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Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Teams from various emergency-response organizations practice rescue operations on Weston Lake. The rescues being simulated use helicopters to keep emergency-response teams from having to traverse rough terrain. **SEE PAGE 13.**



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Community Calendar

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Deadline for events to be included in the calendar or Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible.

With any photo you submit, include IDs — including rank, unit, and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

TODAY

Positive Parenting

10 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Open to active-duty, retired Soldiers; Families; DOD civilians. To register, call 751-6325.

Neighborhood Huddle

Noon to 1 p.m., Legge Court playground. For those living in Howie Village/Mabry Manor area. Meet neighbors, bring suggestions and meet the garrison commander and command sergeant major.

FRIDAY

Victory Thunder motorcycle rally
9:30 a.m., Hilton Field.

Women's Equality Day observance

10-11 a.m., auditorium, Soldier Support Institute. A celebration of women's right to vote.

TUESDAY

PWOC fall kickoff

9-11:30 a.m., Main Post Chapel. Protestant Women of the Chapel invites interested women of any faith. Free child care and home-school room for school-aged children. This year's theme is "Vintage Faith," which will comprise studies of Scripture and of famous Christians. A free lunch will be served.

Healthy Relationships

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. How to communicate well, maintain positive values. Take your own lunch. For information or to register, call 751-6325.

Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Spouse Course

Three-day course for military spouses, Building 2289, corner of Beauregard Street and Magruder Avenue. To help spouses be at their best throughout the challenges of military life. For information or to register, call 751-9720.

WEDNESDAY

Maternity briefing

9-10 a.m., Room 8-85, Moncrief Community Army Hospital. For pregnant Soldiers, their Families. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

Bright Honeybee play group

10-11:30 a.m., Classroom 8, 5614 Hood St. Designed to teach parents developmentally appropriate play for young children. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

SEPT. 3

Post newcomer orientation

8 a.m., NCO Club. Mandatory for Soldiers new to Fort Jackson.

Baby Basics

10 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Information for expectant parents. Open to active-duty and retired Soldiers, Families, DOD civilians. For information, call 751-6325.

Stress Management

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Open to active-duty and retired Soldiers, Families, DOD civilians. For information, call 751-6325.

Story time

6:30-7 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. For children 2 to 5.

SEPT. 4

Training holiday

Retired Officers Wives Club luncheon reservations

Make or cancel reservations by 3 p.m. today for Sept. 9 luncheon. Social at 11:30 a.m.; lunch, at noon. For information, call 803-788-1094 or 803-783-1220

Creative Journey

5-6 p.m., Joe E. Mann ballroom. Exploration of the arts for all Exceptional Family Member Program members. For information, call 751-5256.

SEPT. 5

Lt. Dan Band concert

7 p.m., Hilton Field. Free for Soldiers, veterans, Families.

SEPT. 8

Story time

11-11:30 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. For children 2 to 5.

Child-safety awareness initial training

5-7 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Open to all active-duty and retired military, Family, DOD cardholders. Required for chaplains, teachers and others who work with children. To register, call 751-6325.

SEPT. 9

Maternity briefing

9-10 a.m., Room 8-85, Moncrief Community Army Hospital. For pregnant Soldiers and their Families. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

Bright Honeybee play group

10-11:30 a.m., Classroom 8, 5614 Hood St. Open to active-duty, retired personnel and their Families. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

SEPT. 10

Baby basics

9 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Information for expectant parents. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

Community information exchange

Noon, NCO Club.

Story time

6:30-7 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. For children 2 to 5.

SEPT. 12

Dog Day at the waterpark

Noon to 3 p.m., Palmetto Falls waterpark. \$10 for first dog, \$5 for each additional dog. Dogs may not go on Lazy River or slides. Dog handlers must be 18 and older. For more information, call 751-6990.

9/11 5K run/walk

8 a.m., Twin Lakes Recreation Area. To register, call 751-3096/3486. Late registration, 6:30-7:45 a.m. day of event.

Bowling outing

4:30-6 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center, 4464 Gregg St. For Exceptional Family Member Program members. For information, call 751-5256.

SEPT. 15

Story time

11-11:30 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library.

SEPT. 16

Maternity briefing

9-10 a.m., Room 8-85, Moncrief Community Army Hospital. For pregnant Soldiers and their Families.

'Never enough' support

Lt. Dan Band gives troops a rock 'n' roll thank you

BY CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT
Fort Jackson Leader

A tap on that shoulder is bringing Gary Sinise and his Lt. Dan Band to Fort Jackson.

The shoulder belongs to Dan Hennigan, founder and chair of the S.C. 9/11 Memorial. In New York for one of the many remembrance programs he has coordinated between South Carolina and New York since the Twin Towers fell, Hennigan turned after the tap on the shoulder to meet a representative of Sinise's production company.

Long story short, Sinise's people talked to Hennigan's people and, eventually, the concert was set.

"I started my conversations with Gary ... in the fall of 2014," Hennigan said Tuesday. "By March of this year, I was able to get (Sinise's representatives) to see the value of Gary Sinise coming to Fort Jackson."

That wasn't the first time Hennigan had encountered Sinise.

In October 2010, Hennigan had lent to the Beaufort Naval Air Station three beams from the fallen New York Trade Center, beams Hennigan intended to use to create a 9/11 memorial in Columbia. In Beaufort for a second time – the first had been in 1994 to film "Forrest Gump" – Sinise displayed the beams onstage while his Lt. Dan Band played.

"He's such a huge supporter of our military and our first responders," Hennigan said of Sinise. When Sinise comes to Columbia, he will view Columbia's 9/11 memorial and visit patients at the Veterans Administration hospital. Both visits will be outside the view of the media.

Post deputy commander Col. Mark Shade said organizers initially had hoped the Lt. Dan Band could perform for ceremonies honoring Vietnam veterans last spring.

"Unfortunately, we missed the Vietnam vets," Shade said, "but this is the next best thing."

🕒 THE LT. DAN BAND concert will be at 7 p.m. at Hilton Field. It is free to Soldiers, Families, veterans and Department of Defense civilians only.

Organizers now view Sinise's appearance as an early kickoff for the post's centennial, which won't be until 2017.

"Gary wasn't 100 percent aware of Fort Jackson and the history behind it" when first approached, Hennigan said. "What really helped get him (here was the opportunity) to talk to the Soldiers who are going to make up our military in the next 20 or 30 years."

For Sinise, the idea is "not just 'Let's have a concert,'" Hennigan said. "It's all about the military Service members to him."

He doesn't want to touch them just with his music, either. Sometimes, he literally wants to touch them – to hug and congratulate them for their service. To pose for photographs with them.

Gary Taylor is special-events coordinator for Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation. He and his crew will set up for the Lt. Dan Band show, using stage, light and sound equipment provided by

the sponsoring USO. FMWR will manage seating, concessions and parking.

Setup will be much like it is for any other concert, Taylor said, except that Sinise "doesn't want me to put any barricades in front of the stage (because) he likes to come down off the stage" to speak with audience members – most often, wounded warriors.

Sinise named his rock band after the character he played in "Forrest Gump," Lt. Dan Taylor. Lt. Dan loses his legs below the knee as the result of a Viet Cong attack. Initially embittered, he eventually comes to see that his worth as a human being stems from more than his ability to walk.

The role arguably has been Sinise's most popular – he has said that more people recognize him as Lt. Dan than as Gary Sinise.

The story of Forrest Gump was intended to be an antiwar narrative. Sinise has rewritten his alter ego into a man who honors veterans, most especially those who have lost limbs.

"I wanted to do the story of Lt. Dan because I just knew so many Vietnam veterans," Sinise said in 2013. "I wanted to tell a positive story about our Vietnam veterans, which Lt. Dan is."

During many appearances, those who have lost limbs in war have told Sinise their stories of injury and recovery.

Through his Gary Sinise Foundation, Sinise aids not only wounded warriors but first responders. He has said that the events of 9/11 propelled him onto the public stage as an advocate for both groups.

"That's what a celebrity can do," he said at a 2014 appearance before Gold Star families – "draw attention to certain things.

"There's never enough when it comes to providing support to our Soldiers and veterans. We can always do a little bit more."

For his efforts, Sinise received the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal in 2013.

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band perform at Randolph Air Force Base in 2009.

U.S. Air Force photo by RICH McFADDEN



Not all ‘parents’ can see kids’ health records

By ANN BERMUDEZ
Army Medicine Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Command has implemented suggestions from the Defense Health Agency Privacy and Civil Liberties Office to clarify who may have access to children’s medical records and information.

The new policies will help Army treatment facilities apply appropriate safeguards to the release of Protected Health Information and conform to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, commonly known as HIPAA.

The Defense Department’s Health Information Privacy Regulation, DOD 6025.18-R, C8.7.3, and HIPAA Privacy Rule, 45 CFR 164.502(g)(3), establish requirement for the release of information to custodial and noncustodial parents, as well as step-parents, said Thomas Leonard, health systems specialist for the Patient Administration Division, Patient Care Integration, U.S. Army Medical Command. Adoptive parents are considered to be custodial or non-custodial parents.

In case of divorce, the medical facilities will treat each parent as a personal representative of the minor, regardless of which parent has custody, unless the divorce decree limits one parent’s custody. Only a legal document may restrict a parent’s access to information. For example, in cases of child abuse or neglect, a divorce document or other court document may state that the non-custodial parent cannot have access to the minor child’s medical information. The

CUSTODIAL, NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS AND STEP-PARENTS

	ACCESS TO DEERS	ACCESS TO MINORS’ MEDICAL RECORDS	CAN SCHEDULE MINORS’ MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS
Custodial parent (TRICARE beneficiary)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Custodial parent (non-TRICARE beneficiary)	No	Yes	Yes
Non-custodial parent (TRICARE beneficiary)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-custodial parent (non-TRICARE beneficiary)	No	Yes	Yes
Sponsor (Parent)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sponsor (Step-parent)	Yes	No	No
Step-parent with health-care power of attorney/HIPAA-compliant authorization form	No	Yes	Yes

Military Health System must honor such a request.

In some cases, a step-parent may attempt to become involved in the care of a minor child. Under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, however, a step-parent has no right

to serve as the personal representative of a minor, unless he or she has an appropriate health-care power of attorney or a HIPAA compliant authorization (DD Form 2870).

Within the military community, many children receive TRICARE coverage

through a step-parent. This can occur when a custodial parent remarries a TRICARE sponsor and that sponsor becomes a step-parent. Such a situation does not automatically give the step-parent the right to act as the personal representative for that minor.

Nieberding to take command of SSI

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

When Brig. Gen. Paul A. Chamberlain relinquishes command of the Soldier Support Institute to Col. Richard J. Nieberding on Wednesday, he won’t be going very far.

Chamberlain has been tagged to become the next G-8 for U.S. Army Central at Shaw Air Force Base near Sumter.

When Chamberlain assumed command of the SSI, Lt. Gen. Larry D. Wyche – then a major general – told The Fort Jackson Leader that Chamberlain “knows the value of training and understands leader development, and will continue to move the Soldier Support Institute forward in the 21st century.”

The SSI comprises the Adjutant General School, the Army School of Music, the Financial Management School, the Interservice Postal Training Activity and the Fort Jackson Non-commissioned Officer Academy.

During Chamberlain’s time leading the SSI, institute Soldiers won Army-level awards for Operations Security and led the Fort Jackson commemorative 5K run/walk for the fallen.

SSI Deputy Commander Col. Anthony Cole Sr. said the institute would miss Chamberlain “because of the genuine love and concern he had for taking care of Soldiers, civilians and their Family members.”

The change of command ceremony will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the SSI Auditorium.

NEWS DIGEST

Milley names priorities: readiness, agility, welfare

Newly inaugurated Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley has declared his top priorities: readiness, the future of the Army and taking care of troops.

In a message released last week, Milley said the Army was “the most skilled, ethical and combat-hardened Army in our nation’s history.”

“Readiness for ground combat is – and will remain – the U.S. Army’s No. 1 priority,” Milley said, adding that the Army would become more adaptive and agile by working with partners in other Services and the private sector, as well as by listening to critics.

Though he listed it as priority No. 3, Milley said that taking care of troops should be “foremost in our minds (because) our collective strength depends on our people.”

AAFES gives billions back to troops it serves

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service paid a dividend of \$224 million to morale, welfare and recreation efforts for the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy in 2014, AAEFS reports.

During the past 10 years, the Exchange has provided more than \$2.4 billion in dividends to military programs.

“Roughly two-thirds of Exchange earnings are paid to the Services’ morale, welfare and recreation programs, while the other third goes toward building new stores and renovating facilities,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, the Exchange’s senior enlisted adviser.

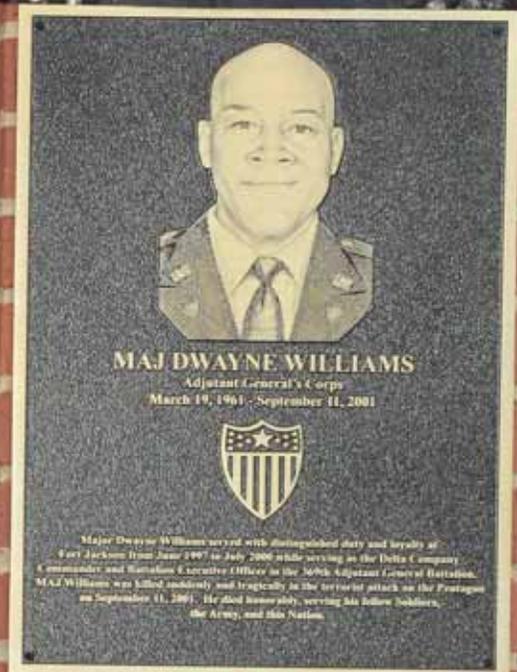
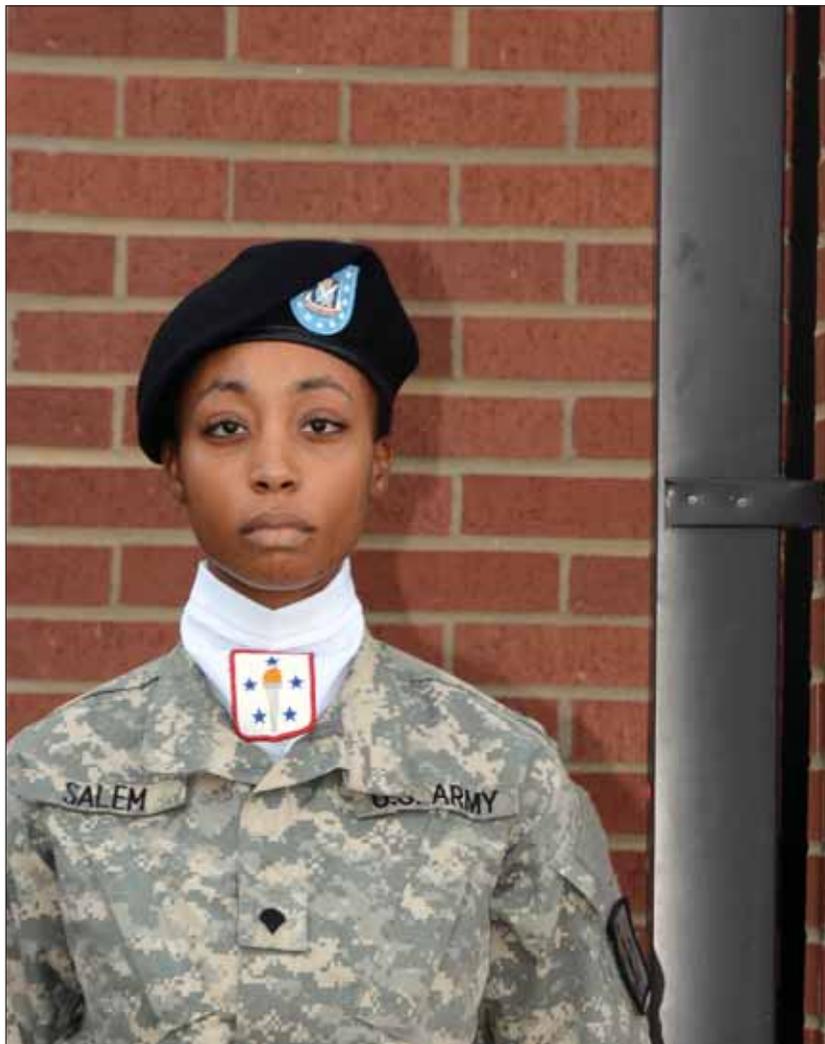
The Exchange gave \$125.3 million to the Army, AAFES records show.

Field artillery spots may open to women

Army leadership has recommended that field artillery military occupational specialties 13B (cannon crewmember) and 13D (automated tactical data systems specialist) be open to women.

Last year, the Army opened all operational assignments to female field artillery officers. Two years ago, the Army opened rockets artillery units to women.

Soldiers may be able to reclassify into 13B and 13D if their MOSs are over strength, said Lt. Col. Donald Potoczny, branch chief, Field Artillery Enlisted at Human Resources Command on Fort Knox, Kentucky.



Spc. Kendra Salem of the 369th Adjutant General Battalion stands at attention after unveiling the biographical plaque at the entrance to Maj. Dwayne Williams Hall. Hall was an AG officer killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon.



AG Battalion HQ renamed after officer killed on 9/11

Above, battalion commander Lt. Col. Jared Reid welcomes Williams family members to the dedication Friday.

Left, Sgt. 1st Class Jamar Alford and Staff Sgt. Jose Pacheco whisk away the bunting shrouding the new name of the hall.

Below, Soldiers from the 369th Adjutant General Battalion line the walkway to Williams Hall with the 50 state flags.





"I BECAME A SOLDIER..."

Post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier has an affection for meeting Soldiers in Basic Combat Training and listening to their stories. He says it reminds him that everyone on Fort Jackson is here to build the best Soldiers in the world.

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PVT. JOSHUA PAUL VISSER

"I wanted to join as a little kid because I heard amazing things about the Army from my family.

"My dad is my mentor because he came to Fort Jackson for Basic (training) in the Army, and he helps me out a lot, (but) God helped me through everything.

"I left Louisiana to start a new life traveling around the world. I feel great that I can now serve as an Army Soldier and travel."

DELTA COMPANY



PVT. ERIKA NICOLE FLURIE

"When I realized high school was ending and I was no longer going to be on the soccer team, I thought 'What better team to be on than the Army (team)?"

"I chose the Army because the Army gets things done.

"I left behind my family, my soccer team and chocolate cake to come here. Being away from home, not seeing my mom and not eating when and what I want to were the biggest challenges for me.

"I feel like this is the biggest anyone could ever be. I feel like I can do anything with the Army by my side."

ECHO COMPANY



PVT. MIGUEL HERNANDEZ-URIAS

"I joined the Army on the 15th of November in 2014.

"I had friends that helped me choose (the Army, but) my father and mother are my mentors. I left behind different career fields, my friends and family to come here. The biggest challenge was staying motivated without my loved ones.

"I feel like a better man."

ECHO COMPANY



PVT. YASMIN MONTUFAR

"I decided to become a Soldier my junior year in high school. I chose the Army over another branch because the Army recruiter spoke to me first.

"My mentor will for always be my mother.

"I left a loving family who supports me in anything I decide to do to come here. The toughest part (of training) was having no communication with my family.

"The biggest challenge was staying motivated when things got tough, (but) I am proud to say I'm an American Soldier, and I'm so happy to have joined."

DELTA COMPANY



PVT. ZACHARY ADAMSON

"I decided to become a Soldier when I was just a kid – always wanted to be in the military – but decided on the Army my senior year of high school.

"I wanted to choose what I did for a living. Joining the Army felt right.

"My JROTC instructors were my mentors. They helped me choose my path.

"All of the (basic) training here wasn't really hard to do. I'm excited now that training is over and feel like a better person."

DELTA COMPANY



PVT. RAYMOND GUTIERREZ

"I decided to become a Soldier three months ago. The Army felt right. It's the only branch I thought would suit me.

"It was hard to leave my family and friends to come here.

"Besides waking up, the hardest part of training was adjusting to all the changes and not being able to see my family and girlfriend.

"I feel like everything is worth it, and all my hard work will pay off."

Will you be ready if disaster strikes?

By DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS

September is National Preparedness Month – time to remind Defense Department personnel and their families to be prepared to respond quickly to disasters and emergencies.

“Preparedness is the shared responsibility of our entire nation,” Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work said in a recent DOD-wide memorandum.

“Preparing individuals, Families, components and installations for disasters and emergencies - from flooding to an active shooter - ensures the strength of our workforce and our ability to continue to safeguard U.S. security.”

DOD’s preparedness campaign encourages employees and families to participate in three key ways:

- Take action. Know potential hazards, create an emergency communications plan and build an emergency kit.

- Be counted. Have your organization complete the DOD survey at defense.gov/prepare, and register your action at ready.gov/prepare.

- Spread the word. Tell others about your actions, and encourage them to take part.

At work, employees must be aware of evacuation routes and shelters, and have a ready-to-go kit.

Families should prepare by keeping a kit with 72 hours’ worth of food, water, medications and up-to-date essentials, such as flashlight batteries in a readily accessible place.

Supplies and necessities should be ready at a moment’s notice for each Family member and every pet at home.

Family-preparedness planning also should include communicating with relatives, friends and the Service member’s chain of command.

SAFETY CHECKLIST

During National Preparedness Month – also known as September – thoughts turn to hurricanes and other natural disasters. Emergency-preparedness officials suggest that now is the time to assemble a disaster- supply kit that includes the following:

- water – at least one gallon daily, per person (a three-day supply for an evacuation, a two-week supply for at home)

- nonperishable foods – canned meats, fruits and vegetables; dried fruits and nuts; cereal, crackers, cookies and energy bars; granola; peanut butter; foods for infants and the elderly (a three-day supply for evacuation, a two-week supply for home)

- paper goods – writing paper, paper plates, paper towels and toilet paper

- cooking items – pots, pans, baking sheets, cooking utensils, charcoal, a grill and a manual can opener

- a first-aid kit – bandages, medicines and prescription medications

- specialty foods – diet and low-calorie foods and drinks

- toiletries – personal-hygiene items and moisture wipes

- pet-care items – food, water, a muzzle, a leash, a carrier, medications, medical records, and identification and immunization tags

- lighting accessories – a flashlight, batteries, candles and matches

- copies of personal documents (a medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, a deed/lease of your home, passports, birth certificates and insurance policies)

- a cell phone with chargers

- family and emergency contact information

- blankets or sleeping bags

For more information about National Preparedness Month, visit www.ready.gov/September and www.ready.gov/considerations/military-family-preparedness.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Helping hands

Volunteers mark the opening of Suicide Prevention Month on Fort Jackson by passing out ACE cards at Gate 2 on Tuesday. The cards remind each recipient to Ask a buddy how he’s doing, Care for him and Escort him to someone who can help.

NEWS DIGEST

MACH expands number of open appointments

Moncrief Army Community Hospital has increased its schedule of open and available appointments – and TRICARE beneficiaries can contact the hospital to schedule appointments as early as the next day.

“We’ve implemented efforts to improve access to services for our beneficiary population,” said Linda Campbell, Moncrief’s

chief of clinical support. “This means those in need of an appointment should have little difficulty scheduling one.”

Cancellations will make even more appointments available, Campbell said, but no-shows won’t.

“Please cancel your appointments far enough in advance so they can become available for someone else,” she advised.

“Not showing up means that appointment is lost. You don’t use it, and no one

else can, either.”

Beneficiaries may schedule appointments by calling 803-751-CARE (2273) or visiting www.tricareonline.com.

September promotions

The following officers have been promoted to the ranks listed:

- Maj. Ryan P. Hurley
- Maj. Eliza B. Szymakek
- Capt. Paul A. Kuwik

- Capt. Laura A. Newman

The following enlisted Soldiers have been promoted to the ranks listed:

- Staff Sgt. Gene A. Britton
- Sgt. Ethan McAllister
- Sgt. Jasmin Saenz

Correction

The name of Col. Milford Beagle Jr. was misspelled in the Aug. 27 edition of The Fort Jackson Leader.



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Job hunt

Sgt. 1st Class John Williams, Staff Sgt. Harold Burton and Sgt. Jason Vipond, all with the Special Troops Battalion, speak to a recruiter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the Military Community Career Fair at the NCO Club on Tuesday. Soldiers, Family members and civilians spoke to recruiters from a variety of local businesses at fair.

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Meet your new boss: You

By **BARBARA MARTIN**
Manager, ACS Employment
Readiness Program

Have you ever dreamed of having your own business?

Do you think having your own business is out of the question?

Turning your dream into reality could be more possible than you think.

Military spouses face many challenges during permanent changes of station, and unemployment generally tops the list.

Small-business opportunities can create ideal work situations for military spouses – portable careers that can follow them anywhere, anytime can ensure career success.

“More and more, we’re seeing military spouses turn to business ownership as a professional vocation,” says Mike Haynie, founder and executive director of the Institute for Veterans and Military Families in Syracuse, New York, the first interdisciplinary national institute in higher education focused on the social, economic, education and policy issues affecting veterans and military families.

Working from home suits the military life style and can provide flexibility, independence and – when orders come – portability.

Maryanne Wey runs a successful portrait and lifestyle-photography business from her home near Fort Gordon, Georgia.

“Starting my own small business was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made, (after) spending over one year trying to find a traditional 9-to-5 career,” she says.

“I still remember how overwhelming the prospect of getting started was.

“My No. 1 tip for anyone considering starting a business is this: Make a business plan.

“Developing your business plan is similar to looking for homes ... You need a good foundation. You want something that will provide stability, not turn into a time and money vacuum.

“(A plan) will allow you to outline exactly what you want your startup to look like and how it will function.

“I attended the Army Community Services small-business class. The (Service Corps of Retired Executives) instructors offered a phenomenal course to help me build a business and startup plan.”

At the end of 2014, just before retirement, Maj. Jeremy Dobos of Cleveland, Ohio, bought a small commercial printing company. Within six months, he had acquired additional companies, so that by the end of this year, his businesses will gross about \$4 million.

Dobos attributes his success to the strategies he learned in earning a business degree, as well as attending “Simple Steps.” Plus, he said, he can “apply military leadership and organizational design concepts to an industry undergoing rapid change.”

Wey and Dobos have succeeded in their business ventures and have found a means of income that suits their needs.

Many people think that being their own bosses and setting their own hours is an ideal work situation.

If you are interested in managing your own small business, you may want to schedule an appointment with the ACS Employment Readiness Program and take the Self-Employment Assessment to see whether entrepreneurship is an option for you.



MAJ. LORIE FANNING, RETIRED

In 2005, I started EduCamp Services, L.L.C., focusing on workforce development serving the military, universities, churches and individuals

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I attended the Fort Jackson SCORE workshop to gain better insight on working smarter to market (with) EduCamp products and services.

The SCORE workshop is a must for anyone who wants to have a map to navigate the ever-changing terrain of today’s business environment. SCORE enables attendees to take a realistic assessment of their business positions - even those in the conception stages.

The benefits were far greater than I had expected. Since working with SCORE, I have been able to successfully market my Just HEALarioUS products through EduCamp Services, connect with and hire social-media specialists, participate in several successful book signings, be interviewed on the Friends@Five TV show and partner with AMO Consulting Solutions to conduct an empowerment workshop in Atlanta.

SCORE has provided invaluable advice and expertise to EduCamp Services.

What’s even more important is that the best is yet to come as they provide follow-up and ongoing support.

MAJ. JEREMY DOBOS, RETIRED

I always wanted to own my own business and be an entrepreneur.

At the age of 18, I went to college on an Army ROTC scholarship, and at age 22, I graduated with a degree in business administration. I was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army.

At the end of 2014, just before retirement, (I) purchased a small commercial printing company with sales of about \$350,000 a year. (I) was able to quickly grow this company in terms of both sales and profit margin ... working towards serving the market and individual customers.

(My) goal is to build a supercharged, modern graphic-communications company serving customers in the commercial-digital and offset-printing markets.

The ‘Simple Steps to Starting a Small Business’ workshop series was an important part of my transition from Soldier to business owner. I attended the class in order to learn more about the resources offered by the (Small Business Administration) and (Service Corps of Retired Executives) to transitioning veterans and to network with like-minded people.

As the drawdown continues, this program will become even more important as an optional track for transition. Soldiers are the ideal candidates for business ownership and (this program) will give many of them the confidence that they need and the validation to proceed.



JESSICA AND JAMES SMITH

My spouse and I participated in the “Simple Steps for Starting Your Business” class recently.

We found it to be incredibly useful information for anyone who is interested in starting their own small business.

Whether you are looking to start your own business, expand and refine a business idea, or simply gather more information on what it takes to start a small business, this is a fantastic resource.

We were able to learn the basics of business startup, finance, how to write a business plan and informational resources from individuals who have firsthand knowledge and experience. Their experiences are priceless.

My spouse and I have always dreamed of starting our own business. When my husband retires in a few years, we feel confident that we have the knowledge to start our own business and be successful at it.

VICTORY THUNDER

Post's annual motorcycle rally delivers an important safety message



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Dozens of motorcycle enthusiasts gathered Friday at Hilton Field for the annual Victory Thunder rally, an event designed to connect experienced and novice riders to discuss highway safety. Before the morning ride, Staff Sgt. James Thompson of the 1st Battalion, 34th Regiment (right) spoke briefly about the dangers of inattentive driving. He was involved in a wreck in May that left him hospitalized for a month, spending much of the time in an induced coma as the result of head injuries. He said seizures resulting from the accident kept him from driving. 'When you're riding a bike, you're not just riding for yourself,' he said. 'Make sure you're watching out for other drivers.'





Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE



Photo by ANDY WRIGHT, Fort Jackson Fire Department

As lookout aboard the department's rescue boat, Fort Jackson firefighter/engineer Justin Mullins makes sure the rescue training operation does not need his intervention.

RECIPE FOR RESCUE: HOVER. PLUCK. SAVE

By JENNIFER STRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Weston Lake isn't just for recreation – it's for rescue.

Teams from the S.C. Army National Guard, Fort Jackson Fire Department and S.C. Emergency Task Force 1/Urban Search and Rescue worked together Friday to complete more than 90 rescue hoists, extracting "victim" role players from the waters of Weston Lake at the Fort Jackson Recreation Area.

"This is something that just has to be done and trained on because, in the event of some kind of disaster in South Carolina, we would all come together to do this work as a team," said Eric Harper, Fort Jackson fire chief.

The teams make up what is called SC-HART – South Carolina Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team – created in 2009 and directed by the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; the Office of the State Fire Marshal; the S.C. Emergency Management Division; and the Army National Guard Aviation Unit at McEntire Joint National Guard Base.

The training Friday began when two boats from the Fort Jackson Fire Department and S.C. ETF1/Search and Rescue each took three role players to different parts of the lake.

The victims hopped over the sides of the boats and into the water to await rescue, the boats then retreating to a safe distance.

Then, after coordinating radio communications, two of the three National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters took turns lifting off from Landing Zone 12, next to the lake, and sortieing out to rescue their victims using hoists and rescue equipment.

"We've got pilots doing quarterly training," said CW4 Chris McKenna with the



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Members of SC-HART practice rescue techniques that keep firefighters or others from having to traverse rugged terrain.

medevac unit of the Army National Guard's 1-171st General Support Aviation Battalion.

"We've got new pilots out there as well."

McKenna said teamwork within the crews was an important part of training to prepare everyone for possible real-world rescues.

Rescue swimmers from S.C. State Search and Rescue rode along in the Blackhawks to practice being lowered into the lake to perform triage and subsequently hoist victims into the safety of the helicopters.

Dan McManus of the State Fire Marshal's office – and in charge of the emergency response program – said all of the teams were practicing and retesting complex skills, as well as trying new techniques on the lake.

"We're the extreme-extraction service forum," McManus said. Working together, "we can save 80 volunteer firefighters a 9½-hour hike through treacherous terrain with one UH-60 lift."

The team can deploy to combat a real-world emergency within 25 to 40 minutes, and "that's good stuff," McManus exclaimed.

HAPPENINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DRUG 'TAKE-BACK' DAY

Members of the Fort Jackson community may dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs during National Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 26. Drop off drugs at the Main Exchange. For information, call the Army Substance Abuse Program at 751-4785 or the Fort Jackson Outpatient Pharmacy at 751-2385.

SECURITY OFFICE CLOSED

The Physical Security Office will be closed Friday through Monday. The Visitor Control Center at gate 2 (Forest Drive) will be open normal hours during this period.

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

Those interested in starting their own businesses may attend Simple Steps for Starting Your Business, a five-part series that will provide the necessary tools, information and advice on business startup, action steps and mentoring. Participants must attend all five sessions: 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, in Room 222 of the Strom Thurmond Building. Registration deadline Sept. 28. For information, contact Army Community Service Employment Readiness at 751-5256/5452, or email Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

Army Community Service offers classes in the Microsoft Office Suite for military spouses looking for employment. Classes through the LearnKeys self-paced online program include instruction in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and Access. The program is available for current military spouses, as well as surviving spouses. Call 751-5256 for information.

FREE LEGAL EDUCATION

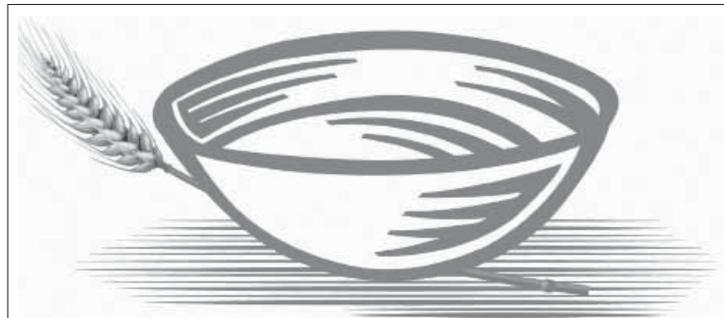
Officers interested in receiving a free legal education may apply for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program through Nov. 1. Commissioned officers between the ranks of second lieutenant and captain who will have two to six years of active federal service as of Sept. 1, 2016, are encouraged to apply. FLEP eligibility criteria are published in Army MILPER Message 15-013 and in AR 27-1, Chapter 14. All interested applicants should contact Maj. Danisha McClary in the Fort Jackson Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 751-7657/5349.

AG ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST

The Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter, fourth-quarter general membership breakfast will be 7-8:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at the NCO Club. Cost is \$10. Guest speaker will be Sgt. Maj. Kinzell Hendricks, adjutant general propensity sergeant major. For tickets, call Mrs. Johnson at 751-3014.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Those needing basic language instruction may take part in classes offered by Army Community Services. Classes are open to all ID cardholders and DOD employees.



feds feed families

The Department of Defense and Fort Jackson Commissary are collecting donations for the Feds Feed Families drive to support federal employees in need. The campaign will run until October.

Donors may contribute any kind of nonperishable food but are asked to contribute the following staples, if possible:

- canned fruits (in light syrup or natural juice)
- canned vegetables (low sodium, no salt added)
- multigrained cereals (Cheerios, corn flakes, Grape Nuts, Wheaties)
- grains (brown and white rice, oatmeal, bulgur wheat, quinoa, couscous, macaroni and cheese)
- canned proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter or beans)
- soups (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey and rice)
- 100 percent juice (all sizes, including juice boxes)
- condiments (tomato-based sauces, light soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, oils)
- snacks (individually packed snacks, crackers, trail mix, dried fruit, granola or cereal bars, pretzels, sandwich crackers)
- baking goods (flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, spices, boxed mixes)
- hygiene items (diapers, deodorant, feminine products, toilet paper, facial tissue, soap, toothpaste, shampoo)

For information, call 751-1124, or email miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil.

FOR FAMILIES

■ Spouses of differing cultures and countries who wish to receive support or make friends should call 751-1124/9770 for information on the foreign-born spouse support group offered by Army Community Services.

■ The Hearts Apart program provides activities for military Family members separated from their Soldiers. For information, call 751-9770/1124.

■ Parents may receive information on discipline for children 2 to 12 through the 1-2-3 Magic Program developed by Thomas W. Phelan. For information, call 751-9035/6724/2731.

■ The Exceptional Family Member Program works with civilian and other military agencies to provide activities, Family support and respite care. For information, call Cheryl Jackson-Leysath at 751-5256.

■ Army Family Team Building offers classes in the basics of Army life, as well as personal and professional development. For information, call 751-5256 or visit

www.MyArmyOneSource.com, click on "online training" and select the level you want.

■ To participate in the Army Volunteer Corps, call Marilynn Bailey at 751-5444.

■ Survivor Outreach Services gives support to survivors of deceased Soldiers. For information, call Leslie S. Smith at 751-4867.

SPORTS EVENTS

Those interested in playing sports this month should note the following dates and deadlines.

Wednesday – Letters of intent for beach volleyball due at the sports office. League open to all ID cardholders. Games on Mondays at the court behind Palmetto Falls. Call 751-3096 for information.

Sept. 10 – Flag football letters of intent due in sports office. Call 751-3096 for information.

Sept. 12 – 9/11 Remembrance 5K Run, 8 a.m., Twin Lakes Recreation Area. Register at webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac103/wbws/Jacksonretractac.wsc/wpsplash.html?wbp=1.

Sept. 19 – Flag football clinicians clinic, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Hilton Field Softball Complex. Call 751-3096 for information.

Sept. 28 – Army sports program, fall

meetings: flag football, 2 p.m.; softball, 3 p.m.; cross country, 4 p.m., at Joe E. Mann Center. For active-duty military only. Competitions will begin Sept. 29 with flag football. Call 751-3096 for information.

Oct. 31 – Halloween Howl 5K Run, 8 a.m., Semmes Lake. Visit webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac103/wbws/Jacksonretractac.wsc/wpsplash.html?wbp=1.

EXCHANGE NEWS

■ The Exchange Credit Program's MILITARY STAR card soon will offer an updated rewards program and enhanced security. After Oct. 1, cardholders will earn two points for every \$1 spent in Exchange stores. For every 2,000 points earned, they will receive \$20 Exchange rewards cards. The updated cards arriving in cardholders' mailboxes in mid-September also will carry enhanced security features – a security code on the back, and expiration and "member since" dates on the front.

COMMISSARY NEWS

■ September is National Preparedness Month – time to make an emergency plan suitable for any crisis, natural or manmade. To help with that, the commissary offers special prices on items intended for weather preparedness: beef jerky and other meat snacks, soup and chili mixes, canned goods, powdered milk, cereals, batteries, airtight bags, weather-ready flashlights, heavy-duty tape, first-aid kits, lighters, matches, lanterns, candles, hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes. Low prices will extend through Oct. 31.

■ Fall will bring an abundance of saving for commissary shoppers. Case-lot sales will continue through September on bulk buys of cereals, breakfast bars, chips, beverages and paper goods. Late September and early October will bring lower costs on such Oktoberfest items as German chocolates, cookies, sauerkraut, mustard, red cabbage and coffee.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop will accept summer clothing through today and begin receiving winter clothing on Tuesday. Those who have Halloween items they no longer need may bring them in Sept. 22 to Oct. 15. The Thrift Shop is at 4713 Lee Road in the Mini Mall. Call 803-787-2153 for information, or visit 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays. Consignment hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and bookkeeping hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

HOUSING

RECYCLING AND TRASH

All trash must be placed in the provided containers or in plastic bags. Recycling items are to be placed in the blue bins provided. No trash of any kind may be put out before 7 p.m. the evening before scheduled pickup. All containers must be pulled from the curb and properly stored on the day of collection.

The road to the Army: from fat to fit

By **LT. ANDRALE JEAN-LOUIS**
Headquarters Company,
193rd Infantry Brigade

Before he joined the Army, Jimmy Tiberi was the stereotypical happy fat guy. He ate what he wanted, drank what he liked – “whatever I felt like doing.”

Once an active, healthy child who dreamed of becoming a Soldier, Tiberi ballooned to 300 pounds after leaving school – far too overweight to wear the Soldier’s uniform of his dreams.

Then one day three years ago, as Tiberi ate out with a friend, he overheard a rude conversation from the booth behind him. If he maintained the weight he had, the guys at the other table said, Tiberi probably wouldn’t live much longer.

The speakers weren’t anything special, Tiberi recalls, although they looked as if they were “physically capable of doing way more than I was.”

For the first time – in that restaurant – he understood the ridicule of overweight people, the slang used to describe them and the nasty way some people entertained themselves at the expense of others.

He controlled his increasing anger but could not keep the conversation out of his mind – that night or the next day. Memories of the guys at the restaurant, their words and snickers threw him stride.

He decided he had had enough of being “the fat guy” held up to ridicule.

The next day, he called his dad, who had been a physical trainer. When Tiberi asked

his father what he was doing, he replied that he was on his way to the gym.

Tiberi told his father about the day before and said he needed advice. His dad asked to meet at the gym, a place Tiberi had not visited for six years.

He was nervous. He wasn’t sure he could face setting foot in the gym – but he did.

Without thinking, Tiberi told his dad he wanted to join. At first, his father thought Tiberi was joking, but when he looked at his son’s face, he saw the determination.

As Tiberi toured the gym with an instructor, he began to feel at home. Nobody was looking at him. Nobody was talking or laughing. He was not being singled out for being overweight.

Almost everyone there was doing the same thing – getting into shape.

Tiberi started exercising the next day, with his dad giving him the basics: light weights and lots of reps, even though he might think a big guy could handle more.

And he started walking.

“Walking turned into jogging. Jogging turned into running,” and the weight began to come off.

The next few months were some of the hardest of Tiberi’s life, but he sucked it up, knowing what the end result could be.

As time went by, he began to see positive changes. The exercise became almost addictive. He knew he could do it. He was doing it.

Between February and August 2012, Tiberi lost more than 100 pounds. His child-



Courtesy photo

To friends like Nicole Semanes, Tiberi was the jolly fat guy.

hood dream of being a Soldier resurfaced, and along with it came the knowledge that it could be more than just a dream. His body was toned.

He was proud of himself. He had done what he needed to do himself, without surgery or a fad diet.

His parents supported him, so he went to talk with a recruiter, who ran with him weekly so Tiberi would pass weight and tapes.

On Aug. 25, 2012, Tiberi signed the paperwork to join the U.S. Army. Weighing it at 210 pounds, “I made tape by barely 2 percent body fat.”

In the Army, he continued to work out,



Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

Now he’s serious about fitness and works out at lunchtime.

losing 30 more pounds.

Now a 190-pound S1 actions clerk with the 193rd Infantry Brigade, Spc. Tiberi eats healthfully, works out almost daily at the Vanguard Gym and probably is “capable of doing way more” than those guys talking smack at the restaurant.

He says that “everything’s easier” now that he’s healthy.

“Breathing’s easier. Just getting around is easier. It’s just a better way of life. Everything’s more attainable.”

Next February, Tiberi will put his “everything’s easier” theory to the test. That’s when he’ll report to Fort Benning, Georgia, to begin Ranger school.

Saluting this BCT cycle’s honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE. Photos by OITHIP PICKERT, Public Affairs Office



**Staff Sgt.
John Quick**
D Company
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.
Jose Portillo**
E Company
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.
Ronald Smith**
D Company
Lightning Battalion

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Joshua P. Visser

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Mark A. Campos

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Drew M. Collette

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Wyatt O. Cluck

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Billy J. Sechrest

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Christian L. Grover

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Morgan S. Cochrane

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Miguel A. Hernandez

HIGH APFT
Pfc. Allisun M. Capocci



Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. PHONE: 803-751-7488

Friday

“Southpaw” (R), 7 p.m.

Saturday

“Pixels” (PG-13), 2 p.m.
“Vacation” (R), 4:30 p.m.

Sunday

“Vacation” (R), 2 p.m.
“Mr. Holmes” (PG), 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

“Southpaw” (R), 2 p.m.
“Vacation” (R), 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 11

Pixels (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Sept. 12

“Vacation” (R), 2 p.m.
“Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation” (PG-13), 4 p.m.

Sept. 13

“Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation” (PG-13), 2 p.m.
“Pixels” (PG-13), 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 16

“Pixels” (PG-13), 2 p.m.
“Vacation” (R), 4:30 p.m.

TICKETS

Adult: \$5.50
Child (6 to 11): \$3

3-D TICKETS

Adult: \$7.50
Child (6 to 11): \$5

● Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.
● Movie times and schedule subject to change without notice.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

Sunday
8:30 a.m., worship, Bayonet Chapel
(Communion observed every Sunday.)

CATHOLIC

Sunday
■ 7:30 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation, Solomon Center
■ 8 a.m., Mass, Solomon Center
■ 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
■ 11 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

Monday through Thursday, first Friday
11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

Wednesday
7 p.m., recitation of the Rosary, Main Post Chapel

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday
11:30 a.m., worship, Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

Sunday
8-10 a.m., Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

Friday
12:45-1:30 p.m., Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

JEWISH

Sunday
■ 9:30-10:30 a.m., worship, Memorial

Chapel
■ 10:30-11:30 a.m., book study, Post Conference Room

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sunday
9:30-11 a.m., worship, Anderson Street Chapel

Wednesday
■ 3-5 p.m., LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel
■ 7-8 p.m., LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

PROTESTANT

Sunday
■ 9 a.m., service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
■ 9:30 a.m., Hispanic service, Magruder Chapel
■ 9:30 a.m., service, Main Post Chapel
■ 9:30 a.m., Chapel Next Bible study, Bayonet Chapel
■ 10:30 a.m., gospel worship service, Daniel Circle Chapel
■ 10:45 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel
■ 11 a.m., service, Memorial Chapel
■ 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
■ 5-6:30 p.m., youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

Monday
7 p.m., men's Bible study (PMOC), Chaplain Family Life Center

Tuesday
9 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study, Main Post Chapel

Wednesday
7 p.m., gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle Chapel

Thursday
11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fresh Encounter Bible study, Chaplain Family Life Center

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

Anderson Street Chapel, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032
Bayonet Chapel, 9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542
Chaplain Family Life Center, 5460 Marion Ave. (parking lot side), 751-4961
Daniel Circle Chapel, 3359 Daniel Circle, 751-1297/4478
Education Center, 4581 Scales Ave.
Installation Chaplain's Office, 4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318
McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), 3820 McCrady Road (at McCrady Training Center)
Magruder Chapel, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
Main Post Chapel, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681
Memorial Chapel, 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, 10100 Lee Road
Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion), 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

Fort Jackson Gate Operation Hours

GATE 1

5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday
3:30 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (outbound only)
Closed on weekends and federal holidays.

GATE 2

Open around the clock.

GATE 4

5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday
Closed on weekends and federal holidays.

GATE 5

5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday
3:30 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (outbound only)
5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday



CFC kickoff

Capt. Amirah Cotton of Fort Jackson's Combined Federal Campaign talks with dog handler Mary Clair and Cookie, representatives of the local nonprofit organization PAALS, which trains service dogs. Cotton and Clair attended the CFC kickoff ceremony Monday the NCO Club. The kickoff included a video featuring the post commander and other Soldiers telling why they gave to the campaign.

Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Sailors name German DSOC

Sgt. 1st Class Maribel German of A Company, Task Force Marshall, 171st Infantry Brigade was chosen drill sergeant of the cycle by Sailors in Class 15-013 of Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training.

Courtesy photo



Bin there, done that

Pvt. Brenda Aronson of Delta Company, Lightning Battalion dumps a family's household papers into a bin of paper awaiting shredding at the Fort Jackson recycling center on shred day Aug. 26.

Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE



Women's Equality Observance

Right, Master Sgt. Theresa Jones of the Soldier Support Institute reads about South Carolina educator Mary McLeod Bethune, in one presentation of several at Friday's Women's Equality Observance. The event, marking the 95th anniversary of women's right to vote, detailed how women have affected U.S. culture and heritage.

Above, Brig. Gen. Paul A. Chamberlain, SSI commander, speaks with Darci Strickland after the Women's Equality Observance at the SSI auditorium. Strickland, an anchor with WLTX-TV, spoke about the achievements of women and the future trials they might have in their fight for equality.

Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

