



# IRON RANGER REVIEW

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## Relief for Military Homeowners in Stimulus Package

The financial strain affecting so many military families required to move in a bad housing market may soon be alleviated in the newly passed \$787 billion stimulus package.

The stimulus — signed into law by President Obama on Feb. 17 — features a provision titled the Military Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP). HAP benefits (normally payable only at BRAC locations) will be extended to certain military homeowners who bought homes before July 1, 2006 and who sell the homes before Sept. 30, 2012, according to MOAA.com.

HAP was originally written in response to rising foreclosures and the credit crisis, and seeks to add more than \$400 million to help military homeowners who are in the middle of foreclosure, or unable to sell their homes in the event of a permanent change of station order.

What's more, HAP will not only provide help to military homeowners who receive PCS orders and are unable to sell their homes, but will also assist wounded warriors who must relocate due to medical reasons, and surviving spouses of fallen servicemembers who are also forced to move.

The bill "will change this country for the better," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., who heads the House Appropriations Committee, in a Market-

Watch Report.

The secretary of defense will use these funds to acquire titles to servicemembers' homes or reimburse individuals for losses after a private sales or foreclosures, reports The Washington Post.

"We must stem the spread of foreclosures and falling home values for all Americans and do everything we can to help responsible homeowners stay in their homes," said President

Obama in a speech after he signed the bill. Additionally, the stimulus will help military families who want to buy their first home. A first-time Homebuyer Tax Credit was included in the stimulus to give prospective home buyers a credit of 10 percent of the purchase price, up to a maximum for \$8,000.



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The previous requirement for consumers buying homes after Jan. 1, 2009 to pay the money back would be removed, unless the house is sold within three years of purchase.

"The Congress and the Presi-

dent understand the deep apprehension that the American people feel...about the economic security of their families," said Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi in a written statement. "Congress responded with swift, bold, and sweeping legislation that will ...transform our nation."

To learn more about the stimulus visit, Recovery.org. And for more information about how this will help military families or you could be eligible to receive assistance under the new stimulus package if you owned a home (primary residence) as of 1 Jul 2006 and you have had difficulty selling your home or took a loss on the property. The sale must be associated with a PCS move that has already occurred or is pending. If you are in this category, go to [www.sas.usace.army.mil](http://www.sas.usace.army.mil) to the housing assistance drop down menu and apply for benefits. The US Army Corps of Engineers will evaluate each application to determine eligibility and applications are processed by submission date.

Story by Kelly Johnson—Military.com

## LTC LUKE: 1-16 IN PRESENT AND FUTURE

Spring has finally arrived. The temperatures are getting warmer with each new day. With the warmer weather, activities within the battalion are heating up as well. In January, we picked up responsibility for running the brigade CAPSTONE exercise. With this tasking came over 50 soldiers from HHC brigade. We have also started to receive several new soldiers for the build to the new Combined Arms Battalion. Right now, the battalion strength has grown from 96 soldiers in December 2008 to over 180 soldiers today. I want to personally extend a great IRON RANGER welcome to all these new soldiers and their families. You have joined the best battalion in the brigade with a great history and lineage that reaches back over 150 years.

The last several months have been busy with class 62 (230 advisors) graduating on 11 February followed two weeks later by class 68 with over 320 advisors starting training. Class 68 is scheduled to graduate on 24 April. Fortunately, we will have another two week break before class 73

arrives on 8 May. Additionally, class 73 will be relatively small with only 170 advisors in training.

For the long term (3 to 6 months), things will only get busier as we conduct the advisor training mission while simultaneously building into a new Combined Arms Battalion (CAB). We will likely move portions of B and C companies up to Custer Hill this May to focus primarily on the CAB build and lay the foundation for the move of the rest of the battalion in September. On 10 June 2009 I will, reluctantly, have to hand the battalion over to LTC James Smith. He will be the new battalion commander as I rotate out after a standard two year tour as a battalion commander. Finally, we have set the Regimental Ball for 15 October. It should be a fun-filled week 12-16 October as we celebrate the history of the Regiment and meet several of its veterans.

I have the sad duty of reporting the departure of CSM Smith this March. CSM Smith has received orders to report to the 25<sup>th</sup> ID in Hawaii as the Battalion CSM for a Stryker unit.

He will be greatly missed by me and the men of the battalion. Fortunately, his replacement is already on board. CSM David J. Kuhnert officially became the new 1-16 Infantry CSM on 19 February 2009. CSM Kuhnert has just recently returned from a year long tour in Afghanistan as an advisor to Afghan Army and Police forces. He is already making a positive impact and will be a great addition to the Iron Ranger team.

SEMPER PARATUS  
"Always Ready"

LTC Bryan Luke  
Commander, 1-16 Infantry  
Iron Ranger 6



## CSM KUHNERT: AN HONOR TO BE AN IRON RANGER!

What a fast and furious few months we have had. We graduated and shipped class 62 and picked up class 68. I appreciate all of the support that I have received from across the battalion, as the incoming Command Sergeant Major. As all of you know, CSM Smith and his fiancé were married in February and are on their way to a new assignment in Hawaii. We wish them all the best on this very tough assignment of warm temperatures, tropical sun, and ocean breezes.

We are experiencing an influx of new soldiers as we get closer to standing up the battalion as part of the Heavy Brigade Combat Team in September. We welcome all of the new members of the team and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of more Soldiers into the Iron Ranger family. We are also lucky enough to receive some of the former MiTT Soldiers coming back from theater. They add a great deal to our train-

ing as they give us the ability to stay relevant with all of the changes that happen overseas. Most of them are only able to stay with us a couple of months before moving to their next assignment but they have a tremendous impact while they are here. We have been moving in several different directions with the addition of the final capstone event that the training teams conduct. HHC has taken on this challenging scenario and with the addition of the outstanding Soldiers of the Capstone Platoon under Lieutenant Palmer and SFC Burke, have made a tremendous impact. We have had several promotions within the battalion such as the promotion of Sergeant First Class Patro from Charlie Company, to Master Sergeant. Sergeant First Class McLane was also promoted to First Sergeant and has taken over as the First Sergeant for Alpha Company. These are tremendous achievements as only about 20 percent of all enlisted Soldiers will ever make it that far

in the Army. We are also very proud of SSG Goggins who just recently won the Brigade NCO of the Quarter Board and will now move on to the Division Board in April. We wish him the best of luck.

I can't tell you how humbled I am to be surrounded by such great Soldiers, NCOs, Officers and Families. It is truly an honor to be a part of the Iron Ranger Battalion and serve in what is undoubtedly the best unit in the Division. Thank you all for welcoming me into the unit and I look forward to the newest adventure in my career.



## CHAPLAIN BALL INTRODUCES HIMSELF TO HIS NEW 1-16 IN FAMILY

Grace mercy and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

I would like to take an opportunity to introduce myself as Chaplain of I/16 Infantry. I have been here at Ft. Riley for only about five weeks – just long enough to realize the wind never stops blowing here. Here's a little about me, and I hope my wife and I have a chance to get to know you soon.



I grew up in Santa Fe, NM and joined the Army as a Medical Specialist when I was Seventeen. I spent most of my three year enlistment in Baumholder, Germany. After that I used my GI Bill to get a degree in

Finance from Indiana University and worked as an accountant for about fourteen years. Somewhere in there and over time I figured out I was not sufficient to be my own god. By the time I was thirty I had everything I had hoped for by that age, a good wife, a family, a nice home, a promising career and in general I was a good guy . . . but I was miserable. I committed my life to Jesus Christ at the age of thirty and He began in me a work of transformation. A little over five years ago it became evident that God was calling my wife and me to the Army where I would be a Chaplain. I attended seminary and earned a Master's degree, quit my job as an accountant to pastor a church, sold my home and five years later found myself finishing the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course last fall at Ft. Jackson, SC.

Now I am here at Ft. Riley with my wife of sixteen years, Amy, two sons, Ryan 14, and Matt 12, and our grandson, Landon who is 4.



We also have a daughter Jessica 23, and a son Justin 20, who stayed in

Bloomington, IN when we moved here. The Army has tasked me with providing religious support, assisting our Commander in ensuring the right of free exercise of religion, and above all providing spiritual, moral and ethical leadership. What all that means to you is I am here to help. My wife and I have navigated through some tough family and life situations of our own, have found comfort and hope in our faith, and we have a burning desire to help others avoid the pain we have been through.

My office is located in the MWR building at Camp Funston Building 1801.

785.239.0633 office  
785.307.0751 cell

### DEVOTION FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

What I have noticed since I have been here is that most soldiers do a good job at keeping themselves fit *physically*, the Army makes sure we stay focused *mentally*, but little is done to make sure that we are sound *spiritually*. There is a saying related to computer programming that goes "garbage in – garbage out." In a similar fashion Luke 6:45 reads, "The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks."

Filling our lives with junk will eventually lead to a life overflowing with junk. Be careful what you fill your hearts with. Like physical

fitness, and pursuing an education, spiritual fitness is not just something that "happens." It is something to desire, to pursue and to guard. Also like physical training, you will not become an Olympic athlete overnight. You need to start, though. Perhaps find a service to go to – there are almost too many to choose from so look until you find one you like. Prayer is simply conversation with God. Share honestly with him and don't forget to listen. The Bible is also a great source of spiritual guidance. Try reading from the Psalms, from Proverbs, or from the Gospel of John.

God promises draw close to me and I will draw close to you (James 4:8).

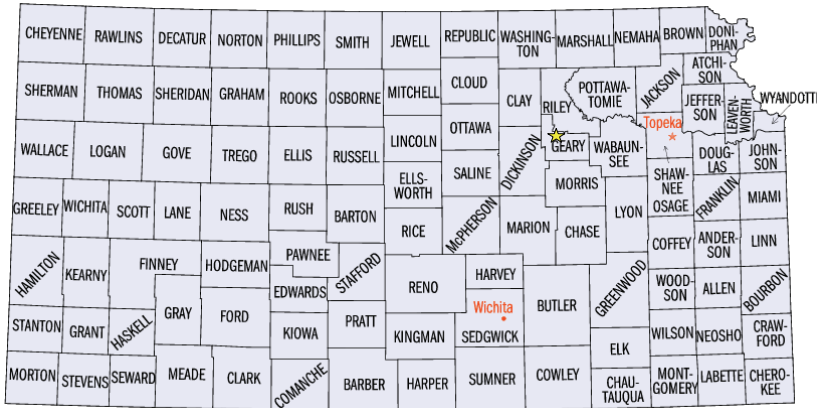
### FRG NEWS AND NOTES

**Send your events, news, contact information, etc., to:**  
Elizabeth Tripp, I-16 FRSA, Camp Funston  
Phone: 785-239-6687  
Email: Elizabeth.tripp1@us.army.mil

**Web Link Resources:**  
Fort Riley WEB Site- [www.riley.army.mil/](http://www.riley.army.mil/)  
1-18 IN WEB Site- [http://www.1id.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=2bct\\_1\\_18](http://www.1id.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=2bct_1_18)  
Irwin Army Community Hospital- <http://iach.amedd.army.mil/>  
Picerno Housing- Home Page [www.rileypicerno.com/](http://www.rileypicerno.com/)

Tornado Alert Map

★ Ft. Riley



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Abilene  
Chapman  
Enterprise  
Solomon  
Herington  
Woodbine
- Saline**  
Salina
- Geary**  
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Milford  
Grandview Plaza  
Ft Riley
- Riley**  
Manhattan  
Riley  
Ogden  
Ft Riley
- Clay**  
Clay Center  
Wakefield  
Longford
- Pottawatomie**  
St. George  
Wamego  
Myers Valley

**Local Emergency Shelters**

**Junction City:** Municipal Building (700N. Jefferson)

**Grandview Plaza** (406 State Ave)

**Manhattan:** No local shelters (If you live in an apartment check with your landlord). If you live in a mobile home park they are required by law to have a shelter

**Chapman:** District Gym (619 N. Marshall St.)

**Abilene:** Sterl hall (619 N. Rogers St.)

**Milford:** No public emergency shelters, however the church across from the Elementary school opens its basement. There is a shelter fin the trailer court on East 9th St.

**Ogden:** Community Building (220 Willow St.)  
Baptist Church (corner of elm and 13th across from elementary school)  
Baptist Church (Bagdad Hill)

**Schedule of Events**



April 2008



- April 7th—HHC FRG Meeting, 1830 ACS Annex
- April 9th—Hail and Farewell
- April 10-13th—4-Day Training Holiday
- April 11th—Ft. Riley Easter Egg Hunt
- April 12th—Easter Sunday
- April 15th—Taxes are Due!
- April 17-19—Chaplain hosted Family/Marriage Retreat (add'l information to follow)
- April 25—May 9—Limited Training time for I-16 Soldiers
- April 29th—Bravo Co FRG Meeting, 1800, ACS Annex

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 - Class 67 concludes
5	6	7 HHC FRG Meeting	8	9 Hail & Farewell	10 Training Holiday (4 Day Wkend) -No School USD 383 & 475	11 -Ft Riley Easter Egg Hunt
12 Division Training Holiday	13 -No School USD 475 Happy Easter!	14	15 Tax Day -ESC Membership drive & Ice Cream	16	17 Chaplain hosted Family/Marriage Retreat (dates subject to change) Contact Chaplain Ball for more info	18
19 Chaplain hosted Family/Marriage Retreat	20	21	22	23	24 - Class 68 concludes	25
26 -HASFR Tour of Homes, 2pm	27	28	29 Bravo Co FRG Meeting	30		

June 2009 Key Dates:

- 2nd—Mrs. Treva Luke's Farewell Coffee
- 5th—LTC Luke's Farewell
- 10th—Change of Command
- 12th-15th—4 Day Weekend

July 2009 Key Dates:

- 1st—Class 77 Starts
- 3rd—6th—4 Day Weekend (Soldiers in A & D Co may be affected & their 4 Day may run the 2nd—5th.)
- 10th—Class 73 Concludes
- 27th—31st—VICTORY WEEK

## Walt Disney World “Armed Forces Salute” Ticket

Walt Disney World has just introduced a special Armed Forces Salute Ticket for 2009. Each qualifying Military Service member\* will receive a complimentary 5-Day “Disney’s Armed Forces Salute Ticket” with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun & More Options included. To receive the FREE ticket, visit any theme park Guest Relations window and show proper ID.

In addition to the free Armed Forces Salute Ticket, up to five of their guests can purchase a Disney’s Armed Forces Salute Companion (5 Day Base) ticket for \$99. Park Hopper or Water Park Fun & More ticket option are available for \$25 each (which is 50 percent off the normal price). Companion tickets may be upgraded to Premium, Annual or Seasonal Passes. Seasonal Pass upgrade requires proof of Florida Residency. Companion tickets may not be upgraded by adding the no expiration option, and Companion tickets may be purchased at any times. You may also purchase tickets at Shades of Green, located at Walt Disney World or you purchase the tickets at Shades of Green will trade in once you arrive at a Walt Disney World ticket window.



Armed Forces Salute tickets will expire on December 23, 2009 and have no block-out dates. Tickets may be upgraded anytime between January 4th -December 23, 2009 as long as there is usage left on the ticket.

The entire party needs to be present for purchase (Spouse or military dependents can receive the companion discount without the military service member being present as long as they have their military ID). The military service member will need to show ID; Cast Member will ask for their Base’s name, and the State where the base is listed. This offer is available to service member once.

\*This offer is available to anyone on active duty in the US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard or Reserve, and retired military. Activated members of the National Guard and Reservists must present active duty orders in addition to valid military ID. You must have been active for any length of time between January 1, 2008 and December 23, 2009. Dept of Defense (CIA, FBI, Secret Service) and Coalition Forces are excluded.



# May 2009



## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chaplain hosted Single Soldier Retreat (dates subject to change) Contact Chaplain Ball for more info -MWR Marina Opng	2 -Post Wide Yard Sale
3 Chaplain hosted Single Soldier Retreat	4 -USD 475 No School	5	6	7 INF BALL May 8	8 Class 73 Starts -Post Wide Graduation, 1pm	9 
10 Mother's Day 	11	12	13	14	15 Chaplain hosted Single Parent Retreat (dates subject to change) Contact Chaplain Ball for more info	16
17 -USD 383 Graduation Retreat Cont.	18	19	20 Hail & Farewell	21	22 Labor Day (4 Day Weekend)	23
24 - USD 475 Graduation Labor Day (4 Day Weekend)	25 - Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- **May 1-3**—Chaplain hosted Single Soldier Retreat (add'l information to follow)
- **May 2nd**—Post Wide Yard Sale
- **May 8th**—Infantry Ball
- **May 10th**—Mother’s Day!!
- **May 15-17**—Chaplain hosted Single Parent Retreat (add'l information to follow)
- **May 20th**—Hail and Farewell
- **May 22-25**—Memorial Day 4-Day Weekend
- **May 25th**—Memorial Day

August—October 2009 Key Dates:  
**Aug 6th—9th**—4 Day Weekend  
**Sept 3rd**—Last Advisor Class for I-16 IN  
**Sept 4th—7th**—4 Day Weekend

Cont.  
**Oct 9th—12th**—4 Day Weekend  
**Oct 13th—15th**—DMOR Week!  
**Oct 15th**—DMOR BALL!

## CPT DAVIS'S MESSAGE TO SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES

Attack Company Families,

It has been awhile since you received an update from me and as you well know our Soldiers have been very busy. Early in December the Company began training TT Class 62. We got off to a very smooth start, and after only two weeks took a much needed break for Christmas block leave. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and was able to spend time with friends and family.

Attack Company returned from block leave and jumped into training running. The cadre did an outstanding job with what turned into a very challenging class. All of the TTs we trained in Class 62 were

ends to provide additional classes to prepare our teams for their deployment. All of the cadre should be proud of what they accomplished; the Navy teams were successfully trained and left our Company prepared to train Afghan Security Forces and survive on the battlefield.

In addition to training TTs, some Attack Company soldiers were afforded the chance to attend schools over the past three months. Congratulations to SSGs Bannister and Preston for completing BNCOB phases one and two respectively. SSG Cadenhead graduated from the Fort Riley Field Sanitation course and 2LT Geis completed Suicide Awareness training. By pursuing these professional development courses our soldiers are not only helping to prepare the Company for our eventual transition to a regular Mechanized Rifle Company but are also furthering their own careers.

Attack Company has also added two new soldiers to our ranks. SFC Tho-

US Navy Sailors, and were unaccustomed to "Army" training. Your Soldiers had to put in extra effort to keep the Sailors motivated, focused, and to bring them up to speed on many aspects of Army operations that simply are not covered in the Fort Riley Training Mission Program of Instruction. As you know, this included, but was not limited to, working after hours and on week-

mas, who is our new Platoon Sergeant, and PFC Fischer both arrived in January. SFC Thomas comes to us fresh off of a MiTT in Iraq. PFC Fischer is a recent graduate of Basic and AIT at Ft. Knox. Both soldiers have already proved to be welcome additions to

the unit.

Looking to the near future, Attack Company will have about two weeks before our next class begins. Your soldiers will be doing some refresher training on critical skills so we can constantly improve the level of training we in turn provide to the TTs. Soldiers will also be given time to make personal appointments. Finally, and most importantly, we will take a 4 day pass as well as have some half days to take advantage of the opportunity for some increased family time. We will begin training our next class in early March.

I look forward to meeting the spouses of Company soldiers as we begin to build our Family Readiness Program in the coming months. We are going to be entering into a period of some big changes as we send-off many of our Soldiers to Ft. Polk, welcome in new Soldiers, and begin to focus our efforts into the Heavy Brigade Combat Team transition. It is going to be a challenging but exciting

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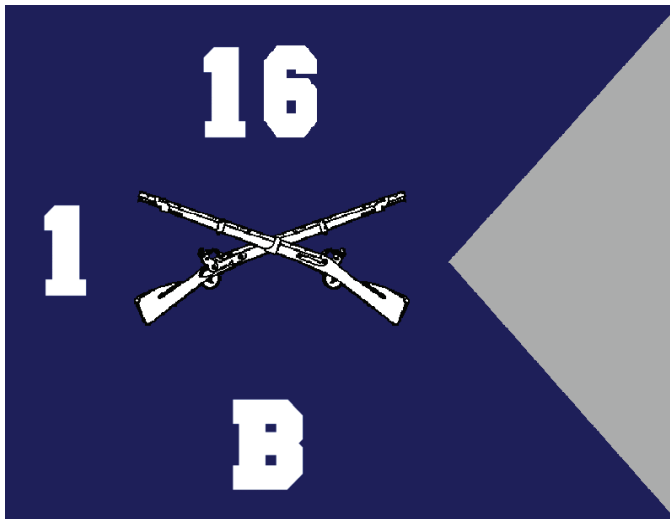


Rear Admiral Messerschmidt Addresses Class 62



PFC Fisher

Thank you, CPT Davis



### **BUSHMASTER 6: CPT CHRIS RICCI**

It has been a great couple of months for the men of Bushmaster Company I-16 IN. Bushmaster executed block leave for the holiday season and got some much deserved rest. The Company has currently completed a month of individual/collective training focusing on sharpening infantry skill-sets. This month we also pick back up training Urban Operations for advisors going to Iraq and Afghanistan.

We said goodbye to SFC (P) Conley. He is



leaving our 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon and heading to HHC. The damander will miss you. We

welcome SFC Adams as the new Platoon Sergeant for 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon.

Congratulations go out to now SFC Yoast. The entire Company got to be present for his promotion to SFC. SSG Franks, SSG Quinones, SGT Taula, and SGT Goodman were recognized with Army Achievement Medals for their outstanding contribution to the Fort Riley Training Mission – Well Deserved!

SSG Franks and SSG Trolio have been striving to graduate Master Gunner School for the past couple months. Both of the Soldiers are on glide path and we expect them to graduate in March 2009.

The men of Bushmaster continue to lead the way and we look forward to continuing our effort in this essential mission.

Respectfully,  
CPT Chris Ricci  
Bushmaster 6

Bandido Families,

Bandido Charlie has been busy these past three months training Class 62 to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Class 62 advisors consisted of all Navy and Air Force personnel and it was a pleasure to work with other US military service members. The company took a short two weeks off from training advisors and picked up Class 68 at the end of February. Class 68 is a bigger class for our company which will keep our SGAs a little busier till they graduate at the end of April. Our company will not be training advisors after Class 68 as we transition to Custer Hill and start rebuilding the company.



SFC (P) Patro and SSG Filliaux enjoy wings and chips during the Company After Action Review

The Bandido's said farewell to ILT Evan Palmer and his wife Pamela as they have moved to HHC to lead the Capstone Platoon, and welcomed 2LT

Charles Wisotkey as our new Executive Officer. 2LT Wisotkey is an Armor Officer from Grover Beach, California, and is married to Bethany who is finishing school at the University of San Antonio. ILT Palmer did an excellent job for



2LT Charles Wisotkey takes over the XO's desk from ILT Palmer

the company and his loss will be felt across the board.

The company has started to grow in strength in preparations for the HBCT build up. Over the past three months we have received 5 new Soldiers straight from basic training at FT Knox. We anticipate more new Soldiers and NCOs coming



PV2 Tran, PVT Lein, PV2 Mielke, PV2 Gault, and PV2 Picklesimer

into the company and look forward to training and preparing for our future missions.

Lastly as our Company, Battalion, and Brigade begin to rebuild the company will once again establish a Family Readiness Group. I look forward to working with all the wives and family members to ensure our FRG provides the necessary support and information for all members of the Bandido's. With that the First Sergeant and I would like to thank the Bandido families for all of their support and hard work. We couldn't do our jobs without you!

Respectfully,

CPT Wes Chaney &  
ISG Jeffrey Carter



**BANDIDOS LEAD THE WAY!**

Congratulations on a successful completion of Class 62 for D co. Delta Company had been a training company for the previous 9 months before the start of 62. It took a few days but we eventually got back into the swing of things. The training of class 68 is going smooth and looks to finish with a high rate of success. The company SGA's are assisting the TTs with their concerns and requests in a very experienced

and professional manner. I am commended frequently by the team leaders of their actions. In addition to our SGAs we have 5 bench members who have been a great addition to our team. The bench members have been helping out with the ranges and drivers training. These 5 Soldiers bring a wide variety of knowledge and experience to the mission.



## Delta Dark Knights

### ***Incoming Personnel:***

PFC Lubinski, Andrew  
PFC Alldredge, Joshua  
PV2 Bartdomei, Joshua  
PV2 Warren, Billy

### ***Bench Soldiers:***

MSG Pannasch, Dean  
MSG Mitchell, Kavin  
MSG Freeman, Tony  
SFC Smith, Fredick  
SFC Macias

Congratulations to SSG Barton and SSG Gilmore on a successful completion of BNOCC.

Promotions: ILT Morris and PV2 Warren

**CPT BALOUGH REFLECTS ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MISSIONS OF “KING” COMPANY**

“King” Company kicked off the year 2009 with a great start! In January, we welcomed the MRX Platoon and the Capstone Section into the company and assumed responsibility for their mission. After a quick restructuring of the company, we greatly enhanced the quality of training that advisors get during their stay at Fort Riley. The addition of both of these sections and over 20 new Soldiers brings new challenges and new talent to “King” Company!

Over the last three months, “King” Company has successfully trained 53 Advisor teams heading to Iraq and Afghanistan in everything from Basic Combat Skills and Urban Operations to the final Graduation Capstone. That’s over 650 Advisors! We cer-

tainly have a great deal to be proud of, although we are far from done.

In April “King” Company will train another 30+ teams and help get them ready to deploy as well. It will be a busy, but rewarding month.

The “King” Company family grew this last month with new arrivals in the Burton, Dixon, and Martinez homes. Congratulations!

Other new arrivals to the unit have trickled in since the New Year began. In anticipation of the Heavy Brigade build we welcomed over 20 new Privates and a new Lieutenant to the company. We all look for-

ward to building a great team with you.

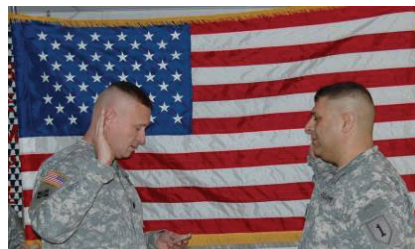
Finally, at the conclusion of April’s training, we will have to farewell our Fort Polk Soldier’s and families. All of you have done incredible things since you have been at Fort Riley. Good Luck.



Respectfully,  
Eric A. Balough  
CPT, IN  
Commanding



Goggins receiving an AAM



SSG Esquivel Re-enlisting



Stellner and Graves receiving an Award



Elscott and Kunkel receiving an Award

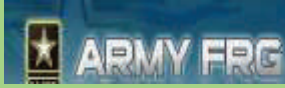


SPC Lopez, Award recipient



SPC Moncriefe, Award recipient

## FRG (Family Readiness Group)



The **vFRG** allows families to access information that is timely, accurate and relevant to them and their Soldiers. **1-16 IN** has their own **vFRG**. You will be able to access it by logging onto **www.armyfrg.org**. On the site you will find our newsletter as well as other

very useful information about the Soldiers, the Fort Riley installation, and the surrounding communities!

You must register for the site. Once you're approved, you'll have full access to our **vFRG**. The **vFRG** is for Soldiers, Spouses and extended family! Check it out!

### **FREE Child Care for FRG Meetings!!!**

Fort Riley Child & Youth Services now provides free childcare for Family Readiness Group Meetings. This is open to all units on Fort Riley. Contact your FRG leader or Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA) to make your childcare reservation once CYS registration has



been completed. CYS registration of child or children is mandatory! Location of childcare will be determined by the age of child/children; the sites of childcare are Warren Road Child Development Center, Bldg. 6950 and/or School Age Services, Bldg. 5810. Time of childcare offered is from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Reservations for care will be taken up to three days prior to scheduled childcare opening!

Future dates of childcare are as follows:

April 1, 8, 14, 22, 28

May 6, 12, 20, 27

June 3, 10, 16, 24

For more information, please contact the Central Registration office at (785)239-9885 or stop by Bldg. 6620 Normandy Drive.

#### **FRG Classes:**

Leader's: 11 April 2009, Part I & II, 9:00-4:30pm	FREE Childcare for all
13 May 2009, Part I, 9:00am—noon	FRG Classes.
14 May 2009, Part II, 9:00am—noon	To sign up, contact Liz
Key Caller: 9 April 2009, 9:30-noon	Tripp at 239-6687 or by
7 May 2009, 6:00-8:30pm	email at: Eliza-
Funds Custodian: 20 May 2009, 6:00-8:00pm	beth.tripp1@us.army.mil

### **AFTB: LEARN, GROW, LEAD**

#### **April 3**

3.8 Meeting Management  
3.9 Coaching and Mentoring

#### **April 10**

3.7 Delegation for Leaders  
3.3 Leadership Styles

#### **April 17**

3.1 Communication Skills  
3.2 Understanding Needs  
2.14 Introduction to Leadership

#### **April 24**

1.1 Expectations & Impact of the Mission  
1.2 Military Acronyms & Terms  
1.3 Chain of Command  
1.5 Basic Military Benefits & Entitlements

#### **May 1**

1.4 Military Customs & Courtesies  
1.7 Intro to Family Readiness Groups  
1.8 Supporting Your Child's Education  
1.9 Family Financial Readiness

#### **May 8**

1.6 Military/Civilian Community Resources  
1.10 Basic Problem Solving  
2.1 Communication

#### **May 15**

2.2 Personal Time Management  
2.3 Stress Management  
2.6 Enhancing Personal Relationships

#### **May 29**

2.4 Acknowledging Change  
2.7 Team Dynamics  
2.8 Personal Conflict Management



**Free** Childcare Available!  
**Must** pre-register with  
AFTB.

**Childcare Location:**  
Armed Services YMCA,  
111 East 16<sup>th</sup> ST. Junction  
City, KS

**Class Times: 11:30 AM-  
2:30 PM on Fridays @  
the ACS Bldg, 7264  
Call 239-9435 to register**

## **Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Simulator and Defensive Driving**



New privately owned vehicle (POV) and motorcycle simulators are some of the many training resources Fort Riley and the Garrison Safety Office has to help Soldiers, Family members, DA civilians and the surrounding community drive safely. The goal of the POV and motorcycle simulator is to assist individuals in becoming better skilled drivers. There are currently 26 simulators: 25 POV and one motorcycle. Some features include situational traffic surroundings such as pedestrian crossing, parked cars, backing up, icy road conditions, limited visibility and more. The simulators provide various scenarios such as: circuit, city, expressway, and mountain driving, with or without traffic. Individual modules may be selected and programs may be customized to meet the needs of training from beginning drivers,

learning to drive and remedial training.

FRG leaders should coordinate with the Garrison Safety Office for scheduling availability. Open days for scheduling usage of the simulators are the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. However, the Garrison Safety office will accom-

modate requests for days outside the open period with advance coordination.

Fort Riley and the Garrison Safety Office also offer a **4-hour Defensive Driving Course**. The course instructors are certified by the Kansas National Safety Council. Upon completion of the course each individual will receive a certificate of completion that in many cases can then be used to reduce their insurance premiums, in most cases by at least 5 percent. Check with your insurance company to see whether they offer such a premium discount for completion of a Defensive Driving Course. This training can be conducted in one session or spread out over several days. For more information on POV simulator and Defensive Driving Course, call (785)239-2514 or (785)239-8469