

A Letter from the President



Our President, Sara Devine, assembling apple pies for Apple Day

Hello HASFR Members!

Apple Day is in the books! It is so hard for me to believe that it has already come and gone! We made approximately 1,500 pies and presold nearly 550 pies. We dropped the overall number of pies made from previous years due to security concerns at Fort Riley. We did not want to have too many extra pies at the end of the day. However, if we made our customary 2,000, we would have sold them with no problems. It was a learning experience for myself as a first time President and for Alison and Danielle, our 2015 Pie Queens. Speaking of the Pie Queens, Alison and Danielle did a FANTASTIC job of pulling together a complicated task. It takes months to acquire donors, supplies, and volunteers to make 1,500 pies. These two ladies committed to the responsibility and have my deepest gratitude.

I am also thankful for Hy-Vee who saved us from a piecrust fiasco. Julie, a manager at Hy-Vee, drove all the way to Lincoln, Nebraska to gather our ordered piecrust and deliver to the Culinary Lab just as our first night shift of the week was starting. Bobby G. with the food safety program also helped by giving last minute training to a group of volunteers. Without his willingness to help us, we would have been down quite a few volunteers. My final thanks goes to the 2015-16 HASFR board and the Fort Riley community who answered the call for help to make pie. We went into the week with more empty slots than we were comfortable with but the community and the board responded. On Thursday night we finished making the last pie much to the relief of the Pie Queens and myself. Again, a HUGE THANK YOU, to all those who helped make Apple Day a success.

With Apple Day over, we turn our focus on Ghost Tours, Tour of Homes, and continuing our Historical Chat program. Ghost Tours will be held on October 25, 2015 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, last tour leaving at 7:40 PM. The tours are free with the option for a \$5.00 Fast Pass per person. We will have a selection of our Ways and Means items on sale at Ghost Tours to include the four ghost books! Our Ghostesses, Katie and Ashley, are looking forward to providing you with a spooky good time.

In November, we are expecting to have our third Historical Chat of the 2015-16 Board Year. We are hoping the topic will be about the historical architecture of Main Post buildings and homes. It will be interesting to learn about Fort Riley from this perspective.

In December, we will have the Historic Tour of Homes on December 5, 2015 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. This year the Tour does not coincide with the Christkindl Market. Be on the lookout for more information on how to get tickets from our Facebook page and website. We have classic favorite homes featured as well as some new homes and layouts. I have been a part of HASFR for 3 years now and have not seen some of the homes on the tour. It will be a great experience for all who participate. Tara and Stacey have been hard at work to create a unique experience. Thank you to all the families who have volunteered and were selected to participate!

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.

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

www.fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org

On Facebook:

Historical & Archaeological Society of Fort Riley

This board year has been fantastic thus far. I cannot wait for our other amazing events. I am looking forward to seeing you at our future events! Thank you for being a part of and supporting HASFR!

Best wishes.

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Sara Devine
HASFR President 2015-2016



A big thank you to Marla Matkin for teaching us about the life of Libbie Custer!

HASFR Historical Chat

The next Historical Chat will be on November 3, 2015 at 6:30 PM. The location is to be determined, check our Facebook and website for updated information as the event approaches.

Our speaker will be Brenda Spencer of Spencer Preservation. She will be speaking on the architecture and development of the historic homes of Fort Riley's Main Post.



Renee Fletcher was recognized on July 28, 2015 as a Volunteer of the Quarter for HASFR by the Fort Riley Installation Volunteer Program.

> The next Volunteer of the Quarter Ceremony is October 27, 2015 at 6:00pm at Riley's Conference Center



2015 HASFR Quilt

Congratulations to Melanie Gray, winner of the 2015 HASFR Quilt!



Our 2015 Ghost Tour will include some of the iconic classics such as

The Lady in Chains and The Custer House Teddy Bear Ghost,
as well stories from our most recent 2014 Ghost Book.

We look forward to seeing you there for a ghoulishly good time!

Starting Point: Artillery Parade Field

When: October 25, 2015

First Tour Leaves at 4:00 PM

Tours leave in 20 minute intervals

Last tour leaves at 7:40 PM

Cost: Tours are free

Fast Pass—\$5/person (move to front of line)
All 4 Ghost Books and other HASFR

items will be available for purchase as well!

Volunteers needed for the 2015 Ghost Tours.

Contact us for information.

Point of Contact for Tour Info or Volunteering:

hasfrghostess@gmail.com



Pick up the latest HASFR Ghosts of Fort Riley book at the Ways and Means table. \$7.00 per book or \$23.00 for a set of 4.

Ghosts of Fort Riley can also be purchased online at fortrileyhistoricalsociety.org



Want to Volunteer for Ghost Tours?

Sign up at: http://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10c0d4aa9ac22aaf85-20151



WELCOME NEW MEMBERSI

HASFR would like to thank and welcome all of our new families to Fort Riley and to HASFR. We are so pleased to have so much support from the incoming families!

Membership Privileges

- 5% discount from Ways & Means
- 5% discount at Geary County Historical Society
- 1 Free Hot Cocoa at Ghost Tours
- Apple Pie pre-sale price available as long as pies are available
- FREE admission to all historical chats



HASFR MEMBERSHIP

Ice Cream Social & Membership Drive

HASFR would like to thank everyone who came out to support us in August at our Annual Ice Cream Social. We had a great turnout and it was a fun way to welcome so many new faces to Fort Riley.

Our Ple Queens Allson Kohtz and Danielle Alch kicked off apple ple pre-sales and offered free samples of our famous apple pie!



Our 2016 HASFR Ghostesses Katle Moinar and Ashley Noce provided valuable information to the prospective HASFR members regarding Ghost Tours 2015 and Ways & Means offered many Items for sale including the ghost books and prints of famous landmarks on Fort Riley.





Thank you to FRSC who attended the Ice Cream Social and provided information on upcoming FRSC Events to our members!

Please tell your friends about HASFR! Not only does HASFR contribute to maintaining the historical value of Fort Riley, we also offer scholarships and participate in other footprint projects around Fort Riley.

If you have not already joined HASFR and would like to, please email: hasfrmembership@gmail.com

Membership Cards

If you are a Lifetime Member of HASFR and have not received a membership card, please email us at hasfrmembership@gmail.com and we will make arrangements to get you your card!



Sign up at any of our Historical Chats via email or at the Cavalry Museum.







Saturday, December 5th, 2015 • 12-4 pm

Advanced Tickets: \$10
The Cavalry Museum Gift Shop
Gatherings on the Prairie
Email - fortrileytourofhomes@gmail.com
Day of Event: \$12
The Custer House

Save the Date





Stops along the 2014 Tour of Homes (above)

Interested in Other Tours?

To request free tours of the Cavalry Museum, First Infantry Division Museum, a walking or driving tour of main post please contact fortrileydocents@gmail.com

From the Pie Queens

Another Fort Riley Fall Apple Day Festival is in the books! A huge thank you to all of the community sponsors, board members and volunteers who helped make this year's event a success. We could not have reached our pie goal without each of you. The money raised from pie sales will be given back to the effort of preserving the history of Fort Riley and providing local students with scholarships for their bright futures. Until next year, enjoy your pies!

Alison Kohtz & Danielle Alch







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The HASFR footprint projects are, in a way, our "footprint" that we leave long after we have moved on. These projects help ensure that history stays here, instead of being replaced by something that does not have the historical significance.

Right now HASFR is working to repair or replace an 1855 tombstone from our cemetery that recently broke. Mary Rogers died here at Fort Riley during a cholera outbreak and is one of only three markers that date back that far. Unfortunately, Arlington has only authorized the purchase of the government style markers as replacements, which are the standard for military personnel. Finding the funds to repair the historic tombstone, so that it can remain in place, has become an issue, and this is where HASFR has stepped in.

Shown above and below, are photos of the broken tombstone that we are working to repair or replace with a historically accurate replica.





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Did you know??

The holidays are coming! Rent the Custer House for your holiday party or social event!

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

Sandi can be reached at: custerhouserental@gmail.com or by phone: (785) 238-0060



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: 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

