

## A Letter from the President



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2014~2015 HASFR President

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Hello from your HASFR President! HASFR hasn't slowed down in 2015 and we keep plugging away into the New Year. So many wonderful things have happened this quarter and I think you will agree!

First, HASFR hosted it's second Historical Chat. We were honored to have John C. McManus speak to us about his book "The Dead and Those About to Die." "The Dead and Those About to Die is a gripping, first-hand account of the desperate battle for Omaha Beach on D-Day by the legendary 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One. John is an award-winning professor, author, and military historian. He is one of America's leading experts on the history of modern American soldiers in combat and he has written numerous well-received books on the subject. He is a full professor of U.S. military history at Missouri University of Science and Technology and he frequently serves an expert for documentaries. A veteran of many battlefield tours, he has traveled thousands of miles to give lectures on military history, and research the realities of combat for American soldiers. John's tale of courage under fire is a vivid reminder that freedom isn't free and that when the chips are down stalwart American soldiers will always answer the call of duty." Thank you to all who came out to support this magnificent event!

Second, we hosted our Spring Membership event. This membership event is always important to HASFR for many reasons. We get to see all of our wonderful members who have supported us year after year. We can not thank our members for all the support you give to HASFR year round. We also get to meet new HASFR members that continue to help us grow and enrich Fort Riley. It also serves as our time to elect our new board in for the following year. So, meet your new HASFR 2015-2016 Board:

President: Sara Devine  
Vice President: Amy Phillipson  
Secretary: Shawni Sticca  
Treasurer: Michele Ross  
Congratulations to our new board!

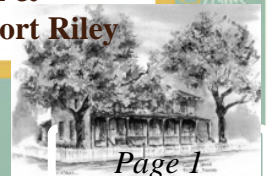
But, of most importance, HASFR was given the opportunity to announce the three winners of our inaugural HASFR Scholarship. The winners this year are:

\$1,000 award winner: Katharine Kellogg (Junction City High School)  
\$500 award winner: Kirk Stewart (Sunflower Mid-American Christian Academy)  
\$250 award winner: Neil Glaser (Junction City High School)

The applicants had to write a discussion essay consisting of 1,000 to 1,500 on the topic: Fort Riley's influence on westward expansion. They could discuss the social, environmental or human cost of this expansion. We received several applications and the essays were top notch. You made it very difficult to determine just the top three for our judges. Congratulations!

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

or  
**Facebook: Historical &  
Archeological Society of Fort Riley**



*Our Mission: We are privileged to preserve, protect & 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, supporting community events by volunteering or donations!*

## GIVE THANKS...

### President Continued....

I would like to thank our Scholarship Committee for making this scholarship happen this year- Sandi Duncan and Tiff Johnson. You have both been amazing to work with on this project. I would also like to thank our judges: Dr. Lynn-Sherow, K-State, Kristy Nyp, Manhattan High School Journalism Teacher and Sarah Moppin, Geary County Historical Society. Thank you from HASFR for volunteering your time and efforts to make a difference in our youth!

We have completed this quarter with the release of our FOURTH Ghost Book! This book came to life with the help from many amazing people on this committee- Mary Sue Moore, Lady Trooper President, Tiff Johnson, Kirstin Batchelor, Sara Devine, Rachel Spinnuzi, Sabrina Waters and Julie Fiedler. They put in many hours of hard work to make this book come to life with searching for stories, writing and editing this book. Of course, thank you to our residents for submitting so many chilling ghost stories. Thank you for taking the time to share your experiences with HASFR and to allow us to publish your SPOOKY stories. We hope everyone enjoys reading some more ghost stories about Fort Riley.

As I finish writing this submission, I realize this is my FINAL newsletter as your HASFR President. It has truly been an honor and I can only hope I contributed my best to the board members, HASFR members, Fort Riley and surrounding communities. Thank you for allowing me to be your president of such a wonderful organization. I wish the new board nothing but the best during this upcoming year and know you will continue to do amazing things. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with HASFR and will always remember this year and smile.

Best Wishes,  
Julie Martin  
HASFR President



### Fort Riley Ghost Book Team

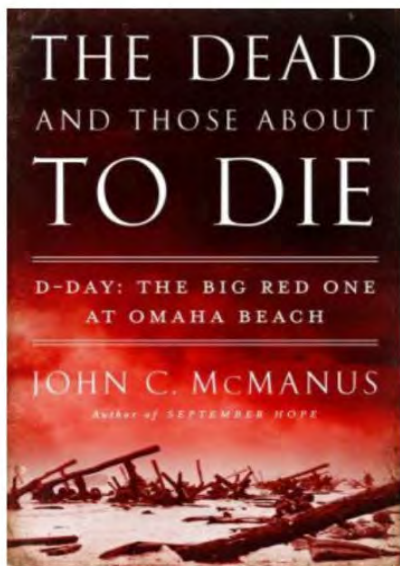
In the summer of 2014, several members and friends of the HASFR Board realized they were having the same conversations about putting together a new collection of Fort Riley Ghost Stories. The time seemed right as it had been nearly ten years since the last book had been published. When they began collecting stories that fall, they found that while all that time had passed, the ghosts of Fort Riley had not been silent! More than twenty stories poured in of ghosts both familiar and new. The Ghost Book team was proud to publish those stories in the newest book, Ghosts of Fort Riley: Echoes of History, which is available now through HASFR Ways and Means. The book is the result not only of the hard work of the Ghost Writers (pictured), but also the willingness of countless current and former residents who were gracious and courageous enough to share their experiences. The Ghost Book team thanks all who participated in getting this new book out and we hope you enjoy the new stories. Don't forget to join us for the 2015 Ghost Tours coming in October!



*"We are not makers of history. We are made by history."*

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

# Historical Chat Featuring John McManus Was a Triumph



## 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 in 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

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

- \*5% off HASFR Ways-n-Means
- \*5% off Geary County Historical Society

\*1 Free Hot Cocoa at Ghost Tours in October

\*Receive Apple Pie Pre-sale price 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, we will begin handing out the new membership cards at upcoming events. If you are local, then please attend our event to receive your membership card.

If you no longer live in the area, but would like to receive your membership card, then please e-mail Julie Martin [hasfrpresident@hotmail.com](mailto:hasfrpresident@hotmail.com) directly with your mailing address. We will not mail any cards until we have heard directly from you to ensure the cards are mailed to the correct address.



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We are pleased to announce our

### HASFR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

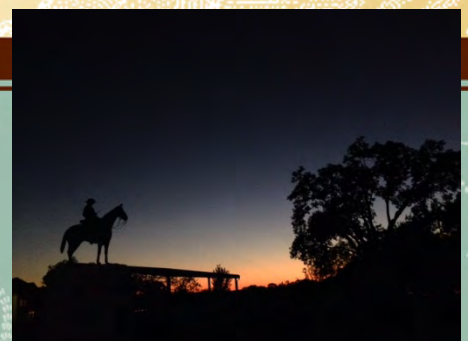
First Place: *Katharine Kellogg*

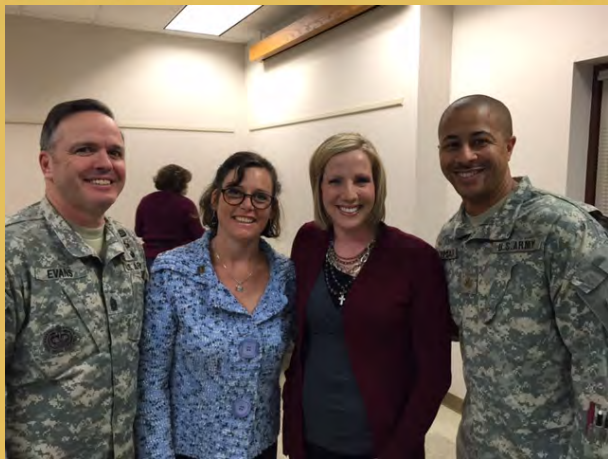
Second Place: *Kirk Stewart*

Third Place: *Neil Glaser*

Congratulations to our winners and to those students who applied! Thank you to our judges and school administrators who helped make this scholarship successful!

## Sunset on the Parade Field





**Volunteer Recognition**

**Nancy & Andrea**

**From the outgoing to the incoming  
Tour Of Homes Co Chair's.....Welcome!**

Our time as TOH co-chairs is coming to an end. Our focus has been the continual support towards HASFR events and highlights, capturing our experiences by writing the after action report, and seeking out replacements for the incoming board.

We are eager to announce, that the positions have been filled and the new TOH co-chairs for the year 2015/16 are Mrs. Tara Lemay and Mrs. Stacy Uhorchak.

Tara Lemay is a new military spouse, who moved to Fort Riley with her husband John in November. She has a deep appreciation of the beauty and knowledge that comes from historical sites. One of her favorite past work experiences was, as a young intern on Capitol Hill, giving tours of the United States Capitol building. Tara loves her new home on Historic Main Post and is looking forward to co-chairing the upcoming 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tour of Homes event.

Stacey Uhorchak and her family have been stationed here at Fort Riley for two and a half years. Her husband and Stacy have two daughters, Caroline and Avery Mae. She has had the pleasure of serving on Fort Riley Community Spouse's Club board as hospitality chair as well as within Fort Riley PWOC. She looks forward to serving as co-chair for tour of homes and giving back to the Fort Riley Community.

We wish these two fabulous ladies the best, and trust, that all of you will support them, as you have faithfully done in the past. Nancy and I are thankful that we were part of this HASFR board, and we are looking forward to keeping in touch, as we both leave Fort Riley this spring to start a new army adventure.

Congratulations to Nancy and Peter, as they welcomed baby Timothy, their 4<sup>th</sup> son, on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Andrea and Nancy

**A HUGE THANK YOU...**

A BIG thank you to the HASFR 2014-2015 Board Members! We had one fantastic year and I can not thank you enough for your support and devotion. Many continued blessings!

Love Julie!

**AND AN EVEN BIGGER  
THANK YOU TO  
JULIE...**

The HASFR 2014-2015 Board Members want to THANK YOU for all your hard work, time spent, leadership and organizational skills that led to our success! You are easy and fun to work with and we wish you many blessings in your future endeavors!



**HASFR BOARD 2015-2016**

*We are pleased to welcome the 2015-2016  
HASFR Board:*

Sara Devine	President
Amy Phillipson	Vice President
Shawni Sticca	Secretary
Michele Ross	Treasurer & Quilt
Beth Funk	Honorary President
	Senior Advisor
Sandi Duncan	Custer House Rentals
Bob Smith	Museum Liaison
Debbie Clark	Museum Liaison
John Devine	Docent Coordinator
Amanda Forristal	Social Media & Webmaster
Ashley Noce & Katie Molnar	Ghost Tours
Patt Bruzina	JC Lady Trooper Rep.
Renee Fletcher	Membership
Becki Gaston	Newsletter
Jenny Harper	Parliamentarian
John Seitz	Community Liaison
Allison Kohtz	Pie Queen
Terry de la Garza	Post Archaeologist
Jen Weaver	Plaques
Nicole Berry	Publicity
Stacy Uhorchak	Tour of Homes
Tara Lemay	Tour of Homes
Jen Weaver	Volunteer Coordinator
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**THANK YOU!  
HASFR BOARD 2014-2015**



**WELCOME!  
HASFR BOARD 2015-2016**



*Many fond memories of Ghost Tours  
and the Lady in Chains! Have you  
seen her?*



*“A small body of determined spirits fired by an  
unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course  
of history.”*

*~Mahatma Gandhi*

## Custer House Clean Up Victory!!!

The Custer House Rental side has been spiffed up and ready for your next event! We held our Spring Cleaning and had a great turn out- **THANK YOU** to all who attended and helped revive the historic house. Remember to make your reservations well in advance, so that you may schedule your pre-walk through and complete paperwork as well. We are taking reservations through the end of 2015.

[Custerhouse rental@gmail.com](mailto:Custerhouse rental@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU!**

**Sandi**

## Did you know???

You can rent the CUSTER HOUSE for your next social gathering...

The Historic Custer House is available for rental; make your next event memorable by hosting it in this historic setting.

### **Rental Fees are as follows:**

\$25 for HASFR Members

\$50 for non-members

\*both require a \$50 refundable deposit

Please contact Sandi Duncan as early as possible.

It can be booked as early as 6 months out!

Sandi can be reached at:

[custerhouse rental@gmail.com](mailto:custerhouse rental@gmail.com)

785-238-0060

## Take a Tour of Historic Fort Riley



**U. S. Cavalry Museum** is located in Bldg. 205.

Hours of operation

Monday through Saturday 9~ 4:30

Sunday Noon~4:30



**1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Museum** is located Bldg. 207

Hours of operation

Monday through Saturday 10~ 4

Sunday Noon~4:00



**Custer House** is located Bldg. 24, Sheridan Avenue

Memorial Day to Labor Day Hours operation

Monday through Saturday 10~ 4:00

Sunday 1~ 4:00

Please call (785) 239-2737 for more information.



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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 at Historical & Archeological 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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