

Complex offers battle command training

Did you know the Mission Training Complex provides quality individual and collective battle staff training support to Fort Sill units?

The MTC, at 3380 Miner Road, is staffed with an experienced team of trainers, technicians and managers to execute facility operations, training management and exercise support. The MTC executes the individual operator, leader and staff training part of the Army Digital Training Strategy.

The facility boasts 40-plus acres of land available to organizations to train as a collective unit. Six classrooms provide unsurpassed individual digital systems and virtual training. It is the primary agency for providing individual and collective

training support to Army Forces Command units.

The MTC mission is to provide the training enablers to conduct individual, leader and collective battle command (digital) training supporting Forces Command, mobilizing and deploying units and to provide training support to Training and Doctrine Command schools with available resources.

The individual Army Battle Command System courses are divided into three sections: communications, data management and mapping.

The communications portion of the class focuses on sharing data between users on like systems, as well as, sending and receiving messages from other ABCS sys-



Did you know?

By Col. Paul Hossenlopp
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tems. During the data management section segment, operators learn skills necessary to deal with the large volumes of information available to system operators, while the mapping section helps operators transition from paper maps to their digital equivalents. The section also details the differing map types and scales while plotting data, in the form of icons and graphics, to the map.

Most tasks are reinforced with practical exercises,

based on a realistic scenario, that mimic those tasks that would be performed in both real world and exercise situations. The standards for these tasks are based upon the Department of the Army provided and approved documentation for each respective system.

Focus is on staff training using constructive simulations to develop collective skills based on commander's training objectives and Soldier needs. The MTC

staff is poised to assist commanders in creating training opportunities to develop proficient staffs. MTC staff members are also fully capable to assist commanders by relieving some of the burden associated with developing training venues, allowing the commander to focus on his training. The MTC uses the digital exercise with the sole purpose of creating an environment that operationally lights up the unit's entire command and control systems helping them validate their setup and verify their operator training. In many cases, these exercises are followed up with command focused vignettes to exercise specific collective tasks.

Units requesting a digital exercise or training must

submit a request through their respective training and operations office, to the MTC operations officer. These requests may be submitted via e-mail, fax or hand carried to Building 3380. No requests can be approved without conducting an initial coordination meeting to verify all the unit's resource, training and security requirements.

Training at the MTC is free for active military of any service, DoD civilians and Reserve or National Guard personnel for whom the training would support their mission. Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information, call MTC operations at 442-4126.

CG: Stay safe over holiday

Columbus Day is a uniquely American holiday that commemorates Christopher Columbus' arrival to the New World more than 500 years ago, an event that shaped the destiny of the Americas and the world.

Fort Sill will observe this holiday Oct. 10. Just as Christopher Columbus was a revered pioneer and innovator, today's generations of Soldiers, civilians and families continue to uphold the finest values of our country.

The long holiday weekend affords the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities, leisure, travel and sports among them. Although highly encouraged and well deserved, this increases the risk of accidents.

The Army's 2011 fall and winter

safety campaign reminds our Team Sill family to "Take 5." We are asking our Soldiers, civilians and families to take a few moments to think about their plans and to make safe decisions. Fatal accidents are often the result of unwise split-second decisions, from choosing to drink and drive or ride unbelted to crossing the street against traffic signals. By taking just a little time to think through their actions, Soldiers and their family members can make better choices and stay safe in everything they do.

September was the Army's suicide prevention month. We increased our awareness with a variety of training, but do not let your vigilance end with the passing of a date. All leaders and

Soldiers must remain engaged with one another and intervene early to eliminate this tragic loss of life.

Take care of your battle buddies. Just a few moments is all it takes to prevent most accidents and ensure that Fort Sill's most valuable resource, our people, return safely from this holiday weekend. As the strength of our Army, Soldiers, civilians and families are an invaluable treasure we cannot afford to lose. Thank you for your service!

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CFC: 50 years of giving

By Cheryl Foster

More than 375 green suiters and civilians turned out at the Patriot Club Sept. 23 for the kick-off luncheon of the Fort Sill-Lawton Combined Federal Campaign.

The keynote speaker was Rhenda White-Brunner from Dallas -Fort Worth USO . White-Brunner called on the audience to make the 2011 CFC campaign a success on more than one level.

"The key to success in endeavors like this is to get everyone involved — not just one or two donors. A small contribution from every member of our federal workforce will go far beyond one or two large donors," she said.

Representatives from charitable organizations manned dis-

play tables to provide federal donors with an opportunity to learn about the many services and programs provided by local agencies, as well as those across the Oklahoma.

The CFC is the yearly effort to solicit donations in the federal workplace to support a nationwide assortment of charitable organizations.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of CFC nationwide. Contributors may make direct donations, but the vast majority of funds raised are through payroll deductions. This year's campaign goal is \$300,000, and it runs through Nov. 4.

For more information, contact the CFC operations office at 442-3113.

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