



Another FROG Youth Hunt success story! (See inside)

FORT RILEY OUTDOORSMEN GROUP



Wild Turkey Served at the General's Quarters

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Major General Carter Ham, Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division, recently served up some wild gobbler to guests. Ham learned from Lt. Col. Chris Kubik, FROG Board member, that Kubik had an excess of wild turkeys in the freezer from hunts in Kansas and South Dakota. Ham invited Kubik to dish out some of that excess at a recent staff social for Col. Walt Gilliam, outgoing Chief of



Staff. The wild turkey was a hit among the command and staff and spouses. Lt. Col. Kurt Schneider, 1st ID G2, authenticated the "wild" part of the turkey when he bit down on a chunk of #4 Hevi-shot. The tasty turkey provoked a few turkey hunting stories from the staff. G8 Lt. Col. Bill Bunting told the story of how he decapitated a huge gobbler with a single shot, and the crowd also heard a little about Brig. Gen. Jim Yarbrough's spring turkey hunting success. Read more about Yarbrough's hunt below.



Privately Owned Firearms Range Dates:

- 01 Jul Sat
- 07 Jul Sat
- 08 Jul Sun
- 14 Jul Sat
- 15 Jul Sun
- 21 Jul Sat
- 22 Jul Sun
- 28 Jul Sat Unavailable
- 29 Jul Sun

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Brig. Gen. Yarbrough Tags First Spring Gobbler

Command Sergeant Major Don Wright recently guided Brigadier General Jim Yarbrough on a successful spring turkey hunt.

Wright says that he and the Assistant Division Commander for Operations had a very good set-up. They slipped in under cover of darkness and were well within the kill zone of the roost.

And in fact, it started off textbook, with hens coming in as expected. However, the gobbler stuck tight to the roost until the hens wandered off.

At that point, Wright and Yarbrough decided to get aggressive. They uprooted and went after the flock.



We all know how hard it is to sneak up on a flock of turkeys, with those beady little eyes prying apart the woods.

But Wright and Yarbrough were able to close the gap, using a slight rise as cover.

Just over the rise, and well within range, two jakes trailed the flock.

Yarbrough shouldered his 10 gauge cannon and turned loose a 3 1/2" artillery round at the unsuspecting bird.

Needless to say, the turkey went down like a, well, like a Jake shot at close range with a 3 1/2 inch 10 gauge shell.

CSM Wright killed or guided kills on 19 birds this spring.

BG Yarbrough deployed a week or so to Iraq, where he is now the Iraq Assistance Group Commander.

Spike TV Presents "Mantlers" Award to 1st ID



FROG Board member Kubik poses with Spike TV's golden "Mantlers," recently awarded to the 1st Infantry Division.

During the 2007 "Guy's Choice Awards" on Spike TV, the 1st Infantry Division was specially recognized with the first "Mantlers" award ever given.

The "Mantlers" award is a golden set of antlers. Curiously enough, the antlers seemed to be an odd sort of mulie / whitetail antler mix, with no

brow tines. Rough score was probably 100 B&C points—this was not one of our Fort Riley monster buck antlers!

The "Mantlers" were presented as special recognition for the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women of the US Army.

Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, Commanding General of the Divi-

sion, accepted the award surrounded by 1st Infantry Division Soldiers. The clip aired on Wednesday, 13 June.

FROG Board member Chris Kubik's PAO office coordinated the video presentation. Kubik took a few liberties by getting himself photographed with the "Mantlers" (at left).

Three tons of Catfish dumped into Fort Riley ponds!



FROG Board Member Dave Seigel's sons Luke and Daniel show their Dad a catfish they reeled in during a campout at Milford Lake.

That's right—6000 pounds of catfish have been dumped into the waters of Fort Riley since March 26th!

Did you know that the Conservation office regularly stocks many of the post's ponds and lakes with both trout and catfish?

The most recent stocking was on the 31st of May, when a ton of catfish were added to 20 different ponds and lakes throughout the post.

Fishing doesn't get much better than right here at sunny Fort Riley. You do not need a post permit to fish, and kids under 16 don't need a permit either!

So what are you waiting for?

You can buy nightcrawlers and angle worms at Wal-Mart or a few of the local gas / bait shops in the area. The PX sells basic fishing gear.

The most popular lake to fish is Moon Lake. Moon Lake is

stocked the most, and has plenty of bank area to fish from .

There are also picnic areas available at Moon Lake.

Other popular fishing holes on main post are Breakneck Lake and Cameron Springs.

The ponds out north in the training area are great for some solitary fishing, but make sure you check to ensure the training area is open before you head out.



The green sunfish has the blue tab on the gill cover and is often confused with the bluegill. Commonly referred to as perch, green sunfish are aggressive and easy to catch. The Kansas record weighed 2 pounds, 6 ounces.

Fort Riley Master Angler Award Program

Did you know that if you catch a fish by legal means on Fort Riley that meets the minimum weight requirements listed below, you are entitled to a Fort Riley Master Angler Award?

It's true! And the minimum weights are not that high!

However, you must bring your

fish to the Conservation Office, 1020 Huebner Road, for official weighing and award application.

Here are some of the minimum weights required:
Largemouth Bass - 4 lbs
Bluegill - 1 lb
Channel catfish - 10 lbs (set line 20 lbs.)

Flathead catfish - 30 lbs (set line 40 lbs.)
Crappie - 2 lbs
Green Sunfish - 1 lb
Bullhead - 2 lbs
Carp - 15 lbs

Click on the "Outdoor Recreation" link at www.riley.army.mil for more information.

RANGE 9

YOUR PRIVATELY-OWNED FIREARMS RANGE

By Anna Staatz Fort Riley Post Staff writer, and Chris Kubik

Enjoy the smell of hot lead, but don't get the opportunity often enough? Fort Riley Soldiers, military retirees and Department of Defense civilians can take advantage of using a military range to fire their own weapons on the weekends.

"We've been pretty fortunate," said Bob Forman, who coordinates volunteer safety officers for the weekend shoots. "We've got a fair number of volunteers and we've got it open every day it's available in June."

Forman, who retired from the Army at Fort Riley and currently teaches at the post middle school, said the goal is to have a safety officer present for the range to be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. It's not always possible, due to conflicting schedules and units training on adjacent ranges. But for the days it's offered, the rules are few.



Range OIC David Williams, retired US Army, under umbrella, with Bob Forman at back. Range 9 has 10 firing positions.

Forman said visitors should keep safety at the forefront, make sure their guns are registered on post with the Provost Marshal's office and bring hearing pro-

tection. Targets and holders are provided.

"Mr. (Lee) Breidenstein gets a great deal of credit in us being able to do this," Forman said. "He's really helped us with a lot of things, especially making sure we have targets."



Range Coordinator Bob Forman blows another 7.62 round into the bulls-eye at Range 9 on Saturday, June 23rd. Bob took over coordinating the range last fall.

Those planning to visit the range should call ahead "to avoid disappointment," Forman said. "It's always best to call first. I would recommend the Soldiers who are going to shoot out there get there pretty early so they get a full day of shooting," he said. Use of a range for privately owned firearms has varied in the nearly 10 years it has been available.

In the last several years, Forman said, attendance had been as high as 50 guests in a day and as low as three or four. Guests can shoot up to a 458 magnum rifle, black powder up to .75 calibers, and pistols are unrestricted.

If you plan to go shoot, Forman said to remember it's a range and accommodations "are rustic." Several benches are available for use, he said,

and visitors should remember sunscreen and bring their own food and water if they plan to be at the range for an entire day.

Range OIC David Williams says that this is a very safe range. Williams generally volunteers twice a month to run the range, and cannot recall any range accidents.

Williams attributes the safe record to the experience of the OICs. Many are retired from the Army, and Williams notes that they have collectively run thousands of ranges during their active duty years.

Williams notes that the beginning of the month generally finds the range very busy, but towards the end of the month, the range slows down.

Enjoy the smell of hot lead

Where: Range 9

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. most Saturdays and Sundays.

Info: Call ahead – 239-4200 – to make sure the range will be open at designated times. For additional information about using the range or what weapons are allowed, e-mail Bob Forman at bobforman@usd475.org.

4TH ANNUAL FROG BANQUET SET FOR 7 SEPT.

The 2007 Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group Annual Banquet is set to sell out quick this year. Seating is limited to the first 250 outdoorsmen who buy tickets. Last year's event drew a crowd of nearly 200, and this year we expect to fill to capacity.

What do you get? Included in your ticket is a year-long membership to the hunting / habitat organizations, free food and drinks, silent auctions, raffles,



plenty of parking, and the event is open to the public.

The auction is the FROG's major fundraiser for the year. Over \$10,000 was raised last year through our generous sponsors and auction buyers.

Tickets will go on sale soon. Contact the FROG for more information at fortriley-outdoorsmngroup@yahoo.com.



art and outdoor services live auction, and a chance to meet up with other Fort Riley outdoor enthusiasts.

FROG shirts and hats will be on sale at the event as well.

The Banquet is set to be held in Riley's Conference Center on main post, Fort Riley on Friday, September 7th. There is



2006 Banquet Sponsors Very Generous in Giving to Fort Riley

Last year, these very generous Underwriters and Sponsors of the 2006 FROG Annual Banquet raised \$10,000 in support of the organization. The FROG has since put much of these contributions towards an archery 3-D range (lifelike animal targets at varying ranges) and an archery static range (fixed square targets for everyday practice), along with blinds and equipment for youth hunts. **THANK YOU!!** Please remember these sponsors as the great supporters of the outdoors at Fort Riley.

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Notes from the Conservation Department - Elk Tags! Noodling!

Elk tag application deadline is July 13, and are available online: http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/hunting/applications_and_fees/antelope_elk or pick up a hard copy at the Conservation Office. A total of 7 any-elk permits and 12 antlerless-only elk permits were authorized for the 2007 draw.

- The 2007 Deer Fact Sheets will be available on 2 July at the Conservation Office.
- Both Cameron Springs and Moon Lake will be regularly

stocked with rainbow trout starting October 2007 due to an increase in state Trout Permits sold at Fort Riley.

- The Fort Riley Hunting and Fishing Regulation is currently under review. Major changes include transportation of firearms and restricting vehicles to map-marked roads and trails.

- Hand fishing (noodling) is now legal for flathead catfish in the Kansas River, including that portion on Fort Ri-

ley. The season runs June 15 -Aug 31; permits cost \$27.15 in addition to the regular state fishing license.

- Kansas may allocate more any season permits and may make most permits valid state-wide. This may affect deer hunting on Fort Riley. The Conservation Office will likely hold a few public meetings this fall to discuss the actual impact on Fort Riley.



Lt. Col. Frank Zachar with the bull elk he tagged last fall on Fort Riley.

FROG Youth Hunter Bags Last-Minute Bird

FROG Board member Shawn Stratton says “never give up.”

Shawn volunteered to take youth Kyle Stanley on a second youth hunt. During the first hunt, Shawn brought a gobbler in to within 10 yards of Kyle, but Kyle was not quite ready to bag his first bird.

During the last couple of days of the season, Shawn volunteered to take Kyle out again.

This time, Kyle was ready. Shawn says that “We were swatting mosquito’s before the bird showed up, but forgot about them when he started walking up the foodplot!”

Shawn had decoys set up in the

foodplot, and the duo was out well before sunrise in their quest for a spring gobbler.

Shawn says it was a classic hunt: “He came off the roost gobbling and walked right into the decoys at about 15 yards.”

With this last bird, the final tally on FROG Youth Hunt birds is four in the freezer.

“He came off the roost gobbling.”



Kyle Stanley with a big smile and a big spring gobbler.

Profile: Board Member Dave Seigel



Dave Seigel, the hunting dad, poses with one of his 2007 birds.

Board member Lt. Col. Dave Seigel has been an avid outdoorsman all of his life. Dave originally hails from Oklahoma, but moved to Warrensburg, Missouri as a child.

Since he was a young child, Dave “enjoyed and spent quite a bit of time outdoors—be it hunting, fishing, camping, scouting . . . I still have those passions today.”

Dave says that “whenever time allows, I love to get out and call in a gobbler turkey, sit up in a tree stand waiting for the “big one,” watch a flock of mallards come into the decoys, or take my boys camping.”

Dave loves the opportunities at Fort Riley, citing the proximity to Milford and Tuttle Lakes.

If you get the chance to visit Dave’s quarters, you’ll see

some trophy antlers and beards. Dave is probably one of the most modest hunters you’ll find, but also one of the greatest.

If you push him, he will confess to having killed probably over a hundred turkeys thus far.

Dave Seigel—the “hunting dad” and a hunter’s hunter.

We’re all proud to know Dave and to have him as a FROG board member.



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Mission: Promote conservation and outdoor recreation on Fort Riley.

Vision: The FROG creates and sustains strong interest in Fort Riley's environment, wildlife, and recreational opportunities by educating the public, sponsoring conservation and recreational projects, and promoting outdoor recreation.

Key Tasks:

1. Educate and inform the public -- especially youth, beginners, and newcomers -- on outdoor safety, proper ethics, environmental stewardship, and recreational opportunities.
2. Sponsor conservation projects that interest the public and enhance the current program.
3. Sponsor recreational projects that enhance outdoor recreation skills and increase interest in recreational participation.
4. Sponsor recreational events to generate interest in outdoor recreation.
5. Gain and sustain effective relationships with Fort Riley and community leaders to ensure adequate emphasis and resources for conservation and recreation programs.

Endstate: FROG's efforts in conservation and recreation on Fort Riley improve habitat, optimize wildlife populations, and increase ethical, informed participation in outdoor recreation.

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