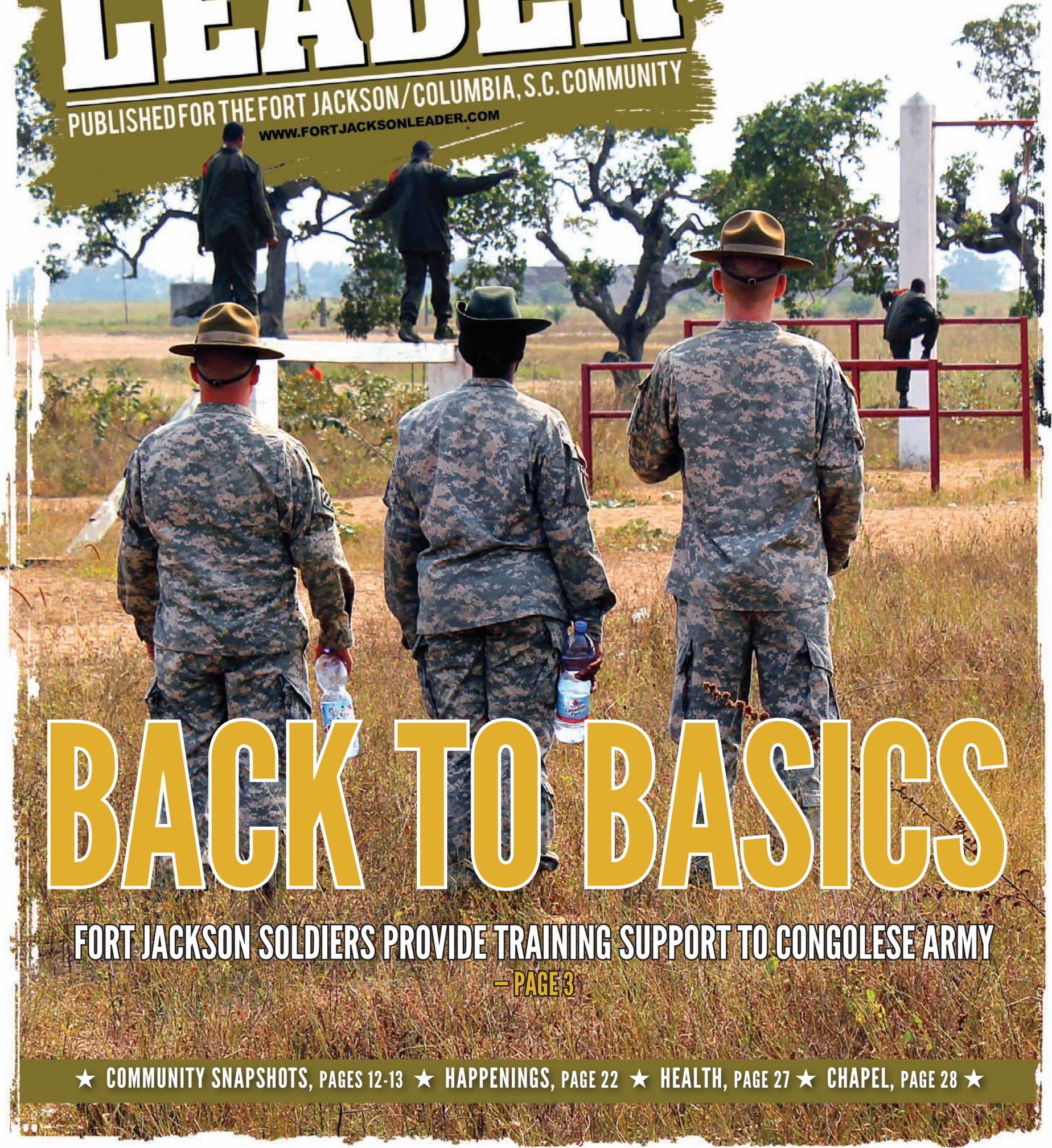


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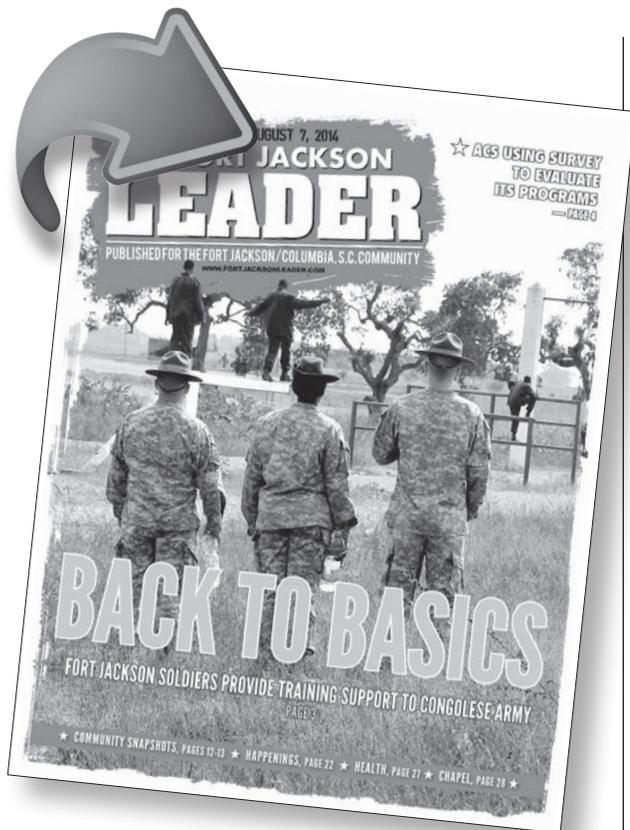
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Soldiers with the 165th Infantry Brigade traveled to Africa to train troops in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. **SEE PAGE 3.**



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

New DCO welcomed

Col. Mark Shade, Fort Jackson's new deputy commanding officer, is welcomed during a ceremony Tuesday at Post Headquarters. Shade previously served as the logistics officer for the U.S. Army Cadet Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Pictured, from left, are retired Col. Angelo Perri, Shade, Barbara Hain and Shade's wife, Laura.

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DRILL SERGEANT ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Army's drill sergeant program, TRADOC will host several events Sept. 12 at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School.

The Drill Sergeant School will host an outdoor social with catered dinner, various vendors, static displays and other activities. All past and present drill sergeants are asked to bring their campaign hats to the drill sergeant hat social. This event will be capped off with a mass formation photo, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony to officially celebrate the program's anniversary.

A time capsule will be unveiled that allows drill sergeants to add their own piece of history. The time capsule will be sealed and won't be opened for 25 years. Drill sergeants may also purchase a personalized drill sergeant brick paver with their names and dates served on the trail engraved. The brick pavers will be placed near the drill sergeant time capsule.

To register for the hat social, visit www.armydrillsergeants.com

The events scheduled for Sept. 12 are:

- Run with the drill sergeants, 6 a.m., Hilton Field
- Breakfast, 7 a.m., NCO Club
- Drill sergeant Hall of Fame induction ceremony, 11 a.m., Drill Sergeant School
- Drill Sergeant School tour and history showcase, 1 p.m., Drill Sergeant School
- Drill sergeant hat social and photo, 4 p.m., Drill Sergeant School

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Starting from scratch

165th Soldiers provide training support to Congolese army

By **ANDREW McINTYRE**
Fort Jackson Leader

Five Soldiers with the 165th Infantry Brigade recently helped shape the future of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Three drill sergeants, a first sergeant and a company commander made an impact on more than 90 Congolese soldiers' careers, and the entire Congolese military for years to come.

The U.S. Soldiers participated in a military-to-military training engagement program in the Kinshasa district, which focused on military law, military medicine and basic military tactical intelligence.

"The intent for the four-day mission was for us to go there and meet with the Congo military, and conduct Basic Combat Training procedures and teach them how we integrate new recruits into the military system," said Capt. Reginald Moise, commander, Company B, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment.

The U.S. embassy in Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, requested Basic Combat Training support for the Congolese military, and the 165th answered the call for duty.

"The area we went to was a town called Muando, a sliver of land that borders the Atlantic Ocean and also borders the country of Angola. They have a base there called Baki, a base that was built in the 1950s and 60s by the Belgian military," said 1st Sgt. Donald Kenney, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 165th Infantry Brigade.

In 1960, when the Democratic Republic of the Congo gained its independence from Belgium, the base was abandoned.

"Ever since the Congo gained its independence, with the help of the United States, France and other countries, (officials) are trying to get that base up and running again," Kenney said. "Their country and their army as a whole have not had a running military in over 20 years, so they are starting these schools from scratch. With some of the buildings, they are in the process of restoring, doing painting and electrical work."

Kenney said he has trained other countries' militaries before in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said he didn't know what to expect in this situation.

"What I found in the Congolese military was that (the soldiers) were significantly more motivated than what I had experienced with the Iraqis and Afghans," Kenney said. "They are just hindered by resources."

THE TRAINING

Kenney and Moise trained the officers on how to manage their training cycles, whereas the three drill sergeants, Staff Sgts. Roland Harding, Jonathan Debates and Natalie Brisco, trained the NCOs in basic combat tactics.

"From the time our drill sergeants got there to the time we left, their NCOs were hanging on our drill sergeants' every word," Kenney said.

Harding, assigned to Company A, 1-61st, said he could bond with the Congolese soldiers by doing what drill sergeants do best — teaching Basic Combat Training tactics.

"Once we got past the class room stuff and got outside, we were able to build a relationship with them by teaching them tactical movements," Harding said. "We had them show us their tactics and then we showed them a few things that we do. We showed them squad movements, en-



Courtesy photo

Five Soldiers with the 165th Infantry Brigade recently participated in a military-to-military training engagement program in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The lack of resources in training aids made them resort to natural resources to help the Congolese soldiers visualize their training.

tering (and) clearing buildings and rooms."

Kenney explained that the Congolese Soldiers have systems and the personnel in place to conduct certain types of training. They just need the know-how to get the job done.

"They were very interested in how the U.S. Army does training calendars, like long-term and short-term calendars," Kenney said. "We brought examples of our training calendars and we explained the eight-step training model — basically, the process the Army uses to train planning. They have something similar to our operations orders, and so that was helpful in helping us explain to them how we plan training. ... The U.S. Army tries to plan a year out in advance. They are not used to that, so we taught them how and the benefit of doing so."

Kenney explained that the base where they were located is the main military school house for the entire country.

THE CHALLENGES

Moise said that training days lasted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Generally we had to let them go around 3 p.m., after talking to some of the senior leadership. We found out that many of the Soldiers can go two or three months without getting paid," Moise said. "Yes, (the soldiers) show up for

work, but come about lunch time (the leaders) have to cut them loose because they do not have enough money to pay them so (the soldiers) would need to go back home to take care of their families, livestock and/or agriculture responsibilities."

He said the Congolese military is a lot different from the U.S. military, due to the lack of resources, including pay scales.

"Their lieutenant colonel makes about \$80 a month," Kenney said.

Kenney said he remembers a particular moment when, during their training management class, an officer asked how U.S. food allowances work with single and married Soldiers. A Congolese field artillery officer, who was a colonel, reprimanded all the officers and told them "not to worry about benefits, and that the Americans flew thousands of miles to come and help them improve their training."

"After that, the focus of the class definitely improved," Kenney said.

The drill sergeants found the lack of resources in training aids made them resort to natural resources to help the Congolese soldiers visualize the training.

ACS asks for community input

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Is Army Community Service providing what you need at Fort Jackson?

That's the question behind a survey being presented to Soldiers, families and employees on post, with the goal of refining programs and opportunities offered at Fort Jackson, said Carla Atkinson, ACS director. The results of the survey will be used to help create and revise programs on post during the coming years.

"We use that information as part of our strategic planning so that, when we decide how we're going to use our limited resources over the next three to five years, we have the information we need from our families and service members to plan our programs and services," Atkinson said.

The survey is part of an Installation Management Command campaign to gauge the changing needs of the Army. The survey's target audience includes active duty service members; National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers; spouses and families of service members; civilian employees; military retirees and family members; and other eligible customers of ACS programs.

"We want a representative sample of our population," Atkinson said. "We have about 3,500 Soldiers and about half as many spouses, and they would be our primary target."

The survey was launched in conjunction with the development of ACS's three-year strategic plan, as well as an accreditation review scheduled to take place in 2015, Atkinson said.

"Once (the survey) develops your demographics, it goes on to ask questions about your familiarity with certain services, as well as the last time you've used those services," said Elizabeth Maher, ACS plans and operations manager. "It took me about five minutes to take the survey. We'll use the survey information to develop new programs and services to meet the needs of our Soldiers and families."

The survey is scheduled to close Sept. 15.

"If we don't get enough responses, we might have to extend the survey," Atkinson said. "It's not just about getting a set number of people to respond. Soldiers and families are our first priority."

The survey is voluntary and confidential. The results will be reviewed by IMCOM following the conclusion of the survey campaign.

"I'd like to challenge our leaders to lead by example," Maher said. "I'd love to see them take the needs assessment survey, let their Soldiers know they've done it and encourage them to take the five minutes out of their day for the survey."

To access the survey, visit www.armymwr.com/ACS-survey.

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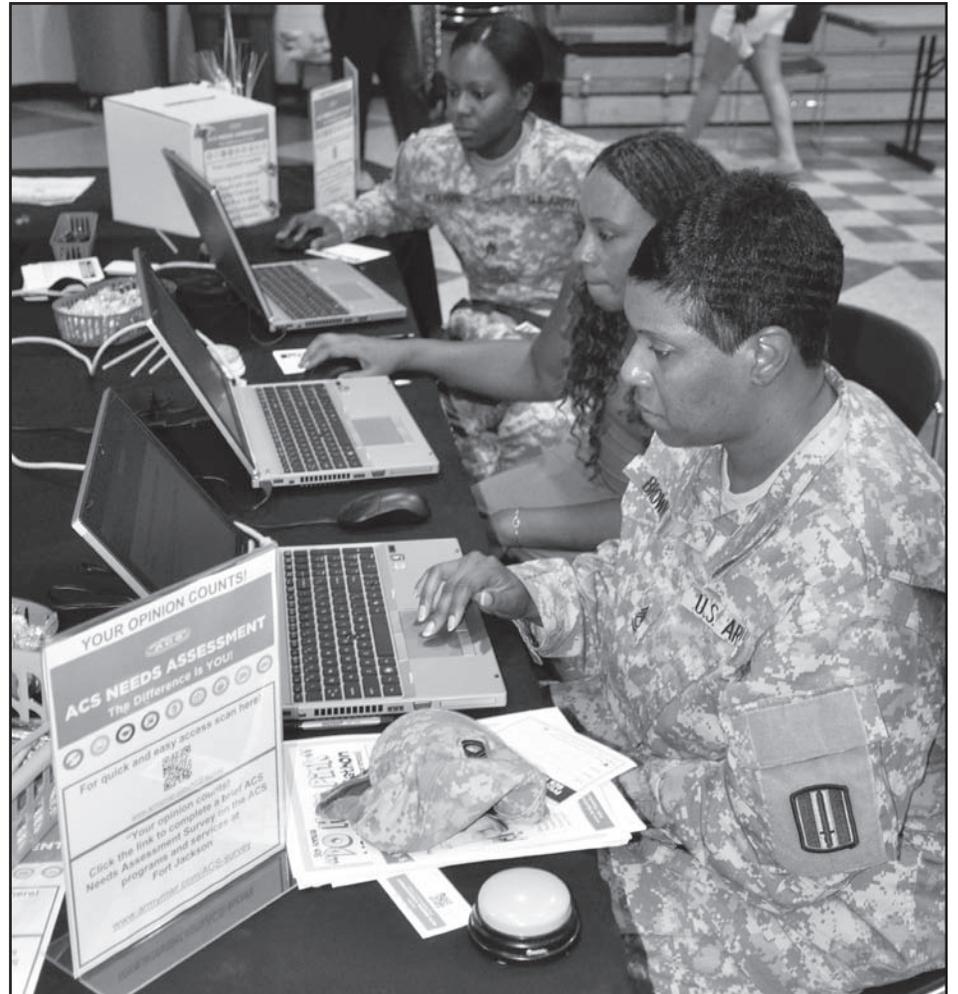


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Soldiers take the ACS needs assessment survey during the Jackson Jubilee information fair Friday at the Solomon Center. The survey is available online and is open through Sept. 15.

New uniform pattern on tap

U.S. Army

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army has selected a pattern as its base combat uniform camouflage pattern. The Army has confirmed through testing that the pattern would offer exceptional concealment, which directly enhances force protection and survivability for Soldiers.

The Army is naming the pattern the Operational Camouflage Pattern, or OCP, to emphasize that the pattern's use extends beyond Afghanistan to all combatant commands. The Army's adoption of OCP will be fiscally responsible by transitioning over time and simply replacing current uniforms and equipment as they wear out.

The Army anticipates the Army Combat Uniform with the OCP will be available for purchase by Soldiers at Military Clothing Sales Stores in the summer of 2015.

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Army general killed in Afghanistan

By **MAX MAXFIELD**
U.S. Army

WASHINGTON — An American general was killed Tuesday in Kabul, Afghanistan, by an individual wearing a uniform of the Afghan National Security Forces.

Maj. Gen. Harold Greene, who has been the deputy commander of the Combined Security Transition Command since January, was shot and killed when the individual fired into a group of coalition and Afghan service members on a routine site visit to the Marshal Fahim National Defense University, home of the Afghan army's commissioned and noncommissioned officer academies.

"There are a number of casualties as a result of the shooting, perhaps up to 15, to include some Americans," said Pentagon Press Secretary Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby. "Many were seriously wounded. Others received only minor injuries. The assailant was killed."

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno, said in a statement that the Army stands behind Greene's family.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene's family, and the families of our Soldiers who were injured today in the tragic events that took place in Afghanistan," Odierno's statement reads. "These Soldiers were professionals, committed to the mission. It is their service and sacrifice that define us as an Army."

"Our priority right now is to take care of the families, ensuring they have all the resources they need during this critical time.

"We remain committed to our mission in Afghanistan and will continue to work with our Afghan partners to ensure the safety and security of all coalition Soldiers and civilians," Odierno concluded.

According to Kirby, the investigation into the shooting is just beginning.

"The incident will be jointly investigated by Afghan and ISAF authorities," Kirby said. "That investigation is just now getting underway. We need to let it proceed before speculating about any specific circumstances."

Greene is the highest ranking U.S. military officer killed by foreign action since Lt. Gen. Timothy Joseph Maude was killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon. Greene is the highest ranking officer to be killed in combat since 1970.

Greene had previously served as the Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Washington, from April 2012, to January 2014. He served with Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, from May 2011 to April 2012.

Greene was the deputy commanding general United



GREENE

States Army Research, Development and Engineering Command/Senior Commander, Natick Soldier System Center, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, from May 2009 to May 2011.

Greene was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps, May 25, 1980. He was promoted to major general Sept. 2, 2012.

Greene's civilian education included a Bachelor of Science in materials engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; a Master of Science in industrial engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; a Master of Science in materials engineering

from the University of Southern California; a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, a Master of Science in mechanical engineering from the University of Southern California; and a PhD. in materials engineering from the University of Southern California.

His awards and decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

SDCC addresses privately owned vehicle shipping issues

By **MARK DIAMOND**
Military Surface Deployment
and Distribution Command

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command and U.S. Transportation Command are standing up a team of transportation experts this week to quickly address the most significant challenges and concerns military customers are facing when shipping their privately owned vehicles.

On May 1, International Auto Logistics, known as IAL, assumed responsibility for the Global Privately Owned Vehicle Contract, also known as GPCIII. Under the terms of the contract, IAL is responsible for processing, transporting and storing vehicles owned by military personnel and Department of Defense civilian employees bound for, or returning from, overseas duty assignments.

SDDC officials acknowledge the transfer to the new POV contractor did not go as smoothly as it could have. They want customers to know that SDDC is aware of, and understands the issues some of them have experienced while shipping their privately owned vehicle. Solving those issues is the command's top priority.

Officials said they also want their customers to know what SDDC and U.S. Transportation Command are doing to help resolve these issues and facilitate a smoother and more effective transition to the new contractor.

SDDC serves as the POV program manager, whereas TRANSCOM is the Global POV Contract administrator. These two commands work closely together in managing and monitoring this critical quality of life contract.

"We are well aware that our customers continue to experience challenges in shipping their vehicles," said U.S. Navy Capt. Aaron Stanley, director, SDDC Personal Property.

According to the captain, the TRANSCOM Contracting Office and the SDDC Program Management Office continue to provide program oversight, while daily performance is monitored by contracting officer's representatives, or CORs, assigned to vehicle processing centers.



Stanley said there are approximately three dozen CORs, who are globally dispersed to provide daily oversight of IAL operations.

"According to the CORs, IAL is responding to their feedback and has begun to make improvements," explained Stanley.

"That said, we believe that one unhappy customer is one too many," he said. "We want to assure our military and civilian partners and their families that SDDC, U.S. TRANSCOM and IAL are actively taking steps to improve the POV shipping process for them. We will continue to use their feedback and observations as we work to deliver their vehicles during the busy peak moving season, and we apologize to those who have experienced frustrations during the initial months of the new contract."

Stanley said that although these challenges won't go away overnight, service members should know the steps they can take to help ease the stress of shipping their POV.

Stanley said military personnel and DoD civilian employees who are experiencing delays with their vehicle arrival time should call IAL at 1-855-389-9499 (option 2), or visit IAL's website at www.pcsmypov.com.

"We must give IAL the chance to resolve an issue," Stanley added. "We understand our customers' frustrations; however, we are optimistic that once the peak moving season is complete, IAL can and will make the necessary adjustments to refine (its) processes and ensure a quality POV experience consistent with the quality standards reflected in the contract."

RENTAL CAR REIMBURSEMENT

Stanley said rental car expenses are one of the main concerns customers have when their POV is delayed. He said personnel should be aware that they can be reimbursed for rental car fees that are incurred after their vehicle's original Required Delivery Date, or RDD, is missed. The first seven days of rental car fees are handled by the member's local military/government claims office. Rental car fees incurred after the initial seven-day period will be reimbursed by IAL via an "Inconvenience Claim."

For military claims, eligible personnel may rent a car at government expense for up to seven days if their POV (transported at government expense for their use) does not arrive at the authorized destination by the RDD. Reimbursement is limited by law to \$30 per day, with a maximum reimbursement of \$210. He said that authority expires on the date the POV is available for pick-up at destination.

"IAL will review each claim on a case-by-case basis and, based on the circumstances, reimburse the member accordingly," Stanley said.

According to the IAL website, there are three options for filing a claim, including "Site Settlement," "IAL Claims," and "Inconvenience Claims," with each option offering a different level of service and convenience.

For more details on each option, visit the FAQ section of www.pcsmypov.com/.

Stanley said in addition to the claims process, in an effort to further reduce the customer's financial burden, if a customer is inconvenienced because of a missed RDD — and the member cannot provide payment for a rental car — IAL has coordinated with Avis and Budget for direct billing from those rental car companies to IAL.



Courtesy photo

Soldiers with the 165th Infantry Brigade instruct Congolese soldiers in military law, military medicine and basic military tactical intelligence.

Congo

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“We tried to help them understand (that) a lot of the training you can do without resources, so we taught formations. Many of them would grab a stick and use that as their weapon while in formation,” Moise said.

“We found ourselves outside using rocks for training aids because they did not have the resources to make sand tables. We also used rocks to show them how we were going to conduct movements,” Harding said. “We had to

come up with ways to teach them so they could come up with ways to teach their Soldiers.”

THE FUTURE

Kenney and Moise agreed that the mission was a success. They said they believed the biggest impact came from the Fort Jackson drill sergeants and that with continual support the Democratic Republic of the Congo is bound to make some changes for the better for their entire military and country.

“I definitely think that the people our drill sergeants interacted with are going to be the beginning of their military,” Kenney said. “Our drill sergeants planted a seed with their key instructors, and I see it being passed

throughout their entire military.”

“The Congolese soldiers were very receptive to the drill sergeants, and, at the end of it, we all said that we wish we had more time on the ground, more resources, so that we were able to help those soldiers more,” Moise said.

“Overall, I think it was a very positive experience. I think we should continue to partner with them. They are very eager,” Kenney said. “I think this country is the future of Africa, as far as resources (are concerned). There are a lot of untapped resources. If they can get their government and military running well, I think they have a great future ahead of them.”

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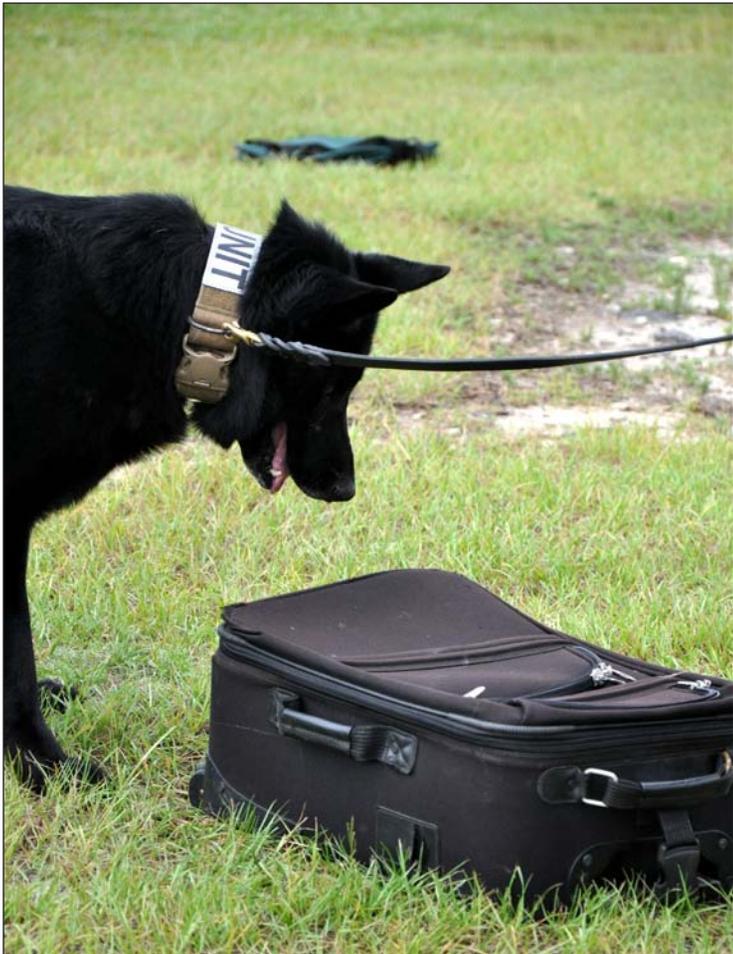


Jackson Jubilee showcases local services

More than 75 agencies and organizations from Fort Jackson and the surrounding area took part in the annual Jackson Jubilee Friday at the Solomon Center. The community information event was designed to help Soldiers, employees and their families learn about the services available on and off post.



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Fort Jackson's Directorate of Emergency Services stages an exhibition featuring two of its military working dogs during Friday's Night Out event at the Solomon Center. Above, Gino sniffs out an explosive device hidden inside luggage, while Dago, right, takes down a Soldier in protective gear portraying a combative suspect.

Close encounters

Area law enforcement meets the public at Night Out event



The South Carolina Highway Patrol, left, and the Richland County Sheriff's Office, above, were among the agencies present for the Night Out event. Above, Isaac Maxwell, 4, meets deputy Clifford Fisher outside the Solomon Center.



Courtesy photo

From left, Johnathan Boutte, Takia Nobles, Kierra Jones and Tyrone Guinyard, participants in the Local Workforce Investment Act Program, display their certificates presented by Recruiting and Retention School Command Sgt. Maj. Tory Hendrieth.

Graduates help train future recruiters

By **KEITH CLINE**

Recruiting and Retention School

Every year during the early summer, thousands of high school graduates pass their first significant hurdle in life by earning their diplomas. For four Columbia high school graduates, the Recruiting and Retention School was one of their first steps into the workforce and into the Army experience.

For the third year, the RRS has collaborated with the Midlands Technical College Local Workforce Investment Act, or LWIA.

Johnathan Boutte, Takia Nobles, Kierra Jones and Tyrone Guinyard participated the LWIA program, which brought them to the school for six weeks to work as role

players in a dynamic learning environment. The LWIA prepares young adults for the workforce in the Midlands area and provides a six-week summer work opportunity to recent high school graduates.

Based on the Army Learning Model, the four participants added a layer of realism to the Army Recruiter and Center Commander courses. A facilitated-style training environment allowed the LWIA participants to act as applicants and prospective Soldiers for future Army recruiters. Because the LWIA workers lacked Army knowledge, they were effective in helping RRS students experience multiple scenarios.

During their six weeks at the RRS, the LWIA participants were integrated into a variety of scenarios to improve recruiting center operations, which are simulated in the RRS classrooms. The participants not only had a positive

influence on the training environment, they also learned a few things about maintaining a positive attitude, commitment and setting and achieving goals.

"I learned that I can be what I want with a positive attitude and determination," Jones said.

All four said they viewed their experience with the RRS as a great learning experience and helpful as they start the next phase of life.

While in the program, Nobles and Guinyard took their experience to the next level by enlisting in the U.S. Army as a health care specialist and combat engineer, respectively.

Col. Terrence Murrill, commandant of the RRS, said that he was pleased with the collaborative efforts of the RRS and the Midlands Technical College Local Workforce Investment Act Program. Both the RRS leadership and the participants deemed the six-week program a success.



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165th welcomes new CSM

Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Barnes, second from left, takes responsibility of the 165th Infantry Brigade in a ceremony Friday at Victory Field. He replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Jones, who retired after 32 years of service.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Garrison changes responsibility

Command Sgt. Maj. Rod Celestaine, second from left, takes responsibility of the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Jackson in a ceremony Friday at the Post Theater. He replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee, who retired after 32 years of service.



Job well done

Sgt. 1st Class Angela Bowley, left, and Staff Sgt. Jaime Augustine, both drill sergeants with Company A, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) are awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for their performance as drill sergeants. Bowley will be assigned to the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry regiment. Augustine will move to Fort Riley, Kan.

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AG ceremony

Col. Todd Garlick, left, president of the national chapter of the Adjutant General's Corps and commandant of the Adjutant General School, presents a check for \$3,000 to Maj. Randy Lefebvre, president of the Carolina chapter of the AG Corps, at the chapter's revitalizing ceremony July 22. The money was in support of the inaugural Carolina Chapter Maude Foundation Golf Tournament, which took place May 29.

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BBB warns of typical summer scams

Most people look forward to taking a break during the summer, but for scammers, the work is just getting started. The Better Business Bureau has released its list of the summer's top scams.

VACATION SCAMS

Crooks know you're looking for the perfect getaway and try to use that against you. Be on the lookout for fake travel agents and websites, touting too-good-to-be-true deals. You can make sure the offer is legitimate by checking www.bbb.org. Consumers can also do a quick online search of the phone number or website making the offer to see if others have reported problems.

MOVING SCAMS

Summer is the most popular season for people looking to change their address. Unlicensed movers and dishonest scammers are waiting to take advantage. Remember, not all price quotes online or over the phone are legitimate or binding. In fact, the lowest estimate can sometimes be an unrealistic, low-ball offer which may cost you more in the end. So, always research the company and check out the mover's BBB business review at www.bbb.org.

CONCERT SCAMS

You may be looking for entertainment, but scammers are looking to take your cash. Before paying for concert tickets online, make sure the seller is reputable.

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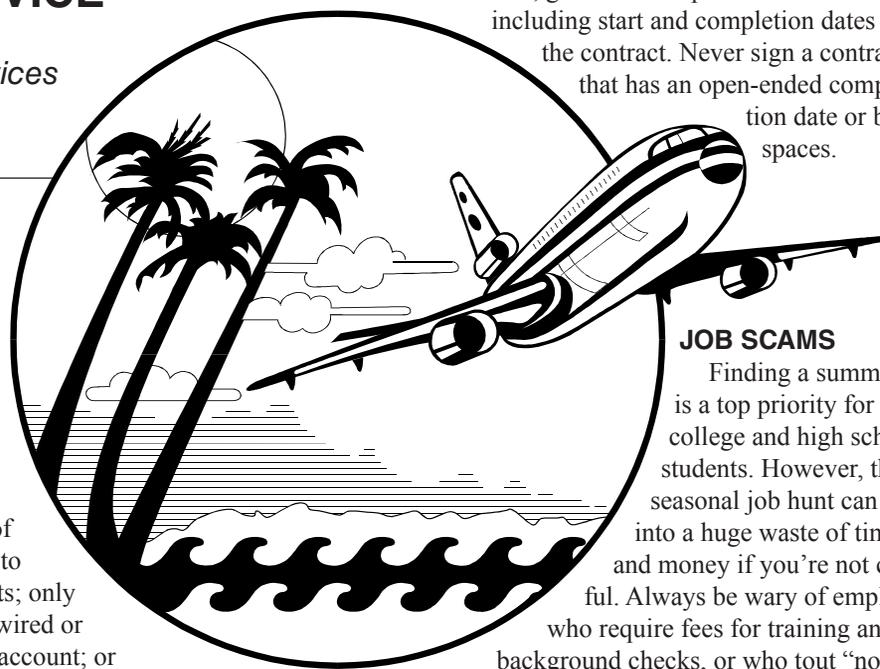
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Often, phony sellers will trick consumers into wiring money with no intention of sending real tickets. Most concert venues now allow ticket holders to print tickets from personal computers, which also gives scammers the opportunity to sell the same ticket over and over to unsuspecting consumers. Be wary of sellers who offer a sad tale as to why they cannot use the tickets; only accept cash; want the money wired or transferred through a prepaid account; or pressure you to act quickly.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES SCAMS

Many legitimate companies use this tactic, but consumers should watch out for people who use this method

to con you out of money. Before saying yes to any door-to-door offer, get all verbal promises in writing, including start and completion dates in the contract. Never sign a contract that has an open-ended completion date or blank spaces.



JOB SCAMS

Finding a summer job is a top priority for most college and high school students. However, that seasonal job hunt can turn into a huge waste of time and money if you're not careful. Always be wary of employers who require fees for training and background checks, or who tout "no experience needed." BBB considers these red flags for employment scams.

If you have any questions or would like more information on consumer scams, contact the Army Community Services Financial Readiness Program at 751-5256.

News and Notes

369TH CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Jared Reid will assume command of the 369th Adjutant General Battalion from Lt. Col. David Jones in a ceremony at 9 a.m., Friday at Victory Field.

As part of the ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. Carolyn Donaldson will assume responsibility of the 369th from 1st Sgt. William Werden.

RUN FOR THE FALLEN

Survivor Outreach Services will host its annual 5K Run/Walk for the Fallen at 7:30 a.m., Aug. 16 at Hilton Field. To register, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/jacksonrectrac.html>.

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Army warns about romance scams

Criminal Investigation Command

QUANTICO, Va. — Special Agents from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, are warning Internet users worldwide about cyber criminals involved in an online crime that CID has dubbed “the Romance Scam.”

CID special agents continue to receive numerous reports from victims located around the world regarding various scams of people impersonating U.S. Soldiers online. Victims are usually unsuspecting women, 30 to 55 years old, who believe they are romantically involved with an American Soldier, yet are being exploited and ultimately robbed by perpetrators who strike from thousands of miles away.

“We cannot stress enough that people need to stop sending money to persons they meet on the Internet and claim to be in the U.S. military,” said Chris Grey, Army CID’s spokesman.

“It is very troubling to hear these stories over and over again of people who have sent thousands of dollars to someone they have never met and sometimes have never even spoken to on the phone,” Grey said.

The majority of the “romance scams,” are being perpetrated on social media and dating-type websites where unsuspecting females are the main target.

The criminals are pretending to be U.S. servicemen, routinely serving in a combat zone. The perpetrators will often take the true rank and name of a U.S. Soldier who is honorably serving his country somewhere in the world, or has previously served and been honorably discharged, then marry that up with some photographs of a Soldier off the internet, and then build a false identity to begin prowling the Internet for victims.

The scams often involve carefully worded romantic requests for money from the victim to purchase special laptop computers, international telephones, military leave papers and transportation fees to be used by the fictitious “deployed Soldier” so the false relationship can continue. The scams include asking the victim to send money, often thousands of dollars at a time, to a third-party address.

Once victims are hooked, the criminals continue their ruse.

“We’ve even seen instances where the perpetrators are asking the victims for money to purchase ‘leave papers’ from the Army, help pay for medical expenses from

combat wounds or help pay for their flight home so they can leave the war zone,” said Grey.

These scams are outright theft and are a grave misrepresentation of the U.S. Army and the tremendous amount of support programs and mechanisms that exist for Soldiers today, especially those serving overseas, Grey said.

Along with the romance-type scams, CID has been receiving complaints from citizens worldwide that they have been the victims of other types of scams — once again where a cyber crook is impersonating a U.S. service member. One version usually involves the sale of a vehicle.

The service member claims to be living overseas and has to quickly sell his vehicle because he is being sent to another duty station.

After sending bogus information regarding the vehicle, the seller requests the buyer do a wire transfer to a third party to complete the purchase. When, in reality, the entire exchange is a ruse for the crook to get the wire transfer and leave the buyer high and dry with no vehicle.

Army CID continues to warn people to be very suspicious if they begin a relationship on the Internet with someone claiming to be an American Soldier and, within a matter of weeks, the alleged Soldier is asking for money, as well as discussing marriage.

The majority of these scams have a distinct pattern to them, Grey said.

The perpetrators often tell the victims that their units do not have telephones or they are not allowed to make calls or they need money to “help keep the Army Internet running.” They often say they are widowers and raising a young child on their own to pull on the heartstrings of their victims.

“We’ve even seen where the criminals said that the Army won’t allow the Soldier to access their personal bank accounts or credit cards,” Grey said.

All lies, according to CID officials. “These perpetrators, often from other

countries, most notably from West African countries, are good at what they do and quite familiar with American culture, but the claims about the Army and its regulations are ridiculous,” Grey said.

The Army reports that numerous very senior officers and enlisted Soldiers throughout the Army have had their identities stolen to be used in these scams.

To date, there have been no reports to Army CID indicating any U.S. service members have suffered any financial loss as a result of these attacks. Photographs and actual names of U.S. service members have been the only thing used. On the contrary, the victims have lost thousands.

One victim revealed that she had sent more than \$60,000 to the scammer. Another victim from Great Britain told CID officials that over the course of a year, she had sent more than \$75,000 to the con artists.

“The criminals are preying on the emotions and patriotism of their victims,” Grey said.

The U.S. has established numerous task force organizations to deal with this and other growing issues; unfortunately, the people committing these scams are using untraceable email addresses on Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, etc., routing accounts through numerous locations around the world, and utilizing pay-per-hour Internet cyber cafes, which often maintain no accountability of use. The ability of law enforcement to identify these perpetrators is very limited, so individuals must stay alert and be personally responsible to protect themselves.

“Another critical issue is we don’t want victims who do not report this crime walking away and thinking that a U.S. serviceman has ripped them off when, in fact, that serviceman is honorably serving his country and often not even aware that his pictures or identity have been stolen,” Grey said.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Don’t ever send money. Be extremely suspicious if you are asked for money for transportation costs, communication fees

or marriage processing and medical fees.

Carefully check out the stories you are told. If it sounds suspicious, there is a reason — it’s routinely false. Trust your instincts.

If you do start an Internet-based relationship with someone, check the person out, research what he or she is telling you with someone who would know, such as a current or former service member.

Be very suspicious if you never get to actually speak with the person on the phone or are told you cannot write or receive letters in the mail. Servicemen and women serving overseas will often have an APO or FPO mailing address. Internet or not, service members always appreciate a letter in the mail.

Military members have an email address that ends in “.mil.” If the person you are speaking with cannot send you at least one email from a “.mil” (that will be the very last part of the address and nothing after), then there is a high probability he or she is not in the military.

Be very suspicious if you are asked to send money or ship property to a third party or company. Often, the company exists, but has no idea or is not a part of the scam.

Be aware of common spelling, grammatical or language errors in the emails.

Be cognizant of foreign and regional accents that do not match the person’s story.

WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

■ Report the theft to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at <http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>.

■ Report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft>. Your report helps law enforcement officials across the United States in their investigations.

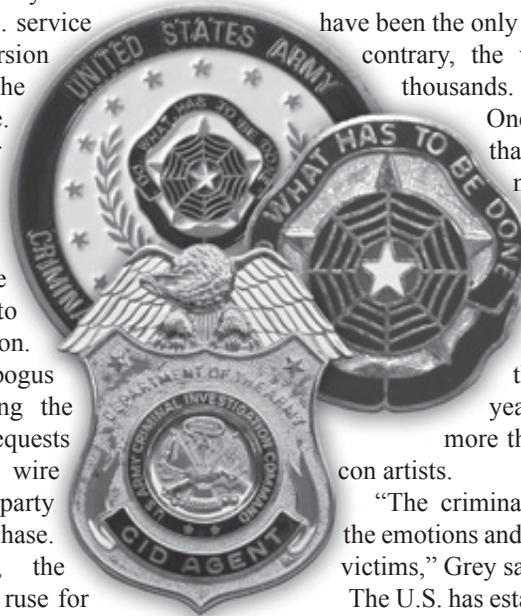
■ Report the theft by phone at 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338) or TTY, 1-866-653-4261.

■ Report the theft by mail at the following address:

Identity Theft Clearinghouse
Federal Trade Commission
Washington, DC 20580

■ Report the fraud by email to the Federal Trade Commission on Nigerian Scams via spam@uce.gov.

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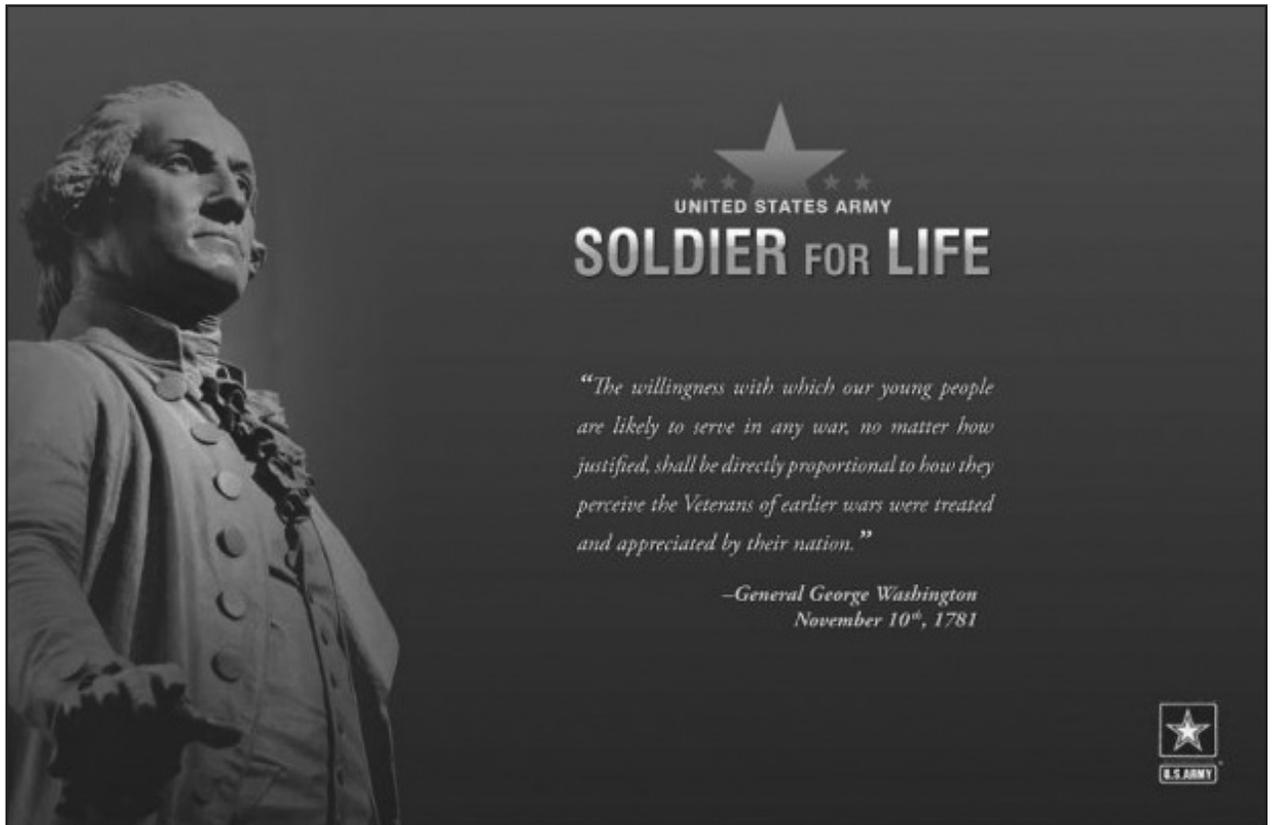
ARLINGTON, Va. — As mandated by Congress, the Army is continuing to draw down its end-strength to 490,000 active-component Soldiers by the end of fiscal year 2015. As part of the incremental and deliberate approach, the Army will notify roughly 500 majors over the next month that they must leave the service as the result of the decision of recent Officer Separation Boards and Enhanced Selective Retirement Boards.

Given that the Army has some 60,000 Soldiers forward deployed on any given day, it is unavoidable that a number of the Soldiers chosen for separation will be serving overseas, including Afghanistan. Army officials recognize that this is a particularly challenging time and, as such, have instituted a process by which these Soldiers will be notified.

For example, the first general officer in the individual's chain of command will notify each officer in person; the same manner in which roughly 1,100 captains were notified earlier this summer. Also, officers serving in Afghanistan, or other overseas areas, will be returned to the United States within 30 days of their notification to begin their transition from active duty and to make sure they have the maximum time and resources available for a successful transition.

Army officials recognize their responsibility to best ensure a smooth transition for officers and noncommissioned officers. Accordingly, a number of programs have been developed to provide Soldiers opportunities and options as they prepare to return to civilian life. For example:

- Encouraging Soldiers to continue their military service by joining the Army National Guard or Army Reserve.
- Shifting Gears, a partnership between the Army, Raytheon and General Motors, which will enable transitioning Soldiers to receive training and eventually be placed in service technician positions at GM dealerships.
- In August, the Army will hold its third Transition Summit at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. These summits are con-



U.S. Army graphic

The Soldier for Life program supports Soldiers transitioning to civilian careers.

ducted jointly, on military installations, with the National Chamber of Commerce Foundation's "Hiring Our Heroes" office and the Army's Soldier for Life program with participation by senior representatives of the Department of Labor and Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal of these summits is to improve competitive employment for transitioning Soldiers and veterans.

These are a few of the opportunities available to Soldiers to assist in transition to civilian life. Additionally, many installations conduct a variety of Soldier for Life

programs and host transition workshops partnering with various industries to assist transitioning Soldiers with finding jobs throughout the United States and accessing valuable resources to set them up for success in their post-Army career.

The current cuts will reduce the Army to an end-strength of 490,000 by the end of 2015. In addition, as a result of future budget restrictions previously passed by Congress, the active Army will further reduce its end-strength by 20,000 Soldiers in both 2016 and 2017.

Career fair

Tyrone Polite, ABM Government Services corporate recruiter, provides employment information to Maj. Ian Daunheimer during a career fair Tuesday at the Solomon Center. More than 70 agencies and organizations from South Carolina and North Carolina participated in the career fair in hopes of recruiting Fort Jackson job seekers.

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE



Debt relief obtained for scam victims

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, or CFPB, and 13 state attorneys general obtained approximately \$92 million in debt relief from Colfax Capital Corporation and Culver Capital, LLC, also collectively known as “Rome Finance,” for about 17,000 service members and other consumers harmed by the company’s predatory lending scheme. Rome Finance lured consumers with the promise of no money down and instant financing. Rome Finance then masked expensive finance charges by artificially inflating the disclosed price of the consumer goods being sold. Rome Finance also withheld information on billing statements and illegally collected on loans that were void. Rome Finance and two of its owners are permanently banned from consumer lending.

“Rome Finance’s business model was built on fleecing service members,” said CFPB Director Richard Cordray. “Rome Finance lured service members in with the promise of instant financing on expensive electronics, then masked the finance charges with inflated prices in marketing materials and later withheld key information on monthly bills. Today, (the company’s) long run of picking the pockets of our military has come to an ignominious end.”

Colfax, formerly known as Rome Finance Co., Inc., is a California consumer lending company, and Culver is its wholly owned subsidiary, formerly known as Rome Finance LLC. The companies offered credit to consumers purchasing computers, videogame consoles, televisions or other products. These products were typically sold at mall kiosks near military bases with the promise of instant financing with no money down. In some cases, Rome Finance was the initial creditor, and in other cases, Rome Finance provided indirect financing by agreeing to buy the financing contracts from merchants who sold the goods.

Service members and other consumers would fill out a credit application at the kiosk and, if approved, sign financing agreements that did not accurately disclose the amounts they would have to pay for that financing. These contracts generated millions for Rome Finance while weighing down consumers with expensive debt. Rome Finance has been the subject of previous state and federal enforcement actions and Colfax is currently in Chapter

7 bankruptcy. The CFPB and state attorneys general uncovered substantial evidence that Rome Finance’s lending scheme violated several laws and that these illegal practices harmed approximately 17,000 consumers. The CFPB in its consent order found that Rome Finance:

- Hid finance charges when marketing products: Rome Finance and merchants it worked with masked expensive finance charges by artificially inflating the disclosed price of the consumer goods being sold. As a result, they provided consumers with disclosures that had inaccurately low finance charges and annual percentage rates. Consumers received disclosures, for example, indicating the APR was 16 percent when, in fact, the APR was 100 percent or higher. That inaccurate information prevented consumers from making an informed decision about whether to take out credit.

- Withheld required financial information from billing statements: Billing statements that Rome Finance sent to consumers failed to include certain disclosures required by law such as the annual percentage rate; the balance that was subject to that interest rate; how that balance was determined; the closing date of the billing cycle; and the account balance on the closing date.

- Deceptively, unfairly and abusively collected debt that was not owed: Rome Finance was not licensed to provide consumer lending in any state and charged annual percentage rates higher than some states allowed, which voided or limited the collectable debt in some states under state lending law. Rome Finance deceived consumers in these states by failing to inform them that some or all of their debt was void or otherwise did not have to be repaid. As a result, many consumers were misled into thinking that they had to repay the entire loan balance and made those payments when they did not have to.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the CFPB has the authority to take action against institutions or individuals engaging in unfair, deceptive or abusive acts or practices. The Truth in Lending Act also authorizes the CFPB to take action against creditors who do not accurately disclose the cost of credit and other credit terms to consumers. To address these violations, the CFPB’s consent order requires Rome Finance to:

- Provide approximately \$92 million in debt relief: All efforts to collect on any of the outstanding Rome Finance financing agreements must cease. Rome Finance still has approximately \$60 million in contracts owed by about 12,000 consumers that it will no longer seek to collect. Separately, a liquidating trust created as part of Colfax’s bankruptcy plan will stop collections on approximately \$32 million owed by more than 5,000 consumers for Rome Finance’s financing agreements. Service members may keep the merchandise they purchased.

- Update credit reporting agencies and notify service members and other consumers of debt status: The Colfax Trustee must update the credit reporting agencies so that affected consumers are listed as having paid their debt. The Colfax Trustee must also notify all affected consumers that their debt will no longer be collected.

- Rome Finance and its owners must cease consumer lending: Rome Finance and two of its owners, Ronald Wilson and William Collins, are permanently banned from conducting any business in the field of consumer lending.

- Pay redress for hidden finance charges: Rome Finance was ordered to pay redress to compensate affected consumers for the amount of excess finance charges they paid. When Colfax’s trustee has complied with certain provisions of the consent order, the requirement to pay redress will be suspended because Rome Finance has no ability to pay such redress.

- Pay civil money penalty: For its inaccurate disclosures and unfair, deceptive and abusive practices, Colfax, through its bankruptcy trustee, will make a \$1 penalty payment to the CFPB’s Civil Penalty Fund. The CFPB is not assessing a larger penalty because Colfax is bankrupt. With Colfax making a payment to the Civil Penalty Fund, Rome Finance’s victims may be eligible for relief from the Civil Penalty Fund in the future, although that determination has not yet been made.

- Cooperate with service members and other consumers who seek to vacate judgments: The Colfax Trustee is required until the Colfax bankruptcy case is closed to cooperate in executing any documents presented to him to vacate or satisfy any judgments against consumers relating to the financing agreements.

The full text of the CFPB’s Consent Order is available at http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201407_cfpb_consent_order_rome-finance.pdf.

Commissaries receive award for value engineering

By **CHERIE HUNTINGTON**
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — The Defense Commissary Agency’s use of value engineering has garnered a prestigious Department of Defense award.

DoD selected the Design and Construction Division of DeCA’s Logistics and Engineering Directorate, Lackland Air Force Base, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, as a winner in the program/project category of its fiscal year 2013 Value Engineering Awards.

“Value engineering is a great tool to get more value for our customers, and our engineers’ efficient use of it is part of our role as good stewards of our patrons’ surcharge dollars,” said DeCA Director and CEO Joseph Jeu.

John Stuit, DeCA’s chief of design and construction, agreed, adding that value engineering is part of DeCA’s DNA.

“Our mission is to efficiently build new facilities and maintain and upgrade our existing stores to create a great shopping experience,” Stuit said. “It is a team effort that starts with DeCA senior leadership and involves all of our team members and industry partners.”

A tenet of value engineering is: While anything less than essential functional capability is unacceptable, anything more is wasteful and should be eliminated. Value engineering analyzes and redesigns a product or service so its function can be achieved at the lowest possible overall cost. It may involve using different materials, applying new technology, using a more efficient production or delivery process, or eliminating unnecessary components, Stuit explained.



A renovation of the Lackland Commissary served as the pilot project for DeCA’s award-winning program. It developed heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and lighting and refrigeration systems that were at least 30 percent more efficient than established standards.

Stuit explained that new refrigeration system and display case fixtures use nearly

35 percent less energy than the existing system, generating annual energy savings of nearly \$52,000.

“Results of this program have been applied to updates to our design criteria so that similar energy savings can be applied to all future new stores and store renovations,” he said.

The enhanced energy modeling tool lets DeCA improve systems while still in the design process. Stuit said this results in more accurate energy usage calculations and better decisions on systems and equipment to reduce energy usage.

The Value Engineering Awards reflect DoD’s effort to continually streamline operations, improve quality and reduce or avoid costs. During fiscal year 2013, the department’s value engineering projects produced a combined actual savings and cost avoidance of \$5.5 billion.

Calendar

Wednesday

Retired Officers Wives Club

welcome coffee

10 a.m., Officers' Club

Reservations are not required.

Monday, Aug. 18

Employee Assistance Program supervisory training

1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Post Conference Room

For more information, call 751-5007/4785.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Victory Spouses Club membership drive

4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center

Open to spouses of active-duty and retired service members and DoD civilians regardless of the service member's rank. For more information, visit <http://vcswebmaster.wix.com/victory>.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Date night — ScreamFree Marriage

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Solomon Center

To register, call 751-4865/4825. Limited child care is available. To receive child care, call 751-4865/4825.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Shred day

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Recycling Center

For more information, call 751-4208.

Announcements

SCREAMFREE MARRIAGE TRAINING

A ScreamFree Marriage training seminar is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Aug. 18-19, at the Solomon Center. The training is designed for people who are interested in obtaining ScreamFree Marriage leader certification. For more information, call 751-6325.

SECURITY OFFICE CLOSURE

The Installation Security Office will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 27, for training. For emergency assistance during that time, call 238-4404.

ID CARD OFFICE HOURS

The ID card offices at the Strom Thurmond Building in rooms 109, 114 and 200 will continue to operate on an appoint-

ment-only basis. Limited walk-in slots are available Monday through Friday from 8 to 9:20 a.m. in Room 109. Once walk-in slots are filled, customers will be given the option to make an appointment or visit an alternate ID card facility for service. Appointment hours are from 9:40 a.m. to 4:10 p.m., Monday through Friday in rooms 109 and 200. To make an appointment, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. For more information, call 751-6024.

TRICARE WEBSITE CHANGES

The TRICARE website has been redesigned. A login button for quick access to services was added, and the navigation menu was simplified. Visit www.tricare.mil.

SPORTS SHORTS

Letters of intent for intramural and recreational beach volleyball are due by 3 p.m., Monday. Open to all ID card holders. Up to five players per team. League play is scheduled to start Aug. 18.

MARRIAGE RESILIENCY CLASS

The Chaplain Family Life Center will conduct marriage resiliency classes Thursday evenings from, 6 to 8 p.m. until Aug. 21. A meal will be provided. For more information and to register, call 751-4949.

ACS NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The Army Community Services needs assessment survey is under way through Sept. 15. The survey aims to measure usage and helpfulness of ACS programs and services. Its purpose is to identify emerging needs related to the Army way of life. To access the survey, visit www.armymwr.com/ACS-survey.

CYSS TRANSPORTATION SIGN-UP

Child, Youth and School Services offers transportation to and from CYSS before- and after-school care locations for certain Richland 1 and 2 schools. For more information, call 751-4865

COMMISSARY NEWS

The Commissary back-to-school sales event will run through Aug. 20.

Commissary gift cards may be purchased by anyone, but only authorized patrons are able to redeem them. Gift cards are available at commissaries worldwide and online at www.commissaries.com.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS SOUGHT

Fort Jackson schools are accepting applications for substitute teachers and training instructors for the school year 2014-2015. To apply, visit www.usajobs.gov before Monday.

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Tackle football registration for children 7-12 years old is under way through July 31. Registration for cheerleading (ages 3-12); flag football (ages 4-8); soccer (ages 3-16); and cross country (ages 7-14) is under way through Aug. 22. Coaches are needed. For more information, call 751-5040/7451.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Pierce Terrace and C.C. Pinckney elementary schools runs through Aug. 14. Registration packets may be picked up at either school during office hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Pierce Terrace Elementary School at 782-1772 or C.C. Pinckney Elementary School at 787-6815.

AMU SHOOTING CLINIC

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Georgia, will host the seventh annual USAMU Action Shooting Junior Clinic Oct. 30 through Nov. 2. The clinic is an advanced workshop open to children and youth 9-18 with experience in action shooting disciplines. The deadline to apply is Oct. 1. For more information, visit www.usamu.com or call 706-545-9402.

SAT TESTING

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

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Golden Carriage Program provides free ball gowns for spouses of active-duty service members E5 and below.

Information is subject to change.

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SOFTBALL STANDINGS

MEN'S TEAMS

SSI	9-0
4-10th	4-3
MACH	4-4
DENTAC	3-1
TFM/DSS	3-3
175th	2-4
2-60th	1-6
171st	1-6

CO-ED TEAMS

MWR	2-1
2-39th	3-2
165th	2-1
MACH	1-1
3-34th	0-3

Standings as of Aug. 5.

GOLF STANDINGS

RECREATIONAL

Heavy Hitters	439.0
Hack Attack	362.5
D Flight Boys	324.5
Old Guys +2	198.5
Vic College	175.0

INTRAMURAL

2-60th Omaha	1405.5
DENTAC	1359.0
165th	1248.0
SSI	1114.0
MACH	1081.5
USADSS	1070.0
TFM #1	1040.5
2-13th	959.0
17th MP #2	800.5
17th MP #1	793.0
1-61st	775.0
TFM #2	724.5
187th	559.0
G-3	477.0
3-60th	437.0
2-60th Bastogne	184.5

Standings as of Aug. 5.

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August Promotions

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HANSON, Kofi B.	MSG
DURAN, Luis H.	SFC
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SAMC inducts NCO

Staff Sgt. Audra Rose, a drill sergeant with the Drill Sergeant School, is the newest member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. She was inducted during a ceremony July 29 at the NCO Club. Post Command Sgt. Maj. William Hain, left, and Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker, Fort Jackson's commanding general, presented Rose with the Army Commendation Medal and her SAMC medallion. The club is named after Sgt. Audie Murphy, the most decorated combat Soldier during World War II. To be inducted, NCOs who exemplify leadership must be nominated, undergo a rigorous board and be recommended unanimously by all board members.

Why am I still thinking about deployment?

By **CAPT. DONELL BARNETT**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

Do you remember what you were doing on 9/11? Who were you with? What were you wearing when you found out about the towers? I bet most of those details are pretty clear to you.

Now ask yourself, “What was I doing on 10/11?” Unless that’s your birthday or anniversary, chances are you don’t remember that day at all.

That’s the way our brains work. Even if you were nowhere near New York on 9/11, the memory of that horrific day, your feelings when you heard about it and the reactions of those people with you are pretty clear. The same is true for your first date, best birthday party and grandma’s apple pie.

Your brain likes to record strong memories, good and bad, in a lot of detail. Along with the memory, your brain tries to record your feelings at the time of the event. Both the image and the feelings associated with the image help us to easily react to similar situations in the future. For life-threatening occasions, such as what commonly happens on deployment, your brain records the event to help you respond in case you are ever in a similar life-threatening situation.

With post-traumatic stress, people re-experience distressing events at times when they may not want to remember the event. Typically, the event shows up in nightmares, flashbacks or disturbing daydreams. Sometimes these events are “triggered” by something around you that looks, feels or smells like the event you experienced. A crowded mall may make you feel like you’re in that crowded bazaar. A dark movie theater may make you feel like you’re in your hooch. In the same way, a whiff of certain cologne will make you think about that special someone.

When an event and the memory of it are too distressing to handle, people tend to go to great lengths to avoid them. Avoidance can mean not going to certain places, not talking to certain people or even drinking an insane amount of alcohol to quiet down nightmares and get some sleep. The



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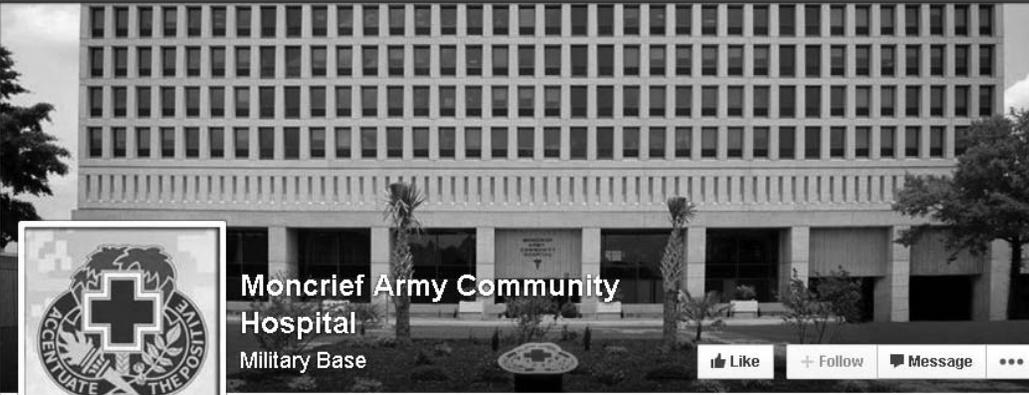
If the memories of a traumatic event are causing serious problems in your life, talk with a medical professional, behavioral health provider or chaplain.

problem is that avoiding the reminders of an event can make the memories seem just as real as the actual event.

All these reactions are actually quite normal and are designed to help us survive. In fact, you’ve probably experienced avoidance behaviors all your life. Think about it, when you were a kid, did you ever have a nightmare after seeing a scary movie? Or maybe you crossed the street to avoid the scary cat-lady’s house.

If these behaviors get worse over time, or they don’t taper off after a few months, this just means your body is having a more difficult time putting the memory away. Professionals use six months as a benchmark time frame. Some people take more or less time to process the memory. In any case, if these reactions are causing problems in your life, talk with a medical professional, behavioral health provider or chaplain.

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Prescription home delivery available

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

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

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

W O R S H I P
SCHEDULE

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, Magruder Chapel
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/EPISCOPAL

■ Sunday

8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

■ Sunday

8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

■ Friday

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

JEWISH

■ Sunday

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Memorial Chapel

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish book study, Post Conference Room

CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ Sunday

11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ Sunday

9:30 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

■ Wednesday

3 to 5 p.m. LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel

■ Wednesday

7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

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

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