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# Hero's welcome

## Medal of Honor recipients set to visit

*Leader Staff Report*

Five Medal of Honor recipients are scheduled to visit Fort Jackson next week and will share their stories with the post community during a round table event from 2 to 4 p.m., Feb. 16, at the Post Theater.

The men will also be honored during the Basic Combat Training graduation of the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment at 10 a.m., Feb. 16 at Hilton Field. The community is invited to attend.

The five former Soldiers scheduled to attend are Bruce Crandall, Walter Marm, Alfred Rascon and Robert Patterson, all of whom received the medal for their actions

during the Vietnam War, and Salvatore Giunta, who was awarded the medal for his actions in Afghanistan.

**BRUCE CRANDALL**

Retired Lt. Col. Bruce Crandall was drafted into the Army in 1953. He was commissioned as an officer one year later and completed fixed-wing helicopter training. In 1965, Crandall deployed to Vietnam for the first time, commanding Company A, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division at An Khe. On Nov. 14, 1965, Crandall took part in a 16-helicopter mission to lift troops in the Ia Drang Valley. Crandall's unarmed helicopter

came under intense enemy fire during the mission. The ground commander stopped the mission because of the resistance, but Crandall determined that the besieged battalion of troops he had lifted needed more ammunition.

"Major Crandall then decided to adjust his base of operations to Artillery Firebase Falcon in order to shorten the flight distance to deliver ammunition and evacuate wounded soldiers," reads his Medal of Honor citation. "While medical evacuation was not his mission, he immediately sought volunteers and with complete disregard for

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**Benson assumes responsibility**



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson speaks during his Assumption of Responsibility ceremony Tuesday in front of Post Headquarters. Benson came to Fort Jackson from Fort Campbell, Ky., where he served as the command sergeant major for the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

# Medal of Honor epitomizes courage

*"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers."* — John F. Kennedy

We recently conducted a memorial service on Fort Jackson to honor Medal of Honor recipient retired Master Sgt. John Baker so that we could pay our final respects to an American hero who was also an active, contributing member of our local community.

John Baker, who passed away Jan. 20, would have been part of the group of Medal of Honor recipients who will be our guests at Fort Jackson for several days next week. He would have joined fellow Vietnam-era Medal of Honor recipients Bruce P. Crandall, Alfred V. Rascon, Walter Marm and Robert M. Patterson, as well as 2010 Medal of Honor recipient Salvatore A. Giunta, who received the MoH recently for his actions in Afghanistan — all of whom are scheduled to honor us with their presence and interaction next week.

This four-day visit to Fort Jackson has been in the planning stages for quite some time. It is the result of a dedicated effort by the 193rd Infantry Brigade, which arranged this visit so that our Soldiers and leaders can learn from observing and listening to these men, whose acts of courage are forever immortalized by the decorations they wear and the lives they have enriched. The visiting MoH recipients will have opportunities to experience Family Day, graduation and a number of other functions throughout the week.

I am eagerly looking forward to next week's events.

**MAJ. GEN. JAMES M. MILANO**

*Fort Jackson Commanding General*



I am a great believer in military role models as well as being a student of our military history. Soldiers benefit immensely when they are given the opportunities to connect with history personally through the Soldiers who made it. This type of interaction helps build resiliency, particularly when Soldiers understand and internalize the courage and sacrifice that each of these MoH recipients has demonstrated. This promises to be a truly inspirational week. For more on the visit and the visitors, see the story on the front page of this week's *Leader*.

The Medal of Honor is the epitome of military recognitions — there is no higher award, nor one as awe-inspiring, or sobering. The medal is awarded for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty in combat against an enemy of our country. The standards for the award are so high that by their very nature, the majority of Medals of Honor bestowed since 1941 have been awarded posthumously. There is a long, comprehensive approval process that eventually requires

the president's signature before the medal is awarded.

But most of the nominations fall far short of the Oval Office. Consider that in the slightly more than 150 years since the inception of the award, there have only been 3,458 recipients of the medal. Only 10 Medals of Honor have been issued for heroism in Iraq and Afghanistan, compared to 248 in Vietnam, 136 in Korea and 465 during World War II.

Of the 10 Medals of Honor issued for the actions in Iraq and Afghanistan, seven of those were issued posthumously. Besides Salvatore A. Giunta, the other living recipients from our country's two most recent conflicts are: Sergeant 1st Class Leroy Petry, who lost his hand tossing an enemy grenade away from two fellow Soldiers in Afghanistan in 2008; and the most recent MoH recipient Dakota Meyer, who received the award last fall from President Barack Obama for saving 36 lives in operations in Afghanistan in 2009.

If you are interested in learning more about the medal's history, there's a lot that can be found at the Medal of Honor Museum in Charleston. The museum is located on the hangar deck of the USS Yorktown at Patriot's Point and is operated by the Medal of Honor Society.

Again, it is truly an honor and a privilege for Fort Jackson to host these Medal of Honor recipients. Please take the opportunity next week to meet and learn from these great Americans. As I do, I'm sure you'll find them to be among the most humble, dedicated and selfless individuals you will ever meet.

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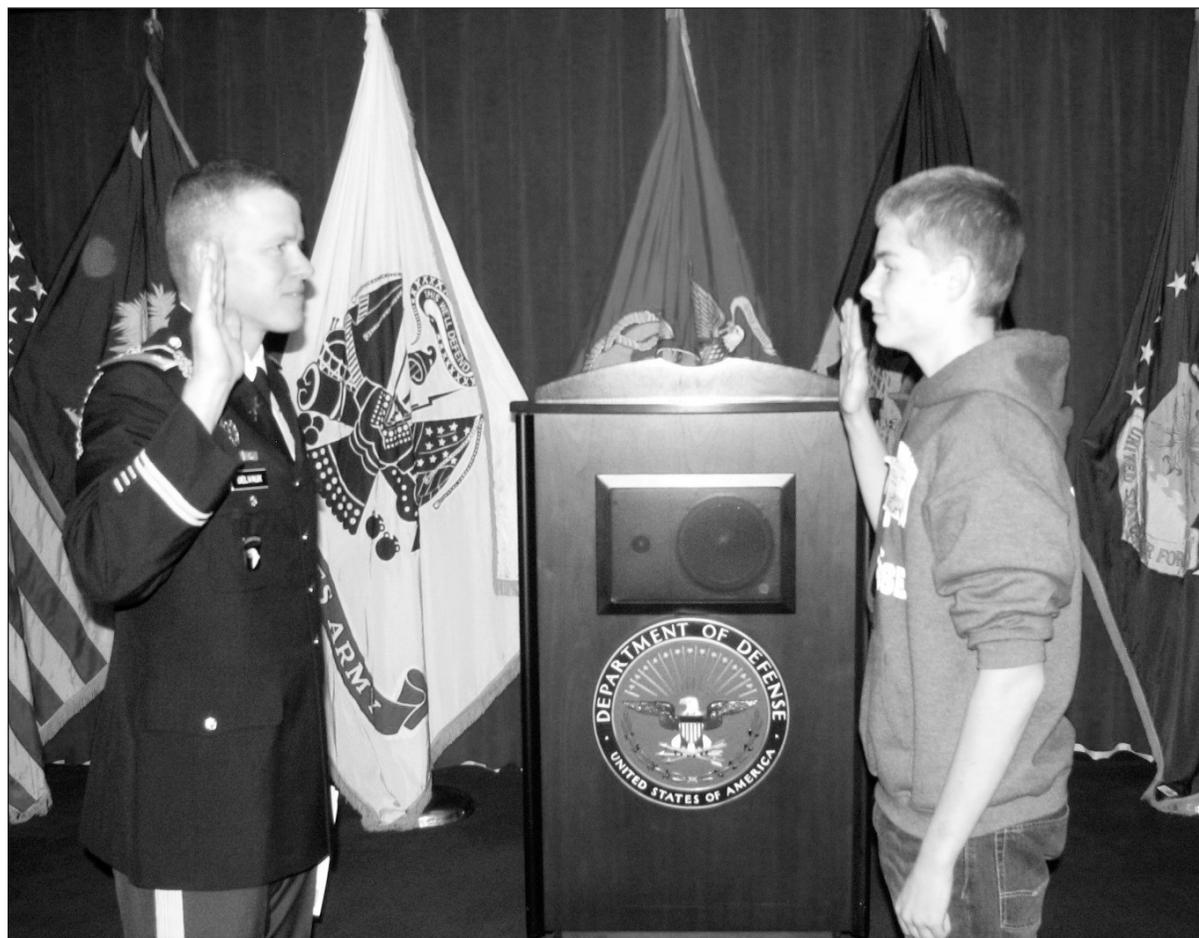
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## Family tradition



*Courtesy photo*

**Lt. Col. Steven Delvaux, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, administers the oath of enlistment to his son Ryan, 17, at the Military Entry Processing Station, Jan. 30. Ryan enlisted as an infantryman with the Army National Guard and will begin One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Ga., this summer.**

# Program provides help to civilians

By **DAWN BEAVER**  
Special to the Leader

When the mounting demands of our daily lives leave us feeling frazzled and stressed, it's important to know where to turn for help.

The Employee Assistance Program, or EAP, is a worksite-based program that was established to help employees and their families identify problems which may hinder their performance at work.

"Often times, people may not be aware of the problems at hand, but they feel frustrated and powerless," said Sandra Barnes, Employee Assistance Program coordinator/prevention coordinator.

Problems may involve anything from emotional issues, to stress, to marriage, to drug and alcohol-related issues, to finances, and everything in between, Barnes said.

EAP can offer assessments, short-term counseling, and referral services. All services are free unless there is the need for an outside referral, which may be covered by a client's insurance. This program is offered to all Army civilians, retirees and military dependents.

Ernestine Richardson, EAP manager, said the program provides a valuable resource that is underutilized by both management and employees.

Although the program is voluntary, supervisors may make need-based referrals

for employees on the basis of poor performance, attendance and quality of work, Barnes said.

"Through self-referral or supervisor referral, a client is able to sit down in a comfortable, nonjudgmental environment," she said.

During the consultation, a professional is able to offer support and understanding and then provide feedback and recommendations. The professional assists in recognizing the issues and implementing a plan to resolve them.

"It is about learning to deal with the storms. The rainbow is there, we just have to see it," Barnes said. "When we stop avoiding and start realizing our issues, then we are much more apt to deal with them head-on, so we can continue to be productive at work and at life."

Consultations can number from one to four sessions, depending on the need, and are completely confidential.

"Confidentiality is our supporting foundation for the program to work," Barnes said.

She added that there are however, certain circumstances involving a risk or threat to cause harm that would hinder the confidentiality. The success of the program cannot be measured in the numbers, but rather in the stories from clients who can attest to the fact that it changed their lives in a positive way, Barnes said.



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

**Sandra Barnes, the Employee Assistance Program coordinator, talks to a client. The program helps DA civilians, retirees and military family members identify and solve problems that may lead to poor work performance.**

## Black History Month spotlight Mary McLeod Bethune

### Leader Staff Report

Many people are familiar with Mary McLeod Bethune's work in education as the founder of Bethune-Cookman University. However, Bethune also played an important part in the history of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Bethune was an advocate for black equality, pursuing the opening of military occupations to African Americans. Her close friendship to then first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, provided prominent approaches in developing armed forces advancements during the 1940s. In 1938, she fought with the Civilian Pilot Training Program to allow African Americans to enroll. The goal of the CPTP was to train 20,000 college students a year to become civilian pilots.

Bethune's plight to the government was to allow



**BETHUNE**

these same programs to open on the campuses of historically black colleges and universities. Her efforts at the Tuskegee Institute and five other HBCUs provided the foundation for the Army Air Corps Program to train African-Americans to fly and maintain combat aircraft.

The first class of CPTP students completed their instruction in May, 1940. This was the beginning of the Tuskegee Airmen, which included pilots, navigators, bombardiers, maintenance and support staff, instructors and all the personnel who kept the planes in the air. The Tuskegee Airmen overcame segregation and

prejudice to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II. The Tuskegee Airmen's achievements, together with the men and women who supported them, paved the way for full integration of the U.S. military.

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# Wounded warriors aim to compete

By **STAFF SGT. MYLINDA DUROUSSEAU**  
Third Army/ARCENT

Less than a year ago Spc. Christopher Hemwall, a Michigan native and an infantryman currently stationed at the Warrior Transition Unit at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., was shot three times while deployed to Afghanistan.

Because he was unable to walk, Hemwall's competitive nature took a blow, until he met a Soldier who showed him he could still compete.

Hemwall and fellow wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and veterans traveled from around the globe to Sumter to attend the first Warrior Transition Command archery clinic with hopes of earning a place on the 2012 Warrior Games Army archery team.

The team will compete at this year's games, now in their third year, in Colorado Springs, Colo., April 30 through May 5.

Just days after he was wounded, Hemwall was taken to Walter Reed. Shortly after being released to outpatient care, Hemwall met two Soldiers returning from last year's competition.

"One of them only had one arm, and he won (a medal) in marksmanship," Hemwall said. "He had one arm and shot marksmanship with a rifle."

Hemwall asked the Soldiers questions about the competition and the training. He eventually picked up a bow, with his aim set on this year's games.

"I had been struggling a lot with self-esteem issues," Hemwall, 22, said. "I had gained a lot of weight and wasn't able to work out. I was afraid that I wasn't going to be able to do anything, be active anymore. I spent the first seven months in a wheelchair, wondering if I was ever going to be able to walk again."

The Warrior Transition Command's Adaptive Reconditioning program clinics are conducted to prepare Soldiers to use adaptive sports and reconditioning activities to play major roles in the recovery and healing process.

"This is set up and designed for rehabilitation, physical therapy, mental therapy, self awareness, building con-



Photo by **STAFF SGT. MYLINDA DUROUSSEAU**, Third Army/ARCENT

**Spc. Christopher Hemwall, a Monroe, Mich. native and an infantryman stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., sets his sights on the target during a four-day archery clinic in Sumter, Jan. 27-30. The clinic, taught by U.S. Army Archery Coach and retired Sgt.1st Class Steven Coleman, prepared the Soldiers for this year's Warrior Games, in Colorado Springs, Colo. April 30 through May 5.**

fidence — helping our Soldiers come back," said Warrior Games Army Archery coach Steven Coleman.

Coleman first became involved with the program two years ago while stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

"It's very rewarding and gratifying to get to do this," said Coleman, a retired sergeant first class. "You have Sol-

diers who want to do it, and want to learn. If they want to make time, I'll give them time."

The four-day clinic, the first archery clinic to be offered to the Soldiers, prepared them for competition by taking them out of their comfort zone; flying or driving thousands of miles from other countries and states, changing time zones and being shoulder-to-shoulder on the firing line.

A second clinic is scheduled for March. To be able to provide these clinics for the Soldiers, Coleman arranged with the American Legion Post 15 the use of the agricultural building at the Sumter County Fairgrounds. He also sought donations and sponsorship from local organizations, as well as emergency medical support from Third Army/ARCENT.

"It really is a privilege to be out here," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Brown, Third Army/ARCENT operations non-commissioned officer. "These Soldiers demonstrate that they can compete and overcome whatever injuries they may have. It's a really great thing to see."

Standing by his side and helping Hemwall overcome his injuries is his wife, Valerie Hemwall.

"Doing all of this is good for them, to get out and have fun," Valerie Hemwall said. "They help each other. It has been great to see him and other Soldiers from Walter Reed participate."

The WRNMMC WTU is one of 29 WTUs at Army posts, camps and stations serving wounded, ill and injured Soldiers.

"I'm not only doing this for myself but also, for the two guys we lost over there who were really close friends of mine," Christopher Hemwall said. "I am living for all three of us now."

The Warrior Games consist of athletes from the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Special Operations competing for gold in archery, cycling, wheelchair basketball, shooting, swimming, track and field, and sitting volleyball.



Photo by **STAFF SGT. MYLINDA DUROUSSEAU**, Third Army/ARCENT

**Staff Sgt. Tracy J. Smith, public affairs noncommissioned officer with the 48th Infantry Brigade Ga. National Guard, retrieves her arrows after a round of practice during the archery clinic.**

## News and Notes

### MACH INFORMS ABOUT RECALL

Pfizer recently recalled Lo/Ovral birth control pills. The Moncrief Army Community Hospital pharmacy does not order or dispense birth control marketed as Lo/Ovral-28 tablets or the generic versions, Norgestrel and Ethinyl Estradiol. Patients who get their prescriptions at other pharmacies should consult [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) to see if their prescriptions are affected by the recall. The affected packets have expiration dates between July 31, 2013, and March 31, 2014. Patients who own the affected product should notify their doctor and return the product to the pharmacy from which it was obtained. MACH beneficiaries who have questions or concerns about the recall, should call 751-2385.

### MILITARY SAVES WEEK EVENT SET

As part of Military Saves Week, Army Community Services has scheduled a two-part workshop on retirement readiness. The workshop is set for Feb. 21 at the 81st Regional Support Command auditorium. Part 1 will be from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Part 2 is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Col. Jamie Houston will be the guest speaker. For more information and to register, call 751-5256.

### SINGLE SOLDIER TOWN HALL SET

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a town hall meeting for single Soldiers from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Feb. 23, at the Single Soldier Complex. Key leaders from Fort Jackson will be in attendance.



Friday, Feb. 10 — 4 p.m.  
Up PG

Friday, Feb. 10 — 7 p.m.  
Mission Impossible PG-13

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The Adventures of TinTin PG

Sunday, Feb. 12 — 4 p.m.  
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Wednesday, Feb. 15 — 1:30 p.m.  
Mission Impossible PG-13

Wednesday, Feb. 15 — 5 p.m.  
The Adventures of TinTin PG

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For more listings, visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com)  
or call 751-7488.

## Training mission



Photo by AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. GILLIAN THOMPSON, Financial Management School

**Teresa McKay, director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service is training as a Humvee gunner on the training simulation system 'Virtual Battle Space 2' at the Soldier Support Institute's Warrior Training Area Feb. 2. Andre Jackson, mission command systems lead training officer, provides over-the-shoulder training assistance. McKay visited Fort Jackson and the SSI's Financial Management School to learn more about how financial management Soldiers and civilians are trained.**

# Army develops Civilian Record Brief

From IMCOM

SAN ANTONIO — The Army has developed a Civilian Record Brief for civilian employees and their supervisors.

The one-page CRB provides a snapshot of an employee's official data pulled from various sources: MyBiz, Defense Civilian Personnel Data System, Notices of Personnel Actions (SF-50s), and Army Training Requirements and Resources System.

By consolidating data onto a single page, employees will be able to easily review their personnel data, ensuring the official database information is accurate and complete.

Installation Management Command leadership emphasizes the importance of

civilian employees taking ownership of their careers and ensuring their records are correct. The CRB will serve as a vehicle to correct and update missing or outdated information such as training, awards, performance histories and education.

Civilians will be able to use MyBiz to self-certify and update degrees, professional licenses, occupational certifications, professional military education and technical training. It will also enable supervisors and managers to better mentor employees.

A side benefit of the CRB is the ability to use it as a foundation for and/or attachment to resumes and Individual Development Plans. The CRB enables employees to include employment data not included in official records that may be of value

to a future employer (such as non-Army positions, developmental assignments and military duties).

The CRB will be available to employees through the "Employee" tab in CPOL. Employees may update some information using the self-service capabilities of MyBiz and CPOL Portal.

To access CRB, go to <http://acpol.army.mil> and log in via the employee portal. Click on the "Employee" tab and your CRB will be located under the "Self Service Applications" section. Changes made using MyBiz will normally be reflected in the employee's personnel record the following day.

Users who encounter issues when accessing CRB, should use the help desk ticket function in MyBiz.



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# Survey addresses PT uniform

From Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army wants Soldier input about a potential upgrade to the Army's physical fitness uniform.

Soldiers are asked to complete an online survey, developed by TRADOC, to answer questions about how they use their current physical fitness uniform, how they would prioritize changes to the uniform, and what capabilities they are looking for in a new physical fitness uniform.

The survey site officially launched Monday, and will remain active for 30 days. The survey is for all Soldiers, including active duty, Army National Guard and Army Reserve. Access to AKO is required for Soldiers to voice their opinion.

The uniform Soldiers currently wear during physical fitness training is called the "Improved Physical Fitness Uniform," or IPFU. The IPFU provides Soldiers with a multifunctional uniform for physical training and other Soldier-related activities.

Results from the online survey will help the Army decide if a new uniform is needed, and if so, what changes are being asked for by Soldiers.

The potential uniform upgrade will focus on comfort, fit, appearance, durability, reflectivity and ease of maintenance. A new uniform might also feature quick-drying capability and antimicrobial prop-



Leader file photo

**A Soldier performs push-ups during a demonstration of the new Army Physical Readiness Test last March at the Drill Sergeant School. The Army is now asking Soldiers to complete a survey to consider changes to the PT uniform.**

erties. The potential new uniform must also provide a full range of motion and accommodate the full range of seasonal environments without compromising Soldier performance.

The survey was created in response to the chief of staff of the Army and sergeant major of the Army's approval of the Army

Uniform Board's recommendation and tasking to do a complete review of the IPFU requirements.

The survey can be found through the CAC-enabled site <https://ipfusurvey.natick.army.mil>, or through the non-CAC site at <https://surveys.natick.army.mil/Surveys/ipfu.nsf>.

## Housing Happenings

### COMMUNITY UPDATES

❑ The Residential Communities Office (currently located at 2441 Essayons Way) and the Housing Services Office (currently located in the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 241) will move at the end of February to Building 4514 on the corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard and Marion Avenue. Landline phones and computer systems will be unavailable during the transition. For immediate assistance call Emma Watson at 338-4809 or Vickie Grier at 413-8199.

❑ Self-made fire pits (including fireplaces and chimineas) are strictly prohibited in the housing area. Fire pits must not be used indoors, on porches, in garages or in carports. Fire pits must be under close supervision of an adult at all times when in use. The only material approved for burning in fire pits is raw, untreated wood. A garden hose must be readily available at all times when using fire pits. Fire pits must be enclosed on all sides and have a cover and be of a type approved by the Fort Jackson Fire Department. They must be located at least 10 feet away from combustible materials and all buildings when in use. After using a fire pit, embers must be completely extinguished with water. Users must also follow all manufacturers' recommended procedures and safety precautions. Fire pits must be properly stored when not in use. They must not be left unattended for extended periods in front yards. Storage out of plain sight is encouraged. Residents can schedule an inspection of their fire pit by calling 751-1610/1611/5239/1411.

❑ Refer someone to move on post to receive \$200.

❑ The comment card winner for December is Spc. Jessica Smith. Residents who fill out a comment card after interacting with Balfour Beatty staff are entered to win \$100.

❑ The winner of the plastic bag recycling contest in January is Amanda Wilhelm. She received a \$15 gift card.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

❑ New home construction on Fort Jackson is now completed. Construction included 610 new homes and the Community Center.

## Self service



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

The Directorate of Logistics purchased a new truck scale that is available for Soldiers to weigh their vehicles and get weight slips during do-it-yourself moves. Soldiers need two weight slips, one for the empty vehicle and one for the loaded vehicle, to be eligible for reimbursement for moving costs. The scale is located at the vehicle dispatch station on 2606 Lee Road. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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# Family donates WWI items to museum

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**  
Fort Jackson Leader

The Moore family has a rich history of service. Family members have served in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II. Now, some of the military-related items that have been passed on through generations have found a new permanent home at the Basic Combat Training Museum.

The family presented photos, uniforms, a campaign ribbon, helmets and other items from World War I that belonged to Ralph Moore Sr. to the museum Tuesday.

“We decided between us this is the best place (for the items), because otherwise (they’re) going to be scattered anywhere, we just have no idea where,” said Ralph Moore Jr., the son of the World War I veteran.

Ralph Moore Sr., a Sumter native who died in 1974, trained on what was then Camp Jackson in 1917, the year the installation was established. He was assigned to Company E, 105th Regiment of Engineers, 30th Division and later fought in France.

Henry Howe, the museum curator, said the items are a valuable addition to the collection administered by the Army Center for Military History.

“Items from World War I are rapidly disappearing. It’s nice to be able to capture that history before we lose it,” Howe said. “To be able to tie a name to a uniform gives it a whole lot more precedence than just a uniform off a shelf. It ties the person to the item which gives us personality, which gives us the individual story, and it’s a story we want to know.”

Col. Craig Currey, Fort Jackson’s deputy commanding officer, said he hopes young Soldiers who visit the museum on Family Day will learn from that personal history.

“Ideally, they’re showing their parents — and learning themselves — more about the Army. They’re learning more about Army traditions, Army heritage,” Currey said. “If they see better exhibits they understand these



Photos by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

**Ralph Moore Jr. shows a World War I document to Maj. Gen. James Milano, Fort Jackson’s commanding general, Tuesday. The Moore family presented the Basic Combat Museum with artifacts formerly belonging to Moore’s father, Ralph Moore Sr. who trained on Camp Jackson in 1917.**

are real people, these are (their) relatives from the past who served and fought for the nation. It’s a great thing.”

Maj. Gen. James Milano, Fort Jackson’s commanding general, said the personal stories that are associated with the items make them especially meaningful.

“To me the most valuable things are artifacts that mean something to people, (like the ones) you are very generously providing to us,” Milano told the Moore family. “This is going to be fantastic. We are certainly

going to appropriately display them.”

However, museum visitors who are eager to see the new exhibit on display will have to be patient.

“We need to take a good assessment and determine the vulnerability, or the problems the items may have for any type of exhibit,” Howe said.

He estimated the evaluation process to take up to six months.

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Among the items donated by the Moore family are World War I era helmets. The helmet pictured bears the insignia of the 30th “Old Hickory” Division, to which Ralph Moore Sr. was assigned from 1917 to 1918.



The family of Ralph Moore Sr. presented the museum with items that were in the possession of several family members. The photo pictured was taken on Camp Jackson in 1917 as the 30th Division trained for deployment.

# Surprise! Daddy's home

By SGT. 1ST CLASS TONY J. SPAIN  
Third Army/ARCENT

The best reader of the day never read a word, but was the story of the day during a community reading event at Oakland Primary School in Sumter on Friday morning.

First grader Aiden Palo was among students paying close attention as members of the community took turns reading children's books to the class. It was after the third reader that he got the surprise of his life.

Aiden had no idea his father came home early from a six-month deployment to Qatar until Lt. Col. John Palo, Third Army/ARCENT, 4th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, plans officer, walked through the door still in his Army Combat Uniform to greet his son.

Aiden smiled and the crowd filled the room with applause as the 6-year-old raced into his father's arms and buried his head in his dad's shoulder.

John said it was good to be home and he was looking forward to catching up and spending time with his son.

"It's like being a kid at Christmas. You're incredibly excited, but it doesn't get old at all. It doesn't get easier having to leave every time either, that's the hard part. Coming home is the easier part, the fun part," said John, a Nashua, N.H., native. "I got a feeling we'll be playing a lot of Legos, but I'll do whatever he wants me to do, and I'll have no problems doing it."

Aiden's mother, Angela Palo, said it's hard on Aiden to be away from his father, and she wanted the homecoming to be special. The surprise had been in the works since Christmas.

One of the things Aiden and Angie did to count the days was to put 180 M&Ms in their own separate jars and to eat one each day to keep track of how much time was left before John came home.

"Some people count cards, others mark days off the calendar, we ate M&Ms," Angie said.



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS TONY J. SPAIN, Third Army/ARCENT

**Lt. Col. John Palo, a 4th Battlefield Coordination Detachment planner, hugs his son, Aiden Palo, 6, at Oakland Primary School in Sumter Friday after a surprise reunion.**

## Combat lifesaver

**Sgt. 1st Class Cynthia Hawk, Third Army/ARCENT logistics and operations sergeant, communicates with her team mates while treating a Soldier's wounds during a training exercise at Shaw Air Force Base. The exercise was part of a one-week combat lifesaver course taught by Third Army/ARCENT health care specialist. The skills gained by Soldiers in the course include hemorrhage control, tourniquet application, immediate care for spinal and head injuries, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and transportation of casualties.**

Photo by  
STAFF SGT. MYLINDA DuROUSSAU,  
Third Army/ARCENT



## Obama announces job initiative

By SGT. 1ST CLASS  
TYRONE C. MARSHALL JR.  
American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — President Barack Obama continued his commitment to improving employment among veterans by introducing an initiative last week to hire them as the country's first responders.

"In my State of the Union address, I proposed a new initiative called the Veterans Jobs Corps to put veterans back to work protecting and rebuilding America," he said. "And today, we're laying out the details of this proposal."

Speaking at a fire station here to veterans, firefighters, police officers and national park employees, Obama shared the venue's significance before his remarks.

"This is a fire station that holds some special significance for our country," he explained. "On Sept. 11, the firefighters of this house were among the first to respond to the attack on the Pentagon."

"You guys answered this nation's call during its hour of need," Obama added. "And in the years that followed, as Americans went to war, some of you answered that call, as well."

The president encouraged the hiring of veterans to replenish the ranks of the nation's first responders.

"First, we want to help communities hire more veterans as cops and firefighters," he said. "Over the past few years, tight budgets have forced a lot of states, a lot of local communities, to lay off a lot of first responders."

The country already has made progress in veterans' employment, Obama said.

"Already, we've helped 600,000 veterans and their family members go back to school on the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill," he said. "We've hired over 120,000 veterans to serve in the federal government [and] we've made it easier for veterans to access all sorts of employment services."

When he first became president, Obama said, one of his first actions was to ensure state and local governments received assistance through the Recovery Act to avoid laying off first responders.

"Thousands of firefighter jobs were saved because of the actions we took," he noted. "But budgets are still tight, and that's a problem we need to fix. Jobs that protect our families and our communities shouldn't be the first on the chopping block. They should be one of our highest priorities as a nation."

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# Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

## DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



**Staff Sgt. Nicholas Trapp**  
Company A  
2nd Battalion,  
39th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Amy Wilkes

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Ian Carlson

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pvt. Emmanuel Cruz-Torres

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Chad Street



**Staff Sgt. Benjamin Flynn**  
Company B  
2nd Battalion,  
39th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Shawn Bohannon

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Shawn Rogue

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pfc. Michael McCullough

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Jonathan Evans



**Sgt. Anita Gutierrez**  
Company C  
2nd Battalion,  
39th Infantry Regiment

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Pvt. Jesus Lopez

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Lavextwin Trunell

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pfc. Kelsey Payne

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Benjamin Johnson



**Staff Sgt. Bruce Blachly**  
Company D  
2nd Battalion,  
39th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Carly Hoftiezer

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Alyssa Benford

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pvt. Roger Trujillo

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Justin Collinge



**Staff Sgt. Taliferro Alexander**  
Company E  
2nd Battalion,  
39th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Matthew Isherwood

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Hilary Clark

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pvt. Danyelle Jackson

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Joseph Roth



**Staff Sgt. Benjamin Marshall**  
Company F  
2nd Battalion,  
39th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Stephen Spicer

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Jacob Bell

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Spc. Sterling Nelson

**HIGH BRM**  
Pfc. Martin Wisecarver

## SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

**STAFF SUPPORT**  
Michelle Wright-Wells

**TRAINING SUPPORT**  
Dawnhelena Neal

**SERVICE SUPPORT**  
Staff Sgt. Anthony Stancil

**DFAC SUPPORT**  
Mary Glover

**FAMILY SUPPORT**  
Heather Wilson

## Training honors



**2nd Lt. Chad Langevin**  
Distinguished honor graduate  
Basic Officer Leader Course  
Adjutant General School



**Staff Sgt. Donald Byford**  
Drill sergeant of the cycle  
Company B  
Task Force Marshall



**Staff Sgt. Hyoshin Cha**  
Drill sergeant of the cycle  
Company C  
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## Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the Feb. 23 Leader must be submitted by today.

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Send your submissions to [FJLeader@conus.army.mil](mailto:FJLeader@conus.army.mil). For more information, call 751-7045.



# Recurring meetings

## WEEKLY

### Fort Jackson Boy Scouts

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

### Walking away stress

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

### Play group

Mondays, 10 to 11:45 a.m., Room 8, 5615 Hood St., for children 4 and younger, 751-1071/6304.

### Range control briefing

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

### Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Owens Field, main conference room. E-mail [Tom.Alsup@gmail.com](mailto:Tom.Alsup@gmail.com) or visit [www.scwg.cap.gov](http://www.scwg.cap.gov).

### Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength

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

### Protestant Women of the Chapel

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, Main Post Chapel, Bible study and fellowship. Home schoolers are welcome. Free child care is available. E-mail [jackson.pwoc.org](mailto:jackson.pwoc.org).

### American Red Cross

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

## MONTHLY

### Fort Jackson Cub Scouts

First Sunday of the month, 5:30 to 7 p.m., 11559 Jenkins Road (next to Victory Tower), 917-1869

### Fort Jackson Bass Club

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

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

Second Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 467-8355 or [gblake12@sc.rr.com](mailto:gblake12@sc.rr.com).

### Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

— Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.  
— Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Palmetto

Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St., ground level, Meeting Room 2.

### Seabees

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

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641

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

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

First Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Post Conference Room, [www.jackson.army.mil/360/SAMC/home.htm](http://www.jackson.army.mil/360/SAMC/home.htm).

### American Legion Post 182

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

### Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., NCO Club.

### National Federation of Federal Employees

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

### Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202

Third Tuesday of the month, 1 p.m., 2620 Lee Road, 482-4456.

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262

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

### Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303

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

### Purple Heart #402

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

### Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

First and third Thursday of the month, 5 p.m., Magruder's Club. E-mail [sec@ffvictoryriders.com](mailto:sec@ffvictoryriders.com).

### The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

Third Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Post Conference Room.

### Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

First and third Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, 751-1148

### American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group

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

### Society of American Military Engineers

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

### MEDPROS training

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

### Retired Enlisted Association

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

### 92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

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

### Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641

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

### Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262

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

### Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

Third Sunday of the month at noon, (774) 451-7504, e-mail [armyaguair@yahoo.com](mailto:armyaguair@yahoo.com) or visit [www.combatvet.org](http://www.combatvet.org).

### Sergeants Major Association

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

### Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter

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

### Ladies Auxiliary Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

### American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215

Fourth Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., 2432 Chappelle St., 765-0175.

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# Medal of Honor recipients to discuss experiences with community

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his own personal safety, led the two aircraft to Landing Zone X-Ray. Despite the fact that the landing zone was still under relentless enemy fire, Major Crandall landed and proceeded to supervise the loading of seriously wounded soldiers aboard his aircraft.”

Crandall inspired other pilots to follow suit and is credited with increasing the morale and fighting spirit at a critical time of the battle. He completed 22 flights that day, mostly under heavy fire, providing ammunition to the ground forces and evacuating wounded Soldiers.

For his actions, Crandall was awarded the Medal of Honor Feb. 26, 2007, in a ceremony at the White House.

After a short assignment in Colorado, Crandall returned to Vietnam in 1967. Four months into his tour, Crandall’s Huey helicopter crashed during a rescue attempt. Crandall was hospitalized for five months with a broken back and other injuries.

He continued to serve in various capacities and retired from the Army in 1977.

Crandall and his wife, Arlene, have three sons and five grandchildren.

## SALVATORE GIUNTA

Salvatore Giunta enlisted in the Army in November 2003. After attending One Station Unit Training as an infantryman at Fort Benning, Ga., he was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Vicenza, Italy. Giunta, who left the Army in 2011 as a staff sergeant, spent his entire career assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

Giunta was twice deployed to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

On Oct. 25, 2007, during Giunta’s second deployment, he served as a patrol team leader in the Korengal Valley when the team was ambushed by insurgent forces.

“Seeing that his squad leader had fallen and believing that he had been injured, Specialist Giunta exposed himself to

withering enemy fire and raced toward his squad leader, helped him to cover, and administered medical aid,” reads his Medal of Honor citation.

While rendering aid, Giunta’s body armor and secondary weapon were hit by enemy fire. Giunta responded by returning fire and throwing grenades to conceal his position.

“Attempting to reach additional wounded fellow soldiers who were separated from the squad, Specialist Giunta and his team encountered a barrage of enemy fire that forced them to the ground,” the citation reads. “The team continued forward and upon reaching the wounded soldiers, Specialist Giunta realized that another soldier was still separated from the element. Specialist Giunta then advanced forward on his own initiative. As he crested the top of a hill, he observed two insurgents carrying away an American soldier. He immediately engaged the enemy, killing one and wounding the other. Upon reaching the wounded soldier, he began to provide medical aid, as his squad caught up and provided security.”

For his actions, he was awarded the Medal of Honor Nov. 16, 2010. Giunta was the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor for service in Iraq or Afghanistan and the first living service member to be awarded the Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War.

## WALTER MARM

Walter Marm, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., received the Medal of Honor Dec. 19, 1966 for his actions in Vietnam a year earlier.

Marm was deployed as a platoon leader with Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in the vicinity of the Ia Drang Valley. On Nov. 14, 1965, Marm’s company was on a mission to relieve another unit that was surrounded by enemy forces when Marm’s troops encountered heavy fire and were forced to seek cover.

“Realizing that his platoon could not hold very long, and seeing four enemy soldiers moving into his position, he moved quickly under heavy fire and annihilated all four,” reads his Medal of Honor citation. “Then, seeing that his platoon was receiving intense fire from a concealed machine gun, he deliberately exposed himself to draw its fire. Thus locating its position, he attempted to destroy it with an antitank weapon.”

Marm’s actions, however, did not subdue enemy fire entirely.

“Quickly, disregarding the intense fire directed on him and his platoon, he charged 30 meters across open ground and hurled grenades into the enemy position, killing some of the eight insurgents manning it,” the citation reads. “Although

severely wounded, when his grenades were expended, armed with only a rifle, he continued the momentum of his assault on the position and killed the remainder.”

Marm is credited with breaking the enemy assault and leading his unit to accomplish its mission.

He retired as a colonel in 1995 and now lives in North Carolina.

## ROBERT PATTERSON

Robert Patterson, a native of Durham, N.C., was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on May 6, 1968, near Lu Chu, Vietnam. Patterson served as a fire team leader with the 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment.

His squad came under heavy fire by a North Vietnamese battalion, which took advantage of its position in two heavily fortified bunkers.

“Sgt. Patterson and the two other members of his assault team moved forward under a hail of enemy fire to destroy the bunkers with grenade and machine gun fire,” reads his Medal of Honor citation. “Observing that his comrades were being fired on from a third enemy bunker covered by enemy gunners in one-man spider holes, Sgt. Patterson, with complete disregard for his safety and ignoring the warning of his comrades that he was moving into a bunker complex, assaulted and destroyed the position.”

Patterson continued his attack despite coming under small arm and grenade fire from the other bunkers.

“Sgt. Patterson continued his assault upon the bunkers which were impeding the advance of his unit,” the citation states. “Sgt. Patterson single-handedly destroyed by rifle and grenade fire five enemy bunkers, killed eight enemy soldiers and captured seven weapons. His dauntless courage and heroism inspired his platoon to resume the attack and to penetrate the enemy defensive position.”

Patterson is also honored in Fort Benning’s Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. He now lives in Fayetteville, N.C.

## ALFRED RASCON

Alfred Rascon was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, in 1945 and moved to California as a young child. He enlisted in the Army in 1963 at the age of 17 and became a medic. He was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Okinawa, Japan, which deployed to Vietnam in 1965.

On March 16, 1966, Rascon’s unit - the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, came under heavy fire in Long Khanh, Vietnam. Many Soldiers were wounded.

“Specialist Rascon, ignoring directions to stay behind shelter until covering fire could be provided, made his

## MEDAL OF HONOR VISITOR EVENTS

The five Medal of Honor recipients will participate in a round table event that is open to the Fort Jackson community. The event is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m., Feb. 16, at the Post Theater.

The former Soldiers will also be honored during Basic Combat Training graduation of the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment at 10 a.m., Feb. 16 at Hilton Field.

way forward. He repeatedly tried to reach the severely wounded point machine-gunner laying on an open enemy trail, but was driven back each time by the withering fire,” reads his Medal of Honor citation. “Disregarding his personal safety, he jumped to his feet, ignoring flying bullets and exploding grenades to reach his comrade. To protect him from further wounds, he intentionally placed his body between the soldier and enemy machine guns, sustaining numerous shrapnel injuries and a serious wound to the hip.”

Rascon was wounded again trying to retrieve a machine gun he feared would fall into enemy hands. He ignored his injuries and continued to provide aid on the battlefield.

“In searching for the wounded, he saw the point grenadier being wounded by small arms fire and grenades being thrown at him.

Disregarding his own life and his numerous wounds, Specialist Rascon reached and covered him with his body absorbing the blasts from the exploding grenades, and saving the Soldier’s life, but sustaining additional wounds to his body,” the citation reads. “While making his way to the wounded point squad leader, grenades were hurled at the sergeant. Again, in complete disregard for his own life, he reached and covered the sergeant with his body, absorbing the full force of the grenade explosions.”

Rascon was wounded once again, but continued to administer help until he, himself, was medically evacuated from the battle. For his actions, Rascon was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2000.

Rascon became an American citizen in 1967 and returned to Vietnam in the 1970s as a military adviser.



Photo by CHUCK KENNEDY, White House  
President Barack Obama presents the Medal of Honor to Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta in the East Room of the White House, Nov. 16, 2010. At the time, Giunta was the only living Medal of Honor recipient awarded for his actions in Afghanistan or Iraq.



U.S. Army photo  
Bruce Crandall received the Medal of Honor Feb. 26, 2007, for his actions in the Ia Drang Valley in Vietnam Nov. 14, 1965.



U.S. Army photos  
Far left, Robert Patterson received the Medal of Honor Oct. 10, 1969 for his actions in Vietnam as a fire team leader on May 6, 1968. Left, President Bill Clinton presents the Medal of Honor to Alfred Rascon Feb. 8, 2000. Rascon was awarded the medal for his actions in Vietnam March 16, 1966.

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## Calendar

### Today

#### AG Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter quarterly breakfast

7 a.m., NCO Club  
Tickets cost \$10. For tickets, call 751-3012/8520.

### Tuesday

#### PWOC Valentine's Day event

9 a.m., Main Post Chapel, fellowship hall  
The theme for the event is "Can't buy me love." A presentation on Biblical financial management is planned. Free child care is available.

### Thursday, Feb. 16

#### Medal of Honor round table

2 to 4 p.m., Post Theater

### Thursday, Feb. 16 — Saturday, Feb. 18

#### Seafood road show

10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Commissary

### Tuesday, Feb. 21

#### Military Saves Week: Are you retirement ready?

9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., 81st Regional Support Command, Auditorium  
For more information and to register, call 751-5256.

### Friday, Feb. 24

#### Black History Month luncheon

11:30 a.m., Solomon Center

### Thursday, March 8

#### SSI Change of Command

10 a.m., Officers' Club  
Brig. Gen. Mark McAlister will relinquish command to Brig. Gen. David MacEwen.

## Housing events

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

### Ongoing

#### Book drive

Balfour Beatty will be collecting books

throughout February to donate to the Richland County Public Library.

### Through Friday

#### Essay contest

Why do you love your Valentine? Submit your answer in an essay to [ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com](mailto:ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com). Each submitter will receive a Valentine's goodie bag. The winner will receive flowers to give to his or her Valentine. Entries are due no later than 6 p.m., Friday.

### Thursday, Feb. 16, 3 p.m.

#### Sun catcher painting

Children 3-10 years old are invited to paint sun catchers for their homes. Limited materials are available. Registration is required by Monday. To register, email [ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com](mailto:ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com) or call 738-8275.

## Announcements

### EXCESS PROPERTY SALE

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has scheduled an excess property sale from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 25, at Building 4510. Preview is available from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Feb. 24 only. Sale items include TVs, DVDs, flatware, dishes, furniture, refrigerators and fitness equipment. Two vans, a dump truck and golf carts are available under sealed bid. The bids will be awarded and read at 2 p.m., Feb. 25.

### CPAC CUSTOMER CARE PROGRAM

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has launched a new program, "I CARE," which focuses on excellence in customer service. The program emphasizes integrity, compassion, advocacy, resourcefulness and excellence. CPAC sets a theme each month to highlight one of the standards emphasized.

### LUNCH WORKOUT

The 187th Ordnance Battalion Functional Training Center offers lunchtime workouts at noon, Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2250 Sumter Ave. For more information, call 751-9740 or email [Sophie.Hilaire@us.army.mil](mailto:Sophie.Hilaire@us.army.mil).

### RED CROSS OFFERS WORKSHOP

The American Red Cross is offering "Reconnection Workshops" to support and ease service members' transition home after deployment. The workshops focus on one-on-one and small group discussion to enhance the likelihood of positive reconnections among family members. Service members who are interested in a workshop locally should call 751-4329 or email [jacksonredcross@yahoo.com](mailto:jacksonredcross@yahoo.com).

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY KIDS

Applications for the 2012 Scholarships for Military Children program are available at commissaries and online at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) and at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org). The program awards at least one \$1,500 scholarship to a student at each commissary. Applications must be turned in at a commissary by Feb. 24.

### SAT TESTING

The Education Center will administer SAT testing on March 12. Testing is available to eligible service members only. For more information and to register, visit the Education Center or call 751-5341/5342.

### SLOGAN SOUGHT

The Fort Jackson Environmental Management Branch is seeking ideas for a recycling slogan. Submissions are due March 1. Send your ideas to [Lisa.A.Mcknight11.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:Lisa.A.Mcknight11.ctr@mail.mil). The winning slogan will be used for upcoming recycling events and items.

### AA MEETINGS

Fort Jackson Alcoholics Anonymous has scheduled open meetings for 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays, at 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-6597.

### UNIT PREVENTION LEADER CLASS

The next Army Substance Abuse Program Unit Prevention Leader class is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 26-30 at 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-7949/5007.

### MG URSANO SCHOLARSHIP

The MG James Ursano Scholarship

Program offers scholarships for dependent children of active, retired and deceased Soldiers. The scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academics and leadership/achievement. The deadline to apply is April 2. For more information, visit [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) or call (866) 878-6378.

Visit the community calendar at [www.jackson.army.mil](http://www.jackson.army.mil) for a full listing of calendar events.

Send your announcements to [fjleader@gmail.com](mailto: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 751-7045.

For information about classified advertising, contact Camden Media Co. at 432-6157. Classified ads may also be sent by fax to 432-7609 or by email to [skaress@ci-camden.com](mailto:skaress@ci-camden.com).

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

## Off-post events

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

### 173RD AIRBORNE ANNIVERSARY

The 173rd Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation will host a celebration to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the brigade March 21-24 at Fort Benning, Ga. The event will include a reading of the names of fallen Soldiers from the brigade. For more information, visit [www.173dairbornememorial.org](http://www.173dairbornememorial.org) or email [ramirez173@hotmail.com](mailto:ramirez173@hotmail.com).

### OCS ALUMNI REUNIONS

The Army Officer Candidate Schools Alumni Association, Inc. has scheduled reunions for graduates of Army officer candidate schools, regardless of location or branch, April 25 through 29 at Fort Benning, Ga. For more information, email [Army@OCSAlumni.org](mailto:Army@OCSAlumni.org) or call (706) 221-8720.

# Team focuses on injury prevention

By **CHANEL S. WEAVER**  
U.S. Army Public Health Command

Whether it's staying in a marriage, living in the same community or raising a child, when people stick with something year after year, they demonstrate they are in it for the long haul. They learn to take the good with the bad.

That's why David Alberth, a radiation safety expert at the U.S. Army Public Health Command, kept working for the Army for nearly 40 years. Although his office chair was uncomfortable, his computer screen was getting harder to see, and the space in his office was getting increasingly narrower, he hung in there because that's what he felt devoted employees do.

"I knew the work I was doing to keep our military safe from the harmful effects of radiation was important," said Alberth, a senior health physicist. "I enjoy using my institutional memory and knowledge of historical examples to solve current problems."

Alberth kept files in his office that covered more than 20 years of history. He was so efficient at what he does that employees at the U. S. Army Public Health Command as well as Army and DoD scientists often consult him on radiation issues. He was recognized as a master consultant on radiation issues a few years ago.

But recently, his co-workers and supervisor began to notice a problem.

"David had a huge collection of files, and his office space was so constrained that he could barely move around," said Lt. Col. Constance Rosser, a program manager in the USAPHC health physics program.

Mobility was getting more difficult for Alberth, who suffers with arthritis and other orthopedic problems from his activities as a long-distance runner in earlier years.

With a few phone calls, even more pa-



Photo by **CHRISTINA GRABER**, U.S. Army Public Health Command

**Dave Alberth, a radiation safety expert at the U.S. Army Public Health Command, sits at his new workspace that boasts state-of-the-art ergonomic amenities and allows him to stand at intervals.**

perwork and a lot of heavy lifting, Alberth's co-workers voluntarily reconfigured his office. The office's reconfiguration and design was completed under the professional direction of USAPHC's Ergonomics Program members.

Today, Alberth's new workspace boasts state-of-the-art amenities including an adjustable keyboard, an oversized monitor, a workstation that allows him to stand at intervals, and of course, plenty of space for him to maneuver around effortlessly.

John Pentikis, an ergonomist, said the program is in high demand for office reconfigurations from customers throughout the federal workforce, completing an average of two a month.

"The teams identify risk factors in an of-

fice and come up with solutions to mitigate those factors," said Pentikis.

The make-up of these office reconfiguration teams varies, but they often include ergonomists, physical therapists, occupational therapists and engineers. A key goal of the program is injury reduction.

"We want to prevent injuries to our workforce," Pentikis said. "Research shows that virtually all musculoskeletal injuries can be prevented."

The goal is also to ensure employees can perform their jobs safely and comfortably, according to Col. Myrna Callison, Ergonomics Program manager.

The ergonomics team frequently travels both stateside and abroad to assess employee working conditions and offer interven-

tions to decrease injury risk.

"We frequently perform ergonomic studies on offices, warehouses, hospitals and other places where federal employees work," Callison said. Recently, the Ergonomics Program was instrumental in the development of a safe-patient handling program that uses ergonomically-sound equipment to help hospital staff lift patients in ways that do not cause injuries. The program is being tested in the Madigan (Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.) health care system, with an ultimate goal of being implemented in various Army medical treatment facilities.

Alberth said he is grateful that the USAPHC ergonomics team and his co-workers took actions to preserve his safety and health.

"The renovation made me realize that there are many USAPHC personnel who care about my welfare," Alberth said.

Pentikis said it was a pleasure to serve.

"I like what I do because I have an opportunity to interact with other people ... and help them work in an environment that suits them," Pentikis said. "It doesn't benefit an agency to have an employee who is uncomfortable and at risk of injury."

Rosser agreed.

"Mr. Alberth has spent the majority of his career assessing and mitigating the health risks of radiation to secure the safety of our military personnel in both deployed and garrison locations," Rosser said. "The steps we took to ensure he could perform his job easier were just a token of our gratitude for his service. It is our duty to ensure that all employees have reasonable accommodations."

For more information on the USAPHC's Ergonomics Program, visit: U.S. Army Public Health Command:

<http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/workplacehealth/ergo/Pages/default.aspx>

## MACH honors patients during month

By **NICHOLE RILEY**  
Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Moncrief Army Community Hospital is honoring its patients during National Patient Recognition Month. This year's theme is "We are patient-centered."

"Patient well-being, loyalty and satisfaction are continually cited as a top concern among health care providers," said Pamela English, chief of managed care. "National Patient Recognition Month presents a golden opportunity for our management team, physicians, nurses, technologists, technicians, ancillary personnel

and volunteers to reflect on how their attitude and actions affect the well-being and satisfaction of the patients they serve. We need to demonstrate that patient needs go beyond the technical aspects of medical care to include empathy, exactness, and encouragement."

National Patient Recognition Month gives the hospital a chance to examine and demonstrate its commitment to patient care, consumer advocacy, and patient-inspired best practices and outcomes.

"Most health care observances focus on health care personnel," English said. "National Patient Recognition Month is a chance to honor the patients we serve."

## MACH UPDATES

### FLU SHOTS

Seasonal flu shots are available to eligible beneficiaries 4 and older from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Immunization Clinic on the sixth floor of Moncrief Army Community Hospital. Children 3 and younger may be vaccinated at the Family Health Clinic on a walk-in basis.

### REFILL PHARMACY

Moncrief Army Community Hospital Refill Pharmacy is located in the Exchange next to the UPS store. The Refill Pharmacy offers a 24-hour turnaround service. The Refill Pharmacy hours of operation are: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday. For automated call in refills, call 751-2250 or (866) 489-0950. For the patient refill help line, call 751-4609.

### Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication. For example, an article for the Feb. 23 Leader must be submitted by

today. Announcement submissions are due one week before publication. For example, an announcement for

the Feb. 23 Leader must be submitted by Feb. 16. Send submissions to [FJLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FJLeader@gmail.com). For more information, call 751-7045.

# Child development center offers hourly care on post

By **THERESA O'HAGAN**

*Family and Morale,  
Welfare and Recreation*

Family Readiness Group meetings, doctor appointments, parent-teacher conferences, volunteer commitments or date nights are some of the reasons parents may need just a few hours of child care.

Finding reliable, safe, affordable care can be a challenge, but it doesn't have to be.

Hood Street Child Development Center offers hourly services for children 6 weeks through 12 years old to meet the needs of parents requiring short-term or intermittent child care at a flat rate of \$4 per hour per child.

"We provide a flat fee for patrons to utilize the program based upon reservations of a prescribed amount of time," explained Regina Farris, assistant director, Hood Street CDC. "Other CDCs on Fort Jackson offer full-time care, where the person pays for a slot and is charged based upon the family household annual income, which is billed twice a month. Here at hourly care, the fees are due at the time of pick-up, and the patron pays for only the time that was used."

Care is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Hood Street is closed on federal holidays. Hourly care is also available on the first and third Friday of each month for Parents Night Out from 6 to 11 p.m. Parents may use up to 25 hours per week, however, PNO hours are not counted against the total.

Hood Street CDC works with many agencies on post, making access to child care easier for volunteers and parents participating in unit activities.

"We collaborate with different agencies such as Army Community Service, Protestant Women of the Chapel and Red Cross, just to name a few," Farris said. "When patrons volunteer with any of these agencies, their child care is paid for on approval from the agency. Reservations are required and care will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis."

For special events being hosted by units or Family Readiness Groups

with 10 or more children needing care, after-hours care can be scheduled. Once the reservation is made, a contract agreement is provided to the event coordinator by the center director that outlines the details.

Active duty military personnel, appropriated and non-appropriated fund employees, employees of Department of Defense contractors, retirees and reservists and National Guard on active duty or during inactive duty personnel training are eligible to use the services of the Hood Street Child Development Center.

Acceptable proof of eligibility is a military or family member ID card, a civilian ID card or a letter from a supervisor indicating employment on the installation (DA, DoD, AAFES or contract employees). Eligible patrons must be registered with Parent Central Services to use hourly care.

Registration for Child Youth and School Services programs is completed at the CYSS Services Parent Central located in Building 3392, Joe E. Mann Center, Room C01, on the corner of Gregg Street and Magruder Avenue behind post headquarters. Operating hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Parent Central Office is open through the lunch hour for customer convenience. Registration may be handled on an appointment basis to limit the waiting time.

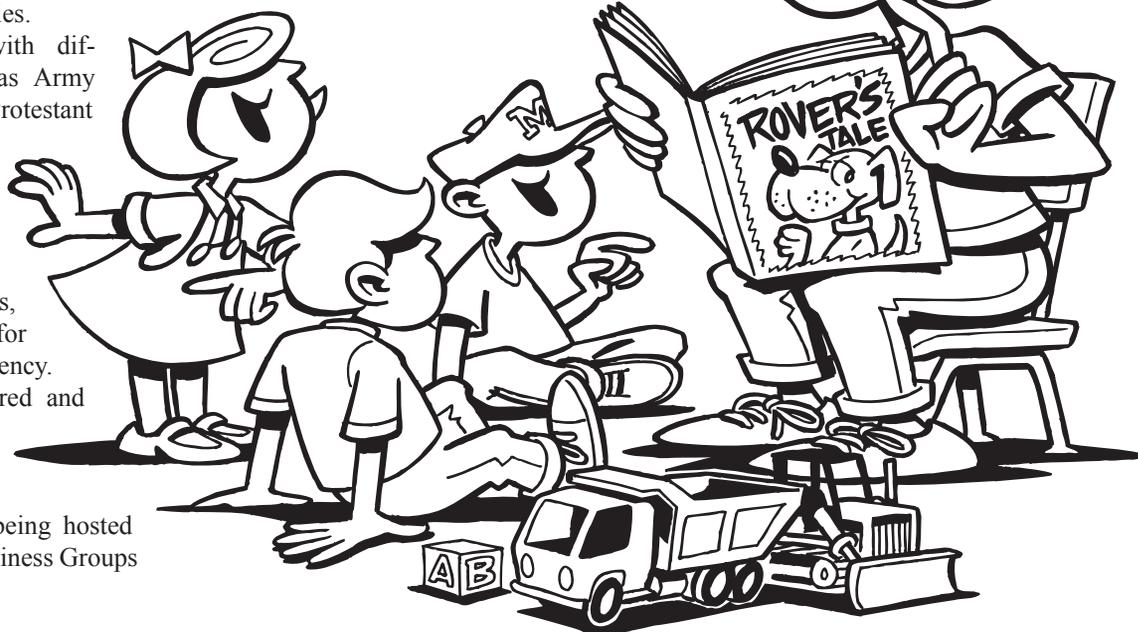
Walk-ins are served on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is no fee to register but registration must be updated annually. To register a child the following documents must be provided: proof of eligibility, an updated record of immunization and the child's Social Security number. A health assessment and family care plan (for single and dual military families) are due within 30 days of registration for continued service. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Parent Central Office at 751-4865/4824.

Once a child is registered, reserving care can be done a minimum of 24 hours in advance and a maximum of 45 days in advance.

Hourly care reservations can be scheduled by calling 751-1970/1972, via webtrac (<https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Jacksoncym.html>), and in person. Reservations can be made the same day if space is available.

Because hourly care is being offered on a first-come, first-served basis, availability times fluctuate; therefore, there is no way to guarantee which days or times will be full.



## FMWR calendar

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

- ☐ Look what I can do, **Thomas Lee Hall Library**. Call 751-5589 for more information.
- ☐ Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the seafood buffet.
- ☐ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 2 p.m.
- ☐ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruder's Club**, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruder's Club is located in the back of Magruder's Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Every other Friday, sing along to Linda's Carraoke Karaoke. Be early for happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.
- ☐ Every Friday is Artistic Expression with Jake at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the **Youth Services Center**.

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

- ☐ Try Hickory Bistro at the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Get your favorite breakfast or lunch dishes at a new lower price.
- ☐ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 10 a.m.
- ☐ Every Sunday is Family Day at the **Youth Center**, 2-6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

- ☐ **Victory Readers Club**, 6 to 8 p.m., **Post Library**.
- ☐ **4-H Club** meets 4 to 5 p.m; for grades 1-5. Call 751-1136 for information.

### ONGOING OFFERS

- ☐ The **Officers' Club** specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions. For more information, call 782-8761.
- ☐ The **NCO Club** breakfast buffet is 6 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4 to 10 years old. Lunch is 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and is \$8 for adults.
- ☐ The **Officers' Club** is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- ☐ Child, Youth and School Services provides child care and youth programming on Saturdays at no cost for active-duty parents who must work to meet mission requirements. Others requiring care may sign up, but will pay the usual hourly rate. For more information, call 751-4865.

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# FIRST RESPONDER

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

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

## Lt. Col. Raymond Simons

*Director, Emergency Services/Provost Marshal*

## Sgt. Maj. Bruce Sirois

*Provost Sergeant Major*

## Bill Forrester

*Fire Chief*

### CASES OF THE WEEK

□ A safety checkpoint stop resulted in the apprehension of a civilian who had been sought for a failure to pay child support. Military Police arrested the civilian after discovering that his driver's license was suspended and that he had an outstanding warrant for back child support. The civilian was turned over to Richland County

Sheriff's Department.



□ A service member was arrested after being involved in an argument that escalated into a fight. The Soldier was administered a blood-alcohol test and was discovered to have a content of 0.14. The service member was released to the unit as the investigation continues.

□ A service member was arrested for drunken driving after being stopped for a moving violation. The service member initially was stopped for running a stop sign. The MP who pulled over the service member reported detecting a strong alcohol odor. The service member was subsequently tested and found to have a blood-alcohol content of 0.12. The legal limit in South Carolina is 0.08. The service member was released to his unit.

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1-888-559-TIPS  
[www.midlandscrimestoppers.com](http://www.midlandscrimestoppers.com)

## Court martial

### U.S. v. Tull

Staff Sgt. Anderson Tull pleaded guilty to two charges during a special court-martial Feb. 4.

A military judge accepted Tull's guilty plea to violating a lawful general regulation prohibiting certain relationships with Soldiers in training and to

adultery.

Tull was sentenced to be reduced in rank to E1 and to a bad conduct discharge.

Tull has been at Fort Jackson since 2010 and was a drill sergeant with Company A, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment.

## FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

# SITUATIONAL AWARENESS



- STAY OBSERVANT OF ACTIVITY AROUND YOU
- NOTE VEHICLES, PERSONS, OR ITEMS THAT ARE "OUT OF PLACE"
- KNOW THE THREAT – WHAT'S THE FPCON?

## Winter basketball standings

Monday/Wednesday		Tuesday/Thursday	
81st RSC	4-0	187th	4-0
Swamp Foxes	3-1	SSI	4-1
81st SRP	2-2	1-34th	4-1
193rd	2-4	4-10th	4-3
175th	1-1	1-61st	2-2
TFM	1-2	MEDDAC	2-3
3-34th	1-2	171st	2-4
120th	0-3	2-39th	1-2
		2-60th	1-5
		3-13th	0-4

Standings as of Wednesday

## Dart standings

### Recreational teams

1st CivDiv	5+
Sharp Shooters	4+

### Intramural teams

MACH	3+
4-10th	3+
120th, Team 1	3+
1-61st	2+
187th	2+
2-60th	2+
3-34th	1+
TFM	0+
120th, Team 2	2-

Standings as of Wednesday

## Sports shorts

### SWIM MEET RESULTS

The following Commanders' Cup points were awarded for results of the swim meet Saturday:

- ☐ 120th, 149 points
- ☐ 1-61st, 99 points
- ☐ TFM: 68 points
- ☐ 187th: 62 points
- ☐ 171st: 45 points
- ☐ TSB: 25 points
- ☐ 2-60th: 6 points

tractors and military retirees. Children must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services. To register, visit the Parent Central Office between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. A physical taken within the last year is required. Youth sports offered during spring are soccer (ages 3-13), track and field (ages 6-13), T-ball (ages 3-5) and baseball/softball (ages 3-13). For more information, call the Youth Sports and Fitness Office at 751-5040.

### YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for youth sports is open to family members of active duty Soldiers, DA civilians, con-

For more information about intramural sports, contact the Sports Office at 751-3096.



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