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Jackie Rosario, 10, scuttles on her back beneath barbed wire in the Fit to Win challenge on John and Jane Wayne Day for the 165th Infantry Brigade. Jackie is the daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Jose Rosario. SEE PAGES 16,17.

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Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Chandra Lewis, a doctrine writer for the Soldier Support Institute, lights candles in honor of Holocaust survivors, second-generation survivors, rescuers and liberators as part of the post's events Tuesday recognizing Days of Remembrance.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Post commemorates Days of Remembrance

Fort Jackson hosted a pair of Days of Remembrance observance ceremonies Tuesday to honor the millions of lives lost and altered during the Holocaust. Both events featured exhibits, left, showcasing artifacts and historic photographs from the Holocaust. This year's theme was 'Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to Act.'



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

From left, Rabbi Hesh Epstein, executive director of the Columbia-based Jewish education organization The Chabad of South Carolina; Marlene Roth, treasurer of the S.C. Council on the Holocaust Teacher Advisory Committee; Barry Abels, executive director of the Columbia Jewish Federation; and Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker, Fort Jackson commanding general, light six candles Tuesday at the NCO Club commemorating the victims of the Holocaust.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Patricia Voelker tells Soldiers and Fort Jackson employees about the lives — and untimely deaths — of her son-in-law and grandchildren, who were killed by a drunk driver in 2010. She was one of the guests taking part Tuesday in a pair of alcohol-awareness events at the Solomon Center.

'We have to do better'

Post highlights the dangers of drinking and driving

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Nobody has ever loved a number.

That was Patricia Voelker's message to the Fort Jackson workforce Monday morning. The Lexington native was part of a team leading a pair of alcohol-abuse awareness activities at the Solomon Center — a team intent on putting a face to the statistics.

More than 10,000 Americans die as the result of drunk driving each year, MADD S.C. program director Steven Burritt told the audience. More than 300 of those deaths were in South Carolina, he said.

"There is a higher percentage of drunk-driving-related traffic deaths in this state than in any other state," Burritt said. About 44 percent of South Carolina's driving-related fatalities involve alcohol, a number significantly higher than the nation's average of 31 percent.

"We have to do better," he said. "Unfortunately, this is

a dangerous state. We want you to be as safe as possible."

But numbers aren't always compelling. Thousands of anonymous deaths aren't always enough to make people think twice before drinking and driving. Which is why Voelker volunteered to be part of the day's activities: Names and faces can lend weight to tragedy that statistics cannot.

Voelker was present to share the stories of four men killed by a drunk driver in 2010. Those men were her son-in-law Roy McConnell, 51, and his sons Nathan, 24, Kelly, 19, and Elroy "Roy" McConnell III, 28. The four were leaving a late-night movie when a car driven by Demetrius D. Jordan struck them while travelling 80 mph in a 35 mph zone.

The four died instantly. Jordan survived but was sentenced to 44 years in prison.

"There are a lot of victims in this story," Voelker said as she showed slides of her family. "Four who lost their lives, one who lost his freedom — and all the ones who loved them."

The alcohol-awareness event was designed to remind Soldiers, employees and family members to use caution as

the summer approaches, said Sandra Barnes, prevention coordinator for the Army Substance Abuse Program.

"We have prom coming up and are getting ready for the summer, so I wanted to take the opportunity to prepare them," she said.

Cpl. David Jones of the S.C. Highway Patrol was present to remind people of the personal consequences of driving drunk.

"One of the worst things for a trooper is to stop somebody in the military and see them taken to jail (for) a poor decision," he said. "We see good people make poor decisions."

Voelker ended her presentation with tears in her eyes but said she hoped that sharing her pain might lessen someone else's.

"If you have the opportunity to drink and drive, and (my story) makes you hesitate long enough to change your decision, then my telling will have achieved its purpose," she said.

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Preventing assault: It's everyone's job

By JENNIFER STRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Malissa Welch and Jacqueline Andrews stand at the forefront of the battle against sexual assault on post.

As a sexual assault response coordinator and victim advocate, respectively, the women have used the current Sexual Assault Awareness Month to broadcast the message of prevention to service members and civilians -- loud, clear and as often as possible.

"When sexual assault occurs, there is (negative) impact on the unit, the organization and the community — not just the individual," Welch said.

"There is a ripple effect. The victim is part of all of those."

April is Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness month throughout the DOD.

Welch advises that everyone on post is responsible for protecting one another.

"Eliminate it, know your part and take action," she said of sexual assault. The message "has to be reinforced, reinforced and reinforced."

Sexual assault is underreported throughout DOD. Reporting of such crimes on post has risen about 7 percent a year from 2006 through 2012, Welch said. But in 2013, reporting rose nearly 50 percent.

Andrews and Welch believe the rise comes because senior leadership has created a climate of confidence and trust, ensuring victims are accorded respect and dignity, and do not suffer reprisal if they come forward.

In addition to encouraging victims to report, the awareness campaign includes bystander-intervention training.

"If the victim is not comfortable, maybe the bystander will act," Andrews said. "That empowers other people around to take action, too."

Intervention is the responsibility of everyone who sees that a colleague or friend cannot make reasonable decisions and appears to be headed for trouble.

"In many cases where someone else is present in a situation that may be going the wrong direction, that person can intervene early and potentially prevent a more serious issue," Welch said. "That's much better than the 'It's not my business — they're adults' attitude of the past."

In addition to raising awareness and providing support services, post SARCs and VAs receive annual training



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Staff Sgt. Gregory Gunn, of the Mission & Installation Contracting Command, receives a pamphlet from Malissa Welch at a sexual assault awareness exhibit inside the Strom Thurmond building.

from professionals at MEDDAC, Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, Special Victim Counsel, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division and Palmetto Health.

Awareness events on post this month have included awareness tables, parades, SARC and VA training and

the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event at the State House Wednesday. For National Denim Day on April 29, those who wish to call attention to the prevention of sexual assault should wear denim.

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





Courtesy photo

Internship program fosters leadership skills

Six cadets from the University of South Carolina recently completed a six-week internship with Fort Jackson's 193rd Infantry Brigade. Officers and noncommissioned officers from the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment exposed the students to the tasks expected of second lieutenants. Cadets also shadowed a number of NCOs — specifically, drill sergeants — in order to learn the skills that foster leadership. "The NCO counseling session was particularly helpful and better prepared me for when that time comes," said cadet Hannah Matthews. Capt. Elvis Campbell and Capt. Avron Bloom developed the internship program along with Maj. Ronald Morris, an assistant professor of military science at USC.



Courtesy photo

Soldiers volunteer at food bank

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment work with other volunteers at Harvest Hope food bank, sorting and packaging food to help feed the hungry. Last year, Harvest Hope distributed more than 28 million pounds of food, feeding approximately 38,000 people a week. The food bank serves 20 South Carolina counties.

Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Fort Jackson will host a welcome home celebration for Vietnam veterans May 16 at Hilton Field.

Events include:

- 5K run at 8 a.m.
- Parade at 4 p.m.
- Car show
- Period vehicles and aircraft
- Vietnam firebase
- The Moving Vietnam Wall
- Free concert by Billy Currington at 7 p.m., followed by fireworks

For more information, call 319-6520.



VIETNAM

ARE YOU A GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD?

Take the **FORT JACKSON LEADER EARTH DAY** quiz to find out.

1. Each of us can make a difference by ...

- A buying in bulk, but only if the product can be used up before it goes bad.
- B buying reusable products in recyclable packaging.
- C buying reusable products and avoiding disposals.
- D all of the above.

2. Fort Jackson's Recycling Center does not collect ...

- A steel lids of glass jars.
- B used cooking oil.
- C Plastic foam.
- D cereal boxes.
- E aluminum baking pans.

3. Each of us can reduce or eliminate food waste by ...

- A taking home food that we do not finish in restaurants to reheat later.
- B planning meals ahead of time so unnecessary items are not purchased.
- C purchasing food in bulk only if it can be eaten before it spoils.
- D all of the above.

4. Electronic waste cannot be thrown in the trash. It must be taken to an appropriate collection area.

- A True
- B False

5. Which item(s) should be allowed to enter storm drains?

- A Mop water
- B Yard debris
- C Pet waste
- D Chemicals
- E None of the above

6. Recycling a ton of paper saves an average of ... trees?

- A fewer than 5
- B 5 to 10
- C 10 to 5
- E 15 to 20
- E more than 20

7. One gallon of used oil can contaminate as many as ... gallons of drinking water.

- A 1,000
- B 10,000
- C 100,000

- D 500,000
- E 1 million

8. Every organization on Fort Jackson is required to have a trained primary and alternate Environmental Compliance Officer, or ECO.

- A True
- B False

9. Dumping trash in areas that are not designated as such is illegal. How many illegal dump sites does Fort Jackson currently have?

- A 10
- B 15
- C 20
- D More than 60

Answers:

4. A
3. D
8. A
7. E
6. D
5. E
9. D

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Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Fourth-grade student Gabriella Mejia was named winner of C.C. Pinckney's Elementary School's annual spelling bee last week. Mejia and runner-up Andrew Pena, a sixth-grade student, will go on to compete in the district-level competition April 30.

Un-bee-lievable skills

C.C. Pinckney students compete in annual spelling bee

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

In the end, it was zucchini that made all the difference.

"Zucchini" was the final word in last week's spelling bee at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School. Of the 18 students selected for the April 9 event, only two were left standing when the final word of the day was sounded.

Fourth-grader Gabriella Mejia correctly spelled the word to win the event. Sixth-grader Andrew Pena came in at runner-up.

The talent pool on stage represented the end result of a month of spelling competitions at the school, said principal Annie Crandle. The school spent most of March conducting contests at the classroom level. The winners from those events represented their classes in last week's schoolwide bee.

The school district chose the words for the bee, which included "thermometer," "prey," "psychology," "trapeze" and "mature."

When called, each student left a seat on the stage, approached a microphone and waited patiently for his challenge to be revealed. If the student spelled a word incorrectly, a judge raised a red paddle to indicating he had been eliminated.



What's in a name?

The origins of the term 'spelling bee' are unknown. It first appeared in print in 1875, but was probably used colloquially for many years before that.

Source: Scripps National Spelling Bee

The students were not the only ones under pressure. The event hit a small bump about halfway through when the moderator — an instructional support specialist for the school district — repeated a word incorrectly to one contestant.

"The spelling bee's a little nervous, just like the students," moderator Maribeth Henderson reminded the audience.

Crandle said Mejia and Pena will represent the school in the district spelling bee April 30.

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Competitors wait for their turn at the microphone during last week's spelling bee competition at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School.

Calendar

Today

Pottery-making, painting, drawing and sculpting
5 p.m., Joe E. Mann Ballroom. Free to those registered in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

Friday

Volunteer recognition reception
10 a.m.-noon, Solomon Center

Child-abuse awareness training

4-5 p.m., Imboden Street School Age Center

Saturday

Fitness dog walking

9:30 a.m., Corner of Lee and Hill streets
For information, call 751-3700.

Monday

Child-abuse awareness for youth
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., C.C. Pinckney Elementary School

Investment basics seminar

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Education Center, Room B206
For information, call 751-5256.

Tuesday

Victory Spouses' Club luncheon

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Officers' Club
This month's theme is "Garden Party."
For information, email vsreservations@gmail.com.

Thursday, April 23

Prepare your finances to purchase a home

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Education Center, Room B-206
For information, call 751-5256.

Evening Story Time

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

Friday, April 24

Hearts Apart "Salad Feast"

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd., Room 222. All families separated from loved ones are invited to attend and bring a salad to share.
For information, call Patricia Gillory at 751-9770 or Miranda Broadus at 751-1124.

Saturday, April 25

Fitness Meets Nature Heart & Sole

3:30 p.m. 3 and 5-mile walks. Meet at Solomon Center.
For information, call 751-3700.

Announcements

CIF CLOSURE

The Central Issue Facility will be closed for its semi-annual inventory June 15-19. Personnel scheduled to depart during that period must call CIF at 751-6524/2870/2739 to schedule an out-processing appointment as soon as possible. CIF will handle emergencies during that time. Emergencies do not include direct exchange, in-processing, routine transactions or out-processing. CIF will resume normal operations June 22.

WORKSHOP FOR HR PROFESSIONALS

A "Combat to Corporate" military workshop for human resource professionals will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 28, at the NCO Club. Registration is required. For information, visit <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/mes->

sage/568941. To register, email kymila.k.cheese.mil@mail.mil or peggy.m.henderson.mil@mail.mil.

BOOK DRIVE SCHEDULED

The Fort Jackson Housing Mayoral Council is holding a book drive to promote summer reading. Drop off new or gently used books at the Thomas Lee Hall Library, the Fort Jackson Housing Office or C.C. Pinckney Elementary School until May 22. Book giveaways will be from 1-5 p.m., June 5 and from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., June 6 at the Solomon Center.

SCHOOL NEWS

South Carolina requires all rising seventh-graders to receive booster shots against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough by the start of the 2015-16 school year. For more information, call 785-2698.

SPORTS SHORTS

- Soccer matches are played at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon at Hilton Field Softball Complex.
- 5K, 8 a.m. Saturday. Details to be determined. For information, call the Sports Office at 751-3096.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

- The Thrift Shop is looking for employees ages 16-21 who would like to earn \$1,000 for a summer's worth of work. For information, call 787-2153.
- Consignors are eligible for the Thrift Shop's layaway and credit program.
- The Golden Carriage Program provides free ball gowns for spouses of active-duty service members in the rank of sergeant and lower.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Applications for the Army Emergency Relief Spouse Scholarship program and the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program will be accepted through May 1. For information, visit www.aerhq.org.
- Applications for ThanksUSA scholarships will be accepted through May 15. The scholarships are available to children and spouses of Service members. For information, visit www.thanksusa.org/scholarship-program.

COMMISSARY NEWS

- Visit www.commissaries.com for the latest news, to see what is on sale, to create a shopping list and more. To access the latest sales flyer, click on "Sales and Events" in the "Shopping" tab. The "Savings Aisle" allows visitors to see every product on sale after selecting a specific store. Shoppers also may find advice and recipes under the "Healthy Living" tab.
- The Commissary rewards card allows shoppers to use digital coupons at any commissary. For information, visit www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm.

AAFES NEWS

- AAFES will hire 27 food workers for intermittent positions at the Arby's restaurant scheduled to open at the food court. Salary starts at \$8.61 per hour. For information, visit www.applymyexchange.com.
- The Exchange is rewarding military students who excel in the classroom with its "Make the Grade" program. Eligible students may receive free food coupons and discounts on select items. For information, see the Exchange store manager.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Send all submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com. Articles are due two weeks prior to publication; announcements and photos are due one week prior to publication. For more information, call 751-7045.

Housing

MAYORS NEEDED

The mayoral council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors for on-post housing communities. Being a part of the council allows residents to be a voice for the community. In addition to receiving credit for volunteer hours, mayors will meet new people and receive training. Child care is provided for those performing mayoral duties. Positions are available in: Pierce Terrace 1, Pierce Terrace 2, Pierce Terrace 3, Pierce Terrace 4 and Howie Village. Interested residents should email Vickie Grier at usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil.

HOUSING SEMINARS

The Fort Jackson Housing Services Office is developing a schedule of housing seminars for 2015. The office is interested in feedback concerning housing-related topics you would like to learn about. Classes will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 6-8 pm. Topics may include home ownership, short sales, purchasing distressed properties, for sale by owner and home inspections. Send your interests to usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil.

RENT CONCESSIONS

Pro-rated rent for legacy homes in Pierce Terrace 5 and Pierce Terrace 7 is available with an April move-in. For information and other rent-concession opportunities, call 738-8275.

REFER A FRIEND

On-post residents who refer a friend to live on post may be eligible to receive \$500 off next month's rent. For information, call 738-8275.

ONE CALL NOW SYSTEM

Residents are encouraged to make sure the Balfour Beatty Communities management office has their most current phone numbers and email addresses on file for its One Call Now system. One Call Now delivers emergency weather updates and reports utility outages, schedules maintenances and provides weekly event updates.

PET CARE

Pet owners are responsible for their pets and must remove their pets' solid waste from all areas daily. Non-compliance could result in loss of pet privileges or the loss of the privilege to live on post.

Information is subject to change. Visit the community calendar at <http://jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil/> for a full listing of calendar events.



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File photo

Special Olympians cheer at the start of last year's games at the Solomon Center. Fort Jackson will host the state's Special Olympics activities for the 47th straight year in May.

Special Olympics returns in May

Those with healthy voices are urged to come to the Semmes Lakes parking lot the evening of May 1 to cheer on runners in the 2015 S.C. Special Olympics.

Post commander Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker will join athletes on the final stretch of the 7½-mile Capitol to the Cauldron Torch Run, which will begin at the State House.

Runners are expected to arrive on post by 6:45 p.m. The run ends at the Solomon Center.

Fort Jackson will provide the venues for several competitions the following weekend: the Knight Pool, Hilton Field and softball complex, Vanguard Gym, and Ivy and Century bowling lanes.

Those who wish to cheer on competitors are welcome at the games.

Town Hall meeting set for April 23

Civilian employees will get their last chance to hear Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker address their concerns at 9 am. Thursday, April 23, during the Army Training Center Town Hall at the post theater.

During the quarterly event, Becker will discuss his command initiatives and

plans for transition, and reflect on his two years as Fort Jackson commander. Becker will relinquish his command on May 29.

The meeting also will include information from Deputy Chief of Staff Gerald Henderson and CPAC representatives.

Agency warns of 'call center' scams

Think twice if a "call center" contacts you seeking personal information about your use of TRICARE benefits, the Defense Health Agency warns.

TRICARE and its contractors never call to ask for personal identifying information or health information, says the DHA's Office of Program Integrity. Beneficiaries should be wary of an increasing number of unsolicited attempts to gain information by telephone or in person.

"Call Center" callers claim to want

to give subscribers information about a prescription pain cream TRICARE supposedly will cover. They then ask for the name of the subscriber's doctor, as well as other TRICARE information, claiming they want to start the process of obtaining the cream, the DHA says.

Those receiving such calls should provide no information and immediately submit a Fraudline report to the Express Scripts Fraud Tip Hotline, 866-759-6139, or email TRICAREfraudtip@express-scripts.com.

Commissary providing Wi-Fi access

The Fort Jackson Commissary has begun offering in-store Wi-Fi access.

"Many of our patrons come to the commissary with their smart phones and tablets, and store Wi-Fi will help them maximize their commissary benefit," said Bernard Ellison, store director. "There's a lot of valuable shopping information on www.commissaries.com, such as digital coupons for

the Commissary Rewards Card, our sales flyer, the savings aisle for access to promotional prices, and much, much more."

Anyone in the store can access free Wi-Fi from the sales floor after accepting a one-time "terms of service" agreement.

The Defense Commissary Agency intends to open such access in all of its state-side commissaries.



Courtesy photos

Lucy, a King Charles Spaniel/Maltese mix, was designated least obedient and most diva-like of Sunday's contestants.

Bow WOW!

Installation pets strut their stuff at April Foolish Dog Show



Rony practices his kissing technique with Stella, who does not seem as impressed as the judges were.



Owners put their dog through the paces for the judges.



Rico basks in the admiration of judge Theresa O'Hagan of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs. O'Hagan and her husband, Ed Perez, determined event winners.

The following four-footed contestants took home honors at the annual April Foolish Dog Show Sunday.

Best costume

- First place: Rony, owned by Ryan and Jennifer Moreno
- Second place: Brandy, owned by Tina and James Selby
- Third place: Jackson, owned by Ayan Mobley

Best kisser

- First place: Rony
- Second place: Rico, owned by Kathleen Galicia
- Third place: Stella, owned by Leah Summers

Best senior

- First place: Angel, owned by Ryan and Jennifer Moreno
- Second place: Bear, owned by Ryan and Jennifer Moreno

Best vocal performance

- First place: Bear, owned by Ryan and Jennifer Moreno

Cutest puppy

- First place: Jackson
- Second place: Brandy
- Third place: Rony

Hairiest

- First place: Stella
- Second place: Rico

Least obedient

- First place: Lucy, owned by Cole Metcalfe
- Second place: Jackson
- Third place: Brandy

Longest ears

- First place: Stella
- Second place: Angel
- Third place: Jackson

Longest tail

- First place: Rico
- Second place: Rony

Most diva-like

- First place: Lucy
- Second place: Princess Padme, owned by Ann Schmidt
- Third place: Stella

Most mysterious heritage

- First place: Princess Padme

Prettiest eyes

- First place: Angel
- Second place: Rico
- Third place: Stella

Identifying the 'unknowns'

Scientists work to name Pearl Harbor victims

DOD NEWS,
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense has announced plans to exhume the remains of as many as 388 unaccounted-for Sailors and Marines associated with the attack on the USS Oklahoma.

Four hundred twenty-nine Sailors and Marines died on Dec. 7, 1941, when Japanese torpedoes sank the ship during the attacks on Pearl Harbor.

Upon disinterment, the remains will be transferred to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency laboratory in Hawaii for examination. DOD officials said they expected most of the crew of the Oklahoma could then be identified.

Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work approved the disinterment.

"The secretary of defense and I will work tirelessly to ensure your loved one's remains will be recovered, identified and returned to you as expeditiously as possible, and we will do so with dignity, respect and care," Work said told families of those killed. "While not all families will receive an individual identification, we will strive to provide resolution to as many families as possible."

The disinterment policy applies to all unidentified remains from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and other permanent American military cemeteries. The policy does not extend to Sailors and Marines lost at sea or to remains entombed in U.S. Navy vessels serving as national memorials, officials said.

Those working to identify the remains will use reference samples provided by families in order to perform for DNA comparison, as well as medical and dental records, officials said.

"The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is prepared to begin this solemn undertaking in concert with ongoing worldwide recovery missions," said Navy Rear Adm. Mike Franken, acting DPAA director.

In the years immediately following the attacks, officials positively identified and buried 35 crew members.

During salvage operations from June 1942 to May 1944, the remaining Service members' remains were re-



U.S. Department of Defense photo

The Department of Defense is planning to exhume the remains of sailors and Marines assigned to the USS Oklahoma who died during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

moved from the ship and initially interred as unknowns in Hawaii's Nuuanu and Halawa cemeteries. In 1947, all remains in those cemeteries were disinterred for attempted identification. Twenty-seven unknowns from the USS Oklahoma were proposed for identification based on dental comparisons, but all proposed identifications were disapproved.

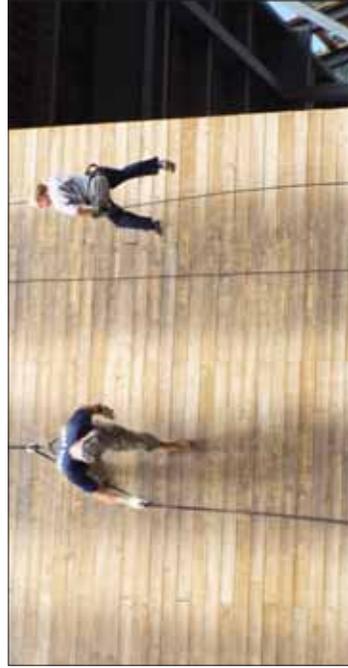
By 1950, all unidentified remains associated with the

ship were re-interred as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

In 2003, the DOD laboratory in Hawaii disinterred one casket containing USS Oklahoma remains based on historical evidence provided by Ray Emory, a Pearl Harbor survivor. The evidence helped to establish the identification of five Servicemen, but the casket contained the remains of as many as 100 men who have not yet been identified.



Above, Sgt. Willie McRae lends a hand to his daughter, Nadirah Ross, 13, to make it easier for her to keep her balance on the obstacle course. Left, Staff Sgt. Antoine West applies green camo to the face of Noah Schumacher, 12, whose dad, Kevin, was a guest of Col. Bryan Hernandez. Below, Brigade commander Col. Bryan Hernandez walks down the rappelling wall of the Victory Tower to boost the confidence of his 9-year-old nephew, Thor, who was visiting from Miami.



A Day in the Life

Spouses and families sample Soldiers' regimen

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Mothers clambered up rope ladders and rolled through mud pits as their husbands pushed babies in strollers. Soldier fathers coaxed their children to rappel down the Victory Wall. And, for several hours, the battalion commander answered to "honey" or "Dad."

More than 250 spouses and children took part in the 165th Infantry Brigade John and Jane Wayne Day on Saturday, in an outing designed to show — as Staff Sgt. Hoan Nguyen put it to the group he led through the day's events — "what Mom and Dad do every day" if they want to be fit and confident Soldiers in the United States Army.

After a safety briefing by Brigade Commander Col. Bryan Hernandez that featured a flying rubber snake and a slide of a "compliance officer" who looked suspiciously like Bigfoot, the day included negotiating the over and under obstacles of the Fit to Win course, shooting at mechanized pop-up silhouettes on the rifle range and — with varying degrees of finesse — rappelling 40 feet down the Victory Tower to the cheers of family members.

At the end of every event, dirt- and sweat-stained participants swigged electric blue or ruby red Victory Punch so cold it made your teeth hurt.

First Sgt. Leonard Taylor explained to families eager to tackle the obstacle course what purpose the rigors of such training achieved.

"What they get out of it is a sense of pride in their unit, a sense of camaraderie and teamwork," Taylor said.

What the families got out of the day, though, was fun, bragging rights and nightmare loads of laundry.

Down and dirty

Angie Rosario scented game for it all as she and her three girls lept over short walls, scouted through tunnels and wriggled on their backs under barbed wire. As she and the girls toiled, Angie's husband, Sgt. 1st Class Jose Rosario, shepherded the couple's son, Javier, through the easier parts of the course — the ones a 4-year-old could manage.

At the end of the day, only Jose and Javier were some version of clean. Somehow, they had missed all the puddles. Mom and the girls, however, were coated head to toe with sand and mud.

Even so, Angie Rosario delicately avoided the makeshift ponds the night's rain had left on the post's gravel paths, skipping around and not through them.

"I don't know why I'm so scared to walk in the puddles," she said, realizing the pointlessness of her actions. "My shoes are soaked with mud."

Hitting the target

Mathew Carter put his mambhood on the line at the shooting range. Would the 14-year-old be able to hit more targets than



Erica Lozano, center, climbs down the cargo rope ladder on the Fit to Win Course. She is the wife of Sgt. 1st Class Gabriel Lozano.

his sister, Mackenzie, 15?

"He's had more experience," said Mathew's father, Sgt. 1st Class Derek Carter. But Mackenzie "tends to listen a little better."

First, Mathew and then Mackenzie lay prone on a camouflaged poncho, peering through the rifle sight, waiting for a small red dot to point out the kill zone on a series of targets that popped up from red clay berms 50 and 75 meters away. Each had one magazine to prove his or her mettle. Single shots only. No bursts.

As the crack of each shot rent the air, the rifle bucked in the shooter's hands. The sharp scent of gunpowder followed. Neither Mathew nor Mackenzie lost concentration.

When Mathew had finished shooting and Mackenzie was becoming more and more comfortable snuggled against the sandbags, Carter good-naturedly razzed his son.

"You're scared, aren't you?" he goaded.

To Mathew's chagrin, Carter had predicted correctly: Mackenzie scored 15 ("Sharpshooter") to Mathew's 10 ("marksman"), an achievement officially recorded on the pair's marksmanship "badges," attached to their muddy tees with bright yellow tape.

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Photos by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT
Eight-year-old Henry Fuller rappels down the mini-wall, a prerequisite for tackling the 40-foot-tall Victory Tower. Henry went down the rappelling wall solo — with no assistance from a parent.

The 'Rule of 72' can help you plan for retirement

Investing your money with hopes of receiving a financial return is the primary way to grow a retirement “nest egg” — money that will let you live comfortably in retirement. Sadly, many of us shy away from investing because we do not understand exactly how our money will grow. That’s where the “Rule of 72” comes in.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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The Rule of 72 determines how long it will take an investment to double, given a fixed annual rate of interest. Simply divide 72 by the annual expected rate of return to obtain an estimate of the number of years it will take for your initial investment to double. For example, an initial \$1,000 investment with an annual return of 10 percent will be worth \$2,000 in approximately seven years. The key to making the Rule of 72

work for you is to begin investing early in life so your money will double several times.

But where should you invest?

Many investment vehicles — ways to invest and grow your money — can increase your wealth, such as savings and checking accounts, money market accounts, certificates of deposit, real estate, mutual funds and stocks. The challenging part of investing is figuring out which investment vehicle is best for you, based on your financial situation and knowledge. One of the easiest ways for the layman investor to begin is by using a Dividend Reinvestment Program. When you have grown your savings and retirement accounts, you might be ready to invest in the stock market.

A Dividend Reinvestment Programs, known as a “DRIP,” automatically uses your dividends to reinvest in a company by buying more stock instead of receiving a cash payment.

Let’s see what would happen if an investor bought 1,000 shares of a company’s stock trading at \$50 per share, with an annual dividend of 60 cents per share. When the quarterly dividend was paid — calculated by dividing the annual dividend of 60 cents by four quarters — the investor would receive 15 cents per share or \$150 — 15 cents times 1,000 shares.

If the investor were enrolled into the company’s reinvestment program, the \$150 dividend automatically would be used to buy three more shares (\$150 divided by \$50 share price), increasing the shares from 1,000 to 1,003. This pattern would repeat itself every quarter while the investor owned shares in the company. Imagine the potential growth.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Army Community Service will offer a two-hour “Lunch and Learn” seminar on investment basics at 11:30 a.m. Monday, featuring DENTAC commander, Col. Jamie Houston. The seminar will provide information on the Rule of 72, investment vehicles and DRIPS.

Call ACS at 751-5256 to reserve a seat at the seminar or to schedule an appointment with a financial counselor.

Families

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Grunting and shrieking all the way, 13-year-old Megan Allen bounced and glided down the 40-foot rappelling wall at Victory Tower.

“Oh, my God! My legs are numb,” she exclaimed as she was unharnessed at the base of the wall. “I was like, ‘I’m going to die. I’m going to die.’”

Apparently, the near-death experience was to her liking. Twice more, she mounted the steel stairs to the top to rappel down again.

Her 10-year-old brother, Patrick, was a little less confident. He had tried the Victory Tower last year, making it only halfway up the metal stairs before “I was bawling my eyes out because I couldn’t do it.”

This time, with his father, Lt. Col. James Allen, rappelling alongside him, Patrick slowly descended, his shoes skidding repeatedly on the tower wall. Though earning no points for style, he did earn his mother’s approval.

“You did it!” crowed Manu Allen. “Patrick, he needed some talking (from his father) up there, but he did it.

“I am so proud.”

Protect your vision for optimal health

TRI-SERVICE VISION CONSERVATION AND READINESS PROGRAM

U.S. Army Public Health Command

Women often neglect their own eye care even as they make sure everyone else in the family stays healthy. That's significant because two-thirds of the world population who are visually impaired or blind are women, even though women represent only slightly more than half of the population.

In the United States, the rate of eye disease has risen — often because people are living longer, and women live longer than men. Thus, more women are susceptible to age-related eye diseases such as macular degeneration, cataracts, dry eyes, glaucoma and diabetic changes of the eye.

Prevent Blindness America, an eye health and safety organization, has designated April as Women's Eye Health and Safety Month to help women prevent vision loss by making their own eye health a priority. It suggests the following tips for women and their families:

- Get routine eye care. Many eyesight problems are preventable, so regular eye exams are a must. Women should undergo a comprehensive eye examination at least by age 40 and follow up on their doctors' recommendations for care.

- Know your family history. Genetics plays an important role in susceptibility to diseases. Know what conditions your ancestors have suffered, and notify your eye-care professional of them. He or she will recommend ways to prevent or lessen the effect of those conditions in you.

- Eat healthfully and exercise. A proper diet and exercise can reduce the risk factors for certain conditions, helping you guard against vision loss. Obesity, a lack of exercise, stress and a bad diet all can affect the health of your eyes.

- Avoid smoke. Smoking, even secondhand smoke, increases the risks for cataracts — a clouding of the eye's



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Dr. Marion Ewan, Tripler Army Medical Center Optometry Clinic, screens Charity Del Rosario for myopia during an eye examination at TAMC.

lens — and macular degeneration, a slow reduction in sharpness of vision. Avoid smoking and being around smokers.

- Wear good sunglasses. Exposure to ultraviolet light has been linked to the development of cataracts and macular degeneration. When you go outside, wear brimmed hats and UV-rated sunglasses.

- Use cosmetics and contacts safely. Wash your hands

before handling both makeup and contacts. Throw away old makeup and contacts. Do not share either with others. Do not apply them while driving. Ignoring these suggestions can result in a serious eye infection and permanent loss of vision.

Remember: It's important that you stay healthy so you can continue to care for your family. Taking care of your eyes is an easy way to help you do that.

Reel Time Theaters

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Ft. Jackson Movie Schedule

PH (803)751-7488

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Ticket sales open 30 minutes prior to each movie

Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice

Thursday April 16
Unfinished Business (R) 3 p.m.

Friday April 17
Cinderella (PG) 7 p.m.

Saturday April 18
The Duff (PG-13) 2 p.m.
Run All Night (R) 4:30 p.m.

Sunday April 19
Unfinished Business (R) 2 p.m.
Cinderella (PG) 4 p.m.

Wednesday April 22
Unfinished Business (R) 2 p.m.
Run All Night (R) 4 p.m.

Thursday April 23
The Duff (PG-13) 3 p.m.

Friday April 24
The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)
7 p.m.

Prescription home delivery available

TRICARE beneficiaries can switch to home delivery for any medication taken regularly. There are several ways to switch:

- Call Express Scripts at 877-363-1303.
- Ask your provider to fax your prescription to Express Scripts at 800-895-1900.
- Ask your provider to e-Prescribe to "Express Script Mail Pharmacy."
- Mail your prescription along with a completed mail order form to Express Scripts Inc., P.O. Box 52150, Phoenix, Az. 85072-9954.

The first shipment will usually arrive within two weeks. Switching to home delivery can also save money — \$38 for every brand-name drug compared to using a network pharmacy. In addition, there is no copay for a 90-day supply of generic drugs. Express Scripts stocks all drugs on the TRICARE formulary.

Worship Schedule

PROTESTANT

- Sunday
- 9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
- 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service, Magruder Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday school, Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
- 11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel

Protestant Bible Study/Prayer Service

- Sunday
- 9:30 a.m. Chapel Next Bible study, Bayonet Chapel
- Monday
- 7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- 7 p.m. Men's Bible study (PMOC), Chaplain Family Life Center
- Tuesday
- 9 to 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
- 6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle Chapel
- 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

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

- Saturday
- 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each month)
- Sunday
- 5 to 6:30 p.m. Club Beyond youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

CATHOLIC

- Monday through Thursday

11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel

- Sunday
- 7:30 a.m. Confession, Solomon Center
- 8 a.m. IET Mass, Solomon Center
- 9:30 a.m. CCD (September through May), Education Center
- 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for adults (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for children (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
- 7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September through May), Main Post Chapel

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL/EPISCOPAL

- Sunday
- 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
- 8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel
- Friday
- 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

JEWISH

- Sunday
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Memorial Chapel
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish book study, Post Conference Room

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
- 11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
- 9:30 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- Wednesday
- 3 to 5 p.m. LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel
- Wednesday
- 7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

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- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542
- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-1297/4478
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Chaplain Family Life Center**
5460 Marion Ave. (to the side of the POV lot), 751-4961
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Scales Ave., corner of Strom Thurmond Blvd., 751-6469/6681
- McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)**
3820 McCrady Road (located at McCrady Training Center)
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School**
10100 Lee Road
- Warrior Chapel (120th AG Bn.)**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427
- Installation Chaplain's Office**
4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318



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Children gather for a proclamation signing during the Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention kickoff on Hurlburt Field, Fla., on April 1. Hurlburt Field is home to more than 5,500 children who face unique challenges related to military life and culture.

Military kids face unique challenges

By SARAH HEYNEN

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We often say that military kids face “unique challenges,” but what does that really mean?

Military children grow up fast. They know firsthand what big change feels like, from saying goodbye to friends to learning new languages and customs. They learn such terms as “PCS,” “period of adjustment” and “deployment” — sometimes before they can even spell their last names.

About 1.88 million military children now experience a different set of obstacles than their non-military peers.

They don’t have to face the challenges. Many resources created specifically for military children can help teach, inspire, encourage and comfort.

These 10 tips, adapted from *afterdeployment.org*, may help you and your child adjust and thrive during military life changes:

Encourage connections. It’s easy to feel isolated when you move a lot. Connecting with others is very important. Military Kids Connect provides a safe, online space for military children to connect with one another and share experiences. Military families also can get tips on how to stay connected to parents throughout deployment.

Help others. Show children how giving your time to others can be empowering and rewarding. From volunteering at a school event to finding opportunities in your local community, your family can find many ways to become

Establish routines. Sticking to a routine can offer children a sense of safety and

stability.

Take a break and have some fun. Teach your children to make time for fun. If you need help finding something uplifting to do, try the Positive Activity Jackpot mobile application.

Teach your child self-care. It’s important for the family to eat right, exercise and get enough sleep. The Army Medicine Performance Triad has great information for the whole family (<http://armymedicine.mil/Pages/performance-triad.aspx>).

Set goals. Teach your children to set reasonable goals and to move toward them one step at a time. This can help build resilience in the face of challenges.

Encourage your children to see themselves positively. In addition to celebrating the success of a good grade in school or other accomplishment, look back with your child to a time when he or she overcame something difficult. This can develop a sense of strength for the next challenge.

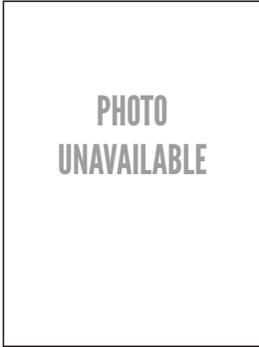
Keep things in perspective and stay hopeful. Be an example. Real Warriors offers six ways to think positively. Try implementing them in your own life as an example to your kids (<http://realwarriors.net>).

Look for opportunities for self-discovery. FOCUS on the Go mobile application helps kids learn coping skills, identify feelings, share their stories and play games. Military Families Near and Far teaches children of all ages to understand their feelings and how to express them (<https://www.familiesnearandfar.org/resources>).

10. Accept that change is part of living. Change can be scary at any age, but it is a constant in life. Talking about change can help military children learn to accept and understand what is going on.

Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

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



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