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Capt. Maxine Reyes, Soldier Support Institute, will join the Army Soldier Show as a performer this year. SEE PAGE 4.



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COMMANDER'S CALL

Why Black History matters

Fort Jackson to celebrate Black History Month

Every year in February, we commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of African-Americans to the nation and our Army. I'm one of 388 Army Generals and one of 38 Black Army Generals. I'm always humbled when I reflect upon my life because I know that if it were not for those who served before me like the Buffalo Soldiers and Tuskegee Airmen, I would not be where I am today. These great Americans all fought wars — some abroad and some right here at home.

They fought in foreign countries against an enemy of the United States and against another type of enemy — inequality, injustice and racism — right here at home.

Why is this significant? Because, regardless of your race, color or creed, a whole lot of people have paved the way for us and for America.

So why do we observe Black History Month? Historically, the observance began in 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History" initiated "Negro History Week" during the second week of February, which was the birth week of the great abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Education was his number-one goal. In 1976, Negro History Week expanded into Black History Month in February, which was the birth month of Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln, both of whom helped free slaves.

But that is a historical answer. Why have we continued to observe Black History Month every year since?

I believe the answer to that question has parts.

First, Black History is American History: It began with the Continental Army at Lexington and Concord, when Crispus Attucks, a black man, was the first to die in the American Colonies' quest for independence. His death marked the beginning of the American Revolution as he was the first to die during the Boston Massacre of March 1770. From that time forward, throughout the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Indian Wars in the West, the Civil War, and throughout World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Kosovo, Afghanistan, two Gulf Wars and now the War on Terrorism, African Americans fought and died to preserve the American way of life.

Secondly, Black History is the story of the lives and contributions of a very unique ethnic group in our nation that is absent from most history classes and from elementary school, middle school, and high school textbooks. Most school books only talk about slavery and Martin Luther King, Jr. as the "civil rights movement."

They don't mention that Benjamin Banneker, an African American, helped design the capital in Washington; they don't talk about Madam Elizabeth Keckly, a former slave who became the personal dressmaker and confidante of Mary Todd Lincoln, the First Lady; they don't mention that Lewis Latimer, an African American, helped Alexander Graham Bell invent the telephone and invented the traffic light; they don't mention that Charles Drew, an African American discovered blood plasma and taught the world how to preserve and store blood, which

today are our blood banks; they don't talk about Mary McLeod Bethune, co-founder of Bethune-Cookman University, an educator, minister, Civil Rights Activist, Entrepreneur, political lobbyist, and advisor to two U.S. Presidents; they don't mention that Percy Julian, an African American, developed the treatment for glaucoma and discovered cortisone.

Black History Month is our Nation's opportunity to celebrate the legacy and many contributions of African Americans toward the building and development of the best nation in the world.

Lastly, this month brings with it the seeds of our future; it's up to us to build on the accomplishments of the

African American Heroes I mentioned earlier and so many others.

Many of the African-Americans I mentioned started with much less than we did — they were slaves or one generation removed and they changed the landscape of this nation forever. With so much more, we all can too.

Our annual Black History Month luncheon will commemorate African-

Americans' contributions to this great nation. The luncheon is scheduled to take place 11:30 a.m., Feb. 19 at the Solomon Center; our guest speaker will be U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, South Carolina, 6th District. I hope you will join me as we observe Black History Month here at Fort Jackson where history starts every day of the year.

Victory Starts Here!

Victory 6

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

**Fort Jackson
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DoD leaders discuss sequestration

By **KAREN PARRISH**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Issuing perhaps their strongest warnings yet, Pentagon leaders said the budget impasse threatens to create a military readiness crisis.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, joined in interviews, televised Sunday, with CNN's Candy Crowley on "State of the Union" and NBC's Chuck Todd on "Meet the Press."

The budget provision known as "sequester," which is set to take effect March 1 unless Congress acts, would trigger a half-trillion dollars in defense spending cuts over 10 years, beyond major spending cuts already in place over that period. Defense Department staffs are preparing for the worst, Panetta said.

"If sequester goes into effect, and we have to do the kind of cuts that will go right at readiness, right at main-

tenance, right at training, we are going to weaken the United States and make it much more difficult for us to respond to the crises in the world," Panetta said.

"We've got to plan for that possibility, ... but I have to tell you, it is irresponsible for (sequester) to happen," the secretary added. "I mean, why — why in God's name — would members of Congress elected by the American people take a step that would badly damage our national defense, but more importantly, undermine the support for our men and women in uniform? Why would you do that?"

Dempsey noted sequester is only part of the vise closing around DOD. Under the continuing resolution that sets government spending at previous levels when an appropriations bill is not passed, Pentagon spending for the fiscal year already is out of balance, he said.

"The combined effects of sequester and the continuing resolution creates a magnitude of cut in the last half of the year," Dempsey explained. "We have to absorb \$52 billion when you count the effects of both sequestration

and the continuing resolution in the last half of the year."

Panetta and Dempsey both have stated repeatedly that defense spending priorities always will be supporting troops in combat and training those next to deploy. The chairman yesterday detailed what civilian employees can expect if sequester happens and they are furloughed.

"They will lose two days per pay period, 20 percent less pay for the rest of the year," he said.

Dempsey noted that despite public perception, less than a quarter of defense civilian employees work in the Washington area.

"There's this notion that (civilian furloughs are) probably OK, because they are just a bunch of white-collar bureaucrats," he said.

But 86 percent of DoD's civilian employees "live outside of Washington, D.C., are in our schools, in our clinics, in our motor pools, in our depots, in our factories," Dempsey added. "This will affect the entire country, and it will undermine our readiness for the next several years."

CYSS services suspended

Child, Youth and School Services is temporarily suspending some services because of staffing shortages caused by recent delays in hiring. The following changes are in effect until further notice: The Youth Center will be closed on Sundays. The Imboden School Age Center will be closed on Saturdays. School Age Night Out at the Imboden School Age Center will be cancelled. Health Rocks will be canceled. These services will be re-initiated once staffing levels return to normal.

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Taking the show on the road

Fort Jackson Soldiers join international Soldier Show tour

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

A pair of Soldiers from Fort Jackson have been selected to take part in the 2013 U.S. Army Soldier Show, one as a performer, the other as support.

Capt. Maxine Reyes, director of the Basic Office Leader Course for the Financial Management School of the Soldier Support Institute, was selected to be one of the musical performers in the international tour of Army posts staged annually by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command. Active duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers are eligible to be nominated to perform in the show and must take part in a rigorous video audition process for Army Entertainment.

"I've been singing since I was a little girl, but I was so shy that I'd never let anyone hear me," Reyes said. "I started singing in the church choir in high school and didn't want to do it by myself because I was always scared."

Friends convinced her to compete in a talent show, and she eventually worked up the courage to test her abilities in a local contest. Reyes and a partner took



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REYES

first place for a duet rendition of "Always" by Atlantic Starr. Her solo performance of "Save the Best for Last" by Vanessa Williams did not go as well, though.

"My solo came in fifth place against 22 contestants," she said. "If I didn't forget some of the words, I might have gotten first or second place. But it encouraged me to continue to sing. I wanted to pursue it, but not without getting a degree."

After high school, Reyes joined the Air Force, which paid for her college education before she transferred to the Army.

"I knew about the Air Force version of the Soldier Show, but I've been married for all of my adult life and didn't want to leave my husband for a year," she said. "So, when I joined the Army, he deployed to Afghanistan for 15 months, then again for 12 months. After that, I got used to him being away and decided I could do the Soldier Show."

As a Reservist, Reyes performed the National Anthem at the Republican National Convention in Miami for President George W. Bush in 2004. Convention organizers heard about her talents from the management of the Florida Marlins, who had previously asked her to sing at local sporting events.

"What's more intimidating for me is singing for

my peers and leaders," she said. "If I'm off post, I feel more relaxed. I just don't get into my comfort zone when I'm doing it among my peers. Off-post, I feel like I can be 'the artist.'"

As part of the audition process, Soldiers are required to demonstrate more than just musical talent. The Soldiers chosen to participate must also demonstrate excellence in their military duties.

"Capt. Reyes is a talented young financial management officer as well as a gifted singer. Best of luck to her as she joins the Soldier Show," said Ralph Allison, chief of staff of the Soldier Support Institute.

Staff Sgt. Robert Isom, a drill sergeant with Task Force Marshall, was also selected to take part in the tour, though not as part of the entertainment staff.

"They've requested me for advance personnel," Isom said. "I'll be one of the Soldiers who goes out before they tour, sets up the venues and establishes bases to make sure the Soldiers have everything they need to perform."

Isom will be with the performers for the duration of the tour, he said.

"I'll be on the road with them for the whole time," he said. "I was actually part of the show in 2006. It was outstanding. Being a drill sergeant, it's a totally different experience. To be a part of what they do for the Soldiers deployed overseas and the families back here, it was a great experience."

Reyes and Isom will be back to Fort Jackson at least once before the end of the tour.

"The Soldier Show will make a stop here, so we'll definitely be back," Isom said.

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Army program can answer questions about new assignments

By **PATRICIA GUILLORY**
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Have you been notified about a Permanent Change of Station move? Is this your first PCS move overseas or stateside? Do you want to know more about your new assignment? If the answer is, "Yes" to any of these questions, Army Community Services Relocation Readiness Program can help.

Program staff members can assist you in making your move a smooth and less stressful one to your new duty station. The program's goal is to provide the best quality services to military families and the Army community.

Weekly stateside and overseas reassignments briefings are conducted on Thursdays in the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222. Overseas briefings, which

include moves to Hawaii and Alaska, are scheduled for 10 a.m. and stateside briefings take place at 11 a.m. Spouses are encouraged and welcome to attend the briefings. In addition, Soldiers and their spouses can schedule a one-on-one relocation counseling session.

The relocation readiness staff can assist Soldiers and their spouses in downloading an electronic welcome packet; request a sponsor; and use the "Plan My Move" tool. "Plan My Move" provides families with access to information about entitlements and benefits, points of contact, a planning calendar, information on education and employment, and a checklist of requirements that must be completed before reporting to the new duty station.

Soldiers and spouses can also receive an information packet, which includes information on the country, maps, relocation checklist pamphlets, driving manuals, relocation magazines, language translation cards, lan-

guage CDs, and pamphlets with tips on doing business in Germany, Japan, Korea and the Middle East.

The program also offers help for Soldiers relocating with children. Various travel items for children are available upon request, including atlases, travel games and coloring books.

Soldiers whose household goods are shipped before they depart Fort Jackson, can use the program's lending closet. The lending closet contains clean, good-quality items available for use while household goods are in transit. Some of the available items are pots, pans, dishes, utensils, sleeping mats, tables, chairs, baby items, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, mops, brooms and laundry baskets.

For more information, contact the ACS Relocation Readiness Program at 751-9770 or 751-1124, or email patricia.a.guillory.civ@mail.mil or miranda.broadus.civ@mail.mil.



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Children, here's why Black History matters

This is a message to Fort Jackson community children.

So it's February and Black History Month — why do we observe Black History Month anyway? Well, historically the observance began in 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the “Father of Black History” initiated “Negro History Week” during the second week of February, which was the birth week of the great abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Education was the number-one goal. In 1976, Negro History Week expanded into Black History Month in February, which was the birth month for both Douglass and the great emancipator, President Abraham Lincoln (both of whom helped free slaves).

But that's a historical answer. Why do we observe Black History Month every year and in 2013; and do we need to observe Black History Month?

Well, today I want to give you three answers to both questions.

First, Black History is American History. It began with the Continental Army (you know, the Army with the triangle hats and long blue and red coats) at Lexington and Concord, when Crispus Attucks, a black man, was the first to die in the American Colonies' quest for independence. Crispus Attucks' death marked the beginning of the American Revolution. He died during the Boston Massacre of March 1770. From that time forward, throughout the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Indian Wars in the West, the Civil War, and throughout World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Kosovo, Afghanistan, two Gulf Wars and now the War on Terrorism, African Americans have fought and died to preserve the American way of life.

Secondly, Black History is the story of the lives and contributions of a very unique ethnic group in our nation that is absent from most history classes and from elementary school, middle school, and high school textbooks. Most school books only talk about slavery and Martin Luther



MADAM ELIZABETH KECKLY
1818-1907

**By BRIG. GEN.
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Thirdly, this month brings with it the seeds of our future; it's up to us to build on the accomplishments of the African American heroes I mentioned earlier and so many others.

As I've studied successful Americans (many of whom are African Americans) over time, I've continuously noticed seven characteristics that I truly believe contributed to their success as well as mine in the Army that I'd now like to share with you:

Number 1: It starts with being positive: I believe the Number One key to success in life is your attitude. A positive attitude by itself will take you a long way in life. You can do anything you want to do with a positive, “can-do” attitude. Get rid of the word “can't” — you'll never live up to your potential if you don't believe you can. Be positive and believe in yourself and your dreams — that's what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did, and he changed this world.

Number 2: You have to be good. The road to being good is being smart. Good grades will open many doors in life for you. “C grades” won't get you very far. Think about this — when you're sick, do you want a doctor who got A's in medical school, or a doctor who got C's? The answer to that question is simple — you want the doctor who got A's. Grades matter — take time to read, study and learn so you can do anything you want to do. That's what Dr. Charles Richard Drew did.

Number 3: Although you're good, to be a winner, you have to be a team player. There's no “I” in the word team. When you're a team player, you put aside personal goals; work well with others and do what the team needs you to do. It means you're committed to the team, you contribute to the team, you cooperate with the team, you cheer for the team, and you suffer and celebrate with the team. That's what the Buffalo Soldiers and Tuskegee Airmen did as they fought for this country without fame and recognition.

Number 4: You have to be disciplined. You must have discipline to succeed — the discipline to do the harder right over the easier wrong; and do the right thing when no one's watching. Life is about choices. Make good choices



LEWIS LATIMER
1848-1928

and remember, you not only represent yourself, you also represent your family and perhaps even someday your country. That's what Benjamin Banneker did as he helped design our capital.

Number 5: This one is simple: Be good to people: Follow the Golden Rule — “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Treat others as you would like to be treated — with dignity and respect. Make a positive difference in peoples' lives. Remember this quote: “People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.” That's what Elizabeth Kekley did for Mrs. Lincoln even after the President's death.

Number 6: Your character is who you are. Without it, you don't have anything. It's how you're seen, known and remembered. It's about values — the Army Values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage are remarkable personal characteristics for you to have. That's what Mary McLeod Bethune had.

Number 7: And finally, be safe: Don't do dumb stuff, that's how people get hurt and never fulfill their vision and dreams. Every day of your life you'll come face to face with temptations — use your best judgment. Pay attention to your surroundings, and if something or someone doesn't look right, it probably isn't right. That's what Lewis Latimer did, and he invented the stop light.

Remember, be positive — you can do anything you want to do; be good — grades matter; be a team player — life is a team sport; be disciplined — make good choices; be good to people — treat them with dignity and respect, be of good character — that's how you'll be remembered; and be safe.

The people I mentioned started with much less than you did — as slaves or one generation removed — and they changed the landscape of this nation forever. With so much more, you can too. Remember our history. American history is still being written and you are tomorrow's authors. Thank you.

News and Notes

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS SET

The Fort Jackson community will celebrate Black History Month with two events. The movie *Red Tails* will play at 2 p.m., Saturday at the Post Theater. The admission of \$5 includes a ticket, a small drink, and a small box of popcorn. A luncheon is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 19 at the Solomon Center. The guest speaker will be U.S. Rep. James Clyburn. Tickets cost \$10. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact an equal opportunity adviser, the Equal Opportunity Office or your unit's equal opportunity leaders.

AER CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN

The Army Emergency Relief Campaign is scheduled to begin with a ceremony at 11 a.m., March 1 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 MEETING SCHEDULED

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.

Court martial

U.S. V. HALE

A military judge accepted the guilty plea of Staff Sgt. Ricco Hale on two charges of assault consummated by a battery of a person under the age of 16 during a special court martial Jan. 29.

Hale was sentenced to be reprimanded.

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Save money on utility bills

During the winter months, something not so pleasant starts to happen. The utility meter spins out of control, and heating costs begin to skyrocket. The television and Internet are full of great ideas on how to save money on energy costs, but more often than not, it takes money to save money.

For many, spending money on major home improvement projects to make a home more energy efficient just is not in the budget. This time of year, many people find themselves left without enough funds for their utility bills.

Below are some tips on how to save money on energy bills without breaking the bank.

- ❑ Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. For each degree you raise your thermostat setting, your fuel bill climbs 3 percent.
- ❑ Bundle up. It does not cost anything to wear warmer clothes inside, and by doing so, you can keep the temperature inside the house a few degrees cooler and save big.
- ❑ Use the sun's rays to help heat your

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home. Keep shade trees from blocking the sun's rays into your house. Prune any branches that block the sunlight.

- ❑ Use curtains and drapery to cover windows that do not receive any sunlight.
- ❑ Be sure pots and pans are the right size for range burners and elements.
- ❑ After baking or cooking in the oven, leave the door open a crack. There is a lot of heat in that oven, so letting it escape puts the heat to good use by warming up the kitchen and surrounding rooms, which means the furnace has to run a little less.
- ❑ Cook meals that do not require extended cooking times.
- ❑ Put weather stripping around windows and doors. Duct tape, although it may not look so nice, also works well.
- ❑ Invest in a programmable thermostat.



Many models are inexpensive, with prices ranging between \$20 and \$80. Remember to ask for a military discount at the store.

- ❑ Talk to your utility company about its budget billing plans. Paying the same amount each month may be more comfortable for your wallet than paying according to the temperature outside.

Army Emergency Relief is a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to Soldiers, active and retired, and their families. For more information on AER, call Army Community Services at 751-5256 or visit www.aerhq.org.

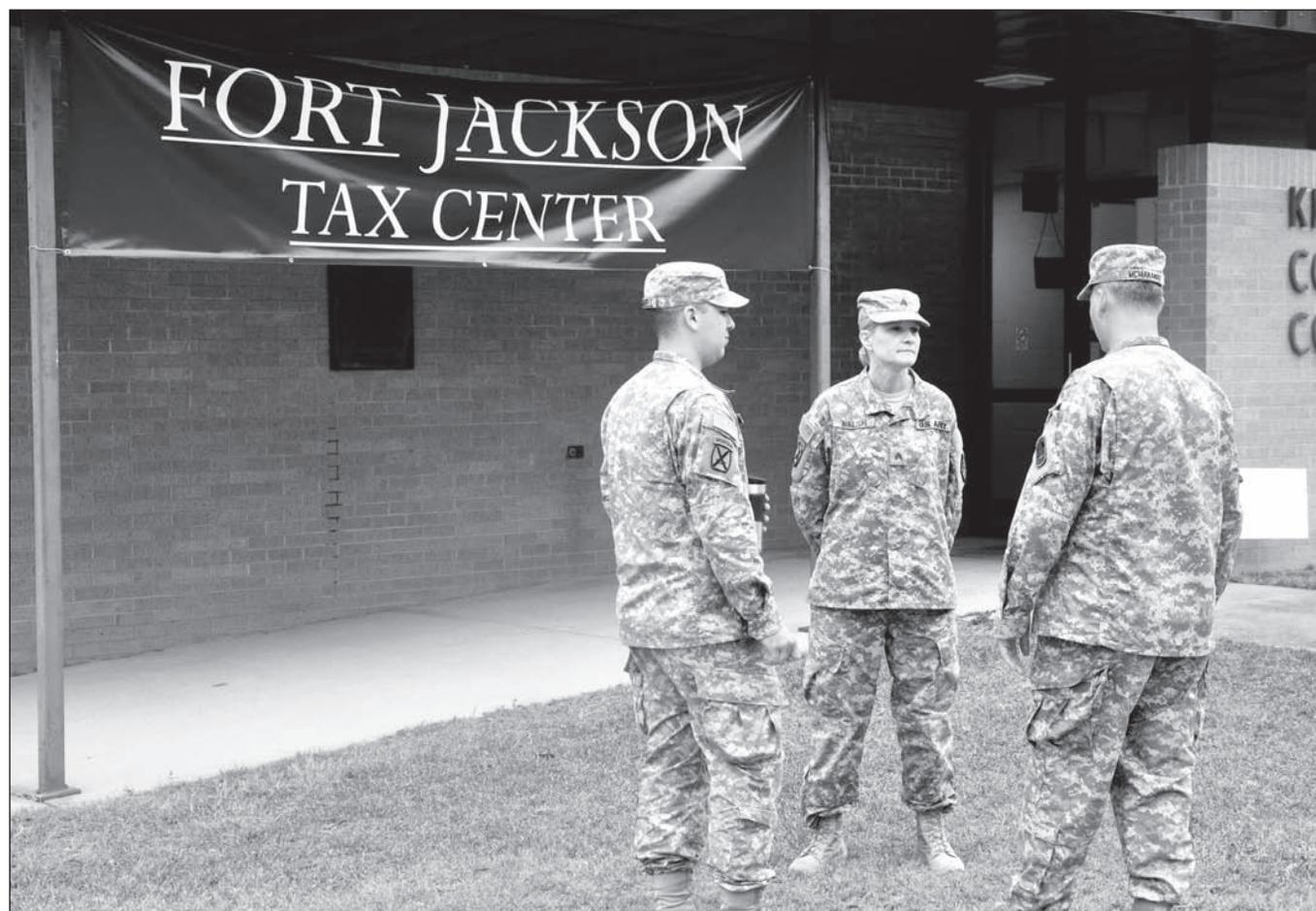


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Tax Center opens

The Fort Jackson Tax Center opened its doors Jan. 30. Trained volunteers at the center prepare taxes for free for eligible patrons. The Tax Center is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 4282 Jackson Blvd. For more information or to make an appointment, call 751-JTAX (5829).

Meet Fort Jackson's new fire chief

Former Air Force fireman Eric Harper has dedicated civilian career to Army

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Eric Harper has been fighting fires for most of his life.

The Los Angeles native took the helm of the Fort Jackson Fire Department in December, replacing Bill Forrester, who retired as fire chief last September.

"Chief Forrester led a good crew," Harper said. "These are professional firefighters who have been together for quite some time, and I'm the new guy. It really does take leadership savvy to acclimate yourself to what's going on here."

Harper spent the last nine years working for the Fort Knox Fire Department, leaving the post as deputy fire chief. He actually got his start as a firefighter for the Air Force, following in the footsteps of his uncle, a Los Angeles city firefighter.

"My life has closely followed his patterns, from the standpoint of military service and service within the fire department," he said. "When I went into the (Military Entrance Processing Station) building, I had the option of becoming a firefighter, and the rest is history."

He has only vague memories of his first emergency response call as a firefighter almost 30 years ago.

"It was probably something aircraft related, an in-flight emergency," he said. "The one thing I remember is that it was at night, which brings with it different challenges. We train in the daylight hours, but we train in the nighttime hours, as well, to acclimate ourselves to situations with reduced visibility. Twenty-nine years later, I'm a little more comfortable with it."

Harper said the seven "command philosophies" of Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, commanding general of Fort Jackson, are an inspiration to him. Those philosophies encourage Soldiers to be positive, competent, disciplined, team players, good to people, to be of good character and to be risk managers.

"I think it's critical to what we do here," Harper said. "I came in and read those seven command philosophies and was excited about them. It's exactly what I want to push and who I want to be, so I was pleased to read his command philosophies."

"Chief Harper comes to Fort Jackson with impeccable credentials and experience," said Col. Michael Graese, Fort Jackson garrison commander. "We are blessed to have him leading our fire department. His 20 years as an Air Force fireman, combined with the years of experiences and knowledge learned at Fort Knox make him the ideal fit for our fire department, one that strives to be the best in the entire Army."

"I'm qualified to do this for any municipality across the country," Harper said. "However, I choose to do this for the Department of the Army, because it closely relates me to the troops. And I like that – serving the troops. I've really inherited a great bunch of firefighters, and the command staff is top-notch. All of that just leads to the betterment of our Soldiers here on Fort Jackson. It's an honor."

Harper has been married for 26 years to his "childhood sweetheart," and is the father of three children. He has a daughter, who is a college senior at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., and a teenage son considering a career in the military.

"And I have a soon-to-be 11 year old anxiously awaiting to join me here," he said. "However, my family is going to finish the school year in Kentucky before joining me here."

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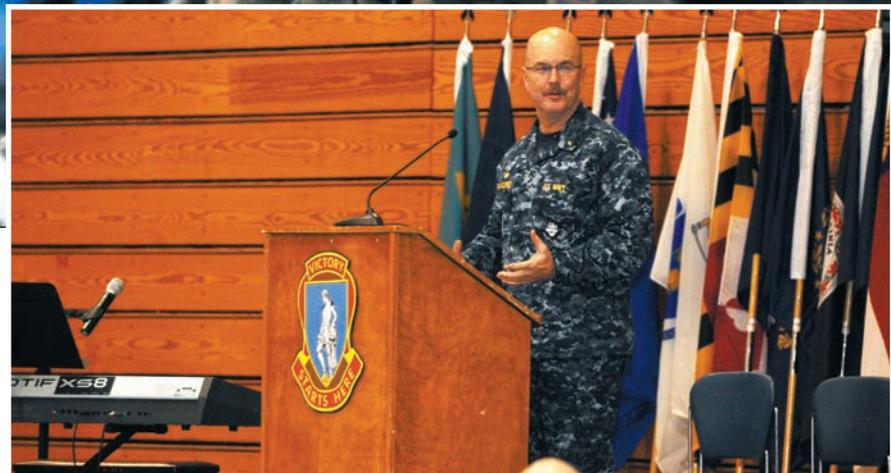
Eric Harper has devoted his talents to the Army following his retirement from the Air Force after 20 years as a firefighter. Previously a deputy fire chief at Fort Knox, Ky., Harper came aboard as chief of the Fort Jackson Fire Department in December.



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Sgt. Maj. Brad Weber, Soldier Support Institute, participates in the prayer breakfast at the Solomon Center.

Morning of Prayer



Navy Chaplain (Capt.) Kyle Fauntleroy, commanding officer of the Fort Jackson Naval Chaplaincy School and Center delivers a message about discovering the broken pieces in our lives, making sense of them and moving forward.



The Hammond School choir performs during the Fort Jackson National Prayer Breakfast under the direction of Steven Hilliard. The choir sang several gospel and contemporary songs for the prayer breakfast. The choir is internationally known and has performed in Europe a number of times, to include on New Year's Day at the Papal Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for Pope Benedict XVI.



First Sgt. Eric Basora, left, and Spc. Luke Beck of the 282nd Army Band play during the Fort Jackson National Prayer Breakfast, Tuesday at the Solomon Center.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Courtesy photos

SAMC gives to community

Above, members of the Fort Jackson Sergeant Audie Murphy Club present \$500 to Epworth Children's Home. The club also organized a pizza party and game night for some of the children who live there. Left, SAMC members present management of the on-post Pizza Hut with a certificate of appreciation for donating pizza for the pizza party at the children's home.

Environmental News

LEAF PINE PLANTING

The Forestry Division is planting 26.8 acres of short-leaf pine (12,390 seedlings) and 52 acres of longleaf pine (32,660 seedlings). The planting is scheduled to be completed by Feb. 22. These plantings are beneficiary to the red-cockaded woodpecker and help sustain Fort Jackson's ecosystem.

SUSTAINABLE SOLDIER CAMPAIGN

The Sustainable Soldier campaign began Jan. 24 at the Solomon Center with great support. Please look for the next opportunity to be photographed with Sammy the Sustainable Soldier in March.

ECO TRAINING

It is mandatory for all buildings on post to have a trained and active environmental compliance officer. An administrative Environmental Compliance Officer Course is scheduled for Feb. 28 in the Environmental Division conference room. To register, call Lisa McKnight at 751-5971.

GREEN INITIATIVE DAY

Build a raft out of recycled materials and you could win big. Fort Jackson's inaugural Green Initiative Day is scheduled for April 13 to support Earth Day. For more information, call Lisa McKnight at 751-5971 or Mark Smyers at 751-8707.

LEGAL NOTICES

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Shawn C. Adolphus Sr. must contact Capt. Marshan Daymon, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Adolphus passed away Jan. 19 in Georgia. To contact Daymon, call 885-7462 or email Marshan.Daymon.mil@mail.mil.

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Sgt. Timothy W. Brown must contact 1st Lt. Marcus Nix, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Brown passed away Jan. 26. To contact Nix, call (210) 573-1272 or email Marcus.Nix@us.army.mil.

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A pair of bald eagles, like the one pictured above, is nesting near a training area on Fort Jackson.

Bald eagles nesting on post

From the Environmental Division

Anyone who has had the opportunity to go beyond the developed areas and venture into the forested lands of Fort Jackson has likely encountered a multitude of wild-life species. With more than 50,000 acres of upland pine stands, hardwood ridges, bottomlands, wetlands, lakes and streams, the diversity of habitats found here allows a vast array of wildlife to call Fort Jackson home.

The composition of species found on post ranges from very common species, such as the white-tailed deer and wild turkey, to some that can only be found in the coastal plain of the Southeast, such as the American alligator. Even the red-cockaded woodpecker, an endangered species, inhabits the forests of Fort Jackson.

With so many wild creatures finding these lands to their liking, it should come as no surprise that two more visitors have decided to take up residence here just a few years ago.

The two new residents are a nesting pair of bald eagles. The pair's nest was discovered in a training area near the upper end of Dupre Pond. Even though many eagles have been sighted flying around the property in the past, this discovery marked the first ever bald eagle nest to be documented on Fort Jackson.

Soon after locating the nest, personnel from the Fort Jackson Wildlife Branch began monitoring the site on a weekly basis during the nesting season. The pair is now entering its fourth nesting season, having parented five young thus far. In late December, Wildlife Branch personnel were able to confirm that the birds are once again incubating eggs.

Bald eagles generally nest in large live pine trees near open bodies of water. The water provides a food source in the form of fish and various waterfowl species, which are both preferred prey items of the eagles. Their nests, which are built from sticks, are quite large, often approaching 6 feet in width with a depth of nearly 3 feet.

Young eagles will remain in the nest for about 12 weeks after hatching. During this time period, the chicks will complete their growth and be just as large as their parents before leaving the nest. Even though they will be sporting the same 6-foot wingspan as the adults, juvenile eagles will remain dark in coloration and will not show their adult plumage, which is characterized by the well-known white head and tail and bright yellow bill, until they are approximately 6 years old.

Fort Jackson's nest was found high in an old pine tree on the edge of the wetland at the head of Dupre Pond. This spot exhibits all of the characteristics of a typical eagle nest location. The area around the pond will provide ample opportunity for viewing these birds, but there are a few things to keep in mind. Even though the bald eagle was taken off the federal list of threatened and endangered species in 2007, it is still protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and is still listed as a state-threatened species. This means that birds and their nests cannot be disturbed.

In addition to some aviation restrictions that are being implemented, there is a 330-foot buffer zone around the nest tree, and entry into this area in any manner is prohibited. For those wishing to observe the birds, the pond dam along Salem Road and the adjacent picnic and boat launch areas would be ideal locations.

The Fort Jackson Leader will publish periodic updates on a variety of garrison community, construction and quality of life activities to keep the community informed of ongoing events.

Significant updates

- ❑ Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee: The DCO and garrison commander provided the impact of recent funding guidance on USATC and USAG Fort Jackson. Mr. Ledbetter of Midlands Technical College promoted the Fast-Track program training for service members departing service interested in entrepreneurial opportunities. DHR is working with Mr. Ledbetter to expose those in ACAP to this program. The March 5 “Hiring our Heroes” was also advertised and promoted by Fort Jackson and the Military Affairs Committee.
- ❑ Penny Carnival: 330 people attended FMWR’s well planned/executed kids carnival at the Solomon Center.
- ❑ Building 1525 (81st RSC) (Construct Access Road): The concrete curb, gutter, and road base have been completed and paving operations began Jan. 28 with an estimated completion date of Feb. 8.
- ❑ Hilton Field Revitalization Projects: (Promenade, Bus Turnaround, Resurface Access Roads, VIP/ADA Parking Lot, Latrine Expansion, Tank Pads): The estimated completion date of the promenade and latrine construction remains April 1, and another contractor will sequence the construction of the five tank pads.
- ❑ Gate 2 (DPW) (Replace Gate 2 Outbound Swing Gates with Removable Bollards): The project is delayed pending the federal budget resolution. DPW is continuing the work on the project design, which is currently 60 percent complete.
- ❑ 120th AG Battalion (Hot Water Repairs): Temporary repairs have been made to CEP No. 3. The hot water has been restored. DPW will develop a follow-on project for a permanent fix.
- ❑ Directional Signage and Kiosks Project: Installation of new directional and major intersection street signage is on-going with an estimated completion date of Feb. 6. The estimated completion for the information kiosk installation remains March 30. DPW will work with the contractor on a solution to level the overhead street signs.
- ❑ Building 2340 (U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion) (Repair Chilled Water Lines): The estimated completion is revised from Jan. 25 to Feb. 8. After continued excavation, the contractor found additional blistered pipes. DPW uncovered and repaired a heavily leaking valve across Magruder Avenue. The leak caused water to gravitate underground to the lowest point, which is the elevator shaft in Building 2340.
- ❑ Visual Signs of Change Campaign (VSOC): USAG is producing posters for the CG’s VSOC campaign to be placed in community, unit and directorate areas.

Quality of life updates

- ❑ 3rd Army Support: DHR processed five TCS orders, three retirement requests, two DD Forms 214, and two educational services.
- ❑ ACAP — Implementation of the New Army Transition Policy: The Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) Act is now in effect. The Fort Jackson Policy Memorandum is approved and signed.
- ❑ Employment Readiness Program (ERP): We had a very successful week with four spouses finding jobs and 65 attendees at classes/seminars (13 — Computer training, 13 — Resume Writing/Interviewing, 11— Steps to Federal Employment, 28 — Session One of Starting and Running a Small Business).
- ❑ The ERP link on the ACS website is updated and includes Teen Employment Resources for 2013, including information on Fort Jackson summer jobs, off-post employment, volunteer/internship information and resume and interviewing tutorials. ACS sponsored Teen Employment workshops are scheduled for Feb. 9 and Feb. 23, 9 a.m. to noon at the Family Readiness Center.
- ❑ Post Newcomer Orientation: Feb. 6 and March 9, hosted by ACS Relocation Program. All newly arriving military members and spouses are encouraged to attend.
- ❑ Survivor Outreach Services (SOS): SOS has information about the Annual Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) National Military Survivor Seminar. Each year since 1994, TAPS has hosted its National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp in Washington for four days during Memorial Day weekend. Event brings survivors and caregivers together in one forum to provide outstanding professional and peer support to Survivors and each other. It offers workshops, resources and personal contact with fellow survivors. Classes offered include coping with new family dynamics, long-term financial planning and complicated grief. Seminar culminates in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. In the past, Gold Star organizations arranged the trip including chartering a bus and departing from Fort Jackson for South Carolina survivors and, in some cases, paid the travel expenses. Attendance at seminars is at no cost.
- ❑ SHARP: IMCOM issued an exception to policy to the hiring freeze for garrison SHARP positions. Both positions have been announced on USAJOBS and application deadline was Jan. 24. We are proceeding with selection process and start date as soon as possible. Estimated start dates are in the March timeframe.
- ❑ Gym Floor Resurfacing: Coleman Gym floor and Racquetball floor are complete and the contractors are working at Vanguard this week and were projected to be completed by Feb. 2.
- ❑ CYSS Sweetheart Ball: Feb. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m., Solomon Center featuring music, dancing, photos, refreshments and activities. This one-of-a-kind event is free for adults accompanied by a child. Pick up tickets at any CYSS location. At-



- tire is formal, open to the entire Fort Jackson Community.
- ❑ Black History 5 mile Nature hike/walk: Sponsored by Outdoor Recreation will be held Feb. 9 and 16 at 8 a.m. at Sesquicentennial State Park. Cost is \$5 per person in support of Black History Month as well as Heart Health Awareness.
- ❑ Historic River walk & Tour Downtown Columbia: Sponsored by Outdoor Recreation, trip departs Marion Street Station at 2 p.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 9. Cost is \$10 per person (includes ticket and transportation). This is a guided tour of the historical downtown river walk area and will highlight the ruins of Congaree Bridge, General Sherman’s “March to the Sea,” and other civil war historical facts.
- ❑ Installation Chaplain’s Office:
 - 63 attended the opening night of the nine-week, winter/spring Financial Peace University.
 - Cadre Resiliency Program remains strong. Chaplain Kuhlman, Family Life Chaplain, hosted and facilitated two groups of cadre on Jan. 28-29.
 - Drill Sergeants received “Five Love Languages” training Jan. 25 from Ch. Kuhlman. Another was scheduled Feb. 1.
 - Planning for replacement of pews and chairs at Bayonet and Main Post Chapels using Army Chief of Chaplains (CCH) Ecclesiastical Equipment Grant funding continues thus far. DRM, DPW and MICC have been extraordinarily helpful with the tight execution window given by the CCH’s office.
 - The 165th Infantry Brigade UMT led by Ch. (LTC) Dan Petsch has done a phenomenal job planning and coordinating the myriad aspects for the National Prayer Breakfast. As

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Quality of life updates

ing the myriad aspects for the National Prayer Breakfast. As we enter the final week prior to execution, the glide path looks great.

Training updates

❑ Installation Town Hall Meeting Update: Due to other conflicts, the Installation Town Hall (TH) is now scheduled for March 12. To encourage greater participation, there will be two separate Town Hall meetings at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Solomon Center. While five topics (Lee Road CDC Opening, ID Card Procedures for Family members, ACS Updates/Army One Source, Chaplain Life and Resiliency Program, housing renovation status) will be briefly presented, the CG is encouraging open-floor discussion and Q/A with the USAG staff. The August town hall will utilize Facebook.

❑ Range 16/MRF FY 12 (status red): On Feb. 7 the 100 percent design review will be conducted in the DPW conference room. DPW-Forestry expects the timber harvesting to be completed as soon as possible. The contractor's erosion control plan is expected by Feb. 15. The contractor is responsible for cleaning and hauling off debris as part of operations. The LOMAH target system is approved by TRADOC for installation of 16 lanes consisting of 144 target positions. Projected overall completion is December.

❑ Fit to Win 1 (status green): A walk-through to access the progress of the thinning/clearing of trees and vegetation project was conducted; training continues. Overall completion date was Jan. 30.

❑ Mats status: Fort Jackson chief of staff approved plans to add rubber mulch and old pads with covers to Victory Tower. Twenty pads were delivered Jan. 30; Forty-four pads are to follow. These pads are for both of the FTW Cargo Nets, VT areas and spares. Pads have been shipped from the purchase source per the G4.

❑ Installation Security Office: ISO received 28 investigation requests; all requests were processed. Currently there are four IET security holdovers and three AIT security holdovers in 369th AG Bn. We completed processing D, E, and F Companies 2/13 IN BN and are working on the next two classes. Three System Authorization Access Requests for the units and 14 Common Access Cards in the Contractors Verification System were processed.

Support updates

❑ Police Services: DA Police issued a total 31 citations: Expired Registration (5), Speeding (12), Failure to Use Turn



Signal (1), Failure to Maintain Dog (1), Failure to Register Dog (1), Failure to Yield Right of Way at a Stop Sign (1), Suspended Vehicle Registration (1), Failure to Judge Proper Clearance (1), Failure to Obey Stop Sign (3), Driving Under Suspension (1), Failure to Maintain Control of Vehicle (1), Unlawful Parking in a Handicapped Zone (1), No Parking (1) and Failure to Register Weapons on Post (1).

❑ Law Enforcement Training: From Jan. 29-31, DA Police and Military Police Soldiers attended an eight-hour Data Master Certification Course at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. Upon completion, these officers and Soldiers are certified to operate the Data master machine whenever an individual is suspected of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor and/or drugs to determine breath alcohol percentage.

❑ Fire Department emergency responses: 35. EMS-24, Fire alarms (7), Hazmat (2) (smell of gas in building, vehicle leaking fluids), Rescue (1) (minor traffic accident), Fire (1) (wild land fire in training area 19A).

❑ Starship 5500 (3-60 IN) (Construction Project): Phase 2 of the project (company relocations) shifted from Nov. 13 to Jan. 14 because of construction delays.

❑ BCT 2 Phase 2 (2 Companies; 1-61 IN) (Construction Project): The estimated Beneficial Occupancy Date (BOD) is September.

❑ BCT 3 Phase 2 (2 Companies, 3-34 IN) (Construction Project): The Source Selection Board (SSB) convened Jan. 31- Feb. 1 the award scheduled for March.

❑ AIT 1 Phases 1 and 2 (369 AG) (Construction Project): The estimated BOD for Phase 1 BN HQ, DFAC, 1 Barracks/Company Operations Facility (BCOF) is Nov. 13 and for Phase 2 (3 BCOFs) is March 14.

❑ Starship 5482 (2-13th or other) (Construction Project): DPW submitted the DD Form 1391 for approval. Although TBUP is suspended pending the federal budget resolution, DPW will continue to develop the Request For Proposal (RFP) to enable solicitation/award if/when funds are released.

❑ Barracks 1872 (120th AG, B Co) (Construction Project): DPW submitted the DD Form 1391 for approval. DPW will continue to develop the RFP to enable solicitation/award if/when TBUP funds are released.

❑ Air Quality (AQ) Program: DPW delivered a semi-annual AQ Report containing emission calculations for the last half of CY 2012 to SC DHEC on Jan 28.

❑ Wildlife Suppression: Forestry and Wildlife Branch personnel responded to two wildfires on Jan. 24 in Training Area (TA) 19B (10 acres) and adjacent to TA 14B (183 acres). The fires are attributed to a smoke grenade and a tracer round fired on the tank range.

❑ Recycling Program: The DLA-Disposition Services Jackson sold 45,000 pounds of brass cartridges for \$96,000, which will be deposited in the Qualified Recycling Program (QRP) account.

❑ Environmental Training: DPW conducted the Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO) course Jan. 28-29, with 22 students in attendance.

❑ Building 4350 (Personnel Movements, Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT), and Hoffman Travel (Greyhound Bus) (Relocation to Strom Thurmond Building (STB), Building 5450): Relocation from Building 4350 is in progress and the estimated completion date remains Feb. 11.

❑ Building 2761 (MWR) (Legion Pool): The ECD remains April 18.

❑ Building 4442 (BCT Post Museum) (Outdoor Gallery Construction Project): The ECD remains March 29.

❑ Range Control (TRADOC FY12 Project List): As a result of the erosion test results, work continues in several areas on the TCD courses.

❑ Building 4580 (Chapel) (Replace Roof): Construction is approximately 60 complete and the ECD remains Feb. 28.

❑ Building 3652 (Golf Course Club House) (Replace HVAC): The ECD remains Feb. 28.

❑ Buildings 4711 (Exchange), 4712 (Exchange), and 4712 (Thrift Shop) (Replace Roof at Mini-Mall): The ECD remains Feb. 18.

❑ U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School (USACCS) Five Bay Storage Facility): The ECD remains May 22.

❑ Building 2450 (187th OD Bn, WVMS) (Replace Roof): The ECD remains March 20.

❑ Patton Stadium (1-34 IN) (Install Running Surface on PT track): Construction work on the track has an ECD in April.

❑ Housing: Occupancy Rate: 93 percent; Waterfall residents: 117 (26 DoD civilians, 34 Retirees, 17 GEOs, 37 Third Army residents, and 3 Orangeburg residents), Unaccompanied Personnel Housing Occupancy Rate is 87 percent. A Housing Mayoral Council meeting is scheduled for Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. in the PCR. The Garrison Commander and Garrison Command Sergeant Major will present Certificates of Appreciation to departing mayors.

Calendar

Saturday

CYSS sweetheart ball

7 to 9 p.m.; Solomon Center
Tickets are available at all CYSS locations.

Tuesday

Society of American Military Engineers Carolina Midlands Post meeting

11:30 a.m.; Officers' Club
The guest speaker will be Ike McLeese, president of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and civilian aide to the secretary of the Army. For more information and to register, call 796-6240.

Wednesday

Seminar: How to make the job fair work for you

9 to 11 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
To register, call 751-4862.

Friday, Feb. 15

Hearts Apart and Foreign Born Spouses Valentine's celebration

6 to 8 p.m.; Joe E. Mann Center
For more information and to register, call 751-9770/1124. Registration is required by Feb. 12.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Shred day

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Recycling Center
For more information, call 751-4208.

Tuesday, March 5

2013 Hiring our Heroes veterans event

9 a.m. to noon; Solomon Center
To register, visit www.hoh.greatjob.net.

Announcements

OFFICE RELOCATIONS

The Personnel Movements Branch and Carlson Wagonlit offices will relocate to the Strom Thurmond Building Monday. The Personnel Movement Branch will be in Room 107. Carlson Wagonlit will be in Room 100. Both offices will remain open at the current location at 4350 Magruder Ave. through Friday.

During the transition, customers can reach the Personnel Movements Branch at 751-6053 for stateside travel and at 751-7531 for overseas travel. Carlson Wagonlit can be reached at 782-2966.

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for track and field (ages 6-14) and soccer (ages 3-5) runs through March 1. 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.

RED CROSS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The American Red Cross on Fort Jackson is looking for people interested in volunteering as courtesy cart drivers at Moncrief Army Community Hospital. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license and no accidents or speeding violations in the last three years. For more information, call 751-4329.

SAT, ACT TESTING

The Fort Jackson Education Center will administer SAT testing Feb. 22, March 8, April 5, May 3 and June 7. ACT testing is scheduled for Feb. 8, 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.

NFFE ELECTIONS

The National Federation of Federal Employees, Local 1214 will hold elections Tuesday at the Union Hall. The polls will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any member who has paid dues and is in good standing is permitted to vote.

The candidates for president are Jeffery Richardson, Directorate of Emergency Services; Melony Peters, Training Support and Schools Directorate; and Theodore Cole, 171st Infantry Brigade. For a list of candidates for all positions, email usarmy.jackson.93-sig-bde.mbx.jackson-nffe-1214@mail.mil.

PAALS PATRIOTS CLASS

Palmetto Animal Assisted Living Services will offer a free class to active-duty Soldiers and veterans who are experiencing emotional difficulties in response to combat experiences. The class, PAALS Patriots, focuses on working with service dogs in training. It will also incorporate work with therapy horses. The six-week class will begin in February and is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call Jean Rogers at 920-0042.

MUSEUM CLOSURE

The Basic Combat Training Museum will be closed Feb. 25 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.

SOCCER SIGN-UP

Letters of intent for unit-level 11-person soccer are due to the Sports Office Feb. 14. For more information, call 751-3096.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 5K

Registration for the Black History

Month 5K fun walk/run is open. The run is scheduled for 8 a.m., Feb. 23 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.

FREE COMIC BOOK

A free Avengers comic book for military children, titled, "Double Vision," is now available at the Exchange.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Army Emergency Relief is now accepting applications for the MG James Ursano scholarship. The scholarship program assists spouses and children of active and retired Soldiers in obtaining a four-year undergraduate degree. Recipients must apply each year and may receive assistance for up to four years. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org.

COMMISSARY NEWS

Students can now apply for the 2013 Scholarships for Military Children Program. The program awards at least \$1,500 at each commissary. Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 22. For more information, visit www.commissaries.com or www.militaryscholar.org.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

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.

Housing happenings

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.

TENANT RIGHTS

Tenants should know their rights and responsibilities as tenants as well as the landlord's obligations and responsibilities. According to South Carolina law, in most cases the landlord cannot force a renter to repair items that are not broken because of the tenant's negligence. For more information, call 751-5788/7566/9323.

VALENTINE'S DAY ESSAY CONTEST

Why do you love your Valentine? Tell us about it. Submit your essays to ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com. Each submitter will receive a Valentine's Day goodie bag. The

winners will win flowers for their Valentine. Essays are due by 5 p.m., Monday.

PCS MOVE

Residents who move to an installation where Balfour Beatty Communities is the privatized housing partner should contact their resident specialist for information about the Resident Rewards Program. For more information, call 738-8275.

TRASH PICKUP

Residents are asked to place trash cans curbside the night before service is scheduled. Once the trash can has been emptied, it should be stored away properly.

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.

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



Friday, Feb. 8 — 7 p.m.
Rise of the Guardians PG

Saturday, Feb. 9 — 2 p.m.
The Guilt Trip PG-13

Sunday, Feb. 10 — 2 p.m.
Jack Reacher PG-13

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — 1:30 p.m.
Jack Reacher PG-13

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — 4:30 p.m.
The Guilt Trip PG-13

For more listings, visit www.aafes.com or call 751-7488.
Adults: \$5;
Children (6-11 years old): \$2.50



Watch Fort Jackson video news stories and Victory Updates at <http://www.vimeo.com/user3022628>

Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication. For example, an article for the Feb. 21 Leader must be submitted by today.

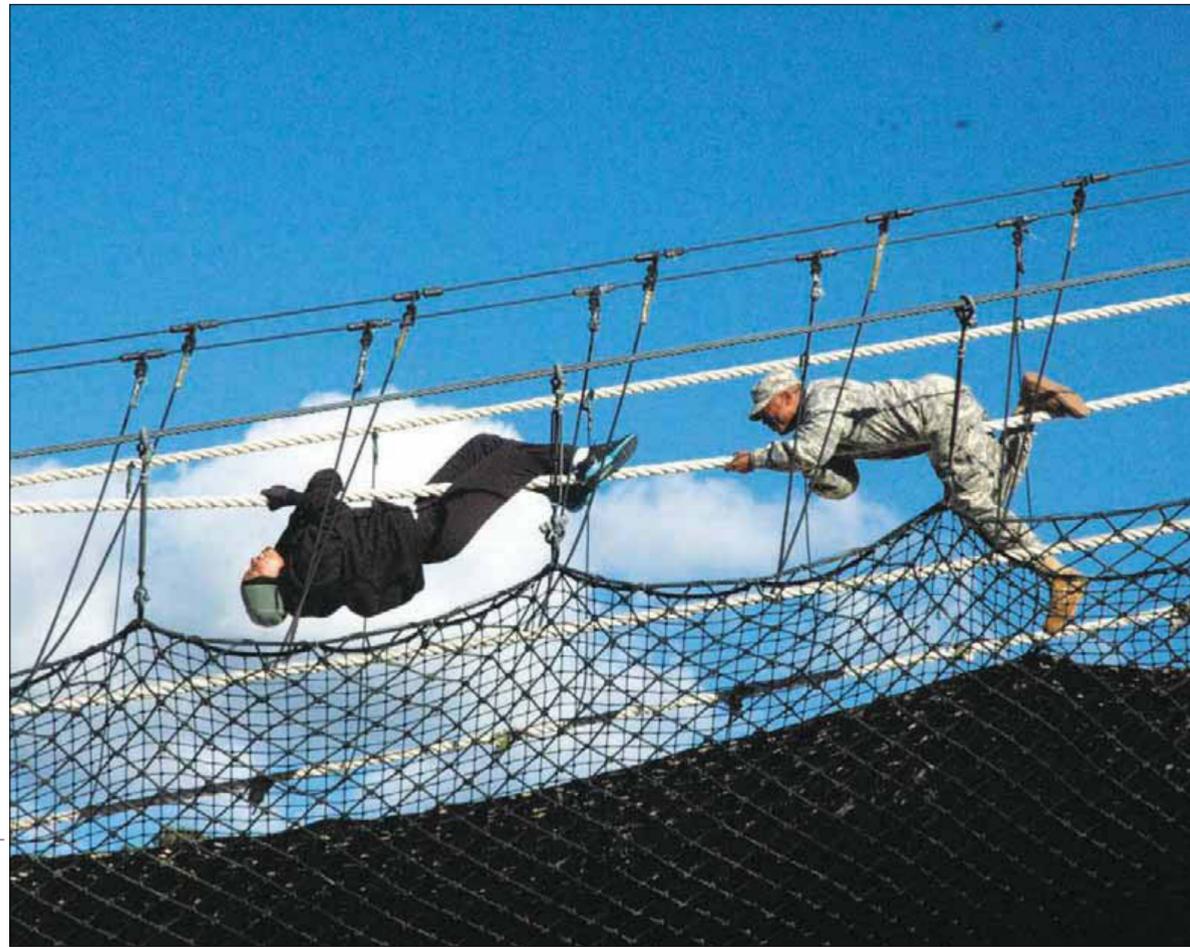
Announcement submissions are due one week before publication. For example, an announcement for the Feb. 21 Leader must be

submitted by Feb. 14.

Send your submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com. For more information, call 751-7045.

A Day in the Life

Students photograph training exercises at Fort Jackson

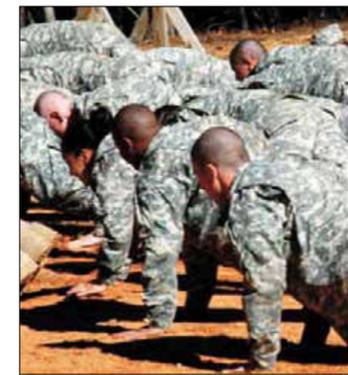
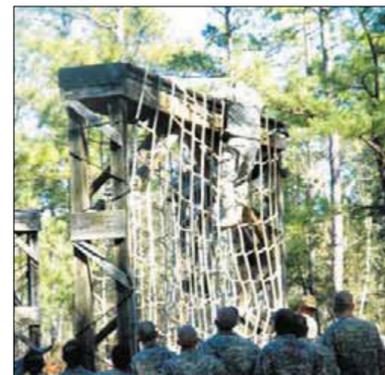


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Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Above, Jacob Harding, 14, of E. L. Wright Middle School, Jacob Shiver, 15, of Crayton Middle School, and Cameron Jones, 12, of Kelly Mill Middle School photograph Soldiers and family members as they descend Victory Tower during Friday's John and Jane Wayne Day events. The three Columbia students spent Friday touring Fort Jackson as part of National Groundhog Job Shadow Day, a campaign that gives young people a new perspective on their studies through hands-on learning and a one-day mentoring experience.



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Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



**Staff Sgt.
Joel Camacho**
Company A
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pfc. Megan Munib

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Robert Gammon Jr.

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Darius Pool

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Tiffany Jones



**Staff Sgt.
Christopher Edwards**
Company B
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Jason Wagner

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Alan Chao

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Terry Johnson
Pvt. Kevin Deblasis

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Susan Stoff



**Sgt.
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Company C
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60th Infantry Regiment

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Spc. Taylor Bean

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Nelly Gonzalez

HIGH BRM
Spc. Daniel Hill

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Isaac Griffin
Pfc. Daniel Jimenez



**Sgt. 1st Class
Cory Meyer**
Company D
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Calvin Devault

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Badrinarayanan Gopalan

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Ihsan Redding

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Calvin Devault



**Sgt. 1st Class
Janio Cespedes**
Company E
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60th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
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Pfc. John Frangos

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Esteban Barrera

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Joshua Register

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Robert Cronce



**Staff Sgt.
Berchell Francis**
Company F
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pfc. Jason Moody

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Alycia Canha

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Thomas Clark

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Eric Lyles

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

STAFF SUPPORT
Master Sgt. Decory Williams

TRAINING SUPPORT
Sam McEady

SERVICE SUPPORT
Ruth Tyler

DFAC SUPPORT
Valeria Jacobs

FAMILY SUPPORT
Catherine Brocaille

February Promotions

Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank
BEATTY, Daniel G.	COL	LEWIS, James F.	SFC	GARRETT, Timothy P.	SSG
PARKER, Reginald F.	CPT	McGOWAN, Daniel O.	SFC	JENKINS, Jaquetta D.	SSG
DANIELS, John K.	1LT	NEWTON, Gary R.	SFC	KIRVEN, Katrina R.	SSG
BROWN, Todd A.	SGM	ONEY, Faatafuna A.	SFC	LOPEZ, Ivan	SSG
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Wherever you go, there you are

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) GEORGE PERRY**
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

Nine years ago, I began my military career right here at Fort Jackson. Like many, I have been overseas; I have had opportunities and challenges both foreseen and unforeseen. I have changed. I like to think that I have grown and matured. And now, I am back in Columbia.

One thing has been true of my time in the Army. Everywhere I go, I meet someone who thinks he is in a great place, and someone who cannot stand where he is and wants to be somewhere else. As military members, we may not be able to choose where we are physically, but we can choose where we are spiritually.

The 17th century mystical writer Frances DeSales once wrote, "As long as your spirit looks elsewhere than where you are, it will never apply itself rightly to profiting from where you are." So, my question to you is this, "Where are you?"

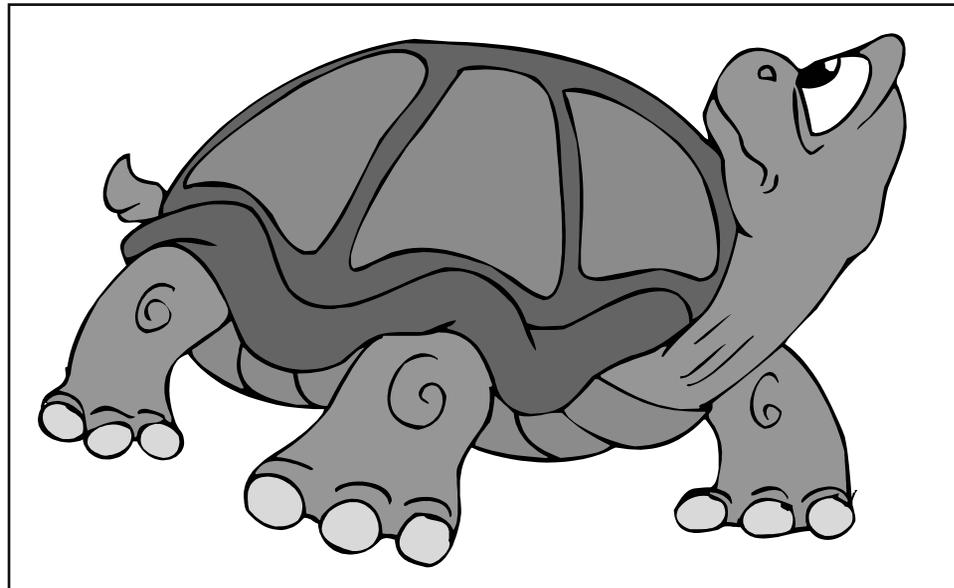
One day, as I was finishing a run I noticed a turtle on the edge of the road. It had gone over the curb and was now sitting on the edge of a well-traveled four-lane road. As I approached, it pulled into its shell. I picked it up, carried it over into the grass and set it down. To show its ap-

preciation for my kindness it peed all over my leg.

As I walked away, it came out of its shell and began moving in the grass toward some cover. I wondered what the experience must have been like for the turtle:

"I'm walking, and — ow, shoot, I'm stuck. Uh-oh! Something is coming. Hide. It's picking me up. What can I do to keep it from eating me? I know — pee. It worked. It set me down. Where am I? Grass. Go, go, go!"

The turtle's perspective (at least as I imagine it) was not in line with what was actually happening. Just when it thought death was about to strike, it was actually the moment of deliverance. We may not be where we think we want to be. But we are always where we can



grow. We are always where God may be found and where we can draw closer to him.

I don't think God will ask us why we didn't go somewhere else, but I do think he may ask why we don't seek him where we are.



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

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- 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

New riders must follow bicycle safety rules

By **VICKY DERDERIAN**

Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Bicycle riding is a healthy and fun way for children to explore their community and offers them a first glimpse of independence. It also helps children develop judgment and self confidence, safe practices and lifelong skills. A parent or guardian plays an important role in making sure children are safe on the roadways by teaching them bike safety.

Below are guidelines and tips developed by Safe Kids Midlands:

WEAR A HELMET

The single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes is a helmet.

- ❑ Make it a rule: every time you and your child ride a bike, wear a bicycle helmet that meets the safety standards developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- ❑ If your child is reluctant to wear a helmet, try letting him or her choose his own.
- ❑ Make sure the helmet fits and your child knows how to put it on correctly. A helmet should sit on top of the head in a level position, and should not rock forward, backward or side to side. The helmet straps must always be buckled, but not too tightly.

Watch this video for helmet fitting tips:

<http://www.safekids.org/safety-basics/safety-resources-by-risk-area/bi>

TRY THE EYES, EARS AND MOUTH TEST

- ❑ Eyes check: Position the helmet on your head. Look up and you should see the bottom rim of the helmet. The rim should be one to two finger-widths above the eyebrows.
- ❑ Ears check: Make sure the straps of the helmet form a "V" under your ears when buckled. The strap should be snug but comfortable.
- ❑ Mouth check: Open your mouth as wide as you can. Do you feel the helmet hug your head? If not, tighten those straps and make sure the buckle is flat against your skin.

USE RIGHT HELMETS FOR DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES

Children should always wear a helmet for all wheeled sports activities. A properly-fitted bike helmet is just as effective when riding a scooter, roller skating or inline skating. However, when your child is skateboarding and long boarding, make sure they wear a helmet.

ENSURE PROPER EQUIPMENT FIT, MAINTENANCE

- ❑ Ensure proper bike fit by taking the child along when shopping for a bike. Buy a bicycle that is the right size for the child. When sitting on the seat, the child's feet should be able to touch the ground.

- ❑ Make sure the reflectors are secure, brakes work properly, gears shift smoothly and tires are tightly secured and properly inflated.

ALWAYS MODEL, TEACH PROPER BEHAVIOR

- ❑ Learn the rules of the road, and obey traffic laws.
- ❑ Ride on the right side of the road with traffic, not against. Stay as far to the right as possible.
- ❑ Use appropriate hand signals.
- ❑ Respect traffic signals, stopping at all stop signs and stop lights.
- ❑ Stop and look left, right and left again before entering a street or crossing an intersection. Look back and yield to traffic coming from behind before turning left. Adult supervision of child cyclists is essential until you are sure a child has good traffic skills and judgment.
- ❑ Cycling should be restricted to off-roads (e.g. sidewalks and paths) until age 10.
- ❑ Children should be able to demonstrate riding competence and knowledge of the rules of the road before cycling with traffic. Children should not ride a bicycle when it is dark, in the fog or in other low-visibility conditions.
- ❑ If riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening is unavoidable, make sure to use a light on the bike and the bike has reflectors.
- ❑ Wear clothes and accessories that have retro reflective materials to improve biker visibility to motorists.



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

CG visits Moncrief Army Medical Home

Brig. Gen. Brian Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general, gets a rundown of the systems in the Moncrief Army Medical Home Pharmacy from Dr. Yolanda Jamison, chief of pharmacy. Roberts visited the medical home Feb. 1, meeting staff and received a tour of the facility, which is an extension of Moncrief Army Community Hospital.

MACH UPDATES

TRICARE CHANGES FOR RESERVES

Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve need to switch to an electronic form of payment. TRICARE now only accepts monthly premium payments using recurring automatic payments by credit or debit card or by recurring electronic funds transfer from a linked bank account.

For more information and to set up automatic payments, contact your regional contractor. Contact information is available at www.tricare.mil/contacts.

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

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.

Protect your heart during winter weather

By **LAURA VASQUEZ**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

Every year, heart attacks claim thousands of lives during harsh winter weather. Heart disease is the main killer of both men and women in the United States. Winter weather and activities increase a person's risk of a heart attack due to overexertion. Cold weather and a sudden change in physical activity increase the heart's workload.

February is American Heart Month and a good time to learn how to prevent or react to a heart attack, particularly during the winter months.

It is important to know your risk factors for a heart attack. The elderly and those with heart disease are at highest risk. Being male or having a family history of heart disease also puts you at a greater risk.

Some risk factors are within your control to change by adjusting your lifestyle or taking medications. These include quitting smoking, exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy weight and controlling high blood pressure or cholesterol.

This winter, consider your risk factors and take appropriate precautions. Taking certain precautions can be the difference between life and death.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS FOR THE HEART

- Take frequent breaks when shoveling snow.
- Use a small shovel or consider a snow blower.
- Do not eat a heavy meal before shoveling to avoid the extra load on your heart.
- Do not drink alcohol before or immediately after shoveling.
- Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia.
- Consult your doctor prior to exercising in cold weather.
- Learn CPR to increase a victim's chances of survival.
- Learn heart attack warning signs.

Warning signs of a heart attack are often ignored or overlooked. Heart attacks often start slowly with mild symptoms. Many people do not know the warning signs and often wait too long before getting help. Minutes mat-

ter during a heart attack, and early treatment greatly increases the chances of survival. Learn the signs of a heart attack and you can help save a life.

WARNING SIGNS OF A HEART ATTACK

- Chest pain or discomfort.
 - Discomfort in the upper body, including arms, back, neck, jaw or shoulder.
 - Shortness of breath.
 - Nausea, lightheadedness, cold sweats.
- If these signs are present, call 911 immediately.

This winter, make sure to take precautions to prevent a heart attack — know your risk factors, check on your elderly neighbors and learn the warning signs of a heart attack. Remember, prevention and early action save lives.

For more information and tips on preventing heart attacks, visit www.heart.org (American Heart Association) and www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/heart_attack.htm (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Happy B'Day, Nurse Corps

Col. Mary Ann Jones-Morgan, MACH deputy commander for Nursing, and 1st Lt. Javonda Fortune, a registered nurse at Moncrief Army Community Hospital and the youngest Soldier of the Nurse Corps on staff, prepare to cut the Army Nurse Corps birthday cake Feb. 1 at the MACH Dining Facility. MACH staff came together for a cake-cutting ceremony celebrating the 112th birthday of the Army Nurse Corps. The Nurse Course Corps became a permanent corps of the Medical Department under the Army Reorganization Act passed by Congress Feb. 2, 1901.

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Excess speed at gate can damage tires

From the Directorate of Emergency Services

Throughout the last several months, a very small number of vehicles exiting Gate 1 on Jackson Boulevard had tires punctured while driving across the force protection spikes.

To prevent unauthorized access to the installation through the Gate 1 outbound lanes, spikes were installed recently. These are the same type of spikes that are typically seen in parking lots at vehicle exits. Because of the way the spikes are designed, vehicles must cross over them at a slow speed. However, many motorists are driving faster than the posted speed limit or the spikes manufacturer's recommended speed of 1 to 5 mph.

Speed in excess of 5 mph increases the possibility of damaging vehicle tires. Traveling at a speed greater than 5 mph causes vehicles' tires to ride higher off the ground and increases the angle of attack the spikes have on the surface of the tire, potentially leading to tire damage. Drivers must reduce their speed to 5 mph or slower when crossing the



spikes at Gate 1 or anywhere else to avoid risking damage to their vehicles' tires.

In an effort to encourage drivers to slow down when crossing the spikes at Gate 1, the Directorate of Emergen-

cy Services will conduct strict traffic enforcement in the coming days.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

Often people do not think too much about fire extinguishers until there is a fire. However, according to the National Fire Protection Association, early detection and extinguishment of fire will save lives and property. Locate your fire extinguisher, inspect it and remember to P.A.S.S. (pull, aim, squeeze, sweep). Pull the pin, aim the nozzle at the base of the fire, squeeze the discharge handle to spray the agent, and sweep the nozzle from side to side.

The Fort Jackson Fire Department offers training to post residents and employees on how to properly use a fire extinguisher. Know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher, inspect it weekly and have it serviced once a year. To have your fire extinguisher serviced, take it to Building 1530 from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Thursdays. For more information, call the fire prevention staff at 751-1610/1611/5239. Visit the Fort Jackson Fire Department on Facebook.

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Business start-up workshops on tap

From the Employment Assistance Program

The Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program has partnered with SCORE, a national non-profit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education, to bring a dynamic, interactive program called Simple Steps for Starting Your Business to Fort Jackson.

This five-part series of two-hour workshops is designed to give aspiring entrepreneurs the tools, information and advice needed to succeed. Participants will learn the essentials of business startup, get action steps, and receive one-on-one mentoring. Participants must attend all five

parts of a series.

The program is free for all active duty service members, veterans of all branches, and family members of both. Contact the ACS Employment Readiness Office at 751-4862/5452 to register for one of the two series scheduled for March, April and May. The workshops will take place from 9 to 11:30 a.m., at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222. Registration is required.

The dates for Series A are March 6, March 20, April 10, April 24 and May 8.

The dates for Series B are March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26 and May 10.



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