, McCain Auditorium. "Patrons should expect to be challenged and inspired by the realm of wondrous possibility shared by the artists they experience at McCain. Patrons should also expect to purchase tickets early as some shows will sell out." Holmberg promises patrons an outstanding season that appeals to longtime ticket-holders and those who have never been to the theater. The series features numerous entertaining headliners, fun attractions for the entire Family and several must-see Broadway touring shows, he said. Season and single tickets for the 2012-2013 performance series are on sale now. K-State students and youth age 18 and under receive 50-percent off general admission ticket prices. Additional discounts are available for military members and K-State faculty and staff. Unless otherwise noted, 2012-2013 performance series events start at 7:30 p.m. and are in the McCain Auditorium.

http://www.k-state.edu/mccain/

UFM Community Learning Center, Manhattan, has scholarships available for qualifying adult and youth dependents of the military. Scholarships can be used toward UFM classes and covers 50 percent of the class fee. A variety of classes for all ages are offered every semester. For more information about qualifying and applying, visit www.tryufm.org or call UFM Community Learning Center at 785-539-8763

More Scholarship Information –AER Spouse Scholarship program information, use the following link to apply to Become a Tillman Military Scholar <u>http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars/apply/</u> from January 14-February 15, 2013. Look for more information on the Fort Riley Combined Scholarship in the next week. Another scholarship is the DECA Military Scholar scholarship, it opened 1 Dec. For more information go to <u>www.militaryscholar.org</u>.

Fort Riley Combined Scholarship applications are on the Brigade Facebook and the Brigade Web page at http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=1bct. Application submission deadline must be postmarked NLT 28FEB 2013

****Reminder**Custer Hill Bowling Center:** Custer Hill Bowling Center is open seven days a week at 7845 Normandy Drive. It is open for bowling from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday to Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday. The snack bar is open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Sunday to Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The bowling center has daily specials on fees, shoe rental and food. To view the specials, visit http://rileymwr.com/web-content/pages/bowling.html. For more information, call 785-239-4366. Everyday bowling has some great programs set up! Check out what is going on, so you won't miss a thing! Weekday Programming: Lunchtime- Mon-Fri 11-1pm, -\$1.00 games/\$1.00 shoes. -\$7.00 special includes: 1 personal 1-topping pizza, 1 fountain soda, and 2 games of bowling with shoes. Afternoons: Mon-Fri 1-5pm. -\$1.50 games/\$1.00 shoes After School Deal: Mon-Fri 3;30-5pm. \$5.00 a person includes: 2 games, shoes, and a snack. Evening Programming: Mon- Kids bowl FREE 6-close. Kids get to bowl free all night with a paying adult. 3 kids per 1 adult. Shoes included. Adults pay \$2.75 per game/\$2.50 for shoes and games must correspond with the same number of games bowled as the kids. Tues- Nifty Fifty Night: 6pm close. -\$.50 games/ \$.50. Hotdogs, popcorn and small soda are only \$.50 each. Wed- Red Pin Night 6pm- Close. \$9.00/ person: Includes shoes \$ bowling with ghost pins. \$1.00 fish sandwiches all day and night long. Weekend Programming: Sat.-Afternoons 11am-6pm. \$1.50 games/\$1.00 shoes Sat.-Night extreme: 6pm-Midnight . \$10.00/person (\$6.00 for kids under 12): Includes shoes & bowling. -Enjoy \$10.00 1-topping pizzas and \$3.50 pitchers of soda all night. Sun.-Family Fun Day: All Day\$35.00/lane: Includes 2 hours of bowling, 1large 2-topping pizza, 2 pitchers of soda and shoes for up to 6 people.

Fort Riley Custer Hill Golf Course Update - Golf Course Driving Range open 24/7: The Custer Hill Golf Course Driving Range is open 24/7. After hours, an automatic ball dispenser, located on the back side of the club house, is available. The machine takes tokens or keys, which may be purchased during Pro Shop hours. The machine also takes \$1 bills. One bucket of balls costs \$2. For more information, call 785-784-6000

Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Update: 1. Introductory Trap Shooting Clinics will take place through Feb. 11. Learn the basics of the sport shooting by trying trap shooting. Rental gun, ammunition, ear and eye protection are included in the fee. Dates and times are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 785-239-2363. **2**. As weather permits, Fort Riley's Skeet and Trap Range is open from noon to 8 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. **3**. Outdoor Recreation will host a "Frosty Contest" during December to February. Each time it snows, take pictures of you and friends making a snowman for the chance to win prizes from Outdoor Recreation. One entry each snowfall is allowed. Submit pictures to Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call 785-239-2363. **4**. **Family Climb Time: Feb 15, 2-4pm – FREE!** Are you craving Family fun during these winter days? Outdoor Recreation and Craig Fitness Center are teaming up to offer you an exciting escape from your regular routine. Trained staff will belay while you, your Family, and your friends climb on the wall. Pre-registration is required. Please contact ODR @785-239-2363 for more information or to register.

****CANCELLED**National Prayer Luncheon – Feb. 12** National Prayer Luncheon, CH (MG) Donald Rutherford, Army Chief of Chaplains, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Feb. 12 at Riley's Conference Center. A suggested donation of \$10 will be taken at the door. Seating is limited. Contact your Unit Chaplain for tickets. <u>http://www.riley.army.mil/NewsViewer.aspx?id=6955</u>

*Just added** Eyster Pool Closed on Feb 14th and 15th for cleaning!

Welcome to the Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) Weekly eNewsletter providing you with access to the latest Quality of Life news and information from the Department of Defense and dates for upcoming Guard and Reserve onsite sales. The link below will open up the MC&FP Weekly eNewsletter in your browser. If the link below does not work, please copy and paste the entire link into your browser window. <u>http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/mcfp/weekly</u> You can now receive the MC&FP Weekly content and news in an RSS feed! Learn more about Military OneSource RSS feeds, and sign up today for the Weekly RSS feed by selecting the URL below: <u>http://www.militaryonesource.mil/rss</u> Your MC&FP Team! Military Community and Family Policy Office of the Secretary of Defense Providing policy, tools, and resources to further enhance the quality of life of service members and their families

Check out these websites for more information or events going on: Ft Riley MWR <u>http://rileymwr.com/main/</u> The 1st Infantry Division website <u>http://www.riley.army.mil/default.aspx</u> More Social Media sites for Fort Riley can be located here! <u>http://www.riley.army.mil/NewsViewer.aspx?id=2873</u>

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Check out flyers below-

MWR Events

Feb 2: Comedy Night; Rally Point

Feb 3: Superbowl Party; Warrior Zone

Feb 9: Beerfest; Riley's Conference Center

Feb 9: Flick N Float; Eyster Pool

- Feb 12: Scream Free Marriage; Parent Central
- Feb 14: Valentines Day Bowl; Custer Hill Bowling Center
- Feb 14 & 15: Sweetheart Dinner and Dance; RCC

Feb 16: Couples Zumba; King Field House

Feb 17: Family Bingo; Rally Point

Every Wednesday Night is Family movie night at Habaneros

For more info visit: Rileymwr.com



Fort Riley Tax Center opens Jan. 23 at 7034 Normandy Drive 239-1040 - See flyer

FORT RILEY(open Jan. 23, 2013) TAX CENTER

FREE SERVICE · SAVE HUNDREDS · CALL 785.239.1040

WHAT

2010 to 2012 Federal and State Income Tax Returns Filed

- Will only file State Income Tax Return when filing your Federal return;
- No more than two rental properties;
- No business returns except for childcare providers on post;
- Prior two year tax returns reviewed and amended if prepared by the Fort Riley Tax Center.

HOURS

0900-1800 Monday-Friday (appointments and walk-ins) 0900-1300 Saturday (walk-ins only) including training holidays

WHERE

Located at Building 7034 (Normandy & Bullard)

CONTACT

785.239.1040



DON'T FORGET THE BELOW ITEMS!

- Social Security cards (required for everyone, including children);
- Power of Attorney (if filing jointly and one spouse is signing for the other spouse);
- All W-2 Forms;
- All 1099-R Forms (Pension, Retirement, IRA, etc);
- All 1099-INT Forms (Interest Income);
- All 1099-DIV Forms (Dividends and Distributions);
- Form 1098 (Mortgage Interest Statement);
- Form 1098-E (Student Loan Interest Statement);
- Form 1098-T (Tuition Statement);
- Closing documents for those who have purchased or sold a home in 2012;
- Bank routing and account numbers (required for direct deposit of refunds);
- Receipts for deductible expenses (if you are itemizing deductions);
- 2011 tax return (if you have rental property income or converted a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA);
- Form 8332 signed by custodial parent (if you are a non-custodial parent claiming a child exemption or Divorce Decree if divorce was final before July 2008.);
- Childcare statements for services paid in 2012;
- Property Tax Statements for homes and vehicles.

Eat Drink and Be Murdered



Join us as we celebrated Rose's 60th Birthday 6 p.m. Saturday, February 16 www.junctioncityac.org

Wine & Valentines

Wednesday, Feb. 6 6 p.m. \$15

Valentine Craft Night.

We're making cards for that special Valentine. You're welcome to bring a bottle of wine, we have the cork screw and glasses.

OCSC February Events

Membership Sale

January marked the half-way point of our membership year, so new memberships are only \$15. All the same benefits and perks, but at a lower price! Won't you consider joining this time-honored military tradition? www.fortrileyocs.com

Casino Royale - Save the Date! - 13 APR

This is the largest and most extravagant of OCSC's Fundraisers. In 2012, this event raised \$25,000 (approx) which was donated to Community Partners •Do you have an interest in donating a prize? •Do you have an interest in winning a prize? Come join us! Save the date: 13 APR (cost \$20 per person entry). Additional details to follow!



21 February – Monthly Luncheon (*How does your garden grow*?) 11:00 am – Riley's Conference Center Are you tough enough to garden in Kansas?

Whether you're interested in planting flowers around your home, becoming a vegetable farmer, or maintaining a container garden, expert horticulturalist Susan Schoneweis will answer all of your gardening related questions. Cost is \$15 per person. **RSVP to reservations@fortrileyocsc.com**

www.fortrileyocsc.com



Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance

Join RSVP of the Flint Hills in hosting the 2nd Annual Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance. This event will be held at the Houston Street Ballroom from 2pm to 4pm on February 10th, 2013. Tickets are \$10 for fathers/grandfathers and \$8 for daughters/granddaughters - ages 4 to 13. RSVP office located at 433 Houston St. For more information please call 785-776-7787.

ZOOfari Tails at the Manhattan Public Library!!!!

<u>4th Friday of the month at 10:00 A.M.</u> ZOOfari Tails is a collaborative storytime with Sunset Zoo staff and children's librarians featuring animal-themed stories.

2013 Dates:

- January 25: Kansas Animals
- · February 22: Animals in Love
- March 22: Baby Animals
- April 26: Earth Day
- May 24: Dinosaurs

Sunset Zoo

Bring a Date to the Zoo Month! Friday, February 1- February 28

Enjoy Buy One Get One admission all February! Buy one adult admission, get one free. It's a perfect time to bring a date to the Zoo!!

