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Classy home



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Retired 1st Sgt. Norman "Dale" Abbott displays the diploma he received after graduating from Fort Jackson's Drill Sergeant School in 1965. The school, which was established in 1964, was the first Drill Sergeant School in the Army. The new Drill Sergeant School building will celebrate its opening in a ceremony Wednesday.

Drill Sergeant School ribbon cutting set

By KRIS GONZALEZ
Fort Jackson Leader

If victory starts here, then victory has a new starting line, and it's located at the corner of Kemper and Marion avenues.

That's the site of the new U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School, where the Army's top noncommissioned officers will learn the traditions and heritage of training Soldiers to fight.

The school will officially open during a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2 p.m., Wednesday in front of the drill sergeant statue behind the school.

"It's going to be a great ceremony,"

said Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King, commandant of the Drill Sergeant School, "We'll be celebrating drill sergeants of the past, present and future."

The ceremony will showcase some of the richest traditions of the Army's Drill Sergeant Program, which was established in 1964 under the direction of then secretary of the Army, Stephen Ailes.

Ailes, who during the 1960s oversaw the implementation of a series of pilot studies evaluating the effectiveness of the Army's NCO training, compiled a report that recommended the establishment of a school for NCOs who train other NCOs to train Basic Combat Training Soldiers.

Before the program was created, the Army did not have a doctrinal standard for training its trainers. Instead, some of the Army's more seasoned NCOs were selected to develop and recommend training guidance. Committees of 10 to 12 NCOs were tasked to design and rehearse instructions before taking the platform and training their fellow NCOs on the fundamentals of Soldiering.

Per Ailes' direction, in 1964 these committees began transferring responsibility of training to platoon sergeants, who would be called drill sergeants.

These drill sergeants were to be recognized

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Month's theme is blacks in Civil War

Fort Jackson takes great pride, as we do every year, in hosting a number of events to celebrate African-American/Black History month. This year is no exception as we have had already executed two very enjoyable and entertaining events. On Saturday we hosted a 5-kilometer fun run/walk, and Tuesday, we had our annual luncheon at the Solomon Center.

A third event, scheduled for Feb. 26, also promises to be a tremendous success. This final Black History Month event deals with a living memorial that will be set up on Darby Field. We anticipate a display of a Civil War camp of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. This ties directly to this year's theme, which is African-Americans and the Civil War. The 54th Infantry regiment was one of the first official black units during that devastating, monumental war.

As you probably already know, Black History Month occurs each year in February. This month was chosen because it contains the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Frederick Douglass was a former slave, renowned orator, journalist and advocate. President Lincoln, America's 16th president, issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

Civil War records speak for themselves, and the ef-

MAJ. GEN. JAMES M. MILANO
Fort Jackson
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General



forts of many African-Americans to preserve the Union have finally begun to receive historical attention. It's been 150 years since the start of the Civil War, and this month we are reflecting on the thousands of African-Americans who made tremendous sacrifices in helping free millions of men and women from slavery.

In recognition of those people of African heritage who had fought so bravely to defeat slavery and promote universal freedom in the United States, the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History selected "African-Americans and the Civil War" as this year's Black History Month theme.

Soldiers, such as those who served in the 54th Mas-

sachusetts Infantry Regiment, were inspirational in their cause. Additionally, away from the battlefields, there were black men and women who supported the war effort serving as nurses, preachers, spies, doctors and in other important functions. The American spirit overcame intolerance and prevailed in the fight for liberty, justice and equality.

It is estimated that 4 million people of African heritage were involved in the war effort in one way or another. Some 200,000 joined the Union Army to take up arms, destroy the Confederacy and put an end to slavery. As we all know, history-changing contributions from African-Americans did not begin or end with the Civil War.

Each year, African-American/Black History month takes us down a historical path that we must remember. Our Fort Jackson community has the opportunity to learn about the rich African-American culture and from the many achievements that have taken place over the years. I, for one, believe it is imperative that we remind ourselves of the path that has been traveled to give us a better perspective of where we have been and a greater appreciation for where we are heading in the future.

Army Strong and Victory Starts Here!

Fort Jackson talks back:

Staff writer Chris Rasmussen asks members of the community:

'Is it important to commemorate African-American/Black History Month? If so, why?'



Pam Debolt
AAFES

"Yes. I think it is very important to remember all of the contributions that African-Americans have made throughout our history."



Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Marshall
2nd Battalion,
307th Regiment

"I do. I noticed that it is not being observed as much as it used to be. It (is about) what African-Americans did for this country, not just slavery."



2nd Lt. Jeremiah Powers
Training Support Battalion

"Absolutely. It remembers our past and teaches us to be proud of where we came from. It is important for everyone to commemorate."



Staff Sgt. Josh Owings
171st Infantry Brigade

"Yes. African-Americans played a big role in history — both militarily and for America in general. It shows how far we have come as a nation and pushed aside ignorance."



Sgt. Keith McCabe
Army Reserve

"Yes, I do. It is important to remember all nationalities and creeds and what they have done for our society."



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Coral Jones
Adjutant General School

"I think we should commemorate the contributions of everyone to American history."

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School days

Army civilian residence course comes to post

By **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Army civilians at Fort Jackson are receiving leadership education to help further their careers and gain more job fulfillment with no out-of-pocket cost.

Thirty-two civilians graduated from the Civilian Education System Basic Course last week, culminating two weeks of studying how to become an effective team leader.

"I have gained so many tools to take back and develop a high-performance team," said Melvin Jones, Outdoor Recreation assistant director. "It has been a very informative and interesting course."

The course, which is offered by the Army Management Staff College, consists of a distance learning portion and a two-week residence portion. The basic course is part of the Civilian Education System, which is a progressive and sequential leader development program that provides education opportunities for Army civilians throughout their careers.

Eight levels of education, including the Basic Course, comprise the Civilian Education System. Other courses include a Foundation Course, Intermediate Course, Advanced Course, Continuing Education for Senior Leaders and more.

Army Management Staff College courses are split between Fort Leavenworth, Kan., or Fort Belvoir, Va., with the Basic Course typically taught at Fort Leavenworth. Leadership at the Army Staff Management College decided to hold the course at Fort Jackson at the request of Maj. Gen. James Milano, Fort Jackson commanding general.



Photo by **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**

Instructor Barry Leslie leads the Civilian Education System Basic Course Feb. 10 at the Financial Management School. The course, which teaches Army civilians leadership skills, is offered at no charge to eligible civilians. This is the first time the two-week residence course has been held at Fort Jackson.

Army civilians across the post from almost every directorate participated in the course.

"Getting people from all commands and career fields adds to the richness of diverse backgrounds, and that really adds to the course," said Bruce Yaeger, dean of Academics for the Army Staff Management College, who visited Fort Jackson last week to check in on the class and attend graduation. "I like to spend time with my faculty and make sure we are holding standards and that they have everything they need."

During the course, students are taught to develop, and work in, teams. They are also taught to develop subordinates and personal leadership competencies.

"I have learned that being a leader means more than being a supervisor," said Georges Dib, chief of Operations and Maintenance Division of the Directorate of Public Works. "It also means being an effective listener. Often, we don't listen and (we) make assumptions. But this class is giving us a full spectrum of what leadership is all about. This class has been very rewarding for me."

Margaret Good, deputy G6 for Fort Jackson Army Training Center, said having the course taught on post instead of traveling to another installation had several positive results.

"I am glad this course is at Fort Jackson because it allows us to grow as a Fort Jackson team," Good said. "If we had gone

TDY to another installation, we would have been learning with people we likely would never see again."

The Basic Course will be taught again at Fort Jackson in June. Leadership at Fort Jackson is also hoping to bring the Intermediate Course to the installation, said Sean O'Brian, post safety director, who helped organize the course at Fort Jackson.

"Fort Jackson has a command group that is firmly committed to civilian workforce development," he said. "We are taking an outstanding civilian workforce and providing them with essential skills."

For more information about the Civilian Education System, visit www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil.

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GAT results to include fitness scores

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A Soldier's physical fitness numbers will soon be included as part of results given after taking the online "Global Assessment Tool."

The GAT is the part of the Army's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness, or CSF, program that now measures a Soldier's fitness in four of the five dimensions that the CSF program focuses on: emotional, social, family and spiritual.

"In the next few months, it will also give you a physical score, because we are linking it with your PT test scores and your Public Health Command health assessment," said Brig. Gen. Rhonda Cornum, director of Comprehensive Soldier Fitness, during a media event Feb. 10, at the Pentagon. The fifth aspect of fitness measured by CSF is the physical dimension.

Cornum said there was no date yet for the inclusion of the new information in the GAT, but that such things as a Soldier's PT score and wellness assessments, including body fat, lipids and blood sugar might be included.

The Global Assessment Tool, or GAT, is a 105-question survey that assesses a Soldier in "four dimensions of strength." After taking the survey, Soldiers are offered an array of self-guided online courses that can help them strengthen themselves in those four areas.

Since October 2009, Cornum said, more than 1.2 million Soldiers have taken the GAT online — an annual requirement for Soldiers. More than 100,000 of those have completed the assessment twice.

Capt. Paul Lester, a research psychologist with the CSF program, said there is "robust" ongoing evaluation of GAT results and that by late this summer, the Army will have results that compare changes in GAT scores



Photo by D. MYLES CULLEN, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs

Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. George W. Casey Jr., talks to Advanced Individual Training Soldiers at the Global Assessment Tool facility during a visit to post last year. Fitness scores will soon be a part of the GAT results.

from a Soldier's first and second assessment. Those changes could be looked at as a measure of success of the CSF program.

As part of the CSF, mid-level noncommissioned officers are trained as Master Resilience Trainers, or MRTs. Those Soldiers return to their units to impart resilience in other Soldiers. To date, more than 3,000 Soldiers have received the training.

The Army now teaches the MRT course in Philadelphia, on the University of Penn-

sylvania campus there. The course is also taught to drill sergeants at Victory University at Fort Jackson, and through a mobile training team that travels to Soldiers to teach the course.

"(There's) just an overwhelming demand for these guys," said Cornum of the Soldiers who have been through the MRT course work. "When people get them they want more. They are really better at communicating with Soldiers. They are really — they

feel more comfortable as leaders."

Lt. Col. Sharon McBride, a psychologist and senior researcher with the CSF program, said that Soldiers who have taken the MRT course have come away impressed with the impact it has made.

"We survey people at the end of MRT course, and 95 percent or more say it is the best Army training that they've had," she said. "That's a continual number that we see every time we've run the course."

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How do I find EFS on my government computer? Go to your Windows "start" menu and click on "documents." Your "MyEFS" folder is highlighted in green for easy finding.

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Point of contact is Jennifer Phifer at 751-2942 or Jennifer.phifer@us.army.mil.

Housing Happenings

- ❑ All housing offices will be closed Feb. 21 in observance of Presidents' Day. Call 787-6416 for maintenance emergencies.
- ❑ Balfour Beatty is now accepting geographical bachelors and bachelorettes for on-post housing. Call 738-8275 for more information.
- ❑ Mock utility bills for those living in new housing have been delayed. Those residents will receive two bills this month.
- ❑ Energy-saving tip: Make sure the dryer's outside vent is clear, and clear the lint filter after every load.
- ❑ Donate towels, newspapers, blankets and pet food for the Pals for Paws drive to benefit local animal shelters.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- ❑ To date, 278 homes have been completed, and 647 have been demolished.
- ❑ Beginning Feb. 28, a portion of Parker Lane will be closed. FMWR buildings will be accessible.

News and Notes

TAX CENTER HOURS EXTENDED

The Fort Jackson Tax Center is extending operating hours on Mondays and Wednesday to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The operating hours for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will remain 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Tax Center is located at 4330 Magruder Ave. Call 751-JTAX for information.

WIN IPOD WITH ACS GAME

Army Community Services has partnered with the Doorway to Dreams Fund in sponsoring an online financial game for the 2011 Military Saves campaign. Register to play Refund Rush at www.military.financialentertainment.org for a chance to win an Apple iPod Touch. Five Fort Jackson players will be announced March 4. Call 751-5256 or e-mail Christine.Julius@us.army.mil for more information.

BEWARE CAC PIN SCAM

The operational security team has identified an e-mail "phishing" scam asking CAC users to long onto a website and share their PINs. A CAC user will be never be asked to share his or her PIN. Also, be wary of opening or responding to unsolicited e-mails without verifying authenticity.

DINNER MURDER MYSTERY SET

Enjoy dinner and a murder mystery during Murder 101, 5:30 p.m., March 5 at the Officers' Club. This interactive comedy murder mystery is set at a reuniting of classmates of a closing high school. Cost is \$10.95 for club members and \$12.95 for others.

Remembering veterans



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Murray Price, who flew a B-24 in the Pacific in World War II, shows old photos to a group of JROTC students during a "We love our veterans" program at Richland Northeast High School Monday. Price was among the many veterans who visited with the students that day.



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Reserve bandsman awarded

By SGT. 1ST CLASS MARK BELL
81st Regional Support Command

In sixth grade, he picked up his first drumsticks and a love for music was born.

Today, more than 25 years later and six years as an Army Reserve musician, Staff Sgt. Chad J. Alward received the inaugural 2010 Col. Finley Hamilton Outstanding Military Musician Award during a Feb. 13 ceremony at the 81st Regional Support Command headquarters here.

The award is given to the 10 best military musicians from all branches of the armed forces. A member of the 100th Army Reserve Band, based at Fort Knox, Ky., he was the only Army Reserve musician selected for the honor.

Alward's name now is associated with great musicians who perform with the U.S. Military Academy Band, the U.S. Army Field Band, the U.S. Coast Guard Band and the Navy School of Music.

"This just shows the high caliber of Soldiers we have here in this command," Maj. Gen. Bill Gerety, the commanding general, said during the brief ceremony. "Our bandsmen are more than musicians. They are Soldiers first. Most importantly,

they are our front-line ambassadors for not only the Army Reserve but the entire Army."

Growing up, Alward had no musical background, and no one in his family was a musician. He said he joined the elementary school band because he wanted to do something fun and different.

"It kind of stuck with me," he said about his early years as a percussionist. "Today, I couldn't see myself not having an instrument in my hands."

Alward said he has learned all instruments played in a typical Army band, but still favors the percussion as his choice of instrument.

"It's what turned me on to music all those years ago," he said about the drums.

At the age of 30, Alward made the decision to join the military.

"It was a great opportunity to do something for my country," he said. "So many people before me have given much more than I could ever give this nation. I have the ability to use my musical gifts to inspire others to serve their country as well."

With two master's degrees from Murray State University and his job as vice principal of an elementary school in

Kentucky, Alward was also a husband and father of a five-year-old son when he joined the Reserve.

"At first he didn't understand," he said about leaving his son. "Today, he doesn't like that I am gone so much but understands my passion for being in the Army and playing music."

Alward said he hopes his son, now 11, realizes the importance of the men and women in uniform and the sacrifices they make.

"My son always inspires me to do my best, and I hope that me being in the Army Reserve is something he can be proud of and understand our values and morals as Soldiers," he said.

As he walks the halls of Deer Park Elementary School in Owensboro, Ky., Alward said he sees America's future senior noncommissioned officers and general officers to fill the ranks long after he is retired.

"I hope they see the pride we have as members of the Army," said Alward, the school's band director. "We are a member of a time-honored corps, and I am proud to put the uniform on to tell the Army story through music."

DSS ribbon cutting to highlight tradition

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as elite, and a badge was designed to identify them as such.

That year, Fort Jackson was the first Army installation to pilot the Drill Sergeant Course, a five-week course designed to train drill sergeants on the topics of leadership, training management, recruit handling and inspections. The pilot course consisted of 71 NCOs and 15 officers.

Retired 1st Sgt. Norman “Dale” Abbott, who was a drill sergeant student during the first “regular” course, said what he learned at the school was invaluable.

“You had other NCOs that were your instructors who were making sure that you were going in the right path to be a leader of Soldiers,” Abbott said. “The most effective tactic they taught us to get Soldiers to do what you want them to do is to lead by example, to do what needs to be done, don’t cut corners and insist on excellence.”

Fort Jackson’s Drill Sergeant Course became the model for five other major Basic Combat Training installations — Fort Dix, N.J., Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Ord, Calif., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Fort Polk, La. — where drill sergeant schools were established by October 1964.

Within its first year, the course was extended from five weeks to six, and over the years it has morphed into today’s 10-week course.

The Fort Jackson Drill Sergeant School first saw foreigners graduate the course in 1971, with eight Iranian students. Women were allowed to attend the Drill Sergeant School beginning in 1972.

During the last 47 years, the Drill Sergeant School has seen many more changes, to include revisions to its program of instruction, its building location, pay incentives for graduates, and on top of all things, even its campaign hat.

In 2008, the Fort Jackson Drill Sergeant School became the single source for training Army drill sergeants. All other drill sergeant schools closed in accordance with the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure recommendation which called for the consolidation of drill sergeant training. That was also the year when Fort Jackson leaders broke ground for the new school.



Photo by CHRIS RASMUSSEN

The new Drill Sergeant School building will officially open Wednesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Some Fort Jackson Drill Sergeant School graduates who have been noted in the pages of history, are Sgt. 1st Class Harold Whiteside, the first honor graduate of the pilot course; Medal of Honor recipient Master Sgt. John Baker who graduated DSS in 1968; Sgt. Diane Oppedal, the first female honor graduate; Command Sgt. Maj. William Hyman, the first commandant; Command Sgt. Maj. Chester Perry, the first black commandant in 1995; 1st Sgt. Letricia Wagner, the first female first sergeant in the program; and King, who in 2009 became the school’s first female commandant.

Several of the first Drill Sergeant School trainers and

other Army leaders who were key in the establishment of the program are expected to attend next week’s ribbon cutting ceremony, which is open to the public. King said she encourages Fort Jackson community members to attend the historical event.

“A handful of Soldiers who started the program, started the school, and pushed for the building of the school and a new home for drill sergeants, will be there,” King said. “They have a lot of pride in this institution. So we want to honor them and celebrate the spirit of being a drill sergeant and what drill sergeants mean to the Army.”

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Former Fort Jackson Soldier wins Grammy

From the U.S. Military Academy Band

West Point, NY — A recent Fort Jackson Basic Combat Training graduate and Columbia native took home a Grammy award during the annual awards Sunday.

Staff Sgt. Brandie Lane, now an audio engineer with the U.S. Military Academy band, received a Grammy for best engineered album — classical category.

The album is “Quincy Porter: Complete Viola Works,” which had also been nominated in two performance categories, best instrumental soloist(s) performance (with orchestra) and best chamber music performance.

She also has engineering credits on “Sarah Schuster Ericsson: 20th Century Harp Sonatas,” which had been nominated in the best instrumental soloist performance (without orchestra) category.

Prior to joining the Army in July 2010, Lane was the head audio engineer at Sono

Luminus, a record label in Virginia, which specializes in classical and jazz music. These albums were completed during her time there. Lane graduated from BCT in October.

“The whole experience was literally a dream come true,” Lane said. “Being honored among colleagues and living icons was purely inspirational. I’m forever grateful to all those who have helped me and guided me through this aspect of my life.”

Lane also has engineering credits on the 2008 Grammy nominated album, “Ronn McFarlane: Indigo Road,” which was in the Classical Crossover category. The West Point Band is proud to not only feature world-class musicians, but to have support staff of the highest caliber, as well.

To learn more about the Soldiers of the West Point Band go to www.westpoint-band.com or become a fan on Facebook.

CPAC Corner

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Spirit of giving

Volunteers build home for Soldier

By **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Members of the Fort Jackson community turned out in force last week to lend a helping hand to a fellow Soldier.

Hundreds of Soldiers, civilians and family members joined other local volunteers to help build a new home for former Staff Sgt. Ronell Bradley, who was severely injured in 2005 while deployed in Iraq. The home, which is located in Lake Carolina, is being built through Homes for our Troops, with the help of local volunteers.

“I came out to show support for a fallen comrade and to let him know we are here for him,” said Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Posey, a drill sergeant leader at the Drill Sergeant School. “This is awesome what they are doing for him. A lot of times people get hurt and no one remembers you. We are showing Staff Sgt. Bradley he is not forgotten.”

The home build was coordinated through Homes for our Troops, a non-profit organization that builds and remodels specially-adapted homes for the most severely-injured veterans. Eligible veterans may apply for assistance through the Homes for our Troops website. The homes, which are provided at no cost to the recipients, are paid for through donations, and recipients may receive VA Specially Adapted Housing grants up to \$63,780. The build began Friday and the shell of the home was completed Sunday. Builder Hallmark Homes will go in later to finish the interior of the 2,600-square-foot home.

“It is so amazing to see everyone from Fort Jackson come out and help build my dream home,” Bradley said. “It really shows the leadership at Fort Jackson is committed to supporting injured Soldiers.”

Bradley was on his third deployment when the vehicle in which he was riding drove over an IED in Baghdad on Sept. 21, 2005. The IED blast caused his weapon to explode in his hand, amputating his thumb and palm and the impact from the blast took off his right leg and severely hurt his left.

Pulled from the wreckage while under enemy fire, Bradley was taken to a hospital in the Green Zone and later airlifted to Germany before going to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, where his left leg and right pinky finger were amputated.

Bradley also suffered from traumatic brain injury with short-term memory loss



Photos by **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**

Spc. Chris Whidden, right, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, holds a wall frame steady as a contractor nails it in place Friday during the Homes for our Troops home build. The home, which is being built for a wounded veteran, his wife and his two stepsons, will feature handicapped-friendly accessories.

and spent three months in the hospital and nine more months undergoing therapy and learning how to use his new prosthesis. He is currently working on his doctorate in Healthcare Management and hopes to pursue a career in health care management with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

His wife, Cynthia Bradley, works at Fort Jackson, managing one of the post's Child Development Center homes.

“It is so amazing to see everyone from Fort Jackson come out and help build my dream home.”

— **Ronell Bradley**
Wounded warrior

“To see so many Soldiers come out even though they have such busy schedules is so awesome. It really touches my heart,” Cynthia Bradley said. “I take care of drill sergeants’ children,

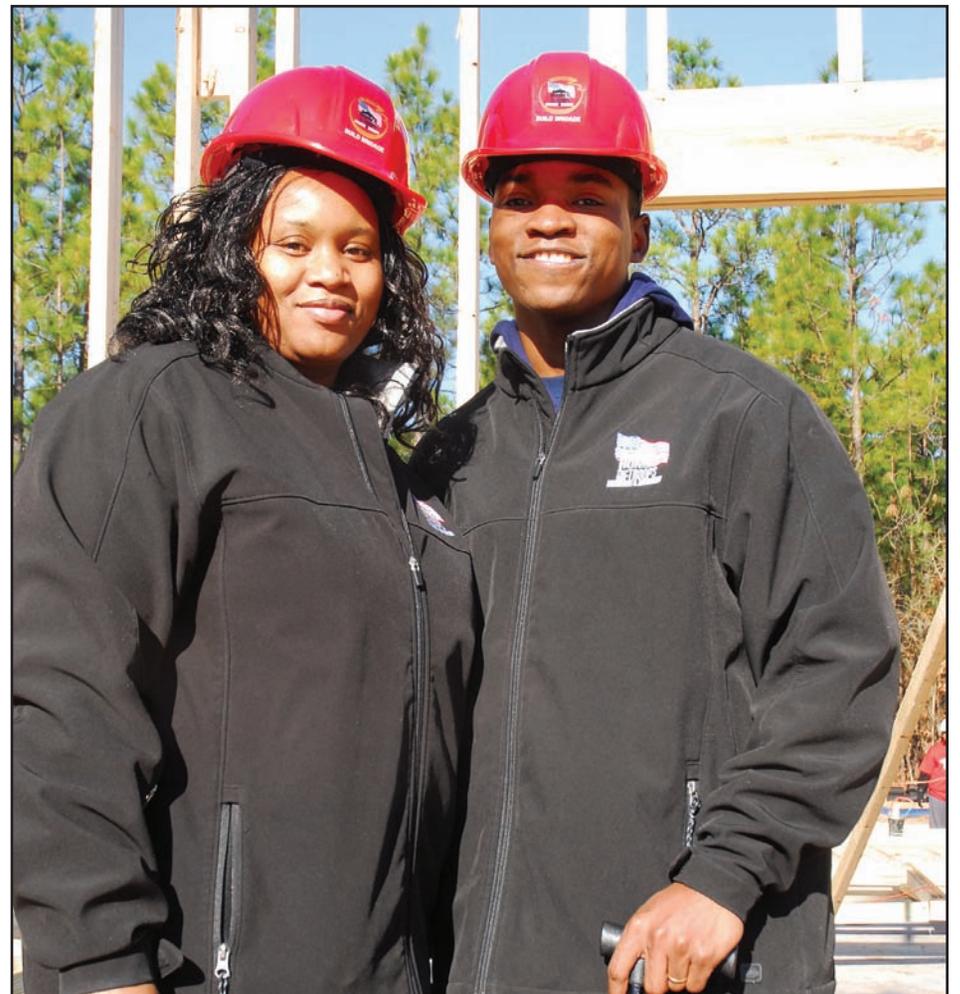
and they came out here to take care of us.”

Staff Sgt. Brian Garrett, a drill sergeant leader for the Drill Sergeant School, said he came out to show his appreciation for Bradley’s service.

“The easiest and most sincere way to say thank you is through manual support,” he said. “Being here is giving me a great sense of brotherly pride.”

Soldiers representing Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers — who solicited volunteers postwide — were among those who came from several post organizations, agencies and units to help lift lumber and weatherproof the framing of the home.

A Friday opening ceremony included the 282nd Army Band, a Drill Sergeant School Color Guard, Installation Chaplain (Col.) Bart Physioc and Sgt. Maj. Timothy Webb,



Former Staff Sgt. Ronell Bradley and his wife, Cynthia, stand in front of the frames of what will be their new house. The former Soldier was injured in 2005 Iraq when the vehicle in which he was riding struck an IED.

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“I’ve been deployed twice and I heard Staff. Sgt. Bradley’s story and just wanted to help out,” said Spc. Chris Whidden, 3rd

Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. “We are all out here to do the same thing, and that is to help a fallen comrade.”

Chris.Rasmussen@us.army.mil

Fort Jackson celebrates black history



Above, attendees of Tuesday's African American History Month luncheon at the Solomon Center admire the painting "History Lesson #5" by Karl W. Wilkes. The painting has received international acclaim and was chosen as part of a national curriculum about African American experience and achievement. Wilkes attended the luncheon to speak about the painting. Left, cadets with the Airport High School JROTC program perform at the luncheon

Photos by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Grumpy Old Troll replaces Jay-Z

Last week, my husband surprised me for our anniversary by signing us up for a cooking demonstration. As the chef prepared and cooked the dinner that we, and four or five other couples, would eat, he explained his techniques.

Once we got to the second course — breaded oysters over baby spinach with red beet vinaigrette — I turned to my husband and said, “I don’t know if I’ve ever seen a fresh beet.” After a brief hesitation, we both laughed.

A “fresh beet,” you see, is what you call a member of the Fresh Beat Band, the main characters of one of those kiddie shows our son loves. And right in the middle of what was to be our romantic night, we couldn’t get the theme song of that show out of our heads.

Since becoming a parent, I’ve found that my musical selections have dwindled significantly. The loud Jay-Z has been replaced with (almost) equally loud versions of the “ABC song” and “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.” When I got a new cell phone last week, one of my first orders of business was to download Pandora, an Internet radio station. My first “channel” was “Twinkle, Twinkle Little

CRYSTAL CLEAR

By Crystal Lewis Brown

Fort Jackson Leader



Star,” followed soon after by “The Itsy, Bitsy Spider.”

The other day, I Googled the lyrics to “Five Days Old,” a song that I sadly now call my “jam,” so that I could be sure to get all the words right when belting it out in my outside voice while zooming down I-20.

It wouldn’t be so bad if my singing was relegated to private jam sessions in the car, but episodes like the aforementioned dinner, are beginning to happen all too often. In grocery stores, I get weird looks from fellow shoppers as I try to keep my toddler calm by crooning “Head, shoul-

ders, knees and toes.” Though, every now and then, I do meet eyes with a fellow parent, who usually gives me a knowing and sympathetic look. And the nurse at the pediatrician’s office barely batted an eye when I pulled out my cell phone and sang children’s songs as my son had his blood drawn.

I think my most bizarre moment was when I gathered the entire office together to present a PAO staffer with the lyrics to the theme song of “Ni, hao, Kai Lan,” a show that I am convinced has life lessons for both children and adults.

Recently, I started singing a song about the “grumpy old troll who lives under the bridge” while editing stories for the paper. And in a rare show of unsolicited parenting advice, my co-worker suggested that I expand my musical selections.

And I think, at some point, I’ll take her advice. But for now, these songs are like a special language between my son and I; a musical language that sets me apart as a parent. So for now, I think, I’ll stick with Laurie Berkner and Elmo; Jay-Z can wait.

Family Happenings

RICHLAND ONE MAKEUP DAYS

Richland One students are scheduled to make up three days of school that were missed due to inclement weather. The make-up days are: Feb. 21, April 22 and May 28. For more information, call 231-7504/7510.

BRIGHTSKIES CLASSES

SKIESUnlimited is offering Bright SKIES Academy Early Learning Classes. The spring session runs through May 26. Classes are 9 to 10:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5899 Chesnut Road. Students learn basic academic skills, such as pre-reading and writing, pre-math, recognizing letters and how to write their

names.

Children must be fully potty-trained, and must be 3 by Sept. 1. Four-year-olds may attend if they are ineligible for Strong Beginnings and will not be eligible to attend school during the 2011-2012 school year. Call 751-4865/4824 for registration or enrollment questions. Call 751-6777 for questions about SKIES programs.

RICHLAND ONE TRANSFERS

The application dates for school transfers within Richland One is March 1 through May 1. Richland One parents requesting a student transfer to a new school must apply during this time period in order to be considered for a transfer for the 2011-

2012 school term.

Application forms will be available on March 1 at 12:01 a.m. at www.richlandone.org. Forms also may be picked up at the Registrar’s Office, 1310 Lyon St. Call 231-6944 for more information.

POST HOMESCHOOLERS

The Fort Jackson Homeschool Group meets throughout the school year on Fridays. Call Bethany Storlazzi at 419-0760 or e-mail johnlazzi@yahoo.com for times and locations.

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT

Need a night off? Don’t forget to take advantage of the Parents’ Night Out

program at Hood Street Child Development Center. Children must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services to participate. Orientation is required prior to scheduling care. Call 751-1970/1972 to schedule an orientation.

JUMPING JACKS

Jumping Jacks child care is available in the Solomon Center’s Marion Room for parents to use while they work out at Andy’s Fitness Center. For more information, call the Child, Youth and School Services Parent Central Services at 751-4865/4824.

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Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Photos by OITHIP PICKERT, Public Affairs Office

Staff Sgt. Christopher Grimes
Company A
3rd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Thomas Farnell

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Jace Deese

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Keith Phillips

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Devin Williams

Staff Sgt. Andrea Alvarado
Company C
3rd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Vincent Struble

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. David Palma

HIGH BRM
Pvt. James Parker

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Courtney Johnson

Staff Sgt. Robert Thibault
Company E
3rd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Tyler Lund

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Brianna Bramante

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Baylen Sabatini

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Joshua Trettin

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

TRAINING SUPPORT
Sgt. Antonio Martinez

DFAC SUPPORT
Rosa Robinson

Training honors



2nd Lt. Viola Coffey
Distinguished honor graduate
Basic Officer Course.
Adjutant General School

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For information about display advertising, contact Kathy at 786-5681.

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At your service

Phone numbers and operation hours for key post facilities

All South Federal Credit Union	782-9830	Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
American Red Cross	751-/4329/5923	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Andy's Fitness Center	751-4177	Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call for hour on training and federal holidays
Army Career Alumni Program	751-4109/4104	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Army Community Service	751-5256	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Army Continuing Education Services	751-5341	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Substance Abuse Program	751-5007	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bowling, Century Lanes	751-6138	Closed Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, 2 to 10 p.m.
Bowling, Ivy Lanes	751-4759	(For use by Soldiers in training): Thursday, 1 to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Car Care Center	782-1639	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chaplain Museum	751-8827/8079	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Child and Youth Services	751-4865	Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	751-3219	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Class VI	782-1601	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Clinical Army Substance Abuse Program	751-6597	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Coleman Gym	751-5896	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Commissary	751-5789	Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
DA Photos (TSC)	751-7592	Monday-Thursday, 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.
Defense Military Pay Office	751-6669 (Soldiers)	Monday-Friday, 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Civilians should call 751-4914.
Dental Clinics	751-5178/6017	Monday-Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Family Health Center	751-2273	Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m.; training holidays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Florist	738-1812	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery	699-2246	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Furniture Store	787-9175	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.
Hospital Retail Annex	782-1263	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ID Section	751-7731	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Legal Assistance and Claims	751-4287/3603	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LCI-SSSC	790-5306	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Main Outpatient Pharmacy	751-2259	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MG Robert B. Solomon Center	751-4056	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales Store	787-5248	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Movie Theater	751-7488	Hours vary
National Federation of Federal Employees	751-2622	
NCO Club	782-2218	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Open later for entertainment and special events; call for details and times.
Officers' Club	751-4906	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Palmetto Falls Water Park	751-3381	**Closed for season**
Perez Fitness Center	751-6258	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends and training holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pharmacy Annex (PX mall)	751-2250	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pools, Knight	751-4796	Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 4:30 to 7 p.m.
Pools, Legion	751-4796	**Closed for season**
Post Exchange	787-1950/1951/1952	Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Post Library	751-5589/4816	Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Post Office	782-8709	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Recycling Center	751-4208	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; open 24 hours for drop-off
Reuse Center	751-5121	Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Safety Center	751-6004	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Shoppette Gate 1	782-2076	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Shoppette Gate 2	790-4478	Open 24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex	738-9189	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thrift Shop	787-2153	Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Vanguard Gym	751-4384	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 1 to 8 p.m.
Vehicle Registration	751-5887	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Veterinary Clinic	751-7160	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Victory Travel	751-5812	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anything we missed? E-mail us at fjleader@conus.army.mil.

Calendar

Tuesday, March 1

AER Campaign kickoff

9 a.m., Joe E. Mann Center, ballroom

Thursday, March 3

Tobacco cessation orientation

3 to 4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, staff conference room

Fort Jackson school board meeting

4 p.m., C.C. Pinckney Elementary School

Tuesday, March 8

Job fair

9 a.m. to noon, Solomon Center
More than 45 employers will be attending. For more information, call 751-6062/6974.

Wednesday, March 9

ADHD workshop

9 a.m. to noon, Joe E. Mann Center, ballroom
Topics discussed include understanding ADD/ADHD, functional behavior assessments, behavioral intervention plans and teaching strategies. For more information and to register, call 751-6150.

ROWC luncheon

11:30 a.m., Officers' Club
Reservations or cancellations are required by 3 p.m., March 4. For more information, call 788-1094 or 783-1220.

Monday, March 14

Sergeants Major Association spring golf tournament

9 a.m., registration; 10 a.m. tee off
For more information, e-mail Christopher.W.Chapman@us.army.mil or call 569-9493.

Housing events

All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. Call 738-8275 for information.

Friday, Feb. 25

Crockpot Recipe Exchange

3 p.m.
A slow-cooker station will be set up and recipe cards will be available to take home. Residents are encouraged to bring

their own creations and recipes to share with others.

Tuesday, March 1

St. Patrick's Day coloring contest starts

Coloring sheets are available at the Community Center. Each sheet will be entered into a raffle for a \$15 gift card.

Friday, March 11

Plastic bottle birdfeeders

3 p.m.
Assemble birdfeeders from plastic drink bottles. Materials will be supplied. RSVP to Alana by March 8.

Announcements

MILITARY SAVES WEEK SEMINARS

Army Community Services offers special financial seminars during Military Saves Week. The following classes are scheduled:

- Credit and you, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday
- TSP and retirement planning, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday
- Money management and everyday life, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 24
- Cut your grocery bills in half, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 25

All classes take place at the Family Readiness Center. For more information, call Christine Julius or Martha Phillips at 751-5256.

TAX CENTER HOURS

The Fort Jackson Tax Center has extended is now open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays the Tax Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Tax Center is located at 4330 Magruder Ave. For more information, call 751-JTAX (751-5829).

FREE DENTAL SCREENING

A mobile dental clinic will be at the Commissary from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 26. DENTAC dentists will offer free screenings to eligible beneficiaries.

RECRUIT THE RECRUITER

The Recruit the Recruiter team will offer briefings to Soldiers in the rank of E5 through E7 about the benefits, challenges and qualifications for becoming a recruiter. The presentations

are scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m., March 14 through 16, and 10 a.m. to noon, March 15 through 16. All presentations will be at the Education Center, Room B-200.

PALMETTO TRAIL CLOSURE

The Palmetto Trail is closed for timber harvesting between Heise's Pond and Division Road. The trail is expected to be closed until March 31.

EO AWARDS

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office is soliciting nominations for the Third Annual EEO Supervisor of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the Annual EEO Committee Meeting March 3. Managers, supervisors or employees may submit nominations by Friday. Call 751-7248/5443 for criteria information.

MILITARY ONESOURCE TAX FILING

Military OneSource provides free tax consultation and online tax filing services to active duty, Reserve and National Guard service members and their families. Participants must register at www.militaryonesource.com.

RED CROSS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Fort Jackson Red Cross is looking for leadership volunteers. Available positions include hospital chair, youth chair and fundraising chair. For more information, call 751-4329 or e-mail jacksonredcross@yahoo.com.

MACH NUTRITION CLINIC

The following classes are scheduled for February:

- Cholesterol and high blood pressure class, 2 to 3 p.m., Feb. 24
- Victory weight loss class, 2 to 3 p.m., today

All classes take place at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 8-85. For more information and to register, call 751-2115/2363/2273.

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING

The Fort Jackson Recycling Center, 5671 Lee Road, will accept telephone books for recycling through March 31.

MG JAMES URSANO SCHOLARSHIP

The MG James Ursano Scholarship program is now accepting applications. It provides children of active-duty, retired or deceased Soldiers with financial assistance

to pursue a four-year college degree. Students must apply each year. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org or call 751-5256.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPOUSES

The AER Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program is accepting applications through April 1. The scholarships are available to Army spouses and are awarded based on financial need. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org or call 751-5256.

DECA SCHOLARSHIP

The 2011 Scholarships for Military Children program is now available in commissaries and online at www.commissaries.com. Choose the "News & Info" tab, then the "Scholarship info" tab. Applications are also available at www.militaryscholar.org.

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

School news

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is open for children who live in the Richland One attendance zone and will be 5 before Sept. 1. Parents and legal guardians can register children at their zoned school by bringing the child's birth certificate, certificate of immunization and two bills showing proof of residence. For more information, call 231-6709.

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For more information, call 751-7045.





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About 40 vendors are expected to participate in this year's Victory Travel Extravaganza. The annual travel show highlights products and discounts offered to military travelers.

Travel fair to offer deals for military vacationers

By **THERESA O'HAGAN**
Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Victory Travel will hold its fifth annual travel fair, Victory Travel Extravaganza, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 28, at the Solomon Center.

Don Jackson, Victory Travel manager, began planning the Travel Extravaganza in early November.

Jackson is looking forward to this year's event and showcasing the various travel vendors. "We've had a very great response from vendors attending this year," Jackson said. Some of this year's vendors include Universal Studios Orlando, Riverbanks Zoo & Gardens, Sun Cruz Casino, Sands Resort Myrtle Beach, Carowinds and many more hotels and attractions within the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida.

Jackson expects around 40 vendors to participate in this year's event. Most of the vendors will have drawings for

some fabulous door prizes. A variety of hors d'oeuvres and an assortment of beverages will also be served.

In past years, all of the vendors who participated have praised Jackson, the staff at Victory Travel and the staff at the Solomon Center, with many saying that Victory Travel's Extravaganza was among the best organized travel shows attended.

The main focus for the travel show is having travel vendors come to Fort Jackson and showcase the many products and discounts that are offered to the military, ranging from hotels, attractions, theme parks and much more. Victory Travel offers discounts to many that are attending, through programs like the Military Travel Voucher, Armed Forces Vacation Club, cruise discounts, airline tickets, vacation packages and much more.

For more information, please call Victory Travel at 751-5812 or visit us at www.fortjacksonmwr.com/travel.

FEBRUARY EDGE! CLASSES

❑ **Chocolate, Gummies and Other Yummies** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Mondays and Fridays, 5955-D Parker Lane. For ages 9 to 15. Learn to make candy just in time for Valentine's Day. Try candy sushi, chewing gum, gummies and rock candy.

❑ **Nailing it Together** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Mondays, Balfour Beatty Community Center (for transportation to the FMWR Wood Shop). For ages 11 to 18. Learn to work with wood to create cool and usable stuff, learn the basics of hand and power tools and how to use them safely.

Lights! Camera! Action! — 4 to

6 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5955-D Parker Lane. For ages 11 to 18. Learn the tricks of the trade from a video expert.

❑ **Outdoor Gourmet** — 4 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Balfour Beatty Community Center (for transportation to Twin Lakes). For ages 9 to 16. Learn dishes you can cook over an open fire.

❑ **Arti Gras** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, Balfour Beatty Community Center. For ages 10 to 16. Have fun with printmaking, photography and other out-of-the-ordinary

arts materials.

❑ **Polar Bear Past Bedtime** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays, Post Library. For ages 6 to 12. Chill with cool critters as we explore the wintry land of the polar bear with the Magic Tree House bunch.



The EDGE! offers free classes as part of the Army Middle School and Teen Initiative for those 11 years and older. For children 9 and 10, classes are \$5 per hour. School-age children who register with Child, Youth and School Services qualify for four hours of open recreation, which can be used toward any EDGE! program.

FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- ❑ Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.
- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, 2 to 11 p.m.
- ❑ Sleepy Storytime at the **Post Library**, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Come in pajamas and go home ready for bed.
- ❑ **Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.

FRIDAY

- ❑ Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Blue Plate Specials.
- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 2 p.m.
- ❑ Friday night special at **Ivy Lanes**. Games and shoe rentals cost \$2 each, 5 to 10 p.m. Open to permanent party service members.
- ❑ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruder's Club**, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruder's Club is located in the back of Magruder's Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Be early for happy hour, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Appetizers are available, while supply lasts.
- ❑ Every Friday is Artistic Expression with Jake at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the **Youth Services Center**.

SATURDAY

- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 1 p.m.
- ❑ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the **Youth Services Center**.
- ❑ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the **NCO Club**. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- ❑ Buy one wing, get one free at **Magruder's Club and Pub**.

SUNDAY

- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 10 a.m.
- ❑ Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for "Get a pie for your reservation" brunch. For more information, call 782-8761.
- ❑ Family day at the **Youth Services Center**, 2 to 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- ❑ Come to Morale Call starting at 8 p.m. in the NCO Club **Liberty Lounge** and pay no cover charge. Starting at 10 p.m., ladies specials begin in the ballroom during Working Women's Wednesdays.
- ❑ Get your party on at **Club NCO** starting at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for military, \$7 for civilians.
- ❑ Victory Readers Club, 6 to 8 p.m., **Post Library**
- ❑ **4-H Club** meets 4 to 5 p.m. For grades 1-5. Call 751-1136 for information.

ONGOING OFFERS

- ❑ The annual FMWR Fitness Challenge runs through April 4. Participants must be fitness members to compete in one of three categories; fitness, weight loss or total lifestyle change. Fitness memberships are \$30 a month. Call 751-5768 for more information.
- ❑ The NCO Club breakfast is served 6 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4 to 10 years old.
- ❑ The Officers' Club specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions. For more information, call 782-8761.
- ❑ Child, Youth and School Services provides child care and youth programming on Saturdays at no cost for active-duty parents who must work to meet mission requirements. For more information, call 751-4865.

Army Nurse Corps celebrates 110 years

By **ROB MCILVAINE**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Last week, the Army Nurse Corps celebrated its 110th anniversary of standing shoulder to shoulder with Soldiers and providing care for all military service members and their families throughout every major conflict. The theme was “Touching Lives for 110 Years.”

To commemorate the event, Maj. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, deputy surgeon general and chief of the Army Nurse Corps, laid a wreath at the Nurses Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, Va., Feb. 2.

“This theme really resonated with me and illustrates what I believe is the true essence of Army nursing. We have been on the battlefield, serving with our fellow warriors, throughout our rich history and we continue to do so today,” Horoho said at the anniversary celebration dinner Feb. 5.

She also told the gathered dignitaries that she had received word that the 110th Army Nurse Corps anniversary was commemorated by a Senate resolution.

“What an honor to see the corps that we all love so much acknowledged in this way and documented forever in the congressional record. And what a tribute to Army nursing and the entire AMEDD (Army Medical Department) health care team that is honored by the privilege to provide care to all those entrusted to our care.

“I want to share one small part of



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Col. Ramona Fiorey, Moncrief Army Community Hospital commander, and 2nd Lt. Edward Myles, prepare to cut the cake during an on-post celebration of the Army Nurse Corps 110th anniversary.

Resolution 31 with you: “Today as Soldiers serve our nation, defending freedom across the globe, they can rest assured, would they get injured or become ill, an Army nurse will be by their side, said Sen. Dan Inouye of Hawaii, and Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska,” Horoho said.

During her presentation to gathered

nurses — past and present, Army senior leaders, including the Army surgeon general — Horoho presented, for the first time, the symbol of the Army Nursing System of Care: an encircled star.

“The five points of the star represent the elements of the Army Nursing System of Care. These include patient/family

centered care, enhanced communication, capability building/talent management, evidence based, and healthy work environment. The blue encompassing circle, surrounding and interconnecting with the tips of the star, represents the global leadership of Army nursing,” she said.

Army nurses, she said, continue to lean far forward and build on the brave traditions of all of the nurses who came before them.

“We are honored to serve those who selflessly put themselves in harm’s way every day for this nation. We proudly serve the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, retired service members, and their families,” Horoho said.

A little more than two years ago when Horoho became chief of the Army Nurse Corps, she said in her acceptance speech at Fort Lewis, Wash., that she had a 15-year blueprint to revamp the corps.

“The plan will be driven by courage to do the right thing, innovation to meet the rapidly evolving war, fighting and medical demands of the 21st century, and constant compassion for those we serve and those with whom we serve.

“We will critically assess ourselves and the care we provide in every location along the continuum of care from the forward surgical teams in the thick of battle to the combat support hospitals under mortar fire and back home to our hospitals and clinics, where we care for warriors of all generations and their families,” Horoho was reported to have said.



Dedicated service

Col. Ramona Fiorey, Moncrief Army Community Hospital commander, presents a commander's coin to Hui Choe, a diet technician with the hospital's Nutrition Care Division, for her 29 years of service.

Photo by *NICHOLE RILEY*, MACH

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Dietary guidelines released

Text updated for seventh edition

By **CAPT. BETHANY DESCHAMPS, RD**
Moncrief Army Community Hospital

In January, 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans were released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA releases these guidelines every five years to help Americans improve their overall health and make better food and activity choices.

The 2010 Dietary Guidelines are the seventh edition of the guidelines and are the most consumer-focused yet. The main goal with this release is to make the recommendations easy to apply to our daily lives, so we as Americans can manage the prevalence of overweight and obesity in our country.

"The 2010 Dietary Guidelines are being released at a time when the majority of adults and one in three children is overweight or obese and this is a crisis that we can no longer ignore," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "These new and improved dietary recommendations give individuals the information to make



thoughtful choices of healthier foods in the right portions and to complement those choices with physical activity.

"The bottom line is that most Americans need to trim our waistlines to reduce the risk of developing diet-related chronic disease. Improving our eating habits is not only good for every individual and family, but also for our country."

One way a consumer can take immediate action to apply these new recommendations can be found in the "Selected

Messages for Consumers" section of the Dietary Guidelines. These three messages are essential to improving health and achieving a healthy weight.

The first message is "Balancing Calories." Balance calories by continuing to enjoy the foods you already eat, but eat less. Avoiding oversized portions of foods allows consumers to balance calories and manage their weight. The second message is "Foods to Increase." The guidelines give two examples of foods to increase daily: Make half of each plate fruits and vegetables and switch to fat-free or 1 percent milk. The third message is "Foods to Decrease."

The guidelines recommendations are to decrease sodium (reading food labels to compare products and selecting the lowest in sodium) and switching beverages from high sugar drinks like sodas, teas and juices, to water.

For information on the new 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, or to read them in their entirety, go to the website: <http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/DietaryGuidelines.htm>.

MACH updates

MACH WELCOMES NEW CHIEFS



JACKSON

Severn Jackson is the new chief of the Management Analyst Branch, Resource Management Division, at Moncrief Army Community Hospital.



HOOVER

Lt. Col. Lance Hoover is the new chief of the Department of Specialty Care, also at MACH.

TEXT REMINDERS

Moncrief Army Community Hospital now offers appointment reminders by text message. To sign up, complete an opt-in form, which is available in the clinics and at the information desk. Completed forms may be left in those locations, as well. Reminders will arrive two to three hours before an appointment.

TRICARE PRIME ENROLLMENT

MACH currently has TRICARE Prime enrollment availability for active duty family members and retirees and their family members. Pediatric enrollment is also available. For more information, visit the TRICARE service center on the 10th floor.

LASIK SURGERY

The MACH Ophthalmology Clinic offers pre-operative screening exams and post-operative care for Laser Refractive Surgery. The service is available to eligible active-duty Soldiers. The surgery will be conducted at Winn Army Community Hospital at Fort Stewart, Ga. To be eligible, Soldiers must have 18 months left of active duty service. For more information, call 751-5406 or visit the front desk in the EENT Clinic on the third floor of MACH.

FLU VACCINATIONS SET

Seasonal flu shots are available to all eligible beneficiaries, 4 and older, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, in Room 6-27, Moncrief Army Community Hospital. Flu shots will not be given Feb. 18 and 21.

Children, newborns to 36 months, can receive vaccinations on a walk-in or appointment basis at the Family Health Clinic. Call 751-2210 for more information.

Solomon Center: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 28; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday and Feb. 26.

MACH offering cataract surgeries

From the Fort Jackson EENT Clinic

All military retirees and dependents with TRICARE benefits, regardless of age, are currently eligible to be evaluated for cataract surgeries at Moncrief Army Community Hospital's Ophthalmology Clinic.

Those who have been diagnosed with cataracts and are experiencing increasing difficulty with reading, driving, watching TV, seeing objects in the distance, or glare from lights, can make an appointment for an evaluation to see if they are candidates for cataract surgery. A referral is not needed to be screened.

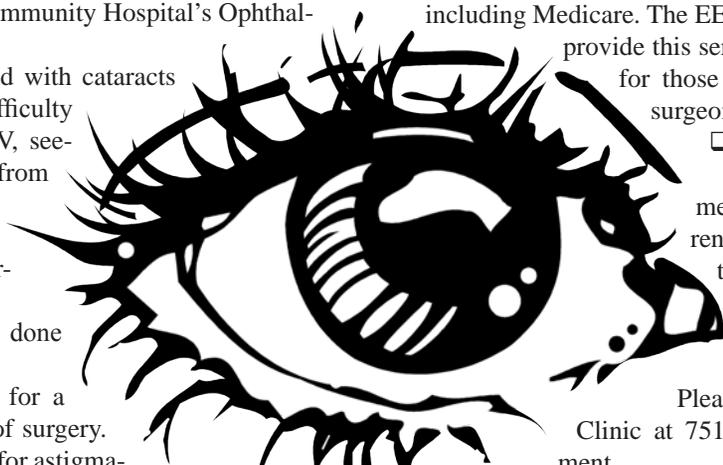
Benefits to having your surgery done at Moncrief Hospital include:

Patients may be considered for a premium lens implant at the time of surgery. These include implants that correct for astigmatism or a multifocal-distance and near vision-correcting implant that gives patients the best chance of being free from glasses after surgery.

These implants range from \$900 to \$2,000 per eye when done in the civilian setting, as it is not covered by any insurance plan including Medicare. The EENT Clinic is currently able to provide this service at a reduced rate or free for those who are determined by the surgeon to be good candidates.

No co-pays or deductibles.
 Consolidation of care and medical records if you are currently being seen or treated in the DoD Health Care System.
 Care provided by trained and friendly staff in the familiar military setting.

Please call the Ophthalmology Clinic at 751-5406 to set up an appointment.



Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the March 3 Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcement submis-

sions are due one week before publication.

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Tests prepare us for God's calling

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) RANDY PERRY**
2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

The cost of being chosen and used as a vessel of God's blessing and anointing can be very challenging. Those whom God has called into his service and influence in his kingdom go through a special preparation. I call it "the desert experience." I can guarantee that every person called into his service goes through a great amount of preparation and "sifting."

David was anointed to be the king over Israel by the Prophet Samuel. David, a young shepherd, eventually was asked to play the harp for King Saul. While serving in Saul's court, the opportunity arose for him to confront and defeat Goliath, the Philistine giant who openly defiled the God of Israel. God blessed David with opportunities for many challenging stages of development.

His favor and popularity with the people of Israel grew with his many victories, but Saul's jealousy and wrath caused David to flee into exile. Despite Saul's reaction to David's great success as a warrior — and despite David's loyal following — God used all of those experiences to mold and shape David to eventually become king of Israel.

Saul's jealousy of David's success and popularity prompted him to seek opportunities to kill him. As a result, David was forced to hide in the wilderness for several years before he was able to see the hand of God in all of those experiences. No doubt David thought that when Samuel anointed him that he would be raised up to be king with all the royal benefits of being a king. But that was not the case right away.

God's preparation of David, the school of "hard knocks," involved a great deal of persecution, hardship and heartbreak. Those many years of lessons were necessary for David to eventually become the greatest king in the history of Israel.

God allowed David and his son, Solomon, to

go through many tests. David passed those tests, despite making some big mistakes along the way. Solomon succeeded as king after David's death and was blessed with abundant wealth and wisdom in his early years as king of Israel.

However, in his later years Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines from foreign nations who served other gods, resulting in him turning his heart away from serving God. He built monuments to the gods of his wives and concubines (Ashtoreth, Molech and Chemosh). God became very angry with Solomon. Adversaries were allowed to rise up against Israel and eventually only one tribe remained loyal to Solomon. For the sake of his father, David, God allowed Solomon to remain king until his death. Despite all of Solomon's wisdom and wealth in his early years as king of Israel, his lack of obedience and devotion to the God of Israel left him in utter failure and disillusionment.

When God anoints us, it is often accompanied by some very challenging tests; tests that are designed to prepare us for the calling God

has on our life. Failure of those tests

would keep God from elevating people in their growth and in God's favor, hindering one

from advancing to the next level. For many believers, those tests often involve money, relationships, and other temptations and issues of the heart.

God has chosen all of us for a specific purpose in his kingdom. That's what Jeremiah 29:11 says. He knows the plans he has for us, to prosper us, not for harm; plans to give us a hope and a future. That's good stuff. Amen? That gives all of us the assurance that God intends for great things for all of us, if we "stay on the boat" with him.

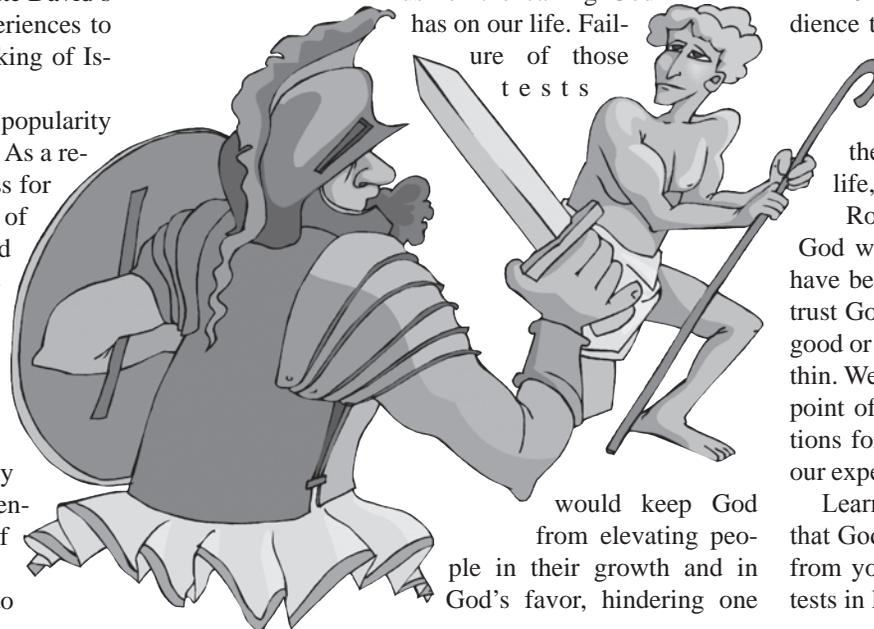
Realistically, it wouldn't be rational for us to assume that God's promises apply to us automatically unless we are truly seeking to walk according to his ways. Our ways are not his ways. His ways are higher than our ways. We have to seek him spiritually, in spirit and in truth, and then, the promises of God apply to us.

The question we have to ask ourselves is, "Am I passing the tests that God has allowed to occur in my life?" God's tests are designed to bring about greater obedience to him in our lives. In many situations, it will involve us going through a great amount of trials and tribulations.

The Bible clearly tells us that the Lord learned obedience through the things that he suffered. Hebrews 5:8 says: "Although He was a son, He learned obedience from what He suffered." So why would it be any different for his children? Be aware of the tests that God may be allowing to come into your life, in order to prepare you for future service to him.

Romans 8:28 tell us, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." We have to trust God no matter what situation we go through in life, good or bad. He will always be with us, through thick and thin. We have to look at every situation in life from God's point of view. He allows us to go through certain situations for our eventual good. We just have to learn from our experiences and seek to serve God with a whole heart.

Learn from the rich history in God's word of great men that God anointed for service and used in the past. Learn from your experiences, good and bad, as well. Pass the tests in life that God will surely send your way.



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
- 9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
- 9 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Post Theater
- 9:30 a.m. Hispanic, Solomon Center
- 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday school, Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
- 11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
- 6 p.m. Transitions Christian service, Anderson Street Chapel
- Wednesday
- 6 p.m. Prayer service, Magruder Chapel

Protestant Bible Study

- Monday
- 7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Tuesday
- 9:30 a.m. to noon Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
- 6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Magruder

Chapel

- 7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Magruder Chapel
- 7 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel
- 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

- Sunday
- 5 to 6:30 p.m. Club Beyond youth group, Main Post Chapel
- Saturday
- 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each month)

CATHOLIC

- Monday through Friday
- 11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Sunday
- 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 a.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel
- 7 p.m. Women's scripture study, Main Post Chapel
- 8 p.m. Mass, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG),

McCrady Training Center

- Wednesday
- 7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- Friday
- 11:30 a.m. Ladies of the parish, Main Post Chapel (first Friday of each month)

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
- 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
- 8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel
- Friday
- 1 to 2 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

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

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

Anderson Street Chapel

2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032

Bayonet Chapel

9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542

Daniel Circle Chapel

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

Education Center

4581 Scales Ave.

Family Life Chapel

4580 Scales Ave, corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780

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

Act gives Soldiers financial protections

By **CAPT. JOHN BATEMAN**
Legal Assistance Office

The Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act is a federal law that provides military members with important rights as they enter active duty. It covers such issues as rental agreements, security deposits, eviction, installment contracts, credit card interest rates, automobile leases, mortgage interest rates, mortgage foreclosure, some student loan interest rates, civil judicial proceedings, and tax payments. The act provides many important protections to active-duty military members, as well as protections for some family members.

Active duty Soldiers are eligible for SCRA protection starting on the date active duty orders are received and, in some situations, a Soldier's family members may also be eligible. Mobilized Reserve Soldiers and National Guard Soldiers under Title 10 orders are also entitled to protection. Protection generally terminates within 30 to 180 days after the date of discharge from active duty.

Of all the protections provided, the "Six Percent Rule" is probably the most recognized. A Soldier has the ability to reduce consumer debt and mortgage interest rates to 6 percent, provided that the debts and mortgages were entered into prior to entry on active duty. The length of the mortgage term does not affect the 6 percent cap. Interest on adjustable rate mortgages is also capped.

In the case of mortgages, this reduction in interest ex-

tends for one year from release from active duty. There is a process to follow to receive the lowered interest rate, and Soldiers must notify the lender and provide a copy of their orders calling them to active duty.

The SCRA may also permit an active duty Soldier to delay an appearance in a civil court matter or administrative proceeding due to military duties. No delay is available for criminal proceedings. The Soldier's command must provide an affidavit to the court confirming the Soldier is unable to attend due to military requirements. Soldiers should consult with a legal assistance attorney prior to submitting a request for a delay to determine if a delay is possible and in the Soldier's best interest.

The SCRA allows termination of leases by active duty Soldiers or their spouses who subsequently receive orders for a permanent change of station or a deployment for a period of 90 days or more.

However, if a Soldier is ordered by the command to move on post, this does not allow the termination of the lease under the SCRA. Although the SCRA does not allow a Soldier to stop paying rent, the act does require a landlord to obtain a court order if the landlord wishes to evict a Soldier from their residence.

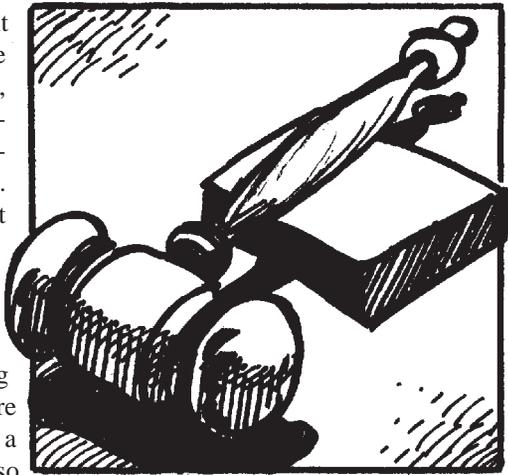
The SCRA also allows termination of automobile leases by Soldiers and their family members if the Soldier subsequently receives orders for a PCS outside the continental United States, or from Alaska or Hawaii to the continental United States, or a deployment for a period of 90 days or more.

There are also tax protections under the act. The SCRA

provides that a nonresident Soldier's military income and personal property are not subject to state taxation if the Soldier is present in the state only due to military orders. The state is also prohibited from using the military pay of these nonresident Soldiers to increase the state income tax of the spouse. New provisions to the SCRA (called the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act) have been added that may extend similar tax protections to some military spouses. The extension of this protection is contingent upon meeting certain qualifying factors. Consult with a legal assistance attorney to determine whether the spouse meets these qualifications.

The SCRA requires a court order before the foreclosure of a mortgage entered into prior to active duty. This protection extends for a period of nine months from release from active duty. The act also requires a court order before a creditor can seize property secured by a purchase contract (specifically including automobiles) or a storage lien entered into prior to active duty.

The SCRA offers a number of important protections for service members and their families. Please contact the Legal Assistance Office if you have questions or need further information.



Fort Jackson Legal Office

The Fort Jackson Legal Office provides legal services — including powers of attorney, living wills and health care powers of attorney — to eligible people.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney, call 751-4287. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is closed on federal and training holidays.

The office is located at 9475 Kershaw Road on the corner of Kemper Street and Kershaw Road.

FIRST RESPONDER

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Col. Ronald F. Taylor

Director,

Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Glen W. Wellman III

Provost Sergeant Major

Bill Forrester

Fire Chief

CASES OF THE WEEK

□ A civilian was issued a three-year post bar letter after being detained for shoplifting, Military Police said. The civilian was charged with shoplifting in connection with the theft of two watches,



valued at \$180 total, from the Main Exchange, MPs said. The civilian was released to his sponsor.

□ A Soldier had his license plate confiscated and his vehicle towed from the installation after attempting to enter post with a revoked registration, MPs said. The registration was revoked for lack of insurance, MPs said.

□ Two Soldiers were detained by MPs after the MPs responded to a report of disorderly conduct in the Solomon Center, MPs said. The Soldiers began acting disorderly toward staff when they were asked to comply with facility rules, MPs said. The Soldiers were released to their units.

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Report Suspicious Activity To FJ MPs (803) 751-3114/3115

Historic race



Above, Sgt. 1st Class Chetoria Jackson, 165th Infantry Brigade, gives final instructions to participants of Saturday's Black History Month 5K race at Darby Field. More than 100 runners signed up for the race, which was originally scheduled for Feb. 5, but had to be postponed because of inclement weather. Right, Runners are off at the start of the race. The race was part of Fort Jackson's activities throughout February in observance of African American History Month.

Photos by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer



Sports shorts

SWIM MEET

A swim meet is scheduled for 8 a.m., Feb. 26 at Knight Pool. The deadline to register is 3 p.m., Wednesday. The meet is open to active duty service members only. Each competitor can participate in two individual events and one relay.

Individual events include 50 meter and 100 meter breast stroke, back stroke, freestyle and butterfly. Relay teams consist of four members who will each swim 50 meters. The relay events scheduled are

freestyle and medley.

YOUTH SOCCER

Registration for youth soccer is now open. League games begin Feb. 25 and end in April. For more information and to register, call Parent Central Services at 751-4865.

SPORTS OFFICE

For information about sporting events, call the Sports Office at 751-3096.



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