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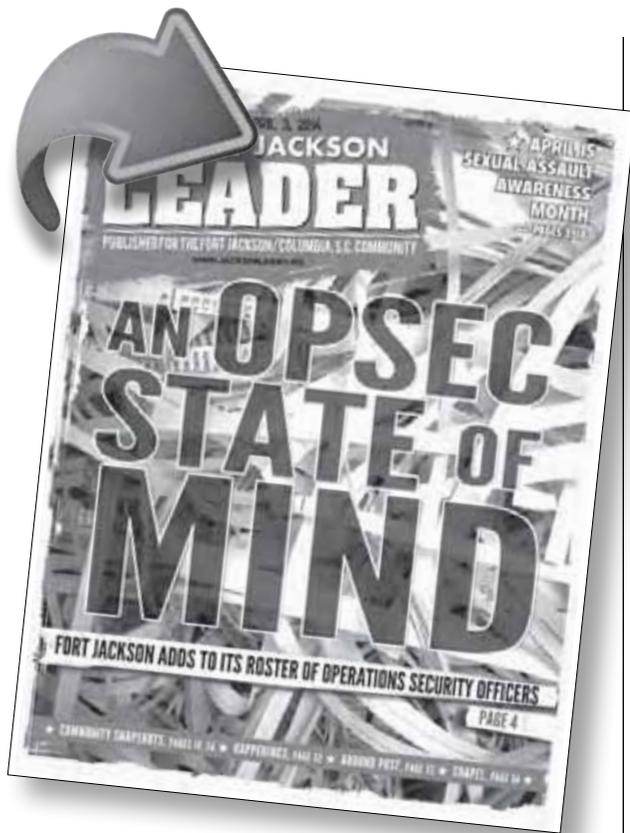
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Retiring from service

Eleven Soldiers and civilians are honored during Retirement Review March 25 at the Post Theater. The retirees are Col. Jeffery Hood; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Charles McIver Jr.; 1st Sgt. Chauncey Williams; Cynthia Good; 1st Sgt. Shawn Martin; Sgt. 1st Class Rolan Saribay; Effie Dillard; Sgt. James Snell; Sgt. 1st Class Gary Francisco; Sgt. 1st Class Larry Bailey Jr.; and Staff Sgt. Mario Butel.

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**SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS MONTH**

April 2014

Speak Up!

Prevention begins with each of us

Events scheduled to mark Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and a number of events are scheduled on Fort Jackson to remind community members of the importance of preventing sexual assault.

"We'll do everything that we can to try to boost people's awareness of sexual assault or the SHARP program," said Master Sgt. Dietra Woods, installation sexual assault response coordinator.

The Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP, program aims to prevent sexual harassment and assault through training and information campaigns. The SHARP team also answers phone calls to a local hotline for people dealing with sexual harassment and assault. The number is (803) 543-3085. Phone calls are answered around the clock by credentialed victim advocates.

"We're here to assist," Woods said. "We don't care what brigade or company you belong to, we're just trying to make sure that we take care of you."

Dedicated phones are also available for Soldiers in Basic Combat Training who don't have access to cell phones or landlines.

To commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month, banners will be displayed at the gates reminding visitors and employees of its significance. In addition, the Clothesline Project will be on display at the Strom Thurmond Building all month. Different-colored T-shirts are on

SHARP RESOURCES

- Local 24/7 hotline: (803) 543-3085
- DoD Safe Helpline: 1 (877) 995-5247
www.safehelpline.org
- SHARP website:
<http://www.sexualassault.army.mil/>

display, which represent different kinds of assault people have been subjected to. Literature will be available to let visitors know what each shirt stands for.

A SHARP summit for chaplains and command teams of battalion-level or higher units is planned for April 15. It is modeled after the Army SHARP summit in January, and its goal is to keep leaders informed about the program.

"What we're going to talk about are various topics as to how leadership can better understand SHARP," Woods said.

On April 20, the community will mark Denim Day with a walk around Semmes Lake from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denim wear is encouraged. The event commemorates a case in Italy where an alleged assailant was acquitted because the victim wore denim during the attack.

"Got your back training" will be returning to Fort Jackson from April 28 through May 2.

"It's already been on Fort Jackson three times, but this one is going to be the last iteration of the training to come to Jackson for the entire installation," Woods said.

The training will be open to military and civilian employees.

"The difference between this SHARP training and every other one is that now we're turning it toward you as the bystander," Woods said.

Woods emphasized that everyone plays a part in preventing sexual harassment and assault.

"Prevention begins with each one of us. We're the ones who set the tone," she said.

She said her goal is for everyone on post to be familiar with the SHARP program.

That knowledge can also be of help if a person becomes aware of sexual harassment or assault, she said.

"Make sure that you're voicing that you know what the program is about and that you're giving out the (hotline) phone number and that you're looking out for one another and watch for signs," Woods said. "Let people know, 'If you need help, I'm here or I can give you the number for the hotline.'"

For more information on the SHARP program, visit www.sexualassault.army.mil.

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SEE ALSO

Army leaders are calling Soldiers to action during a ceremony in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
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OPSEC protects sensitive information

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Dwight Peters, operations security manager for Fort Jackson, says vigilance isn't a part-time job. Because of the casual manner in which information is moved around post every second of the day, though, it's easy to take the value of data for granted.

Operations security, or OPSEC, is a process of evaluating and identifying information to determine if casual behaviors are visible to adversary intelligence systems, and whether they can be used against us.

"OPSEC is a mindset," Peters said. "If it's not on your mind, you won't practice it."

The goal, Peters said, is to give Soldiers and staff reminders throughout the work day without being obtrusive or obnoxious. Signs are posted near many trash receptacles and paper shredders concerning OPSEC measures, computers frequently "push" security notices, and management offers the occasional reminders to properly dispose of sensitive materials.

The challenge, Peters said, is that most of the information covered by OPSEC regulations appears relatively harmless to most people.

"Even though a lot of our tactics, techniques and procedures aren't classified, they still require shredding, protection and safeguarding," said Soldier Support Institute OPSEC officer Geraldo Cruzado. "If not, the adversary will come up with a countermeasure to our protective measures."

OPSEC is the process of protecting little pieces of data that could be combined to give the bigger picture.

"We want to protect that information long enough so that the mission is not disrupted," Cruzado said. "We want to protect personal, identifiable information. That's your Social Security number, your home address, your contact information, cell phone and home number and so forth. That will protect against identity theft."

In March, the Soldier Support Institute hosted training to certify military and civilian personnel in OPSEC levels II and III. Level II represents "Journeyman" certification, while Level III is a "Senior Analyst."

"OPSEC is a mandated program that everybody's required to have, in every organization from battalion level and above," Cruzado said. "It's primarily about protecting unclassified information. The focus is on protecting information that can be pieced together that can tell our adversaries what we're going to do, what our capabilities are and what our limitations are."

Level I OPSEC training takes place for Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians within the first 30 days of arrival at an installation, and is conducted again on an annual basis. Despite this regiment, Peters said it's difficult for an installation to consistently staff enough Level II and Level III OPSEC officers.

"We can conduct these training sessions maybe twice a year so we can keep people on board," he said. "As you know, people rotate in and they rotate out. Regulations require certain positions of command and directorate levels must have an OPSEC officer."

The class was taught March 18-20, with 49 students



Courtesy photo

Dwight Peters teaches profile indicators during a recent OPSEC training class at the Soldier Support Institute. Peters, the installation operations security manager, is one of two Level III certified OPSEC officers currently on Fort Jackson.

graduating from the course with Level II certification. The class was a joint effort between IMCOM, the SSI and the Army Training Center.

"These Level II officers are from throughout Fort Jackson and three major commands," Cruzado said. "We also qualified 18 National Guard (Soldiers) and reservists from all over the U.S."

Daily OPSEC measures ensure that emails are encrypted, sensitive information is shredded, trash is disposed of properly and personal information doesn't fall into the wrong hands. OPSEC officers sometimes take unusual measures to verify that these procedures are being followed.

"If we were to go into a recycling bin, would we find For Official Use Only (material)?" Cruzado asked. "We do dumpster diving to make sure some kinds of information isn't being thrown away as is."

But, OPSEC policies can have negative impacts on the lifespan of paper shredders, he said, which is a problem the post also can't afford. This means sometimes re-accessing how data is sometimes discarded.

"I go through a lot of shredders, and we can't afford to buy shredders all of the time," Cruzado said. "So we have to educate the workforce on what is sensitive information, and that's what gets shredded. We're trying to prevent OPSEC compromises. When in doubt, shred."

"There's no such thing as 100 percent prevented OPSEC compromises," Peters said. "People make mistakes. Sometimes it's big, sometimes it's small. But little bitty small things add up."

Not long ago, Cruzado said he was one of six Level III OPSEC officers in all of TRADOC. Today, he said, those numbers have tripled, but there's still room for improvement. He estimates that Fort Jackson needs a

minimum of 80 OPSEC officers at levels I and II, but it's difficult to keep OPSEC training and Soldier/employee transfers at the same pace.

"That's why there's a need to replenish this group every year," he said. "But, when we run a class, it's not just Fort Jackson people that come. The class is open to the Army. We get a lot of people from other organizations."

"ATC and IMCOM have been very supportive and cooperative," Cruzado said. "We all have this requirement that's mandated by regulation. It's been a cooperative effort across Fort Jackson to get this done."

Adding additional Level III officers helps the installation maintain the number of Level II people trained.

"This gives us the ability to maintain those levels at a very low cost, because we're here and can train them," Peters said.

It's also difficult to match OPSEC training with the needs of different offices, which have different security demands.

"Every unit is different, so they have different information to protect," Cruzado said. "You have to tailor your OPSEC program to fit your organization's mission, vulnerability and activities."

This could mean creating countermeasures to protect against elements as fierce as terrorism, spies and hackers, but also from information that invariably trickles down to military family members.

"Families have access to sensitive information like deployment dates," he said. "Here at Fort Jackson we have a unique opportunity, because we can instill OPSEC in new Soldiers and new officers when they come here for training."

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Army publishes new appearance policy

By **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The number, size and placement of tattoos have been dialed back under revised Army Regulation 670-1, which governs the Army's grooming standards and proper wear of the uniform.

The revised regulation was published Monday, along with Department of the Army Pamphlet 670-1, outlining the new standards. Effective dates for the various changes can also be found in All Army Activity message, or ALARACT 082-2014.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III addressed why the changes were made.

"The Army is a profession, and one of the ways our leaders and the American public measure our professionalism is by our appearance," he said. "Wearing of the uniform, as well as our overall military appearance, should be a matter of personal pride for all Soldiers.

"Every Soldier has the responsibility to understand and follow these standards," he continued. "Leaders at all levels also have a responsibility to interpret and enforce these standards, which begins by setting the example."

Some of the changes include:

TATTOOS

Tattoos cannot be located anywhere on the neck or head above the lines of a T-shirt. They also cannot be located anywhere below the wrist bone.

Visible band tattoos cannot be more than two inches wide. There can be no more than one visible band tattoo. Sleeve tattoos on arms or legs are not allowed.

Each visible tattoo below the elbow or knee must be smaller than the size of the wearer's extended hand. There cannot be more than four total tattoos below the elbows or knees.

Soldiers who currently violate these revisions can be grandfathered in as long as commanders validate their current tattoos. Also, each year, commanders must check each Soldier for new tattoos that might be prohibited. The checks will be done when Soldiers are in their physical fitness uniform and do not include tattoos that might be hidden by the shorts or T-shirts.

Prohibited tattoos include those just mentioned, as well as ones that could be deemed extremist, indecent, sexist or racist.

UNIFORMS

Soldiers on official travel and traveling by commercial carrier are no longer allowed to wear the Army Combat Uniform, or ACU. Instead, they must either wear civilian attire or the service uniform.

The only ACU exceptions are when Soldiers are deploying, on rest and recuperation leave to and from theater and when authorized to do so by commanders for emergency leave or casualty assistance duties.

Identification tags must be worn at all times while on duty in uniform unless otherwise directed.

Soldiers can carry plain, black umbrellas only during inclement weather when in service, dress and mess uniforms. However, umbrellas are not allowed in formations or when wearing field or utility uniforms.

Revisions also cover the wearing of badges and tabs, the carrying of bags, sewing on of name tapes, U.S. Army tape and grade insignia; wearing of insignia representing



Army photo

A Soldier displays his tattoos March 31, 2014, the day new regulations on tattoos and other appearance standards went into effect. This Soldier's tattoos no longer conform to the new regulations. However, he could be grandfathered in under the older uniform regulations. The number, size and placement of tattoos have been dialed back under revised Army Regulation 670-1, which governs the Army's grooming standards and proper wear of the uniform.

regimental affiliation, windbreakers, all-weather coats and other garments.

MALE GROOMING

Fancy-style haircuts, including the "tear drop," "landing strip" or "Mohawk," and "horseshoe" are no longer authorized.

Sideburns cannot extend below the bottom of the ear opening and cannot be flared or tapered to a point, and the length of the sideburn hair cannot exceed one-eighth of an inch.

A mustache cannot extend past the corners of the mouth and no portion can cover the upper lip line or go higher than the lowest portion of the nose.

Fingernails cannot extend past the tip of the finger and nail polish cannot be worn.

FEMALE GROOMING

Hair must be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned. Bangs are now authorized, as long as they don't fall below the eyebrows. "Bulk of hair," measured from the scalp up, as opposed to the length of hair, will not exceed two inches, except for a bun, which can protrude three inches from the scalp. The bun cannot be wider than the width of the head.

Also, hair needs to be properly secured, cannot be unbalanced or lopsided and parting of hair must be in a straight line.

Hair extensions and wigs are now authorized as long as they have the same general appearance as the natural hair and conform to all other hair regulations.

During physical training, women can now wear the

full length of their hair in one pony tail that's centered on the back of the head.

Fingernails cannot exceed 1/4 inch from the tip of the finger and only clear nail polish is authorized with all uniforms.

OTHER

Soldiers cannot mutilate their bodies in any manner, such as tongue bifurcation.

Tooth caps or veneers of any unnatural color, design, shape or texture cannot be worn.

Jewelry or objects cannot be attached to, through or under the skin or other body part. This applies to all Soldiers on or off duty. The only exception is that female Soldiers can wear authorized earrings.

Commanders can authorize the wearing of sunglasses in formations or field environments. Glasses of any type cannot be worn on top of the head.

Soldiers cannot walk in such a way as to interfere with saluting, giving salutations or in a manner that detracts from a professional image. Examples include walking while eating, using electronic devices and smoking. All restrictions that apply to cigarettes also apply to tobacco-free cigarettes.

Personnel in civilian clothing, whether on-duty or off-duty, on or off post, must dress in a way that does not detract from the profession.

The wearing of wireless and non-wireless devices such as ear pieces while in uniform is prohibited. However, hands-free devices used in a vehicle or bicycle are allowed as long as they are not prohibited by policy or civilian law.

TRADOC CG addresses senior NCOs

By SGT. MAJ. JOSE VELAZQUEZ
TRADOC

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Rounding out his first week as the new commanding general of TRADOC, Gen. David Perkins sat down with command and staff sergeants major at the unit's headquarters here, March 21.

At the invitation of TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dailey, Perkins spent time with the sergeants major to discuss how TRADOC, "the architect of the Army," needs its senior NCOs to help explain why — to paint the big picture, Perkins said.

"We can have the best concepts, equipment and doctrine, but without the NCO corps' buy-in, it's nothing more than a PowerPoint presentation," the general said.

TRADOC is responsible for the U.S. Army's training, leader development and doctrine. The organization not only serves as the architect of the force, but also in some respects, the general contractor and designer.

"To America's Soldiers, many of the senior-leader decisions may seem like they were developed the night before," Perkins said, "but I need your help in explaining that the initiatives they hear about, which have been worked on — sometimes for years — have had input from Soldiers at every level."

NCO 2020 is one of the TRADOC programs noncommissioned officers and enlisted Soldiers are most interested in. Perkins said he wants Soldiers to know it's a



Army photo by STAFF SGT. STEVEN SCHNEIDER

Gen. David Perkins, TRADOC commanding general, meets with TRADOC's senior noncommissioned officers March 21 to discuss how NCOs can help explain the 'big picture.' Perkins took command of TRADOC March 14.

deliberate, data-driven, analytical process examining the current model of developing NCOs. He asked TRADOC's senior noncommissioned officers to help Soldiers understand the program and the work that has gone into making sure this is a collaborative effort between the force and the in-

stitution.

"He has always made it a point to sit with his senior noncommissioned officers very early on in his command," Dailey said. "He believes in the NCO Corps and has always involved us in the process."

To Perkins, involving his noncommis-

sioned officers is a careerlong business practice he believes in to accomplish the mission.

"We are the iron fist of our national defense. When all else fails, our nation calls on us, and in accomplishing the mission, I call on my NCOs," Perkins said.

MG Keenan visits MACH

Maj. Gen. Jimmie Keenan, Southern Regional Medical Command commanding general visits Moncrief Army Community Hospital March 18. MACH staff gave Keenan and SRMC Command Sgt. Maj. Jayme Johnson a tour of the MACH facilities across Fort Jackson. The team also met with military and civilian staff to discuss the future of Army medicine.

Photo by ANDRE BUTLER,
Moncrief Army Community Hospital





Month of the Military Child begins

Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Children parade in front of Imboden Street Child Development Center to mark the start of the Month of the Military Child Tuesday. The 282nd Army Band provided musical entertainment for the marchers. For more events planned throughout the month, see Page 17.



Dog days of April

April Fool-ish Dog Show scheduled for Sunday

By **THERESA O'HAGAN**

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

For the eighth straight year, Fort Jackson dog lovers can show off their best friends in the wackiest dog show ever, the April Fool-ish Dog Show, April 6 at the Youth Sports Complex.

The annual dog show is just one of many activities in April to support the Month of the Military Child and the Army Family Covenant.

If your dog never barks to wake the dead in the middle of the night, has a coat that is always smooth and shiny, breath like perfume, and never, ever leaves puddles on the floor, the Child,

Youth and School Services April Fool-ish Dog Show is not the dog show for him or her.

Competition will be ruff and could get a little hairy. All participants will receive a “doggy bag” for participating, but first,

second and third place awards will be given in the following categories: Prettiest Eyes, Hairiest Dog, Longest Tail, Most Diva-Like, Celebrity/Owner Look-A-Like, Longest Ears, Best Costume, Best Kisser, Most Unique Trick, Ya Gotta Love Me, Most Mysterious Heritage, Best Senior, Cutest Puppy, Prettiest Eyes, and Best Vocal Performance.

There will also be a separate show for children who don't own a live dog, but have a real live “stuffed” dog. Categories for that show include: Least Obedient, Squeeziest, Most Humongous, and Most Resembling A Real Dog.

Last year's show was a bow wows-ing success, said Beverly Metcalfe, CYSS administrator who paws-ed to speak to *The Leader* about the event. More than 30 dogs of all shapes and sizes participated and a tail-waggin' time was had by both the two-legged and four-legged participants.

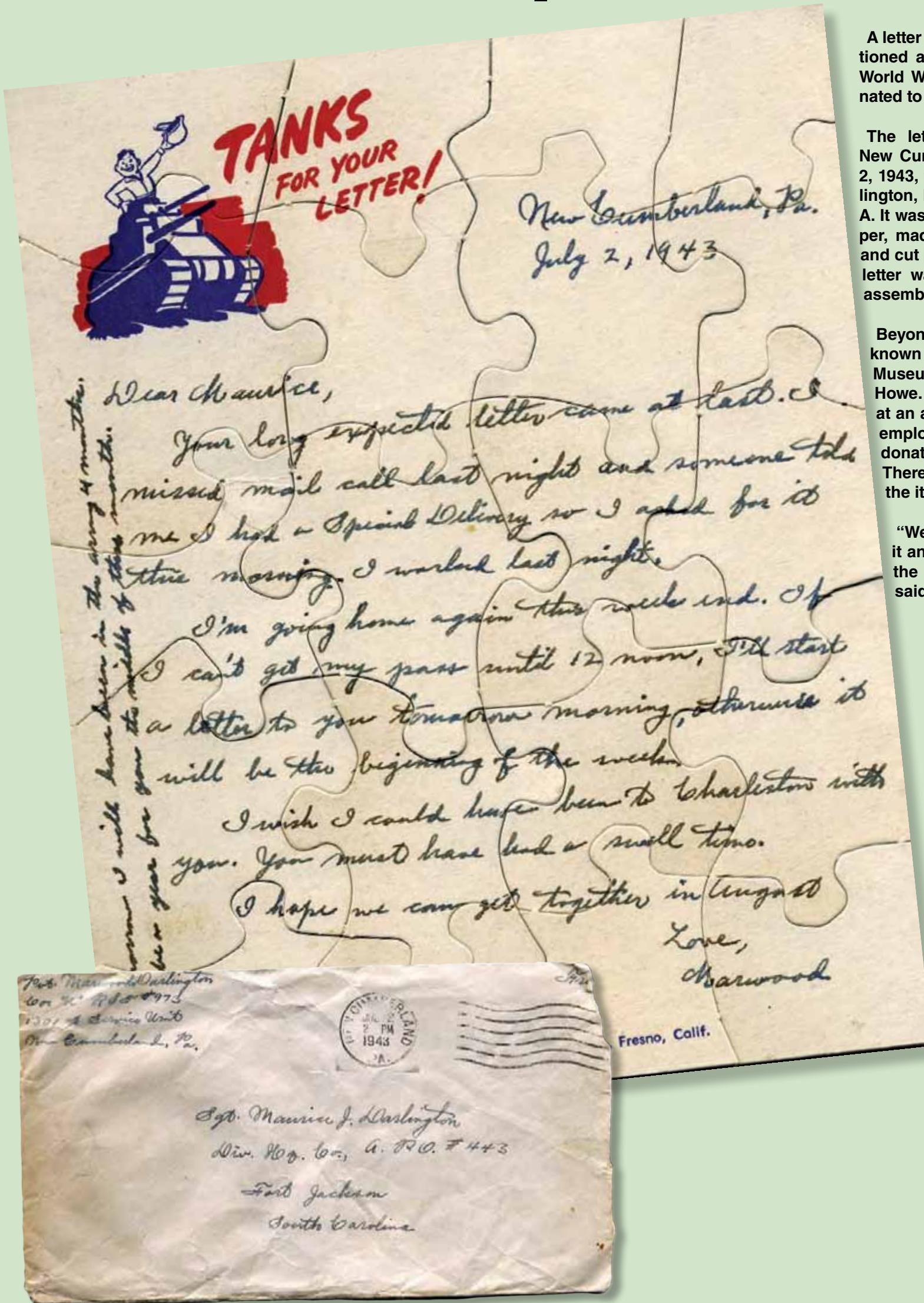
“This year we expect even more dogs and will have a very hard time deciding on the winners. I don't think any dog has ever left empty handed. Or is that empty pawed? Every year all of the dogs are wonderful. Of course, the very smart ones know how to influence the judges by turning on the charm and literally kissing up to them,” said one of the judges who chose to remain anonymous. “This is one contest where licking or jumping on the judge will give you a distinct advantage.”

Show hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m., with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. Contestants are urged to pre-register for the event. Registration is free with a donation of old towels, blankets, dog toys, leashes or treats. All proceeds will be donated to the Fort Jackson Veterinary Clinic. Pre-registration packets are available at any CYSS location or at the CYSS Central Enrollment Office in the Joe E. Mann Center, 3392 Magruder Ave. For more information, contact Beverly Metcalfe at 751-3053.



Leader file photo

1943 letter offers puzzle for museum



A letter mailed to a Soldier stationed at Fort Jackson during World War II was recently donated to the post museum.

The letter was mailed from New Cumberland, Pa., on July 2, 1943, to Sgt. Maurice J. Darlington, Division HQ, Company A. It was written on novelty paper, made of thick card stock and cut into jigsaw pieces. The letter was, presumably, to be assembled by the recipient.

Beyond that, little else is known about the letter, said Museum Director Henry Howe. The artifact was found at an antique store by a post employee, who has since donated it to the museum. There are no plans yet to put the item on display.

“We’re going to evaluate it and see where it fits into the museum story,” Howe said.

Dear Maurice,

Your long expected letter came at last. I missed mail call last night and someone told me I had a Special Delivery so I asked for it this morning. I worked last night.

I'm going home again this week end. I can't get my pass until 12 noon, I'll start a letter to you tomorrow morning, otherwise it will be the beginning of the week.

I wish I could have been to Charleston with you. You must have had a swell time.

I hope we can get together in August

Love,
Charwood

When I will have been in the army 4 months. I will have been in the middle of this month. I am year for you this month.

708 Main St. Darlington
 Co. A. P.O. # 443
 1307 A Service Unit
 New Cumberland, Pa.

NEW CUMBERLAND
 PA.
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 1943

Fresno, Calif.

Sgt. Maurice J. Darlington
 Div. Hq. Co., A. P.O. # 443
 Fort Jackson
 South Carolina

I AM VICTORY



Photos courtesy of the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

Soldiers in Basic Combat Training with Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment maneuver Victory Tower. Victory Tower training includes crossing rope bridges and rappelling from a 40-foot tower. Victory Tower is one of the first training challenges for Soldiers in BCT.



Children need to understand finance

Children need to understand the value of money, not simply the price of things. As you may know, price and value are two different things. Too often, parents neglect to teach their children money management skills that will be useful later in their lives. Being financially savvy consists of knowing how money is generated, how it multiplies, and knowing the pitfalls that could lead to financial hardship.

Parents can begin by teaching children how money is generated and why some of it should always be saved. Teaching children about a rainy day fund will instill in them that they should always have a plan. Depending on your child's age, he or she may not fully grasp the concept of long-term

FINANCIAL ADVICE

By ANGELA CROSLAND
Army Community Services
Financial Readiness

planning, but this will help you plant the seed. Children need to know that money is earned and does not grow on trees. Have your children do chores around the house and assign each chore a dollar amount. When your children are paid for their services, have them put some of the money into a piggy bank for savings. This will teach them to pay themselves first and that saving is something you should always do.

Children absorb information from

their parents. Parents who need to sharpen their money management skills can seek assistance from an Army Community Services financial counselor. Preparing a budget and reviewing your credit report is a great place to begin your financial check-up. Taking care of yourself is a very important part of taking care of your family.

Help your children be financially secure adults by teaching them smart money habits now. Teaching children the importance of managing their money is a gift that will continue to give throughout their lives.

For more information about personal finances, contact Army Community Services at 751-5256 or visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/acs_fin.



News and Notes

RECYCLING BIN BLITZ SCHEDULED

Organizations that need recycling bins can pick them up from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., today at the Recycling Center. Recycling training will be offered every 30 minutes. Government and personal electronic waste will be accepted during the event. Recycling is mandatory on Fort Jackson.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Special Olympics Summer Games, scheduled for May 9-11 at Fort Jackson. Online volunteer registration opens April 1 at www.so-sc.org.

COMPTROLLERS MEET

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will

host the Santee Regional Professional Development Institute from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 11 at the Santee Conference Center. For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/asmcbeaufortlowcountry/south-carolina-asmc-regional-pdi-2014>.

VOTING ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP SET

A voting assistance officer workshop is scheduled from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m., April 24 at the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, Classroom 1. The workshop will provide information, resources and tools for the successful performance of voting assistance officer duties. For more information and to register, call 751-7535/9900.

Information subject to change.

Reel Time Theaters

We're saving a seat for you.

<p>Ft. Jackson Movie Schedule</p> <p>PH (803)751-7488 Adult \$5.50/Child (6-11): \$3.00 3D: Adult \$7.50/Child (6-11): 5.00 3319 Jackson BLVD</p> <p><small>**Ticket sales open 30 minutes prior to each movie** *Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice*</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday April 6 Pompeii (PG-13) 1400</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday April 9 Robocop 4 (PG-13) 1400 Pompeii (PG-13) 1630</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday April 11 Winter's Tale (PG-13) 1900</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday April 12 That Awkward Moment (R) 1400</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday April 13 Endless Love (PG-13) 1400</p>
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Army works to combat child abuse

By **ROBERT DOZIER**

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command

SAN ANTONIO — The Army’s Family Advocacy Program is making child abuse prevention the top agenda item during April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The theme of this year’s campaign is “Children’s safety comes first — be ready to end child abuse.”

“The president of the United States is calling on all of us — military and civilian, parents and non-parents — to unite in a common goal: to end the abuse of children,” said Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, IMCOM commander. “I stand with the president and call upon you to make a commitment to this prevention effort in partnership with the Family Advocacy Program.”

Child abuse prevention does not work if leadership focus only occurs one month in the year. For success to be achieved, the Army must first bring awareness to everyone and then follow up with great classes and counselors who deliver what it takes to succeed year-round.

“A vocal and vibrant campaign to end the abuse and maltreatment of children is still necessary in all of society,” said Novella Magwood, FAP Program Manager. “The Army’s Family Advocacy Program focuses on the prevention effort to maximize our returns. The children

deserve our best efforts.”

The FAP is congressionally-mandated and intended to prevent and reduce the occurrence of family violence while it strives to create an environment of intolerance for such behavior.

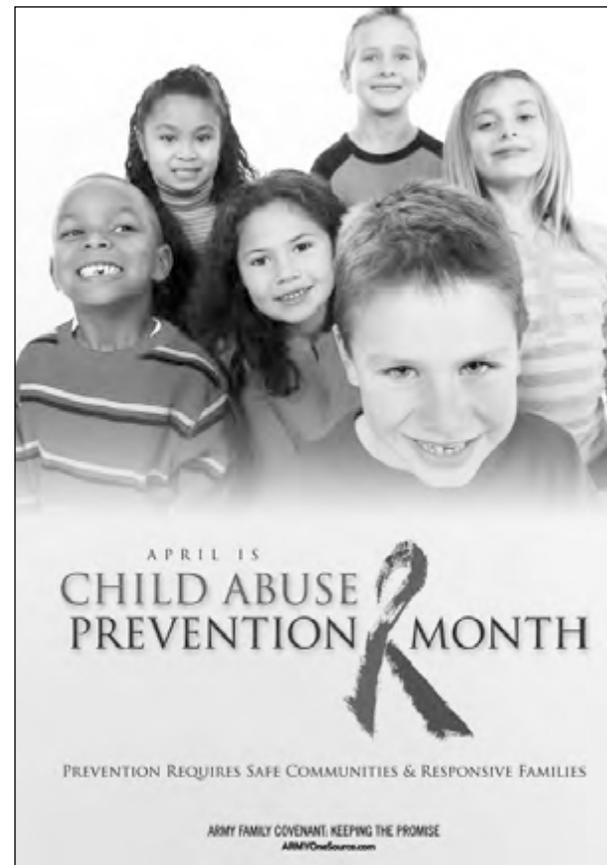
“In today’s fast-paced environment full of challenges and stresses, often it seems there is not enough time to pause long enough to reset the family,” said Col. Anthony Cox, HQDA Family Advocacy Program manager. “Family advocacy helps to head problems off before they escalate.”

The program provides Soldiers and family members early referral and intervention services for all types of domestic violence issues. The goal is to establish sufficient safety and risk-reduction plans, such as counseling services and parenting classes.

Services are available for parents of children of all ages. First-time moms and dads at a distant duty location can get advice while older parents can receive help with the transition from pre-teen to young adult.

Soldiers and family members are invited to learn more about the Family Advocacy Program at their garrison’s Army Community Services facility. Participation in FAP services is stigma-free and is most effective when the family comes to the counselors early.

“Being a parent is one of the greatest experiences a young Soldier can have,” Magwood said. “Our job is to make it a little better and a little easier.”



SPORTS

DARTS STANDINGS

SS	28 points
MPs	25 points
BWB	20 points
3-34th	19 points
165th	19 points
1st CivDiv	18 points
187th	14 points
MACH	14 points
FTC	14 points
1-61st	4 points

Standings as of March 28

SOCCER STANDINGS

SSI	5-2
3-60th	4-0
2-60th	4-1
MEDDAC	2-2
USADSS	0-4
165th	0-6

Standings as of March 22

LIFEGUARD TRAINING OFFERED

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers lifeguard training at Knight Pool. The next training session is scheduled for April 4-6 and April 12-13. Training takes place from 4:30 to 9 p.m., Fridays; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays; and from 1 to 7 p.m., Sundays.

The training includes Red Cross certification in lifeguarding, first aid, CPR and AED administration. Each certification is valid for two years from the course completion date.

To register, visit the Solomon Center, Marion Street Station or go to <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/jacksonrectrac.html>.

Candidates must pass a test to participate in the training. The test includes swimming and retrieving an object from the water. Participants must be 15 or older. The cost is \$125 for ID card holders.

For more information, call 751-4796.

9/11 museum visits post

Nathaniel Adderley tours the Tunnel to Towers Foundation's '9/11 Never Forget' exhibit, which was on display March 27 at Hilton Field during graduation services. The traveling memorial included interactive education, artifacts, news and video recordings, and a live tour. Adderley, a Fort Jackson employee, was a drill sergeant on post in September, 2001.

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE



MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD EVENTS

- April 4, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Imboden Street School Age Center — School Age Night Out
- April 4, 6 to 11 p.m., Hood Street Child Development Center — Parent Night Out
- April 6, 1:30 to 4 p.m., Youth Sports Complex — April Foolish Dog Show
- April 12, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Youth Center and Imboden Street School Age Center — South Carolina Boys & Girls Club games room tournament
- April 18, 6 to 11 p.m., Hood Street Child Development Center — Parent Night Out
- April 18, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Imboden Street School Age Center — Health Rocks
- April 19, 10 a.m. to noon, Youth Sports Complex — Spring Jamboree and Egg Hunt
- April 19, 8 p.m., Youth Center — Flashlight egg hunt
- April 25 and 26, 6 to 7 p.m., Youth Center — Operation Megaphone Lock-In
- April 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Patriot's Park — Family fun fair
- Throughout April — Young Lives, BIG Stories Contest: Military youth may submit stories, pictures, drawings or videos on what it 'means to be a military child' for a chance to win prizes. For more information, visit www.armymwr.com/momc-big-stories.aspx.

For more information on Month of the Military Child events, call 751-4869.

Additional program- and facility-specific events are offered throughout April for enrolled children. Parents should contact their program director for more information.

DeCA celebrates military children

By SALLIE CAUTHERS
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — April is the Month of the Military Child, and commissaries are celebrating with giveaways and savings for the entire family.

"Children in military households face unique challenges because of the demands of military life," said Randy Chandler, DeCA's sales director. "So, at the Defense Commissary Agency, we want to acknowledge them and do all we can to provide their families with great values on quality products they can depend on."

DeCA's industry partners — vendors, suppliers and brokers — are collaborating with commissaries in April to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. Customers are asked to check their local commissary for details on dates and times of the promotions.



"As we honor our military children, don't miss out on these opportunities to save even more," Chandler said. "For everyone in the family, the commissary is always worth the trip."

For more information, visit www.commissaries.com.

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McHugh: Take back Army from predators

By **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Army John McHugh, along with Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III, were the featured speakers at a Pentagon ceremony marking the start of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, observed in April.

“Take back your Army from those who harm or assault our Soldiers. Take back your Army from those who ignore the values and who stain our honor. Take back our Army from those who fail to lead,” McHugh said.

This year’s theme for the month is “Speak Up! A Voice Unheard is an Army Defeated.”

The secretary’s call to action is being heeded and the message is getting out. Victims are feeling more confident and are reporting these crimes and when they do, they feel they will be taken seriously and that their commanders will follow up and act, McHugh said.

That Soldiers are stepping up is not merely anecdotal.

Survivors have had the courage to come forward and report the crimes against them, Odierno said, citing a 51 percent increase in reported sexual assaults from 2012 to 2013, with about 10 percent of those reports citing trauma that occurred more than a year earlier.

“I believe that’s starting to show confidence that the Army is taking this seriously, that the chain of command is taking this seriously,” he said.

McHugh credited the increase in victim reporting with a number of factors, including increasing the number of well-trained victim advocates and sexual assault response coordinators who have had extensive background checks done on them. Also, prosecutors and investigators are receiving better training.

Additionally, there is now a requirement for mandatory comments on officer and noncommissioned officer evaluation reports, detailing how they’re fostering climates of dignity and respect and adherence to the Sexual Harassment /Assault Response and Prevention program, known as SHARP.

Besides better training and reporting requirements, Odierno said the culture is changing at the small-unit level, and that’s where change is most effective.

“We won’t succeed at this with PowerPoint slides or briefings in large formations and mandatory training,” as was the case with training in the past, he said.

Rather, he challenged leaders at every level to get their Soldiers together in small groups and talk about the problem. “Every leader needs to take ownership of this problem.”

Odierno referred to sexual assault and harassment as an “insider threat,” affecting the “credibility of our institution.”

Dealing with this insider threat, he said requires using the chain of command and, when necessary, the Uniform



Army photo by SPC. JOHN G. MARTINEZ

Secretary of the Army John McHugh speaks at a Pentagon ceremony marking the start of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, observed in April.

Code of Military Justice.

“The UCMJ, when implemented properly, is the best tool possible to prosecute offenders and protect survivors because it allows the commander to take actions beyond that of civilian courts, to prosecute both sexual assault and harassment, on or off post,” he explained.

Odierno implored Soldiers to take this problem head on and intervene when harassment is observed at its earliest stage.

“It’s reprehensible that anyone who wears this uniform threatens or assaults a member of the Army family,” he said. “These crimes destroy the lives of individuals, degrade the readiness of our force for war, and threaten the very core of our institution and the Army profession.”

He added that the issue is about trust and that every act of sexual assault or harassment violates that trust. “The American public expects the Army to get this right.”

Chandler called sexual assault and harassment a “cancer” that needs to be sliced out.

Like the secretary and chief, he said he’s been greatly encouraged by what he’s seen over the course of just the last year at town hall meetings he frequents where he interacts with Soldiers on a personal level.

“Just over a year ago, you’d be lucky if you (could) find less than 25 percent of the audience that would say, ‘I would trust my first sergeant if I came forward with an

issue,’” he said, adding that now that proportion has risen dramatically.

He said noncommissioned officers are stepping up to the plate and are taking charge and holding each other and their subordinates accountable.

The dynamic is changing as more and more Soldiers feel a sense of trust between themselves and their leaders, he said. Soldiers are looking out for their “battle buddies.”

Chandler acknowledged that the Army still has a long way to go before the cancer is removed, and despite progress being made, no one should be complacent.

He said it will take Soldiers like Master Sgt. Richard Fry to get this accomplished.

Fry was recognized during the ceremony as a driving force for leading cultural change at his unit, the 18th Engineer Brigade, in Schweinfurt, Germany, last year where he served as a sexual assault response coordinator. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal during the ceremony for being selected as the Army’s 2014 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator of the Year.

Christine Altendorf, director of the Army SHARP program, spoke briefly, saying she hoped this awareness campaign encourages even more survivors to step forward and that Soldiers and Army civilians become more educated about preventing sexual assault.



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Keeping informed

Col. Michael Graese, garrison commander, briefs IMCOM employees on the impact the fiscal year 15 budget may have on operations during a town hall meeting March 27 at the Post Theater. A second town hall meeting was held Monday.



Academic honors

Chanse Sonsalla, daughter of Lt. Col. Scott Sonsalla and his wife, recently received first place honors for academic achievement at the South Carolina State Conference for the Health Occupations Students of America. Chanse is currently a junior at Spring Valley High School. She will represent South Carolina at the National Leadership Conference in Florida in June. Chanse's achievements have been highlighted by Spring Valley High School multiple times in recent weeks, including selection to the National Honor Society and recognition for her perfect score on the English portion of her SAT exams.

Courtesy photo



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Dozens of Fort Jackson Soldiers put their skills to the test this week for the coveted Expert Infantryman Badge this week, taking part in extensive field tests. The challenges pushed both mind and body as Soldiers were asked to apply first aid, participate in live fire scenarios, conduct routine security procedures, read maps and illustrate their knowledge of infantryman skills across a variety of areas. Established in 1943, the EIB is awarded to Army personnel who hold infantry or special forces military occupational specialties. Soldiers must complete a number of prerequisites and pass a battery of tests on basic infantry skills, including areas like day and night land navigation, first aid, patrol lane tasks and moving under direct fire. The annual test is capped off by a 12-mile foot march, which Soldiers must complete in three hours while carrying an M4 and wearing more than 40 pounds of combat gear. The results of this round of EIB testing were not known at press time.

Professional Expertise

Soldiers display combat skills during EIB trials



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Calendar

Today

Chaplain Family Life Center open house
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5460 Marion Ave.
A free lunch is provided. Captain America will make a special appearance.

Friday

First Friday golf tournament
1 p.m., Fort Jackson Golf Club
For more information, call 787-4437.

Saturday

PWOC free market
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Post Chapel
For ID card holders only. All items are free.
For more information, call (573) 836-3503.

Sunday

April Foolish dog show
1:30 to 4 p.m., Youth Sports Complex

Tuesday

Child abuse awareness outreach event
9 a.m. to noon, Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Saturday, April 12

South Carolina Boys & Girls Club Games room tournament
9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Youth Center and Imboden Street School Age Center

Thursday, April 17

Civilian employee town hall meeting
2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Post Theater

Friday, April 18

Toast to the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders
4:30 p.m., Officers' Club
Free and open to the Fort Jackson community.

Friday, April 18

Health Rocks
6:30 to 9 p.m., Imboden Street School Age Center

Saturday, April 19

Spring jamboree and egg hunt
10 a.m. to noon, Youth Sports Complex

Saturday, April 19

Flashlight egg hunt
8 p.m., Youth Center

Saturday, April 26

National Prescription Take Back Day
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Main Exchange

Saturday, April 26

Family fun fair
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Patriot's Park

Saturday, April 26

Imagination sparks with Sparky
3 to 4 p.m., Post library
Program for children of all ages to learn fire prevention and to find fun and excitement in reading. For more information, call 751-5589.

Wednesday, April 30

Civilian employee town hall meeting
9 to 11 a.m., Post Theater

Wednesday, April 30

SSI Holocaust remembrance ceremony
1:30 to 2:30 p.m., SSI auditorium

Announcements

GREEN INITIATIVE DAY EVENTS

On April 12, a number of activities are planned at Semmes Lake. The Green Initiative Day on Fort Jackson will include a 5K fun run, a bike relay, presentations on the Performance Triad and a recycle regatta. For more information and to register, call 751-3096/3486.

SCHOOL FUN RUN

C.C. Pinckney and Pierce Terrace elementary schools will host a Month of the Military Child 1-mile fun run 8 a.m., April 26 at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School. Registration forms can be picked up at the school offices. The cost is \$5 per participant.

HEARTS APART PROGRAM

The Hearts Apart program supports families who live separated from a loved one because of deployment or an unaccompanied tour of duty. Family members are invited to participate in monthly activities and holiday events. The Hearts Apart Support Group meets quarterly. For upcoming events, visit <http://fortjacksonmwr.com/acs> or www.facebook.com/ftjackson.acs.outreach. For more information, call 751-9970/1124.

SPORTS SHORTS

- Intramural and recreational basketball tournaments games are played at 6:10, 7:10 and 8:10 p.m. nightly through April 15 at Coleman Gym.
 - Letters of intent for 6/6 volleyball are due Monday. Teams can be men's active duty, women's active duty and active and recreational co-ed. Co-ed teams must have three men and three women on the team at all times. The season begins April 16.
 - Big Day Out 5K walk/run, 8 a.m., Semmes Lake, April 12.
 - Letters of intent for men's, women's and co-ed summer softball are due April 16. The season begins in May.
 - The indoor volleyball season begins April 16.
 - Army Sports Program meetings, May 1.
 - Strongman competition, 6 p.m., May 17, Hilton Field Softball Complex.
- For more information, call the Sports Office at 751-3096.

HOMEWORK LAB

The Youth Center's homework lab offers homework and project assistance in all subjects from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students can bring their essays for editing, proofreading and printing. Computers and iPads are available for research and homework. Students can join the Pow-

er Hour Club to earn points and prizes for completing homework assignments and projects, tutoring others and getting good grades. SAT prep sessions for middle and high school students are offered on the last Saturday of the month. The next session is scheduled for 3 p.m., March 29. For more information, call 751-1136 or email ari.s.foster.naf@mail.mil.

TEEN PROGRAM

The Youth Center's teen program offers various activities for students in grades 9 through 12. The Keystone Club meets twice a month and focuses on community service, academic success and career preparation. The 4-H program includes a cooking club. The step team (which includes eighth graders) meets at 6 p.m., Wednesdays. A fitness club meets Thursdays. The teen council plans different activities and trips and meets weekly. For more information, visit the Youth Center.

AER SCHOLARSHIPS

Army Emergency Relief is accepting applications for its scholarship programs. AER offers the MG James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children and the Spouse Education Assistance Program. Both scholarships provide assistance for students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree. The applications close May 1. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

The next lifeguard training class is scheduled to begin Friday. Sessions are scheduled for April 4-6 and April 12-13. For more information, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/jacksonrectrac.html>.

MS/TEEN PROGRAM

The Middle School/Teen Program offers services from 1 to 10 p.m., Saturdays and from 2 to 4 p.m., Sundays. Activities include cooking, pool tournaments, basketball, movies, bowling, field trips and community service. The computer lab and recording studio are open every other Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., respectively. Sundays are family days. Family members are welcome to participate in basketball and volleyball.

SAT/ACT TESTING

The Education Center will administer SAT testing May 29 and Oct. 30. ACT testing will be available July 31. Testing is available to eligible service members only. For more information and to register, call 751-5341.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

- Applications for the summer hire program for 17-21-year-old students will be accepted Tuesday through May 15 at the Thrift Shop. Interviews will be scheduled for May 27-29.
- The store is closed April 15-18 for spring break.
- An easter egg hunt in the store is scheduled for April 8, 9 and 10.

Housing happenings

MAYORS NEEDED

The mayoral council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors for the Fort Jackson housing communities. Being a part of the council allows residents to be a voice for the community. Child care is provided while performing mayoral duties. Interested residents should contact Vickie Grier at 751-7567.

YARD OF THE MONTH

The annual Yard of the Month program is gearing up to begin with judging April 24. To submit a yard as a contender, to include yours, call Ericka McDaniel at 738-8275, email emcdaniel@bbcgrp.com, or call RCI Housing at 751-7567. One winner from each neighborhood submitted will be chosen. Visit the Self Help Center and check out lawn and garden tools that will assist you in having a beautiful yard that could be a Yard of the Month winner. The Self Help Center is located on Ivy Road and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monthly winners receive recognition in the *Leader*, are featured on the Balfour Beatty Communities website and in the newsletters. The grand prize winner also receives a \$50 gift card courtesy of BBC.

MILITARY TAX BREAK ON HOMES

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley recently signed into law a bill designed to give military homeowners a tax break on homes they could not sell before being deployed, according to *The State* newspaper. *The State* cited that the law allows military homeowners to pay the owner-occupied property tax rate of 4 percent instead of the 6 percent rental rate. Service members can continue to pay the lower rate as long as they remain on active duty and advertise the home for sale within 30 days of purchasing a second home. The law is intended to ease the burden on deployed service members and reduce the risk of foreclosure. You may find the entire article on the internet at <http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/13/3323560/haley-signs-bill-to-give-military.html>. If you or someone you know needs assistance, the Fort Jackson Housing Services Office can help. Contact Lorenzo Claxton by calling 751-9323.

Off-post events

The Fort Jackson Leader accepts only off-post announcements for those organizations or events that directly relate to service members and their families.

OPERATION PURPLE CAMP

Applications for Operation Purple summer camps are now accepted. The camps are free for military children, 7 to 17. For more information, visit <http://support.militaryfamily.org> and click on "Our Programs."

First female NG Soldiers graduate FA school

By SGT. LETICIA SAMUELS
U.S. Army National Guard

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Four female National Guard Soldiers graduated from the Artillery School at the 139th Regimental Training Institute at Fort Bragg, N.C., March 19.

“I have to do what I have to do to get done with the mission,” said Spc. Nicol Vargas “all this time working on the (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System), and every time it has been like a fresh new experience.”

Vargas, Spc. Veronica Kramer, Spc. Autumn Aderhold, and Spc. Brandy Brasted are from different states across the U.S., and are the first female National Guardsmen to complete the predominantly male Artillery School, but will definitely not be the last.

“They’re excited. They’re motivated, determined to learn. They’re asking more questions than a normal student would. They have very positive attitudes,” said Kevin Hale, 139th RTI Field Artillery instructor.

The 10 students attending the class have various military occupational specialties, known as MOSs, but have all decided that they would like to be closer to the fight. Therefore, they all decided to attend the reclassification course, which will change their primary MOS to a field artillery MOS.

“It’s something different and more fun. We were behind the desk and we wanted to get out there and do something better. We’re active,” Aderhold and Bradsted both explained.

The 18-day course gives students 40 hours of classroom time to explain all the concepts, theories, and mechanics of being a Multiple Launch Rocket System, or MLRS, crewmember. The course is designed to equip students with the knowledge of how to calculate locations manually and electronically; the proper way to handle ammunition; how to operate the main gun, missile, and rocket systems; artillery tactics; and battle strategies.

“The ladies have been able to complete any- and everything that has been asked of them,” Hale said.

This occupation primarily focuses on supporting infantry and tank units while supplementing cannon artillery in combat. The other 120 hours of the course are all hands-on training and allow students actual time with the vehicles to put all of the classroom concepts into place.

“It was a lot when we started, but now it’s not nearly as much as they made us think it was,” Kramer said.

“Hands-on training is always so much better,” Aderhold said.



Photo by SGT, LETICIA SAMUELS, U.S. Army National Guard

Spc. Nicol Vargas, Spc. Veronica Kramer, Spc. Autumn Aderhold and Spc. Brandy Brasted, from different states across the U.S., were the first female National Guardsmen to graduate from the Artillery School at the 139th Regimental Training Institute at Fort Bragg, N.C., March 19.

Service members have to maintain, supervise and operate the M142 HIMARS, the newest wheeled chassis light version of the MLRS that carries a single six-pack of rockets or one ATACMS missile, on the Army’s family of Medium Tactical Vehicles, or FMTV, five-ton truck, and can launch the entire MLRS family of munitions.

“I like downloading the truck, but I like running the HIMARS too,” Kramer said.

The M270-A1 Self Propelled Loader Launcher is the tracked version of the M14, and can be operated with the same techniques and can launch up to 12 rockets in less than 60 seconds. To operate these massive systems, crews work in orders of three (the driver, gunner, and the section chief), but during training, all cross train in each area to gain experience doing all three jobs needed in this three-Soldier crew.

“You Soldiers sitting in these seats are the future of the National Guard,” said Command Sgt. Maj. John Swart,

North Carolina National Guard Command senior enlisted adviser. “It’s important that we work as a team.”

Students are also taught how to establish launcher resupply and supply points because the Soldiers will be responsible for pods of ammunition and also have to be able to resupply their own ammunition along with other artillery elements in the field.

“I love it all the way, and the males are so accepting. It takes them a little bit to come around, but after you’re there for a bit, they don’t treat you any differently, and I love that they don’t treat us any differently,” Vargas and Kramer both explained.

These four female Soldiers have added to the stepping stones being used to lead women into historically male-dominated career fields in the Army.

“The guys have accepted them into the field artillery world, and they work well as a team, as one Army, as it should be,” Hale said.

Environmental News

HSM CLASS

The next Hazardous Substance Management class is scheduled from 8:30 to 11 a.m., April 10 in the Environmental Division conference room, 2563 Essayons Way.

This class is required for all personnel who manage hazardous waste or controlled waste, or have a high potential for hazardous waste generation or hazardous substance violations. The class is offered quarterly and is an annual requirement.

For more information, call 751-4231 or email heather.s.thomas8.civ@mail.mil.

GI DAY

Green Initiative, or GI Day, is scheduled for April 12 at Semmes Lake to celebrate Earth Day. The event is free, including lunch and all activities. The event includes a 5K run, recycling regatta, recycling obstacle course, planting station, lake cleanup and other activities and exhibits.

For more information, see next week’s *Leader*.

ENVIRONMENT MEETING

An environment and energy meeting

is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., April 17 at the Post Conference Room.

The purpose of this meeting is to advise commanders, directors, staff, and environmental compliance officers on environmental and energy priorities, policies, strategies and programs, and assist in the implementation and coordination of active environmental and energy management programs to support the training mission by ensuring that the installation complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

The meetings are held quarterly in the Post Conference Room, and everyone is welcome to attend.

EARTH DAY

Earth Day is April 22. Celebrate by taking a walk on the Palmetto Trail, having a picnic at Twin Lakes, picking up litter in your area, or planting donated flowers at Thomas Lee Hall Library at 1 p.m.

Information subject to change.



Courtesy photo

Recycling is fun!

Soldiers with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment take a breather during a battalion paintball tournament recently. The unit used money raised through its recycling program to finance the team-building event. More than 100 cadre members participated, and after six rounds of competition, Headquarters Company was named the battalion paintball champion. The tournament's most valuable player was Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Ellis-Kelsey.



Courtesy photo

Cub Scouts honor

Matthew Ewers, cub master for Fort Jackson Pack 89 Cub Scouts, was named Cub Master of the Year by the Catawba District of the Indian Waters Council at its district banquet in March.

Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE

Photos by OITHIP PICKERT, Public Affairs Office



Sgt. Benjamin Morris
Company D
3rd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment



Staff Sgt. Edwin Summers
Company E
3rd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment



Staff Sgt. Marcus Aaron
Company F
3rd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Lindsay Myers

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Spc. Stephen Rodrigue

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Spc. Madeline Merchant

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Pfc. Corey Miller

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Pvt. John Bahena

HIGH BRM

Pvt Alexander Key

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Derek Goodwin

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Pvt. Gloria Kamencik

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Spc Joshua Kosgei

Weekly honors



Staff Sgt. Robert Spencer
Soldier of the week
U.S. Army Central

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PALMER, Jason B.	MAJ	IRISH, Lotoya D.	SFC	BRYSON, Shenita Y.	SSG
MEADOWS, Jennifer N.	MAJ	JACQUES, Esther	SFC	JONES, Michael L.	SSG
PATTERSON, Brian P.	CPT	JOHNSON, Cecil Jr.	SFC	KENNEY, Alexander W.	SSG
PRUDERAMIREZ, Chanell Y.	CPT	KISTLER, Charles L.	SFC	MCKNIGHT, Niesha C.	SSG
FLOWERS, Jason J.	MSG	LEWIS, Keiyana M.	SFC	ORTIZGUZMAN, Hector M.	SSG
LINNEN, Corey	MSG	MEJIA, Juan D.	SFC	PARKS, Rodondo O.	SSG
SMITH, Amy E.	MSG	MITCHELL, Sharonda S.	SFC	SEAY, Taylor M.	SSG
BELANGER, Rebecca L.	SFC	OBERMAN, Jared E.	SFC	SMITH, Lauren M.	SSG
BRYANT, Darian J.	SFC	OCONNOR, Iyanda S.	SFC	STEVENS, Creshawna R.	SSG
CABALLERO, Jonatan D.	SFC	OMEALEY, Jeremy E.	SFC	ANDERSON, Brandi D.	SGT
CROPPER, Derrick M.	SFC	POSTON, David A.	SFC	BUSTAMANTE, Luis A.	SGT
DAVIS, Crystal	SFC	REED, Charles F.	SFC	COUNCIL, Sven M.	SGT
DEMARTIN, Adam C.	SFC	REMIGIO, Maricris R.	SFC	HOFFMAN, Matthew T.	SGT
GEORGE, Laramie C.	SFC	SMITH, Reginald L.	SFC	LOUIS, Javaris M.	SGT
GRAY, James J.	SFC	SMITH, William T.	SFC	OAKLEY, Benjamin A.	SGT
GUIGNIHERNANDEZ, Angela	SFC	TALLENT, Christopher R.	SFC	ONOMUODEKE, Veronica	SGT
GUTIERREZ, Timothy C.	SFC	THOMAS, Steven D.	SFC	WILSON, Demetria M.	SGT

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 20

■ 7 a.m. Main Post Chapel, breakfast will be served after worship

PROTESTANT

Thursday, April 17

■ 12:30 p.m. Main Post Chapel, Maundy Thursday Communion Service, lunch will be served after worship

Friday, April 18

■ 12:30 p.m. Main Post Chapel, Good Friday Service, lunch will be served after worship

Sunday, April 20

■ 8 a.m. Anglican; Anderson Street Chapel
 ■ 8:30 a.m. Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel
 ■ 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel

■ 10:15 a.m. Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel

■ 11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
 ■ 11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel

CATHOLIC

Thursday, April 17

■ 7 p.m. Main Post Chapel, Holy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18

■ 3 p.m. Darby Field, Stations of the Cross
 ■ 6 p.m. Main Post Chapel, Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19

■ 8 p.m. Main Post Chapel, Holy Saturday Vigil

Sunday, April 20

■ 8 a.m. Solomon Center
 ■ 11 a.m. Main Post Chapel



PROTESTANT

■ Sunday

8:30 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (first service)
 9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
 9:30 a.m. Hispanic, Post Theater
 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
 10:15 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (second service)
 10:45 a.m. Sunday school, Main Post Chapel
 11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
 11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel

Protestant Bible Study

■ Monday

7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel

■ 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. Confessions, 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

■ 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

Anderson Street Chapel

2335 Anderson St., 751-7032

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 (closed for renovation)

4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883

Main Post Chapel

4580 Scales Ave., corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard, 751-6469/6681

McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)

3820 McCrady Road (located at McCrady Training Center)

Memorial Chapel

4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324

Warrior Chapel (120th AG Bn.)

1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

Installation Chaplain's Office

4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318