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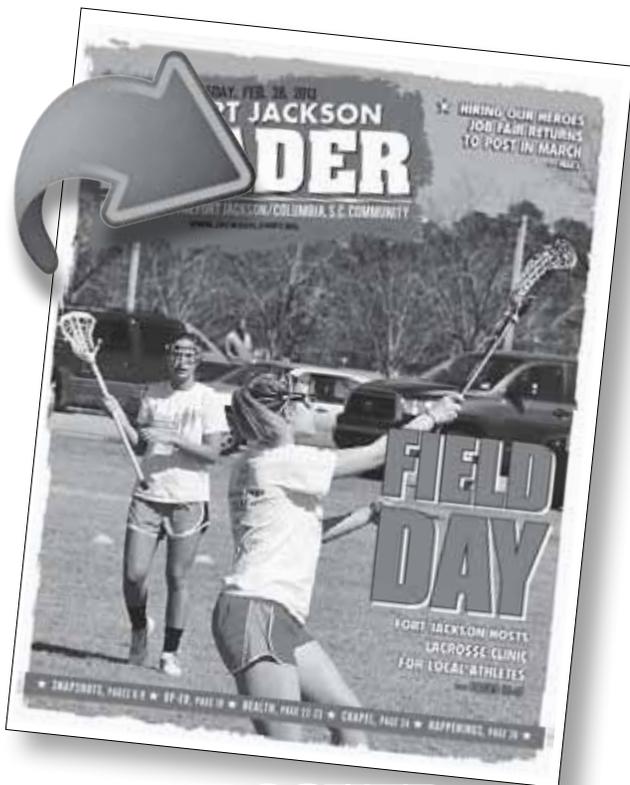
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Columbia-area students take part in a lacrosse clinic Sunday afternoon at Darby Field. Professional lacrosse players and college coaches spent the afternoon demonstrating skills to area students interested in the sport. **SEE PAGES 16-17.**



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COMMANDER'S CALL

Preparing for excellence

On-post schools educate future leaders

At Fort Jackson, we are extremely fortunate to have two DoDEA schools. I'm proud to say that they are some of our greatest resources. For this reason, it is important that we take the time to recognize our children, teachers and administrators for their sacrifices and accomplishments in education.

As many of you know, "Quality of Life" is one of my four priorities and education is a significant component of that because as a father of three, educating and instilling life skills in our children has always been a top concern for my family, as I am sure is the same for every Army family.

We understand the challenges that accompany our Army Families — from permanent change-of-duty stations to long duty hours — that can lead to less family time, new schools, loss of friends and the list goes on. Regardless, they still manage to excel and I applaud them for their resilience and persistence in conquering those challenges and achieving their academic goals.

Our teachers also are confronted with the great challenges of providing modernized educational opportunities, and closing the achievement gap among students from diverse backgrounds.

They have done a great job of incorporating innovative programs that enhance life skills and of empowering students with education to prepare them for their future. Educators guide students in not only acquiring knowledge, but also in effectively and creatively using what they know to become continuous learners.

For instance, the PatriArts program provides workshops and performances for the students in the areas of dance, drama, music and the visual arts. In addition, school media centers allow students to create movies, work on class projects, and use academic evaluation programs. These resources are essential to a child's success as a lifelong learner.

I believe the vision of C.C. Pinckney Elementary School is consistent with our desires for our children. The vision is, "Preparing students to be 21st century learners through communication, collaboration and purposeful teaching." I believe we are preparing them to be leaders also.

Any great leader will tell you that positive communication from

a mentor plays a vital role in success.

I encourage each of you to spend as much quality time with your children as possible. Show how much you appreciate their diligence, resilience and sacrifice. This week is Read Across America week in honor of Dr. Seuss. Several leaders, parents, and family members went to the schools to read to our children. I also had the pleasure to read to both schools and I realized something: From the youngest to the oldest students, they all seemed delighted to have someone take the time to show them that they were special. Theodore Roosevelt said it best, "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." This is just as true at home as it is in the workplace.

At our schools we consider people that have a vested interest in our children's education and life skills as stakeholders. As a stakeholder, I always want to encourage our children with positive messages that will remind them they are a part of an Army Family that cares. They can attain their fullest potential with all of our help. We must remind them that they are not alone and they are a part of one of

the largest, effective, and capable military Families known to mankind. Team Jackson, we take great pride in knowing we have some of the best military children, teachers and school administrators. Their continued achievements contribute to our vision of becoming an Army Community of Excellence in 2014.

Remember to encourage your children, thank their teachers and, most of all, participate in making our children's goals attainable.

Army Strong and Victory Starts Here!
Victory 6

**By BRIG. GEN.
BRYAN T. ROBERTS**

Fort Jackson
Commanding General



Leader file photo

Fort Jackson's C.C. Pinckney and Pierce Terrace elementary schools prepare students to be lifelong learners and future leaders.



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Local spouse finalist for MSOY award

By **KIM WHEELER**
Special to the Leader

A Fort Jackson spouse is in the running for *Military Spouse Magazine's* Military Spouse of the Year, or MSOY, award. Pam Larson, a college student and at-home mother to two boys, has already been named Fort Jackson Spouse of the Year in the competition and is now one of 18 finalists selected from hundreds of nominations to compete for the top honor.

Larson earned her place in the final round of voting as an increasingly vocal advocate for families and Soldiers dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injuries. She said her aim is to continue that activism and generate a national conversation about the size and scope of the problem.

"For me, this is a matter of getting attention for a situation that needs to be talked about," Larson said. "So many Soldiers and families are dealing with this right now, and yet so many people don't fully understand that this can happen to their Soldier."

The 26-year-old Wisconsin native has experienced her own rude awakening to this reality. In 2005, her husband, Spc. Rob Larson, was riding in a vehicle that hit an improvised explosive device in Iraq. At the time, he was evacuated and treated for a concussion. Though he received a Purple Heart for his injury, it was not until 2009 when he returned from his second deployment that he was diagnosed with a TBI and, later, PTSD.

His ongoing battle with these conditions came to a head in October when he disappeared for eight days. However, the Facebook campaign Pam launched to find him and national media attention transformed into a chance for the couple to translate their ongoing struggle into something positive.

"We wanted his story to make a difference," said Pam, who is also a veteran dealing with PTSD and received a Purple Heart for being injured in the same attack as her husband. "While he was gone, so many mothers and spouses contacted us and said they were going through the same thing. We realized that we could bring people together who have these problems and connect them."

To that end, Larson runs three separate Facebook pages, aimed respectively at raising PTSD and TBI awareness, providing a safe place for Soldiers suffering from these conditions to come together and share their experiences, and helping caregivers to find resources and support in each other.

"We need to hear people's stories," Larson said. "There are so many people out there who have already been through this and know more about it. We need resources like that —



Courtesy photo

Pam Larson, pictured with her husband, Spc. Rob Larson, and their sons, Kaleb, 5 and Elliot, 4, is one of three Army spouses who are finalists for a magazine's Military Spouse of the Year award.

we need to know how they've dealt with it and how they've kept their families together."

Using social media as a way to accomplish this is one of the few options available to Larson. Her time is largely consumed traveling to and participating in her husband's medical treatment and therapy, mothering sons Kaleb, 5, and Elliot, 4, and working on her degree in Criminal Justice and Human Services. She also operates her business Teddys From the Troops, for which she handcrafts personalized stuffed animals out of deployed Soldiers' uniforms to provide comfort to their loved ones. Every month, she donates one of her creations to the child of a wounded warrior.

Larson said that winning MSOY would be more than an honor — it would be an opportunity.

"I want to get my message out there," she said. "We talk about PTSD, but it's limited. We all hear about signs like drinking and mood swings, but PTSD affects people so differently. You have Soldiers out there who might keep it all inside and then one day just completely self destruct. We don't have a lot of literature about symptoms that aren't right there in your face."

Another key component of her message is her concern

that a Soldier's medical treatment can be negatively affected by viewing him or her as one-dimensional and gauging his or her mental health by work performance alone.

"Just because a Soldier can function at work doesn't mean he's OK," she said. "My goal is to help create a more unified front — the (family readiness group), the chain of command, the medical team, the Soldier and the spouse all working together to be part of the problem-solving."

According to Nichole Weaver, a fellow military spouse and one of four people to nominate Larson for the MSOY award, Larson has what it takes to achieve this.

"Pam used to be a Soldier herself. She knows the ups and downs, trials and tribulations of being a Soldier," Weaver wrote in her nomination. "When her husband needed her most, Pam stood by him ... and she rallied thousands of people behind her husband and her family. She has served as an advocate for him and for all those suffering from PTSD."

The MSOY is selected by a judges' panel and an open national vote in which anyone, military or civilian, can vote for a nominee. The final vote for this year's competition will take place online Tuesday. To vote, visit www.msoy.militaryspouse.com.

Damaged tires claim process

If you used Gate 1 to exit Fort Jackson between Oct. 1, 2012, and Feb. 1, 2013, you should have the tires on your vehicle checked for possible spike damage as soon as possible. Your tires should be checked at a reputable tire center. If your tires have been damaged by traffic spikes, have the tire center note the cause of damage for each tire and state the percentage of remaining tread life of the damaged tire. Take pictures of each tire to show the damage.

Claim forms and additional information are available at the Fort Jackson SJA, Claims Office, located at 2600 Lee Road. Take the documents from the tire center and pictures to the Claims Office. Do not dispose of your tires until processing of your claim is completed. You will be compensated once you purchase the replacement tire(s). You will need to provide a receipt to the Claims Office. Your claim will be paid based on the remaining tread on each damaged tire. You

will not receive full replacement cost for the purchase of the new tire(s).

AAFES and several other tire centers in the local area provide free inspection services for tires. Please call ahead to confirm the availability of the service and the costs associated, if any.

For more information, please contact Staff Sgt. Derek E. Taylor, claims paralegal NCOIC at 803-751-6151 or by email at derek.e.taylor6.mil@mail.mil.

IMCOM command team addresses workforce

Thank you, IMCOM workforce, for your selfless service to our country, our Soldiers, and the Installation Management Command. While we are in uncertain budgetary times, one thing is very certain — our appreciation for you, and for all you do every day for our Army's Soldiers, family members, our dedicated civilian workforce and the countless others you support every day around the globe.

Last week, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta informed Congress of the DoD's need to furlough civilian employees if sequestration occurs Friday.

The earliest furloughs can occur is 45 days from the date of the notice — meaning the earliest furloughs could occur is mid-April of this year. As Secretary Panetta said, the Department's leadership is doing everything possible to limit the worst effects on you, our civilian workforce.

Although the president was able to exempt military personnel funding from sequestration, there is no legal

COMMENTARY

By

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IMCOM commanding general

COMMAND SGT. MAJ. EARL RICE

IMCOM command sergeant major

authority to exempt civilian personnel funding from reductions.

Every civilian employee affected by the furlough will receive at least 30 days notice before the start of the furlough. Department of the Army appropriated fund employees and non-appropriated fund employees paid with appropriated fund dollars through the Uni-

form Funding Management process will be affected by furlough. There will be very few, if any, exceptions to furlough. Currently, the plan is for 22 discontinuous days of furlough.

Thank you for your patience during this unprecedented period. We will continue to provide information and assistance through the chain of command as the Department of Defense, and Department of the Army leadership work through this complex issue.

While you continue the fight to provide unequalled service to our Soldiers, family members and civilians, your IMCOM leadership team will continue to fight for you. Our civilian workforce is incredibly talented and dedicated; the impact of furloughs on you and your families is not lost on us or the Army leadership.

Army Strong!

Editor's note: For further guidance, visit the Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service website at <http://www.cpmis.osd.mil/Subpage/FurloughGuidance/>



Photo by DAVID SHANES, command photographer

Retiring from service

Nine Soldiers are honored for their service during Retirement Review Tuesday at the Post Theater. The Soldiers retiring were Lt. Col. Ransford Reinhard; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Luis Diaz; Capt. Christopher Mark; Master Sgt. Chanley Pickard; Master Sgt. Christopher Hiatt; Staff Sgt. Linda Scott; Staff Sgt. Robert Brickner; Staff Sgt. Jopatrick Walker; and Staff Sgt. Anthony Elmore.

LEADER DEADLINES

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

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today.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the

March 14 Leader must be submitted by March 7.

Send your submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com.

For more information, call 751-7045.

CORRECTION

In the article, "Employee town halls address budget" on Page 3 of the Feb. 21 Leader, it should have read, "AMEDD has approved 400 early retirement positions." Pictured in the photo were Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general; Brenda Waldrop, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in Fort Gordon, Ga., MACH Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Bond and Col. Mark Higdon, MACH commander.

Veterans job fair scheduled for Tuesday

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

The Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce are bringing back the Hiring Our Heroes initiative to Fort Jackson next week.

Fort Jackson will host a Hiring our Heroes Job Fair for veterans 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday at the Solomon Center. Organizers are expecting 100 vendors to participate, offering job opportunities ranging from entry-level to executive positions.

“(The jobs are) representative of all fields and all levels,” said Carolyn Andrews, transition services manager for Fort Jackson. “This is the second Hiring Our Heroes event we’ve held. Its purpose is to establish relationships and provide immediate employment opportunities to our Soldiers.”

Andrews suggests that job seekers take multiple cop-

ies of their resumes with them to the event.

“We’re recommending that job seekers and family members register online prior to coming,” she said. “It will allow them to have some exchange with employers prior to the event.”

General Electric will also present a workshop on the day of the event from 9 to 10 a.m. to provide job seekers with tips on networking and making employment connections, she said.

Job seekers should register before the job fair at www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes.

Guest speakers for the event include:

- ❑ Ike McLeese, president and CEO of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and civilian aide to the secretary of the Army
- ❑ Col. Stephen Yackley, deputy commander, U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson
- ❑ Major Gen. Robert Livingston, head of the Military Department of the state of South Carolina

❑ Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. John Finan, interim executive director of the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce

❑ John Greene, chairman of the South Carolina Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

Hiring Our Heroes was launched in March 2011 as a nationwide initiative to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment. Working with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s network of 1,600 state and local chambers and other strategic partners from the public, private, and non-profit sectors, the organization’s goal is to create a movement across America in hundreds of communities where veterans and military families return. Hiring Our Heroes has hosted more than 400 hiring fairs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. More than 14,100 veterans and military spouses have obtained jobs.

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News and Notes

TAX CENTER OPEN

The Fort Jackson Tax Center is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 4283 Jackson Blvd. For more information, call 751-JTAX (5829).

AER CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN

The Army Emergency Relief Campaign is scheduled to begin with a ceremony at 10 a.m., Friday at the Joe E. Mann Center. The campaign will run March 1 through May 15. Campaign results are expected to be announced June 7.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS SET

Two installation town hall meetings are scheduled for March 12 at the Solomon Center. The first meeting will start at 9 a.m.; the second meeting will start at 6 p.m. Installation representatives will give brief updates on various topics, which will be followed by an open-floor discussion.

LEGAL NOTICES

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Staff Sgt. Charles H. Martin Jr. must contact 1st Lt. Rio Wesson, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Martin passed away Feb. 8 in Columbia. To contact Wesson, call 751-7264 or email Rio.W.Wesson.mil@mail.mil.

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Burckhalter must contact Capt. Plowden Dickson, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Burckhalter passed away Feb. 2 in Florence. To contact Dickson, call (843) 860-2232 or email Plowden.Dickson@us.army.mil.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Travel expo

Visitors register for prizes at the 2013 Victory Travel Extravaganza, Monday at the Solomon Center. The expo featured 50 vendors from different attractions throughout the Southeast.



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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE



Photo by DAVID SHANES, command photographer

Read Across America

Fort Jackson celebrates Read Across America with various members of the community reading to children on post. Above, Fort Jackson fireman Jasper Jones reads to preschoolers from the book, "Sparky the Fire Dog" at Scales Child Development Center, Friday. Left, Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general, reads, "The Cat in the Hat," to students at Pierce Terrace Elementary School, Tuesday.

SAMC contributes

Soldiers with the Fort Jackson chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy club spent a day at Palmetto Richland Children's Hospital visiting patients and their families. SAMC members also gave the children gifts and donated \$500 to Camp Kemo, a local nonprofit organization that organizes summer camps for children with cancer.

Courtesy photo





Courtesy photos

AG students serve community

Soldiers with the Adjutant General School Basic Officer Leader Course visited the Dorn VA Hospital Saturday. The Soldiers provided patients with snacks, toiletries and played board games with them. Above, Capt. Jacqueline Murray-Bonno, class adviser, and her daughter, Sanaa, 7, play Monopoly with a World War II veteran. Left photo, from left, 2nd Lts. Jessica Donnelly, Danielle Heston and Victoria Adame chat with a 93-year-old World War II veteran.



**WINTER BASKETBALL
STANDINGS**

Active-duty teams

MEDDAC.....	7-2
2-60th.....	4-2
1-34th.....	4-3
187th.....	4-4
SSI.....	4-5
175th.....	3-4
2-39th.....	2-4
MPs.....	2-6
USADSS.....	1-5
1-13th.....	1-5
TFM.....	0-6

Recreational teams

NF.....	8-1
LOD.....	7-0
SF.....	4-3
VA.....	3-4

Standings as of Feb. 27

**DARTS
STANDINGS**

SS.....	11 points
BWB.....	11 points
MD #1.....	10 points
1st CivDiv.....	10 points
MD #2.....	8 points
MPs.....	8 points
165th.....	6 points
120th.....	6 points
2-60th.....	6 points
TFM.....	6 points
187th.....	4 points
C-TSB.....	4 points

Standings as of Feb. 27

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Raising Awareness

Family Advocacy Program provides education on teen dating violence

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson is working to stay a step ahead of teen dating violence.

Last week, the post's Family Advocacy Program conducted training for Child, Youth and School Services managers, who will pass this training along to teens.

"February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month," said Kamala Henley, a victim advocate for Fort Jackson's Family Advocacy Program. "Back in November, I had the idea of going to the Youth Center and presenting information to teens, specifically what teen dating violence is. A lot of times they don't even know they're in an abusive relationship."

"The goal is awareness," said Irma Rodriguez, assistant director and training program specialist for the CYSS Middle School & Teen Program. "(We want to raise) awareness that domestic violence usually starts at an early age. We're trying to do everything we can to prevent kids from getting involved in domestic violence."

Teens and young adults can experience

the same types of abuse in relationships as adults. This can include:

- Physical abuse: Any intentional use of physical force with the intent to cause fear or injury, like hitting, shoving, biting, strangling, kicking or using a weapon.

- Verbal or emotional abuse: Non-physical behaviors such as threats, insults, constant monitoring, humiliation, intimidation, isolation or stalking.

- Sexual abuse: Any action that affects a person's ability to control his or her sexual activity or the circumstances in which sexual activity occurs, including rape, coercion or restricting access to birth control.

- Digital abuse: Use of technologies and/or social media networking to intimidate, harass or threaten a current or former dating partner. This could include demanding passwords, checking cell phones, cyber bullying, sexting, excessive or threatening texts or stalking on Facebook or other social media sites.

"Last week's training made us realize that it's not only females that are being violated, but males, as well," Rodriguez said.

The sooner people are educated on appropriate, healthy relationships, the less likely it is they will become involved in abusive

relationships as adults, Henley said.

Training materials were pulled from a variety of sources, ranging from the Centers for Disease Control to loveisrespect.org, a website created by Break the Cycle and the National Dating Abuse Helpline.

"It's a matter of pulling that stuff together in a comprehensive manner to present it to the people working with youth at the Youth Center," Henley said. "And also to present it to youth in a manner they can understand."

"Our objective was to help them recognize what dating abuse is, and ways they can help kids if they find they are in an abusive relationship," she said. "And we gave them ways they can help the kids if they find they're in an abusive relationship, and resources they can use to get them help."

Henley said that an overabundance of information is available to people, and it can be overwhelming. She said plans call for trainers to return to CYSS to speak directly to children.

"There's so much information," she said. "You want to give it all to them, but you don't have time for that. But, if they need us to (provide training) in March or April, we'll be ready."

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Post marks consumer protection week

Are you looking to protect yourself from fraud, identity theft and scams? Maybe you are wondering about the best way to use credit, how to shop for a used car or maximize your security online. Army Community Services can help by providing consumer information.

The Financial Readiness Program at Army Community Services, along with other government agencies, advocacy organizations and private sector groups nationwide will celebrate National Consumer Protection Week, March 3-9. This year, the focus will be on identity theft.

In the course of a busy day, you may write a check at the grocery store, charge tickets to a ballgame, rent a car or apply for a credit card. Chances are you do not give these everyday transactions a second thought. But an identity thief does.

Identity theft is a serious crime. People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years — and thousands of dollars — cleaning up the mess the thieves have made of a good name and credit record. In the meantime, victims of identity theft may lose job opportunities, be refused loans, lose security clearances, and even get arrested

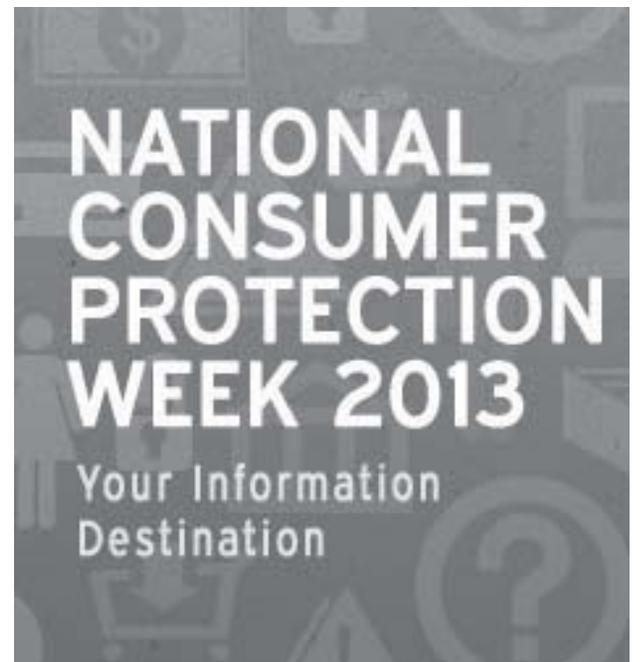
FINANCIAL ADVICE

By **MARK RAMEY**
*Army Community Services
 Financial Readiness*

for crimes they did not commit. Humiliation, anger, frustration and rage are some of the emotions victims experience as they navigate the process of rescuing their identity.

ACS will host a class on how identity theft occurs and what action to take if it does occur. The class is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 5 at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222. Donna Backwinkle, director of Consumer Services and Education for the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, will lead the discussion on fighting back against identity theft.

For more information and free educational resources about consumer protection, visit www.ncpw.gov or contact Army Community Services at 751-5256.



AER enables Army to take care of its own

By **ANGELA CROSLAND**
Army Emergency Relief specialist

For many, asking for and accepting help is something that can be extremely difficult to do. Some Soldiers are too proud or do not want to involve anyone in their personal financial business. It can be especially hard for those who believe asking for help is a sign of weakness or shows an inability to manage finances.

Needing financial assistance is not always a result of money mismanagement,

lack of planning or poor choices.

For example, a person whose identity was stolen or bank account was compromised may need funds immediately rather than waiting on a resolution from the bank.

At some point in our lives, some of us may need a helping hand to get us on the right path back to financial suc-

cess. Army Emergency Relief is there in your time of need. It is available to help



Soldiers, active and retired, and their dependent family members during times of financial emergencies.

AER is committed to helping the Army take care of its own. Over the last few years, significant strides have been made to make funds more accessible to Soldiers and their families. The

implementation of the Commander's Referral Program has given commanders and

first sergeants the ability to approve up to \$1,500 in assistance for their Soldiers in need. In the past two years AER has added nine new categories of assistance in an effort to be more responsive to the changing needs of today's Soldiers.

Knowing what resources are available and how to obtain assistance is an important part of taking care of yourself and your family. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org or contact Army Community Services, Army Emergency Relief at 751-5256.



Sunday's event brought out almost 200 young athletes from around the region, as well as coaches from Belmont Abbey, Queens University of Charlotte, and Wingate University to show how the game is played.

Southern Lacrosse



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Ryan Flanagan, center, who plays defense for the professional lacrosse team, Charlotte Hounds, rallies young athletes Sunday at the start of a lacrosse clinic at Darby Field.

Lacrosse clinic draws almost 200 young athletes to Fort Jackson

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Lacrosse is a relatively new sport in the Columbia area, but one gaining a lot of attention in recent months.

Last weekend, Fort Jackson hosted a regional lacrosse clinic for young athletes. Sunday's event drew more than 170 athletes, both boys and girls, ages 9 to 18, said Erin Hanson, a community marketing manager for Dick's Sporting Goods, one of the sponsors of Sunday's event. The athletes represented schools from around Columbia, such as A.C. Flora High School, Dutch Fork High School, Irmo High School, Spring Valley High School, Irmo Middle School, Chapin Middle School and others.

"I think it's a pretty unique occurrence when kids of all ages, both boys and girls, are all on the same field," Hanson said. "Thank goodness for the

weather. We got lucky, and Darby Field is such a beautiful field. A lot of things were working in our favor."

Among those, she said, was having a professional lacrosse team within driving distance of Fort Jackson. Ryan Flanagan and Casey Cittandino of the Charlotte Hounds lacrosse team demonstrated their skills during Sunday's event. Coaches from Belmont Abbey, Queens University of Charlotte, and Wingate University were also in attendance.

"They were hoping for 150 athletes to attend, and it shows the passion for the sport that all the coaches were able to mobilize," Hanson said.

"The exciting thing is that it's a sport that's new to the area," Hanson said. "It's very popular in the North, and it's growing in South Carolina."

"Lacrosse is the oldest sport in North America," said Capt. J. R. Wagner, operations officer for the 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment on Fort Jackson. "Native American tribes would play this game in order to train and get some of the qualities they would need for fighting and combat later."

Tribes would also use lacrosse competitions to solve disputes both inside and outside of the tribe, he said. It was a useful tool that helped avoid violence and open warfare.

"Through sports and coaching, we're trying to make our drill sergeants better trainers," Wagner said. "We figured inviting these professional lacrosse players to Fort Jackson would allow our drill sergeants to see how people coach across different ages and different genders."

The event was also a useful tool for demonstrating to the community the advantages of having an Army post nearby.

"Lt. Col. J.C. Glick (commander of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment) is the one who wanted to put all of this together," Wagner said, "so that Fort Jackson can maintain its community image. It also makes Fort Jackson a training center that provides something for its local community."

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Garrison values customers feedback

By **AARON B. HAYES**

Chief, Plans, Analysis & Integration Office

Each day thousands of our service members, retirees, family members, civilian employees and other guests move around Fort Jackson taking advantage of an incredibly wide range of services. From work-related services such as in-processing to enjoying a myriad of recreation opportunities, all these people are customers of services, and whether they know it, they have a powerful voice. As customers and recipients of services, some may wonder if their voices are heard when their opinions and ideas are expressed. For example, do things ever change as a result of customer input? By the way, who actually hears our concerns?

These are relevant questions and vitally important to the entire Fort Jackson team. In accordance with the commanding general's campaign plan for Fort Jackson, the United States Army Garrison is responsible for the Quality of Life, QOL, Line of Effort. A huge part of ensuring a high QOL is customer feedback. I have the pleasure of working in the garrison's Plans, Analysis & Integration Office, where I see firsthand the inner workings of customer service management on the installation. From my foxhole perspective, the customer's voice is crucial and factors heavily into our business analysis of what to maintain, improve or change. More important, quality customer feedback provides us with ideas and strategies on how to adjust services.

So, how do we hear from our customers? Many of you may already know about the Interactive Customer Evaluation system. For those of you who don't know, ICE is sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of Defense and is one of the elements of a broader Customer Management System. Fort Jackson's customers provide feedback on services they use every day via the ICE system. Its primary purpose is to improve customer service of the 233 service providers on Fort Jackson and provide leadership timely information about service quality. The ICE system covers areas such as health, housing, recreation, on-post elementary schools, personnel services, shopping, dining, safety and security, travel and transportation.

There are two ways any customer can leave an ICE comment — manually or automated. Manual comments are submitted by filling out hard copy comment cards, which are located in numerous service provider areas across the installation. The automated version is completed either at one of two garrison kiosks located at the Strom Thurmond Building and the Solomon Center, or online at www.jackson.army.mil in the "More From Jackson" section near the bottom of the Web page.

In fiscal year 2012, Fort Jackson units



received more than 26,000 ICE entries, and the garrison alone received approximately 15,000 ICE entries. During our last reporting period, Nov. 19 through Feb. 10, the garrison received more than 4,500 ICE entries. Is that a lot of input? Absolutely. We view the significant participation as a great indicator that our customers have opinions and take the time to share those opinions and ideas of how we can improve. So, statistically it is obvious we hear from many of our customers.

Although numbers are interesting and matter, what matters more is what happens to the information and data submitted. First, every single ICE submission is read by a senior leader responsible for the particular area. ICE comments that require or request a response will get one. Comments submitted via kiosk or online will receive a response within 72 working hours. That is why we strongly encourage online or kiosk submissions. ICE comments submitted via hard copy cards take longer because the ICE cards must be collected and the data must be entered manually. Due to staff shortages, ICE cards are normally collected once a week from the various collection

points. Once entered into the data base, directors are held to the response standard of 72 working hours.

All responses show up in our ICE database, and each week the garrison commander and other senior leaders receive a report validating the timeliness of responses. Even if the customer ICE card does not have contact information, the responses are still required for entry into the database. In short, when customers leave contact information, we will do our best to ensure a timely response is provided. Where responses are not required, customers can feel confident that senior managers are still required to address the customer input. If for some reason customers do not receive a response, they should contact Dan Garrett, the installation ICE manager at 751-6441 or via email at daniel.g.garrett.civ@mail.mil.

Customer satisfaction levels are also tracked by the garrison commander for each directorate or garrison office and within directorates by the responsible garrison directors. Further, during quarterly performance management reviews, directors and division chiefs are held account-

able for customer satisfaction levels below expectations. The stated target is a customer satisfaction rating above 90 percent. In fiscal year 2012, the garrison's overall customer satisfaction rate was 94 percent.

Although we dedicate a tremendous amount of time and effort to ICE and have confidence in the system, we hear from customers in other ways. For example, PAIO is in the middle of a project to gather information on the extensive boards, councils and committees that assemble around the garrison. We know there are more than 30 such forums, including the Retiree Council, the AAFES/Commissary Advisory Council, the Real Property Planning Board, the Installation Action Council, the Mayors' Council, Town Halls and so forth.

Issues and concerns aired in these groups are brought to the attention of the senior leadership. In fact, the garrison commander, garrison command sergeant major or the deputy to the garrison commander are certain to be present at any one of these meetings. Recommendations are staffed, for example, at the Quality of Life Reviews, and feedback is provided at follow-on sessions. So we hear from customers in more ways than just the ICE system.

Even though we think all of the above represent a solid methodology for addressing customers' ideas and concerns, we never want to become complacent. What are some of the challenges? Systematically, we are challenged to manage customer input from a more holistic perspective. As much as we value our customers' voices — and we definitely recognize the value — what we can do with the input must be balanced against the reality of resource availability, supplier and vendor capabilities, contractual obligations and other shifting priorities.

We also recognize that we need to provide more feedback on any improved customer engagements. We can do that by posting minutes of committees and boards so that customers see evidence that issues are in fact addressed. In addition, over the next several months you can expect some short articles by garrison directors and division chiefs describing specifics on how they listened to customers and made changes in their operations as a result.

Customer input definitely matters. I cannot think of an instance or gathering where the garrison leadership does not mention the importance and value of receiving detailed input from our customers; it is invaluable and irreplaceable. We are grateful for our community that takes time to point out the good, bad, in-between and provides ideas to improve.

So, are we listening to our customers? I hope this article describes our collective efforts, and that you agree we are indeed serious about listening to our customers and making changes that reflect what we hear.

Ferriter, Rice offer thanks to CYSS workers

IMCOM Child Youth, and School Services team, as you may have heard us say before, this is the best workforce the IMCOM command team has seen in 30-plus years of service. We remain inspired by the dedicated professionals in the IMCOM headquarters, regions, and the garrisons. We have a great team, and you are a valuable and trusted member of that team.

Our Army Child, Youth & School Services allow our Soldiers and civilian employees to focus on their mission of supporting and defending our nation. You have the privilege as part of this workforce to work in a position that provides for the safety, health and well-being of the children and youth of these great Soldiers and civilians.

We take this responsibility very seriously, as evidenced by the recognition that military child and youth programs have received from multiple public and private sector organizations.

We have the best-trained child and youth workforces in the nation. We simply could not do it without you. Your day-to-day interactions give our children and youth

COMMENTARY

By

LT. GEN. MIKE FERRITER

IMCOM commanding general

COMMAND SGT. MAJ. EARL RICE

IMCOM command sergeant major

the resiliency skills they need to flourish in a challenging military lifestyle.

Quality assurance is a necessary and critical function of continuing this superior care. To that end, we are reviewing personnel records of every employee to ensure required paperwork and procedures are in order — no one is being singled out.

If in this review proper documentation is missing



or incomplete, affected employees will be required to work under line of sight supervision, or LOSS, until the records are corrected. For those of you whose records are being reviewed, we appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Again, we cannot thank you enough for your dedicated service. You are a critical asset to keeping our Soldiers and families Army Strong!

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Send your submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com.

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Handwashing: The do-it-yourself vaccine

By **WAYNE COMBS**

U.S. Army Public Health Command

Handwashing with soap is an affordable “do-it-yourself” vaccine that effectively prevents disease. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that proper handwashing could eliminate half of all cases of food-borne diseases. Scientific research shows that handwashing with soap prevents disease in a more straightforward and cost-effective way than any single vaccine or medical treatment.

Hands touch many things and must be washed frequently throughout the day. Frequent handwashing with soap is necessary, and good handwashing practices must be a part of a daily routine.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

People worldwide rinse their hands with water in the common belief that rinsing with water alone is sufficient to clean hands because it removes visible dirt. But rinsing hands with water alone is much less effective for removing germs than washing with soap. Unfortunately, handwashing with soap is seldom practiced. Research reveals that the rates of handwashing with soap at critical times (after using the toilet or cleaning a child’s bottom and before handling food) ranges from 0 to 34 percent.

WHY ARE WE DOING SO POORLY?

In studies around the world, the one major reason for low rates of handwashing with soap is that it is simply not a habit. The challenge is how to make handwashing with soap a worldwide habit.

WHAT IS THE CORRECT WAY TO WASH HANDS?

Proper handwashing requires soap and only a small

amount of water. Running water from a tap is not necessary; a small basin of water or cans or plastic bottles with enough clean water to rinse your hands is sufficient.

One should cover wet hands with soap; scrub all surfaces, including palms, back, between the fingers, and especially under fingernails for about 20 seconds; rinse well with water; and dry on a clean cloth or by waving in the air. An easy way to gauge 20 seconds is to find a familiar song that takes about that long to sing; for instance, it takes about 20 seconds to sing “Happy Birthday” twice.

With proper use, all soaps — antibacterial or other kinds — are equally effective at removing the germs that cause disease.

WHAT IF I DON’T HAVE SOAP AND WATER?

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to remove germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands, but sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs. Also, hand sanitizers are not as effective when hands are visibly dirty.

HOW DO YOU USE HAND SANITIZERS?

Apply the product to the palm of one hand. Rub your hands together. Rub the product over all surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry.

HOW TO CHANGE HANDWASHING BEHAVIOR?

Simply telling people to do it may not be enough. You can start by setting up an environment that promotes and encourages handwashing in common bathroom areas. Prepare a positive environment that will help people feel comfortable enough to stay longer and practice proper hygiene. Make the experience fast and simple. The less people have to touch or do, the more likely they are to wash their hands.



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Proper handwashing is an effective way to prevent diseases.

- Clean the bathroom from top to bottom. Maintain and refresh the bathroom multiple times throughout the day.
- Replace liquid and solid soaps with foam soap. Use soaps with no scent or a light pleasant scent.
- Replace old soap dispensers with hands-free dispensers. Replace towels with hands-free dryers if possible.
- Hang posters that advertise proper handwashing and its benefits.

Keeping your hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid sickness and spreading germs to others. Take advantage of this “do-it-yourself” vaccine.

For more information about proper handwashing techniques, visit the Global Public-Private Partnership for Handwashing, <http://www.globalhandwashing.org/>.



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MACH UPDATES

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Moncrief Army Community Hospital Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care will host a marriage enrichment seminar for the Fort Jackson civilian workforce from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 14, at the Officers' Club. Administrative time may be used to attend, pending supervisory approval. The cost is \$30.70 per couple. For tickets, email Margie.G.Saville.civ@mail.mil or Julia.E.Gray.civ@mail.mil by March 12.

to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit www.tricareonline.com

SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

Celebrate National Nutrition Month and St. Patrick's Day with a 5K fun run/walk March 16. For more information, call MACH Nutrition Care Division at 751-2115/2489.

MACH WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

The Pathway is a free weight management program provided by MACH's Nutrition Clinic. Introductory classes are offered 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. and 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at MACH, Room 8-85. “Lunch with the Dietitian” will be offered the second Wednesday of the month in the MACH Dining Facility from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. For more information, call 751-2489.

ACCESS CALL CENTER CHANGE

Moncrief Army Community Hospital beneficiaries will no longer be able to call the Access Call Center to leave a voice message to request an appointment, effective Friday. Patients may call the Access Call Center at 751-CARE (2273) to schedule an appointment from 7:30 a.m.

Like the Leader on Facebook. Log on to your account and search for “Fort Jackson Leader.”

WTU Soldiers receive transition assistance

By **ANDRE BUTLER**

Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Warrior Transition Units are placed throughout the Department of Defense worldwide to help wounded and injured service members return to duty or transition out of the military, depending on the diagnosis of medical professionals.

However, other DoD agencies as well as civilian organizations also give time and services to assist these warfighters and their family members. One example is a transition assistance workshop that took place at the Fort Jackson Education Center Feb. 20 and 21. The event was sponsored by Fort Jackson USO and Hire Heroes USA.

“We have partnered with the USO to offer a two-day transition assistance workshop aimed at helping service members of WTUs who may be interested in getting out of the military,” said James McGuire, director of veterans programs for Hire Heroes USA. “Spouses can attend the workshops, too.”

The workshop consists of three classes, McGuire said.

“The first (class) is on strategic planning, which focuses on how the service members’ military skills translate to the civilian sector,” McGuire said. “Basically, it helps them figure out what they want to do after they leave the military.”

Resume writing is another class offered during the workshop.

“This process helps service members translate their military skills into civilian terminology,” McGuire said.

The third class teaches Soldiers how to conduct interviews — one-on-one, panel or otherwise, he said.

WTU Soldiers who participated in the two-day event said the time was well-spent.

“It gives you the tools to develop your



Photo by STAFF SGT.TOMEKA DeBRUCE, Moncrief Army Community Hospital

James McGuire, director of veterans programs for Hire Heroes USA, assists Staff Sgt. Bobby Mobley, a WTU Soldier, during a two-day transition assistance workshop at the Fort Jackson Education Center, Feb. 21.

resume and provides a lot of other helpful information,” said Staff Sgt. Bobby Mobley, a WTU Soldier. “Development of tactics, plans and communication is how I see the workshop helping me and others. ... Things we have learned here, I can also take back to teach and help my wife with her resume or other aspects on how to better prepare for a job.”

McGuire said the resume portion of the workshop was a very important part of the training.

“In addition to those three PowerPoint

(classes), and what we pride ourselves on, (we offer) the resume writing practical application,” McGuire said. “So what that means is we sit down with the service members one-on-one and help them craft that resume from start to finish.”

Mobley said the hands-on approach makes learning how to prepare resumes understandable.

“Writing and developing resumes become easier to understand because of the way it’s taught during the class,” Mobley said. “This is a very significant part of the

workshop.”

Mobley has 19 years in the service and wants to land a job as human resource manager or an ROTC instructor if he decides to transition to the civilian sector. And he said what he has learned during the session will enable him to do that.

“It’s giving me the determination and courage to develop the skills needed on the outside,” Mobley said. “And my expectation is to become a great leader and continue on doing the right thing whatever the decision I make or where I may go.”

Heart health awareness

Sarah Gay, right, and Vicky Derderian, registered nurses for Moncrief Community Hospital Army Public Health Nursing, Preventive Medicine, provide information for Healthy Heart and Patient Recognition Month Feb. 21 in the MACH main lobby.

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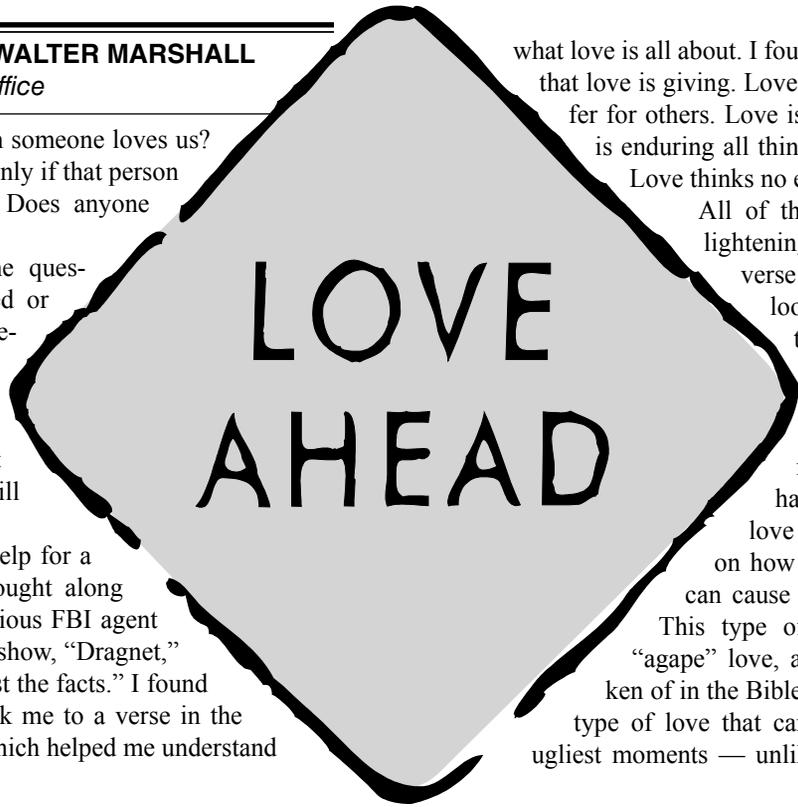
What is love? Does anyone love us?

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) WALTER MARSHALL**
Installation Chaplain's Office

How do we know when someone loves us? Should we love someone only if that person loves us? What is love? Does anyone love us?

These are some of the questions you may have asked or may have been asked. I remember posing questions like these to my father, mother, older sister and older brothers. I often got the same answer, "You will know it when it comes."

That was not a lot of help for a young boy who often thought along the same lines as the fictitious FBI agent Jack Friday in the old TV show, "Dragnet," "Just the facts, Ma'am, Just the facts." I found no facts until a pastor took me to a verse in the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13, which helped me understand



what love is all about. I found in this chapter that love is giving. Love is willing to suffer for others. Love is believing. Love is enduring all things. Love is kind. Love thinks no evil.

All of this was very enlightening to me, but one verse caused me to look deeper into the word, "love." Verse 5 states that love is not selfish or does not focus on self-happiness. This love does not focus on how the other person can cause me to be happy. This type of love is called "agape" love, a love often spoken of in the Bible. This is the only type of love that can thrive in life's ugliest moments — unlike lust, which is

often disguised as love.

Many times in our society, we confuse love with lust. Agape love is a choice. I call it the, "No Matter What Love." No matter what anyone does, we can still choose to love that person. This love has nothing to do with one's feelings. One may not feel like loving another or doing the loving thing, but one can still do the loving thing regardless of feelings.

This love is not a natural love. We can only love this way when we lay down what we want for what God wants, and what God wants is for us to love one another. This love gives, expecting nothing in return. This is the type of love that God has for us all.

So, to answer my own question, "How do we know when someone loves us?" We know when someone lays down his or her life for us. Should we love someone only if that person loves us? According to the Bible, the answer is, "No, we should always love regardless of what the other person does."

What is Love? Love is doing the loving things, "no matter what." Does anyone love us? Yes, God does. I leave you with a question that only you can answer. Do you love with agape love? God bless you.



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

- Monday
7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Tuesday
9 to 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh encounter Bible study, Chaplain Family Life Center

- 6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle Chapel
- 7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle 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

- 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**
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.
- 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

Calendar

Today

HIRE! Apprenticeship Program parent orientation

6 to 7 p.m.; Youth Center

For more information, call 751-1136 or visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/cyss/hired.

Tuesday

2013 Hiring our Heroes veterans job fair

9 a.m. to noon; Solomon Center

To register, visit www.hoh.greatjob.net.

Wednesday, March 13

Retired Wives luncheon

11:30 a.m.; Officers' Club

RSVP is required by 3 p.m., March 8. To RSVP, call 788-1094 or 783-1220.

Friday, March 29

Women's History Month luncheon

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Solomon Center

Tickets cost \$10. For tickets, contact an equal opportunity adviser or the Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

Announcements

DENTAC CLOSURE

All Fort Jackson dental clinics will be closed for training from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday and March 15. For emergencies, report to the Urgent Care Clinic.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A three-on-three basketball tournament is scheduled for 9 a.m., March 30 at Patriots' Park. Players must be 18 or older. Registration is open now. For more information, call 751-7146.

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for track and field (ages

6-14) and soccer (ages 3-5) runs through Friday. Registration for T-ball (ages 3-5), baseball (ages 6-14) and softball (ages 6-14) runs through April 8. For more information, call 751-5040/7451.

SAT, ACT TESTING

The Fort Jackson Education Center will administer SAT testing March 8, April 5, May 3 and June 7. ACT testing is scheduled for March 15, April 12, May 10 and June 14. Testing is available to eligible service members only. For more information and to register, call 751-5341.

FREE COMIC BOOK

The Avengers' comic book, "Double Vision," is now available for free at the Exchange.

MUSEUM CLOSURE

The Basic Combat Training Museum will be closed Monday through March 8 for outdoor renovations.

LIFEGUARD CLASSES

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is offering lifeguard certification classes every month. For more information, call Amanda Orduno at 751-4796.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 5K

The Black History Month 5K fun walk/run was rescheduled for 8 a.m., Saturday at Hilton Field Softball Complex. Race-day registration is open from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Pets or bicycles are not allowed. For more information, call 751-3096.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop now offers a punch card that will offer loyalty discounts.

The Golden Carriage Program provides free ball gowns for spouses of active-duty service members E5 and below. No winter clothing will be accepted after March 6.

Applications for the summer hire program can be picked up at the Thrift Shop. Applications may not be turned in before April 9.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events. Send your announcements to fjleader@gmail.com.

Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations. Announcements are due one week before the publication date. For more information, call 751-

Housing happenings

COLD WEATHER TIP

Always disconnect the garden hose from the outdoor spigot in the winter. The water inside the hose can freeze, and the freezing can reach the spigot and, subsequently, the pipe.

RENTAL REPAIRS

If a landlord will not make necessary repairs, the tenant should give the landlord written notice (mailed certified with return receipt) of the problems. The note should also state that if the problems are not repaired in 14 days or within a reasonable amount of time the tenant will either pay for repairs and deduct the cost from the rent or terminate the lease. For more information, call a housing counselor at 751-5788/7566/9323.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Celebrate National Read Across America Day with Dr. Seuss snacks and goodies from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Friday at the Community Center.

NATIONAL OREO COOKIE DAY

Stop by the Community Center between

7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Wednesday to receive a free pack of cookies.

MAYORS NEEDED

The Mayoral Council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors in the housing community. Child care is provided while performing mayoral duties. Interested residents should call Vicki Greer at 751-7567.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is accepting applications through April 15 from high school and undergraduate students for its scholarship program. For more information, visit www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Boats, campers, trailers, jet skis and other recreational vehicles must be stored in the RV storage lot on Essayons Way. These vehicles are not permitted to be parked in the housing area. To reserve free space and for more information, call 751-9339.

PET POLICY

Residents are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Pets are not permitted to run loose on post. For more information, refer to the resident guide, which can be viewed at www.fjacksonfamilyhousing.com.

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



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Third Army recognition

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Johnson, Third Army/ARCENT mobility non-commissioned officer, was named Third Army/ARCENT Soldier of the week.

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ACS Calendar of Events — March

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

☐ **AER kickoff** — 10 a.m.; Joe E. Mann Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Hiring our Heroes job fair** — 9 a.m. to noon; Solomon Center. To register, visit www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes/columbia-sc0.
- ☐ **Identity theft** — 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 223
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, 750 Old Clemson Road; to register, call 736-8787 or 738-3339

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- ☐ **Post newcomer orientation** — 9 to 11 a.m.; Post Conference Room
- ☐ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-6304/1071/6868 for location
- ☐ **FRG leadership and treasurer/funds control/fundraising workshop** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Family Readiness Center; to register, call 751-7220/7352
- ☐ **Military scholarship seminar for family members** — noon to 1 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Explore careers in the information technology field** — 9 to 11 a.m.; Education Center, Room B-110; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas brief** — 10 to 11 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stateside Levy brief** — 11 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **EFMP support group: Services from Richland/Lexington DDSN** — 5 to 6 p.m.; Balfour Beatty Community Center; call 751-5256 to register
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 736-8787 or 738-3339

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- ☐ **Interactive interviewing skills workshop** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **Child safety awareness class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; 5614 Hood St.; to register, call 751-6325

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Job searching strategies for military spouses** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.;

W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 736-8787 or 738-3339

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- ☐ **Steps to federal employment for military spouses** — 9 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-6304/1071/6868 for location

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Instructor-led computer training — introduction to MS Excel** — 9 a.m. to noon; Education Center; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas brief** — 10 to 11 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stateside Levy brief** — 11 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 736-8787 or 738-3339

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- ☐ **FRG leadership and treasurer/funds control/fundraising workshop** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Family Readiness Center; to register, call 751-7220/7352

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Resume writing/interviewing workshop** — 9 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **EFMP bowling** — 3 to 5:30 p.m.; Century Lanes; must be registered with EFMP
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, 750 Old Clemson Road; to register, call 736-8787 or 738-3339

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- ☐ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-6304/1071/6868 for location
- ☐ **Total Army sponsorship training** — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213
- ☐ **Child safety awareness class** — 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Imboden Child Development Center; to register, call 751-6325
- ☐ **Key caller/sponsor a spouse training** — 6 to 8 p.m.; Family Readiness Center; to register, call 751-7220/7325

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Instructor-led computer training — intermediate MS Excel** — 9 a.m. to noon; Education Center; to

register, call 751-4862

- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas brief** — 10 to 11 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stateside Levy brief** — 11 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stress management class** — 11 a.m. to noon; 5614 Hood St.; call 751-6325
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 736-8787 or 738-3339

MONDAY, MARCH 25

- ☐ **Her War Her Voice support group: Poetry and trauma (Session 2)** — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Family Readiness Center; to register, call 7220/7325

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Job searching strategies for military spouses** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862/5256
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 736-8787 or 738-3339

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- ☐ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-6304/1071/6868 for location
- ☐ **Social connections through hobbies** — 10 a.m. to noon; Family Readiness Center; to register, call 751-7220/7352

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas brief** — 10 to 11 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stateside Levy brief** — 11 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Anger management class** — 11 a.m. to noon; 5614 Hood St.; for more information, call 751-6325
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 736-8787 or 738-3339

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- ☐ **Easter Eggstravaganza** — 10 a.m. to noon; Lake Carolina
- ☐ **EFMP bowling** — 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Century Lanes; must be registered with EFMP

All ACS classes require registration and are subject to change. To register, call 751-5256/4862/6325.

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