SOCIETY OF THE FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION
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Leaving a Legacy

A Message from the President

The BRO Fall Family Fest on 14 November is a great example of what can happen when the Big Red One community comes together. We are grateful to the Robert R McCormick Foundation, Victory Clinic MWR, USO, the American Red Cross, Kansas State University, the Commissary, the Exchange, and our Manhattan, Junction City community partners for helping make this event possible.

The Fall Family Fest will bring Soldiers, families, and community partners together for a day of fun, connection, and support. We also invite our members and supporters to contribute to the BRO Support Fund or donate gift cards, raffle items, and family-friendly prizes to help make the event a success.

Donate during Stand-To Match Day: www.standtomatchday.com

Please continue helping us recruit new members and business sponsors. Every member, sponsor, and donation strengthens our ability to support the Big Red One community.

Thank you for all you do to keep the legacy of the Big Red One alive!

Duty First!

Joe Martin

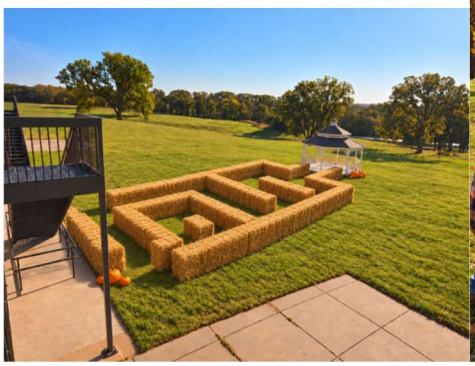
SOCIETY NEWS

The Society of the First Infantry Division Robert R. McCormick Foundation, Victory Clinic alongside MWR, USO, the American Red Cross, Kansas State University, the Commissary, the Exchange, and community partners, is helping bring the BRO Fall Family Fest to the Riley Community Center on Fort Riley on 14 November from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The event brings Big Red One families and community partners together for a day of fun, connection, and support, featuring Family Olympics, archery, games, a petting zoo, hay bale maze, horse-and-carriage rides, military vehicle displays, children's activities, music, food, raffles, and more.

Families can also access valuable resources and activities, including wellness and preparedness information, CPR demonstrations, first-aid kits, a winter clothing exchange, and Operation Santa Claus information.

The BRO Fall Family Fest is a celebration of the people behind the Big Red One and an opportunity to build memories and strengthen the military community.



FEATURE STORY

November 11–13: Stand-To Match Day

The Society of the First Infantry Division is proud to participate in the Armed Forces Community Foundation's Stand-To Match Day, a three-day fundraising opportunity taking place November 11–13, 2026. Eligible donations of $25 up to $3,500 per donor, per participating fund, qualify for a 50% match.

A 50% match means a $100 donation generates an additional $50, a $500 donation generates an additional $250, and a $1,000 donation generates an additional $500. Donations of $3,500 can generate up to $1,750 in matching funds, for a total impact of $5,250. The maximum match is $1,750 per organization.

Your contribution helps the Society support Soldiers and families through commissary gift cards, Soldier and Family Readiness Groups, assistance for redeploying and single Soldiers, family support initiatives, scholarships, and the BRO Support Fund. Make your donation during the November 11–13 fundraising period and select the Society of the First Infantry Division as the organization to support. Donate at www.standtomatchday.com and select the Society of the First Infantry Division.

Donate November 11–13. Your generosity helps us leave a lasting legacy.

JOIN
Become a member and become part of the continuing legacy of the Big Red One.

SUPPORT
Contribute to Society programs and initiatives that strengthen the Big Red One community.

DONATE
Your donations enhance our ability to provide direct assistance to Soldiers and families.

ATTEND
Participate in Society events, reunions, ceremonies, and activities.

MENTOR
Share your experience and knowledge with today's Soldiers and the next generation of Big Red One leaders.

SPREAD THE WORD
Tell others about the Society and its mission. Help us grow the Big Red One family.

BIG RED ONE HISTORY CORNER

Leaving a Legacy

On October 23, 1917, Battery C of the 6th Field Artillery, 1st Division, fired the first American artillery shell of World War I into German lines.

It was a milestone for the American Expeditionary Forces and an early chapter in the combat legacy of the First Division. Just two days later, on October 25, Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, suffered the first American combat casualties of the war during a night raid.

These events helped establish the reputation of the “Fighting First” and marked the beginning of a legacy built through courage, sacrifice, and service.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month, we recognize SPC Tyler Dixon the BOSS Vice President and member of the Society.

Please join us in congratulating Tyler Dixon, Fort Riley BOSS Vice President, on being selected to travel to Dallas, Texas, for the Dallas Cowboys game on November 22!

Dixon's dedication to leadership, community involvement, and improving opportunities for Soldiers has earned recognition at the IMCOM level, highlighting his contributions to the Fort Riley BOSS Program. His selection demonstrates how BOSS creates opportunities for leadership development, personal growth, and unforgettable experiences beyond the installation.

Congratulations, Tyler! Thank you for your continued dedication to Fort Riley BOSS Soldiers, And the Society of the First Infantry Division!

CLOSING THOUGHTS

As we look toward November, we encourage members and supporters to join us in making the BRO Fall Family Fest a success and to participate in Stand-To Match Day. Your support helps us continue serving the Soldiers, families, veterans, and communities that make up the Big Red One.

We want to make your experience as a Society member meaningful and rewarding. Please let us know what we can do to better serve you and improve your experience as a member.

We also want to recognize the outstanding members who make our Society special. To nominate a member for a future newsletter Member Spotlight, send their name and a brief description of why they should be recognized to sfid1919@gmail.com.

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Josh

JOIN US. SUPPORT US. TELL OUR STORY. HELP US GROW.