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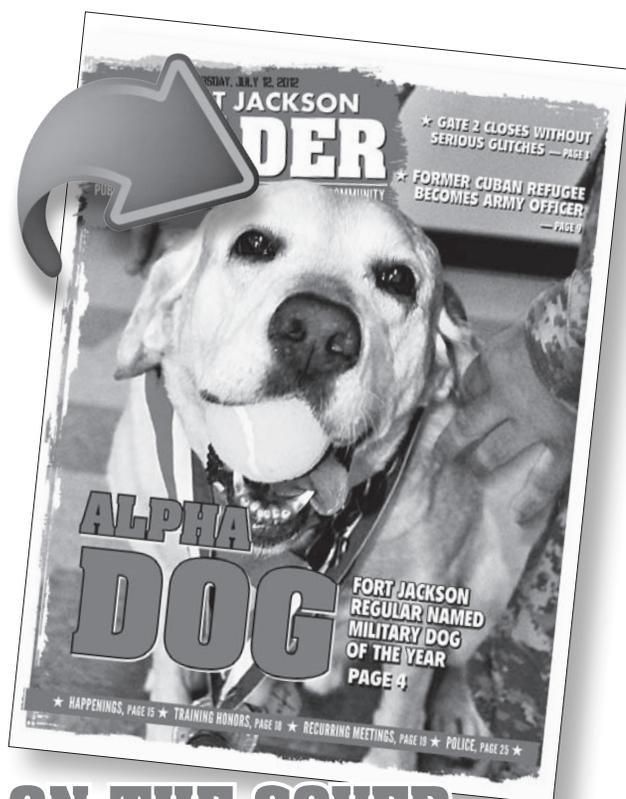
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COMMANDER'S CALL

Fort Jackson's birthday a reason to celebrate

Post's tradition leaves proud legacy, impact on Army; event to celebrate birthday scheduled for Friday

During the past few weeks, the Fort Jackson community has had a number of very good reasons to celebrate.

For starters, one of our Soldiers — 1st Lt. William Edwards — was nationally recognized as an exemplary Military Father.

In addition, one of our drill sergeants — Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Heilman — was named best in the Army.

We also celebrated the Army's 237th birthday with a world-class event; and, last but not least, we saluted our nation last week with a spectacular Fourth of July celebration.

This week we reflect on our own history as we celebrate Fort Jackson's 95th birthday. I invite everyone to help celebrate by joining the party 11:30 a.m. at the Solomon Center. The event will include a traditional cake cutting, activities for the entire family and music by the 204th Army Band (as our own 282nd Army Band is taking a well-deserved break).

Free cake and fun — you won't want to miss it! Unfortunately, both Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson and I will be in Washington attending a conference with the Chief of Staff of the Army. Our Chief of Staff, Col. Ken Royalty and the Garrison Commander, Col. Michael Graese will represent.

Throughout the post's history, the Fort Jackson community has enjoyed many proud moments to include visits from U.S. presidents, distinguished dignitaries and well-known leaders.

Established as Camp Jackson in 1917, the installation had a mission at that time to prepare Soldiers for duty in World War I. The fort was named after Andrew Jackson, who, by most accounts, was born in South Carolina and, after an illustrious military career, became our nation's seventh president.

Within a short three months after work on the camp was started, hundreds of buildings were erected and what used to

be a forest on the outskirts of Columbia was turned into a first-rate Army training center with a force of almost 10,000 troops.

The post's Soldiers have since embraced the training mission with pride and passion. More than 500,000 troops were trained here during World War II alone.

After that, the post continued to establish itself as the Army's premier training installation, where Soldiers become proficient at basic soldiering skills as well as specialized skills that are taught by our Advanced Individual Training units.

Today, we take pride in training 50 percent of all Soldiers who enter the Army and more than 60 percent of women who enlist. More than 36,000 Soldiers are here each year for Basic Combat Training alone.

Think about that for a minute.

The main mission we carry out here on a day-to-day basis has a profound impact on the careers and, more importantly, the lives of more than 36,000 people and their families each year. Not to mention the tremendous impact we have on the strength and readiness of our entire Army.

Truly, this is the place where victory starts. And that, in my opinion, is a great reason to celebrate.

Victory 6!

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

Fort Jackson
Commanding General



Leader file photo

Mark Del Cukut, 4, Jayci Kimes, 5, and Ava Dara, 5, enjoy cupcakes they decorated in honor of Fort Jackson's birthday during last year's celebration. This year's event is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Friday.



Follow Brig. Gen. Bryan T. Roberts at www.facebook.com/FortJacksonCommandingGeneral



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Gate 2 off Forest Drive closed for all traffic Monday. The gate will undergo major renovations that are scheduled to be completed Sept. 20. During the construction, all traffic entering and exiting Fort Jackson is diverted to Gates 1 and 4.

Gate 2 closes without major glitches

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Gate 2 closed as scheduled Monday morning, displacing traffic to Fort Jackson's other gates shortly before dawn.

Located off Interstate 77 near Forest Drive, Gate 2 is one of the heaviest points of entry for Fort Jackson, but will be closed to all traffic as construction workers take on an 11-week renovation project. The gate is scheduled to reopen Sept. 20.

"We had the whole chain of command out there at 5 a.m. ensuring that things went well," said Fred Vasquez, installation physical security officer. "Until we get everything sorted out, we'll be having reviews to see what we can do to make it better for the community."

Additional guards were placed on Gate 1 near Fort Jackson Boulevard to compensate for the closure. Vasquez said the average driver spent 2.5 minutes in that line Monday morning.

"I personally observed traffic and the flow of traffic at the gates, and throughout Fort Jackson," said Col. Michael S. Graese, Fort Jackson garrison commander. "I was very pleased (Directorate of Emergency Services) assets were dispersed doing actual traffic counts and other analysis throughout the week."

Monday morning's study allowed them to make immediate adjustments to the traffic plan, he said.

"For example, due to the bottleneck at Lee Road and Strom Thurmond Boulevard, DPW adjusted the light to flashing red and yellow in order to expedite the flow of traffic," Graese said. "This adjustment also caused vehicles not to cut through the Burger King parking lot."

During the construction period, Gate 4 will be open around the clock, but will accommodate only inbound traffic from 5 to 9 a.m. to help facilitate morning traffic flow.

"The strategy is to place the guards that we had at Gate 2 over at Gate 4, and allow for two-way traffic on Boyden Arbor Road from Percival to Dixie," Vasquez said.

A dedicated traffic control point has been placed on Boyden Arbor and Dixie roads to prevent traffic from

stopping at the sign, which causes delay. The road converts to two-way traffic after the first intersection following the guard checkpoint, Vasquez said.

"You can travel in either lane all the way down to Dixie Road. There, it will merge into one lane, but we'll have an officer directing traffic," he said.

Graduation ceremonies and related events boost civilian traffic to Fort Jackson on Wednesdays and Thursdays, but Vasquez said DES does not plan on creating new traffic strategies for those days.

"The graduating classes are relatively small right now," he said. "We might have a problem when we get closer to the Christmas season, but by that time Gate 2 should be up and running."

"DES and the garrison team are continuing evaluations throughout the week and we may make other adjustments to best service the entire Fort Jackson workforce throughout the construction at Gate 2," Graese said. "I do want to thank the entire installation for their patience and courtesy throughout this construction."

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Gabe wins military hero dog award

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson's Gabe will represent all armed forces dogs at the annual American Humane Association Hero Dog Awards banquet in Los Angeles later this year.

The retired military dog spent several years sniffing out insurgent bombs, guns and ammunition in Iraq with his handler, Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Shuck, a drill sergeant leader at Fort Jackson's Drill Sergeant School. Since April, Gabe has been in the running for 2012 American Humane Association Hero Dog in the military category. When the voting ended July 1, Gabe had received the most online votes.

There were eight categories in this round of voting, which included dogs from backgrounds such as search and rescue, law enforcement and guide work. The winners of these categories received \$5,000 for their charities and are now competing against each other for American Humane Association Hero Dog of the Year.

"He's in good company right now," Shuck said. "All of those dogs are deserving of the title. But, if we win the overall title, we add an extra \$10,000 to that charity."

Gabe is representing the United States War Dog Association, a nonprofit organization of former and current U.S. Military Dog handlers and supporting members committed to promoting the long history of military service dogs.

The money donated to this organization will primarily

be used to buy care packages for dogs and their handlers currently deployed, said Ron Aiello, president of United States War Dogs Association. These packages can contain goggles and boots for the dog; ear muffs to protect their ears from loud sounds during helicopter flights, ear wash, eye wash, cooling vests and toys.

"Our mission is to support dog teams that are deployed, primarily in Afghanistan," Aiello said. "We've been doing it now for 10 years."

Shuck said voting for the final phase of the Hero Dog awards ends Oct. 5, and that he's going to continue his tenacious online campaign for Gabe.

"He's representing all dogs in the armed forces now," Shuck said.

Online votes for the 2012 Hero Dog title represent 49 percent of the final tally, with the remaining 51 percent coming from the American Humane Association's panel of celebrity judges, which includes Whoopi Goldberg, Kristin Chenoweth, Michelle Forbes and Prince Lorenzo Borghese.

"You could win the public vote, but still not win the overall Hero Dog award," Shuck said.

Gabe will receive his award for winning the military category of this year's awards during an Oct. 6 ceremony in Los Angeles, an event hosted by Betty White. The winner of the 2012 Hero Dog award will also be announced during that event.

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During his time in Iraq, Gabe racked up 26 "finds" during his 170 combat patrols. He retired with a rank of sergeant 1st class.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Gabe, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Shuck, recently won \$5,000 for the United States War Dogs Association through their participation in a contest sponsored by the American Humane Association. Gabe was voted military dog of the year and is among eight finalists in the 2012 Hero Dog Awards.

Thrifty living offers financial opportunity

Thrifty living frees up cash for debt reduction and investment, reduces the strain of economic downturns, renews life's simple pleasures, extends the life of diminished retirement accounts and curbs dependence on aggressive investments. Think thrift, think opportunity.

Economic downturns, though cyclical, can leave some people feeling hesitant about their future. Yet, taking a financial position that accounts for both lifestyle changes as well as savings, investment and debt positions can help. These moves improve both stability and opportunity despite economic swings.

THRIFT

In sports, some folks are much more prone to herald a big play or giant payout than they are to publish the less obvious — yet essential — defensive plays that make a team great. Likewise, defensive or conservative financial positions may not be as popular, but they stabilize the financial jour-

FINANCIAL ADVICE

By **SHAWN ANDERSON**
*Army Community Services
Financial Readiness*

ney. Financial defense may include limiting debt and excessive risk or learning to live on less. Think thrift.

Thrifty living is about more than avoiding a costly lifestyle. Rather, it entails actively pursuing financial conservation regardless of increased earnings and lines of credit. Unfortunately, some who choose to avoid thriftiness find that it is forced upon them in later years because they failed to act when able. Their challenges can then become exacerbated because doors of opportunity often start to close in the process. However, those who choose thriftiness are more prone to have reserves, reduced debt, stable marriages and long-term opportunities that

would not otherwise be present.

Establishing thriftiness frees up cash for debt reduction, savings and investment and it enhances economic security — regardless of the forecast. Choosing thriftiness requires new thought patterns. Consider:

- ❑ Has my net worth grown or diminished in recent years? Why? How?
- ❑ If my income suddenly dropped by 20 percent next year, what would need to change now? Why? How?
- ❑ Should or could I simulate this early in order to address debt, savings and investment requirements now?

OPPORTUNITY

Think opportunity. Although stock or equity ventures often yield better long-term growth, greater risk is inherent in greater return. Yet, risk can be modified by taking opportunities to invest in diverse products that address investment objectives as a whole. Regardless, investing can feel like a rollercoaster when the markets are dynamic and

long-term perspectives get fuzzy. However, when the ride gets bumpy, consider the following:

- ❑ When is the best time to buy candy, the day before Christmas or the day after? Why?
- ❑ When prices drop, is it because the product or marketplace fundamentally changed or is it just a temporary shift of perspective?
- ❑ How might this impact a buy/sell investment decision?
- ❑ What's the next holiday to look out for?

No single Soldier, system or force can succeed independently; multiple systems, forces and people are needed to achieve a desirable end-state. Likewise, both thrifty living and diversified investing can prepare for economic downturns and opportunities by offering greater peace and resilient continuity when financial challenges arise.

To schedule time with a one-on-one financial counselor or arrange for noncommissioned officer professional development financial training, call Army Community Services at 751-5256.

171st changes commanders

Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, second from left, presents the colors of the 171st Infantry Brigade to Col. Mark Bieger during the brigade's Change of Command Friday at the Officers' Club. Bieger, who previously served on the faculty of the Naval War College, takes over for Col. George Donovan, left, whose next assignment will be director of the Simon Center for Professional Military Ethics at West Point Military Academy, N.Y.

Photo by DAVID SHANES,
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Hot, hot, hot

Above, Natalie Stovall and Miguel Cancin give it their all during Saturday's performance at Patriot's Pavilion. Despite record high temperatures last weekend, people turned out to see Stovall and comedian Paul Varghese, left. Stovall and her band, below, have been touring military installations for the past year, and Fort Jackson was lucky enough to be one of her destinations.



Refugee becomes Army officer

By **ANDREW McINTYRE**
Fort Jackson Leader

William Medina-Diaz had been adrift at sea for a week before he and his family were found.

Fleeing Cuba, the refugees gambled their lives on a chance at freedom in the United States, and very nearly lost everything. In August, 1996, his mother packed what little provisions she could muster, gathered up her boyfriend and two children and set sail for Florida in a small raft.

Today, Medina-Diaz is a second lieutenant in the Army, assigned as the executive officer for Company B, 369th Adjutant General Battalion.

"The military is a great thing, because of the opportunities. I wanted to become an officer, I wanted to have a steady job, serve my country and provide for my family," Medina-Diaz said.

He said his journey to America was an ordeal.

"We knew thousands of immigrants that didn't make it (to America) alive, and were attacked by sharks or by dying from not enough food or water," Medina-Diaz said. "We brought enough food, but in Cuba there is no such thing as to-go foods, so it was whatever my mom was able to pack. We had buckets of potable water and the salt water got into it, so we were not able to eat or drink the last three days of the journey."

After arriving in Key Largo in early September, the Coast Guard took the family directly to the hospital. They were lucky to be alive, they were told.

"They said one more day we would have died out at sea," he said. "We had heat burns all over, and a lot of our skin was off because of the hot sun and we were praying for rain. We spent one month in the Key Largo hospital."

They were taken to a Coast Guard base in Key West, and then to the Krome Detention Center for immigrants in Miami. They were eventually released to the Catholic Church, which helped them begin life in America. Medina-Diaz, his mother and younger brother received parole for a year, and his mother participated in hunger strikes on their behalf to stay in the country. She later found a job and they moved from Miami after a year to Fort Lauderdale.

"We came to this country with nothing

on our backs," Medina-Diaz said. "If you touch land (with both feet) you're good, but if one foot is on beach and the other on water, you get deported back. A lot of people get deported back right on the beach."

"I wanted stability and security for my kids and, at the same time, paying back to the country everything the country was able to give us," his mother, Olga, said through a translator. "(I am) very proud that he is serving in the Army and to serve in the country that has opened up its doors to us."

Medina-Diaz graduated high school and joined the Marine Corps in 2002. After hearing about the Army's Green to Gold Program through a friend, he decided to change military branch services and join the Army in 2008.

The Army's Green-to-Gold Program gives enlisted Soldiers the opportunity to become officers. Enlisted Soldiers can consider a scholarship by leaving active duty to attend college for a period of time, or seek out the active duty option for Soldiers who would like to remain on active duty and attend college.

Medina-Diaz chose the latter and graduated Campbell University in 2011 as an honor graduate through the Reserve Officer Training program of his class at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I tell my Soldiers to appreciate everything that is given to them," Medina-Diaz said.

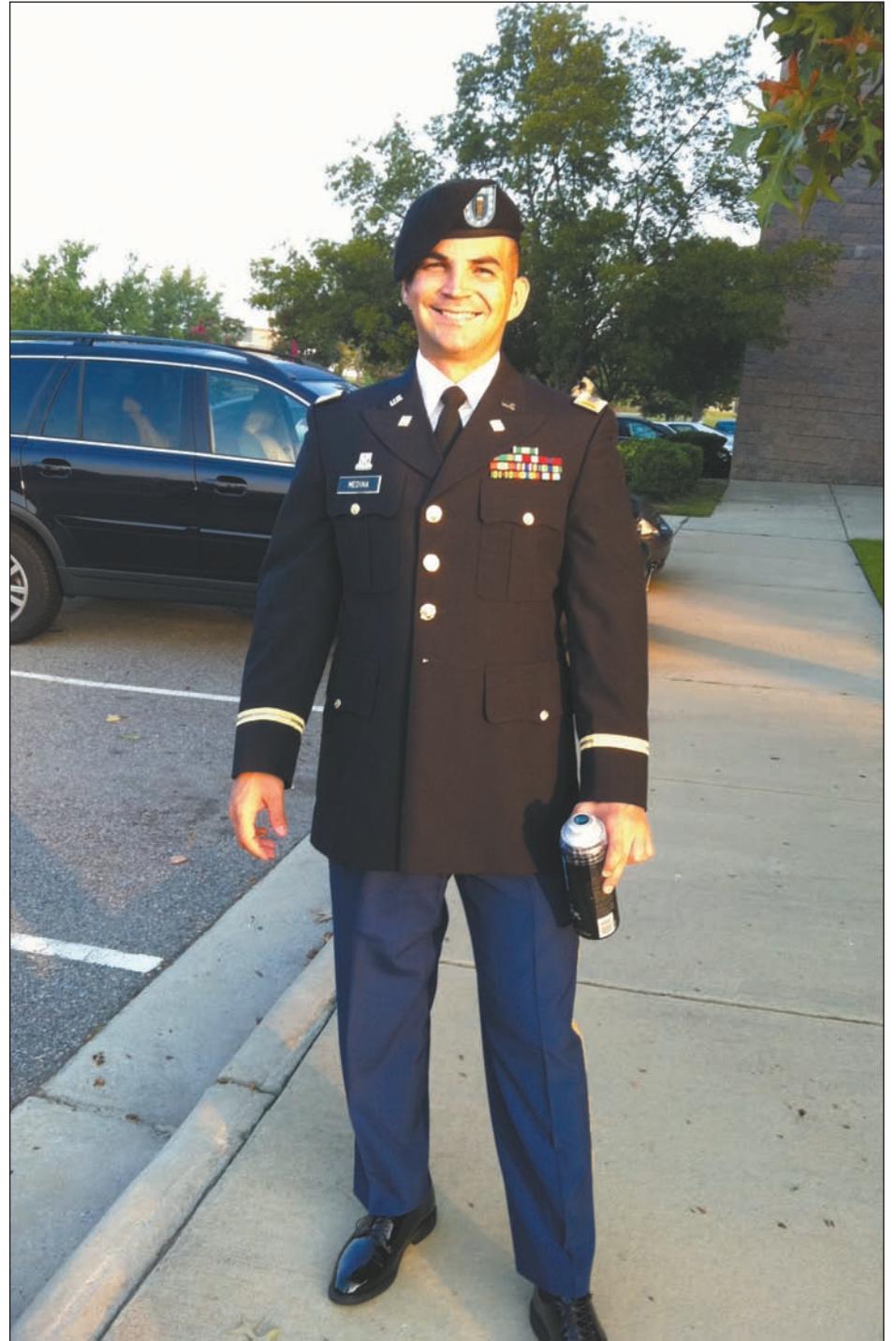
He said the element he appreciates most about the Army is the ability to make Soldiers proficient in their jobs in order to help take care of battle buddies.

"Having joined the Army allowed me the opportunity to do the Green-to-Gold Program in order to better myself for my family, and those Soldiers under me," he said.

He said he remembers growing up in Cuba with little to no food, clothing and no opportunity to better himself as a man. When they settled in Fort Lauderdale, he took it upon himself to find work so that his mother could focus on raising his younger brother, Yuniel.

Yuniel Medina-Diaz followed in big brother's footsteps and joined the Army Reserves and now serves with the 758th Engineer Company in Miami.

"He is a good brother; he has always been there for me," Yuniel said. "He showed me that there were opportunities and that I could apply myself and become



Courtesy photo

Second Lt. William Medina-Diaz, the executive officer for Company B, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, came to the United States as a refugee after a harrowing boat trip from his native, Cuba.

better, in school and career."

His younger brother said his mother is proud that both sons have turned out well and have respectable careers.

"I call this my country because it provided me with all the opportunities my birth place could not provide me. I would like to give my son everything I didn't have growing up, and I had absolutely nothing,"

Medina-Diaz said.

Now married with one son and expecting another child, Medina-Diaz is attending Webster College seeking a Masters degree in Business Administration.

"My home is here," he said. "I would not trade this country for any country in the world."

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Warrant Officer Corps' birthday celebrated

By MASTER SGT. ROBERT TIMMONS
Third Army/ARCENT

Third Army/ARCENT celebrated the Warrant Officer Corps' 94th birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony at Shaw Air Force Base in Patton Hall's Hall of Flags Monday.

"First, I would like to congratulate all of the warrant officers present," said Lt. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, Third Army/ARCENT commanding general, during the ceremony. "Thanks for what you do in our Army every day. Thank you for the unique role, the historic role you play — 94 years of making an impact."

The history of warrant officers in the military dates back to before the corps was established.

"Warrant officers have a long and storied tradition," said Oakland, Neb., native Chief Warrant Officer 5 Roger Jacobs, senior analyst and the command's senior warrant officer. "In the 1200s, special officers served under royal warrants. In our own history, during the Revolutionary War, warrants were handed out by (the Continental Congress) and the commander in chief and from several states."

Warrant officers are highly specialized experts in their career fields and provide valuable guidance to commanders in 43 technical specialties and 13 control branches. Warrant officers have a single specialty unlike commissioned officers who must navigate increased levels of command and staff positions.

The Army Warrant Officer Corps was created July 9, 1918, when Congress created 40 warrant officers billets on mine-laying vessels.

According to Warrant Officer Heritage Foundation's website, "The military grade of warrant officer is one of the oldest in western military systems dating back two centuries prior to Columbus, during the fledgling years of the British navy. At that time, nobles assumed command of the new navy adopting the army ranks of lieutenant and captain. These royal blood officers often times had no knowledge of life on board a ship, let alone how to navigate such



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS NICHOLAS SALCIDO, Third Army/ARCENT

Lt. Gen. Vincent Brooks, Third Army/ARCENT commanding general, and the oldest and youngest warrant officers at the celebration, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Roger Jacobs, left, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Miyuchi, right, cut the cake to celebrate the Warrant Officer Corps' 94th birthday at Shaw Air Force Base's Patton Hall, Monday.

a vessel or operate the guns. They would often rely on the technical expertise and cooperation of a senior sailor who tended to the technical aspects of running the ship and operating the cannons. These sailors sometimes referred to as 'boat mates' or 'bosun's mates' became indispensable to less experienced officers and were subsequently rewarded with a royal warrant. This royal warrant was a special des-

ignation, designed to set them apart from other sailors, but not violate the strict class system that was so prevalent during the time."

During the ceremony, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Roger Jacobs, Third Army/ARCENT's oldest warrant officer, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Miyuchi, the youngest warrant officer, joined Brooks in cutting a cake.

Antiterrorism proclamation

Col. Michael Graese, garrison commander, signs a proclamation designating August as Antiterrorism Awareness Month on Fort Jackson. This is the third year for the Army to observe Antiterrorism Awareness Month. Throughout the month. This year's campaign will focus on iWATCH Army, a program that helps community members recognize and report suspicious activity.

Photo by MARK MALLACH,
antiterrorism officer



News and Notes

ROAD CLOSED

Sumter Avenue is closed between Ferguson Avenue and Magruder Avenue. The closure is necessary because of construction of new water and sewer utility lines. The road is scheduled to reopen Monday.

ACTIVE DUTY GET IN FREE AT PARKS

Active duty service members can now get a free annual pass to national parks and federal recreation lands. The pass can be picked up at any national park or wildlife refuge that charges an entrance fee.

For a list of participating sites, visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/PassIssuanceList.pdf>.

LEGAL NOTICES

☐ Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of 1st Lt. Ryan D. Rawl must contact Capt. Noemi Tassios, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Rawl passed away June 20 in Afghanistan. To contact Tassios, call (843) 245-9872 or email Noemi.G.Tassios@us.army.mil.

☐ Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Spc. John D. Meador must contact 2nd Lt. Robert H. Miller, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Meador passed away June 20 in Afghanistan. To contact Miller, call (864) 992-5233 or email Robert.H.Miller@us.army.mil.

☐ Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Matthew B. Thomas must contact 2nd Lt. Ronja Frenzel, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Thomas passed away June 20 in Afghanistan. To contact Frenzel, call (843) 408-9644 or email Ronja.Frenzel@us.army.mil.



Courtesy photo

SSI celebrates birthday

The Soldier Support Institute celebrated its 39th birthday July 2 with an organization run and a cake-cutting ceremony. Cutting the cake are, from left, Brig. Gen. David MacEwen, commanding general of the SSI, Anita Jones, the SSI's longest-serving civilian, A.D. Denson, the SSI's oldest civilian, Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Brown, and Pfc. Ariel Gonyea, the SSI's youngest Soldier.



Saturday, July 14 — 4 p.m.
Marvel's The Avengers PG-13

Sunday, July 15 — 2 p.m.
Snow White and the Huntsman PG-13

Wednesday, July 18 — 1 p.m.
Men in Black 3 PG-13

Wednesday, July 18 — 4 p.m.
Battleship PG-13

Saturday, July 21 — 4 p.m.
Madagascar3: Europe's Most Wanted PG

Sunday, July 22 — 2 p.m.
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Calendar

Tuesday, July 17

Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting

9:30. to 11:30 a.m., Main Post Chapel

July 17

Helping Hands award presentation

9 a.m., Joe E. Mann Center

July 17

Job Fair Recruiting for Time Warner representatives

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

Open to all military personnel, Family members and DOD civilians. Call 751-4862 to register.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

Shred Day

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fort Jackson Recycling Center, 5671 Lee Road

All types of paper and sensitive information will be accepted for shredding during the event.

Announcements

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

Registration for grades three through six at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday, through Aug. 8. The following documents are required: copy of birth certificate; current orders and ID card for military sponsor and spouse; proof of immunizations; housing lease agreement or letter from housing verifying that the family is on the waiting list.

MILITARY CLOTHING RECLAMATION SALE

All military ranks and military retirees are invited to take part in a military clothing reclamation sale scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 1-2 at Bldg. 2750 on Warehouse Row. The Army Service Uniform will be available during this sale.

LUNCH AND LEARN SEMINAR FOR MILITARY SPOUSES

Are you tired of looking for a job with each PCS move? Do you want a career that will be with you throughout your spouse's military career? If so, participate in the Military Spouse Employment Partnership Awareness Seminar noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday in Room 222 of the Strom Thurmond Building. A free lunch and door prizes will be provided.

ARMY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

The Army Substance Abuse Program has clinical hours Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP EDUCATION INCENTIVE

The Virginia Military Institute Foundation, through the 100th Infantry Division/Henry B. Williams Jr. is offering two scholarship awards to qualifying Soldiers. If you are an Active Duty Army Career NCO (E5 or E6) and are stationed on Fort Jackson, you can get an application 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, at the Army Continuing Education System, Building 4600, Room A100.

Bring your college transcript, list percent of awards and activities, and an essay stating your reason for financial aid. The essay must be typed, double-spaced and not exceed 200 words. Previous winners are not eligible.

PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL FALL KICK OFF

PWOC will meet 9 to 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Main Post Chapel. Registration information for fall Bible studies will be available.

101 WORKSHOP

Army Community Services Relocation Office and U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services have partnered to provide an Immigration 101 workshop. The workshop will provide information on how to apply for permanent residency and citizenship, and how to petition for a family member to come to the U.S. The workshop takes place 10a.m. to noon, July 26, in Room 222 of the Strom Thurmond Building. A second workshop is scheduled for Dec. 13.

WEAPONS REGISTRATION AND CONTRACT VETTING OFFICE

The Directorate of Emergency Services Weapons Registration and Contract Vetting Office will have limited service through July 20. People needing to register weapons or conduct contractor vetting during this period may experience longer waiting times than normal. Thank you for your understanding. We strive to provide the best customer service possible.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Copies of the Palmetto State Utility Services, Inc., Consumer Confidence Reports are available at the Commissary, the Directorate of Public Works, Main PX, Mini-Mall, Palmetto State Utility Services, Post Office, Shopette – Gate 1, Shopette – Gate 2, the Strom Thurmond Building and the Welcome Center.

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

The Seamless Summer Feeding Program allows children 18 and younger to have free meals during the summer months. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9 a.m., lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School. For additional locations in the Richland One school district, visit www.richlandone.org.

ID CARD OFFICE CHANGES

The ID Card Office now operates on an appointment-only basis from 9:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome 8 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday.

To schedule an appointment, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. For more information, call 751-7731.

CIVILIAN CAREER WEBSITE

A new website has been launched that consolidates information about civilian training and career development. Visit the site at www.civiliantraining.army.mil. The Army Civilian Training and Leader Development Division also established a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/armyciviliantraining.

CAC REPLACEMENTS

Some Common Access Cards that are set to expire after Sept. 30 will have to be replaced because they contain older encryption keys that will no longer provide network access. Most CACs contain the newer, compatible encryption keys. Personnel who are affected, will receive an email from DMDC.CAC.Replacement.Notification@osd.pentagon.mil. To replace the CAC, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil> and schedule an appointment.

HIRED! TERM

The next HIRED! teen apprenticeship program term is scheduled for Aug. 26 through Nov. 17. Applications are due Aug. 17. A successful interview must be completed before the start of the term. The program is open to students 13-18 years old.

OPM SURVEY UNDER WAY

The Office of Personnel Management has begun its 2012 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey. The survey runs through Monday.

AA OPEN MEETINGS

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

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

Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations. Announcements are due one week before the publication date. For more information, call 751-7045.

For information about classified advertising, call 432-6157.

Classified ads may also be sent by fax to 432-7609 or by email to skaress@ci-camden.com. For information about display advertising, contact Kathy at 786-5681.

JUVENILE CURFEW POLICY

The Fort Jackson Juvenile Policy has

been recently updated. Children 14 and younger must be indoors from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the week and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weekends, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children 15 to 18 must be indoors from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the week and midnight to 6 a.m. on the weekends, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Off-post events

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

SPIRIT OF AMERICA TOUR

The Army's Spirit of America tour will perform at the Colonial Life Arena Sept. 21 and 22. Tickets are free and available at www.soa.mdw.army.mil.

MARINES WANTED

The Marine Corps League, Detachment 829 is looking for Marines to join. For more information, email hhulett156@bellsouth.net.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Columbia is seeking volunteers to serve as big brothers and big sisters for its site-based military mentoring program at CC Pinckney Elementary School. Children are matched with a volunteers in the program, and receive weekly visits from their mentor for games and studying. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, reside in Richland or Lexington counties and plan to stay in the Greater Columbia area for the next 15 months, and be willing and able to meet with their matched child for one hour per week. Background checks are required.

CIF IN-AND-OUT PROCESS

Personnel required to in-and-out process at Central Issue Facility must schedule an appointment. Soldiers clearing CIF are required to have their post clearing papers. To schedule an appointment, call 751-6524, 751-2870 or 751-2739.

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Staff Sgt. Garry Mattingly
Company D
2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

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Pfc. Robert Dorey

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Michael Herrington

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Pfc. Robert Dorey

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Pvt. Chad Lipka



Sgt. David Crofutt
Company E
2nd Battalion,
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Spc. Mario Massary



Staff Sgt. Raymond Dworshak
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Drill sergeant of the cycle
Company A
Task Force Marshall



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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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting

Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m., 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-6597.

American Red Cross volunteer orientation

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

MONTHLY

Fort Jackson 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 Chapter and Auxiliary, Woodrow Wilson Chapter #4

Second Monday of the month (September through June), 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 467-8355 or gblake12@sc.rr.com.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

— Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.
— Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St.,

ground level, Meeting Room 2.

Seabees

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641

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

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

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

American Legion Post 182

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

Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association

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

National Federation of Federal Employees

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

Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202

Third Tuesday of the month, 12:30 p.m., 2620 Lee Road, 647-0040 or turner6516@gmail.com.

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

Adopt-A-School program

Second Wednesday of the month during the school year, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., meeting at the Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, for transportation to Forrest Heights Elementary School, 751-1148

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

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

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

First and third Thursday 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 Confer-

ence Room.

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group

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

Society of American Military Engineers

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

Sergeants Major Association

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

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 jrodgers11@sc.rr.com.

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

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

Fort Jackson Cub Scouts

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

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641

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

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262

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

Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter

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

Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

Third Sunday of the month at noon, (774) 451-7504, e-mail armyaguiar@yahoo.com or visit www.combatvet.org.

Ladies Auxiliary Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

To submit a recurring meeting, email the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to fjleader@conus.army.mil.



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At your service

Phone numbers and operation hours for key post facilities

All South Federal Credit Union	782-9830	Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
American Red Cross	751-/4329/5923	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Andy's Fitness Center	751-4177	Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call for hours on training and federal holidays
Army Career Alumni Program	751-4109/4104	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Army Community Service	751-5256	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Army Continuing Education Services	751-5341	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Substance Abuse Program	751-5007	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Basic Combat Training Museum	751-7419	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Family Day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Bowling, Century Lanes	751-6138	Closed Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, 2 to 10 p.m.
Bowling, Ivy Lanes	751-4759	(For use by Soldiers in training): Thursday, 1 to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Car Care Center	782-1639	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chaplain Museum	751-8827/8079	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Child and Youth Services	751-4865	Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	751-3219	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Class VI	782-1601	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Clinical Army Substance Abuse Program	751-6597	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Coleman Gym	751-5896	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Commissary	751-5789	Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
DA Photos (TSC)	751-7592	Monday-Thursday, 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.
Defense Military Pay Office	751-6669 (Soldiers)	Monday-Friday, 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Civilians should call 751-4914.
Dental Clinics	751-5178/6017	Monday-Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Family Health Center	751-2273	Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m.; training holidays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Family Life Resiliency Center	751-4961	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Florist	738-1812	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery	699-2246	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Furniture Store	787-9175	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hospital Retail Annex	782-1263	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ID Section	751-7731	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Legal Assistance and Claims	751-4287/3603	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LCI-SSSC	790-5306	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Main Outpatient Pharmacy	751-2259	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MG Robert B. Solomon Center	751-4056	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales Store	787-5248	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Movie Theater	751-7488	Hours vary
National Federation of Federal Employees	751-2622	
NCO Club	782-2218	Temporarily closed
Officers' Club	751-4906	Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Palmetto Falls Water Park	751-3475	Tuesday-Saturday and holidays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.
Perez Fitness Center	751-6258	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends and training holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pharmacy Annex (PX mall)	751-2250	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pool, Knight	751-4796	Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Pool, Legion	751-4987	Monday and Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.
Post Exchange	787-1950/1951/1952	Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Post Library	751-5589/4816	Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Post Office	782-8709	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Recycling Center	751-4208	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Reuse Center	751-5121	Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Safety Center	751-6004	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Gate 1 Express	782-2076	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Gate 2 Express	790-4478	Open 24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex	738-9189	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thrift Shop	787-2153	Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Vanguard Gym	751-4384	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 1 to 8 p.m.
Veterinary Clinic	751-7160	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Victory Travel	751-5812	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on federal holidays
Weapons Registration	751-5887	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Weston Lake	751-5253	Oct. 1 through April 30: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; May 1 through Sept. 30: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Anything we missed? E-mail us at fjleader@gmail.com.

FIRST RESPONDER

Lt. Col. Raymond Simons
Director, Emergency Services

Maj. Bradford Fisher
Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Bruce Sirois
Provost Sergeant Major

Bill Forrester
Fire Chief



PARKING CRACKDOWN

Recent emergency responses to unit areas have identified issues with improperly parked vehicles, unauthorized unit designated parking spaces as well as equipment storage areas that violate Unified Facilities Code (UFC) 4-010-02, DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standoff Distances for Buildings, Fort Jackson and National fire safety codes and emergency response vehicle access requirements.

Units must comply with the current UFC, which prohibits the parking of any vehicle within 12 feet of any building designated a "high risk target," for example barracks, a primary gathering facility or a mission-essential vulnerable area (MEVA) such as a power generation building, electrical substation or natural gas node. Additionally, storage of equipment in a way that impedes the access or egress from a building is prohibited.

The Fort Jackson regulation on fire safety codes states in part that vehicles must not be parked:

Within 15 feet in any direction of a fire hydrant.

- In areas where buildings' exit travel will be obstructed.
- In fire lanes. Fire lanes are designated as the large walkways leading to unit areas.
- In any way that would block fire protection devices such as fire department connections, sprinkler system features and post indicator valves.
- In any troop formation area under the starship barracks.
- All vehicles parked inside garages and/or repair garages must have the key left in the ignition in case of a fire or emergency.

The Directorate of Emergency Services will begin notifying units of violations by initially placing notes on vehicles and equipment that needs to be moved. On or about July 23, citations will be issued for vehicles or equipment owners who have not taken corrective actions.

For questions and concerns, call the fire prevention office at 751-1611 or the anti-terrorism officer at 751-2132.

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