

Former Fort Jackson commander dies of leukemia

By **CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Today, the Fort Jackson and Columbia communities will bid farewell to retired Maj. Gen. John Renner, former Fort Jackson commanding general, who lost his fight against leukemia Jan. 6.

Renner, who will be laid to rest today, served as the post's 35th commanding general from 1989 to 1991. He retired from the Army in 1994 after 32 years of service.

By all accounts, the 70-year-old Renner was as physically active as he had ever been. After playing 18 rounds of golf, friends said, the Arizona native would go on to play several tennis matches, another pastime of his.

"His doctor always said he had the body of a 50-year-old," said longtime friend and retired Col. Jack Hupp. "He was just a gregarious, friendly, have-a-smile-for-everybody type of guy."

Hupp said he played a round of golf with Renner just a day before he was diagnosed with acute leukemia this

summer. Renner later had a bone marrow transplant, Hupp said. Hupp said he has known Renner since he came to Fort Jackson, and Hupp later succeeded Renner as chair of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council.

In addition, Renner was named an honorary member of the Columbia



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Winter woes



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The road near Gate 1 is covered with snow Monday morning. Fort Jackson suspended nonessential operations Monday and Tuesday because of the winter storm. Normal operations resumed after a two-hour delay Wednesday.

Snow, sleet force post to shut down

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

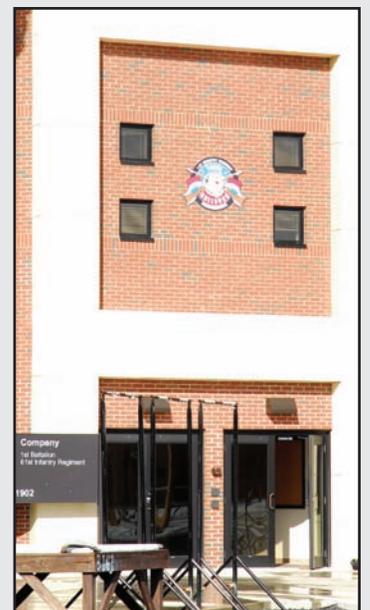
A rare Southern winter storm shut down Fort Jackson Monday and Tuesday after 3 inches of snow accumulated in the Columbia area early Monday, according to the National Weather Service website.

The snowfall forced the closing of Fort Jackson schools and suspended operations for nonessential personnel. The post remained closed Tuesday and resumed operations after a two-hour delay Wednesday because freezing rain covered already-slick area roads with ice.

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Dr. King holiday a time for reflection

It's been nearly 43 years since the tragic passing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of the most influential Americans in modern times. His dream continues into 2011 as the principles and ideals that Dr. King so eloquently and persistently advocated become incorporated into our daily lives.

Pause and think for a second where we find ourselves more than four decades later. In the past three years, we have witnessed the election of the first African-American president and have celebrated the 60-year anniversary of a desegregated military.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a holiday when all of us should reflect. It's not just to celebrate the accomplishments of African-Americans. Dr. King's dream was a society "founded and fueled on equality, justice, dignity, freedom and strength," which could come only from a truly united nation.

His late widow, Coretta Scott King, perhaps best captured the essence of the holiday in a speech that she gave Aug. 18, 2005, a little more than a year before her own death. Here's an excerpt from that speech that is worth revisiting:

"The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America. We commemorate as well the timeless values he taught us through his example — the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that

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so radiantly defined Dr. King's character and empowered his leadership. On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit.

"The King holiday honors the life and contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality, the leader who not only dreamed of a colorblind society, but who also led a movement that achieved historic reforms to help make it a reality. It is a day of interracial and intercultural cooperation and sharing.

"No other day of the year brings so many people from different cultural backgrounds together in such a vibrant spirit of brother- and sisterhood. Whether you are African-American, Hispanic or Native American, whether you are Caucasian or Asian-American, you are part of the great

dream Martin Luther King Jr. had for America.

"This is not a black holiday; it is a peoples' holiday. And it is the young people of all races and religions who hold the keys to the fulfillment of his dream.

"We call you to commemorate this holiday by making your personal commitment to serve humanity with the vibrant spirit of unconditional love that was his greatest strength, and which empowered all of the great victories of his leadership. And with our hearts open to this spirit of unconditional love, we can indeed achieve the beloved community of Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream."

We will hold Fort Jackson's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration Friday at the Solomon Center, a few days before the national holiday, so that Soldiers and civilians would have maximum opportunity to participate. The president of Benedict College, Dr. David Swinton, will be the guest speaker.

As we honor Dr. King's legacy, we must also reflect upon his work and the progress we are making toward the reality of that dream. When we talk about progress, we need to remember that it's "neither automatic nor inevitable."

That's what Martin Luther King Jr. once said, adding that: "Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle."

I agree, as I'm sure you do, as well.

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AFAP update: employment, family

As the assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, I have an important responsibility to oversee the Army Family Action Plan process, which is a program that enables Soldiers, civilians and family members to communicate quality-of-life issues to Army leaders. Information provided through this process allows leaders the opportunity to effect changes that will lead to a more satisfied and resilient Army community.

Every month, subject matter experts from across the Army meet to analyze recommendations submitted through the AFAP process to determine if they are achievable. These recommendations will then be presented at the annual General Officer Steering Committee in this month. I have promised to regularly communicate our progress throughout the process. This month we reviewed recommendations related to employment and family support.

Issue number 617 recommends providing greater visibility of qualified Wounded Warrior job applicants to Federal hiring officials. The Civilian Human Resource Agency has made much progress with this issue. One accomplishment is their partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to integrate the use of their Veteran Resume Inventory (*VetSuccess.gov*) into Army recruitment business processes. Additionally, CHRA has developed:

- ❑ The Civilian Personnel On-Line Wounded Warrior webpage.
- ❑ The Wounded Warrior referral process.
- ❑ The Wounded Warrior and spouse web-based resume inventory.
- ❑ A briefing that explains how to direct-hire Wounded Warriors. This briefing is now included in the mandatory New Supervisor's Training Course.

DoD state liaisons and the Army have also made progress on issue number 524, which recommends granting unemployment compensation to military spouses who leave their jobs when accompanying service members on a permanent change of station move. To date, 38 states

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provide unemployment compensation, while the District of Columbia and Maryland evaluate eligibility on a case-by-case basis. Ohio and Tennessee have active legislation in progress to provide unemployment compensation. Outreach efforts are being focused on the remaining States to solicit their support for these dedicated military spouses and their Families.

Issue number 556 is a recommendation to eliminate the financial inequities in the DoD Child Care Fee Policy due to a limited number of total family income categories. Work on this issue resulted in the addition of three new categories and an expanded fee range in each category. We are on track to achieve our school year 2012-2013 goal of reaching an Armywide single fee in each TFI category, which will result in more consistency and predictability for families as they move from post to post.

Issue number 639 recommends that Advanced Individual Training Soldiers who require Exceptional Family Member Program services and have received an overseas assignment remain at their current installation until notification of EFMP service availability and command sponsorship is granted by the overseas travel approval authority.

As a result of this recommendation, a rapid revision to AR 608-75, which governs the Army EFMP, is in the process of being published. The revision directs that all

1-61st moves into new complex

By **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**
Fort Jackson Leader

The Roadrunners have a new home. The battalion has moved from its old digs on Magruder Avenue to the new BCT II complex on Golden Arrow Road.

Three 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment companies will begin their training cycle Jan. 24 at the new complex. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for BCT II is slated for 11 a.m., Jan. 21.

"I am very impressed with the new BCT II Complex and its state-of-the-art upgrades and overall design," said Lt. Col. Charles Krumwiede, commander of the 1-61st. "After moving out of a headquarters and company barracks that were 30 years old, we really appreciate having a modern facility that allows us to focus on training and not on facility maintenance."

BCT II is being constructed in two phases. The second phase of construction, which is scheduled to begin in a few months, will allow space for two more companies. Completion is set for the end of 2012. Cost for both phases of the complex is \$104 million.

"Right now we will have Bravo, Charlie and Delta companies moving in," said Maj. Rodney Jones, 165th Infantry Brigade senior projects officer. "When the second phase is completed, Alpha and Echo companies will go online."

Company F barracks have not been approved or appropriated. Company A will remain in its current Magruder Avenue location, while Companies E and F went offline in December. Offline means the company is still active, but is not doing its BCT mission. Cadre assigned to those two companies have been redistributed across the battalion.

"The new BCT II complex greatly improves the (battalion's) ability to accomplish our training mission and enhances the drill sergeants' ability to accomplish the Basic Combat Training program of instruction," Krumwiede said. "The main reason for this is that each platoon has its own independent, self-contained area for life support and classroom training."

Drill sergeant offices are located on the same floor as each platoon, along with latrine and laundry rooms. Each platoon has a 60-Soldier classroom. The new complex also provides enhanced safety and force protection measures such as an integrated "separate and secure" alarm system, mod-



Photo by **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**

Staff Sgt. Tanea Walker, a drill sergeant for Company C, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, stacks equipment inside a bay at the battalion's new BCT II complex on Golden Arrow Road.

ern fire suppression and motion-sensitive lighting.

“After moving out of headquarters and company barracks that were 30 years old, we really appreciate having a modern facility that allows us to focus on training and not on facility maintenance.”

— **Lt. Col. Charles Krumwiede**
Commander, 1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

The move is part of a larger effort to locate BCT barracks and activity north of Strom Thurmond Boulevard.

"Part of Fort Jackson's master plan is to move all BCT units to one side of Strom Thurmond Boulevard and all AIT units on the other side," Jones said.

Beginning Jan. 18, Golden Arrow Road

will be closed 6 to 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday for physical training. The road is being closed before Soldiers-in-Training move in to allow for cadre to do PT.

"The adjustment in traffic pattern is necessary to ensure the safe training of Soldiers while conducting PT in the morning," said Col. Bryan Rudacille, 165th Infantry Brigade commander.

The 369th Adjutant General Battalion will move into the Magruder Avenue buildings vacated by the 1-61st. The 165th Headquarters will move to the current Judge Ad-



Courtesy photo

The 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment moved into the new BCT II complex this month. The first training cycle at the facility will begin Jan. 24.

vocate General building this spring.

In addition to the battalion move, Company E, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment will transfer from the 193rd Infantry Brigade to the 165th Infantry Brigade. The company is a mobilized reserve company, one of two on Fort Jackson. The other company is Company E, 3-60th.

Company E, 1-13th came under operational control of the 165th Infantry Brigade and the 1-61st Tuesday. After the 1-61st graduation March 31, Company E, 1-13th will demobilize and another company of Reserve Soldiers will mobilize to continue the mission.

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Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- ❑ The single Soldier town hall meeting originally scheduled for Jan. 26 has been re-scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Feb. 2 at the Single Soldier Complex.
- ❑ Congratulations to Lt. Col. David Housh who received \$100 for being the December customer comment card winner. Return a comment card after interacting with Balfour Beatty staff to be entered into a monthly drawing.
- ❑ Congratulations to 1st Lt. David Rice and family, who won the holiday decorations contest. The family received a \$50 gift card.
- ❑ All Christmas decorations should be removed by now. The last day to take live Christmas trees to the Recycle Center, 5671 Lee Road, is Jan. 14. Be sure all decorations are removed.
- ❑ Balfour Beatty is now accepting geographical bachelors for on-post housing. Call 738-8275 for more information.
- ❑ Refer a friend to move on post and you can receive \$250. Call 787-8275 for more information.
- ❑ Garden plots are now available for on-post residents. The plots are located on Gilmer Court, near Jacks Inn. Call 751-7126 for more information.
- ❑ Energy-saving tip: Doing laundry in cold water saves energy and money.
- ❑ Balfour Beatty is on Facebook. Search for Fort Jackson Family Housing, then "like" us to stay up-to-date on housing happenings.
- ❑ The Mayoral Council is seeking mayors for the Fort Jackson housing community. Being a part of the council allows participants to be a voice in the community and provide ideas and suggestions to improve Fort Jackson's quality of life. Child care is provided while mayoral duties are being performed. Call Vickie Grier at 751-7567 for more information.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- ❑ To date, 239 homes have been completed.
- ❑ To date, 313 units have been demolished in the Phase II area for junior noncommissioned officers.

Renner to be laid to rest today

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Rotary Club, in which Hupp is a member, and worked together through other community groups. They were also golf buddies.

"He had more in him than I do," Hupp said. "I consider John a perfect role model of someone who retired and went on to do community work."

Retired Col. Angelo Perri was another friend and golf buddy of Renner's. The two met when Renner was commanding general and Perri was a lobbyist for the Retired Officers' Association.

"For the last 16 years or so, I've played golf with him twice a week," Perri said, adding that the time they spent together totaled approximately 6,500 hours.

"When he retired, he elected to become a very significant part of the Columbia community. He just wanted to do something more than just retire and play golf."

Perri said that it was clear that Renner took great pride in his job.

"He did his very best to improve training, to improve quality-of-life and to (foster) relations with the community," he said. "He had a great presence ... in the Greater Columbia area, and he represented to (the community) Fort Jackson and the U.S. Army, and it was a very positive impression. He was greatly admired."

Renner's community service work included service on the Salvation Army Board of Directors; counseling and mentoring homeless men in the Salvation Army Uplifting Life Program; membership on the South Carolina State Museum Board, service on the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee; service on the Richland II Schools Budget Review Committee; service as chairman of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council; and membership in the Spring Valley Rotary Club.

Fort Jackson's current commanding general, Maj. Gen. James M. Milano, said

that he was glad he had the opportunity to visit with Renner in the hospital before his death.

"We lost a great leader — the Army, the nation and Fort Jackson and Columbia lost a great leader," Milano said. He added, "He's a special guy to me in a couple of ways."

In addition to sharing the Fort Jackson commanding general duty, the two Soldiers also shared the call sign "Devil 6" as commanders of Fort Riley's 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, also known as the "Devil Brigade."

"That makes him all the more special to me," Milano said.

"He cared about the local community, and that's one of the reasons he came back and retired here," said retired Col. Stan

““ The motto of the Rotary Club is ‘Service above Self,’ and he was a perfect example of that. ””

— Stan Luallin
Former chief of staff

Luallin, who served as Renner's chief of staff when he assumed command of Fort Jackson. "We've been friends ever since," Luallin said. "He was a very caring CG and (he) had high standards of training excellence."

Luallin also served alongside Renner in the Spring Valley Rotary Club, where Luallin is a past president.

"He was a good person," he said. "The motto of the Rotary Club is 'Service above Self,' and he was a perfect example of that."

Renner is survived by his wife Mary Lou Doolen Renner; daughters Heather Mary Ligon and Renner Jo Eberlein; grandson John Clayton Ligon, his mother Mary Elizabeth Renner and his brother George Richard Renner.

The funeral service is scheduled for today at 1:30 p.m., at Northeast Presbyterian Church. The family will receive guests from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. prior to the service. The burial service is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to give to the charity of their choice.

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IN THE KNOW

John Renner began his Army career as a second lieutenant in 1962 after graduating from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. He later earned a Master of Science in international relations from George Washington University.

He earned his Parachutist Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge and Ranger tab at Fort Benning, Ga.

He served two tours in Vietnam, first as a company commander with the 25th Division in CuChi, and then as a district senior adviser in the Mekong Delta. His career included several notable assignments such as deputy commander of Allied Land Forces for Southeastern Europe in Izmir, Turkey; assistant commander of the 1st Infantry Division; commander of the 1st Infantry Division Forward in Germany; and commander of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

His many decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Stars, the Bronze Star with a V device, two Purple Hearts, the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Start saving now for next holiday season

Now is the best time to start preparing for the next holiday season. Typically, many people begin saving for holiday when the holiday is only a few months away.

Starting to budget and plan for holiday expenses at the beginning of the year will greatly reduce a financial strain during the holidays. Most financial institutions offer holiday savings accounts. These accounts are an easy and convenient way of tucking away cash for the holidays.

One caveat, however, is



FINANCIAL ADVICE

By ANGELA CROSLAND
Army Community Services

that many institutions will not allow the consumer to withdraw funds throughout the year without closing the account. The "no withdrawal" feature actually helps encourage those who may be tempted to make withdrawals. For those who need even more encouragement on keeping their hands off the funds, consider opening an account at a less accessible institution such as one that is not conveniently located or one without online access.

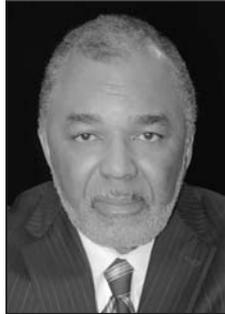
Those who are not big gift givers can use the funds for traveling or use the money to take advantage of the

holiday sales. The easiest way to get started is for the consumer to figure out for whom he or she plans and the amount of money that will be spent on each person. Then divide the amount by 11. That will give the consumer the amount that he or she will need to save each month. A holiday budget of \$500 will mean that a consumer will need to set aside \$45.45 each month. To make it even easier, set up an allotment from each paycheck to go directly to the holiday savings account. The same technique can be used when saving for vacations, large purchases, property taxes or any other occasional expense. Rules may vary, so consumers must contact their financial institutions for specific information on these types of accounts.

For additional financial information and tips, contact the Financial Readiness Program at Army Community Service by calling 751-5256.

News and Notes

MLK OBSERVANCE RESCHEDULED



SWINTON

Fort Jackson's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration is rescheduled for 11:30 a.m., today at the Solomon Center. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from an Equal Opportunity adviser, the Equal Opportunity Office or a unit representative.

David Swinton, president of Benedict College, is guest speaker. The event is hosted by the 193rd Infantry Brigade.

HELPING HANDS AWARD RESCHEDULED

The Helping Hands volunteer recognition ceremony was rescheduled for 9 a.m., Tuesday at the Joe E. Mann Center.

SINGLE SOLDIERS MEETING ON TAP

The single Soldiers town hall meeting was rescheduled for 5:30 to 7 p.m., Feb. 2 at the Single Soldier Complex community building. Installation representatives will answer questions presented by Soldiers.

PEREZ GYM CLOSED

Perez Fitness Center is closed for renovations for the next six months. The facility is anticipated to re-open mid-year. Call 751-5768 for more information.

FREEDOM AWARD ACCEPTS NOMINEES

Nominations for the 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award are being accepted through Monday. The Freedom Award is the highest recognition the U.S. government gives to employers for their outstanding support of employees serving in the Guard and Reserve. Visit www.freedomaward.mil for more information or to submit a nomination.



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Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, lead the participants of the 2011 Senior Enlisted Advisors Conference, at Fort Bliss, Texas, in a moment of silence in remembrance of those killed in the recent Tucson, Ariz., tragedy.

Retired Army colonel helps apprehend Arizona shooter

By ALEXANDRA HEMMERLY-BROWN
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — During the harrowing events that took place Saturday in Tucson, Ariz., several witnesses to Jared Lee Loughner's alleged shooting rampage intervened, possibly saving more lives.

One of those who reacted quickly was retired Col. William Badger, a 74-year-old resident of Tucson who spent 38 years in the Army.

Badger, an Army pilot whose assignments included being chief of Aviation for the National Guard at the Pentagon, attributed his actions during the shooting to his military training. The retired colonel joined the South Dakota Army National Guard in 1953, and after serving part time for 20 years, applied for active duty where he continued to serve until 1991.

"I'm proud of my military service and this was a tragic event," Badger said in an interview Wednesday. "I want people to know that it was my military background, my military training that made me do what I did."

Badger said he had written to U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords on several occasions.

"She's been exceptionally good at getting back to me and trying to accomplish what's best for the military," Badger said.

Because the retired colonel had never met the congresswoman, he said he thought Saturday's event at a nearby Safeway grocery store would be a good opportunity.

Badger said that when he arrived at the Safeway, there was not a big crowd, but there were some people sitting in a line of chairs waiting to meet Giffords.

Just as he turned to get into the line, he heard a loud "bang, bang, bang," which he said he initially thought was the sound of fireworks — until he saw a man with a gun in his outstretched hand.

"The people in the chairs were falling to the ground, and jumping to the ground trying to get down out of the way, and I did the same thing," Badger said. "I dropped to the ground, and I was a little bit stung, but I didn't realize I'd been hit."

Badger's head had in fact been grazed by a bullet, and because of his blood-thinning medication, he began bleeding steadily. After hearing about an additional 20 shots fired, the gunman

stopped, and Badger assumed the assault was over.

Badger began to stand up, but as he did, the shooter walked directly in front of him, apparently reaching for another clip of rounds to inflict more damage.

Just then, another bystander swung at the gunman with a folding chair, giving Badger a chance to grab the assailant's left wrist and hit him between the shoulders. Together Badger and another man took Loughner to the ground, while a woman grabbed Loughner's final clip. The two men pinned the shooter to the pavement, with Badger's hand around the shooter's throat, until authorities arrived.

After Loughner was taken into custody, Badger was taken to a nearby hospital for an MRI, but the three-inch graze didn't penetrate the skull or cause any brain damage.

"I'm the luckiest person in the world, and have been my whole life," Badger said regarding his wound. "Someone told me I better go and buy a lottery ticket, but I told them to still be alive is like winning the lottery."

Although Badger never served during combat, he said what he learned in the Army is still ingrained in him.

"My military training led me to just respond instantly," he said.

Badger said after he retired, he continued to stay physically fit, just as he had while on active duty.

He doesn't think it's anything special that a man of his age was able to help physically take down a 22-year-old on a shooting rampage. In fact, Badger dismisses his own heroics, insisting he didn't even have time to think before acting.

"It would have been entirely different if he had been standing straight up, and I was by myself," Badger said, naming the person who hit Loughner with a chair as the real hero.

And while Badger assures he is relatively unscathed, he is baffled at how the shooter, who was once rejected from military service, gained possession of weapons that are only available for law enforcement.

"You just can't visualize something like this happening," Badger explained.

"Something has to be done so that nothing like this ever happens again," Badger said, noting that he's volunteered to be on a committee to conduct research on stopping events like Saturday's happening. "I want to continue to be involved in this."

Snow forces closures, cancellations

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The decision to close the post was made Sunday afternoon, said Col. James Love, garrison commander. Despite the closing, approximately 300 civilian employees and 500 contractors braved the elements to keep Fort Jackson operational.

“We had a significant number of garrison employees working or on standby,” Love said. “Of course, our main concern was roads and utilities so we brought in a robust crew to start salting, sanding and plowing roads around midnight on Sunday.”

In addition, some key facilities, such as Scales Avenue Child Development Center, dining facilities and the Directorate of Emergency Services remained open, Love said.

Love said that Fort Jackson did not experience any major issues because of the storm. No power or utility outages were reported and only a few minor accidents occurred.

“I credit that to everyone who wasn’t key and essential staying off the roads and adhering to the advice put out by the local community and post leadership,” Love said. “I also credit that to the great work by our Directorate of Emergency Services, the preventative efforts of our Directorate of Public Works and having well-established plans and procedures in place for severe weather.”

The weather not only affected Fort Jackson commuters, but also influenced training. The Soldier Support Institute and the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School canceled classes Monday and Tuesday. Basic Combat Training units were forced to adjust their plans.

“Training was modified to account for weather conditions and a reduced cadre presence,” said Col. Bryan Rudacille, commander of the 165th Infantry Brigade. “Classroom instruction was used to reinforce

previous training or prepare for future training events once the weather cleared sufficiently.”

Rudacille said that previously-planned outdoor training would be rescheduled to ensure Soldiers have completed all training tasks and meet graduation requirements.

Throughout the closure, the 165th operated with a smaller cadre, Rudacille said.

“A reduced portion of the command reported to duty to make certain we maintained command and control, provided life support and enforced standards and discipline,” Rudacille said. “Only the minimum personnel required to accomplish these objectives were directed to report to duty in order to minimize the risk to cadre during travel.”

The storm also wreaked havoc with schedules of on-post events. The Helping Hands volunteer recognition ceremony, originally planned for Wednesday, was rescheduled for 9 a.m., Tuesday at the Joe E. Mann Center. The Martin Luther King luncheon had to be moved from Wednesday to 11:15 a.m., today at the Solomon Center. A total of nine Army Community Services classes and events, including the Spouses Forum, were canceled or rescheduled. Community members are advised to check the ACS Facebook (search “FTJacksonACS”) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/FtJacksonACS) pages for updates. Classes that were canceled will be offered again on a normal rotational basis, said Elizabeth Maher, ACS outreach program coordinator.

The storm was responsible for the second measurable snow accumulation within a month. Before that, 12 snow and ice storms were reported in Richland County since January 2002, according to the National Climatic Data Center website. The weather system also limited operations at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Gillem, Fort Gordon, Fort McPherson and Fort Benning, all in Georgia.

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The winter weather also prompted unusual snow sculptures to pop up across Fort Jackson, such as Debra Price’s snow cat.



Photo by KARA BELDEN, Special to the Leader

Sierra Belden, 16 months, is all bundled up while going for a ride in the snow.



Photo by PVT. KEVIN CHENG, 187th Ordnance Battalion

Soldiers with Company E, 187th Ordnance Battalion sculpted an eagle.

EFMP, leave benefits among AFAP issues

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Soldiers with exceptional family members will remain at their current installation pending notification of EFMP service availability and command sponsorship from the overseas command.



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Although we have made progress with some issues, we still have work to do on others. This month we will continue to analyze the attainability of the following issues:

- ❑ Authorizing 100 percent of the death gratuity to any person designated as a beneficiary by a DA civilian killed in a military contingency operation (regardless of their relationship). Currently the law only recognizes spouses, children, parents or siblings as eligible survivors (issue number 634).
- ❑ Establishing a centralized Department of Defense leave donation bank for civilian employees (issue number 615).
- ❑ Aligning compensatory hours with standard overtime rates for Army civilians (issue number 649).
- ❑ Standardizing and enforcing the Total Army

Sponsorship Program by providing trained and available sponsors equipped with the information and referral resources needed for Soldiers and families during times of transition (issue number 609).

- ❑ Accounting for the unborn children of pre-existing pregnancies when calculating the transitional benefits for family members of military personnel who were separated and discharged due to domestic abuse (issue number 625).
- ❑ Coordinating with U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service for approval of DoD-administered fingerprinting and physical examinations (issue number 515).
- ❑ Providing EFMP enrollment eligibility for Reserve Soldiers (issue number 650).
- ❑ Conducting a holistic review of Family Readiness Group fundraising in the Active and Reserve components (issue number 652).

The Army is working the issues, but the Army Family Action Plan is your program. I encourage you to learn more about the AFAP process and follow the progress on issues that are currently being worked. I invite you to visit the Army OneSource website at www.myarmyonesource.com and select the Family Programs and Services menu to activate the AFAP active issue search feature. Once there, you can search by keyword or issue number. You can also search by subject area, demographic group or geographical area to see what we are doing to improve the quality of life for Soldiers, civilians and families.

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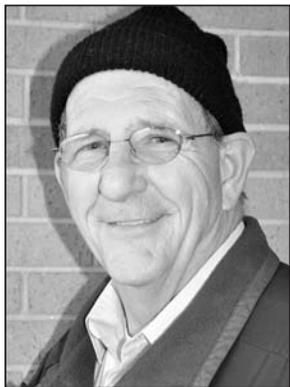
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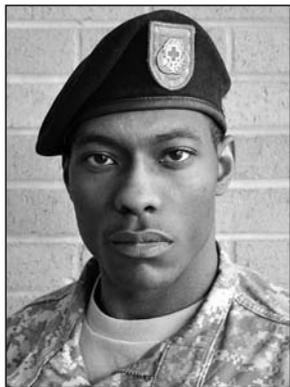
Fort Jackson talks back:

Staff writer Kris Gonzalez asks members of the community: ‘What did you do during the snow days?’



Dennis Brucker
DA civilian,
Soldier Support Institute

“I finally finished my wife’s honey-do list — put away Christmas decorations, changed light bulbs, fixed a piece of molding on the floor — all the little things around the house.”



Sgt. Jimmy Williams
MEDDAC

“I slept in and tended to my two kids.”



Mamie Gibbs
Family member

“Absolutely nothing; I enjoyed the time off.”



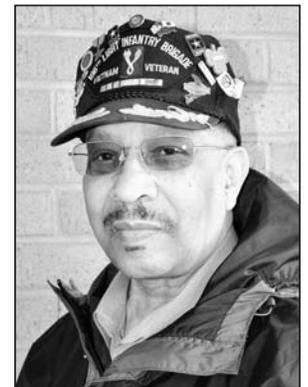
Staff Sgt. Marquita Odum
DENTAC

“I spent some much needed time with family; we played in the snow.”



Staff Sgt. Joe Santos
National Guard (Camp Landing HQ, Florida)

“I sat in class, went to the chow hall and pretty much stayed in my hotel room most of the time.”



Benjamin Lymore
Retiree

“I stayed off the roads. I watched a lot of game shows.”

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 or visit 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

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Main Post Chapel, Bible study and fellowship. Home schoolers are welcome. Free child care is available. E-mail pwocjackson@yahoo.com.

Military Widows/Widowers Association

Sundays, 2 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, eighth floor, 787-2469.

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.

Disabled American Veterans Woodrow Wilson Unit 4

Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 788-1836 or 791-4422.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

— Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon,

Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.

— Second and fourth Tuesday 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.

La Leche League breastfeeding support group

First Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, Room 8, 5615 Hood St., 751-5256/6325.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

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

American Legion Post 182

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

American Red Cross

New adult volunteers orientation, second Tuesday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon, 571-4329.

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.

Disabled American Veterans

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 796-7122.

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.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

First and third Wednesday of the month, 1:30 p.m.,

4405 Jackson Blvd., 751-1148.

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

First and third Thursdays of the month, 5 p.m., Magruder's Club. E-mail sec@ffvictoryriders.com.

The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

Third Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Post Conference Room, 751-1898.

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.

Retired Enlisted Association

Third Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, 740-2319 or e-mail jrogers11@sc.rr.com.

Chrome Divas of Columbia

Second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m., 606-5402 or www.thebikerchicks.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 Post 641

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

The Ladies Auxiliary 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 armyaguilar@yahoo.com or visit www.combatvet.org.

Sergeants Major Association

Last work day of the month, 4 p.m., Magruder's Pub, 447-1526. Open to active-duty and retired sergeants major.

SUBMISSIONS

To submit a recurring meeting, e-mail the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to fleader@conus.army.mil.

Calendar

Wednesday

Shred day

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

Thursday, Jan. 20

AFTB Level II course, Day 1

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Family Readiness Center

Paid child care may be provided.
Registration is required by Jan. 18. For more information, call 751-6315.

Nutrition workshop: Fueling for fitness

Noon to 1 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center, conference room
For more information and to make a reservation, call 751-3773.

Friday, Jan. 21

AFTB Level II course, Day 2

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Family Readiness Center

Monday, Jan. 24

Family Child Care orientation training

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 24-28 at the Joe E. Mann Center. Applications will be accepted until Jan. 18. For more information, call 751-6234.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Nutrition workshop: Trends and controversies in human nutrition

Noon to 1 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center, conference room
For more information and to make a reservation, call 751-3773.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Installation town hall meeting

6 p.m., Solomon Center

Friday, Feb. 4

National Prayer Breakfast

7 to 8:30 a.m., NCO Club
The guest speaker is Dr. Tom Mullins.

Housing events

Today

National Eat a Piece of Pie Day

3 p.m.
Celebrate by eating a piece of apple pie and a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Friday, Jan. 21

Crockpot Recipe Exchange

3 p.m.
A slow-cooker station will be set up and recipe cards will be available to take home. Residents are encouraged to bring their own creations and recipes to share with others.

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

Announcements

RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE

The Fort Jackson Recycling Center is now open Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On weekdays, the center is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on recycling on post, visit www.jackson.army.mil/ENRD/emb/p2.htm or call 751-4208.

DHR CLOSURE

All Directorate of Human Resources offices, including the ID card sections, will be closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 21 for the organization's quarterly awards ceremony and luncheon. In case of an emergency, alternate ID card sections are at the Soldier Family Assistance Center, 751-1198; Shaw Air Force Base, 895-1596; and the South Carolina National Guard Center, 806-2078.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas trees can be recycled through today at the Fort Jackson Recycling Center at 5671 Lee Road. The center is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SOLDIER SHOW NOMINATIONS

Nominations for performers and technicians for the 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show are accepted through Tuesday. For more information, visit www.armymwr.com/recreation/entertainment/soldiershow/audition_info.aspx.

RED CROSS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

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

MACH NUTRITION CLINIC

The following classes are scheduled for January:
— Cholesterol and high blood pressure class, 2 to 3 p.m., Jan. 27
— Army Move!, 2 to 3 p.m., Jan. 24 (Session 1) and 2-3 p.m., Jan. 26 (Session 2)
— Victory weight loss class, 2 to 3 p.m., Jan. 20

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

MICC HOURS

The Mission and Installation Contracting Command's new opening hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is closed for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

AFAP UPDATE

Army Family Action Plan received 39

issues from the Fort Jackson community for fiscal year 2011.

Local issues will be addressed by the appropriate staff agency on the installation. Issues determined to be beyond the scope of Fort Jackson were reviewed and prioritized by delegates at the annual conference in December. For a complete list of issue submissions and their status, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/acs_afap. For more information, call 751-6315.

MG JAMES URSANO SCHOLARSHIP

The MG James Ursano Scholarship program is now accepting applications. It provides children of active-duty, retired or deceased Soldiers with financial assistance to pursue a four-year college degree. Students must apply each year. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org or call 751-5256.

ID CARD APPOINTMENTS

Soldiers, retirees, family members and DoD employees can now use the ID Cards Appointment Scheduler System. Appointments will be available from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule and appointment, visit <http://appointments.cac.navy.mil>.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPOUSES

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

DECA SCHOLARSHIP

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

FREE COMIC BOOK

The 10th installment of the free New Avengers comic book for military audiences is now available at the Exchange. The book's title is "Hero Exchange."

THRIFT SHOP UPDATES

Organizations that want to request fund, should submit a welfare request form. The form should list the reason, number of people involved and what other sources for funding have been explored.

MONEY MATTERS CLASS

Money Matters, a Boys and Girls Club program for 14-18 year olds, meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 4 p.m. Saturdays at the Youth Services Center. The classes focus on budgeting, saving and planning for college. For more information, call 751-7706.

MILITARY CHILD AWARD

Operation Homefront is accepting nominations for the Military Child of the Year award through Jan. 31. The winner for each service branch will receive \$5,000. Ideal candidates demonstrate resilience and strength of character, and thrive in the face of the challenges of military life. For more information, visit www.operationhomefront.net/mcoy.

VA CASH BENEFITS

Pension-eligible veterans who require home care, assisted living or nursing home care may be eligible for VA Aid and Attendance and Housebound Benefit benefits. For more information, visit www.vb.va.gov/bln/21/pension/vetpen.htm#7 or e-mail va@oepp.sc.gov.

ACS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Army Community Service now has a Facebook page and Twitter feed. Follow FtJacksonACS on Twitter or friend Ft Jackson ACS on Facebook.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events.

School news

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

A special election to fill a vacant seat on the Fort Jackson school board is scheduled for Feb. 1 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Jackson schools and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Solomon Center. Nomination/candidate interest forms must be turned in to your child's school by Tuesday.

MONTESSORI INFO SESSIONS

Parents of students in the Richland One school district who are interested in enrolling their children in Montessori programs are invited to the following information sessions:

- Brockman Elementary School: noon, Wednesday and 8:15 a.m., Feb. 2
- Caughman Road Elementary School: 8:30 a.m., Jan. 25
- Logan Elementary School: 6 p.m., Jan. 27 and 8 a.m., Feb. 4
- Gadsden Elementary School: 6 p.m., Jan. 20

For more information, call 231-6709 or e-mail alipscomb@richlandone.org.

LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community announcements should be typed and no more than 45 words. All submissions may be edited to comply with *Leader* style and Public Affairs regulations. Send all submissions to FJLeader@conus.army.mil.

For information about classified advertising, contact Camden Media Co. at 432-6157. Classified ads may also be faxed to 432-7609.

Teens seek to get HIRED!

By **THERESA O'HAGAN**
Family and MWR

Finding a first job can be a daunting task for today's youth as even traditional "teen jobs" are harder to find in this economy.

Since May 2009, Child, Youth and School Services, as part of the Army Family Covenant, has empowered more than 130 of Fort Jackson's youth, ages 15-18.

"As coordinator, my main objective is to mentally prepare the teens for their apprenticeship experiences," explained Cory Dwyer, workforce preparation specialist, HIRED! program. "HIRED! also prepares them for life after high school."

HIRED! is an apprenticeship program in which teens are exposed to and experience different career fields. The teens are required to complete six pre-requisite training sessions.

"After completing the prerequisites, the teens are then placed at a Family and MWR facility where they will complete their 12-week apprenticeship experience," Dwyer said.

During that 12 weeks, the teens are required to commit to a 12- to 15-hour weekly work schedule and attend weekly workforce preparation trainings. Upon completing a minimum of 180 hours and successfully attending the weekly workforce preparation training workshops, the teens qualify for cash rewards. Qualified teens can work up to two terms per calendar year for a maximum of six terms.



Leader file photo

Corey Dwyer, Child, Youth and School Services, speaks to a group of teens during last year's Teen Job Fair at the Solomon Center.

"What I like about the HIRED! Program is that it gives me the opportunity to improve leadership skills. It helped me be committed to my job site," said Tanisha Knight, 18, who is currently in her second apprenticeship term.

"Since I've entered this program I've become more responsible and understand the importance of values, time management, setting priorities, and doing my best in all I do. It helps me understand the things I will go through in the work force. I am blessed to be a part of the HIRED! program."

The core values of the HIRED! Program are commitment, integrity, focus, honesty and ownership. Together these values allow the teens to develop responsibility.

"I don't like excuses," Dwyer said. "I always tell the teens, excuses are the tools the incompetent use to build monuments of nothing, and those who specialize in them are seldom good at anything. Life is progress; never settle."

For more information on HIRED! visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/cyss/hired or call Dwyer at 751-7706.

JANUARY EDGE! CLASSES

❑ **Clothespin cuties** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Thursdays, 5955-D Parker Lane. For ages 8 to 14.

Jan. 20: Clothespins can be princesses, fairies, ballerinas and vampires.

Jan. 27: Worry dolls are a Guatemalan tradition that are said to help people sleep. Create your own.

❑ **DIY Beauty** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Thursdays and Mondays, Balfour Beatty Community House. For ages 8 to 16.

Jan. 24: Whip up cherry-berry, citrus, raspberry or vanilla bubble bath.

Jan. 27: Tone and refresh your skin with homemade apple, citrus or cucumber toner.

Jan. 31: Give and receive a facial using homemade products.

❑ **Widgets that Work/Gadgets that Go** — 4 to 5:30 p.m., Fridays and Tuesdays, Pinckney Annex, Hood Street. For ages 9 to 15.

Tuesday: Build a lie detector.

Jan. 21: Make a working generator from a soup can.

Jan. 25: Build a half-submarine, half boat.

Jan. 28: Experiment with a few fun and simple projects, including a hovercraft and an alkaline Zeppelin.

❑ **Brown Around the Edge** — 4 to 5:30 p.m., Fridays and Wednesdays, 5955-D Parker Lane. For ages 11 to 18.

Today: Baking goes international with Baklava, a Greek pastry.

Jan. 21: Biscuits are good; bear claw biscuits are better!

Jan. 26: Cakes; learn tricks to keep your dessert from leaning.

Jan. 28: Learn to make pie crust and top it with your favorite fillings.

❑ **Winter of the Ice Wizard** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays, Post Library. For ages 6 to 10. Make treats that correspond with this Magic Tree House book.

Wednesday: The wolves are after Jack and Annie! Create a wolf puppet and make peanut butter snowballs.

Jan. 26: It's snowing in the Land of the Ice Wizard. Whip up a blizzard of glittery snowflakes and eat snowflake tortillas as a snack.

School-age children who register with Child, Youth and School Services qualify for four hours of open recreation, which can be used toward any EDGE! program.

The EDGE! offers free classes as part of the Army Middle School and Teen Initiative for those 11 years and older. For children 9 and 10, classes are \$5 per hour.

FMWR calendar

TODAY

❑ Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Blue Plate Specials.

❑ **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. Be early for happy hour, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Appetizers are available, while supply lasts.

❑ Every Friday is Artistic Expression with Jake at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the **Youth Services Center**.

SATURDAY

❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 1 p.m.

❑ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the **Youth Services Center**.

❑ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the **NCO Club**. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

❑ Buy one wing, get one free at **Magruder's Club and Pub**.

SUNDAY

❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 10 a.m.

❑ Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Sunday brunch. Coat and tie are not required. Call 751-4906 or 782-8761.

WEDNESDAY

❑ Come to **Morale Call** starting at 8 p.m. in the NCO Club **Liberty Lounge** and pay no cover charge. Starting at 10 p.m., ladies specials begin in the ballroom during Working Women's Wednesdays.

❑ Get your party on at **Club NCO** starting at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for military, \$7 for civilians.

❑ **Victory Readers Club**, 6 to 8 p.m., **Post Library**

❑ **4-H Club** meets 4 to 5 p.m. For grades 1-5. Call 751-1136 for information.

THURSDAY

❑ Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.

❑ **Victory Bingo**, 2 to 11 p.m.

❑ Sleepy Storytime at the **Post Library**, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Come in pajamas and go home ready for bed.

❑ **Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Appetizers available while they last.

ONGOING OFFERS

❑ The annual FMWR Fitness Challenge runs through April 4. Participants must be fitness members to compete in one of three categories; fitness, weight loss or total lifestyle change. Fitness memberships are \$30 a month. Call 751-5768 for more information.

❑ The NCO Club breakfast is served 6 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4 to 10 years old.

❑ The Officers' Club is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

❑ Victory Travel has special offers for dinner shows and other attractions. For more information, visit Victory Travel in the Solomon Center.

❑ The Officers' Club specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions. For more information, call 782-8761.

❑ Child, Youth and School Services provides child care and youth programming on Saturdays at no cost for active-duty parents who must work to meet mission requirements.

Regular tests key to detecting cancer

From Moncrief Army Community Hospital

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, a time to become educated about cervical cancer. It is also a time when most of us are enthusiastically working on making our New Year resolutions a reality. These resolutions tend to gravitate toward us incorporating healthier behaviors in our lives.

For women, it is recommended to add a pelvic examination and Pap smear to those resolutions, especially if it has been a while since the last one.

What is cervical cancer, and what is the importance of a Pap smear? Cervical cancer is cancer that starts in the cervix, the lower part of the uterus that opens at the top of the vagina. Its development is usually very slow and starts as a pre-cancerous condition called dysplasia.

This pre-cancerous condition can be detected by a Pap smear and is 100 percent treatable. For this reason, the importance of regular Pap smears should never be underestimated. Most women that are diagnosed with cervical cancer today have not had regular Pap smears or they have not followed up on abnormal results.

Cervical Cancer SCREENING MONTH

Unfortunately, worldwide, cervical cancer is the third most common type of cancer in women. Fortunately, cervical cancer is much lower in the United States because of routine use of Pap smears.

There are a number of risk factors for cervical cancer. Women who are exposed to HPV (human papilloma virus) have an increased risk of getting cervical cancer. Almost all cervical cancers are caused by HPV. HPV is a common virus that is spread through sexual intercourse. There are many different types of HPV, and many do not cause problems. However, certain strains of HPV actually lead to cervical cancer.

There is a vaccine that can now protect females from the four types of HPV that cause most cervical cancers. The vaccine is recommended for 11 and 12 year-old girls. It is also recommended for girls and women age 13

through 26 who have not yet been vaccinated or completed the vaccine series.

Other risk factors for cervical cancer include:

- Having sex at an early age
- Multiple sexual partners
- Sexual partners who have multiple partners or who participate in high-risk sexual activities
- Women whose mothers took the drug DES (diethylstilbestrol) during pregnancy in the early 1970s to prevent miscarriage
- Longterm use of birth control pills (more than five years)
- Weakened immune system
- Infections with genital herpes or chronic Chlamydia infections
- Poor economic status (may not be able to afford regular Pap smears)

Women should start having pelvic examinations and Pap smears within three years of beginning vaginal intercourse or by age 21. Pap smears should be obtained every one to two years or whenever a health care provider recommends the test.

Snow, ice can pose health hazards

BY KRISTIN SHIVES

TRICARE Management Activity

In many areas, TRICARE beneficiaries will have to deal with snow and ice. Snow and ice covered roads and sidewalks can make a winter walk in the park or just across the street treacherous.

While it is important to clear snow and ice from driveways, porches, and walkways, removing it can lead to injuries from slips, trips and falls.

TRICARE beneficiaries should be vigilant when performing inside and outside activities. Even if a beneficiary is normally very active and in shape, he or she can be easily injured while shoveling snow. Injuries related to snow removal are among the most common wintertime injuries.

"If you have a medical condition that prevents you from doing strenuous exercise, speak with your doctor before shoveling and consider hiring someone to remove the snow," said Cmdr. Aileen Buckler, M.D., population health physician analyst with the TRICARE Management Activity.

TRICARE beneficiaries who need care for winter-related injuries can use an urgent care facility or, if necessary, go to the emergency room. They can review their emergency care options at www.tricare.mil/Emergency.

In addition to these typical winter injuries, there are several other injuries that may plague beneficiaries during the winter months. According to an October 2010 Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center report, from July 2009 through June 2010, 556 service members had cold-related injuries that included frostbite, hypothermia and immersion foot.

Frostbite is the freezing of skin caused by exposure to cold. Under extreme conditions, it can happen in seconds. Factors such as wind chill, alcohol consumption, altitude, dampness and length

of cold exposure will affect the onset and severity.

When exposed to cold temperatures, a beneficiary's body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced. Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use up a body's stored energy, causing hypothermia. Low body temperatures affect the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well.



Trench foot, also known as immersion foot, occurs when the feet are wet for long periods of time, and it can be very painful. Unlike frostbite, trench foot does not require freezing temperatures.

The Department of Health and Human Services has a few tips to prepare for a healthier and injury-free winter, especially when it's freezing, snowing and icy:

- Avoid staying outside for long periods of time
- Wear appropriate outdoor clothing
- Keep clothing, especially socks, dry
- Wear ice grippers on footwear
- Keep your weight over your feet

(avoid reaching or twisting when walking)

- Keep skin covered at all times
- Wear proper safety equipment
- Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration
- Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches

With a little advance planning and preparation, TRICARE beneficiaries and their family members will stay warm and safe while they work, travel and enjoy the outdoors this winter. For more information about winter safety, go to <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter>.

MACH updates

REMINDERS AVAILABLE BY TEXT

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

JOIN MACH ON FACEBOOK

"Like" MACH on Facebook by logging in and searching "Moncrief Army Community Hospital."

FLU VACCINATIONS SET

Seasonal flu shots are available to all eligible beneficiaries, 4 and

older, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, in Room 6-27, Moncrief

Army Community Hospital.

Flu shots will not be given Jan. 14

or 17. Children, newborns to 36 months, can receive vaccinations on a walk-in or appointment basis at the Family Health Clinic. Call 751-2210 for more information. Other sites are as follows:

Solomon Center: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 24 and Jan. 31; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday and Jan. 22.



Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the Jan. 27

Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the Jan. 27 Leader must be submitted by Jan. 20.



Glory can be found in ordinary service

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) ANDREW SPRIENSMA**
4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment

Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy commanding general for Initial Military Training, once said that the IMT environment is “the least sexy, most important job in TRADOC.” He went on to explain this statement by talking about the excitement of the operating force, where competition and initiative drive Soldiers and units to be the best in the Army. However, he said, in TRADOC, “our job is to train Soldiers on basic and individual skills ... and we’re asked to do it over and over again.”

We tend to desire being at the tip of the spear, near the action, in the limelight and sharing in the glory. Realistically, such desires may be difficult to fulfill in your current assignment. Thankfully, there is a different glory out there to be grasped. I call it the glory of the ordinary.

The Scottish minister and teacher Oswald Chambers speaks to this in his devotional, “My Utmost for His Highest.” He writes, “The great marvel of the Incarnation

slips into ordinary childhood’s life; the great marvel of the Transfiguration vanishes in the devil-possessed valley; the glory of the Resurrection descends into a breakfast on the seashore. This is not anti-climatic, but a great revelation of God.”

The revelation is this: God estimates glory not in quick action-packed moments, but in lifelong fidelity and service, even when (or maybe especially when) the service is mundane and seemingly trivial. Chambers later states, “It is one thing to go through a crisis grandly, but another thing to go through every day glorifying God when there is no witness, no limelight, no one paying the remotest attention to us.”

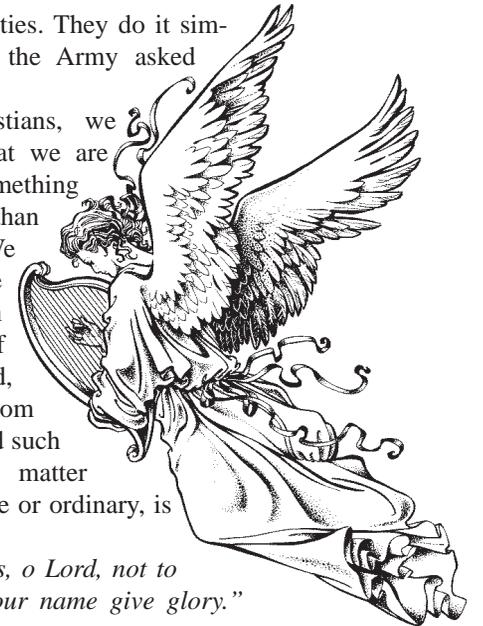
How do we exchange our human understanding of glory for God’s? It starts with acknowledging that there is something bigger than us.

For Soldiers, faithfulness and loyalty is borne out of a knowledge that they are part of an Army that carries a vital mission in the world today. I have spoken to several Soldiers here who joyfully serve in capacities far under

their capabilities. They do it simply because the Army asked them.

For Christians, we recognize that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. We are but a toe or a finger on the body of Christ. And, it is he whom we serve, and such service, no matter how mundane or ordinary, is glorious.

“Not to us, o Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory.”
(Psalm 115)



PROTESTANT

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

Protestant Bible Study

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

- 6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Magruder Chapel
- 7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Magruder Chapel
- 7 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel
- Saturday
- 8 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast (PMOC), Main Post Chapel (every second Saturday of the month in the activity room)

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

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

CATHOLIC

- Monday through Friday
- 11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Sunday
- 9:30 a.m. CCD (September through May), Education Center
- 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for adults (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for children (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- 12:30 a.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel
- 7 p.m. Women's scripture study, Main Post Chapel

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

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
- 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

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

JEWISH

- Sunday
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Memorial Chapel
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish book study, Post Conference Room

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
- 11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
- 9:30 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- Thursday
- 7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542
- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-1297/4478
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Family Life Chapel**
4580 Scales Ave, corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Scales Ave, corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard, 751-6469/6681
- McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)**
3820 McCrady Road (located at McCrady Training Center)
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Warrior Chapel (120th AG Bn.)**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427
- Installation's Chaplain's Office**
4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318

FIRST RESPONDER

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

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

Col. Ronald F. Taylor

Director,

Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Glen W. Wellman III

Provost Sergeant Major

Bill Forrester

Fire Chief

David Navarro

Supervisory Police Officer

CASES OF THE WEEK

❑ Two civilians were issued three-year post bar letters after being charged in a theft of government property, Military



Police said. The civilians were stopped when they attempted to leave the installation after they were observed loading the stolen property into their vehicles, MPs said. The civilians were escorted from the installation.

❑ A civilian was issued a three-year post bar letter in connection with a theft from the Exchange, MPs said. The civilian was charged in the theft of five video games, valued at approximately \$200. The civilian was escorted from the installation.

❑ A civilian was charged with unlawfully parking his vehicle in a fire lane at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, MPs said.

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FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



**Our Most Effective Weapon Against
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TFM takes home Commander's Cup

By **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Task Force Marshall flexed its collective muscle, taking this year's the Commander's Cup and proving that teamwork leads to victory.

The coveted award was presented Thursday during the Eighth Annual Fort Jackson Sports Banquet at the Solomon Center.

"We could not have been successful without unit cohesiveness and camaraderie," said Lt. Col. Randall Pauley, Task Force Marshall commander. "I want to thank all of my Soldiers who made this a possibility."

Winning the Commander's Cup, which is Fort Jackson's highest sports award, is based on a points system. Units compete in a variety of team and individual sports, and the one with the highest cumulative point total at the end of the year receives the award.

Task Force Marshall earned 2,037 points. The 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment took second place with 2,020 points and 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment placed third with 1,260 points.

"I am a huge fan of intramural sports and (this banquet) is something we should continue," said Maj. Gen. James Milano, Fort Jackson commanding general. "I firmly believe some type of competition is important. Sports does wonders for a unit and builds fellowship, camaraderie and self-esteem."

The banquet's speaker was Charles Waddell, associate athletics director of the University of South Carolina. Waddell took time out during his speech to recognize the similarities in sports and the military.

"When you look at a successful team, they share all of the same characteristics of a Soldier — hard work, teamwork, camaraderie and the ability to overcome adversity," Waddell said. "When you go through basic training, (the training) is some of the same fundamentals our players are taught, except for you it is a difference between life and death."



Photo by **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**

Lt. Col. Randall Pauley, Task Force Marshall commander, holds the Commander's Cup. Task Force Marshall was awarded the cup during the sports banquet Thursday at the Solomon Center. Also pictured, from left, are Brig. Gen. Mark McAlister, commanding general of the Soldier Support Institute, Charles Waddell, University of South Carolina associate athletics director, Task Force Marshall Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Rossi and Col. Craig Currey, Fort Jackson deputy commanding officer.

Waddell is a 1975 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the last three-sport letterman at UNC, earning letters in football, track and basketball. Waddell went on to play in the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Seattle Seahawks and San Diego Chargers.

"If you competed in intramural sports last year I want to commend you," he said. "It isn't important whether you

are a champion or not. It is the fact that you competed."

More than 1,500 Soldiers and civilians participated in individual and team sports on Fort Jackson in 2010. Sports included flag football, basketball, volleyball, golf, the Army Ten-Miler Team, Strongman Competition, darts and softball.

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Sports shorts

DARTS

Letters of intent for intramural and recreational darts are due to the Sports Office by 3 p.m., Wednesday. For more information, call 751-3096.

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