

Fort Riley offers free 'Financial Peace' class

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Maj. Barry Stewart, lead, Financial Resilience Education Enrichment program, said he is anxious to get the word out about the Financial Peace University, to keep the momentum going on a program that has recently been offered at Fort Riley.

Financial Peace University is a 12- to 13-week course designed by Dave Ramsey, author of several financial books and a national radio personality.

"It gives financial information, but is more like life coaching, really," Stewart said. The class is packaged well, motivates well and is put together in a nice order, he said. "This can really turn around someone's financial life," Stewart said. "It changes people's lives. The average position change - the amount saved and the amount of debt diminished - for military participants, married or single, is \$5,300 in the first 90 days. That's powerful."

Stewart said he decided to incorporate the class into the FREE program when he saw how successful it was.

The first set of classes offered by Stewart on post began Aug. 23, but the class filled up so quickly that another set of classes was added. And, since there was overflow, Stewart said, a third session began Sept. 17.

More than 80 people are enrolled at Fort Riley, and Soldiers down range and elsewhere are online keeping pace with their spouses while they attend the classroom sessions, he said. If Soldiers are married, he added, a major key to success is arranging for both spouses to attend.

Additionally, Stewart said he is teaching the military version, which includes some military specifics and shows attendees how to take full advantage of all military benefits.

As part of the overall resiliency effort, the course is free to all Fort Riley active-duty Soldiers, their spouses and Families of fallen service members, he said, thanks to

sponsorship from Fort Riley's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Army Community Service.

Each single Soldier or military couple attending the workshop receives a kit containing a workbook, access to downloadable audio files for each lesson and a lifetime membership to the Dave Ramsey organization, which includes financial coaching, as well as the book "Financial Peace - Revisited" by Dave Ramsey. The kit and the book together would normally cost about \$93, Stewart said.

"Army Community Service has paid for the majority of it," he said.

The Fort Riley-Central Kansas Chapter, Association of the United States Army, is providing an additional 10 kits, and 1st Infantry Division Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Lockhart also provided 20 of the kits, Stewart said.

Lockhart said he first encountered the program in 2003 and has attended the counselor training.

"The program gets great results. Soldiers will see a big difference if they stick with it. I would highly recommend the program," he said.

Lockhart also said some of the chaplains help with the classes, and he would like to see the program spread on post.

Stewart said he also would like to see the program spread and is hopeful that the course will continue to be offered free of charge.

"Why take this class?" he asked. "Financial issues are the number one reason for divorce in America. Depending upon the source, financial reasons are also the number one, or part of the number one reason, for suicide in the military, coupled with deployment. Financial reasons also account for the cause of 90 percent of security clearances being revoked or denied," Stewart said.

New classes will begin immediately after the end of the year. For more information, call Stewart at 785-240-5744.

JCHS welcomes new JROTC instructor

By Shandi Dix
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Maj. Charles Wright chose to become a JROTC instructor, he said, because he is a product of JROTC.

"I dropped Latin in high school to take JROTC, and it changed my life. So it would seem logical I would give back," he said.

In the last month, Wright joined the faculty of Geary County Unified School District 475 as the Junction City High School JROTC senior Army instructor.

Wright came to Junction City from Topeka, where he was the senior Army instructor for the JROTC at Topeka West High School for the past

11 years. Through the years, Wright said he has enjoyed his time as a JROTC instructor.

"The thing I like most about JROTC is watching the cadets perform their mission," Wright said. "They are a great group of young Americans who take their roles as cadets seriously and are proud to be members of the Army team."

Wright began his military career in 1979, when he enlisted as an infantryman. In 1986, Wright was commissioned through Officer Candidate School.

During his military career, Wright served in Germany; Korea; Fort Ord, Calif., a former Army post, which closed in 1994; and Fort Bragg, N.C.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Public invited to attend Fall Apple Day Festival

By Col. William Clark
GARRISON COMMANDER



Col. Clark

When I became the garrison commander just a few months ago, I never thought one of my duties would include baking apple pies. But on Sept. 19, I did just that - I assisted the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley in baking one of more than 2,000 pies that will be sold at Fort Riley's annual Fall Apple Day Festival. I'm pretty excited for my first Apple Day, and if you are new to post - or even if you are not - I hope you are, too, because this event is jam-packed with fun activities for Soldiers, Families, civilians, retirees and our Central Flint Hills Region community members.

Head onto post Sept. 24 and follow the signs to Artillery Parade Field, where you will see historical reenactments,

static vehicle displays, weapon firing ranges, K-9 and the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard demonstrations and much, much more.

Activities for children will include an obstacle course and ATV Rodeo, as well as inflatables, a rock climbing wall and a petting zoo.

The festival will feature live music throughout the day, including a performance from Fort Riley's Operation Rising Star winner.

One of the biggest attractions is the Expo tent, which will be full of organizations from across post. Stop by the Ready Army booth to find out

what you need to be prepared for Kansas weather. The Leisure Travel Center will have brochures for numerous travel deals offered through its office. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, will showcase many of their programs and will share information on how to participate in its treasure hunt. Make sure to stop by the Expo tent to find out what's available to you on post.

I also encourage you to stop by Irwin Army Community Hospital's Community Health Experience tent. Here, they will have information on health care services, but they also will be administering flu shots to qualified Tricare beneficiaries. So not only can you enjoy all that Fort Riley has to offer, but you also can get your flu shot out of the way for the upcoming influenza season.

By the time you've been through all the activities and tents, you may want a bite to eat. We have that, too. Our Family readiness groups will fill a tent with food items for sale. And don't forget HASR's apple pies - available by the slice or whole.

While Fort Riley is open to visitors every day of the year, the Fall Apple Day Festival provides a great opportunity for visitors and residents alike to see everything Fort Riley has to offer in one location.

I highly encourage you to visit our post Sept. 24. So pack up the car, come out to Fort Riley and enjoy all we have to offer.

If you have comments on this article or a suggested topic for the Community Corner, email rfc.post.newspaper@conus.army.mil.

THE EYE DOCTORS' TREASURE HUNT

For the EyeDoctors Optometrists' Backlist Pro

Follow clues to the key for the EyeDoctors Optometrists' Logbook Pro

The Fort Riley Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation (FAMWR) will be giving out a MacBook Pro to the winner of the Treasure Hunt, provided by The EyeDoctors Optometrists.

Contest Rules:

- Contest begins at 9am and participants have until 3pm to complete the hunt.
- Search for FAMWR marketing brochures (inside of eye chart).
- Record the color of each page print on the entry form from the brochure found. Locations may be visited in any order. Location of the page print are indicated on the map.
- After completing the entry form, participants must return to the FAMWR marketing booth for verification by 3pm.
- Qualifying individuals will then enter their name in a drawing. 10 names will be chosen at random on stage and the finalists must be present and within walking distance of the stage to be present and within walking distance from the stage at 3:30pm. The 10 finalists will draw a name for a key and take a turn at solving the puzzle for the prize provided by The EyeDoctors Optometrists.
- If under the age of 18, the child's parent or guardian must be present to win.

See more at [http://TheEyeDoctorsOptometrists.com/BacklistPro](#)

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FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS

Apple Pie Sales
ATV Rodeo (subject to availability)
Cavalry Tactics Demo
Community Health Experience
Eggs Test
Fire and Rescue Display
Food Test and Picnic Area
Inflatables
6-5 Demo
Laser/Volley Range

Motorcycle Rally
Music & Entertainment
Obstacle Course
Paintball Range
Period Re-Enactors
Petting Zoo
Rock Ball
Scout Day
Static Displays
Treasure Hunt

Schedule of Events:

Cavalry Tactics Demo	9:00am
"Living Your Line Music"	9:30am-11:30am
6-5 Demo	9:00am
Cavalry Tactics Demo	10:00am
6-5 Demo	10:00am
Motorcycle Rally/Motorcycle Rally	10:00am
Tricare Health Wellness Center	10:00am-10:00pm
"Lucky 13" Live Music	12:00pm-10:00pm
Scout Day	12:00pm
Cavalry Tactics Demo	1:00pm
6-5 Demo	2:00pm
Cavalry Tactics Demo	2:00pm

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2011 FALL APPLE DAY FESTIVAL

SEP 24, 9AM-3PM
ARTILLERY PARADE FIELD

What's Inside:
Parking Map
Fall Festival Map
Schedule of Events
Rules and Timeline for Treasure Hunt

DO NOT FORGET!
ALL INFO IS AT THE FESTIVAL!

HEREDRAGONS SET FORT RILEY'S HISTORY THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF HISTORY.

Shuttle Parking & Event Location Map

Main Post

Legend:
Shuttle Service Parking
Event spaces will be provided to you from these locations.
Self-Service Parking
Event Locations

Event Layout Map

Map showing event locations: ART VEHICLE DISPLAYS, EYE DOCTORS, LASER RANGE, CAVALRY TACTICS, FIRE AND RESCUE, FOOD TEST AND PICNIC AREA, PETTING ZOO, ROCK BALL, SCOUT DAY, STATIC DISPLAYS, TREASURE HUNT, MOTORCYCLE RALLY, MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT, OBSTACLE COURSE, PAINTBALL RANGE, PERIOD RE-ENACTORS, TRICARE HEALTH WELLNESS CENTER, "Lucky 13" Live Music, "Living Your Line Music", 6-5 Demo, Cavalry Tactics Demo.

Legend:
Tactical Teams: Historical Unit Briefing
Tactical Teams: Family Life
Tactical Teams: Current Operations
Apple Pie Sales Tent
Command Tent (Art & Food)
6-5 Demo
Obstacle Course
Fire And Drills
Shaded Drive Stakes
Pony Show (New Location)

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