



# 1<sup>st</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION & FORT RILEY

## Community Update



### “Dragon” Brigade Soldier honored with Silver Star

By SPC Shantelle J. Campbell  
4th IBCT PAO

JUNCTION CITY – During the 1st Infantry Division Ball May 8 inside the Marriott’s ballroom, a mortarman with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team received the Silver Star.

Sgt. Jared D. Gilmore, a native of Ruston, La., received the third highest military decoration for his actions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while he served with the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade.

While setting up a vehicle patrol base inside a small village in Afghanistan, the area where Gilmore and his platoon were emplaced came under attack by a group of insurgents using rocket propelled grenades. During the attack, the platoon’s observation post and mortar pit was struck. As a result, Gilmore and other Soldiers from the platoon

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Photo By SGT Dustin Roberts/2nd HBCT

Col. Joseph Martin, commander, 2nd HBCT, 1st Inf. Div., MND-B, hands out pencils May 11 to Iraqi children in the Hurriyah neighborhood. Iraqi children in the Hurriyah neighborhood of northwest Baghdad.

**Commanding General:** Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks

**Garrison Commander:** Col. Richard Piscal

**Division Command Sergeant Maj.:** Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne

**Garrison Command Sergeant Major:** Command Sgt. Maj. Ian Mann

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## Baghdad neighborhood responds to the positive efforts of the ‘Daggers’

By SGT Dustin Roberts  
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BAGHDAD – In the past year, a neighborhood in northwest Baghdad has overcome sectarian violence and seen vast improvements in security, essential services and civil capacity.

The Iraqi media saw first-hand May 11 that, through partnership with the local government, Iraqi security forces and the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, citizens of the Hurriyah neighborhood of northwest Baghdad are witnessing an improvement in their community.

In a walk-through of a busy market street, various Iraqi television stations met with civic, tribal and security leaders, as well as 2nd HBCT leaders, and saw a cleaner environment and thriving shops.

“We’re trying to show the people of Hurriyah, the people who live outside of Hurriyah and throughout Baghdad, the security, civic and essential service im-

provements in Hurriyah,” said Capt. Nathan Williams, a native of Raleigh, N.C., and commander of Company A, 1st Bn., 18th Inf. Regt.

“There are a lot of misconceptions out there that the area hasn’t been prospering recently. We’re trying to spread the word that things have improved so people can come back to Hurriyah.”

Because the word came from the neighborhood’s leaders and the local media, it is likely the people of Iraq will find Hurriyah’s improvements more credible.

Williams added that the population of Hurriyah also sees street sweepers cleaning up trash and much of the sewage from the past has been removed.

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quickly responded by re-establishing and re-securing the observation post and pushing the insurgents back.

As he remembered and revealed his thoughts on receiving the award, Gilmore remained humble by saying, "I was just a part of the team."

The Silver Star is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Army, is cited for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force.

### 1st ID assets to support 65th D-Day Anniversary in Abilene

The Combat Aviation Brigade, the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and the 1st ID Marching Band, are scheduled to participate with the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum to mark the 65th anniversary of D-Day on June 5-7.

Events will include a scholarly symposium, USO dance, military and civilian re-enactors, military vehicle displays, a parade, a Salina Symphony performance and information booths.

Abilene's 65th commemorative parade is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on June 6 in downtown Abilene. The event will begin on June 5 with a welcome reception and a play performance of *South Pacific*.

For more information, go to <http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/D-Day.html>, or call the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum at (785) 263-6700.



Photo By Paula Nardella, 1st Infantry Division Post

Actor and musician Gary Sinise and his Lt. Dan Band provided a welcome home concert on May 8 for Fort Riley troops recently returned from deployments in Iraq. The name of the band recalls Mr. Sinise's role in the award-winning 1994 film "Forrest Gump."

## Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band plays for troops at Airfield

By Paula Nardella  
Staff Writer, 1st Infantry Division Post

On May 8, Soldiers, Family members and civilians got a chance to rock out for free with Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band at Marshall Army Airfield.

"I think it's very, very important that we do everything we can to support our troops and let them know, and their Families know, that we care about them, and we appreciate what they're doing," said Gary Sinise, frontman and bass player for the group.

The concert was sponsored by TriWest Healthcare Alliance. The 11-member band performed songs from a variety of different bands and musicians.

To show support for the Combat Aviation Brigade and 1st Sustainment Brigade Soldiers who

recently returned from deployments to Iraq, a place right in front of the stage was roped off for them and their Families.

The fans told the band their first show at Fort Riley was a success in the form of cheers, screams, whistles and shouts, which coaxed the band back out on stage for a four-song encore.

At the conclusion of the performance, Sinise accepted a gift on behalf of the band from Maj. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley.

For more information on the band, visit [www.ltdanband.com](http://www.ltdanband.com).

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# Purple Heart awarded to wounded WTB Soldier

*Sgt. Jerad Gough of Idaho survived head injuries and looks to return to duty*

By Nikia Simon  
IACH Marketing Specialist

A Warrior Transition Battalion Soldier received a Purple Heart May 5 at the WTB town hall meeting. Col. Howard "Lee" Merritt and Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ricks of the WTB presented Sgt. Jerad Gough with the Purple Heart.

Originally from Gooding, Idaho, Gough was assigned to Fort Riley for his second deployment. Gough suffered head injuries in a roadside attack Dec. 14, 2008, in Iraq while serving with the 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Gough and three other Soldiers were struck by roadside grenades and enemy small arms fire. "We pushed through the kill zone to assess our injuries and triage ourselves," Gough recalled. "Luckily one of the wounded Soldiers

was a medic and despite his injuries was able to prioritize emergency treatment for the rest of us," Gough said, adding he felt fortunate they escaped with limbs intact.

Gough said he plans to reintegrate back into his unit and continue his career as an infantry mortarman in June. For now he is recovering with the WTB.

The Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to members of the armed forces who were wounded or killed while protecting the U.S. and defending its freedoms. As he received the award, Gough said, "This was not an award I aspired to receive, but it is nice to be a part of the Purple Heart Society (association)."



<b>MAY 2009 STATUS REPORT</b>			
<i>*All numbers are approximate</i>	<b>Mar. 2009</b>	<b>Apr. 2009</b>	<b>May 2009</b>
1st Infantry Division military personnel assigned to Fort Riley, KS (not including Military Transition Team personnel)	15,766	15,910	15,798
Active Duty Soldiers Deployed Overseas (Not including deployed Military Transition Teams)	4,408	4,193	4,224
1st Infantry Division military personnel assigned to the Nebraska location	56	56	57
Military Transition Team Members assigned to Fort Riley	644	906	962
Total Military Transition Team Members deployed	4,456	4,554	4,424
Activated Reservists working on Fort Riley	204	204	211

## IACH News Briefs

### IACH Tours now available

Irwin Army Community Hospital is now offering Information Tours showcasing available service.

The next IACH I-Tour is scheduled for 3 June 09 from 1000 – 1200 and continuing the first Wednesday of each month thereafter.

There will be 15 available slots for the tour. Specialized group briefings can be arranged on an individual basis for particular affiliations and organizations.

Interested patrons should be directed to call Nikia Simon, IACH Public Affairs/Marketing Specialist, at 240-7059 to make reservations.

### IACH, TriWest mail order and express scripts

IACH and TriWest offer mail order and express scripts refill options.

The mail order service expedites prescription processing and allows people to manage their prescriptions on-line from their homes, 24-hours per day.

The prescriptions are delivered by mail to the patients' residence. These services are frequently used by Soldiers while deployed.

Non-active duty patients incur a \$3 co-payment for generic drugs and \$9 for name-brand prescriptions. There are no co-payment fees for active duty Soldiers.

To enroll for mail order delivery options visit [www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE) or call 1-866-363-8667 or (785) 239-7427.

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**Currently deployed, as of  
May 28, 2009:**

- 97 Military Police Battalion's working dog teams
- 300 Military Police Company
- 2 Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division
- Military Transition Teams
- 287 Military Police Company
- 84 Ordnance Company (EOD)
- Total of 17 IACH personnel deployed
- Elements of MEDDAC assigned to the 10 Combat Support Hospital (CSH), 115 CSH, 1835 Med (Combat Stress Team), Institute for Surgical Research (ISR), 274 Fwd Surgical Team, 47 CSH.
- Elements of 10 Air Support Operations Squadron, USAF
- 630 Ordnance Company (EOD)

**Scheduled to deploy:**

- Military Transition Teams
- 126 Finance Company (HQ, Det A, and Det B)
- 1 Ordnance Company (Maint)
- 541 Combat Support Battalion
- 4 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

**60-day event calendar**

**JUNE 3**

— 9 a.m. 101st BSB  
*Change of Command Ceremony. Custer Hill Parade Field, Fort Riley. The public is invited.*

**JUNE 3**

— 10 a.m. Irwin Army Community Hospital Informational Tour. Please see item on page 3 of this newsletter for more information.

**JUNE 4**

— 7 p.m. "1st ID Day."  
*Junction City Generals vs the Topeka Golden Giants at Rathert Stadium at 13th and Calhoun in Junction City. Featured is*

**JUNE 5**

— 9 a.m. United States Army Garrison Change of Command Ceremony, Ware Parade Field in front of Bldg 500.

**JUNE 6**

— 4:30 p.m. Junction City Block Party at the C.L. Hoover Opera House. (See Page 5).

**JUNE 5-7**

— 65th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. Eisenhower Museum and Library, Abilene. (See Page 2).

**JUNE 7**

— 7 p.m. "2nd/11D Day." Junction City Generals vs Mac 'n Seitz at Rathert Stadium at 13th and Calhoun in Junction City.

**JUNE 10**

— 9 a.m. 1-16th Inf.  
*Change of Command Ceremony. Custer Hill Parade Field. The public is invited.*

**JUNE 11**

— 9 a.m. Army Birthday Ceremony. at the US Cavalry Museum on Fort Riley. The public is invited.

**JUNE 12-15**

— Training Holiday for the First Infantry Division.

**JUNE 20**

— 10 a.m. Manhattan Juneteenth Celebration featuring the 1st Infantry Division Marching Band and the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard. Downtown Manhattan.

**JUNE 21**

— 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. Fathers Day BBQ Brunch at the Riley's Conference Center. Indoor and Outdoor seating available. Adults 13.95 and children 6.95.

Call (785) 784-1000 for more information.

**JUNE 24**

— 9 a.m. Monthly Retirement Ceremony. The public is welcome to join Soldiers Family and Friends in congratulating new Army retirees on a great accomplishment. Bldg 580.

**JUNE 25**

— 7:30 a.m. Junction City Military Affairs Council Breakfast at the Junction City Marriott at 310 Hammons Dr. Guest Speaker is Col Jeff Johnson, MEDDAC commander.

**JULY 1-5**

— Sundown Salute. A five-day celebration of our nation's independence held in Junction City and featuring assets and support from Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division. [www.sundownsalute.org](http://www.sundownsalute.org)

**JULY 4**

— 12 p.m. Independence Day Wreath-Laying at the Vietnam Veterans

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For more 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley news visit [www.1divpost.com](http://www.1divpost.com).

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# Junction City block party at C.L. Hoover Opera House

The staff of the C.L. Hoover Opera House in Junction City will have their first unveiling of the 2009-2010 performance season. This year's party will feature a block party located directly outside of the opera house on the 600 block of North Jefferson Street.

The festivities will be on Saturday, June 6 beginning with a cash bar and social time at 4:30 p.m. complete with background music provided by Manhattan area reggae band, Muziezie.

A buffet dinner will be available beginning at 5 p.m. Dinner, catered by Negril Caribbean, will consist of jerk chicken, curry chicken, rice, hamburgers and hot dogs. Cost is \$6 per person.

Beginning at 6 p.m. the new season lineup will be unveiled. The second season of the opera house will consist of 25 different shows. The season will consist of programming suitable for preschool kids, adults and all in between. Shows will consist of all types of music from or-

chestral and jazz to rock and country. The second season also will host traveling theater shows for young and old, the return of stand up comedy and the beginning of the opera house's relationship with independent films. Finishing out the block party, opera house staff will raffle off two tickets to the season opening performance by the country band "Confederate Railroad."

The evening will conclude with a jazz concert in the theater featuring "Michael T. Brown and

Friends." Brown is a local firefighter and performing jazz musician. His eight-piece jazz group will feature local jazz musicians, Kansas State University faculty members and Kansas City area jazz performers. Tickets for the concert will be \$10 and will be available at the door or by calling 785-238-3103. All tickets will be available through the opera house prior to June 6 and on the day of the party and concert. For more information, call (785) 238-3103 or stop by 135 W. Seventh St.

## 60-day event calendar (cont.)

*Memorial in Junction City by representatives of Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division.*

### **JULY 3-6**

— *Training Holiday for the First Infantry Division.*

### **JULY 8**

— *10 a.m. Community Partnership Conference at the Riley Conference Center. The topic is healthcare. There are no CPCs scheduled for June or August.*

### **JULY 16**

— *7 p.m. "DHHB and 97th Military Police Day." Junction City Generals vs. the Beatrice Bruins at Rathert Stadium at 13th and Calboun in Junction City.*

### **JULY 22**

— *9 a.m. Monthly Retirement Ceremony for all new Army retirees Bldg 580.*

### **JULY 23**

— *7:30 a.m. Junction City Military Affairs Council Breakfast at the Junction City Marriott at 310 Hammons Dr. Guest Speaker TBD.*

### **JULY 23**

— *7:30 p.m. Kaw Valley Rodeo Military Appreciation Night, featuring the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard. Riley County Fairgrounds, CiCo Park, at the intersection of Wreath and Kimball n Manhattan.*

### **JULY 23-24**

— *7 p.m. "CAB Brigade Day." Junction City Generals vs. the Liberal Bee Jays at Rathert Stadium at 13th and Calboun in Junction City.*

### **JULY 29-AUG 1**

— *5 p.m. Central Kansas Free Fair Parade & Wild Bill Rodeo in Abilene, featuring the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard. Various loca-*

*tions. Please see the following website for more information:*

*[www.wildbillbickokrodeo.com](http://www.wildbillbickokrodeo.com)*

### **Long-range schedule and information**

— *Aug. 4 at 9a.m. 1001 Military Police Bn (CID) Change of Command Ceremony at the Cavalry Parade Field. The public is welcome.*

— *Aug. 6-9. Training Holiday for the First Infantry Division.*

— *Aug. 8-9 at 1 p.m. Kansas City Royals Salute to Uniformed Heroes Day at Kaufman Stadium. Royals vs. the Oakland Athletics.*

— *Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. 1st Infantry Division Band Jazz Spectacular. C.L. Hoover Opera House, 135 W. 7th St. in Junction City.*