

# The Custer House

The Custer house is the oldest set of officer quarters at Fort Riley. Construction of this double house began in 1853 with the first family occupying it in 1855. This house was occupied by military families from 1855 to 1974. In 1974, The Custer House was made part of the Cavalry Museum and restored to reflect military life in the late 1800's.

The Fort Riley Historical Society conducts free guided tours of Side "A". Call the US Cavalry and 1st Infantry Division Museums to inquire, (785) 239-2737.

Acquired in 1984, Side "B" has been renovated and redecorated with many museum pieces. It is available for parties, receptions, FRG meetings, etc. Reservations must be made by a valid military or DoD Civilian ID card holder or a Fort Riley Historical Society Member. It accommodates 75 people. For reservations contact Jordan Carroll by email at [hasrcusterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:hasrcusterhouse@gmail.com).

**Fee is \$25 for Historical Society Member or \$50 for non-members. A \$50 damage deposit is required. No children's events are allowed. After a post walk-through, the deposit check will be voided. The key must be returned and placed in the blue Custer House Rental box, by the front door of Jordan Carroll's house at 8A Forsyth Ave on Fort Riley. Checks payable to HASFR or cash are accepted. A Custer House Rental allows the renter access to the Custer House the night before the rental date, if the facility is not occupied. The renter may pick up the key after 5pm on the night before. However, if you wish to access the Custer House before 5pm on the day before your rental date, then you will pay an additional day's rental fee.**

## *What you must supply:*

1. All refreshments- NO RED BEVERAGES
2. Towels for dishes
3. Eating Utensils
4. Paper products (except toilet paper)
5. Small kitchen appliances
6. Decorations
7. Cleaning products
8. Mop, broom, dust pans
9. Trash bags
10. Tablecloths

## *Rules and checklist*

1. If you use a tablecloth, must be laundered, pressed and returned on same day. 2. Renters with key are responsible for ALL damages; which could exceed the \$50 deposit. If this is the case,

an estimate will be obtained, and damages paid by renter. If the key is lost, renter is responsible for replacement key/lock charges. 3. Key will be picked up and dropped off the same day as the function. 4. Please drop key off at 8A Forsyth Ave, in the blue box it was picked up from. 5. No smoking (or anything that requires a flame, including candles) is allowed. 6. Do not take furniture; place everything back where you got it from; be careful of floors. 7. Remove all trash, including the bathroom trash. (Blue trash bin located out back door- place on street. If that is full, trash must be taken with you.) 8. Wipe down all counters with Clorox wipes, Windex or Formula 409 type cleaner. 9. Wipe down all furniture with Pledge or Endust. 10. Vacuum/sweep all rooms. (Vacuum is in the dining room closet). Empty vacuum canister. 11. Sweep and mop kitchen floor. Turn off all lights and fans. 12. Anything you bring into the house---please take out of the house. 13. Lock all doors; **DOUBLE, DOUBLE CHECK THE STOVE!** 14. To protect the recently finished floors, all the furniture has felt pads on the legs. If any pads have fallen off, immediately notify the Custer House Rental person.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_