

A Letter from the President

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from HASFR to you! Before we can “wrap” up HASFR for the 2014 year, I would like to take the opportunity to share with you information from our last several events!

Ghost Tours was another SPOOK-tacular success thanks to Kirstin Batchelor and Sara Devine! These two ladies really know how to pull off a successful event! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this annual event. We had a record turn out this year and estimate we had 900 – 1,000 people attended this family friendly activity. I think everyone enjoyed hearing the new stories circulating around Historic Main Post as well as the main staple stories. This was also the first time Tour of Homes tickets went on sale for the 2014 Tour of Homes. If you bought your ticket at Ghost Tours, then you were lucky enough to see the inside of Quarters 87. What a special treat!

In November, we hosted our FIRST Historical Chat. LTC (R) Rob Kornacki was our guest speaker. He gave a wonderful presentation regarding the horse Comanche-Intrepid Cavalry Horse, Survivor of Custer’s Last Stand and Fort Riley Veteran. Thank you to LTC (R) and Mrs. Kornacki for making this first event for HASFR a success. Thank you also for supporting HASFR. This event was well received by our members and non-members and we are looking forward to our next Historical Chat on March 23, 2015. We hope to hold these events once a quarter. If you have a topic you are interested in or would like to learn more about, then please email hasfrpresident@hotmail.com. We would love to host events that are of importance to you, our members.

The 31st annual Tour of Homes went off without a hitch as well! Andrea Reynolds and Nancy Norris really pulled off a beautiful event. We would like to thank all residents who took place in this event and decorated and opened their home to the community. As most of you are aware, this takes months of decorating and coordination and some residents start as early as October preparing their home. Thank you Major General Paul E Funk II and Dr. Beth Funk, Major General and Mrs. Kurilla, Colonel Risa Ware and Mr. Brad Ware, Colonel and Mrs. Andrew Cole, Colonel and Mrs. Robert Law, LTC and Mrs. John Mountford and CSM and Mrs. Maurice Jackson. We would also like to thank PWOC and CWOC for staffing the Historic Main Post Chapels and St. Mary’s Chapels and thank Bacon Hall for allowing us to open the doors to this building.

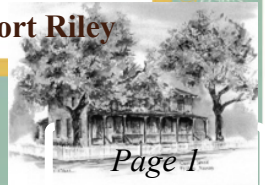
HASFR will now look into the year 2015! What will we see? Our spring membership event will take place in March. We will also host our second Historical Chat. Please keep checking our Facebook page for more information regarding these events. Also, we will elect our new board at the membership event in March. If you or you know of someone that would love to be apart of this board for the 2015-2016 Board, then please email hasfrpresident@hotmail.com.

Many blessings to you and your family for 2015! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!
Julie Martin~HASFR President

Want to be involved?
Stay connected by visiting us at:
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!



31ST ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES

Thanks & Praise!

The 31st Annual Historic Tour of Homes was a huge success. About 260 tickets were sold, and 7 historic homes and 4 buildings including two chapels, the Custer House and Bacon Hall (Distinguished Visitors' Quarters) were available for viewing. It may have been a grey and chilly day but that made it even more fitting to step inside these warm, cozy homes and take in the wonder of the season. The streets of Main Post were not just busy with visitors for the annual Christkindl Market, but with community members of all ages and interests. Some came to observe historical details and specifics in architecture of each home. Others came for the chance to look behind the thick limestone walls, into the life of a military family and some just wanted to adore the splendor and beauty of collected Christmas decor from all over the world, beautifully displayed by the residents of the historic homes.

HASFR thanks our seven host families for opening their doors and spending countless hours to display the beauty of their houses. It was the generosity of the Funks, the Kurillas, the Wares, the Laws, the Coles, the Jacksons and the Mountfords that allowed the visitors were to see historic main post at it's best. **THANK YOU!!**

It truly takes a village and HASFR is proud to be nestled here in the Flint Hills, sharing and preserving the history of this beautiful post. Thank you, the ticket holder, for participating in the 31st Annual Tour of Homes and for celebrating this history with us. We hope that you enjoyed every aspect of the Tour and it has been both a pleasure and an honor to co-chair this year's Tour.

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2015 Tour of Homes, know that positions are available so please consider this unique opportunity. Contact HASFR president, Julie Martin, or Andrea Reynolds and Nancy Norris (Tour of Homes Chairpersons) for more details. Thank you!

Andrea Reynolds & Nancy Norris



A HUGE THANK YOU...

A lot of planning, detail and volunteer service went into conducting the tour of homes. We would like to acknowledge:

*Docents, Greeters, and other volunteers for making Tour of Homes run smoothly.

*Mrs. Arara for opening Bacon Hall, which was beautifully decorated.

*To Francoise Monty and the Friends of the Fort Riley Museum and Gift Shop and Rob Dudley from Gatherings on the Prairie for graciously handling ticket sales.

*To HASFR's friends The Lady Troopers and the Daughters of the American Revolution for giving your time and sharing your knowledge.

*To Theresa de la Garza, Historic Architect and Herb Abel, Chief Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works for their collaboration and assistance.

*To Brenda Spencer, Spencer Preservation, for her assistance with the historical write ups.

*To the surrounding communities, especially Mr. John Seitz, Junction City Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Janet Nichols, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, for their support throughout the year.

*To Corvias Military Housing for their support.

*To Marcia Stokes for her time and creative talent with the graphic design work.

*To Our Community Spouses Club (OCSC) for their support.

*To the Protestant Women of the Chapel and the Catholic Women of the Chapel for their gracious support.

*All HASFR board members and general membership for your dedication and commitment, which helps preserve the history of Fort Riley.

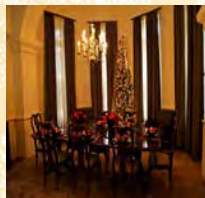
GIVE THANKS...

Greetings from your Pie Queens

'Tis the season of giving and gratitude. We took a moment out of our busy schedules to deliver certificates of appreciation to our sponsors of Apple Days. Please remember these local business that supported us during you holiday shopping and through out the season. Thank you to The Nancy Allison Perkins Foundation & K-State Military Affairs, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Military Relations Committee, Junction City Military Affairs Council, Briggs Auto, Armed Forces Bank, Flint Hills Veterans Coalition, The Home Depot, University of Phoenix Military Division, Thread, Fort Riley USO, Baskin Robins, Harry's, Bourbon and Baker, Hildebrand Dairy and our very own 97th MPs for the donations to make Apple Days possible. We remember your generosity long after the last pie sold! Believe it or not we are already thinking of next year's Apple Days!

If you or someone you know is interested in helping with this event by volunteering or sponsoring please don't hesitate to contact us!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Jenna & Kym




SAVE THE DATE:

28 FEBRUARY- 9am-noon- Custer House Cleanup!

23 MARCH 6PM SPRING MEMBERSHIP EVENT & HISTORICAL CHAT!

HASFR is pleased to announce our very **FIRST** Scholarship!

Our 2014-2015-scholarship committee consists of Julie Martin, Tif Johnson and Sandi Duncan. This year the scholarship information and applications were sent out to the surrounding high schools on December 15th. This scholarship applies to all high school seniors who go to school or reside within the Geary County and Riley County boundaries, who have a passion for history, and have the commitment to continue their education. The scholarship submission deadline needs to be postmarked no later than February 15th of 2015. There will be three winners: First Place: \$1,000.00, Second Place: \$500.00 and Third Place: \$250.00. For ALL information regarding this scholarship, please go to: <http://www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org> or our Facebook Page (Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley).

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 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.



HASFR

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley
proudly announces the first annual

HASFR SCHOLARSHIP

For High School Seniors who reside or go to school in the Geary and Riley County boundaries, who have a passion for history and who have the commitment to continue their education.

Three students will be awarded scholarships :
\$1000, \$500 and \$250

Application packets are available through our website:
fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org

Deadline for applications: February 15, 2014

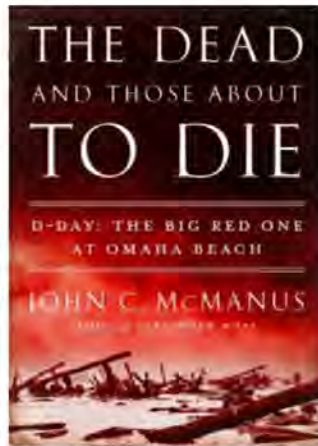
“Where the women go, the culture goes.”

~Phylcia Rashad

Food for thought: Where are we headed ladies?

HASFR

Spring Membership
Event - 6:00 PM
and
Historical
Chat - 6:30 PM



Presented by author: John C. McManus

Main Post Chapel*

6 Barry Avenue

March 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM

*Please enter chapel through doors
facing Barry Avenue

Admission to Membership Event
requires HASFR membership

Admission to Chat:

HASFR Members - Free

*Lifetime memberships can be purchased for \$25/family
(may be purchased on day of event or by contacting
hasfrmembership@gmail.com)*

General Public - \$5.00/person

Questions about the Chat can be directed to

hasfrpresident@hotmail.com or
hasfr.research@gmail.com



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

HASFRmembership@gmail.com

Historical Chat & Spring Membership Event

HASFR is excited to announce we have our next Historical Chat coming up on March 23rd along with our Spring Membership Event.

We are **THRILLED** to announce we have John C. McManus speaking 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 C. McManus'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." We hope you can join us for this magnificent event!! Members are free and general public just \$5.00

John C. MacManus 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.

We will also hold our Spring Membership event on this day. The Spring Membership event will begin at 6:00pm with our Historical Chat beginning at 6:30pm. We hope everyone can join us! This is the time we will elect our new board for 2015-2016.

Come out and vote!!

Custer House Clean Up!

Please join us on

**February 28, 2015
from 9:00am-Noon**



We welcome all merry maids to the Custer House for the Annual Spring Cleaning! Join us as we clean up this historic treasure.

Many hands make light work, so bring a friend or neighbor, as well as dusting rags, paper towels and your favorite cleaning supplies. We are in search of a steam cleaner to borrow for the morning.

All members are invited to participate...the more, the merrier the maids will be! Drinks and snacks will be available for volunteers during the clean-up.

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:

custerhouserental@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



1st 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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KICKIN' GLASS KANSAS - HISTORICAL AND GHOST BOOKS

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OR HASFRWAYSANDMEANS@GMAIL.COM

HASFR BOARD 2014

We are pleased to welcome the 2014-2015 HASFR Board:

- Julie Martin President
- Sabrina Waters Vice President
- Lauren Woody Secretary
- Michele Ross Treasurer & Quilt
- Beth Funk Honorary President
- Jerrilynn Swindell Senior Advisor
- Sandi Duncan Custer House Rentals
- Bob Smith Museum Liaison
- Debbie Clark Museum Liaison
- John & Sara Devine Docent Coordinator, Historic Architect, Research Historians, Ghost Tours & Webmaster
- Rachel Spinuzzi Social Media & Historian
- Kirstin Batchelor Ghost Tours
- Patt Bruzina JC Lady Trooper Rep.
- Misti Stowell Membership
- Becki Gaston Newsletter
- Shawni Sticca Parliamentarian
- John Seitz Community Liaison
- Jenna Bell Pie Queen
- Kym Keil Pie Queen
- Jen Weaver Plaques
- Mary Britton Publicity
- Andrea Reynolds Tour of Homes
- Nancy Norris Tour of Homes
- Jen Weaver Volunteer Coordinator
- Tif Johnson Ways & Means
- Renee Fletcher Ways & Means



“For most of history, Anonymous was a woman.”
~Virginia Woolf

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 or on Facebook at Historical & Archeological Society of Fort Riley.

You can contact us at:

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

**Historical &
Archaeological Society of
Fort Riley
c/o Cavalry Museum**

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