Kids Head Back to School

Fort Jackson Schools Look to Build on Last Year’s Success

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Welcome back, Fort Jackson students

Motorists, parents responsible to create safe environment for children en route to school

Now that students are returning to school, we need to make sure all of the good safety we have been practicing during the summer months doesn’t take a back seat in the school bus, so to speak.

With school back in session, safety needs to be a primary concern as we transport our children back and forth to school each day. The first week of school is usually a time of anticipation and wonder for everyone involved, as teachers, students and families get used to the return to the fall routine. In addition, these changes oblige us to take additional precautions when driving in the mornings and afternoons, especially because of the temporary traffic conditions created by the renovations under way at Gate 2.

With two elementary schools on Fort Jackson — Pierce Terrace and C.C. Pinckney — drivers need to recognize and pay particular attention to the safety needs of young pedestrians. Youngsters in the elementary-school age group are the most frequent victims in auto-pedestrian incidents.

Always stop when directed to do so by a school patrol sign, school patrol officer or designated crossing guard. When warning flashers are blinking in a school zone, you must stop to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk, or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk. In most areas, pedestrians have the right-of-way at intersections; however, regardless of the rules of the road or right-of-way, drivers must exercise extra care and caution to look out for children, not only in school zones, but also in residential areas, and near playgrounds and parks. Children are impulsive, the least predictable pedestrians, less cautious around traffic and the most difficult to see.

Of course, this responsibility goes both ways. Parents should be proactive and take the time to talk about safety with their kids before they head back to school, and have realistic expectations of their pedestrian skills, whether walking to school or just to the bus stop. I urge parents to carefully consider whether your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.

We also need to ensure we are giving our teenage drivers good safety guidance, as well. Many crashes occur while novice teen drivers are going to and from school.

I ask parents to encourage seat belt use at all times and ensure their teen drivers know and truly understand the extreme dangers of eating, drinking, talking on the phone or texting while driving.

As parents, we must set the example for our children by observing these safe driving habits ourselves. All of us can help ensure the safety of our children by following these simple guidelines.

Protecting the lives and safety of our children will make everyone’s efforts worthwhile. Army Strong and Victory Starts Here!

Victory 6
Teachers spent the week getting their workspaces ready for students at C.C. Pinckney and Pierce Terrace elementary schools. The new school year begins today, and children aren’t the only ones feeling a little nervous about the start of a new school year.

“It’s just like an actor or an actress before an event,” said Cynthia Francis, a kindergarten teacher at Pierce Terrace Elementary School, Wednesday morning. “You get butterflies. It makes you a little anxious, but it passes.”

The week’s activities began this week with an “Opening Ceremonies” event at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School, bringing together teachers, administrators and Fort Jackson command to celebrate the successes of the previous school year, as well as the possibilities of the coming year.

“Thanks for what you all do, and for enabling me to be a part of this special opening ceremony,” said Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general. “My mother and father were both teachers. My mother was one of you all, and taught elementary childhood education. If that wasn’t bad enough, my father was a high school teacher. I have a tremendous amount of respect for teachers and what you do for young kids, and what you stand for.”

Superintendent Samantha Ingram said 31 new teachers have joined the South Carolina-Fort Stewart-DoDDS Cuba District, 10 of whom will be teaching children at Fort Jackson.

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Parent volunteer Amy Acco makes posters at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School Wednesday morning, in anticipation of the start of the new school year today.
Fort Jackson NEC wins national award

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

The Network Enterprise Center at Fort Jackson has been named best medium-sized NEC in the 7th Signal Command, an accomplishment that recognizes the organization’s expertise in operating, maintaining and defending the post’s digital networks.

Network Enterprise Technology Command — the highest command for signal units and NECs — selects a “NEC of the Year” in three categories based on the number of customers served by the NEC. The three signal brigades in the continental United States select the best NEC in each category for their area of responsibility. Fort Jackson won “best-medium” NEC for the 93rd Signal Brigade, which encompasses the Eastern United States.

The Fort Jackson NEC next advanced to the 7th Signal Command competition, where the NECs from the three brigades competed against each other. Fort Jackson also won that award, earning the recognition as the best medium-sized NEC in the United States.

Tom Smart, area support director for Team 3 within the 93rd Signal Brigade, said the Fort Jackson NEC managed to improve its employee training rating during the previous year, despite being short-staffed.

“If you go in and get your car worked on, you’d hope they’d have the proper certification so they know what they’re doing,” he said. “It’s a way to know they’re certified, competent and know how to do what they do.”

Smart said the challenge in getting NEC staff members additional certification is that training pulls employees away from regular duties.

“Even though they’re currently short-staffed, they still have to take time away from work to take those tests and get certified,” Smart said. “You lose part of your workforce to get them certified so they can be proficient in what they’re doing.”

The Fort Jackson NEC also received the 2011 Palmetto Pillar award from the S.C. Chamber of Commerce, which Smart said played a role in its selection as Best medium-sized Network Enterprise Center.

“It’s the first time we’ve ever been recognized at Fort Jackson,” said Marcus Good, chief of the Information Technology System Support Division. “It validates all of the work we’ve put forward the past couple of years. We’re challenged as far as resources go, so it forces us to do things smarter. The award is a way to evaluate how we’re doing.”

Fort Jackson’s NEC will compete next at the Network Enterprise Technology Command global level, the results of which will be announced later in August, Good said.

“I am very pleased to see the Fort Jackson NEC recognized by the 7th Signal Command as the NEC of the year for 2012,” said Scott Nahrwold, Fort Jackson deputy garrison commander. “I have always been impressed with the level of support provided to the USAG, and offer my most sincere congratulations for a truly outstanding performance.”

Good said the Fort Jackson NEC has devoted a lot of recent energy to a concept called “virtualization.”

“We’re taking physical equipment and virtualizing it, which means we’re putting it in a logical space as opposed to a physical space,” he said.

For example, instead of having one computer server taking up space at one location, they are now housing multiple servers in the same amount of space. He said it reduces the NEC’s “footprint” and lowers administrative and utility expenses.

“This is our first award and we definitely want to use this to push us forward,” Good said. “We’ve come a long way on Fort Jackson and hopefully our customers notice that. The reason we’re here is to make our customers’ missions successful.”

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School welcomes new commandant

Col. Terrence Murrill, left, accepts the colors of the Recruiting and Retention School from Brig. Gen. David MacEwen, commanding general of the Soldier Support Institute, during an Assumption of Commandant ceremony Friday at the Officers’ Club. Murrill, a native of Sumter, most recently served as a special assistant to the Army chief of staff at the Pentagon.

Photo by ANDREW McIntyre
Small team keeps post looking good

By ANDREW McINTYRE
Fort Jackson Leader

Lawn mowers and weed trimmers are their tools of choice and despite the record-setting summer heat, they keep the post looking good.

The people who maintain Fort Jackson grounds are a team of 30 contractors from Highlander Landscaping Services, a local company that is responsible for maintaining more than 500 acres of land. "They are doing an outstanding job for us, without this team the post would not be looking as good as it is today," said William Dyer, contracting officer representative for the Directorate of Public Works.

"This is an old post, but let's make it look like new, and for us to do that we have to take pride and ownership in what we have here," Dyer said.

Dyer said recent government budget constraints have placed a strain on the efforts to cover more areas with the resources available, but the crews are doing more with less.

"The money was there one time before, but now we have less money, now we are using a smaller-owned business to get the job done, and (the owner) is doing more with less because that's who we are now," Dyer said.

He said the grounds maintenance contracts are usually seasonal, and the contractors are responsible for more than 500 acres that must be maintained regularly. IMCOM requires that the grass in high visibility areas such as Post Headquarters, Hilton Field and others is to be no more than two inches, cut even across the top and must be cut at least once a week.

"It's difficult a lot of times, but we pretty much have a schedule when we cut certain areas. I try to schedule it to where we get the areas cut in a timely manner and have everybody working together to get it completed. The toughest part is the heat for us, working in the heat," said Lee Burton, contractor and project manager for Highlander Landscaping Services.

"I appreciate everything my team does as a whole, mainly because without them I am not getting anything done. When we first started, I was also cutting grass and now I am doing mostly the paperwork because without my helpful crew I couldn't get anything done. Their help makes the world of difference," Burton said.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee also praised the effort to maintain the post landscaping. "I am very pleased with the progress that (grounds maintenance crews) have made to make Fort Jackson a very neat installation," Lee said.

Dyer said he enjoys his job and the post has the potential to be very well kept. "I love what I am doing, hopefully in the future I would like to see a well-manicured fort with the trees trimmed, sidewalks edged, throughout the whole post and no place left uncut," he said.

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Passing of the stole

Air Force Chaplain (Col.) Steven Keith, left, takes over as director of the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center from Navy Chaplain (Capt.) William Fauntleroy, right. To mark the change, Fauntleroy passed a stole to Keith. The stole symbolizes governance and management authority. The Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center houses the chaplain schools of the Army, Air Force and Navy.

Photo by CHAPLAIN (LT.COL.) SHON NEYLAND, Air Force Chaplain Service Institute

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Kendrix Workman uses a weed trimmer to cut grass in areas around post that are too difficult for lawn mowers to reach.
RUN FOR THE FALLEN SCHEDULED
A 5K run/walk for fallen Soldiers is scheduled for 8 a.m., Saturday at the Hilton Field Softball Complex.

ACTIVE SHOOTER SURVIVAL TRAINING AVAILABLE
In the aftermath of the mass shootings in Colorado and Wisconsin, renewed attention is being given to active shooter survival plans. The garrison antiterrorism officer can assist organizations with conducting training, provide standard operating procedure templates and provide an assessment tailored to individual facilities. The ATO can also help in planning and conducting active shooter drills. For more information or to coordinate training, call 751-2132/6268.

GATE 1 EXTENDS HOURS
Gate 1 is now open from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m., daily. The new hours will remain in effect until Gate 2 re-opens. Gate 2 renovations are scheduled to be completed in September.

JACKSON JUBILEE ON TAP
On- and off-post organizations, local vendors, restaurants and museums will present their services at the Jackson Jubilee information and entertainment fair from 3 to 7 p.m., Aug. 28 at the Solomon Center.

SCHOOL PHYSICALS AVAILABLE
To book an appointment for a school or sports physical with your primary care manager, call 751-CARE (2273).

AAFES SURVEY UNDER WAY
The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will conduct its annual customer satisfaction index survey through Aug. 25. Customers can participate at the Fort Jackson Exchange.

The left photo shows a grassed section of Hampton Parkway with healthy oak trees and minimal erosion, whereas the photo on the right depicts a highly eroded section with stressed oak trees.

PARKING CHANGES PROTECT LIVE OAKS

From the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division

In an effort to protect the trees lining one of Fort Jackson’s main roads, some motorists will have to change their parking habits.

Parking in the median of Hampton Parkway will be prohibited effective Monday. The no-parking policy will be enforced by Military Police. Employees who work along Hampton Parkway are asked to use other available parking areas.

The new policy was implemented to repair damages and provide protection to live oaks planted in the median. The damage to the trees was discovered after an employee of the Soldier Support Institute submitted an Interactive Customer Evaluation comment about the potential harm to the roots of the trees caused by parked cars.

Employees with the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division conducted a site visit to find out if the trees were damaged. It was determined that the vehicles parking under the live oak trees on the root zone had compacted the soil to the point that air, water and nutrients could not penetrate to the roots. Some of the trees have dying limbs, which is a sign of stress. In addition, the vehicles parking under the trees have killed the grass cover, exposing bare soil that is being eroded during storm events.

Continuing to allow parking in the median would cause further weakening of the trees and erosion issues and accelerate the mortality of the trees.

This is an example of how the garrison uses ICE to receive comments from customers and take appropriate action.

ICE comments can be submitted by using the Fort Jackson ICE site, http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=147&dep=DoD or by clicking on ICE from the list at the bottom of the Fort Jackson website.

UPCOMING CHANGES OF COMMAND/RESPONSIBILITY

☐ Tuesday — 369th Adjutant General Battalion: Lt. Col. David Jones will assume command from Lt. Col. Edward Allen; 8 a.m., Darby Field.
☐ Aug. 30 — Recruiting and Retention School: Command Sgt. Maj. Tory Hendrieth will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Punihao; time and location to be determined.
To announce a battalion level or above Change of Command/Responsibility, call 751-7045 or email fjleader@gmail.com.

Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.
For example, an article for the Aug. 30 Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.
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Families and surrounding community members take the time to participate in National Night Out, an annual event hosted by the Directorate of Emergency Services and the 17th Military Police Detachment. Law enforcement agencies from the Columbia Police Department, Richland County Sheriff’s Department, Lexington County Sheriff’s Department and the South Carolina Highway Patrol displayed vehicles, helicopters and information booths. This was Fort Jackson’s second annual National Night Out.

‘A unified front against crime’

Post celebrates second annual National Night Out event

By ANDREW McINTYRE
Fort Jackson Leader

As families began to arrive Thursday at Hilton Field, sirens from the parade of law enforcement, emergency services vehicles and barking military working dogs greeted them for Fort Jackson’s second annual “National Night Out.”

Columbia City Police, Richland County Sheriff, Lexington County Sheriff and the South Carolina Highway Patrol agencies partnered with Fort Jackson’s 17th Military Police Detachment and Directorate of Emergency Services to host the event designed for families to meet law enforcement officers and heighten crime awareness.

“We are here to send a message that we are all here as a community, organized and committed to deterring and fighting crime,” said Maj. Brad Fisher, Fort Jackson provost marshal. “Nationally, this event has been going on for 29 years, and it’s an opportunity to get together with other police agencies. The importance of nights like this is to bring a unified front against crime and bring awareness to crime.”

The night started off with loud propellers of helicopters from Richland and Lexington County police departments flying high over the field capturing the crowd’s attention. The partnering agencies lined Hilton Field roads with informational booths and gave out backpacks and safety and emergency materials to families.

Fisher said about 500 family members attended this year’s National Night Out.

Garrison Commander Col. Michael Grease praised Fort Jackson MPs and partnering law enforcement agencies for their diligent work protecting the Fort Jackson community from crime. Grease encouraged families to take the time to get to know the police officers who help protect the community.

Families later enjoyed watching the 17th MP Detachment’s K-9 unit. Soldiers demonstrated how they teach military working dogs to discover bombs in luggage, protect their handlers from criminals and spoke to the crowd about the importance of this career.

Sgt. Cyrus Vaughn, a K-9 handler with the 17th MP Detachment, said the event will have a great effect on officers’ relationships with the community.

“This night out is an opportunity to build a rapport with the community, becoming a community asset so when someone sees me in the community they don’t think, ‘Oh, that’s the police.’ They say, ‘Oh, that’s Sgt. Vaughn and his dog, Seagal.’ They know me and see a friendly face,” Vaughn said.

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Sgt. Cyrus Vaughn, 17th Military Police Detachment, and his K-9 companion, Seagal, demonstrate various tactics military working dogs perform in order to find bombs and harmful chemicals in luggage. Seagal receives a chew toy for completing the task.
A Richland County Sheriff’s Department helicopter lifts off at Hilton Field Aug. 9, as part of Fort Jackson’s National Night Out. The helicopter is used for aerial surveillance. The event increased awareness of crime prevention and gave families the opportunity to meet with local and state law enforcement officers.
Post celebrates women’s equality

Above, Edward Goebel, voting assistance officer for DENTAC, provides information about voter registration and election dates to 1st Sgt. Geleta Lanier, left, Company D, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), and to 1st Sgt. Angela Turhan, Company A, 120th. The voting assistance table was part of the post celebration honoring Women’s Equality Day, Monday at the Solomon Center. Women’s Equality Day, which is celebrated nationally Aug. 26, commemorates the women’s right to vote, which was granted with the ratification of the 19th Amendment, Aug. 26, 1920.

Left, Kelly Swanson, a comedian and motivational speaker from North Carolina, addresses the crowd during the event, which was hosted by DENTAC.

MACH receives accreditation

By CANDICE DULANEY
Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Moncrief Army Community Hospital has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for health care quality and safety in hospitals. The accreditation award recognizes MACH’s dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission’s state-of-the-art standards.

MACH underwent a rigorous on-site survey in April. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated MACH for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

“In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, (MACH ) has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients,” said Mark Pelletier, executive director, Hospital Programs, Accreditation and Certification Services, The Joint Commission. “Accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend MACH for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves.”

The Joint Commission’s hospital standards address important functions relating to the care of patients and the management of hospitals. The standards are developed in consultation with health care experts, providers, measurement experts and patients.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks continuously to improve health care for the public. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 19,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.

Advertising in the Leader

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QUANTICO, Va. — The Army’s Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, is looking for qualified applicants to become highly-trained criminal investigators.

Special agents within the CID are responsible for investigating numerous types of felony-level crimes, conducting protective-service operations, and working with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to solve crimes and combat terrorism. Those accepted into the program to become agents will receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School. They will also receive advanced training in specialized investigative disciplines. Selected agents may also receive advanced training at the FBI National Academy, the Metropolitan Police Academy at Scotland Yard, the DoD National Center for Credibility Assessment and the Canadian Police College.

Additionally, agents also have the opportunity to pursue a master’s degree in forensic science from George Washington University.

In the Army, taking care of Soldiers and their families is often at the forefront of every leader’s mind. From the fire team leader to the Army chief of staff, the health and welfare of the force is of the utmost importance.

Prospective agents attend the CID Special Agent Course at the U.S. Army Military Police School, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. For 15 weeks, candidates receive advanced training in various specialized investigative disciplines and upon graduation become federal law enforcement officers.

The training is fast-paced and thought-provoking, said CID Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Seaman. The training covers everything from crime-scene processing to interviews and interrogations. It is also accredited by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation Board.

“As an apprentice agent, new agents at their first duty assignment receive mentorship and field training by senior agents and are given an opportunity to apply a multitude of felony investigative techniques in real-life scenarios while learning to master their craft,” Seaman said.

To qualify to become part of CID, applicants must be a U.S. citizen and must be at least 21 years old. Applicants must be E5 (non-promotable) or below. E5s who are promotable, or applicants who are E6 but have one year or less time-in-grade, may apply with waiver.

All applicants must have at least two years, but not more than 10 years time-in-service, have an ST score of 107 or higher (110 or higher if tested before Jan. 2, 2002), have at least 60 college credit hours (waiver of up to half of this prerequisite may be considered), have normal color vision and no record of mental or emotional disorders.

It is an unfortunate fact that crime in the ranks can occur. When it does, commanders, Soldiers, civilians and victims throughout the Army community turn to the men and women of the Army CID. The main purpose of the CID is to investigate criminal acts and to help victims in their time of need.

“When something bad happens, when a commander needs to discover the truth, when a Soldier or family member has been wronged, we are the folks they go to for help,” said Special Agent David Rudd, an operations officer with CID Headquarters. “We exist to keep our Army safe and protect our fellow Soldiers, civilians, and family members.”

The special agents with CID are responsible for investigating felony-level crimes worldwide and especially where there is a concentration of Army personnel. The agents of CID are some of the most highly trained criminal investigators in law enforcement today.

“Many people don’t realize the impact we have on a person’s life and the impact we have on the Army,” said Special Agent Edgar Collins, the assistant operations officer for the CID Washington Battalion. “In a sense, we are defending the honor of the United States Army.”

Special Agent David Eller, a special sexual assault investigator with the Fort Carson CID Office, said the CID is looking for agents who will take ownership of investigations, but more importantly, the agency is looking for “unquestionable integrity.”

SAMC hosts carnival

Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Alexander, vice president of the Fort Jackson chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphie Club, helps Jericho Broome, 6, find a toy prize for winning a game. The organization hosted a carnival at Semmes Lake Wednesday.

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE
Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle’s honorees

**DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE**

Staff Sgt. Lethaniel Forristall  
Company A  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt. Emily Charles  
Company B  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt. Sundra Johnson  
Company C  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt. Samuel Batts  
Company D  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt. Melanie Coronado  
Company E  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**

Pfc. Austin Sturch  
Company A

Pfc. Future Zhou  
Company B

Pfc. Efren Barrientos  
Company C

Pfc. Donald Conste  
Company D

Pvt. Zachary Anderson  
Company E

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**

Staff Sgt. Morgan Turner  
Drill Sergeant leader of the cycle  
Drill Sergeant School

Staff Sgt. Zachery Rieck  
Leadership award  
Drill Sergeant School

Staff Sgt. Charles Martin  
Physical fitness award  
Drill Sergeant School

Pfc. Andrew notícia  
SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE  
Pfc. Narisa Lopez

Pvt. Elizabeth Schornick  
SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Future Zhou  
SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Efren Barrientos  
SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

**HIGH APFT SCORE**

Pfc. Robert Zifchock  
Pfc. Tyler Coad

Pfc. Marcie Marines  
Pfc. Garrett Sherley

**HIGH BRM**

Pvt. Bronson Haffke  
Pvt. Bethany Gardner

Pfc. Ryan Ditonno  
Pfc. Garrett Sherley

**SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE**

Staff Sgt. Lester Rubit  
STAFF SUPPORT

Capt. Matthew Hanna  
SERVICE SUPPORT

Dixie Ingram-Morgan  
SERVICE SUPPORT

Jo Johnson-Price  
DFAC SUPPORT

Krystal Tirey  
FAMILY SUPPORT

**Training honors**

TURNER  
Staff Sgt. Morgan Turner  
Drill sergeant leader of the cycle  
Drill Sergeant School

JONES  
Staff Sgt. Celina Jones  
Distinguished honor graduate  
Drill Sergeant School

RIECK  
Staff Sgt. Zachery Rieck  
Leadership award  
Drill Sergeant School

MARTIN  
Staff Sgt. Charles Martin  
Physical fitness award  
Drill Sergeant School

McGOWAN  
Sgt. 1st Class Hosea McGowan  
Platoon sergeant of the cycle  
Company C  
369th Adjutant General Battalion

MARTINEZ  
Sgt. 1st Class Sean Mitchell  
Cadre of the cycle  
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# AROUND POST

## At your service

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<td>DA Photos (TSC)</td>
<td>751-7392</td>
<td>Monday-Thursday, 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.</td>
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<td>Defense Military Pay Office</td>
<td>751-6669 (Soldiers)</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Civilians should call 751-4914.</td>
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<td>Dental Clinics</td>
<td>751-5178/6017</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.</td>
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<td>Family Health Center</td>
<td>751-2273</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m.; training holidays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>Family Life Resiliency Center</td>
<td>751-4961</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</td>
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<td>Florist</td>
<td>738-1812</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Fort Jackson National Cemetery</td>
<td>699-2246</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Furniture Store</td>
<td>787-9175</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.</td>
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<td>Hospital Retail Annex</td>
<td>782-1263</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>ID Section</td>
<td>751-7731</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>Legal Assistance and Claims</td>
<td>751-4287/3603</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>LCI-SSSC</td>
<td>790-5306</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>Main Outpatient Pharmacy</td>
<td>751-2259</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.</td>
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<td>MG Robert B. Solomon Center</td>
<td>751-4056</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>Military Clothing Sales Store</td>
<td>787-5248</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>Movie Theater</td>
<td>751-7488</td>
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<td>National Federation of Federal Employees</td>
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<td>NCO Club</td>
<td>782-2218</td>
<td>Temporarily closed</td>
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<td>Officers’ Club</td>
<td>751-4906</td>
<td>Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Palmetto Falls Water Park</td>
<td>751-3345</td>
<td>Tuesday-Saturday and holidays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.</td>
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<td>Perez Fitness Center</td>
<td>751-6258</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends and training holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.</td>
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<td>Pharmacy Annex (PX mall)</td>
<td>751-2250</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.</td>
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<td>Pool, Knight</td>
<td>751-4796</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.</td>
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<td>Pool, Legion</td>
<td>751-4987</td>
<td>Monday and Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.</td>
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<td>Post Exchange</td>
<td>787-1950/1951/1952</td>
<td>Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.</td>
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<td>Post Library</td>
<td>751-5589/4816</td>
<td>Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.</td>
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<td>Post Office</td>
<td>782-8709</td>
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<td>Recycling Center</td>
<td>751-4208</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Reuse Center</td>
<td>751-5121</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</td>
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<td>Safety Center</td>
<td>751-6004</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Gate 1 Express</td>
<td>782-2076</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.</td>
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<td>Gate 2 Express</td>
<td>790-4478</td>
<td>Open 24 hours a day</td>
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<td>SSI Retail Annex</td>
<td>738-9189</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Thrift Shop</td>
<td>787-2153</td>
<td>Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</td>
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<td>Vanguard Gym</td>
<td>751-4384</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 1 to 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>Veterinary Clinic</td>
<td>751-7160</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>Victory Travel</td>
<td>751-5812</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on federal holidays</td>
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<td>Weapons Registration</td>
<td>751-5887</td>
<td>Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>Weston Lake</td>
<td>751-5253</td>
<td>Oct. 1 through April 30; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; May 1 through Sept. 30; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.</td>
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Anything we missed? E-mail us at fjleader@gmail.com.
HAPPENINGS

Calendar

Saturday
Job fair
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
Recruiting for Time Warner retention representatives. To register, call 751-4862.

Saturday
BOSS white water rafting trip
10 a.m. to 7 p.m., departs at Marion Street Station
For more information, call 751-0891.

Friday, Aug. 24
BOSS Talent Show
7 p.m., Solomon Center

Monday, Aug. 27
Combined Federal Campaign kickoff
3 p.m., Officers’ Club

Tuesday, Aug. 28
Jackson Jubilee
3 to 7 p.m., Solomon Center

Saturday, Sept. 1
BOSS Chick-Fil-A kick off game trip
1 p.m. to 3 a.m.
For more information, call 751-0891.

Friday, Sept. 7 and Saturday, Sept. 8
Case lot sale
Fort Jackson Commissary

Friday, Sept. 28
SELF Symposium
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Solomon Center
To register online, visit www.fortjacksonwr.com/self.

Housing events

All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. Call 736-8275 for information.

Throughout the summer
Free popsicle Fridays
Children can stop by the Community Center every Friday this summer for a free popsicle while supplies last.

Today, until 4:15 p.m.
First day of school snacks
Students will receive free snacks to celebrate the start of the school year.

Announcements

GATE 1 EXPRESS EXTENDS HOURS
The Gate 1 Express store has extended its hours to 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION
Registration for the Fort Jackson Girl Scouts is scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Aug. 27 at 5957B Parker Lane. Girls Kindergarten through 12th grade can join. Adults volunteers are needed. Training will be provided. For more information, call 736-5875.

EXCHANGE DIVIDEND RELEASED
Last year, shoppers at the Fort Jackson Exchange generated a dividend of more than $2 million. Roughly two thirds of the dividend is invested in community programs.

CAROLINA PANTHERS 60 CAMP
Fort Jackson CYSS Youth Sports and Fitness Program is bringing the Carolina Panthers 60 Camp to Fort Jackson 3:30 to 5 p.m., Aug. 24 at the Youth Sports Park. The Play 60 Camp is a free skills clinic designed to bring the life-sized experience of an NFL training camp to local children. The camp is non-contact and designed to become physically fit. All participants must have a liability release signed by today. For more information, contact Darius Lane, youth sports director, at 751-7451/751-5040.

SPEED LIMIT CHANGES
In order to allow for Soldiers crossing the street during physical training hours, the speed limit on a portion of Marion Avenue will change from 35 mph to 20 mph between Semmes Road and Early Street from 5:50 to 7 a.m.

FALL SPORTS SIGN-UP
Registration for fall sports takes place through Aug. 24. The following events are scheduled:
- Tackle Football: Ages 7-12, $65
- Flag Football: Ages 4-5 $20, Ages 6-9, $40
- Cheerleading: Ages 3-5, $20; Ages 6-13, $40
- Soccer: Ages 3-5, $20; Ages 6-13, $40
- Cross Country: Ages 7-14 $40
For more information about Fall Sports call 751-5040/7451.

Children must be registered with CYSS before signing up for sports. Central Services is open: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Registration fees are waived as CYSS delivers on the Army Family Covenant.

Parents must bring a current physical and a copy of the child’s birth certificate for sports sign up.

CAPITAL ONE REFUNDS
The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has determined that Capital One marketed certain “add-ons” — fee-based services to credit card accounts — in a way that violated federal law. As a result, Capital One agreed to automatically refund $140 million to 2 million Capital One customers. Customers who are eligible for a refund and have an active account will receive an automatic credit. Customers who no longer have an active account will be mailed a check.

FCC PROVIDER TRAINING
The next Family Child Care Orientation Training takes place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. Monday through Thursday, at the Joe E. Mann Center. Military spouses living in government quarters on Fort Jackson and DSS registered off-post child care providers may apply to provide certified child care to military families in their homes. Applications will be accepted through today. For more information, call 751-6234.

HALLOWEEN AT THE THRIFT SHOP
The Thrift Shop is accepting Halloween items through Oct. 14.

5K RUN/WALK FOR THE FALLEN
Fort Jackson will host a 5K run/walk for fallen Soldiers 8 a.m., Saturday at the Hilton Field Softball Complex. Registration packets will be available for pickup 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, at Room 222 of the Strom Thurmond Building, and 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., Saturday at the Hilton Softball Field Complex.

CFC TRAINING
Combined Federal Campaign training for unit coordinators, key persons and post staff for the Fort Jackson CFC takes place Wednesday at the Joe E. Mann Center. Training for military personnel is 9 to 11 a.m., and training for civilians takes place 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 751-2669/3816/4912.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS
- The 2012 Fort Jackson cookbooks are now available at the Thrift Shop.
- The Thrift Shop will hold a weekly football drawing throughout the football season.

ASAP HOURS
The Army Substance Abuse Program clinical hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AFAP CONFERENCE
Quality of life issues are being collected for review at the annual Fort Jackson AFAP Conference. Issue forms are located in the main ACS Office, the Family Readiness Center (Building 4512) and by appointment. Soldiers clearing CIF must have an appointment. Soldiers clearing CIF are required to have their post clearing papers. To schedule an appointment, call 751-6524, 751-2870 or 751-2739.

CIVILIAN CAREER WEBSITE
A website has been launched that consolidates information about civilian training and career development. Visit the site at www.civiliantraining.army.mil. The Army Civilian Training and Leader Development Division also established a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/armyciviliantraining.

CAC REPLACEMENTS
Some Common Access Cards that are set to expire after Sept. 30 will have to be replaced because they contain older encryption keys that will no longer provide network access. Most CACs contain the newer, compatible encryption keys. Personnel who are affected, will receive an email from DMDC.CAC.Replacement.Notification@osd.pentagon.mil. To replace the CAC, visit https://rapid5s-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil and schedule an appointment.

HIRED! TERM
The next HIRED! teen apprenticeship program term is scheduled for Aug. 26 through Nov. 17. Applications are due Friday. A successful interview must be completed before the start of the term. The program is open to students 13-18 years old.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events. Send your announcements to fkleader@gmail.com. Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations.

Off-post events

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

SPIRIT OF AMERICA TOUR
The Army’s Spirit of America tour will perform at the Colonial Life Arena Sept. 21 and 22. Tickets are free and available at www.susa.mdw.army.mil.

Take your college transcript, list of recent awards and activities, and an essay stating your reason for financial aid. The essay must be typed, double-spaced and not exceed 200 words. Previous winners are not eligible.

PWOC FALL KICK OFF
Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet 9 to 11:30 a.m., Aug. 28, at the Main Post Chapel. Registration information for full Bible studies will be available.

CIF IN-AND-OUT PROCESSING
Personnel required to in-and-out process at Central Issue Facility must schedule an appointment. Soldiers clearing CIF are required to have their post clearing papers. To schedule an appointment, call 751-6524, 751-2870 or 751-2739.

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The Virginia Military Institute Foundation, through the 100th Infantry Division/Henry B. Williams Jr. is offering two scholarship awards to qualifying Soldiers.

If you are an active duty Army career NCO (E5 or E6) and are stationed on Fort Jackson, you can get an application 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, at the Army Continuing Education System, Building 4600, Room A100.

To register online, visit us.army.mil.
CROSSING GUARD LOCATIONS

- Imboden Street and Hill Street: A traffic control point will be used to keep traffic flowing on Imboden Street
- Imboden Street and Brown Avenue
- Imboden Street and Chestnut Road
- Hill Street and Brown Avenue

TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:
7-8:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m.
Thursday:
7-8:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m.
(Early release day throughout school year)

Librarian Richard Horah fills the shelves with books at the Pierce Terrace Elementary School Library early Wednesday morning. The new school year for Fort Jackson students begins today.

FROM LEFT, SUBSTITUTE STEPHANIE ANDERSON AND TEACHERS PATRICIA WALTERS AND MACIE FITZGERALD PREPARE FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR. WEDNESDAY AT C.C. PINCKNEY ELEMENTARY.
From the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command

Find your perfect match when you play the “Great Getaways” game at www.AFRCresorts.com. Authorized Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons have an opportunity to win one of four all-inclusive “Great Getaways” vacation packages to an Armed Forces Recreation Center. To enter the “Great Getaways Vacation Sweepstakes,” eligible patrons must visit www.AFRCresorts.com, register for a chance to win and play the online memory-match game.

“We’re excited about the revitalization of the 2012 Great Getaways Sweepstakes,” said Kelly Jones, senior marketing coordinator at IMCOM. Participants can play a match game, pairing images of each AFRC resort, location, and fun activities available at the resort.

“This year, we’ve incorporated an online memory-match game where players can learn fun facts and share their finds and scores via social media. While playing the game, players learn about all the great AFRC vacation destinations through ‘Did You Know’ fun-facts. It’s a great way to virtually explore before you book your next AFRC Getaway,” Jones said.

Whether strolling barefoot on the sands of Waikiki Beach, sightseeing historic European castles, shopping Seoul’s exciting shopping district or visiting the enchanting Walt Disney Resort — Armed Forces Recreation Centers offer vacation getaways that will leave you with a lifetime of memories and new perspectives on great vacation getaways.

Dragon Hill Lodge and Resort (Korea), Hale Koa Hotel (Hawaii), Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (Germany), and Shades of Green (Florida) are Joint Service, world-class resorts that provide quality, wholesome, affordable, family-oriented vacations for service members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their families, and other authorized patrons (including official travelers) of the defense force.

The “Great Getaways Sweepstakes” will run through Aug. 31. Eligible patrons will be able to enter once per day at www.AFRCresorts.com. Four grand prize vacation packages will be awarded, which include airfare, lodging accommodations and spending money.

To learn more, visit www.AFRCresorts.com.
A compassionate action request is made by a Soldier, requesting reassignment, deletion or deferral from orders. A compassionate reassignment is a reassignment of a Soldier to another duty station before his or her scheduled permanent change of duty station. It normally occurs in response to a family emergency, hardship or other situation during which a Soldier’s presence at another duty station is warranted.

The Soldier concerned must initiate the request. Compassionate consideration is given for problems that cannot be resolved through leave, correspondence, use of a power of attorney or the assistance of family members or other parties. Compassionate consideration is only given for family members.

The following generally are not considered valid bases for a compassionate request: A Soldier’s desire to be in a new area, divorce or separation resulting from family separation due to military requirements, legal actions or court appearances for matters relating to divorce or child custody issues, sole parenthood, problems expected to be resolved by family members joining the Soldier at the duty station, minor allergies suffered by family members due to climatic conditions, home ownership or housing shortage issues, and financial problems.

The request for compassionate action is governed by Army Regulation 614-200, Section III. Soldiers requesting compassionate action must submit their applications on DA Form 3739, Application for Compassionate Actions. Supporting documents are generally required, and vary depending on the problem stated in the Soldier’s application.

For medical problems, an attending physician’s signed statement providing the specific medical diagnosis and prognosis is required, including the date of onset, past and anticipated periods of hospitalization, periods of convalescence, and anticipated life expectancy for terminal cases.

For legal problems, the Soldier must include a signed statement from a licensed attorney describing the problem, and the reasons why solutions other than reassignment are unacceptable. If applicable, a copy of a court order, divorce decree, or other documents must be submitted. Statements from police, social service agencies or examining physicians are required if rape or child abuse are the cause of the request. If marital and dependent status is the issue, the Soldier must submit a statement, witnessed by an officer, specifying that the Soldier has been advised that travel for dependents at government expense is unauthorized.

For any other problem, supporting statements from responsible people (e.g., clergymen, social workers, etc.) who have personal knowledge of the problem should be submitted along with the application. Once the application is submitted, the ultimate reviewing and approving authority is the General Court-Martial Convening Authority, which is typically an installation commander in the rank of general.

For more information about requesting a compassionate action, contact the Fort Jackson Legal Assistance office to arrange for a consultation with a legal assistance attorney who can help evaluate your request and assist with preparing some of the necessary documents. The Legal Assistance Office is located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 2600 Lee Road. Call 751-4287 for an appointment.