

## A Letter from the President



We hope you have enjoyed this year as much as we have! Stay tuned for more information regarding events in the 2017-2018 year!

Dear HASFR members,

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. What a wonderful year we have had together with HASFR. Apple Days, Ghost Tours, and Tour of Homes were all a success thanks to everyone who participated in these events. I want to give a special thanks to all our event Chairs: Lauren Bolen and Jane MacDougall who were our fabulous Pie Queens; Wendy Cassell and Tricia Verschage who did a great job organizing Ghost Tours; and Kari Post and Priscilla Thurman for your hard work with Tour of Homes.

HASFR's fundraising efforts enabled us the ability to donate three plaques describing the history of The Custer House, Calvary Museum, St. Mary's Chapel, and Historic Main Post. Please take the time to visit each of these beautiful plaques and enjoy the wonderful history of Fort Riley's oldest buildings. HASFR is also in the process of donating a monument commemorating the history of the 1st Infantry Division's one hundred years of service. The monument will be dedicated during Victory Week and placed in Victory Park. HASFR also donated \$2,000 to the Combined Scholarship Fund.

It has been a real honor serving as HASFR's President this year. I will not forget the people, events, and history that makes this organization truly unique. Thank you to the 2016-2017 HASFR Board. You were an awesome team to work with and your hard work and dedication created a lasting footprint on Fort Riley.

*Tara Lemay, HASFR President 2016-2017*



**Want to be involved?**  
Stay connected by visiting us at:  
[www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org)

**On Facebook:**  
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Fort Riley

*Our Mission: We are privileged to preserve, protect, and maintain Fort Riley's heritage.*

*You can be a part of increasing the public's awareness of Fort Riley's unique place in history by becoming a member, or supporting community events by volunteering, or through donations*

## Greetings from the Pie Queens



**September 10, 2016**

The 2016 Apple Pie sale was a huge success! Thanks to over 250 volunteers who made and sold 1500 pies. It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun. We are beyond thankful for everyone who stepped up, volunteered for a shift, and made the week such a success. We are especially grateful to the Junction City High School JROTC for not only coming each night to help make pies the week prior to Apple Day but to all the cadets who helped as our pie runners and servers the day of the event. We also want to thank Hy-Vee for being such a terrific partner for all our ingredients. The 2017 Apple Day Festival is right around the corner on September 23, 2017. We know with your help it will be the most successful year yet! You can pre-order your pies and sign up to help make some at the HASFR Ice Cream social in August. Keep checking our Facebook page to see when that date is set.



## Become a Member

Does being a part of Fort Riley's history sound fun? Do you like volunteering in your community? If you answered YES, then HASFR is for you!

A lifetime membership is \$25 and provides you with a quarterly membership newsletter, membership events, and the satisfaction of being an active member of preserving Fort Riley's heritage for future generations.

HASFR also supports footprint projects to contribute to Fort Riley's legacy each year. To learn more contact [HASFRmembership@gmail.com](mailto:HASFRmembership@gmail.com)



## 2016 HASFR Quilt

The 2016 HASFR quilt was handmade this year by Lisa Cyrulik. The finished size was approximately 80" by 80" and featured a "Starshine" pattern.

Tari Pennington has volunteered to make the quilt for 2017! Keep an eye out for quilt updates on our Facebook page, ways and means website: <https://squareup.com/store/HASFR>, or contact [HASFR.Quilt@gmail.com](mailto:HASFR.Quilt@gmail.com)



This past year, the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Tour of Homes featured 8 homes, Saint Mary's Chapel, Main Post Chapel, and the Custer house. The day was cold and rainy, but we had a great turnout of almost 200 people. This year the Tour of Homes utilized around 50 volunteers to make Tour of Homes operational. We can't thank everyone enough for all their help before and during the event. Also, a very big thank you to the hostesses for their generosity of sharing their homes with the Fort Riley community.

#### Tour of Homes Hostesses 2016

Mrs. Martin  
Mrs. Turner  
Mrs. Bolen  
Mrs. Cassell

Mrs. Masaracchia  
Mrs. Curry  
Mrs. Cody  
Mrs. Quichocho

The 2016 Ghost Tour featured iconic classics such as *The Lady in Chains* and *The Custer House Teddy Bear Ghost*, as well as stories from the most recent 2014 ghost book. In addition to re-telling historic ghost stories, we had some new other-worldly activity occur on the tour! For more information on the history of Fort Riley and the ghostly events that have happened in the past, refer to our Ghost Books available through the historic museums on Ft. Riley and through our website:  
<https://squareup.com/store/HASFR/>



*Ghost Tours and  
Tour of Homes*

## Membership

### Did you know the benefits of being a Lifetime Member of HASFR??

- 5% off HASFR Ways and Means
- 5% off Geary County Historical Society.
- 1 free hot cocoa at Ghost Tours in October.
- Receive Apple Pie Pre-sale prices as long as pies are still available.

Become a lifetime member at our next HASFR event and receive your card with these benefits!

If you are already a member, and don't have a new membership card we will hand them out at upcoming events.

If you no longer live in the area but would like to receive a new membership card, please email [HASFRpresident@hotmail.com](mailto:HASFRpresident@hotmail.com) with your mailing address. We will not mail new cards until we hear directly from you to ensure the cards are mailed to the correct address!

This year, HASFR donated three plaques to commemorate the history of Fort Riley's oldest buildings. These plaques are located at The Custer House, Cavalry Museum, and St. Mary's Chapel. Please take the time to visit each of these beautiful plaques and enjoy the wonderful history of these buildings.



In November, HASFR hosted "Tip Toe Through the Tombstones," a walking historical chat through Fort Riley's cemetery. The discussion was led by HASFR Board Member and IID & Cavalry Museum Director, Dr. Bob Smith. Graves of note at included Medal of Honor recipients from the Indian Wars, the tombstone of an unknown Confederate Soldier. Also, on the walking tour we visited a tombstone from the cholera epidemic of 1855, a tombstone that was restored by with HASFR funds.



## HASFR BOARD 2017

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### We are pleased to welcome the 2017-2018 HASFR Board:

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## Rent the Custer House!

**Rent the Historic Custer House for your next event! Located in Historic Main Post directly across from the Cavalry Parade Field, it is the classic venue for your next coffee, reception, or other gathering!**

**Rental fees are as follows:**

**\$25 for HASFR members**

**\$50 for non-members**

***\*both require a \$50 refundable deposit***

**The Custer House can be booked as early as  
6 months out!**



**Inquiries can be made to:  
custerhouserental@gmail.com**

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## Join us in preserving our heritage!

### Get involved with HASFR today

Become a member, join the board, volunteer as a docent, or simply attend one of our events. For more details and information visit us at [www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org) or on Facebook: Historical & Archaeological Society of Fort Riley.

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*We would like to live as we once lived, but history will not permit it. John F. Kennedy*

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