



234 years ago...on July 4th,
1776

This great nation, the United States of America,
In a struggle for what was right and free,
Was proudly born...
May we celebrate that precious freedom
For which our forbears fought so bravely...
The freedom that is inherent
In the Stars and Stripes, our revered flag...
Celebrate Freedom
This Fourth of July!

Happy Birthday America!

Thank you to all the Soldiers and their families for ensuring our Freedom!



6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade

The Heart of the Branch



July 2010

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Dear the new Soldiers and Families of 6th ADA BDE,

Welcome to 6th ADA BDE team! Your Family Readiness Team is designed to serve as an introduction to 6th ADA BDE and the Fort Sill community and provide you the resources that will help you make a smooth transition. 6th ADA BDE has four battalions and sixteen batteries, each with their own FAMILY READINESS GROUP (FRG). Each FRG operates directly under the guidance of the company commander and his or her appointed representative. You and your Family members are automatically a part of the FRG managed by your Soldier's command. You are the essential ingredient to a successful FRG and we need your involvement. We are glad you are here and look forward to seeing you at the next FRG event!

Contact your Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA) at 580-442-3547/adafrsa@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/#!/AirDefenseArtillerySchool?pref=ts>

6th ADA BDE Farewell Ceremony





Commander: COL William Stacey
Chaplain: MAJ Douglas Chaplain

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Bryan Pinkney
Family Readiness Support: Lisa Villarreal-Hughes

Looking for some summer savings and suggestions? Click on <http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/Tools/MilitaryRecreationMWR.aspx> to check out the "Summer Vacation Planning" section at Military OneSource online to assist with ideas.

Find military discounts, links to online libraries and explore the best kept secrets <http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/Tools/MilitaryRecreationMWR/BestKeptSecretsMWR.aspx> of military lodging facilities. Do you need any information or have any questions? Please feel free to contact your FRSA at 580-919-6413 or 580-442-3547 for answers or suggestions. Take care and have a wonderful week!

National Military Family Association Family of Year Nominations

As someone familiar with the military, you know that while one member joins, the whole family serves. The National Military Family Association's Family of the Year Award recognizes strong military families who embrace their service to the Nation, are role models in their community, and understand that together they are stronger. Nominate your family or a special family you know. One family from each of the seven Uniformed Services will be chosen, from the nominations submitted, to represent their Service branch. That's right—we'll pick a family from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, NOAA and the USPHS. From these seven outstanding families, one family will be named the National Military Family Association Family of the Year! All family finalists will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC for the award ceremony and announcement of the Grand Prize winner. The recipient of the National Military Family Association Family of the Year will also receive a cash prize of \$1,000! Who is it going to be? It could be you! Visit www.militaryfamily.org for more information.

Cash for Trash Recycling Program



- Incentive program designed to encourage recycling
- Units have their credits posted to their unit funds
- FRGs will receive MWR Dollars to be used at cat C MWR facilities: bowling, golf, clubs and/or catered events

July 2010 FRG News

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Toby Keith Concert, Polo Field	3
4 Happy Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9 Army's 235 th Birthday Bash, 1600, PSC	10 Saturday Matinee – Journey to the Center of the Earth, 1PM, Nye Library
11	12 VOM due	13 Babysitting POC: 442- 1098	14 Course	15 Team Sill Target Tour, 0830, BLDG 4700	16	17 OKHomefront- Baby shower
18	19 FRSA TDY 19-30 July	20	21	22	23 Movie in the Park: Monsters vs Aliens	24 <i>Family Retreat @ Great Wolf Lodge 23 -25 July.</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30 Fort Sill Soldier Show, Sheridan Theater 730PM	31 Fort Sill Soldier Show, Sheridan Theater 730PM

High Seas Adventure Vacation Bible School for Kindergarten – 5th Grade, 830-1200, Frontier Chapel register @ www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/FortSill. Registration Deadline is July 19, 2010

Knowledge Management presents: Mimosa!

Many, many years ago when I was a studying Martial Arts as a young man (Highly recommend for the entire family) I had the privilege of attending a seminar given by a visiting Master from Japan, and this is how the introduction went:

Mimosa! In Japan we have a very special plant called the mimosa bamboo. It is very different then any other plant you will see, and it will explain the path that you have chosen for your life.

The Mimosa bamboo seed, is planted deep in the earth, where it will start its growth process, but the thing that is very special about the mimosa bamboo is that you will not see any visible growth of the plant for five years. Can any of you tell me why you do not see anything for five long years? (We all starting speculating and saying, the seed died, the soil was not rich enough, subterranean insects would eat the seeds....) and after we were done the Master continued on with his story.

At the end of five years the mimosa bamboo will sprout from the ground and grow anywhere from five to six feet per day, for the next six weeks growing to over 200 feet tall. The mimosa bamboo is symbolic of each and every one of you and your life. You see, the mimosa will develop a very complex and magnificently made system of underground networks which take five years to develop and then when it is time... MIMOSA! Will spring forth and grow, grow, grow and is considered one of the strongest bamboos' in Japan. If it were not for the time spend underground, it could not have survived the growth that we built inside from its beginnings.

Your way of life (Path) in the Martial Arts is such a path that few have knowledge of or comprehend. Many times you will not understand a technique, kata or reason for doing what we do, but when the time has come (the foundation

has been laid) You will spring forth with understanding and knowing...

This has always been a very special story to me and I have used it many times throughout my life, and I wanted to share it with you so that you will know that, patience is a true virtue and all things come with time. And because you don't receive what you want right now (Remember that every course has a timeframe and it might not be your same time frame).

This can be applied to any part of your life and used in any situation that you may be struggling with, so remember... What you truly want will be yours, hold that image steadfast in your mind...Hold it no matter what, and when the time is right you will get an inspired action to do something, call someone or go somewhere... THEN YOUR GROWTH PROCESS HAS BEGUN AND YOU WILL SPRING FORTH WITH WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE!

PS: Please send us your favorite stories and memories and we'll add then in or maybe run it on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/airdefenseartilleryschool>

Have a super week,

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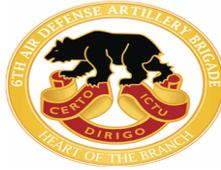
Every charitable act is a stepping stone towards heaven -
HENRY WARD BEECHER

Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared - EDDIE RICKENBACKER

I always thought there was at least one person in the stands who had never seen me play, and I didn't want to let that person down - JOE DIMAGGIO

*My Soldier calls me baby, but
You can call me MRS. HOAH*

Battalion Updates:



2-6 ADA BN- "Set the Standard"



B Battery, 2nd Battalion 6th Air Defense Artillery

"Hit'em Hard"



Saying that it has been a busy month would be an understatement. June has come and gone and now we are looking forward with completely new Command Teams. As you know, I took over B/2-6 ADA on 3 June as well as LTC Adams for 2-6 ADA on 22 June and COL Stacey with 6th ADA BDE on 24 June. It is my honor to command and serve with each member of this battery.

This month we would like to focus on building the Bulldawg Family Readiness Group. I know there are many of you out there that have been asking for a formal FRG to form. The 1SG and I are ready to make this happen. What we are in need of, are spouses that are willing to step forward and help us build a strong team. Our FRG will strive to educate our military families as well as our service members about benefits and resources while providing family support, communication networks, and an agenda of activities to build cohesiveness.

Educating our military families is an essential part of our core responsibility. The more our families are in tune with our daily activities and responsibilities of training new Soldiers; the understanding of its importance is gained. In turn, it is our responsibility to inform our families of the activities, benefits and any safety items that arise. We know that it is going to be very busy over next year, so use the time that you do have with your family wisely. Make plans and goals together. Have fun and be safe.

We will be building an FRG page in the near future to keep in touch, post local and installation activities, and provide resources to assist with any need that arises. Please do not hesitate in contacting myself or the 1SG with questions or concerns regarding the battery. We are here for you and your families.

1SG Wilfrid M. Chapdelaine
B Battery 1SG

CPT Kyle L. Kirkpatrick
B Battery Commander



3-6 ADA BN- “Right Starts Here!”

To all members of 6th Brigade, and especially those members of the “Right Starts Here” Battalion:

I am truly honored to be a part of this fine team here at Fort Sill. My unforgettable welcome to this unit was made possible through the hard work, dedication, and professionalism of each and every Soldier in the battalion. I am eager to get to know the unit, the Soldiers, and the family members, for it is the family members that make a Soldier’s life easier. Thank you to all the spouses, brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers out there who help ease the difficulties of a military lifestyle.

A special thanks to my parents, Dennis and Sun, for giving up their beach view home in California to come here and assist me with my family and to take part in the Family Readiness Group activities here on post. We look forward as a team to leading this battalion to the next level of greatness...a feat difficult to accomplish, as the unit has accomplished so much already.

Once again, I am humbled by the chance to stand in front of this battalion as its leader, and can only hope to serve everyone, Soldiers and family alike, to the best of my ability.

Right Starts Here!

LTC Liz Smith

3-6 Hails and Farewells for June through August 2010

Hails	Farewells
CW4 William L. Thomas and his family	LTC James Payne, his spouse Lisa, their children Patrick, Christian, Carson and Ella. MAJ Ronald Warner and his spouse Donyale MAJ Helene Carras CPT Alex Bachicha and his family CW4 Raymond Allen, his wife Isabel, and their son Christopher and daughters Liliana, and Daniella CW4 Malcolm Weston, his wife Shonrine, his son Malcolm Jr., and three daughters Brittany, Mallonda and Malshoniq CW3 Jenefor Alexander and her son Justin SFC Gary Quinto, his wife Annette, and their children Jasmine, Ty, and Kyle SFC David White SSG Eugenio DeJesus, his wife Tosha, and their children: Julian, Shemeyk, and Emily

3-6 ADA Photos



SSG Vance, of HQ/A 3-6, receives a Plaque from the Arvest Bank Co-op Class Sponsors of the Patriot Master Gunner Program.



SSG Walker, SPC Taylor, SFC Chapman, Vice-President of Arvest Bank (Duncan), and other participants weighing in final catches of the



SSG Walker presents Fishing Tournament Trophies to SSG Farris, Arvest Bank Vice President (Lawton), and LTC Payne.



C Btry 3-6 conducted a launcher display for Arvest Bank, "Day of the Child."



MAJ Aseron of 1-56 ADA, reenlisted SSG Castillo, of 3-6 ADA in front of McNair Hall.



3-6 ADA FRG: Darlene Felecetti, Tara Curtin, Donyale Warner, Maria Eagan, Lisa Payne



FRG Teams

MAJ Matthews, Shawn Matthews, Lisa Payne, LTC Payne, Lisa Villarreal-Hughes, Tara Curtin, Maria Eagan, Donyale Warner and MAJ Warner



Bravo 3-6 ADA

The B BTRY, 3-6 team wants to wish everyone a happy, healthy summer! Now that school is out, what a great opportunity take advantage of what Fort Sill and your FRG has to offer. Our FRG has been keeping busy. June's FRG meeting provided a great opportunity to learn more about the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). Christine Carruthers, EFMP Program Manager, shared the overall mission of the EFMP program as well as answered specific questions family members asked.

Families voted on our summer activity and the decision was reached to host a BBQ at LETRA. We are still in the planning stages and look forward to an awesome event.

One of the best parts of military life is also one of the saddest; many of our great leaders have moved ahead with their assignments. Our FRG would like to say farewell and thank you to COL Donald & Michelle Fryc and LTC James & Lisa Payne along with their beautiful children for all their support to the B BTRY, 3-6 ADA BN families. We wish these leaders and all those who left our brigade best of luck in their future endeavors. They all will certainly be missed.

Welcome COL William & Brigette Stacey and our new battalion Commander, LTC Elizabeth Smith and her family. We see nothing but great things in our future.

Have a wonderful month!

Tara Curtin
FRG Leader
B BTRY, 3-6 ADA BN



June was a very busy month for the Soldiers and Family members of Charlie 3-6 ADA. We said goodbye to our battalion and brigade commanders, LTC Payne and COL Fryc. They will be greatly missed. We wish them and their families the best of luck, as they move on to their next mission. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new battalion and brigade commanders, LTC Smith and COL Stacey and their families. We hope your transition has been relatively smooth and we look forward to working with you.

The Cobra FRG wrapped up the sale of our new unit t-shirts, raising almost \$400. With the money from this fundraiser and our yard sale fundraiser in May, the FRG was able to throw a first class BBQ on June 12th at LETRA. The event was a huge success, with almost 70 people in attendance. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, whether they were just talking and relaxing, playing horse shoes, or just watching the kids run and play. We would like to give an extra special Thank You to our grill master, SSG Salas, who slaved over the hot coals most of the day. The BBQ wouldn't have been as successful without him.

As June comes to a close , we look forward to seeing what July has to offer. I'm sure our Charlie Cobras are up for the challenge.

"RIGHT STARTS HERE"

Darlene Felicetti :)
C 3-6 ADA FRG Leader
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International School Division

The United States Army Fires Center of Excellence is proud of its role in training professional military students from our allied nations around the globe. Attending the Air Defense or Field Artillery School will stimulate your thoughts, extend your professional knowledge, and give you an understanding of the people of the United States. We are totally dedicated to the development and implementation of Air Defense and Field Artillery training for the Army of the future.

The International Student Division (ISD) serves as the principal contact for all International Military Students (IMS) attending courses at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The following information will acquaint you with the facilities and services available to you at Fort Sill and the adjacent community of Lawton, Oklahoma. The mission of the International Student Division is to support the Security Assistance Training Program (SATP) objectives through:

- [ADMINISTRATION:](#) Managing all matters pertaining to administration, liaison, personal affairs, welfare, and discipline of international students.
- [ACADEMICS:](#) Monitor students training, develop Academic Efficiency Reports, coordinate with Staff, Faculty and In-Class Sponsors.
- [SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:](#) Planning, coordinating and executing the Sponsorship Program.
- [FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM:](#) Providing a better understanding of the United States, its people, political systems, institutions, and the American Family way of life through the Field Studies Program (FSP).

Upcoming FSP Activities for July:

9-11 July 2010 - Oklahoma City, OK Field Studies Program (FSP) Tour for International Military Students

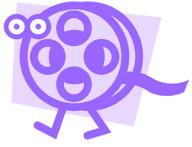
14 JUL 10, ADA BOLC 5-10 CREST CERM (1200-1300 HRS)

14 JUL 10, HOSPITALITY DAY (1200-1300 HRS)

15 July 2010, 1900 hrs., ISD Lounge, Bldg 5690 – Know Your World South Korea

International Spouse Coffee being coordinated with Mrs. Halverson.

Fun for All!



At the Movies

July 10, 1PM **Saturday Matinee, NYE Library** “Journey to the Center of the Earth” This is FREE event. Popcorn and juice will be provided

July 23, 8 PM **Movie in the Park, Elmer Thomas Recreation Park (3rd & Ferris)**, “Monster vs. Aliens”, bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a night out at the park and enjoy! This is a FREE event sponsored by Lawton Department of Parks and Recreation.



MWR Outdoor Recreation, 442-3575

July 3, 7 AM – 10 PM	Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park, Arlington TX, \$32 each
July 7, 730 AM- 10 PM	Frontier City, Oklahoma City, OK, \$23 each
July 8, 9 AM– 4 PM	Tubing, Lake Lawtonka, \$8 each
July 10, 10 AM – 4 PM	Paintball, Arena Paintball Pro, Lawton, OK, (must be over 10), \$15 each
July 11, 8 AM – 430 PM	Waterskiing/Wakeboarding, Lake Lawtonka (must be over 12), \$8 each
July 16, 4 PM – 11 PM	Indoor Rock Climbing, Oklahoma City, OK, \$16-27 each
July 17, 730 AM- 10PM	Hurricane Harbor Water Park, Arlington, TX, \$24 each
July 18, 10 AM – 4 PM	Paintball, Arena Paintball Pro, Lawton, OK, (must be over 10), \$15 each
July 20, 9 AM- 7 PM	Whitewater Bay, Oklahoma City, OK, \$23 each
July 22, 9 AM– 4 PM	Tubing, Lake Lawtonka, \$8 each
July 24, 10 AM – 4 PM	Paintball, Arena Paintball Pro, Lawton, OK, (must be over 10), \$15 each
July 25, 8 AM – 430 PM	Waterskiing/Wakeboarding, Lake Lawtonka (must be over 12), \$8 each
July 28, 4 PM – 11 PM	Indoor Rock Climbing, Oklahoma City, OK. \$16-27 each

Fun at Fort Sill

Fort Sill MWR www.sillmwr.com

Oklahoma Travel www.travelok.com

OKC Zoo www.okczoo.com

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center

www.onthechisholmtrail.com

Museum of the Great Plains

<http://www.museumgreatplains.org>

Jahns Pumpkin Hill

<http://www.jahnpumpkinhill.com/>

LibertyFest, Edmond <http://www.libertyfest.org/>

Sam Nobel Museum of Natural History

<http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/>

Oklahoma Science Museum

<http://www.omniplex.org/>

OKC National Memorial and Museum

<http://www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org/>

Oklahoma State Parks and Resorts

www.touroklahoma.com

Free Craft ideas and templates www.dltk-kids.com

Medicine Park <http://www.medicinepark.com>

Lawton Rangers Rodeo

<http://www.lawtonrangers.org/index.html>

Quartz Mountain

<http://www.quartzmountain.org>

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

www.friendsofthewichitas.org

Lawton Library

<http://www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/library>

Cameron University Theater

http://www.cameron.edu/theatre_arts

Mothers of Pre-Schoolers www.mops.org

Disc Golf www.pdga.com

OKC Botanical Garden

<http://www.myriadgardens.com/index.html>

Sam Nobel Museum <http://www.snomnh.ou.edu>

Backyard Campout

<http://www.nwf.org/backyardcampout>

Kids Off The Couch www.kidsoffthecouch.org

Lawton Community Theater

<http://www.lawtontheatre.org>

Oklahoma City National Memorial

<http://www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org>

Duncan Little Theater

<http://duncanlittletheatre.com>

Chisholm trail stampede

<http://www.chisholmtrailstampede.com>

Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition

www.wichitamountains.org

Scuba Diving www.okscuba.com

Kayaking www.okckayak.com

Sky Diving www.skydiveok.com

Geocaching www.geocaching.com

Children Resources:

Online Resources for Kids, Teens and Their Parents

BAM! Body and Mind www.bam.gov

This is an online destination for kids, created by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. This is designed for kids 9-13 years old to provide information they need to make healthy lifestyle choice. The site focuses on topics such as stress and physical fitness.

YouthRules! www.youthrules.dol.gov

The resources on this website help parents and teens understand the rules in regards to summer employment. Hours worked, workplace safety etc...

Oklahoma Operation: Military Kids



- Join Oklahoma Operation: Military Kids for their second annual **Zoo Snooze** at the Oklahoma City Zoo. This is a one-night camp-in, beginning on July 23 and lasting until the morning of July 24. Cost is \$10 for children and \$12 for adults. Maximum cost per family is \$40. Activities will include an animal show and a guided night tour of the Zoo. To register, contact Karen Brown at karen.brown@okstate.edu.
- Join Oklahoma OMK for two fun-filled days in the water at **White Water Bay**, 3908 West Reno Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73107 ! Admission to White Water Bay is \$14 with a military ID. Questions? Contact Ryan Moehle at ryan.moehle@okstate.edu or Karen Brown at karen.brown@okstate.edu. We can't wait to see you there!