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ON THE COVER

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Hayden Stephens, 5, walks to Pierce Terrace Elementary School on Monday morning with his father, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Stephens, Lightning Battalion, mother Bethany and brother Channing, 2. **SEE PAGES 16-17.**



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Deadline for events to be included in Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will take place, as well as any other information you might deem necessary.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to publish an article for the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible. With any photo you submit, include IDs — including rank, unit and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

TODAY

Breastfeeding

2-5 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Open to active-duty, retired Soldiers, Families who have newborns to 6-week-olds. Child care provided. For information or to register, call 751-6325/9035/6724.

Story time

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

FRIDAY

Reservation deadline, Professional Mentorship Network/ Female Forum luncheon

Networking session featuring roundtable discussions with choice of four topics: nutrition, meditation, civilian professional development or "What's on Your Mind?" Luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the NCO Club. \$10.50 per person. RSVP with Ms. Ferguson at Bessie.B.Ferguson.civ@mail.mil or 751-8187.

Family movie night

5 p.m., post theater. Coloring competition, face painting, games before movie showing.

Bingo night

5 p.m., Balfour Beatty Community Center. Light snack provided.

MONDAY

Starbucks grand opening

5:30 a.m., 5650 Lee Road.

Alternative Health Fair

10 a.m. to noon, Solomon Center.

Breastfeeding webinar

1:30 p.m. Agencies concerned with making sure women can nurse at the workplace will present a tour of the "Supporting Nursing Moms at Work: Employer Solutions" website of the Department of Health and Human Services (www.womenshealth.gov/breastfeeding/employer-solutions), as well as overviews of successful programs. For information, contact worklife@opm.gov.

TUESDAY

Job-Searching Strategies for Military Spouses

8:30 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Covers resume-writing, interviewing skills. For information, call 751-5256, or email Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil.

Story time

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

WEDNESDAY

Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses

9-11:30 a.m., Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. For information, call 751-5256, or email Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil.

Maternity briefing

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

Bright Honeybee play group

10-11:30 a.m., Classroom 8, 5614 Hood St. Interactive group designed to help parents learn developmentally appropriate play for newborns to 3-year-olds. Open to active-duty, retired Soldiers; Family. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

Women's Equality Day lunch

11:30 a.m., Officers Club. Cost: \$10.50.

AUG. 27

Positive Parenting

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

Neighborhood Huddle

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

AUG. 28

Victory Thunder motorcycle rally

9:30 a.m., Hilton Field.

SEPT. 1

PWOC fall kickoff

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

Healthy Relationships

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

Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Spouse Course

Three-day course for military spouses,

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

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SEPT. 3

Post newcomer orientation

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

Baby Basics

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

Stress Management

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

SEPT. 4

Retired Officers Wives Club luncheon reservations

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

SEPT. 5

Lt. Dan Band concert

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

100 YEARS

Park plans celebrate Fort Jackson's centennial

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

A group of South Carolina business and community leaders announced plans Tuesday to build a park commemorating the 100th anniversary of Fort Jackson.

The group plans to break ground next summer at an unspecified location on Fort Jackson. The park would open in time for centennial celebrations in 2017.

The park will celebrate a post "that has created millions of Soldiers," said retired Maj. Gen. Abe Turner, former Fort Jackson commander and a member of the nonprofit Gateway to the Army Association that plans to finance and build the park.

The association must raise more than \$1 million during the next 18 months in order to carry out its plans, association members said.

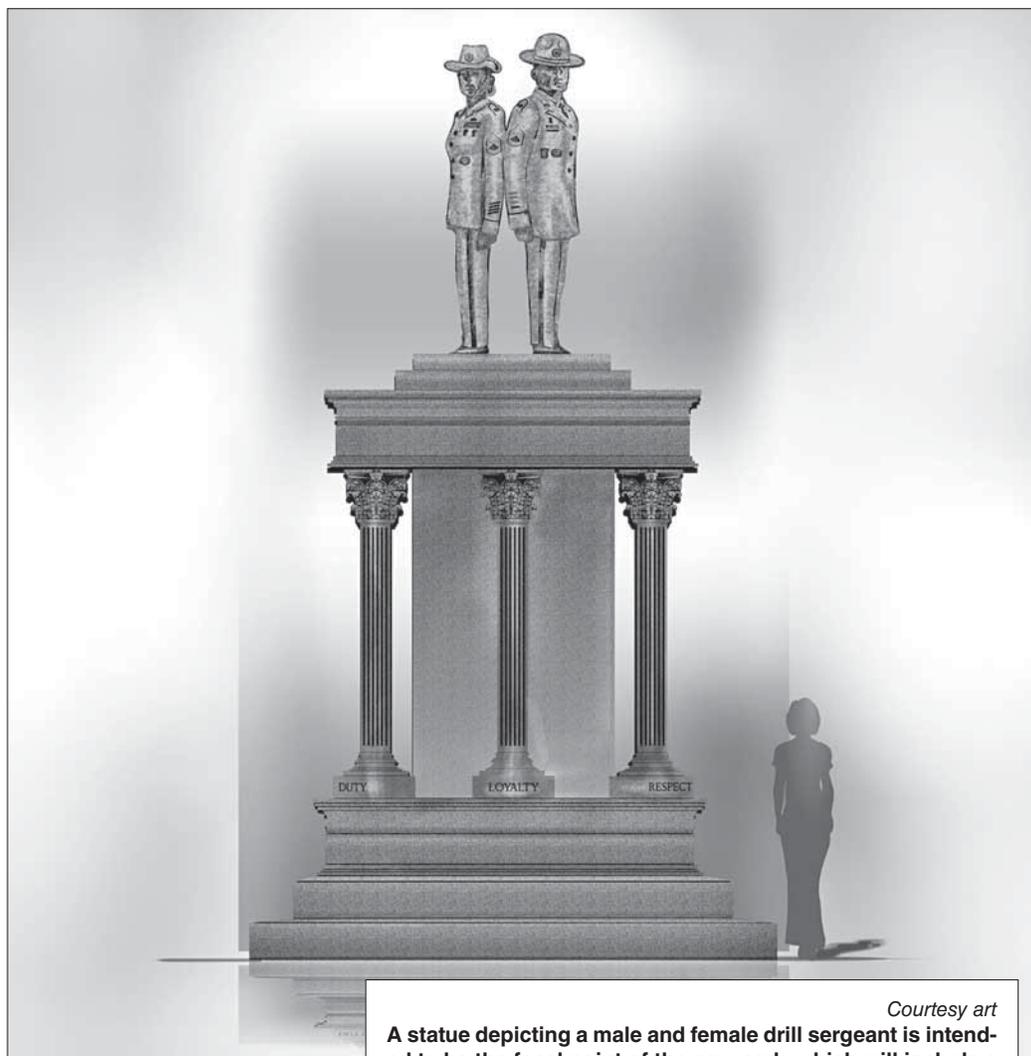
Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said the park would welcome Soldiers "not only to Fort Jackson but to Columbia as well."

Fort Jackson means more to Columbia than patriotism. It brings millions of dollars to the Midlands annually as those on post shop and dine off-post. It also welcomes the public to events on post, from fireworks displays to job fairs.

Organizers want the park to be in a location where Soldiers and Families can get together on family days in a place with manicured lawns winding around an amphitheater, memorials and a pathway honoring patriots. They also envision it as a place where Army ceremonies could take place.

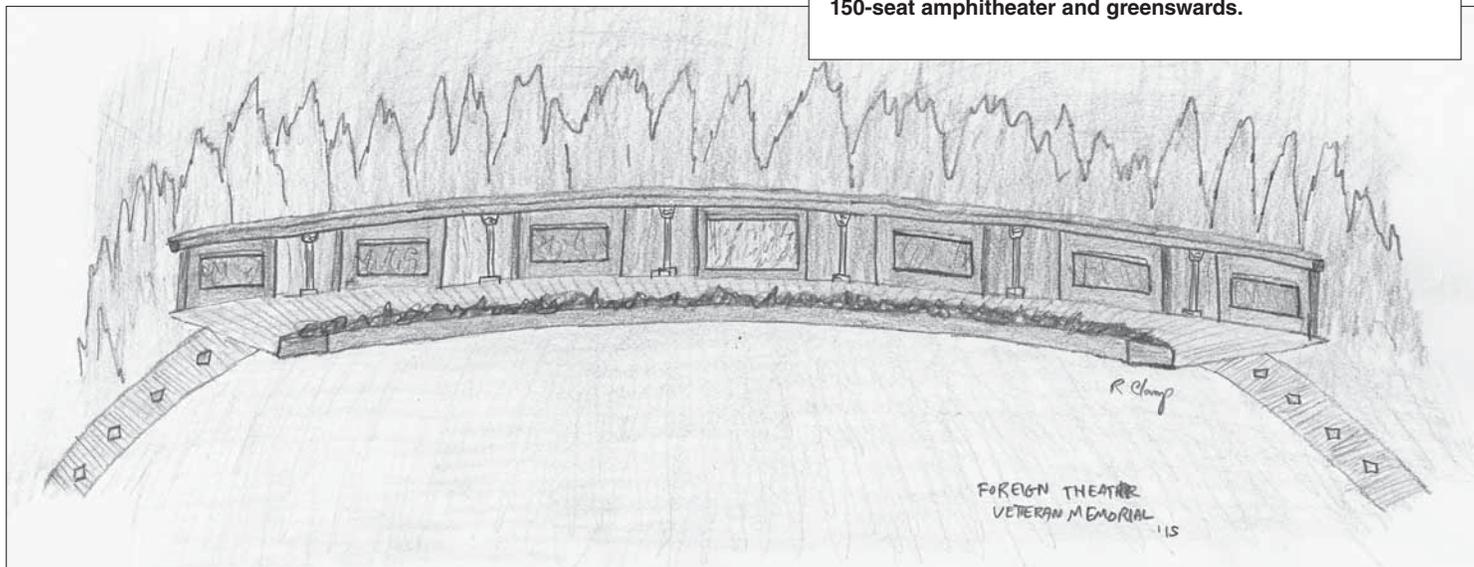
The park will be built in the Greek Revival style – a style that incorporates the use of columns and statues, one of which is to depict a male and female drill sergeant and be visible from the amphitheater.

The park will be both "educational and motivational," said association board member Bryan Hilferty. Internet and GPS technology incorporated into park plans will allow visitors to view videos and gain access to web pages providing other information, he said.



Courtesy art

A statue depicting a male and female drill sergeant is intended to be the focal point of the new park, which will include a 150-seat amphitheater and greenswards.





Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Nearly 1,500 Soldiers participated in the Fifth Annual 5K Run/Walk for the Fallen on Saturday at Fort Jackson. The event allowed community members to show their gratitude to those who have died in service to the country since 9/11.

Runners honor the fallen

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

In 2008, volunteers set out from Fort Irwin, California, en route to Arlington National Cemetery to honor those who had died in Iraq and Afghanistan. They dedicated each mile to a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine who had fallen.

Seven years later, nearly 1,500 Soldiers and more than 700 civilians remembered South Carolina Service members who have lost their lives since Sept. 11, 2001, during Saturday's Fifth Annual 5K Run/Walk for the Fallen at Darby Field.

There is no better place "than to be here, recognizing your sacrifices," Fort Jackson commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier told Gold Star Families before the event.

"We will not forget our fallen comrades."

The Blue Star and Gold Star tradition began during World War I when Service flags were flown from homes, churches and other buildings to signify families who had Service members fighting the war.

A blue star represents each family member in Service.

A gold star signifies a Service member has been killed.

Fort Jackson bears a "duty and (a) sacred

responsibility not to forget" the sacrifices Families and Service members have made, Cloutier said, moments before leading the run.

Sponsored by Fort Jackson's Survivor Outreach Services, the commemorative run/walk allowed the post to show its gratitude and brought together the Families of fallen Soldiers.

For Gold Star Families, recognition and support from the military is paramount.

Toni Stack, who lost her son Sgt. Maj. Michael Stack in 2004, said it was good to have the Families come together to support one another.

Michael was a dedicated Soldier, she said. He didn't have to go on the mission on which he was killed, but his team leader couldn't go, so "he felt he had to."

Stack has another son, Cecil, who retired from the Army as a sergeant major and worked in Army Public Affairs as a civilian.

For Karen Bullard - whose son Staff Sgt. David Bullard died Oct. 30, 2007, in Afghanistan - the event was a fitting way to honor those who have died.

"This walk is very special," an emotional Bullard said. "It's something we can do for our fallen Soldiers."



Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier, Fort Jackson commander, runs under the starting arch of the 2015 5K Run/Walk for the Fallen on Saturday at Darby Field. Nearly 1,500 Soldiers and 700 civilians participated in the run, dedicated to remembering South Carolina Service members who have died on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001.

The run helps her remember her son, who left behind a wife and son.

"He used to call home every morning," she said. "My daughter-in-law was sitting

with the baby and said, 'He hasn't called.'

"The Soldiers came up (to the house) about 10 minutes later (to notify us).

"I never got to say good-bye."



Photo by TERRANCE BELL, U.S. ARMY GARRISON, FORT LEE, VA.

Pfc. D'mitri Hubbard of Alpha Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion works on an engine in one of the bays at Fort Lee's Stever Hall. Fort Lee was scheduled to pick up 72 military and 41 civilian employee authorizations from Fort Jackson.

187th lowers its flags and moves on

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson soon will bid farewell to what has been called “one of the best Advanced Individual Training units” in the Army.

Commander Lt. Col. Dennis W. Kerwood of the 187th Ordnance Battalion and Command Sgt. Maj. B. Scot Kernan, the unit’s senior enlisted leader, will case the battalion colors at 10 a.m. Friday during an inactivation ceremony on Fort Jackson’s Victory Field.

Army force realignment has led to inactivation of the unit, whose mission is to train “warrior mechanics.” The battalion conducted AIT before its operations moved to Fort Lee, Virginia, and elsewhere.

The 187th Ordnance Battalion was constituted May 1, 1936, and activated April 1, 1942, as 3rd Battalion, 54th Quartermaster Regiment at Fort Custer, Michigan. It was designated as the 187th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Battalion on Oct 7, 1942, and saw action across the globe during World War II.

In 1945, the unit was inactivated at Camp Shanks, New York. It was reactivated Jan. 12, 1987 when the 12th Battalion, 4th Combat Training Brigade was redesignated the 187th Ordnance Battalion.

In 2014, Maj. Gen. Ross E. Ridge, commander of the Center for Initial Military Training, called the unit one of the best he had seen “across TRADOC, not only in terms

of separate and secure, but also motivation and discipline of cadre and Soldiers, and pride in the unit.”

With training completed, the battalion’s training companies already have inactivated, said Capt. Eduardo Colon, commander of the unit’s headquarters company.

Kerwood said he was proud his unit had accomplished its mission to “provide our Army with the most disciplined, physically fit, respectful and relevant warrior mechanics possible” while developing “all of our leaders to ensure they leave Fort Jackson better than they arrived.”

The unit’s physical fitness regimen also gives Kerwood a sense of pride.

During its time at Fort Jackson, the battalion was noted students’ graduating with high Army Physical Fitness Test scores. All classes had an average score of 261 points during the latest 26 months, with one platoon of 52 trainees averaging 279 points, Colon said. That top score is almost twice what Soldiers need to graduate.

“Inactivation shouldn’t be confused with deactivation,” said Sgt. 1st Class Travis Bowen, HHC’s first sergeant. In Army tradition, an inactivated unit can be reactivated; a deactivated unit usually is gone

forever.

The unit cadre will drop as a result of normal attrition, Bowen said. Some Soldiers will move to other bases; some will retire or leave the service after their enlistments are over; and a few will move to other units around Fort Jackson.

Once the 187th inactivates, it won’t fade into memory – the Army saves all unit historical files.

Army Regulation 870-5, para 7-6 and 7-7 states that once a unit inactivates, its organizational historical files and historical property - including flags and guidons – are stored under guidance from the Center of Military History.

If a unit is reactivated, it will regain the historical property.

The unit also accomplished one last objective, Kerwood said.

“As our student population dwindled and the inactivation loomed closer,” the objective to provide the Army with the best resources possible became clear, he said. Those resources included “facilities to Fort Jackson; equipment, training aids

and heraldry items to the Ordnance School and needs of the Army; and disciplined, competent, engaged leaders in support of the Army’s personnel needs.”

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Inactivation shouldn’t be confused with deactivation.
— Sgt. 1st Class Travis Bowen
HHC first sergeant
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BRIEFS

2 women to join 94 men as Ranger Course grads

Ninety-four men and two women have met the standards of the Swamp Phase and will graduate the Ranger Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, on Friday.

Ranger School is the Army's premier combat-leadership course, teaching Ranger students how to overcome fatigue, hunger and stress in order to lead Soldiers during small-unit combat operations.

The Ranger Course is a 62-day course on leadership and small-unit tactics that pushes Ranger students to their mental and physical limits by forcing them to operate on minimal food and sleep.

Approximately 34 percent of students who enter Ranger School recycle at least one phase of the course.

Cyber 17C MOS deadline looms at month's end

Soldiers have until month's end to apply for the Army's new cyber branch.

Those who miss the deadline for the new 17C military occupational specialty – or cyber operations specialist – will have to wait for the next course announcement. The Army made this one last June.

The primary duty of a cyber-operations specialist will be to “provide offensive and defensive cyberspace operations in support of the full range of military operations by enabling actions and generating effects across all domains,” according to an Army Military Personnel message announcing the new MOS.

The 17C MOS is open to privates through master sergeants.

Training for the new MOS will last 12 months.

Newly minted 17C MOS Soldiers will be assigned to one of seven functional areas but will have the opportunity to cross-train in associated skill areas.

No class, no stripes, new directive dictates

Soldiers no longer will be promoted without first having completed related professional military education, according to Army Directive 2015-31, written by Army Secretary John McHugh and released this month.

Beginning with the January 2016 promotion month, promotion to the rank of sergeant will require that Soldiers first complete the Basic Leader Course. Soldiers becoming staff sergeants first must complete the Advanced Leader Course.

“Soldiers on the recommended list who are not graduates of the respective course will not be considered fully qualified for promotion pin-on regardless of their accumulated promotion points,” the directive reads.

Gifts to celebrate, memories to cherish

By COL. MILFORD BEAGLE JR.
Commander, 193rd Infantry Brigade

Retired Gen. Fred Woerner dropped by the 193rd Infantry Brigade a few days ago to donate memorabilia he had found in his attic. But after an hour of stories and reminiscences, he left us with much more than that.

Woerner, former commander of the U.S. Southern Command and professor emeritus at Boston University, had found two framed appliqued pieces presented to him during his tenure as commander of the 193rd from April 1982 to March 1986, a time the brigade was assigned to Panama.

Gen. Woerner was like a kid in a candy store as he looked over the brigade's collection of trophies and memorabilia. When he broke his trance and turned to me, he snapped to attention as if readying himself to receive a salute. At first glance, neither I nor anyone else would have had any idea the man was 82.

After delivering the art he had brought to my office, the general told me not only his own story but those of his Family, his career and the artwork he had brought with him. Every story was told in vivid detail.

The artwork he brought had been gifts from the Kuna Indians, who inhabit the San Blas Islands around Panama.

During his tenure with the 193rd Infantry Brigade in Panama, then-Col. Woerner – and, later, Brig. Gen. Woerner – forged a strong bond with the Kuna Indians and the Cacique, or tribal chief. He indicated that he had such a strong bond because the Kuna – a “very hard-working and dedicated people” – operated his unit's eight mess halls.

The artwork had been presented during one of Woerner's last meetings with the tribal chief, who went by the name “Ronald Coleman.” The general explained that a lot of the tribesmen liked American movies, and the chief's favorite actor was Ronald Coleman. Therefore, he called himself “Cacique Ronald Coleman.”

The last meeting involved renewing the contract mess halls, a renewal that involved “a simple handshake – that's it.”

As Gen. Woerner described the stitching and we pored over the detail of the artwork, it was if he had traveled back in time. His aged fingers scanned the material, stopping only when he described certain figures or pointed out details.

I listened intently and occasionally wrote down a few notes, as fast as my fingers would allow.

One story quickly led to another, and the “one last story” quickly became the next-to-last story. I easily could have cleared my calendar for the remainder of the day because with every story, it was as if I were standing in the past alongside Gen. Woerner.

But the general also had his eye on the present.

“The greatest thing about (your mission) is that if you get it wrong – or you aren't quite satisfied with the work you did on getting Soldiers ready,” he said, “you have the opportunity to do it all over again and make sure you get it right.”

“I loved that mission.”

When he said this, I thought Gen. Woerner was ready to leap out of the chair, put on the gear I store in the corner of my office and head off to training. I would have been right behind him; I was amazed to see the level of energy and fire in his eyes.

When our visit came to an end, he sat silently across from me for a few minutes, staring at my uniform.



Courtesy photo

Col. Milford Beagle accepts Kuna Indian handiwork from retired Gen. Fred Woerner at 193rd Infantry Brigade headquarters.

When he spoke again, it was if he were running a checklist to see whether I measured up.

He looked at my left shoulder and said, “I see that you are a Ranger; I'm a Ranger.

“How many battalions do you have?” I answered: five.

“I had five battalions,” he answered.

“I see that you are Airborne; I'm Airborne.

“And I see that you are a combat infantryman; I'm a combat infantryman.”

Seeing a small set of parachutist's wings attached to his tie, I replied: “Sir, I'm not quite the paratrooper that you are, based on the star and the wreath on your wings.”

“Yeah,” he admitted – “and it's gold.”

He was extremely proud of those wings, having been given them for his one hundredth jump.

On that note, Gen. Woerner looked up at the clock. We both jumped to our feet because our planned 15-minute conversation had turned into more than an hourlong stroll through time and history.

Until we stood, I had remained on the edge of my seat, as I presumed many of Gen. Woerner's former Boston University students had done, waiting to hear “until next time, class.”

Fortunately for the 193rd, there will be a next class.

Gen. Woerner will come back to visit the brigade and our leaders – but “nothing formal ... and no podium speaking.”

This will be very easy for us to accommodate.

I think we'll bring big blue mats, take off our boots and sit cross-legged at the feet of Gen. Woerner like little children during story time and immerse ourselves in his knowledge and wisdom.

But for now, we are certainly grateful for the gifts he brought us.

They will be displayed in a place of honor in our brigade in perpetuity.



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"I BECAME A SOLDIER..."

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

1ST BATTALION, 61ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

ALPHA COMPANY



PVT. KIANA STACKS

"I'm from Pearl, Mississippi. It's a very small town. It never changes. I didn't want to be stuck there.

"I'm the first female in my family (to enlist).

"A lot of people said I wouldn't be able to do it ...

"I'm going to graduate (today). I'm just proud of myself that I proved them wrong."

BRAVO COMPANY



PVT. QYDARRIUS BETHEA

"I was a football player my junior year (of high school). I was getting looks from colleges. I had a partial scholarship from Old Dominion in Virginia."

In Bethea's senior year, "when March came around, my mom had an infection in her blood" and went into the hospital for a while. One night, "me and my brother got a phone call" to come to the hospital because their mother was in crisis.

"They brought her back (from cardiac arrest) six times," but eventually, she died.

"I gave up my football career because she always wanted me to be a Soldier.

"Every morning, I wake up (knowing) I'm doing it for her.

"She didn't see me get my (class) ring. She didn't see me graduate (from high school). So, I'm doing this for her."

BRAVO COMPANY



PFC. BI ZAMBLE

"I'm from Ivory Coast. I have three brothers and my mam and my dad.

"I had to leave my Family when I was 16 years old (to go to Paris) to play soccer. From Paris, I came here, to the United States, in 2011.

"I got injured, so I couldn't play anymore. I told myself, why not go to school if I can't play?"

Zamble earned an associate's degree, "and then I told myself, why not join the Army?"

"I felt alone ... I told myself the Army was going to be like a Family for me.

"My Family doesn't even know (Zamble joined the Army).

"When I finish my (Advanced Individual Training), I'm going to ask for leave (so) I can go back and tell them. I guess when they see me, they're going to be proud.

"Do you think they'll be proud?"

CHARLIE COMPANY



PVT. GULNUR SERIKBAYEVA

"I arrived here (in the United States) two years ago (from Kazakhstan).

"I was looking for a job, was trying to make a decision on what kind of job I wanted to do for the rest of my life (in) a new country and with a new language. (Serikbayeva's first language is Russian.)

"(The Army) is something that I liked from childhood ... the United States Army - to be a Soldier so I can pay off this country, at the same time living in this country (and) using all the things this country can give me.

"I want (the Army) as a career."

DELTA COMPANY



PVT. GARRET HAYES

"My dad was in the military. Growing up, I always looked up to my dad.

"Everyone always has a superhero when they are a kid. I didn't need one because it was him.

"In my whole career, I want to be like him. I would like to be a first sergeant someday, (as he was).

"When I was younger, he didn't want me to go (into the Army, but) around my senior year, I he told me that I could - as long as I went into an MOS that had a little more marketability."

Hayes will train to be a medic.

ECHO COMPANY



PVT. VITTORIO DAVINCI

"I grew up a ward of the state. I had no family. ... I came here with a backpack on my back.

"A lot of people in life will tell you, 'I can't. I can't.'"

"Since I got here, people have told me, 'You can, and you will.'"

"I want to make a difference for myself and for other people, and the Army gives me a lot of opportunity to do that.

"So far, everything that I've been looking for, I have found in some way or another, whether it be brotherhood or knowledge or strength."

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Yard of the Month

Courtesy photo

August Yard of the Month grand prize winners are Sgt. 1st Class Joey and Melonie Schuett of Pierce Terrace 2, shown here with garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rod Celestaine. Other winners are Sgt. 1st Class Michael and Jenny Spears of Pierce Terrace 4, and retirees Marion and Betty Ann Lowery of Pierce Terrace 5.



Recycling the past

Photo by JULIA SIMPKINS, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

Sgt. Maj. Patrick Savage of the Army Chaplain Center and School has built his second motorcycle – a 2004 Triumph Bonneville America. Savage bought the cycle in 2010, stripped and painted it. He says that 'placing the sidecar and lining up the bars correctly was the most difficult part.' His wife rides the rear seat and his 15-year-old son, the sidecar. His front fender plate honors the 97th Infantry for its participation in World War II. Savage sold a previous cycle and sidecar to a collector.



Courtesy photo

Youth of the Month

Tatyana Wells has been chosen Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Month for August to honor her leadership skills. Tatyana, 16, is a junior at Spring Valley High School. She volunteers as a teen ambassador at Fort Jackson's Teen Center and is an active participant in the center's Keystone Club.

Be sharp, look sharp when seeking a job

By **BARBARA MARTIN**

ACS Employment Readiness Program Manager

Are you looking for a job?

Are you sending out resumes and not being invited in for an interview?

Did you know that networking is one of the fastest ways to land a job?

Yes, 75 percent of job seekers find positions through personal contacts instead of responding to advertising or posting resumes on the Internet.

Career fairs are excellent places to learn, network and land a job – especially the Fort Jackson Career Fair, from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 1, at the NCO Club, 5700 Lee St.

If you're active-duty military, a veteran, a military or surviving spouse, or Department of Defense civilian employee, you are eligible to meet more than 50 employers hiring in South Carolina.

Career fairs can be overwhelming, so develop a plan of attack first.

Research the companies that interest you, and set up a priority list of those you'll want to talk with. Some experts suggest meeting with your top choices first and returning to them at day's end to thank them again for their time.

Just stay flexible because many people will have the same top choice, and lines may be long.

You can view participating companies by visiting the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program website at fortjacksonmwr.com/acs_emp. Then, review the "5 tips" lists on Page 13. They'll help you make your best impression on potential employers.

"Just saying 'hi' and dropping off your resume is not enough effort," according to Ryan Kahn, a career coach, founder of The Hired Group and star of MTV's "Hired."

Tell each potential employer your unique story, as well as the career accomplishments and personality traits that set you apart from and above other potential candidates.

"This extra effort is what will get you noticed," Kahn says.

Career fairs are all about the personal touch.

"They get the candidate right in front of the company and ... can get (candidates) far closer than just applying online," Kahn says. "Job fairs are also a great way to discover new companies, ask questions, get career advice and meet other candidates that are also on the job hunt."

To make the most of your time before potential employers, create an "elevator speech" or an "infomercial" to introduce yourself. Tell who you are, what you've



Courtesy photo

Employment Readiness Program manager Barbara Martin helps military spouse Gwendolyn Turner find job opportunities. The ERP helps with resume development, job market research, home business opportunities and career counseling. It also offers a variety of training.

done, what you want to do and how you can be a valuable asset – all in 30 seconds.

For example: "Hello. I'm John Smith. I have four years of experience in plant management, plus military training. I supervise more than 200,000 square feet of industrial and warehouse facilities, and eight staff. I also have implemented an energy-savings program that reduced cost for my company by more than \$70,000 per year. I would like to talk to you about how my background relates to the work your company does."

Make sure, too, to take plenty of copies of your resume. Each should be only one or two pages long and, if possible, targeted to the career you want and company you want to work for.

After the fair, send a quick thank-you email within 24 hours, attaching a copy of your resume. Refer to some-

thing from your conversation to help the recruiter remember you. Reiterate your interest in the company and the positions it has available.

In the future, every time you apply online for a job with a company that you spoke to at the career fair, send a follow-up letter reminding the recruiter that you met at the Fort Jackson Career Fair in September and wish to be considered for a vacancy listed on their website.

Include your targeted resume for the position, and the name and job announcement number for which you are applying. Do this for every company and every position for which you apply in the upcoming weeks to show the company how interested you are in working for them.

For more information on job searches, contact the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program at 803-751-5256.

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5 THINGS TO TAKE TO THE CAREER FAIR

1. Twenty-five to 40 copies of your resume. It should be easy to read, on cream or white paper, and free of typos. If you're looking at more than one potential career, you may need to carry more than one version of your resume targeted to the job you want.
2. A positive attitude. Smile. Be prepared to shake hands with recruiters and introduce yourself.
3. A 30-second sales pitch to introduce yourself while handing a recruiter your resume.
4. A game plan. Know about the companies who will attend and be able to match your skills and interests with their needs.
5. Energy! You'll have to be bright, lively and engaged as you move among potential employers.

5 THINGS TO ASK RECRUITERS

1. Where does your company have offices?
2. How can I stay informed of employment opportunities with your organization?
3. In what ways does your organization provide continuing education and development for its employees?
4. How do I follow up with you?
5. When will your company be making hiring decisions? (A recruiter may be on the road for weeks, and may not make recommendations until he or she has completed a road assignment.)

5 THINGS TO TAKE HOME FROM THE FAIR

1. Business cards from the companies you're most interested in working for.
2. Notes about contacts you made. Jot down names and impressions after stopping to chat with recruiters.
3. Information about organizations you have contacted, such as brochures, computer diskettes or CDs, and descriptions of open positions.
4. A sense of the career options that match your skills and interests.
5. Self-confidence. A career fair lets you brush up your interview skills in a more casual environment.

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Take charge of your health at 2nd annual fair

By **CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT**
Fort Jackson Leader

If you're not on pins and needles waiting for the Alternative Health Fair on Monday, you might be afterward.

Acupuncture is one of the topics to learn about at the fair, along with reflexology, massage, brain strengthening, raw eating and yoga. The event will be 10 a.m. to noon at the Solomon Center.

"(The fair offers) a blend of complementary and alternative health care with mainstream medical care," said Pamela James-Long, an exercise programmer with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and organizer of the health fair. "(The methods) are designed to complement your current health care," not supplant or alter it.

"We're not trying to replace doctors," she said.

After all, even the Army has institutionalized the use of acupuncture in pain treatment. It also offers massage for stress relief.

The fair will emphasize natural heal-

ing — knowing your own body and what works for it.

Lexington Medical Center will check fairgoers' blood pressure "because — as everyone knows — uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack (and) congestive heart failure," said Connie Watson, director of community outreach for the hospital.

The medical center's display also will include information on exercise, moderating salt intake and medications that insure heart health.

Richard Welch of the state Department of Health and Environmental Control will explain how to make sure that the water that comes out your tap is healthy — because sometimes, "that's certainly not the case." That's because people are not only consumers but polluters.

And the post library will provide an assortment of books on such topics as yoga, natural foods and exercise — as well as puzzle books to help you keep all your synapses snapping as they should, said librarian Kristen Gripp.

Others of the 40-plus displays and presentations will offer information on car-



James-Long



Photo by SPC. BRIAN J. SMITH DUTTON

1st Lt. Robert Blume, the physician assistant for 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team 'Rakkasans,' 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), inserts a thin gold needle through a U.S. civilian contractor's ear on Combat Outpost Champkani, Afghanistan. The Army no longer considers acupuncture only an 'alternative' treatment.

diopulmonary resuscitation, HIV testing, the healing properties of different types of tea, weight loss, rehabilitation after injury and family wellness.

More than 200 people attended the inaugural health fair last year, James-Long said. She hopes for an even healthier turnout this year.

Stay hydrated, stay strong

If you are into exercise, chances are you don't feel as if you've gotten a good workout unless you've worked up a sweat. The problem is, sweating after a great workout leaves you quite thirsty and feeling weak.

What's *that* all about?

Definitely, exercise delivers great health benefits. But unfortunately, if you don't balance your fluids, you compromise your performance and general health.

Exactly what happens when you sweat during and after exercising?

Sweating knocks bodily fluids out of whack, making it cry out for refreshment. But the dehydration you experience is the loss of more than just water weight.

When you sweat, the body loses precious electrolytes – minerals including chloride, sodium and potassium. The harder and longer your workout, the more you lose.

Your workout performance may suffer as you sweat because electrolytes generate electrical charges known as ions, which deliver energy to muscle and nerve impulses. If you lose too many electrolytes, you may suffer cramping and difficulty achieving peak performance.

The remedy? You must rehydrate throughout your workout to keep a consistent supply of important nutrients.

The American College of Sports Medicine tells us that sport drinks give our bodies three things we may need:

■ **Hydration.** Drink 17 ounces of fluid two hours before exercising. This gives the body time to release any excess water once the body has been hydrated properly. While working out, continue to hydrate to keep fluid levels up.

■ **Fuel.** Unlike water, a sport drink is sweet and gives you an energy lift. It also delays fatigue. Most sport drinks contain about 14 grams of carbohydrate per 8 ounces – an ideal amount to send fluid



THE WEIGH IT IS

By PAMELA JAMES-LONG

and energy back into the body.

■ **Mineral replenishment.** Your sport drink replenishes such minerals as sodium, potassium, chloride, manganese and more.

These days, many people engage in vigorous, adrenaline-intense workouts that push their bodies.

This new type of exerciser could retain workout intensity by including a sport drink in his or her routine. The goal is to keep fluid levels as balanced as possible for optimal performance.

For the not-so-intense exerciser who loves the taste of a sport drink, water faces some stiff competition. If you don't exercise for prolonged periods, though, plain water is quite sufficient.

The more you develop the habit of drinking plain water, the more refreshing you will find it.

Evaluate your workout. Then decide which drink is right for you.

Pamela James-Long is a fitness programmer for Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



TRICARE beneficiaries can seek health-care advice and make same-day appointments for urgent health problems 24 hours a day with the Nurse Advice Line. The advice line, available free to beneficiaries, helps callers make informed decisions about their own care or decide when to see a provider after answering a series of questions about their specific concerns.

To reach the Nurse Advice Line, call 1-800-TRICARE (1-800-874-2273) toll free and choose option 1. The line is accessible all day, every day to those in the United States.

For more information — and to see the kinds of questions you will be asked when you call — visit www.TRICARE.mil.

BACK TO SCHOOL

THE NEW YEAR BEGINS FOR FORT JACKSON STUDENTS

Boadie Hudson, 5, gets a hug his from his sister Millie, 4, as he heads off to class Monday morning at Pierce Terrace Elementary School.



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE



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Top, Austin Fraley and Devin Drayton lead the pack during the Back to School Color run at the Youth Sports Complex on Friday.

Above, students at Pierce Terrace Elementary School inspect the puppets shortly before the start of class.

Left, Capt. April Bright, a student at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, poses for a photo with son William, 9, at C. C. Pinckney Elementary School.



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Above, Alex Clark and Michael Ewers raise the flag on the first day of school at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School.

Top left, Staff Sgt. William Gilcrest, of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, takes a photo of children Amariah, 6, and William, 5, as they begin their first day of class at Pierce Terrace.

Left, parents escort their children to class at Pierce Terrace.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

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

CATHOLIC

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

ISLAMIC

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

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

JEWISH

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

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

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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

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

PROTESTANT

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

Monday
7 p.m., men's Bible study (PMOC),

Chaplain Family Life Center

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

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

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

Anderson Street Chapel, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032

Bayonet Chapel, 9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542

Chaplain Family Life Center, 5460 Marion Ave. (parking lot side), 751-4961

Daniel Circle Chapel, 3359 Daniel Circle (corner of Jackson Boulevard), 751-1297/4478

Education Center, 4581 Scales Ave.
Installation Chaplain's Office, 4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318

McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), 3820 McCrady Road (at McCrady Training Center)

Magruder Chapel, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883

Main Post Chapel, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681

Memorial Chapel, 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324

U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, 10100 Lee Road
Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion), 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

Fort Jackson Gate Operation Hours

GATE 1

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

GATE 2

Open around the clock.

GATE 4

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

GATE 5

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

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

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

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

FREE LEGAL EDUCATION

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

AG ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST

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

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Those needing basic language instruction may take part in classes offered by Army Community Services. Classes are open to all ID cardholders and DOD employees. For information, call 751-1124, or email miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil.

FOR FAMILIES

■ Fort Jackson Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have begun recruiting for this school year. Those interested in Boy Scouts – from Cub to Eagle – may call Matthew Ewers at 803-409-9568, or email fortjacksonpack89@yahoo.com. Those interested in Girl Scouts – from kindergarten Dailies to older Cadettes and Seniors – may contact Dana Wangness at 803-608-6786 or email fjacksongs@hotmail.com.

■ Spouses of differing cultures and coun-



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

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

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

tries who wish to receive support or make friends should call 751-1124/9770 for information on the foreign-born spouse support group offered by Army Community Services.

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

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

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

■ Army Family Team Building offers classes in the basics of Army life, as well as personal and professional development. For information, call 751-5256 or visit www.MyArmyOneSource.com, click on "online training" and select the level you want.

■ To participate in the Army Volunteer

Corps, call Marilynn Bailey at 751-5444.

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

SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

Registration for FMWR fall sports has opened:

Fall soccer – ages 2 to 5, \$20; ages 6 to 16, \$40. Registration through Friday.

Fall cheerleading – ages 3 to 5, \$20; ages 6 to 12, \$40. Registration through Friday.

Flag football – ages 4 and 5, \$20; ages 6 to 8, \$40. Registration through Friday.

Cross-country – ages 7 to 14, \$40. Registration through Aug. 28.

Call 751-7451 for more information.

AROUND POST

QUARTERLY SHRED DAY

The Fort Jackson Recycling Center will hold its quarterly Shred Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. All types of paper with sensitive information will be accepted. The center is at 5671 Lee Road, between Popeyes and the Auto Craft Shop. For

additional information, call 751-4208.

EXCHANGE NEWS

■ The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is partnering with Unilever to offer military shoppers \$12,600 worth of electronics. Six Exchange winners each will take home a laptop, tablet, portable digital music player and \$25 gift card. Enter at www.shopmyexchange.com/swEEPstakes. Those 18 and older may enter through Sept. 3 for a Sept. 9 drawing.

■ The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has extended its layaway program until Aug. 31 to include computers for students. A \$3 service fee and a 15 percent deposit will hold items. Visit customer service for details.

■ Military shoppers can rest easy with the selection of mattresses, pillows, comforters and bedroom furniture available at the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Sleep 2015 catalog. The 36-page catalog features mattresses, mattress pads, pillows and sheets, as well as top-name furniture. The catalog is available at all main stores and online at shopmyexchange.com, under the Interactive Product Catalogs link on the menu at the bottom of the page.

COMMISSARY NEWS

■ Kraft is offering the Backpack of Savings promotion until Sept. 6, an in-store opportunity for patrons to win a backpack filled with \$65 of back-to-school essentials. In-store displays and coupons will be available.

■ Through Sept. 30, the Fort Jackson Commissary will provide shoppers with deals on bulk items such as cereals, breakfast bars, chips, beverages and paper goods.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop will accept summer clothing through Aug. 27 and begin receiving winter clothing Sept. 8. Those who have Halloween items they no longer need may bring them in Sept. 22 to Oct. 15 The Thrift Shop is at 4713 Lee Road in the Mini Mall. Call 803-787-2153 for information, or visit 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays. Consignment hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and bookkeeping hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

EVENTS OFF POST

PALMETTO CAPITAL CITY CLASSIC

Soldiers interested in attending the Sept. 5 Palmetto Capital City Classic, which will pit the Benedict College Tigers against the Livingstone College Blue Bears on the football field, should request tickets from their units. A color guard and the 282nd Army Band will attend, and post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier will toss the coin to begin the game. Buses will take Soldiers to and from the game.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



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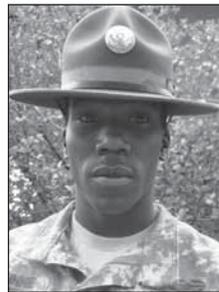
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Homeschool kids can play football, too

By MAJ. ALLEN E. GLEATON JR.
Providence Athletic Club

Homeschooling children can be rewarding, but it's not without its challenges. Finding a sports outlet can be one of those.

In Columbia, the Providence Athletic Club offers an option for those who want to play the "big three" – football, basketball and baseball – as well as tennis, cross country, soccer, golf, softball and volleyball. (Homeschooled athletes also can play at nearby public schools – if those schools' schedules are convenient and if the schools offer the sports your athlete wants.)



Gleaton

Who is eligible to play for PAC?

- Homeschooled children affiliated with the S.C. Association of Independent Home Schools, the S.C. Third Option Accountability Association or a school district.

- Private school students whose schools don't offer the sports they want.

Football is in season and offered at middle school and varsity levels.

Practice has started, but potential players may register by Sept. 15.

The varsity team schedule comprises eight games and the middle school squad, nine.

Football practice takes place 6-8:30 p.m. every weekday but Wednesday. Before big games, the team also may practice on Saturdays.

The practice field is at 2100 Platt Springs, West Columbia.

Home games take place at Seven Oaks Park near Irmo.

PAC football is a Christian-based organization that provides an environment of encouragement and teamwork for students in grades six through 12. The program began four years ago with a flag football team and has grown into an 11-man football program.

Find more details at www.pacpanthers.com and click on the "football" tab under "sports."

For information on fees and other particulars, call:

- Stephen Hucks, assistant football coach and recruiting coordinator, 803-622-7723 or stephen@hucksandfelker.com.

- Allen Gleaton, head middle school coach, 803-309-6031 or allen.gleaton@gmail.com.

- Clint Lawyer, head varsity coach and PAC football coordinator, 803-796-2027 or pastor@wsbconline.org.

Parents on Fort Jackson who plan to homeschool should call the post's school liaison officer at 751-6150 for information on South Carolina requirements. Fort Jackson's Child, Youth and School Services also offers recreation and fitness opportunities, and use of the Youth Center gymnasium and technology lab during school hours.



Courtesy photo

Trussed and ready

Staff Sgt. Michael Horne prepares his trussed and ready troops to traverse the ropes bridge from atop the Victory Tower. Horne is a drill sergeant with D Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment.

Reel Time Theaters

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule 3319 Jackson Blvd. PHONE: 803-751-7488

Friday

Family Night
"Minions" (PG), 7 p.m.

Saturday

"Train Wreck" (R), 2 p.m.
"Ant Man" (PG-13), 4:30 p.m.

Sunday

"Train Wreck" (R), 2 p.m.
"Minions" (PG), 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

"Ant Man" (PG-13), 2 p.m.
"Train Wreck" (R), 4:30 p.m.

Aug. 28

Family Night
"Ant Man" (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Aug. 29

"Mr. Holmes" (PG), 2 p.m.
"Southpaw" (R), 4 p.m.

Aug. 30

"Southpaw" (R), 2 p.m.
"Paper Towns" (PG-13), 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 2

"Ant Man" (PG-13), 2 p.m.
"Southpaw" (R), 4:30 p.m.

TICKETS

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

3-D TICKETS

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

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



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