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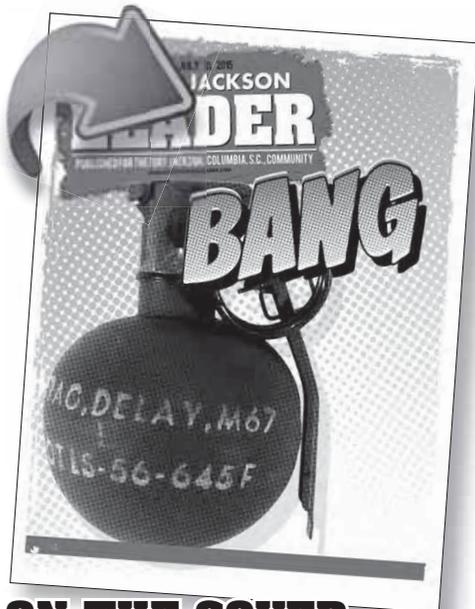
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A study performed on Fort Jackson's Remagen grenade range later this year will be the first to look at the effects of grenade blast pressure on Soldiers and trainers.



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Deadline for events to be included in Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will take place, as well as any other information you might deem necessary.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to publish an article for the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible. With any photo you submit, include IDs — including rank, unit and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

TODAY

Evening story time

6:30 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. For children ages 2 to 5.

FRIDAY

Garrison town hall

10:30 a.m., post theater. Garrison commander Col. James Ellerson will speak and answer questions.

SATURDAY

Free school sports physicals

8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Integrated Medicine Home, first floor Moncrief Army Community Hospital. No appointment necessary, but check-in must be no later than 1 p.m. Parents must provide their children's inoculation records.

Army Reserve town hall

1:30-3 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center. Command Sgt. Maj. Luther Thomas Jr. will speak with Army Reserve Soldiers. He also will take questions.

Boxing smoker

6 p.m., Solomon Center. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Active-duty Soldiers interested in competing should call 751-7146.

SUNDAY

Champagne brunch

11-11:30 a.m., Officers' Club. \$14.95 for members; \$19.95 for non-members, guests; \$6.95 for children 4 to 11. For information, call 803-782-8761. For reservations, call 751-4906.

MONDAY

Child safety awareness initial training

5-7 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Training on how to identify, report child abuse. Required for chaplains, law enforcement, and Child, Youth and School Services employees,

volunteers. For information, call 751-6325

TUESDAY

Job-Searching Strategies for Military Spouses

8:30 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Covers resume-writing, interviewing skills. Open to active-duty, retired Soldiers; National Guardsmen; Reservists. For information, call 751-5256, or email barbara.l.martin.civ@mail.mil.

Healthy Relationships

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Class deals with opening communication, dealing with conflict, building self-esteem. Open to active-duty, retired Soldiers; Family; DOD civilians. Bring your own lunch. To register, call 751-6325.

Outsmarts Class/Deer-Hunting 101

5:30-7 p.m., Alpine Lodge at Heise Pond. Free to all ID cardholders. For information, reservations, call 751-3484.

WEDNESDAY

Maternity briefing

9-10 a.m., Room 8-85, Moncrief Community Army Hospital. For pregnant Soldiers and their Families. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses

9-11:30 a.m., Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Includes information on how to find positions on Fort Jackson. For information, call 751-5256, or email barbara.l.martin.civ@mail.mil.

Bright Honeybee Play Group

10-11:30 a.m., Classroom 8, 5614 Hood St. Interactive group designed to help parents learn developmentally appropriate play for newborns to

3-year-olds. Open to active-duty, retired Soldiers; Family. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

AUG. 4

Military Family Night/Richland North East High School

6 p.m., RNE Media Center, 7500 Brookfield Road. For military students, Families. A briefing from the school administration will be followed by a school orientation. For more information, call 803-667-1213.

AUG. 6

Post newcomer orientation

8 a.m., NCO Club. Mandatory for all Soldiers new to Fort Jackson.

Stress Management

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Open to active-duty, retired Soldiers; Families; DOD civilians. For information or to register, call 751-6325.

AUG. 7

Jackson Jubilee/National Night Out

3-6 p.m., Solomon Center. Entertainment for children, competitions and prizes for best displays and attendance, information booths for on-post organizations and agencies. For information, call Marilyn Bailey at 751-5444.

Fort Jackson Gate Operation Hours

GATE 1:

5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday
 3:30 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (out-bound only)
 Closed on weekends and federal holidays.

GATE 2:

Open around the clock.

GATE 4:

5 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Friday
 Closed on weekends and federal holidays.

GATE 5:

5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday
 3:30 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (out-bound only)
 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Researcher to study effects of blasts

BY CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT
Fort Jackson Leader

A physiologist from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research will visit Fort Jackson later this summer to study the effects of poorly launched live hand grenades on the training cadre.

The study will be the first on a grenade range by Gary Kamimori, who has spent seven years studying the concussive effects of weaponry blasts on Soldiers. As part of the Environmental Sensors in Training phase of a study commissioned by the deputy chief of staff of the Army, Kamimori has studied the effects of mortar blasts at Fort Benning, Georgia, and artillery fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

“Most of injuries (in the Army) occur in training, not in combat,” Kamimori said Friday. His studies examine how those injuries can occur by outfitting Soldiers with sensors, keeping track of their physical complaints and running tests on such things as the ability to maintain balance.

Fort Jackson holds allure for Kamimori because it has the only fan-shaped grenade range in the Army and because raw recruits often misthrow the deadly projectiles after they pull the firing pins.

“We call those the head-ringers,” said Sgt. 1st Class Steven Berry of the 171st Infantry Brigade, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the post range. “Trainees are the ones who give us the Soldier’s Medals” when cadre members prevent casualties from misthrown grenades. Since January alone, two Fort Jackson Soldiers have received medals for preventing injuries from misthrown grenades.

Rattled trainees have launched potentially deadly errant grenades six times in the past two years, Berry said, but none since he took over the range in March.

Sometimes trainees throw the live grenades straight up into the air, sometimes not far enough away. During every training exercise, he said, 50 to 70 grenades fall “close to the wall” – within 15 meters of the safety bunker and far too close for comfort.

As a result of so-called overpressure exposure from the resulting blasts, both cadre members and trainees can suffer headaches, irritability, excessive fatigue, nausea or – in the worst cases – brain injury.

Fort Jackson’s fan-shaped grenade range holds an unknown potential for injury since trainers and trainees are concentrated in one spot and not in lanes. That means the potential for concussive shock can come not just from

blasts to the left and right, but from blasts from behind, too.

“If you don’t hear the warning in time” when a grenade is mis-launched, “you might not get down,” he said. That danger may be more pronounced on a fan-shaped range.

In past studies, Kamimori has planted sensors on firing ranges, and asked Soldiers to wear devices on their bodies. The same will occur at Fort Jackson’s grenade range, after Kamimori performs his initial walk-through, command briefing and observations of Basic Training Soldiers – tentatively, at the end of August.

He will return some weeks later for the actual tests of overpressure exposure.

Three to six months after that, he will make recommendations to limit overpressure exposure – perhaps training rotations based on exposure limits, not the number of troops to be trained.

“This is a project that’s pretty wide at this point because we really just don’t know” what studies will find or recommendations will be made, Kamimori said. “If someone’s complaining and they’re exposed to a lot, we need to be looking at them.”

The study will be part of the Army’s ESIT program, which measures and evaluates overpressure exposure and suggests procedures to reduce it without hampering training.

“You can get an idea where the blast pressure is” most profound by placing sensors on the range, as well as on Soldiers, said Maj. Elaine Paszkowski, deputy project manager of the Science and Technology Objective-Brain in Combat program with the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. ESIT is phase one of STO-Brain in Combat.

The emphasis of the Fort Jackson study will be on the cadre, who experience blasts repeatedly during training. Blasts can cause one-time harm, but their effects also can accumulate over time.



Soldiers in Basic Combat Training are taught the proper arming and throwing technique and to rock back and throw the hand grenade up and out more than 30 meters. The M67 has a kill radius of 5 meters.

Source: army.mil

The Remagen grenade range at Fort Jackson is fan shaped, which is unusual because most Army ranges comprise parallel alleys. The previous range also was fan shaped, and those before – also odd – were rounded. The range takes its name from a battle in World War II in which Allied and German Soldiers were forced to use new weapons and tactics, an event that scholars say shortened the war.



Photo by BEN SHERMAN, FORT SILL CANNONEER

Soldiers in 2nd Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery wear sensors to measure blast overpressure during a live-fire exercise in March 2014, at Fort Sill, Okla. The sensors allow researchers to measure a cannon’s blast waves from different directions and determine the effects on personnel.

Cloutier urges civilians to focus on excellence

BY CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT
Fort Jackson Leader

During a 45-minute discourse in which he paced to and fro in a rolling gait, Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier exhorted “the unsung heroes of Fort Jackson” to renew their focus on the mission of building American Soldiers.

“Everywhere you go on Fort Jackson, people are striving to achieve goals ... and there’s positive energy,” Cloutier said Thursday before a crowd of civilians gathered at the post theater to hear “Gen. Cloutier’s Leadership Philosophy.”

On the other hand, he said, “If you’re not excited to be here, you’ve got to get excited. ... We cannot do our core mission without you.”

Training Soldiers is at the heart of every task on post, Cloutier said. That means that Department of the Army civilians must understand everything from training philosophy to the need to keep Soldiers safe during morning physical training.

“PT time is sacred,” he said. “We don’t need you to carry an 80-pound rucksack on a 12-mile road hike,” but do remember that civilians build the roads on post, they cook the meals – and at the heart of every task is caring for Soldiers.

Harder times are coming, Cloutier assured the crowd.

Fort Jackson may have suffered the coming loss of only 180 military positions as the result of recent directives, but that loss will be only the beginning, he said.

He apologized for not being able to deliver specifics – they just weren’t available.

Even though workers might feel uncertain in the face of coming challenges, he said one thing was clear:

“Things are going to continue to get tighter and tighter and tighter.

“What we need is for everybody working together. ... We’ve got to get better (and more efficient) each and every time” a task is performed.

And if workers don’t feel the results of their work, Cloutier said, just take a trip to Hilton Field.

“There are tears every single Thursday,” he said – “tears of pride, tears of joy.

“Everything we do boils down to those Soldiers graduating.”



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier explains his leadership philosophy to a gathering of civilian employees last week at the post theater. ‘If you’re not excited to be here, you’ve got to get excited,’ he told the audience. ‘We cannot do our core mission without you.’

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Final rule puts more teeth into Military Lending Act

By **TERRI MOON CRONK**
DOD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department has closed loopholes to protect Americans in uniform from predatory lending practices.

The heightened level of financial and consumer-rights protection against unscrupulous practices – called the final rule of the Military Lending Act – covers all forms of payday loans, vehicle title loans, refund-anticipation loans, deposit advance loans, installment loans, unsecured open-end lines of credit and credit cards.

“With this action, the department takes an important stand against companies that can prey on our men and women in uniform,” Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work said.

“This new rule addresses a range of credit products that previously escaped the scope of the regulation, compromising the financial readiness of our troops. Today, with our regulatory and enforcement partners, we stand united in support of our service members and their families.”

The revision resulted from a three-year study by the Defense and Treasury departments, Federal Trade Commission and financial regulators such as the Fed-

eral Deposit Insurance Corp., Federal Reserve Board, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the National Credit Union Administration.

Congress passed the Military Lending Act in 2006 to provide specific protections for active-duty Service members and their Families engaged in consumer credit transactions.

Among other protections, the law caps at 36 percent the interest rate on covered loans to active-duty Service members, requires disclosures to alert Service members of their rights and prohibits creditors from requiring a Service member to submit to arbitration in a dispute.

The latest rule allows for industry compliance by Oct. 1, followed by a staggered implementation period.

The rule will help protect all active-duty Service members and their Families from committing themselves to loans with excessive fees and charges.

Service members still will have access to no-interest loans, grants and scholarships from the four military relief societies, and not all credit products will fall under the regulation – notably, residential mortgages and purchase-money loans to buy cars, which do not fall under the MLA’s definition of consumer credit.

MLA
Military Lending Act
Protecting Service members and their dependents from predatory lenders

MLA STANDARDS AFFECT	FINANCIAL PRODUCTS CAPPED	MLA RULE INCLUDES	FINANCIAL READINESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payday loans Vehicle titles Refund-anticipation, deposit-advance and installment loans Unsecured open-end lines of credit Credit cards 	<p>36%</p> <p>Military Annual Percentage Rate (MAPR)</p> <p>All-inclusive rate, capturing fees, charges and the sale of credit-related products</p>	<p>Banks cannot require Service members to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit to mandatory arbitration and tedious legal requirements. Waive their Service members' Civil Relief Act rights. Provide payroll allotments. Allow continual refinancing of payday loans. Provide post-dated checks. Access bank accounts or car titles. 	<p>The new rules are intended to help Service members, who also should become better educated about the types of credit they can receive. Financial readiness is a crucial part of overall readiness for America's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.</p>

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MOCK DISASTER

Post provides staging area for federal, state exercise

BY WALLACE MCBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

You'll be forgiven if you didn't notice the nuclear disaster that took place last week in South Carolina.

As far as national emergencies go, it was a quiet one. Employees with the Federal Emergency Management Agency set up shop on Fort Jackson for a few days to deal with the crisis, then returned home to their offices in Virginia once the drama folded.

The week's activities were part of Southern Exposure, a statewide exercise designed to test the ability to coordinate and conduct response and recovery activities during an incident at a nuclear power plant. In this case, it was the H. B. Robinson Nuclear Generating Plant in Hartsville.

"Whenever there's a national disaster, our team can be deployed to that disaster to deal with it on all levels," said Julius Gibbons, FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance branch director, whose team set up shop last week at Fort Jackson. "We have individuals from security, safety, mitigation, public assistance, planning ... the same type of individuals you'd see at a joint field office."

The mock disaster might have taken place more than 60 miles from Fort Jackson, but the installation was a perfect fit for communication teams looking to coordinate with state officials during times of crisis, said R.J. Frazier, the post's all-hazards emergency manager.

"We're centrally located and easily accessible, and we have the space," he said. "It gives them an opportunity to come in and validate their systems, to be autonomous ... and learn something."

The FEMA team arrived the morning of June 22 and set up camp in the parking lot of the Perez Fitness Center. The following day was spent validating communication abilities with the S.C. Emergency Management Division off post. The exercise wrapped up Friday morning.

Frazier said the original plan was to help FEMA establish camp on one of Fort Jackson's forward operating bases, or at a remote areas in the surrounding forest.

"When they explained their space constraints and what they were trying to validate, we figured that hard ground would be best for them," he said.

"(Fort Jackson) has been great," said Kristin Buda, Tech Corps adviser of FEMA's National Incident Man-

“The ultimate goal is to be able to operate self-sufficiently without taking resources from the state, or taking housing or tents away from disaster survivors.”

— Kristin Buda
FEMA Tech Corps adviser



Photos by WALLACE MCBRIDE

Scott Daniel, FEMA mitigation branch director, rests last week inside one of the tents set up outside Perez Fitness Center. The gym's parking lot served as the headquarters for last week's Southern Exposure exercise, which tested the ability to respond to an incident at a nuclear power plant.

agement Assistance Team. "Frazier's been able to get us space, and setting up here at the gym alleviates our need to rent portable bathrooms and portable showers. And it's a very secure location."

Despite what some people might think, FEMA does not have the authority to assume command of state and local resources during times of emergency, Gibbons said.

"Our goal here is to provide the best federal assistance that we can to the survivors and the surrounding communities," he said. "We're coordinating with the local government because they're being graded; we're here to assist them. There's a myth that, whenever there's a disaster, we're in charge. The truth is the state is always in charge. We come in to assist."

Buda added: "The ultimate goal is to be able to operate self-sufficiently without taking resources from the state, or taking housing or tents away from disaster survivors."

Military installations such as Fort Jackson routinely are included in planning operations during times of federal emergencies, Frazier said - hurricanes, earthquakes or potential nuclear accidents.

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William Hammack, a FEMA accounts property manager, stores superfluous equipment brought to South Carolina for last week's exercise.

NCOs join elite club

Fort Jackson welcomes the newest inductees to the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club during a ceremony last week at the NCO Club. From left, post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier greets Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Summers and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Forte, both of 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment (Provisional), and Staff Sgt. Payce Petersen of 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment into the ranks of the club. The Army club is exclusive to non-commissioned officers whose achievements and leadership skills merit special recognition.

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE



HAPPENINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALMETTO CAPITAL CITY CLASSIC

■ Soldiers interested in attending the Sept. 5 Palmetto Capital City Classic, which will pit the Benedict College Tigers against the S.C. State University Bulldogs on the football field, should request tickets from their units. A color guard and the 282nd Army Band will attend, and commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier will toss the coin to begin the game. Buses will take Soldiers to and from the game.

AG ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST

■ The Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter, fourth-quarter general membership breakfast will be 7-8:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at the NCO Club. Cost is \$10. Guest speaker will be Sgt. Maj. Kinzell Hendricks, adjutant general pro-pensity sergeant major. For tickets, call Mrs. Johnson at 751-3014.

OFFICER CANDIDATE REUNION

■ All alumni are invited to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Army Officer Candidate School during a reunion April 24-28, 2016, at the Double Tree Hotel, 5321 Sidney Simmons Blvd., Columbus, Georgia. The event will include demonstrations and briefings related to OCS, tours, a memorial/monument walk, an OCS Hall of Fame induction ceremony and an award dinner at the National Infantry Museum. Alumni also may wish to organize mini-reunions during the event. Cost is \$111 per night, which includes breakfast. To request a reservation, call the hotel at 706-327-6868. Current members and those who wish to become members of the alumni association may attend. For further information about the celebration or membership, call Nancy Ionoff at 813-917-4309 or visit www.ocsalumni.com.

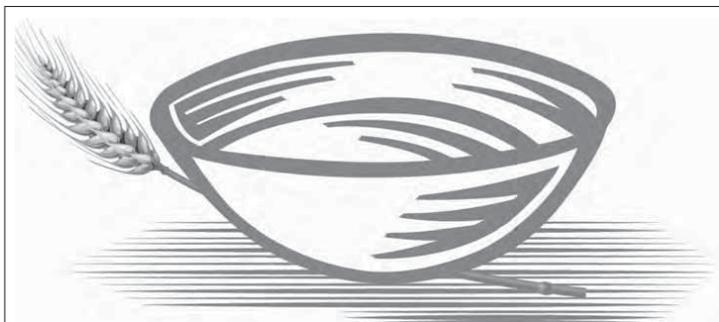
PARENTS AND FAMILIES

■ Spouses of differing cultures and countries who wish to receive support or make friends should call 751-1124/9770 for information on the foreign-born spouse support group offered by Army Community Services.

■ The Hearts Apart program provides activities for military Family members separated from their Soldiers. For information, call Army Community Services at 751-9770/1124.

■ Parents may receive information on discipline for children 2 to 12 through the 1-2-3 Magic Program developed by Thomas W. Phelan. For information, call Army Community Services at 751-9035/6724/2731.

■ The Exceptional Family Member Program works with civilian and other military agencies to provide activities, Family support and respite care. For information, call Cheryl Jackson-Leysath at 751-5256.



feds feed families

The Department of Defense and Fort Jackson Commissary are collecting donations for the Feds Feed Families drive to support federal employees in need. The campaign will run until October.

Donors may contribute any kind of nonperishable food but are asked to contribute the following staples, if possible:

- canned fruits (in light syrup or natural juice)
- canned vegetables (low sodium, no salt added)
- multigrained cereals (Cheerios, corn flakes, Grape Nuts, Wheaties)
- grains (brown and white rice, oatmeal, bulgur wheat, quinoa, couscous, macaroni and cheese)
- canned proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter or beans)
- soups (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey and rice)
- 100 percent juice (all sizes, including juice boxes)
- condiments (tomato-based sauces, light soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, oils)
- snacks (individually packed snacks, crackers, trail mix, dried fruit, granola or cereal bars, pretzels, sandwich crackers)
- baking goods (flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, spices, boxed mixes)
- hygiene items (diapers, deodorant, feminine products, toilet paper, facial tissue, soap, toothpaste, shampoo)

■ Army Family Team Building offers classes in the basics of Army life, as well as personal and professional development. For information, call 751-5256 or visit www.MyArmyOneSource.com, click on "online training" and select the level you want.

■ To participate in the Army Volunteer Corps, call Marilyn Bailey at 751-5444.

■ Survivor Outreach Services helps support to survivors of deceased Soldiers. For information, call Leslie S. Smith at 751-4867.

SCHOOL NEWS

■ Parents who wish to enroll their children at Pierce Terrace or C.C. Pinckney elementary schools for the 2015-2016 school year may pick up registration packets at either school this summer.

Pierce Terrace offers pre-kindergarten and first grade and Pinckney, grades two through six. The schools are on post, at 5715 Adams Court and 5900 Chesnut Road, respectively.

Each school will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily during the summer. Parents wishing to register their children must provide the following: **A copy of each child's birth certificate**, certified by the Department of Vital Statistics

in the state where the child was born. **Current orders and an ID card** for a military sponsor. (If the sponsor is a step-parent, he or she must provide a copy of his/her marriage license, his/her spouse's ID card or a verified DEERS form.) **Proof of each child's immunizations.** A **housing lease agreement** or letter from post housing verifying that the child's family is on the waiting list.

For information, call Pierce Terrace at 803-782-1772 or Pinckney at 803-787-6815.

■ South Carolina requires all rising seventh-graders to receive booster shots against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough by the start of the 2015-16 school year. For information, call 803-785-2698.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

■ Those needing basic language instruction may take part in classes offered by Army Community Services. Classes are open to all ID cardholders and DOD employees. For information, call 751-1124, or email miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

■ Army Community Service offers classes in the Microsoft Office Suite for military spouses looking for employment. Classes through the LearnKeys self-paced online

program include instruction in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and Access. The program is available for current military spouses, as well as surviving spouses. Call 751-5256 for information.

EXCHANGE NEWS

■ The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will match state sales tax discounts on select back-to-school items, such as clothing, footwear and other school-related supplies. In South Carolina, "tax-free weekend" runs Aug. 7-9.

■ The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has extended its layaway program until Aug. 31 to include computers for students. Exchange shoppers may lay away computers, notebooks, tablets and iPads - items typically not included in the program. A \$3 service fee and a 15 percent deposit will hold items. Visit customer service for details.

■ The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is seeking 20 food-service workers for the Starbucks that will open on post later this year. Workers will earn at least \$8.70 an hour. To apply, visit applymyexchange.com.

■ The Army & Air Force Exchange Service wants to know how satisfied military shoppers are with their service and is giving away more than \$2,000 in Exchange gift cards to find out. Through Aug. 31, Exchange shoppers who fill out a satisfaction survey from their register or e-receipts will be entered to win a \$250 Exchange gift card each week. To be eligible to win, each shopper must complete the survey and provide a name and contact information.

COMMISSARY NEWS

■ Visit www.commissaries.com for the latest news, to see what is on sale, to create a shopping list and more.

SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

Registration for FMWR fall sports has opened:

Fall soccer – ages 2 to 5 \$20; ages 6 to 16, \$40. Registration through Aug. 21.

Fall cheerleading – ages 3 to 5, \$20; ages 6 to 12, \$40. Registration through Aug. 21.

Tackle football – ages 5 to 12, \$65. Registration open through July 31.

Flag football – ages 4 and 5, \$20; ages 6 to 8, \$40. Registration through Aug. 21.

Cross-country – ages 7 to 14, \$40. Registration through Aug. 28.

Call 751-7451 for more information.

HOUSING

MAYORS NEEDED

The Mayoral Council seeks volunteers to serve as mayors for the Pierce Terrace 1, 2 and 3, and Howie Village neighborhoods. Free child care is available for those performing mayoral duties. For information, contact Vickie Grier at usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil.

Know when and where to file an IG complaint

THE IG'S CORNER

Department of the Army/Inspector General

The Pentagon says that Army inspectors general are meant to "be the eyes, ears, voice and conscience of the Army." They do that by investigating complaints and helping Army leaders maintain Army values.

But sometimes it's difficult to know whether an IG is what you need when you see a problem.

When are IG complaints appropriate?

Individuals should attempt to resolve fraud, waste and abuse issues, and personal complaints at the lowest possible level, using command channels before seeking the next higher level or the Office of the Inspector General.

Complaints must be filed promptly within IG, command or other grievance channels.

IG's may dismiss a complaint if they find no FWA, recognizable wrong, or violation of law, regulation or policy.

What types of complaints are appropriate?

Any fraud, waste and abuse complaint or violations of the law, Army instructions or policy should be reported through the appropriate grievance channels. The subject of a complaint must be an Army program or person.

Bear in mind, however, that just because you may disagree with your supervisor's management style or because you have a "personality conflict" does not mean you have suffered an injustice or mismanagement.

If you are not sure your concern is something you should report, contact your local IG office for guidance or advice.

Where should I file a complaint?

Complaints may be filed with a supervisor or commander in your chain of command, an IG or other appropriate inspector, or within any established grievance channel. Fraud, waste and abuse complaints may be reported to the Army Audit Agency, Army Office of Special Investigations, security police or other proper authority.

Promptly advise the AOSI of suspected criminal misconduct or fraud.

The IG closest to the complaint should provide assistance or conduct inquiries into complaints.

A Department of the Army Form 1559 is the base control document to capture the essence of the complaint and a way to list contact information.

What types of complaints are NOT IG appropriate?

The following usually are not appropriate for IG intervention:

- Issues that have other means of redress.
- A complaint concerning a pending or requested discharge.
- A claim that a commanding officer has wronged a Soldier.
- Financial-liability investigations of property loss.
- Adverse information filed in personnel records - except for allegations of reprisal.
- An issue unrelated to the Army.
- Civilian allegations of reprisal.
- Requests for redress by Department of Defense civilian employees.
- Suspected breaches of equal employment opportunity.
- Difficulties concerning collective-bargaining agreements.
- Appeals of adverse actions within the purview of 5 USC 7701-7703.

Who may file an IG complaint?

If you have a concern and don't know whether you should file a complaint, contact your local IG office.

Any Army Soldier or civilian may file a complaint, but many Department of the Army civilian complaints - discrimination, sexual harassment and conditions of employment - fall under the review of agencies other than the IG.

Anyone - including civilians with no Army affiliation - may file fraud, waste and abuse disclosures.

Depending on the circumstances, the IG also may accept complaints from dependents or relatives of active-duty Soldiers, retirees and their dependents. It's always best for the actual "victim" or witness of the alleged wrongdoing to file the complaint.

Source: www.daig.pentagon.mil/faq.aspx

BEFORE YOU TELL IT TO YOUR INSPECTOR GENERAL

- Be sure you have a problem, not just a peeve
- Give your chain of command a chance to solve the problem. (Many problems must be addressed to the chain of command for resolution, anyway)
- If IG assistance is needed, contact your local IG first. (IG's at higher commands will normally refer the case to the local IG for action)
- Be honest and don't provide misleading information. (IGs will discover the truth quickly in most cases and there are penalties for knowingly providing false information)
- Keep in mind that IGs are not policy makers. (If a policy is flawed you can submit proposed change on a DA form 2028)
- Keep in mind that IGs can only recommend, not order a resolution. (Only Commanders can order; the role of the IG is to advise the Commander)
- Remember IGs can only resolve a case on the basis of fact. (Your claim that a supervisor has violated the rules doesn't make it fact. A claim must be supported with evidence)
- Don't expect instant action on your request... Be patient. (Investigations take time, and IGs tend to have heavy workloads)
- Be prepared to take "No" for the answer. (In any case "Yes" or "No", the IG will explain why)

WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP

To obtain help from the Fort Jackson inspector, visit 4203 Sumter Ave., email usarmy.jackson.tradoc.mbx.jackson-ig@mail.mil or call 751-CARE (3247) and leave a detailed message, including a call-back number.

Innovative treatments offer hope for burn victims

BY CRYSTAL MAYNARD
USAMRMC Public Affairs

FORT DETRICK, Md. - Conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan sparked a surge in burn and blast wounds from improvised explosive devices, causing many Soldiers to endure years of rehabilitation and countless surgeries.

Finding innovative ways to heal these complex wounds more quickly is a high priority for military medicine.

In 2008, the Department of Defense established the Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine, led by the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine and Rutgers University. AFIRM was designed as a partnership among academia, industry and the government to deliver regenerative-medicine therapies to restore form and function to the most critically injured.

"Regenerative medicine is a rapidly

growing area of science that aims to unlock the body's own ability to rebuild, restore or replace damaged tissue and organs," said Kristi Pottol, director of the Tissue Injury and Regenerative Medicine Program Management Office. "Much of regenerative-medicine research in the civilian sector is focused on finding ways to reduce the burdens of chronic illness - diabetes, heart disease and others. The DOD wants to use these technologies to treat complex traumatic injuries."

At Fort Detrick, Maryland, the Tissue Injury and Regenerative Medicine Project Management Office at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity monitors the progress of two new burn treatments being developed with DOD financing: ReCell and StrataGraft.

Physicians categorize skin wounds by the amount of body surface involved and by the layers of skin tissue involved, both of which determine how the body re-

sponds, how the wounds heal and which treatments strategies are necessary. The larger and deeper the skin injury, the less likely it is the wound will heal without intervention. That's where innovation comes in, Pottol said.

The standard treatment for burn wounds is to harvest healthy skin from elsewhere on the patient's body and to use it to cover burn wounds. This creates another wound on an already fragile body and is extremely painful for the patient.

ReCell, by Avita Medical, harnesses the skin's own regenerative properties. In the operating room, surgeons take a sample of healthy skin about the size of a postage stamp and place it into the ReCell device to create a suspension of individual skin cells.

Within 30 minutes, the resulting cell suspension can treat a skin wound 80 times larger than the skin sample taken. ReCell speeds the healing process, decreases the

need to harvest skin from donor sites and improves the appearance of the burn scars.

StrataGraft is for more severe burns. Developed by Stratatech Corp., StrataGraft is a living, meshable, suturable human skin substitute that reproduces many of the structural and biological properties of normal human skin.

Patients with extensive skin injuries sometimes do not have enough remaining healthy skin from which to take grafts to cover all of the skin injuries with one procedure. In such cases, surgeons cover burns with cadaver skin or synthetic dressings while waiting for donor skin. Unfortunately, after about two weeks, the body rejects cadaveric or synthetic coverings.

The promise of StrataGraft is that it may eliminate the need for donor sites altogether. Surgeons would have a ready supply of tissue "off the shelf," saving donor sites, reducing trips to the operating room and minimizing complications.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

DENTAC welcomes new commander

Fort Jackson DENTAC commander Col. Dan Fong, right, accepts the colors from Col. Lee Covington, commander of Southern Regional Dental Command, during a change of command ceremony last week at the Joe E. Mann Center. Fong's previous assignment was interim DENTAC commander for Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

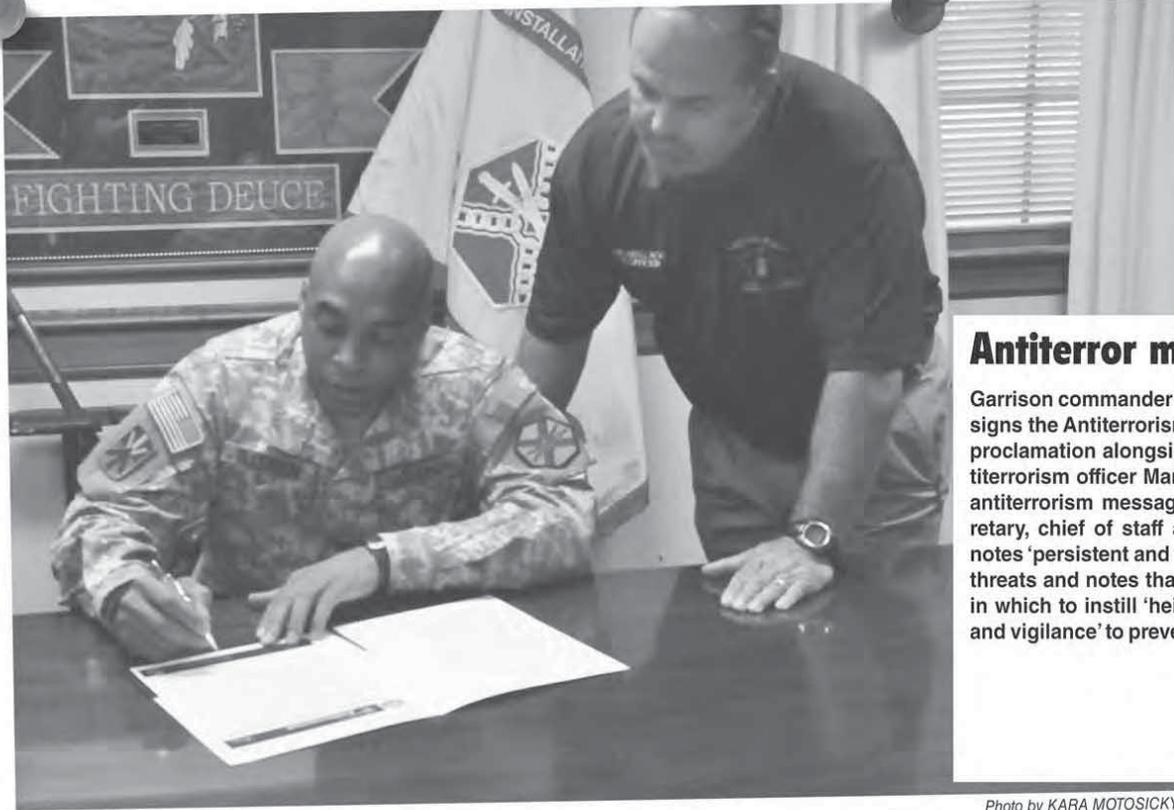


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Yard of the Month

Yard of the Month grand prize winners for June were Maj. Brandon Moore and Susan Moore of Howie Village. Other winners were Sgt. 1st Class Robert and Jennifer Berry of Pierce Terrace 1, Capt. David and Olyvia Ray of Pierce Terrace 2, Staff Sgt. Christopher and Cindy Sinsel of Pierce Terrace 4, Staff Sgt. Andrew and Jessica Maynard of Pierce Terrace 6 and Larry and Leanita Kirchner of Pierce Terrace 7. To nominate a well-kept yard deserving recognition, email usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Antiterror month

Garrison commander Col. James Ellerson signs the Antiterrorism Awareness Month proclamation alongside Fort Jackson antiterrorism officer Mark Mallach. The 2015 antiterrorism message by the Army secretary, chief of staff and sergeant major notes 'persistent and constantly evolving' threats and notes that August is a month in which to instill 'heightened awareness and vigilance' to prevent acts of terrorism.

Photo by KARA MOTOSICKY



'Such a noble life'

Deputy commander Col. Mark Shade and garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rod Celestaine flank July's retirees during a ceremony Tuesday at the post theater. Lt. Col. Benny Shepard (and wife, Shenell), Command Sgt. Maj. Hazel Lewis (and wife, Charlina), 1st Sgt. Michael Boring (and wife, Joceline), Staff Sgt. Zachary Isakson and Sgt. Jessica Martin received appreciation for a combined 14 overseas deployments and 119 years of service.

Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

ACS celebrates 50 years of helping Families



Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

ACS Acting Director Madeilyn Mercado celebrates the cutting of the ACS 50th-birthday cake with ACS employees and Dan Ahern, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs. Mercado managed to dip a finger into the frosting, getting a taste of the confection before anyone else did.

ACS staff wear many hats, helping Soldiers relocate smoothly and teaching them to improve their financial health. They're also pretty good at throwing a party – to keep up post morale, of course.



Courtesy photos

BY CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT
Fort Jackson Teleder

Staff members crowded shoulder to shoulder Friday afternoon, each eager to wield the silver cutting ACS's 50th-birthday cake. The result was a bit of happy mayhem – and one thoroughly sliced cake.

Army Community Service has 34 staff on Fort Jackson, up from seven when it was founded by the Department of the Army in 1965. And all, said Acting Director Madeilyn Mercado, were "here today because we love families, we love Soldiers."

As their collective enthusiasm showed, they also love singing, cake and party whistles.

During the celebration, Mercado recognized Cheryl Jackson Leysath, who has worked for Fort Jackson ACS since April 1979.

Leysath now manages the Exceptional Family Member Program, but she figures she has occupied almost every other position at ACS except director – and she says she doesn't want that one.

"Every single day," Mercado said, "people (who have been served) come back and ask, 'Is Ms. Jackson still here?'"

Leysath's tenure, she said, "takes a lot of love, a lot of dedication but – most of all – a lot of passion."

Both women said during an earlier interview that what had kept them working at ACS was knowing that they had helped families make the most of military life.

Leysath left college thinking she wanted to manage a large company but found a job at ACS and never left.

"I fell in love with ACS and the services," she said.

She was at ACS when it was computerized – she held on to her typewriter for the longest time before succumbing to using another kind of keyboard.

She traveled the state, working with Families whose Soldiers were deploying for Desert Storm.

And she was at ACS in 1995, when the program she now manages was founded.

"It has its biggest reward when you look at the Families that you service ... all over the world" because they once were at Fort Jackson and have moved on.

"Through their eyes," Leysath said, "I have traveled all over the world ... and never been anywhere but right here."

Mercado came to ACS as a military spouse, a common entry point for many staff members. Left alone at home on a base in Germany with a 2-year-old child, Mercado said, she knew she had to find more to do with her days.

So, she volunteered to work for the same agency of which she now is a director.

"ACS opened the doors," Mercado said, "and here I am, 23 years later."

Both women have seen the agency evolve through many of its 50 years.

What began as a grassroots volunteer network in which



Army Community Service works to build self-sufficient Army Families, safe homes, strong communities, and Soldier, Family and civilian readiness during war and peace. Its program include:

- Support for Soldiers and Families during deployment.
- Family- and victims'-advocate programs, including prevention and remediation for sexual assault or harassment, support for new parents and compensation for those undergoing transitions.
- Relocation counseling and preparation, including briefings for post newcomers and those moving within the States or overseas, the Lending Closet, immigration services, support for multicultural families and support for those separated from their Soldiers.
- Employment readiness, including educational programs and job fairs.
- Financial readiness, such as financial counseling and education, and emergency relief.
- Volunteer programs.
- Support for Soldiers' survivors, as well as for the wounded and disabled.

Army wives helped needy families has become a broad, social-services organization. ACS helps military spouses learn English and find jobs, educates Soldiers on keeping their finances healthy and promotes artistic creativity in Soldiers' Families.

Still, the women said, many people think of ACS only as a place to get solutions to a problem.

"If you're sort of OK (and) you don't have financial problems, there's no domestic violence ... you don't know about us, which is sad."

"There is a perception that you come to ACS because you have problems (But) you don't have to be in trouble. ... It offers a lot of opportunities (to build) Army Strong Families."



Mercado



Leysath



U.S. Army illustration

In many remote areas where Soldiers operate, service members radio over-the-horizon communication from the field to higher headquarters like the brigade is nonexistent. Army scientists and researchers built the SMDC-ONE nanosatellite as an innovative technology solution. The ONE stands for Orbital Nanosatellite Effect.

Nanosatellites will keep remote Soldiers in touch

By **JASON B. CUTSHAW**
USASMD/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Tiny technology will make the future of satellite communications more responsive to Soldiers' needs.

The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's Nanosatellite Program, or SNaP, will be a small satellite communications constellation that will allow communication across great distances using existing UHF tactical radios.

"SNaP is a technology demonstration with the goal of showing the military utility nanosatellites can provide to the disadvantaged user," said Thomas E. Webber, director, SMDC Technical Center Space and Strategic Systems Directorate. "The primary uses are beyond line-of-sight communications."

The command is organizing, manning, equipping and training space forces for the Army, which is the largest user of space and space-based capabilities.

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communication from the field to higher headquarters, such as the brigade, is nonexistent. Army scientists and researchers built the SMDC-ONE nanosatellite as an innovative technology solution. The ONE stands for "Orbital Nanosatellite Effect."

SNaP is a 5-kilogram mass cube satellite that costs about \$500,000 and is about the size of a loaf of bread. It provides data and over-the-horizon communications capabilities.

"SNaP will provide beyond-line-of-sight communications and data in disadvantaged environments to the warfighter and provide communication ability for users who might not otherwise have communications, due to user location or overhead cover," said Jeff A. Stewart, technical manager, SMDC Space Division.

It also is the first CubeSat launch with propulsion capability and SMDC's first with deployable solar arrays for battery charging.

Previous satellites carried solar panels. At any time, only two panels would be pointed at the sun. With deployable arrays, operators can orient all four toward the sun.

New tech lets Soldiers shoot around corners

BY **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. - New night-vision equipment promises an enhanced image of the battlefield and frees Soldiers from using traditional firing positions.

The Enhanced Night Vision Goggle III can be attached to a helmet in the same way earlier models could be. The device can be linked wirelessly to the Family of Weapon Sights-Individual, which can be mounted on the M4 carbine, M16A4 rifle, M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, M136 AT4 rifle or M141 Bunker Defeat Munition, said Col. Michael Sloane, project manager for Soldier Sensors and Lasers on Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Because the FWS-I wirelessly transmits a video signal of the weapon sight to the ENVG III, a Soldier will be able to fire his weapon accurately without having to bring it to eye level. He will be able to point it around a corner, acquire a target wirelessly and fire, all while remaining out of the line of fire.

The Army is developing other devices for sniper rifles and crew-served weapons such as the M240 and M2 machine guns, as well as the MK19 grenade launcher.

The technological compatibility between the two systems provides rapid target-acquisition capabilities, allowing Soldiers to much more rapidly acquire targets and clearly see them in their helmet-borne ENVG IIIs without looking through the weapons' scopes.

Because the sight picture - from the weapon's point of view - appears in the ENVG III, the Soldier gets the benefit of a 40-degree view, which provides greater situational awareness than the 18- to 26-degree view provided by the scope, Sloane said.

Both systems have undergone rigorous scrutiny by Soldiers at a number of installations and training areas during live-fire events, Sloane said.

Thermal weapon sights have been around since the 1990s, said Lt. Col. Timothy Fuller, program manager for Soldier Maneuver Sensors. The difference is that the FWS-I uses just four batteries instead of eight, is much lighter and smaller than earlier thermal weapons, and has a more ergonomically friendly set of control buttons.

The FWS-I also can resolve images farther away than traditional thermal weapons sights, Fuller said - targets past 1,000 meters. The carbine's effective range is about half that distance. The Army plans to equip 18 Soldiers per platoon with the FWS-I and 24 Soldiers per platoon with the ENVG III. The first units to receive the new kits will be brigade combat teams.



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Photo by RICK MAUPING

U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Kristie Brady prepares for an airborne jump with the Joint Communications Support Element, an airborne communications unit headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. Brady, a jumpmaster within JCSE, recently was selected as the first woman to become command sergeant major of another airborne communications unit: the 112th Special Operations Signal Battalion, headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Small-town girl gets big-time promotion

BY WHITNEY KATZ
Joint Enabling Capabilities Command

MacDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Sgt. Maj. Kristie Brady knew from a young age that she wanted to serve in the military as her father had.

Rearing in Ethan, South Dakota, a farming town with a population of 300, Brady “wanted to be a part of something larger than myself.”

“I wanted to travel and gain experiences that would not be possible in my hometown.”

She found that opportunity in 1992, when she entered the Army’s Delayed Entry Program at age 17. Since then, Brady has become an information-technology specialist and an airborne-qualified jumpmaster.

Her commitment and dedication to service have led to a historical event – her appointment as the next command sergeant major of the 112th Special Operations Signal Battalion (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Brady will be the first woman to serve in the position.

“The 112th Special Operations Signal Battalion is an extremely prestigious unit with a great reputation across the Army,” Brady said. “It is an incredible opportunity to serve in the 112th Signal Battalion, and to do so as their command sergeant major is an extreme honor.”

When Brady joined the Army, she knew information technology would be an important specialty both within the Army and in the civilian world.

“At the time I enlisted, computers and information technology were fairly new,” she said. “I wanted to do something that would translate into good job prospects while serving and also following my military service.”

In assignments across the globe, Brady honed her skills and moved up the enlisted ranks. She was the first woman to serve as sergeant major for the 3rd Joint Communications Squadron of the Joint Communications Support Element in Tampa, Florida, before becoming the unit’s brigade operations sergeant major.

Both JCSE and the 112th Signal Battalion are airborne units.

Brady attended airborne school in 1997 and serves as a jumpmaster at JCSE which has effectively prepared her for the transition to the 112th Signal Battalion.

“It’s an honor to be able to stay in an airborne unit – especially one with such a significant history like the 112th Signal Battalion,” she said.

Brady’s selection as command sergeant major of the 112th was conducted through the Army’s centralized selection board, which identifies the most qualified senior non-commissioned officers for positions forecast as open during the next fiscal year.

“When I competed on last fall’s Command Select Board, I was excited to see the 112th Signal Battalion as an option,” Brady said. “I very quickly identified the 112th Signal Battalion as my first choice if selected as a primary on the Command Select List.”

A few months later, she learned of her selection.

Army Reserve CSM to talk with Soldiers

Command Sgt. Maj. Luther Thomas Jr. of the Army Reserve will preside over a town hall meeting at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Joe E. Mann Center.

Thomas will discuss the future of the Reserve in the wake of current and future federal budget reductions. He also will take questions from the audience.

In his role as command sergeant major, Thomas advises the chief of the Army Reserve and senior Army and civilian leaders on the policies, regulations and directives concerning the management of 205,000 Army Reserve Soldiers. He also guides the future development of the Reserve and advises the sergeant major of the Army on Reserve enlisted issues.

New ACUs coming to post in October

Soldiers on Fort Jackson will be able to buy ACUs in the new Operational Camouflage Pattern beginning Oct. 15, when the Military Clothing store on post receives a shipment of 18,000 uniforms.

T-shirts and belts in the new “tan 499,” as well as boots and insignia also will be available to allow for one-stop shopping.

Fort Bragg received its shipment of the new Army Combat Uniforms recently and reported swift sales.

Soldiers are expected to retire their current uniforms – with the old digitized Universal Camouflage Pattern – and begin wearing the new pattern by the summer of 2018.

Jackson PAO seeks volunteer webmaster

The Fort Jackson Public Affairs Office is looking for a volunteer to help make the Fort Jackson website, jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil, one of the best in the Army.

The ideal volunteer will have strong web-development and graphic-design skills. He or she should have strong knowledge of Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign, and should be familiar with technical design and format for web design, coding and HTML, CSS and JavaScript.

Those interested should contact Chris Fletcher at 803-751-3615 or christopher.j.fletcher3.civ@mail.mil.

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Deadline for events to be included in Happenings, the page 2 calendar and the worship schedule is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will take place, as well as any other information you might deem necessary.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day to submit an article we will publish the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible.

With any photo you submit, include IDs — including rank, unit and first and last names.

NEWS

Hackers find ways to protect Army systems

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Army cyber officers took part in a five-day “hackathon” in Arlington, Virginia, last week to support development of “Plan X” – a four-year, \$120 million program at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency aimed at helping even inexperienced people prevent hostile forces from taking over a network.

Plan X attempts to, among other things, make it easier for people to visualize a network and its components, and to automate the task of identifying as hostile or benign the anomalies that might appear on that network.

“Do you have a map in your car?” asked Capt. James McColl. “When was the last time you looked at a compass?”

“Imagine a day when we don’t have that technology ... These are the things we worry about.”

McColl and Capt. Justin Lanahan are cyber officers, part of the new 17-series Army branch. Both participated in the hackathon, and both are helping develop Plan X.

Adversaries always look for ways to exploit networks for their own benefit, McColl said. They might also attack a network simply to disrupt it and deny its use to those who own it.

At the hackathon, computer experts tried to uncover the best ways to analyze a large set of network data for potentially nefarious network activity. The solutions they devised and the code and algorithms they wrote to make such analysis easier will be used to improve Plan X.

When a threat was identified, users of Plan X wouldn’t need to be computer scientists or hackers themselves to defeat it. Instead, pre-written software tools that would be part of Plan X would allow users to drag their fingers over a threat to apply a software solution that could block an intrusion or defeat an infection.

“We need technology to help us translate something we can’t touch or feel easily into something we can rationalize about,” said Ian MacLeod, technical director of Army Cyber Command’s Advanced Concepts and Technologies Directorate. “To me, that’s what the Plan X does.”

McColl added: “If an enemy was to disrupt our ability to use our GPS, we’d have to go back to map skills.

“We are a more effective, lethal force when those things (such as GPS) are protected. And our enemies are less effective and less lethal when they don’t have access to the same.

“If we disrupt their command and control — their logistics — we can cause disarray among their forces. That will better enable our forces to overtake them, while protecting our forces from the same effect.”

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“When a president declares a disaster, whether it’s South Carolina or what have you, he’s going to ask, ‘What installations can potentially support FEMA and Homeland Security while they’re supporting contingency operations in the area?’” he said.

Despite the urgency of last week’s activities, the camp outside Perez Gym was relatively relaxed. The heat proved to be the biggest obstacle, with workers seeking refuge inside cooled tents whenever their duties didn’t require them to be outside.

“Right now, we’re just getting the repeaters set up and operating so we can talk,” said Randy Branson, FEMA staging area group supervisor. It was proving a challenge, he said, but the team actually completed their tasks ahead of schedule and were working toward meeting the following day’s goals.

Because of that, he didn’t know what the rest of the week might bring.

“We’ll come up with something, I’m sure,” he said.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

FEMA workers load equipment into trucks during last week’s Southern Exposure exercise. The team set up camp in the parking lot of Perez Fitness Center, a location that gave them access to the gym’s showers and rest rooms.

‘Our team can be deployed to that disaster to deal with it on all levels.’ — Julius Gibbons,
branch director, FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance



Kristina Rasmussen, a reserve unit technician for FEMA, communicates with outside agencies participating in last week’s statewide nuclear emergency exercise.

WHY FORT JACKSON?

- South Carolina has experienced 147 hurricanes and tropical storms since 1871.

- Storms have resulted in billions of dollars in damages and cost more than 2,050 lives. The costliest was Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

- The low-lying areas of the eastern section of the state can be especially prone to flooding. Northwest counties also are flood prone.

- South Carolina is subject to tornadoes and generally experience several each year.

- The state suffered from 180 tornadoes from 1995 to 2000. (In 1995, 53 tornadoes were reported.)

- The installation is central to all areas of the state and is not as vulnerable to the effects of coastal storms.

- Fort Jackson’s location is ideal to reach from many of the region’s main highways.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE.

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Reel Time Theaters

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

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Friday

"Inside Out" (PG), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 1

"Insidious: Chapter 3" (PG-13),
2 p.m.

"Magic Mike XXL" (R), 4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 2

"Max" (PG), 2 p.m.

"Inside Out" (PG), 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

"Jurassic World" (PG-13), 2 p.m.

"Inside Out" (PG), 4:30 p.m.

TICKETS

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• Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

MEDPROS training, 1-4 p.m. third Friday, Room 9-83, Moncrief Army Community Hospital. For information, email Erica.Aikens@amedd.army.mil.

MILITARY

Disabled American Veterans, 92nd Buffalo Chapter 20, 11 a.m. third Saturday (except July and August), DAV Headquarters, 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 803-260-1067.

Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. second Friday, NCO Club. For information, call 751-8347.

American Legion Post 182, 6 p.m. first Tuesday, Officers' Club. For information, call 803-351-2333.

American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215, 5 p.m. fourth Sunday, 2432 Chappelle St. For information, call 803-765-0175.

Columbia Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, 6:30 p.m. Mondays, main conference room, Owens Field. For information, contact Tom.Alsup@gmail.com or www.scwg.cap.gov.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202, 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday, 2620 Lee Road. For information, call 803-647-0040 or email turner6516@gmail.com.

Ladies Auxiliary, Louis D. Simmons Post 215, 3 p.m. fourth Sunday, 2432 Chappelle St. For information, call 803-765-0175.

Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641, 2 p.m. second Sunday, 534 S. Beltline Blvd. For information, call 803-782-5943/0148.

Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 4262, 5 p.m. second Sunday, 5821 North Main St. For information, call 803-754-1614.

Military Chaplains Association, S.C. Chapter, noon second Tuesday, NCO Club. For information, call 751-7316 or email samuel.j.boone.civ@mail.mil.

Purple Heart No. 402, 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday, American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St. For information, call 803-351-2333.

Range-control briefing, 1 p.m. Fridays, Room 302,

Education Center. For information, call 751-7171.

Retired Enlisted Association, 5:30 p.m. third Friday, third floor, Moncrief Army Community Hospital. For information, call 803-740-2319 or email jrodgers11@sc.rr.com.

Retired Military Police Association, 9:30 a.m. second Saturday, Golden Corral, 5300 Forest Dr. For information, call 803-438-2090, 803-776-4401 or 864-634-7360.

The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter, 6 p.m. third Tuesday, Post Conference Room.

Seabees, 7 p.m. second Monday, West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. For information, call 803-755-7792/0300.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association, noon first Tuesday, NCO Club. For information, visit www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association study hall, noon Thursdays, NCO Academy conference room. For information, visit www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.

Sergeants Major Association, 4:30 p.m. last working Thursday of the month, Magruder's Pub. For information, call 803-338-1904

Society of American Military Engineers, 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday. For information, call 803-254-0518 or 803-765-0320.

Swampfox Warrant Officer Association, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. first Thursday, Officers' Club. For information, visit fortjacksonwoa@yahoo.com

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gandy-Griffin Post 4262, 7 p.m. third Tuesday, 5821 N. Main St. For information, call 803-754-1614 or 803-447-2320.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 641, 7:30 p.m. second Monday, 534 S. Beltline Blvd. For information, call 803-782-5943/0148.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 303, 7 p.m. third Tuesday, American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St. For information, call 803-312-4895.

PROFESSIONAL

National Federation of Federal Employees, 11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, first floor, 4200 Sumter Road. For information, call 751-2622.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 87, 11:30 a.m. second Friday, Seawell's, 1125 Rosewood Dr. For information, email kathrynhensley@hotmail.com or gillentine1c803@aol.com.

Meeting notices run once monthly. If you wish your meeting to be published in the Fort Jackson Leader, send information on the time, date and place the meeting will occur to FJLeader@gmail.com. If you have a question, call 751-7045.

Professional Mentorship Network (for women), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Tuesday, NCO Club. For information, call 751-8187.

SOCIAL

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group, 7 p.m. third Thursday, American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St. For information, call 803-360-3830.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 a.m. first and third Wednesdays, Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447. For information, call 751-1148.

Combat Vets Motorcycle Association, noon third Sunday. For information, call 774-451-7504, email armyaguiar@yahoo.com or visit www.combatvet.org.

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club, 5 p.m. first and third Thursdays, Magruder's Pub. For information, email sec@fjvictoryriders.com.

SPORTS

Fort Jackson Bass Club, 7 p.m. first Monday, Joe E. Mann Center. For information, visit www.jacksonanglers.com.

SUPPORT

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9810 Lee Road. For information, call 751-6597.

Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter, 3 p.m. second Sunday, third-floor conference room, Moncrief Army Community Hospital. For information, call 803-695-5345.

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength (for combat veterans and their families), 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays, seventh floor, Moncrief Army Community Hospital. Open to combat veterans, family members.

Weight-Loss Surgery Support Group, noon, second and fourth Mondays, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.; 6:30 p.m. second Monday, ground level, meeting room 2. Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

Sunday

8:30 a.m., worship, Bayonet Chapel
(Communion observed every Sunday.)

CATHOLIC

Sunday

- 7:30 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation, Solomon Center
- 8 a.m., Mass, Solomon Center
- 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

Monday through Thursday, first

Friday

11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

Wednesday

7 p.m., recitation of the Rosary, Main Post Chapel

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday

11:30 a.m., worship, Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

Sunday

8-10 a.m., Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

Friday

12:45-1:30 p.m., Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

JEWISH

Sunday

- 9:30-10:30 a.m., worship, Memorial Chapel
- 10:30-11:30 a.m., book study, Post Conference Room

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sunday

9:30-11 a.m., worship, Anderson Street Chapel

Wednesday

- 3-5 p.m., LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel
- 7-8 p.m., LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

PROTESTANT

Sunday

- 9 a.m., service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
- 9:30 a.m., Hispanic service, Magruder Chapel
- 9:30 a.m., service, Main Post Chapel
- 9:30 a.m., Chapel Next Bible study, Bayonet Chapel
- 10:30 a.m., gospel worship service, Daniel Circle Chapel
- 10:45 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m., service, Memorial Chapel
- 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel

- 5-6:30 p.m., youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

Monday

7 p.m., men's Bible study (PMOC), Chaplain Family Life Center

Wednesday

7 p.m., gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle Chapel

Thursday

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fresh Encounter Bible study, Chaplain Family Life Center

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

Anderson Street Chapel, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032

Bayonet Chapel, 9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542

Chaplain Family Life Center, 5460 Marion Ave. (parking lot side), 751-4961

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

Education Center, 4581 Scales Ave.
Installation Chaplain's Office, 4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318

McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), 3820 McCrady Road (at McCrady Training Center)

Magruder Chapel, 4360 Magruder

Bible study offered

Protestant Women of the Chapel is now offering its summer Bible study, "Unwrap the Bible."

On video, speakers Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, Lisa Harper, Sheila Walsh and Christine Caine will discuss biblical characters from Hagar and Sarah to Jesus's mother, Mary.

Meetings will be 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 14, at the Main Post Chapel, 4580 Scales Ave.

For information about the Bible study, contact jacksonpwoc@gmail.com or visit Fort Jackson PWOC on Facebook.

Those desiring free child care should contact Children, Youth and School Services.

Ave., 751-3883

Main Post Chapel, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681

Memorial Chapel, 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324

U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, 10100 Lee Road

Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion), 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427