

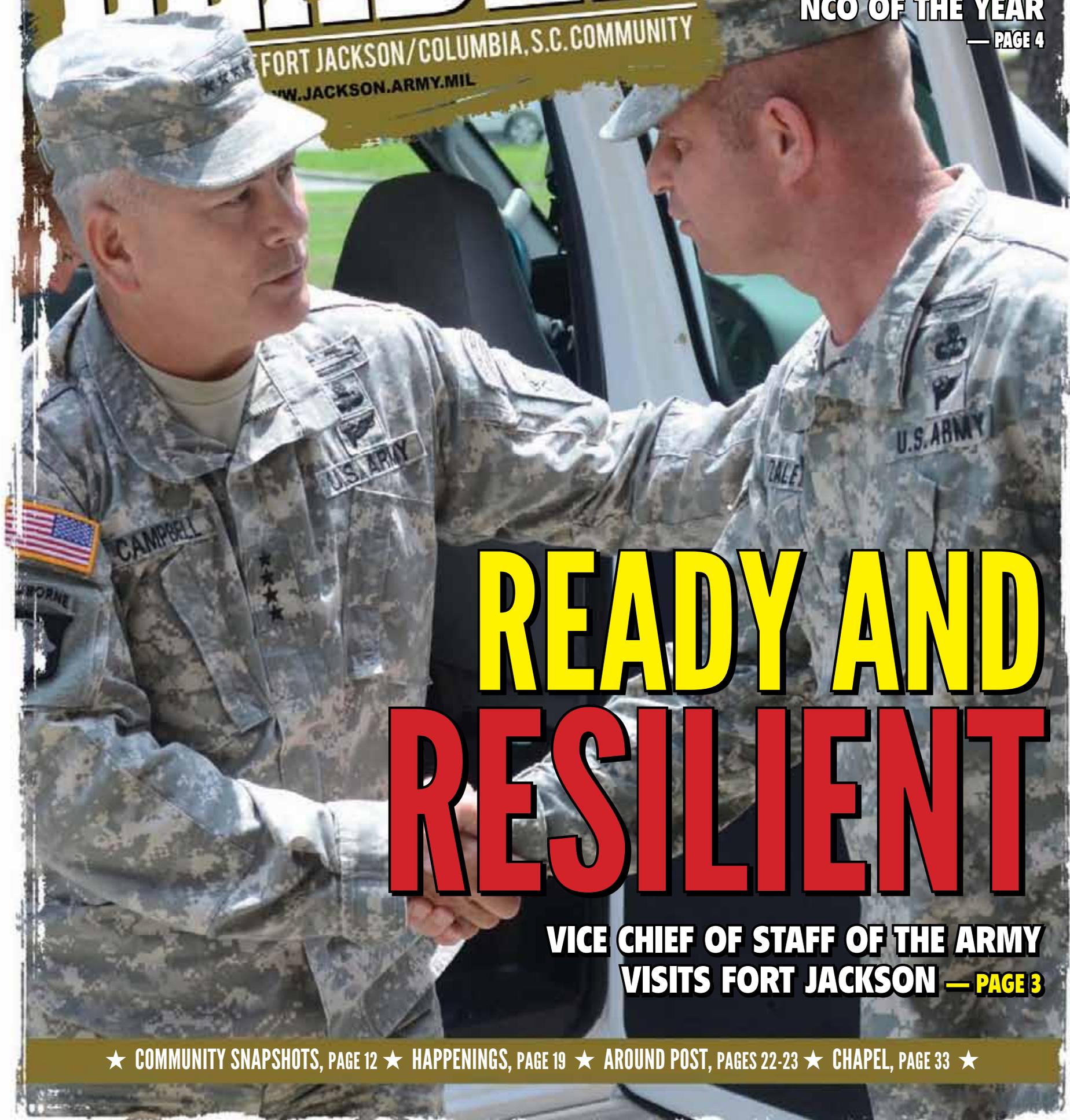
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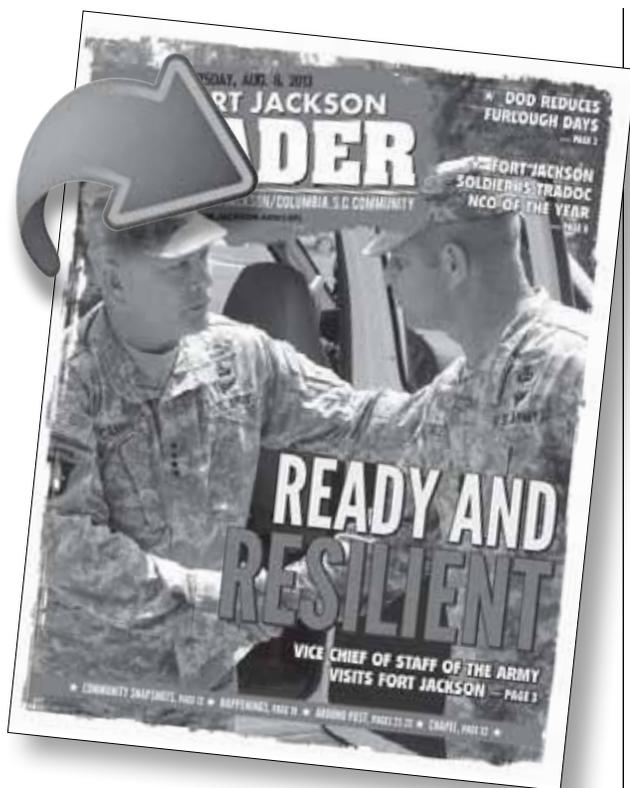
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Sgt. Maj. Fabian Zalewa, Master Resilience Training Course sergeant major, greets Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John F. Campbell during his visit to Fort Jackson Friday. SEE PAGE 3.



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NEWS

DoD cuts furlough days from 11 to six

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of thousands of Defense Department civilian employees who have had to take a weekly unpaid day off from work since July 8 are getting some relief, as the total number of furlough days has been reduced from 11 to six, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced Tuesday.

Here is the complete text of the secretary's announcement:

When I announced my decision on May 14 to impose furloughs of up to 11 days on civilian employees to help close the budget gap caused by sequestration, I also said we would do everything possible to find the money to reduce furlough days for our people.

With the end of the fiscal year next month, managers across the DoD are making final decisions necessary to ensure we make the \$37 billion spending cuts mandated by sequestration, while also doing everything possible to limit damage to military readiness and our workforce. We are joined in this regard by managers in non-defense agencies who are also working to accommodate sequestration cuts while minimizing mission damage.

As part of that effort at the Department of Defense, I am announcing today that, thanks to the DoD's efforts to identify savings and help from Congress, we will reduce the total numbers of furlough days for DoD civilian employees from 11 to six.

When sequestration took effect on March 1, DoD faced shortfalls of more than \$30 billion in its budget for day-to-day operating costs because of sequestration and problems with wartime funding. At that point we faced the very real possibility of unpaid furloughs for civilian employees of up to 22 days.

As early as January, DoD leaders began making painful and far reaching changes to close this shortfall: civilian hiring freezes, layoffs of temporary workers, significant cuts in facilities maintenance, and more. We also sharply cut training and maintenance. The Air Force stopped flying in many squadrons, the Navy kept ships in port, and the Army cancelled training events. These actions have seriously reduced military readiness.

By early May, even after taking these steps, we still faced day-to-day budgetary shortfalls of \$11 billion. At that point I decided that cutting any deeper into training and maintenance would jeopardize our core readiness mission and national security, which is why I announced

furloughs of 11 days.

Hoping to be able to reduce furloughs, we submitted a large reprogramming proposal to Congress in May, asking them to let us move funds from acquisition accounts into day-to-day operating accounts. Congress approved most of this request in late July, and we are working with them to meet remaining needs. We are also experiencing less than expected costs in some areas, such as transportation of equipment out of Afghanistan. Where necessary, we have taken aggressive action to transfer funds among services and agencies. And the furloughs have saved us money.

As a result of these management initiatives, reduced costs, and reprogramming from Congress, we have determined that we can make some improvements in training and readiness and still meet the sequestration cuts. The Air Force has begun flying again in key squadrons, the Army has increased funding for organizational training at selected units, and the Navy has restarted some maintenance and ordered deployments that otherwise would not have happened.

While we are still depending on furlough savings, we will be able to make up our budgetary shortfall in this fiscal year with fewer furlough days than initially announced.

This has been one of the most volatile and uncertain budget cycles the Department of Defense has ever experienced. Our fiscal planning has been conducted under a cloud of uncertainty with the imposition of sequestration and changing rules as Congress made adjustments to our spending authorities.

As we look ahead to fiscal year 2014, less than two months away, the Department of Defense still faces major fiscal challenges. If Congress does not change the Budget Control Act, DoD will be forced to cut an additional \$52 billion in FY 2014, starting on Oct. 1. This represents 40 percent more than this year's sequester-mandated cuts of \$37 billion. Facing this uncertainty, I cannot be sure what will happen next year, but I want to assure our civilian employees that we will do everything possible to avoid more furloughs.

I want to thank our civilian workers for their patience and dedication during these extraordinarily tough times, and for their continued service and devotion to our department and our country. I know how difficult this has been for all of you and your families. Your contribution to national security is invaluable, and I look forward to one day putting this difficult period behind us. Thank you and God Bless you and your families.



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Gen. John F. Campbell, vice chief of staff of the Army, addresses Soldiers during a sensing session at the Officers' Club Friday. Campbell visited Fort Jackson as part of a four-installation tour looking at the Ready and Resilient Campaign.

Vice Chief of Staff visits

Campbell: Fort Jackson will be the home of Army resiliency training

By LISA FERDINANDO
Army News Service

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John F. Campbell said the service's Ready and Resilient Campaign is playing a key role in strengthening the force and Fort Jackson is at the forefront of it.

Speaking to Soldiers at Fort Jackson Friday, he said the Army is keeping its focus on the critical resiliency programs during these tough fiscal times, while eliminating redundant efforts.

"We have to take the best, most effective programs and maximize them," Campbell told Soldiers attending the Master Resilience Training Course. "The resiliency training that you are going through here is No. 1 on the list, everywhere I go."

Campbell visited Fort Jackson on the last leg of a three-day trip looking at the Ready and Resilient Campaign, or R2C. R2C aims to support and strengthen the mental and physical readiness of Soldiers and includes a wide range of programs that go beyond Comprehensive Soldier and

Family Fitness.

During the tour, which also took him to Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.; Fort Drum, N.Y.; and Fort Campbell, Ky.; Campbell met with Soldiers, program managers, family members and Army civilians to see what is working and what isn't working with R2C.

The budget situation is forcing the Army to make tough decisions about end strength, modernization and readiness and how to balance those areas so it doesn't become a "hollow force," he said.

He assured Soldiers that the resiliency programs are worth the investment and will remain a priority.

READY AND RESILIENT

"Resiliency training is really the baseline for all the other things," he said. "What I would like to do is increase the levels that we have there as we move forward."

Campbell emphasized the role Fort Jackson will play as the largest Initial Entry Training installation and the home of the Army's resiliency training.

"The numbers they showed me today of what Fort Jackson provides for our Army, and the number of people

who come through here and get trained and go out into the Army is pretty huge," he said. "(Fort) Jackson will be ... the home for the Army where we do resiliency training. I see that now, and I see that in the future."

The Ready and Resilient Campaign is an Armywide effort that focuses on the total health and well-being of Soldiers, family members and civilian employees. It includes the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, known as SHARP, and addresses issues such as suicide prevention.

"Suicide has been one that has been continuing over the years to stay out there. We understand trends, financial issues, relationships, alcohol, but there's no silver bullet on the suicide piece," Campbell said.

"I do believe the resiliency training has helped in that area," he said. "The people I've talked to who have gone through who have been exposed to resiliency training will tell you that they think the same thing, that it has made a difference."

He said resiliency efforts — including the unit sponsorship program in which peers orient incoming Soldiers — help in other areas as well.



Leader file photo

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Steele, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's 2013 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, takes part in Fort Jackson's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competition earlier this summer. Steele will next compete in the Best Warrior Competition Oct. 15-17 at Fort Lee, Va.

'It'll take awhile for it to sink in'

Fort Jackson Soldier named TRADOC NCO of the Year

By **TONY O'BRYANT**

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Staff Sgt. Benjamin Steele, Fort Jackson's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, was named the TRADOC NCO of the Year during a video-conference last week. Steele and Sgt. Curtis Bittner, from the Fires Center of Excellence at Fort Sill, Okla., who was named TRADOC's Soldier of the Year, were chosen from 17 competitors, representing 11 units across the United States.

Before the winners were announced, Gen. Robert W. Cone, commanding general of TRADOC, emphasized that although the announcement was done via VTC, the recognition was no less important.

"I'd like to congratulate each and every one of you for aspiring to compete — to be the man or woman in the arena — to step forward and say 'I'm going to take a shot at this,'" Cone said. "I will guarantee you just because of your participation and just because of the preparation you have made, you are, in fact, a better Soldier or noncommissioned officer — and your units are better — for having had this experience."

After the winners were announced, Steele said he still wasn't sure if he could put into words how it felt to take the title of TRADOC's 2013 NCO of the Year.

"It'll take awhile for it to sink in, but I'm extremely excited and happy to represent Fort Jackson this week," Steele said. He added jokingly that although his wife will

be excited, she might be a bit disappointed to hear that there are going to be many more nights of studying and practicing.

During the competition, the competitors were confronted with events such as land navigation, media interviews, the Army Physical Fitness Test, a comprehensive test covering military knowledge, and proficiency in the 10 Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills and their nearly 60 subtasks.

"These Soldiers were not just challenged physically, but they were also mentally tested to ensure they are experts in their profession and standards," said Sgt. Maj. Jerry Taylor, TRADOC's G-3 sergeant major, who oversaw the competition.

Bittner, TRADOC's 2013 Soldier of the Year, said there is a lot of hands-on training that goes into the competition — in addition to the missions that must still be completed within each competitor's unit. However, setting the example for his Soldiers is what kept him motivated.

"I feel great," Bittner said. "The Soldiers below me get to see how far you can really go. I look forward to the next level, and I plan on winning it all."

Due to reduced funding and the requirement to prioritize spending, TRADOC leadership decided to run the competition differently than in previous years. Some of the events, such as the Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills, were graded by the competing Soldier's unit at location, and the land navigation event was conducted at the Noncommissioned Officer Academy nearest each competitor.

"In the past, there would be costs for travel, lodging

and per diem for each competitor, and all of the support staff needed to run the competition for an entire week at a location, probably more than 70 people in all," Taylor said. "Now, we cut costs by conducting some events at the competitors' locations and other events virtually, using technology such as video conferencing."

The culminating event in the competition was the final board appearance. Steele and Bittner, along with the other competitors, took turns answering challenging questions from a board of senior noncommissioned officers, including Taylor and TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dailey. Although their chairs were seemingly right in front of the board, each competitor was actually facing a camera in a VTC room at their home station.

Dailey said finding cost savings in annual competitions like the TRADOC NCO and Soldier of the Year is important for the Army that is operating under tough financial conditions.

"This is important," Dailey said. "Not only for the Soldiers who win, but important to resonate across the command with their leaders, peers, fellow Soldiers and noncommissioned officers because this builds esprit de corps. This is part of the Army Profession, and it sends the message that we are still an Army Profession, and even during a time of limited resources, we can still do what our nation asks us to do."

Steele and Bittner will now represent TRADOC against other competitors — in person — from across the Army during the Best Warrior Competition Oct. 15-17 at Fort Lee, Va.

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“We’re really seeing a difference in our Soldiers,” Campbell said. “Many of the bad things that happen to Soldiers, when they are vulnerable, are when they are in transition periods; really that is the first 90 days at a base, camp or station.”

LIFE-CHANGING OUTLOOK

Campbell said resiliency training is the “bedrock and foundation” of building resilient Soldiers, family members and civilians, and can make a “huge difference.”

He said his wife went through the resiliency training in 2010 and she benefited greatly from it.

“She said it changed her life, helped her change other Soldiers’ lives” and “how she interacts with other spouses,” Campbell said.

He said Soldiers should have that same enthusiasm in actively applying the lessons they learned when they return to their units to strengthen the force and maximize the investment the Army put in for them to take the course.

In addition to meeting with Soldiers, Campbell held sessions with Army civilians, program managers and family members.

Drill sergeant spouse Lauri Duke, who was attending her first Ready and Resilient Campaign meeting, said it is important to have programs like this, where spouses can interact with other spouses and share their concerns and experiences.

“It’s nice to know you’re not alone,” she said. “I’m the FRG (Family Readiness Group) leader, so I can talk to other spouses in our unit about it and hopefully help others that weren’t able to come today.”



During his visit to Fort Jackson Friday, Gen. John F. Campbell, vice chief of staff of the Army, visited the Master Resilience Training Course where the Army trains Soldiers, civilians and family members resiliency skills to pass along to their peers. Above, Campbell addresses a group of first-week students of the course. Far left, Campbell visits Soldiers during a working group session. Left, Sgt. Maj. Fabian Zalewa, MRT Course sergeant major, right, briefs Campbell during his visit. In addition to visiting the MRT Course, Campbell hosted focus groups and sensing sessions for Soldiers, spouses, program managers and DA civilians at the Officers’ Club.

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Environmental News

UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING

□ The next Hazardous Substance Management class is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Oct. 10, in the Environmental Division conference room, 2563 Essayons Way. The 2½-hour class will cover hazardous substance management (i.e. hazardous materials, hazardous waste, universal waste, and controlled waste), waste minimization, turn-in procedures, training, spill response, inspections, record keeping, and green procurement. This class is required for all personnel who manage hazardous waste or controlled waste, or have a high potential for hazardous waste generation or hazardous substance violations. The class is offered quarterly and is an annual requirement. For more information, contact Heather Thomas 751-4231 or email heather.s.thomas@us.army.mil.

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RECYCLING

It is mandatory for all Fort Jackson personnel to recycle. For a copy of Fort Jackson Regulation 200-9, Qualified Recycling Program (QRP), visit <https://cac.tkeportal.army.mil/sites/USABCTCoE/garrison/DPW/enviromental/ECO%20Green%20Binder%20Documentation%20and%20Training%20Slides/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

America Recycles Day is Nov. 15. This year's celebration will be held at the NCO Club. There will be e-waste and recycling collections, paper shredding and an upcycling contest.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN STORM DRAINS

Organizations or individuals who allow hazardous materials or other items to enter a storm drain could be cited for regulatory violations, such as the Clean Water Act, and monetary penalties could exceed \$10,000 from State Regulators (SCDHEC) and \$37,500 from Federal Regulators (EPA). There is not an "environmental pocketbook" for such violations; monetary penalties must be paid by the organization or individual(s) responsible.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

All organizations, down to the company level, must have active, trained primary and alternate Environmental Compliance Officers. They must be trained within 90 days of their appointment orders. The ECO course is held bi-monthly at the Safety Center. To register, contact Pearlina Jackson at 751-5011.

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DPW employee dies in crash

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

A Fort Jackson employee died July 26 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle wreck a week earlier.

A native of Eastover, Eric Anderson, 46, worked as an inspector for the post's Environmental Division of the Department of Public Works, which assists commanders in attaining, sustaining and monitoring environmental compliance and performance standards.

Anderson came to Fort Jackson in 2006 after 22 years in the Army.

"Eric was a hard worker. He had a lot of integrity," said Patrick Green, Fort Jackson's Environmental Compliance program manager. "You didn't really have to tell him what to do; you just had to show him what needed to be done. He's one of those people who gave 110 percent in everything he did. He loved the environmental field and he loved the Army."

Services were held Friday at Antioch A.M.E. Zion Church in Eastover. Interment with military honors followed at Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Lewis Anderson; son, Eric Anderson Jr.; daughter, Brianna Anderson; and parents, Tommy and Lottie Anderson.

"He's definitely going to be missed around the office. And, I'm sure, around Fort Jackson," Green said.



Courtesy photo

Eric Anderson, who worked with the Environmental Division of the Department of Public Works, died July 26 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash a week earlier.

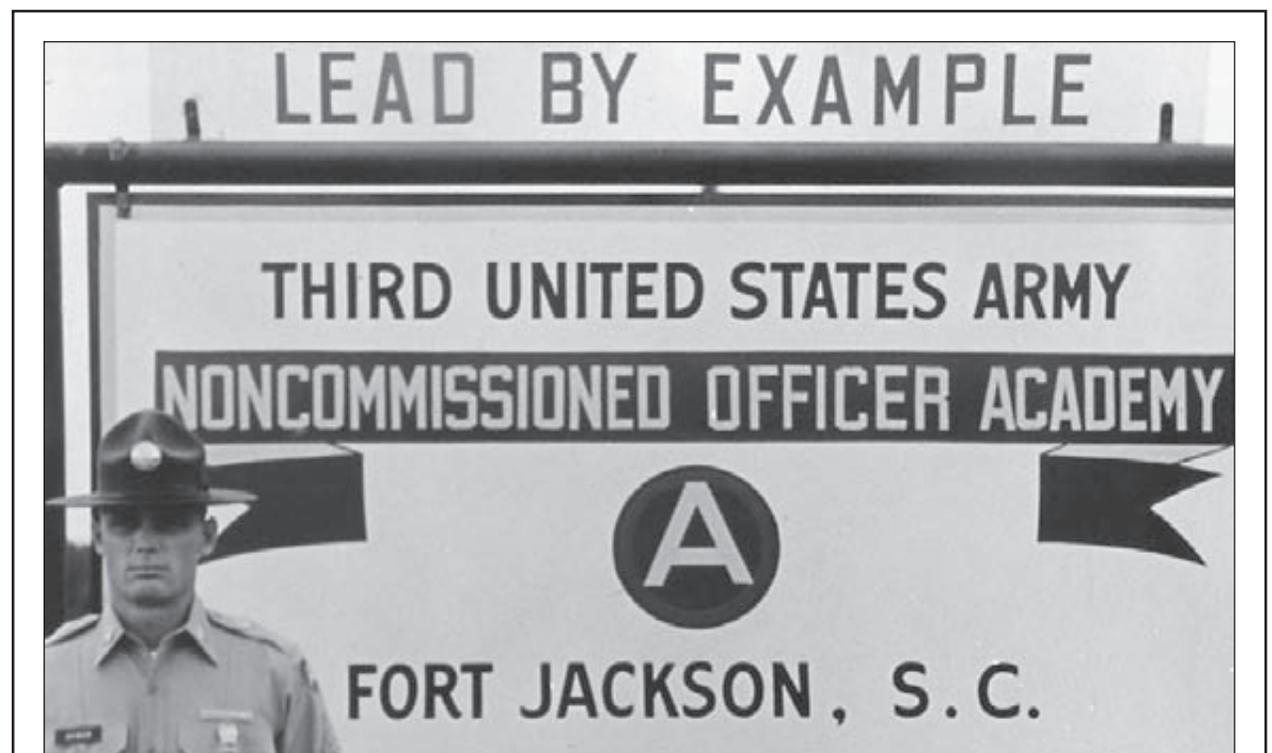


Photo courtesy of the Basic Combat Training Museum

This week in history

On Aug. 7, 1959, the Fort Jackson Noncommissioned Officer Academy was reorganized as the Third United States Army NCO Academy. At the time, Third Army was headquartered at Fort McPherson, Ga., and was responsible for the training of Army National Guard and Army Reserve forces in the Southeastern United States. The purpose of the Third U.S. Army NCO Academy was to "broaden the professional knowledge of the noncommissioned officer and instill in him the self-confidence and sense of responsibility required to make him a capable leader of men," without regard to Military Occupational Specialty or duty assignment. The school operated under the guidelines established by Army Regulation 350-90, which set the minimum course length at four weeks and emphasized the new concepts of atomic warfare.

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NCO embraces heritage, new country

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

It was the promise of the American Dream that brought Camuy Heremuru to Florida two decades ago. At the time, his ambition was to receive a doctorate and return home to his native Jamaica to teach. It was no small goal.

Unfamiliar with the culture, he also needed to earn enough money to pay for his education. Heremuru took a path that made both barriers a little less imposing — a career in the U.S. Army.

“I continued with college in the Army non-stop,” said Heremuru, now a master sergeant stationed at Fort Jackson. “It took me 18 years to get to the doctoral level.”

Heremuru is a liaison noncommissioned officer, a human resources manager involved in the management of training standards for the Army and Reserve Component Soldiers.

“We are the conduit for Army Reserve and National Guard members,” he said.

“We communicate between the state and the U.S. Army Reserve units all over the country when their service members are having problems.”

His supervisory role is far removed from the student who used to have to explain to his professors his occasionally awkward understanding of the language. He was not a stranger to English, but the American version of the language sometimes differed from what he knew.

“At first it was tough,” he said. “I can’t lie. Although Jamaica now speaks English, it’s based on the Queen’s English. When we write, certain words are different. In America, you spell, ‘color,’ c-o-l-o-r. We spell, ‘color,’ c-

o-l-o-u-r. In terms of language, when you’re doing a composition for college, you have to explain this to the teacher. Eventually it goes away, because you begin to get the American way. But, at first, it was tough.”

His career and education have taken him around the world. Calling himself, “a floater,” his position in the Army has him constantly on the move. A deployment to Kuwait temporarily interrupted his bid for citizenship, a process he otherwise said was “a piece of cake.”

His decision to seek U.S. citizenship was not made lightly, though.

“I’m really grounded, where Jamaica is concerned,” he said. “The common term that’s used is, ‘sell out,’ if you give up your citizenship. At the end of the day, I looked at where my bread and butter were coming from. Long term, I’d like to go back to Jamaica. But, right now, this is where my heart is.”

Unsurprisingly, his love for both education and his native country were reflected in his doctoral thesis, published under the title, “Building Jamaica through Education: the Way Forward.”

“Forty years ago, Jamaica was about 99 percent, in terms of literacy,” he said. “In the past 20 years, it went down, and is now 86 percent. I wanted to compare other colonial countries, Barbados and Singapore, to see why their education is at 99 percent, and why Jamaica’s is at 86 percent. What was Jamaica doing wrong? I was able to come up with the answer by the end. But the reason for doing this is because I love education.”



HEREMURU

With his educational goals already met, Heremuru said his career goals are also nearing completion.

“I wanted to serve in the American military for 20 years, and I wanted to achieve my doctorate while in the Army,” he said.

His plans call for three more years of Army service, retiring from the Army after his assignment at Fort Jackson is complete.

“Once I’m done, I can go home and impart what I’ve learned,” he said.

In the past, his studies kept him from visiting Jamaica, but completing his education has freed much more time for travel.

“When I was doing studies, I would go home every three years. Now that my studies are done, I’m averaging now once or twice per year,” he said.

Heremuru said it’s likely he’ll experience another culture shock when he returns home for good.

“I’m not considered as ‘pure’ Jamaican anymore, because I’ve been exposed to another culture,” he said. “So, it will take (a few) years, but you’ll never fully get back to where you were before. My fingers are crossed, but I’m really hoping to get involved in politics. And I do want to teach at a university in the West Indies.”

He said his education and career were courtesy of the Army.

“If it wasn’t for the American military, for the Army, this wouldn’t have happened,” he said. “I’ve been given an opportunity that many of my countrymen were not.”

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News and Notes

TOWN HALL RESCHEDULED

Fort Jackson’s town hall meeting, originally set for Aug. 6, was rescheduled because of the effects of sequestration. The town hall will be at 6 p.m., Nov. 13.

JACKSON JUBILEE CANCELED

As a result of mandatory furloughs, the Fort Jackson Jubilee/National Night Out, originally planned for Aug. 9, was canceled.

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Soldier honors brother with service

By **MIKE A. GLASCH**
Public Affairs Office

For most Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, when they passed the reviewing stand at Hilton Field Aug. 1 to graduate from Basic Combat Training, it marked the end of a physical and emotional 10-week journey. For Pvt. Ashley Chase it was the end of a journey that began 2 1/2 years earlier, one born out of heartache.

"I know that I was making him proud. I was honoring him," Chase said of her older brother Jordan who started BCT here in January 2011.

He never made it to his graduation day. Six weeks into his training, Jordan was diagnosed with the H1N1 virus. He passed away several weeks later in a Columbia hospital room.

"We got a call On Valentine's Day that he was in ICU and not doing so well, so my husband and I came down and stayed with him in the hospital. The following Sunday he passed," said Rhonda Tilley, Ashley and Jordan's mother.

Jordan's battalion commander at the time, then Lt. Col. Bryan Hernandez (now Col. Hernandez and the 165th Infantry Brigade commander), flew to Maine for Jordan's memorial service, and then back again in the spring for his funeral.

"We really reached out to the family throughout Jordan's ordeal. His fight in the hospital, the whole battalion — the company commander, the drill sergeants, everybody — really wrapped themselves around the family when they were here at Fort Jackson," Hernandez recalled.



J. CHASE

"Then when we went up to Maine for the memorial service we sent everyone up there as well to represent Fort Jackson. We went to help tell the story of who Jordan was, what he was

going through in basic training," he said. "We went back up in April after the ground had thawed as well. I handed the flag to his dad, his mother, his brothers and sisters, I handed the flag to Ashley."

It was during those moments that a bond started to form — a bond of trust that grew stronger over time.

"We've kept in contact since Jordan's death," Tilley said. "He (Col. Hernandez) has just been a source of outstanding support for us, it's just amazing. I couldn't ask for anything better."

That bond would serve as a source of strength when Ashley decided to follow in her brother's footsteps and signed up to



Photos by **MIKE A. GLASCH**

Pvt. Ashley Chase gets a hug from her mother, Rhonda Tilley, after graduating Basic Combat Training with the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment Aug. 1. Chase's brother, Jordan, died from H1N1 during basic training in 2011.

become a Soldier in the Maine National Guard.

"I was a nervous wreck," Tilley said. "I had already lost one child, and didn't really want to risk losing another, but on the other hand I was very proud of her. I commended her for why she was doing it and what she was aiming for, but it wasn't easy."

"It was something that I needed to get over and overcome," Chase said.

Upon learning the news that Ashley would receive her basic training at Fort Jackson, Tilley sent a text message to Hernandez (who was at Fort Bragg, N.C. at the time, but slated to return here) asking him if he could keep a watchful eye on her.

It was a request that Hernandez was happy to fulfill. It also instilled in him the importance of the trust that had been forged out of tragedy.

"For a family that has lost a loved one to have the faith in the institution to let their daughter, now their daughter, join the Army and come to Fort Jackson really sends a signal that out of tragedy can spawn goodness," he said. "We owe that to the American people every single day. It's critical. We owe it to them to show that we can be a trusted organization with the lives of their loved ones."

Hernandez kept the family updated throughout Ashley's training.

"They would call me and let me know how she was doing," Tilley said. "They put me at ease; they wanted me to be relaxed



Chase poses with her mother, Rhonda Tilley, and father, Tom Chase, who traveled from Maine to attend their daughter's graduation.

with having her here."

As he watched Ashley graduate and then reunited with the Chase and Tilley families, Hernandez said he felt as if things had come full circle.

"Last time I was on bent knees in the snow in Maine handing them a flag at Jordan's funeral," Hernandez said. "This time I could hand their daughter the coin and congratulate her for a job well done and hug the parents and tell them how proud we were as well and let them know we are

still there for whatever she needs as she continues her service.

"We could all join in the thought that Jordan's joining in watching from above, probably smiling down, and bring some type of light to their darkness."

As for Ashley, when asked what she would like to tell Jordan if she had the chance, she replied with a bit of a chuckle as a tear ran down her cheek, "I miss his tall a**. But I'm proud of him for doing what he wanted to do."



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Jonathan Lovett, 14, a regular fixture at Fort Jackson's Century Lanes, rolled an 831 series in July, the highest score in the history of the United States Bowling Congress Youth Open Championships. His 800 series is only the second one in the six-year history of the USBC Youth Open Championships.

'An amazing accomplishment'

Fort Jackson bowler sets series record in national youth tournament

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Jonathan Lovett bowled himself into the record books last month during a national competition in Sterling Heights, Mich.

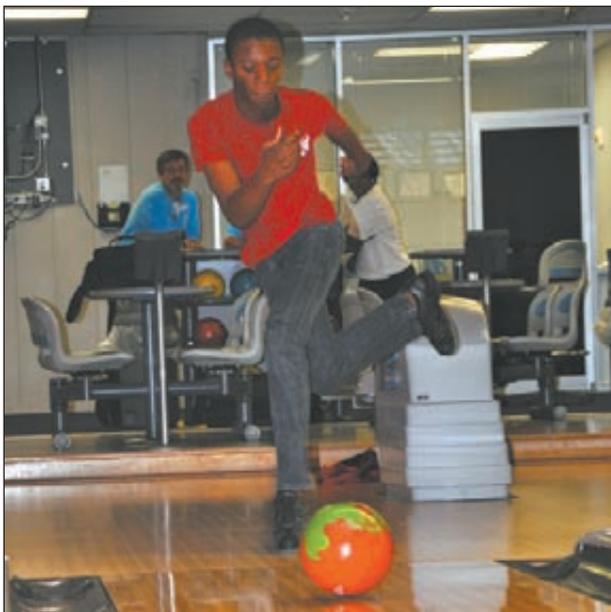
Lovett, 14, a regular fixture at Fort Jackson's Century Lanes, rolled an 831 series in July, the highest score in the history of the United States Bowling Congress Youth Open Championships in Sterling Heights, Mich. Lovett rolled games of 267, 275 and 289 during singles competition in the Under 15 Division, topping his previous career-best series by more than 100 points.

He said July's tournament accomplishment was unexpected, especially given his performance earlier that day.

"That same morning, I bowled a 530 on team. I wasn't that good at all," he said.

"People who aren't close to bowling don't know what a rare achievement an 800 bowling series is for three games," said Mark Pondelicek, bowling manager for Century Lanes. "I've bowled for 50 years and I've never gotten close to an 800 series. It's an amazing accomplishment, and he busted through it with an 831 at the age of 14. That's a very remarkable accomplishment."

Jonathan's parents, Stephen and Rolyndia, are avid bowlers and coaches in Fort Jackson's youth program.



Jonathan Lovett has been bowling for most of his life, but didn't see a significant change in his skills until he began to compete in tournaments.

Rolyndia said her son's introduction to bowling almost a decade ago was a casual part of family activities.

His father provides information technology support for the Soldier Support Institute on post.

"When he was little, we'd go out to bowl and put him on

a lane beside us," Rolyndia said. "He was just knee high. We'd put the bumpers up and watch him just throw the ball. We'd pre-pay for him for one or two games. But, once those games were over, he'd come back and ask to bowl more. So we thought, 'Maybe we've got something here.'"

"I remember Jonathan when he was just a toddler," Pondelicek said. "His mom and dad have been coming around here for years. He's grown up here, the way many of our youth bowlers have. He's an outstanding young man, and I think that's the most important thing. He's a really good kid."

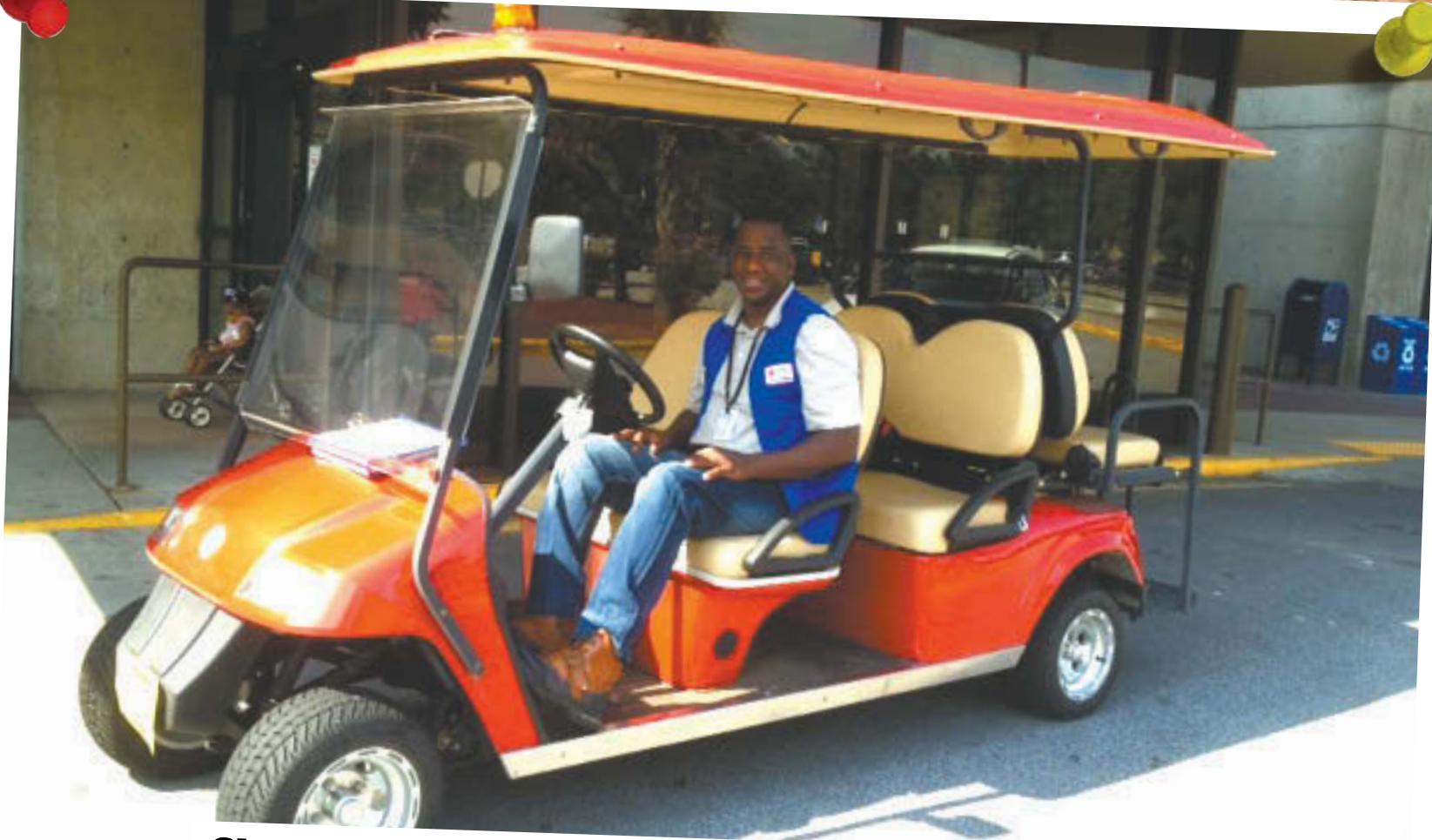
Lovett, who takes part in the Fort Jackson's Youth Silver bowling league, said there was a noticeable improvement in his skills after he began participating in competitive tournaments. Being able to observe more experienced players was a learning experience in itself, he said.

"If you want to be good, don't get frustrated about it," he said. "You're going to bowl a lot of really bad games. Just keep practicing and you'll get better."

The 831 is just the second 800 series in the six-year history of the USBC Youth Open Championships. Tristan Musick of Olathe, Kan., had an 803 series in singles at the 2011 tournament.

The USBC Youth Open is a non-qualifying national tournament that is open to all USBC Youth members. Competitors bowl nine games total, including three games each of singles, doubles and four-player team.

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Shuttle service

Courtesy photo

Russell Ware, a Red Cross volunteer, drives a shuttle cart near Moncrief Army Community Hospital. The Red Cross has begun a new shuttle service at MACH to transport patients from the outer parking areas to the hospital entrance. Drivers 18 or older who are interested in volunteering should call 751-4329.



'If you see something, say something'

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Ella Epps, an employee with Fort Jackson's Child, Youth and School Services, speaks with anti-terrorism officers, from left, Al Alford, Mark Mallach and John Barnett at The Exchange food court Tuesday morning. The officers had a kiosk set up at the location to promote August as Anti-Terrorism Awareness Month, reminding people, 'If you see something, say something.' Kiosks are also planned from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Strom Thurmond Building, Aug. 21 at the Commissary and Aug. 27 at the Exchange Mini Mall.

Furloughs affect some services on post

Leader Staff Report

Mandatory one-day-per-week furloughs for approximately 3,500 federal civilian employees on Fort Jackson are affecting some of the services on the installation. The furloughs do not have an impact on AAFES and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation services.

GARRISON

❑ Overall Garrison operations

Expect delays, as all offices have employees taking furlough days throughout the week. Offices that are open and operational Monday through Friday have staff shortages and will prioritize work accordingly. Furlough hours of operation are strictly adhered to — there is no flexibility to extend employee hours.

❑ Army Community Services

The following ACS offices are closed Fridays: Army Volunteer Programs (AVCC, AFTB and AFAP); Employment Readiness Program; Exceptional Family Member Program; Family Advocacy Program (New Parent Support); Family Advocacy Program (Prevention Services); Financial Readiness Program/Army Emergency Relief; Information and Referral; Mobilization and Deployment/Outreach; Relocation Readiness Program; Survivor Outreach Services (SOS). For emergency financial assistance for valid and unforeseen needs on Fridays, call the American Red Cross at 877-272-7337.

❑ Directorate of Logistics

The Central Issue Facility is closed Mondays for basic training Soldiers (retained issue support during reception process).

The following DOL offices are closed Fridays: Log Plans and Operations Division, Ammunition Supply Point, QA-SAS support, Supply Support Activity, Central Receiving Point, CIF (for permanent party; support is available on other days by appointment), Maintenance Division, Transportation — HHG/PPSO/PPPO, Transportation — Freight Office.

❑ Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

The following DPTMS offices are closed Mondays: Installation school support such as direct Soldier enrollments into ATRRS for Noncommissioned Officer Education System and Professional Military Education, review of DTS orders for NCOES and PME courses, coordination with Human Resources Command, school managers, and sister services for additional training seats, Soldiers ATRRS status for schools.

The following DPTMS offices are closed Fridays: Ammunition Management; DA Photo

❑ Commissary

The Commissary is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

❑ Staff Judge Advocate

The Staff Judge Advocate office remains open Monday through Friday. Personnel with violations may pay tickets/

moving violations Monday through Thursday.

❑ Plans, Analysis and Integration Office

PAIO is closed Fridays.

❑ Directorate of Public Works

The following DPW offices are closed Fridays: Environmental, Housing, Business Operations, Master Planning, Engineering.

MONCRIEF ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Furlough Pharmacy Hours:

❑ Outpatient Pharmacy: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to noon

❑ Refill Pharmacy: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon for refill pick-up

❑ TMC Pharmacy: Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, closed; Soldiers are sent to the Outpatient Pharmacy, if required.

DENTAL ACTIVITY

Through Sept. 30, dental clinics will operate as follows on Fridays

❑ **Caldwell Dental Clinic:** Open Fridays; provides sick call to all permanent party, Basic Officer Leader Course, Initial Entry Training, and Advanced Individual Training Soldiers.

❑ **RMC:** Open Fridays

❑ **Hospital Dental Clinic:** Open Fridays

❑ **Hagen Dental Clinic:** Closed Fridays

❑ **Oliver Dental Clinic:** Closed Fridays

Fort Jackson Gate Hours (throughout the furlough period)

Gate 1	5 a.m. to 1 p.m. 3:30 to 6 p.m. Closed	inbound and outbound traffic, Monday through Friday outbound traffic, Monday through Friday weekends
Gate 2	Around the clock, seven days a week Commercial traffic on weekends only.	
Gate 4	5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed	Monday through Friday weekends Commercial traffic must use Gate 4 on weekdays.
Gate 5	closed	

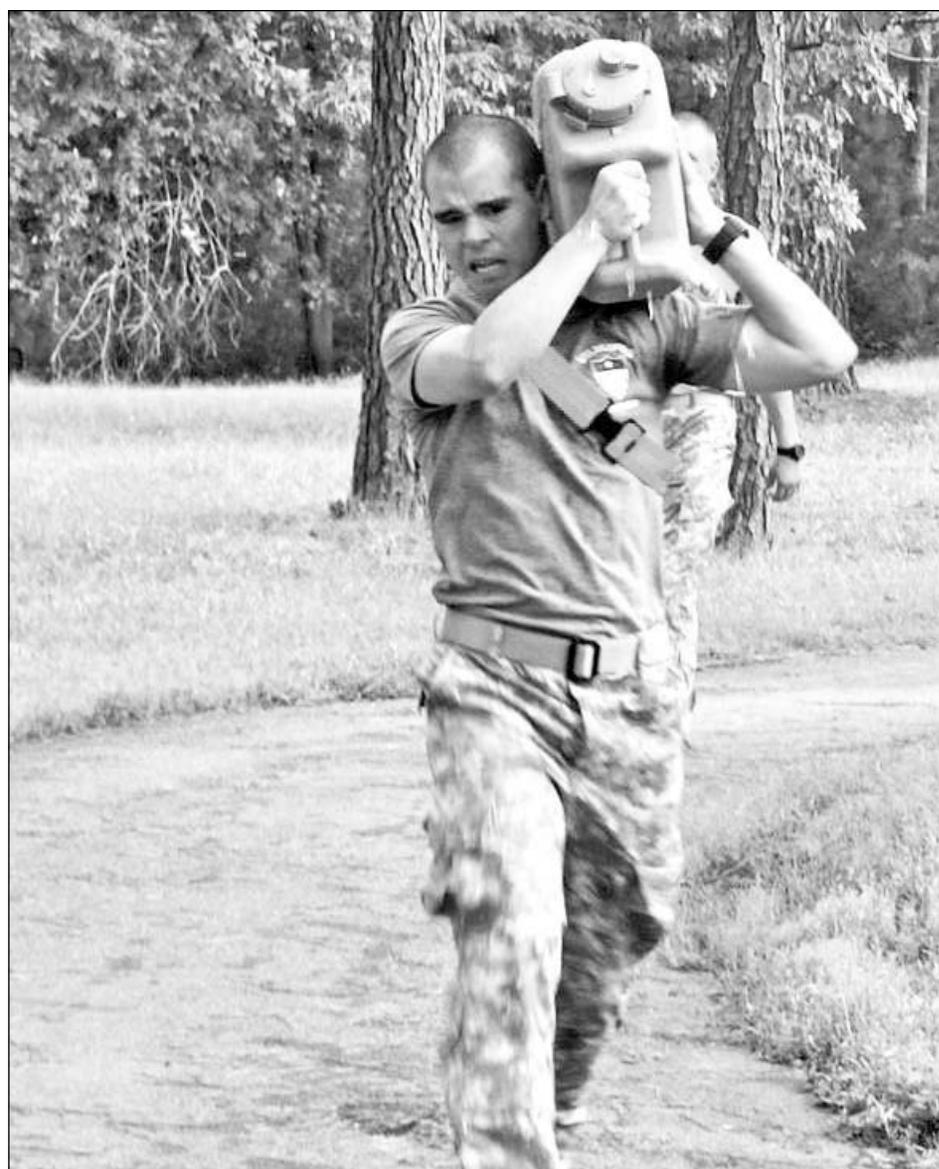




Courtesy photos

Warrior Challenge

Soldiers with the Adjutant General School, Basic Officer Leader Course, competed in a warrior challenge Friday at Semmes Lake. Three teams of six Soldiers each were pitted against each other. The event consisted of a run, water jug carry, litter carry and rowing portion. Above, 2nd Lts. Paul Aelmore and Daniel Salone compete in the rowing challenge. Right, 2nd Lt. McKenzie Wright carries a water jug during the competition. Below, 2nd Lts. Margarita Rojo and Keyra Pena participate in the litter carry.



Calendar

Friday

Women's Equality Day celebration
11:30 a.m., 81st Regional Support Command, 1525 Marion Ave.
For more information, call 751-3189.

Friday

Col. Charles P. Murray Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament
Noon, Fort Jackson Golf Club
For more information, call 629-3820.

Tuesday and Thursday, Aug. 15

Combined Federal Campaign training
9 a.m. to noon, Joe E. Mann Center
CFC training for unit coordinators, key personnel and post staff. For more information, call 751-6412.

Wednesday

Retired Officers Wives Club Sign-up/welcome coffee
10 a.m., Fort Jackson Officers' Club
Reservations are not required.

Thursday, Aug. 15

Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter breakfast
7 to 8:30 a.m., NCO Club
The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. James Galluzzo, AG proponent, Soldier Support Institute. For more information and tickets, call 751-3014/8301.

Announcements

165TH LIGHTNING CHALLENGE

The 165th Infantry Brigade Summer 2013 Lightning Challenge is scheduled for 6 a.m., Aug. 23. The challenge features teams of officers from each battalion who will compete against each other in a series of events. A barbecue for family members is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Weston Lake.

TRASH AT C.C. PINCKNEY

The trash areas at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School may not be used by residents for the disposal of furniture or other large items.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Fort Jackson Community Calendar provides easy access to current community events. To view the calendar, visit www.jackson.army.mil and click on the Fort Jackson Community Calendar link on the left side of the page under "Jackson links." The calendar lists community information for the following agencies: Directorate of Human Resources Command; Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Army Community Services; Chapel; AAFES; Housing; Fort Jackson schools; Moncrief Army Community Hospital; DENTAC; and Directorate of Emergency Services.

ID CARD OFFICE HOURS

The ID card office is operating on an appointment-only basis from 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-in hours are from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Soldiers in training will not be required to make appointments. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. Customers who need to enroll in or update DEERS, reset personal identification numbers or complete DD Form 1172-2 do not need an appointment. For more information, call 751-7731.

RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The next Third Army/ARCENT retirement ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday at Patton Hall.

SCHOOL VACCINATION RULES

A new South Carolina regulation requires all seventh graders to have booster shots for tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough. All seventh graders need proof of the Tdap booster before beginning school this month.

AAFES CUTEST KIDDO CONTEST

Exchange patrons may post photos of their children holding a completed coloring page to the Exchange Facebook page to participate in the "Color Me Cutest Kiddo" contest. Contestants may choose one of four coloring pages at www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/PatriotFamily/.

FALL YOUTH SPORTS SIGN-UP

Parents can sign up their children for fall youth sports until Aug. 23. Parents must bring proof of a current physical and a copy of the child's birth certificate to sign up.

Sign-up is under way for flag football (ages 4-8); tackle football (ages 7-12); soccer (ages 3-14); cheerleading (ages 3-14); and cross country (ages 7-14). Volunteer coaches for the fall season are

needed. For more information, call 751-7451/5040.

GIRL SCOUT MEETINGS

The Fort Jackson Girl Scouts meet regularly at 5957 Parker St. Girls of all school ages are welcome. For more information, call 708-9255 or email ftjacksongs@outlook.com.

BOY SCOUT MEETINGS

The Fort Jackson Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts meet each week at various times. For information about the troop or pack, call 409-9568.

SPORTS BRIEFS

- Back to School 5K, 8 a.m., Aug. 17.
 - Letters of intent for flag football are due Aug. 28. For active duty service members only.
 - Brigade games for active duty teams in flag football, softball and cross country will be held this fall. Captains' meetings are scheduled for Sept. 19.
 - Triathlon, Sept. 21.
- For more information, call 751-3096.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

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

AA MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place at 9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-6597.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events.

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For more information, call 751-7045. Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations.

Housing happenings

RENTERS INSURANCE

Renters insurance is needed to replace personal property lost in theft or by damage. Although renters insurance may not be required by law, most apartment complexes and property management companies require tenants to have the insurance before signing a lease. For more information, call 751-7566/5788/9323.

ROAD CLOSURES

Residents are advised that parts of Chesnut Road from Thomas Court to Hartsville Guard Road may be closed Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon because of Family Day and graduation traffic.

MAYORS NEEDED

The Mayoral Council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors in Pierce Terrace 5, Pierce Terrace 6 and Howie Village. Child care is provided while performing mayoral duties. Interested residents should call Vicki Greer at 751-7567.

SWIMMING POOLS

Small wading pools up to 6 feet in diameter and 1 foot in depth are permitted in backyards only. When wading pools are not in use, they must be emptied and properly stored. For more information, call 738-8275.

NEIGHBORHOOD HUDDLE

Balfour Beatty Communities has scheduled a neighborhood huddle for residents of Pierce Terrace 5 and Pierce Terrace 7 from noon to 1 p.m., Aug. 22 at the pavilion on Carter Road. Lunch will be provided.

FREE POPSICLE FRIDAYS

Free Popsicles are available at the Community Center from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays until August.

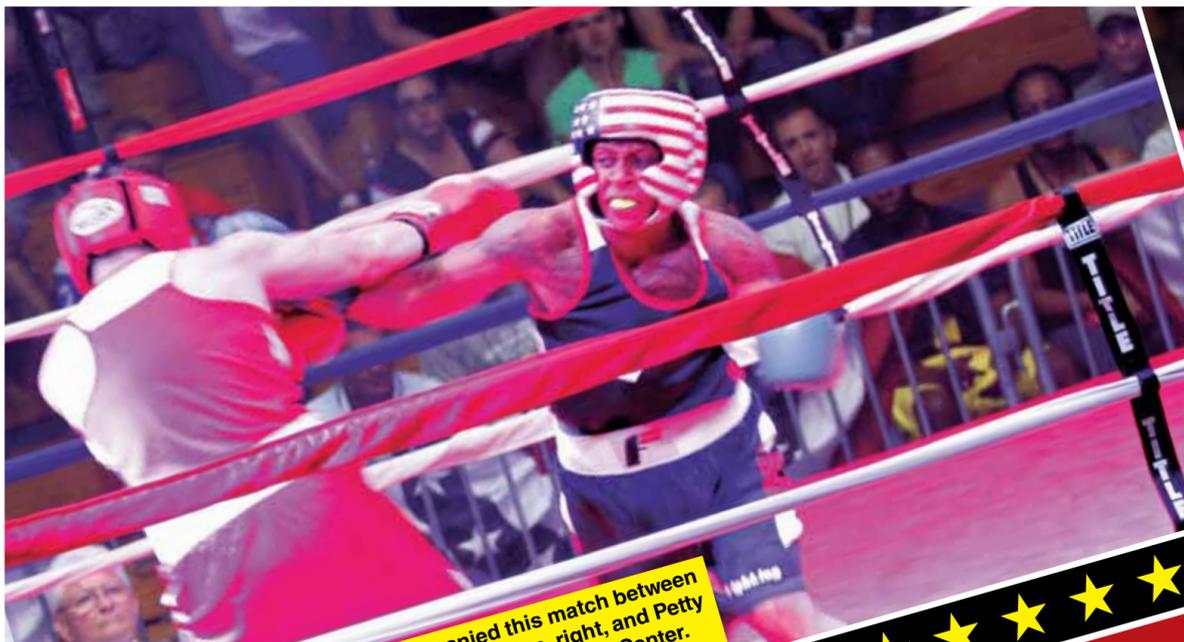
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Chants of, "Go Army, beat Navy" accompanied this match between Sgt. Curtis Adams of the 187th Ordnance Battalion, right, and Petty Officer 1 James Zeigler of the Navy Operational Support Center.



Spc. Vicente De La Roca of the 17th Military Police Detachment, gets coaching between rounds.

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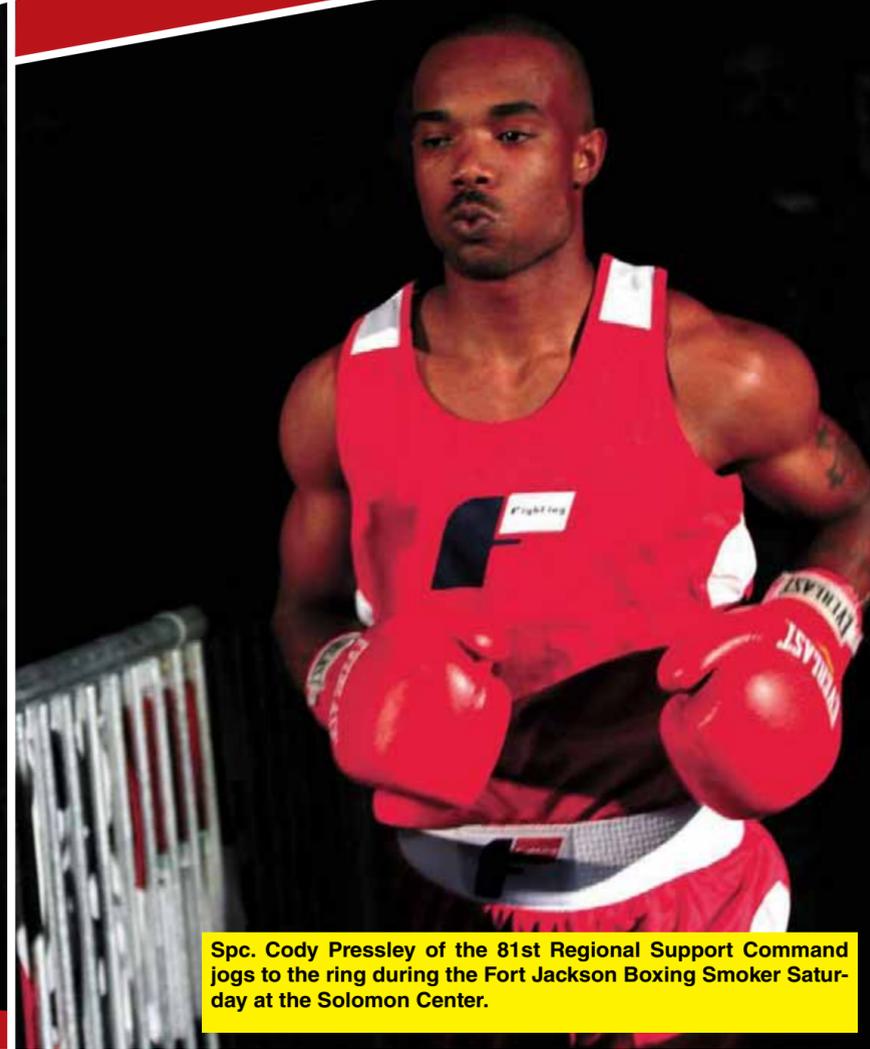
SOLDIERS COMPETE IN POST'S FIRST FULLY SANCTIONED BOXING EVENT

Photos by SGT. 1ST CLASS JOEL QUEBEC, 81st Regional Support Command



Staff Sgt. Wesley Moore of MEDDAC takes a standing eight-count during the Fort Jackson Boxing Smoker Saturday at the Solomon Center. Moore went on to win his match

Fans hold up signs to support their boxers. The event was open to active-duty fighters of all service branches.



Spc. Cody Pressley of the 81st Regional Support Command jogs to the ring during the Fort Jackson Boxing Smoker Saturday at the Solomon Center.

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**Sgt. 1st Class
Mark Garcia**
Company A
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**

Pvt. Dakota Fritz

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Andrew Zandstra

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Turner Blake

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Thomas Dvorak



**Staff Sgt.
Joshua Kendrick**
Company B
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**

Pfc. Riley Myers

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Austin Briley

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Saravut Kaskel

HIGH BRM

Pfc. Riley Myers



**Staff Sgt.
Todd Neroni**
Company C
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**

Pvt. Luzdary Garcia

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Brian Eggleston

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Jesse Laneros

HIGH BRM

N/A



**Staff Sgt.
Ian Baker**
Company D
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**

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SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Troy Ehmke

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pfc. Brianna Dahm

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Andrew Wendler



**Staff Sgt.
Karyss Cash**
Company E
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**

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Pfc. Justin Neal

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pfc. Mary Doupis

HIGH BRM

Pfc. Eric Beck



**Staff Sgt.
Philip Hawley**
Company F
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**

Pvt. Jose Cruz

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Lauren Rosenhammer

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Yasmyne Hillard

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Austin Anton

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**Pfc.
Asia Warren**
Soldier of the week
Third Army/ARCENT

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For information about display advertising, call Betsy Greenway at 432-6157.

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY

Fort Jackson Boy Scouts

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., 11559 Jenkins Road (next to Victory Tower), 917-1869.

Walking away stress

Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m., at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street, 751-6325.

Range control briefing

Mondays and Fridays, 1 p.m., Education Center, Room 302, 751-7171.

Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Owens Field, main conference room. E-mail Tom.Alsup@gmail.com or visit www.scwg.cap.gov.

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength

Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. Open to combat veterans and their family members.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, Main Post Chapel, Bible study and fellowship. Homeschoolers are welcome. Free child care is available. E-mail jackson.pwoc.org.

Play group

Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Room 8, 5615 Hood St., for children 3 and younger, 751-9035/6325.

Toastmasters International

Wednesdays, 11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Main Post Chapel, 629-7696 or (910) 224-8307

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting

Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m., 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-6597.

American Red Cross volunteer orientation

Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Only one session is required. Additional training is necessary for those volunteering in a clinical setting. Call 751-4329.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association study hall

Thursdays, noon, NCO Academy conference room, www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.

MONTHLY

Fort Jackson Bass Club

First Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center. Open to active duty, retirees, DoD civilians, reservists, veterans and family members. Visit www.jacksonanglers.com.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter and Auxiliary, Woodrow Wilson Chapter #4

Second Monday of the month (September through June), 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 467-8355 or gblake12@sc.rr.com.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

☐ Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.
☐ Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St.,

ground level, Meeting Room 2.

Seabees

Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 755-7792 or 755-0300.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641

Second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., 534 S. Beltline Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.

American Legion Post 182

First Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Officers' Club, 351-2333.

Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Magruder's Pub and Club, 751-3014.

Fort Jackson Homeschoolers

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call 419-0760 or email johnlazzi@yahoo.com.

National Federation of Federal Employees

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 4405 Forney St., first floor, 751-2622 or NFFE@conus.army.mil.

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group (ALR Chapter 195)

Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 195, 534 Wildwood Lane, Lugoff, 699-2598 or alrpost195@gmail.com.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202

Third Tuesday of the month, 12:30 p.m., 2620 Lee Road, 647-0040 or turner6516@gmail.com.

The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Post Conference Room.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262

Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614 or 447-2320.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303

Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 312-4895.

Purple Heart #402

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 351-2333.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association

First Wednesday of the month, noon, NCO Club, www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Adopt-A-School program

Second Wednesday of the month during the school year, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., meeting at the Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, for transportation to Forrest Heights Elementary School, 751-1148.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

First and third Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. to

12:45 p.m., Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, 751-1148.

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

First and third Thursday of the month, 5 p.m., Magruder's Club. E-mail sec@ffvictoryriders.com.

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group

Third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 360-3830.

Society of American Military Engineers

Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 254-0518 or 765-0320.

Sergeants Major Association

Last working Thursday of the month, 4:30 p.m., Magruder's Pub, 338-1904. Open to active-duty and retired E-9s and E-8s. E-mail William.huffin@us.army.mil.

MEDPROS training

Third Friday of the month, 1-4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 9-83. E-mail Erica.Aikens@amedd.army.mil.

Retired Enlisted Association

Third Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, 740-2319 or e-mail jrodgers11@sc.rr.com.

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

Third Saturday of the month, except July and August, 11 a.m., DAV Headquarters 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 260-1067.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641

Second Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., 534 S. Beltline Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262

Second Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614.

Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter

Second Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Third Floor conference room, 695-5345.

Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

Third Sunday of the month at noon, (774) 451-7504, e-mail armyaguilar@yahoo.com or visit www.combatvet.org.

Ladies Auxiliary Louis D. Simmons Post 215

Fourth Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., 2432 Chappelle St., 765-0175.

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Can a Christian take a life in combat?

By CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) COLT RANGLES
3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

For me, there is something uniquely special about counseling Soldiers. It is both humbling and challenging to be approached with any and every issue that may weigh on the mind and heart of a person. Difficulties or struggles with relationships tend to top the list of topics for discussion. Overtly biblical questions come very infrequently.

Looking back, one might have wished for more than two courses out of eight years of college and seminary on the subject of counseling. Nevertheless, an average of 20 to 25 people will approach a chaplain on a weekly basis to request advice on untangling their situations or managing their burdens. What a blessing it is to be present in the moment and give them from some of what God has given you. It is all the more exciting to be able to use theological studies in the dialogue.

One question asked recently is a personal favorite to attempt to answer: How should a Christian feel about the prospect of having to take another's life in combat? Could that person maintain a clear conscience before God after taking a life in the line of duty? The answer comes in the form of a couple of key passages and principles.

Human life is inherently valuable and must be protected. "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image." (Genesis 9:6)

In the context, the type of killing discussed in this passage is of the premeditated and wicked sort. The Bible recognizes various types of killing (accidental, Deuteronomy 19:5; murder, Genesis 4:5-8; commanded, Numbers 31:7), which have varying ramifications.

There is an intrinsic value and dignity in human life such that the wrongful, premeditated taking of that life should be met with death to uphold the value of what was

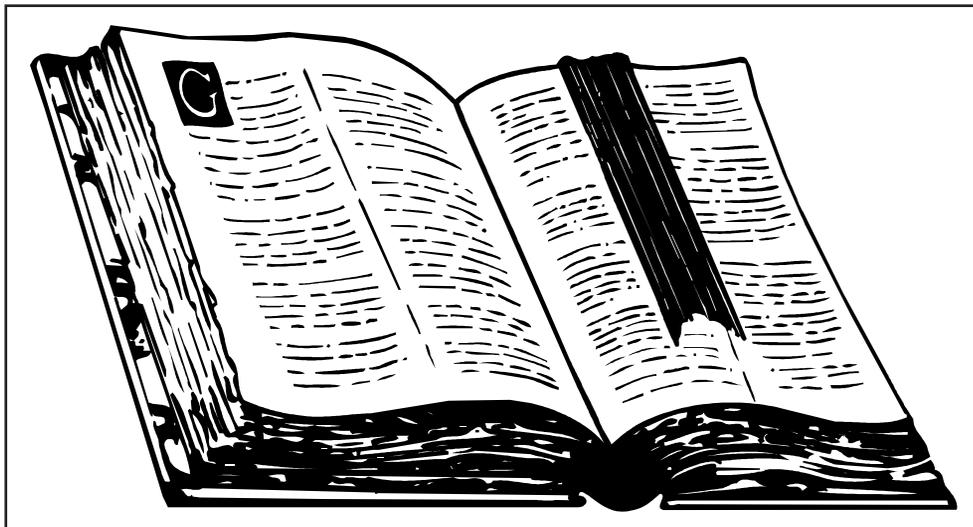
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If one entered an art gallery during a traveling exhibit of the works of Leonardo da Vinci, one would expect to see a heightened level of security around those works compared with those of lesser known or local artists. Why? Because da Vinci is recognized the world over as a master of the highest caliber.

The rationale given in this passage is that mankind bears the mark of the master of the universe. And unless we get hung up on the fact that this is an Old Testament passage, the logic of the conditional statement prescribes this justice so long as mankind continues to be created in the image of God — a timeless principle. This forms the basis for capital punishment.

Governments are tasked with the defense of life at the cost of life when necessary. "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer." (Romans 13:1-4)

The institution of government is God-ordained to con-



strain evil and uphold the dignity and value of human life. The avenger does not bear the sword for nothing, and swords are not for tickling. He has a license to kill in order to maintain the peace. A nation's police force deals with domestic disturbances to the peace. The military extends the nation's jurisdiction to foreign soil with the accountability of treaties and coalition partnerships.

In a perfect world, such things as locks on doors would not be necessary, let alone anti-personnel mines and months and years separated from those we love. "Until heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee," someone will have to stand in the gap and do violence on behalf of the weak and those without strength to face the aggressors of this world.

Life is valuable, and the peoples of the world must have confidence that an advocate will rise to their aide when threatened in order for citizens to invest their best efforts to improve society.

A Christian can take that stand in recognition that peace and justice have a cost. And who better to pay that cost but those with confidence in what will greet them on the other side of their last breath.

Worship & Praise

PROTESTANT

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

Protestant Bible Study

- Tuesday
 - 9 to 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC); summer meetings on July 9 and 23 and Aug. 6 at Patriot Park next to Palmetto Falls Water Park
- 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
- Saturday
 - 8 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast (PMOC), Main Post Chapel (every second Saturday of the month in the activity room)

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

- Wednesday
 - 7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel
 - 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September through May), Main Post Chapel

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

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

JEWISH

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
 - 9:30 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- Wednesday

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

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

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- Anderson Street Chapel**
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- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542
- Daniel Circle Chapel**
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- 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