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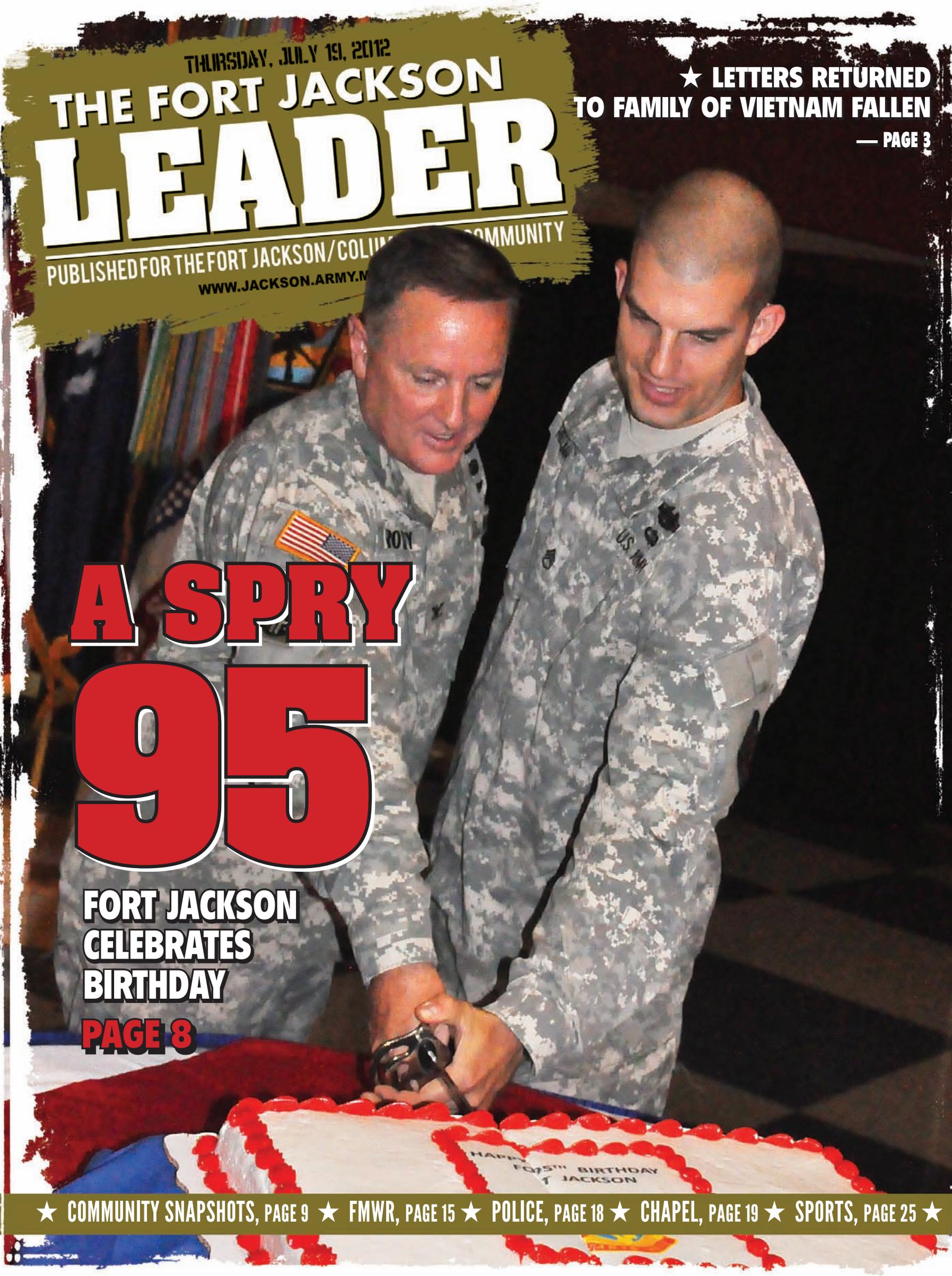
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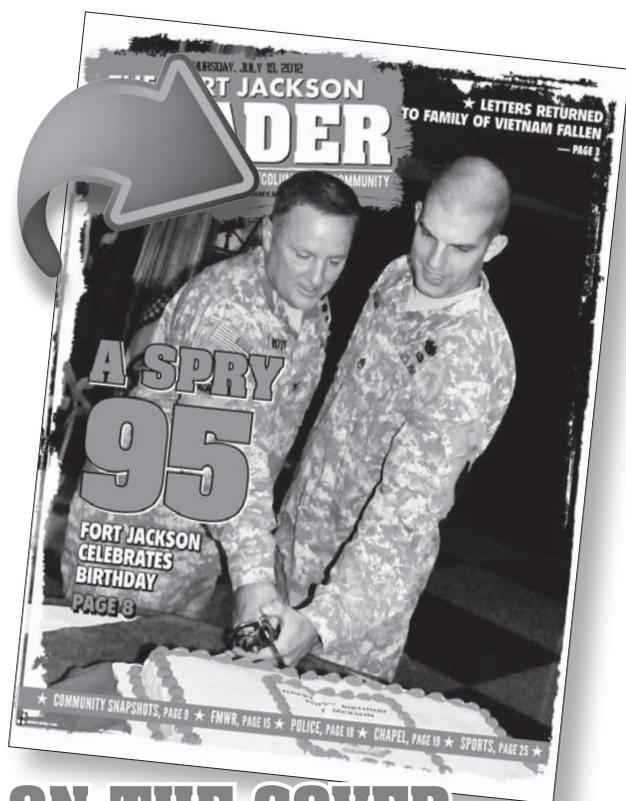
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Col. Ken Royalty, left, Fort Jackson chief of staff, and Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Heilman, Fort Jackson's and the Army's Drill Sergeant of the Year, cut the birthday cake for the post's 95th birthday Friday at the Solomon Center. SEE PAGE 8.

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## COMMANDER'S CALL

# Drill Sergeants epitomize Army's best

## Future success of Army rests on shoulders of Drill Sergeants, who embrace role with professionalism

Last week we celebrated the 95th anniversary of Fort Jackson. Since the Army established this installation, training has been the centerpiece of our mission. At the heart of that mission — and all our missions — are people. Our Drill Sergeants are the heart of Team Jackson.

I'm proud to say they are the best in the Army — as evidenced by the fact that one of our own, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Heilman, earned the honor as the Army's 2012 active duty U.S. Army Drill Sergeant of the Year.

The difficulty of this accomplishment cannot be overemphasized. When a Drill Sergeant advances to the Army level of the competition, he or she is already among the elite. To win at the Army level makes a Drill Sergeant, in essence, the best of the best and, in this year's case, signals the kind of talent Fort Jackson fosters.

It's not a surprise. Drill Sergeants demand the best from the Soldiers they train, so it is only natural they also demand the best from themselves. I know all our Drill Sergeants give their best every day to the young men and women they train to join our profession.

For me, Drill Sergeants are constant reminders of what the Army is really all about. They are the best NCOs the Army has to offer; they epitomize what "Army Strong" truly means. Drill Sergeants are the Army's foundation of discipline and leadership, experts in warrior tasks and battle drills, and are the single most important element in the training of new Soldiers. They serve as daily examples to new Soldiers that there are benefits to hard work, honor and discipline.

Drill Sergeants wake before dawn and spend every daylight hour as mentor, trainer, coach and adviser to new Soldiers.

But they realize that the lives and welfare of Soldiers, as well as the success of our Fort Jackson mission, hinge heavily on how well they develop and mold the young men and women who enter the Army.

For that matter — the success and strength of our entire Army rests a great deal on the shoulders of our Team Jackson Drill Sergeants who, as I mentioned last week, train roughly 50 percent of the men and women coming into our Army.

The other 50 percent are trained by the NCOs who prove their mettle here and become Drill

Sergeants. The quality of our Drill Sergeants has a direct and immediate impact on the quality of our Army. There are roughly 2,000 Drill Sergeants tasked with training more than 150,000 new Soldiers each year. So I must add that I'm equally proud of the men and women at the Soldier Support Institute's Drill Sergeant School who do such an incredible job training our Army's drill sergeants

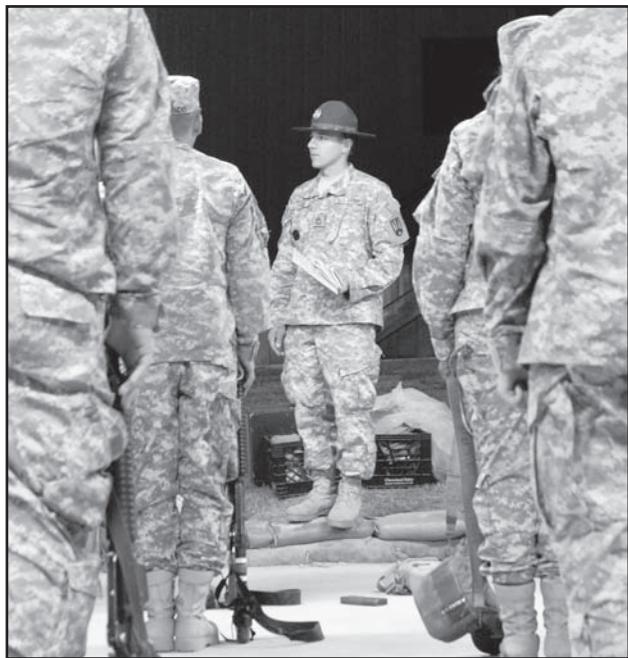
for the critically important role they have in our Army.

Being a Drill Sergeant is one of the most demanding positions in the Army — most of you know that all too well. But it's just as demanding on the families as it is on the Soldiers. I can never express enough

thanks to all our spouses and families who tirelessly support their Soldiers and sacrifice in many ways so we can accomplish the mission. Our Drill Sergeants may be the heart of Team Jackson, but I know you are at the heart of their lives and reason they do what they do so well.

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Heilman for his well-deserved honor, and to his fellow competitors — it was an extremely tough competition. And thanks to all our Drill Sergeants for striving every day to be the best and train the best new Soldiers for our Army.

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**Drill Sergeants are the foundation of standards, discipline and leadership in the Army.**



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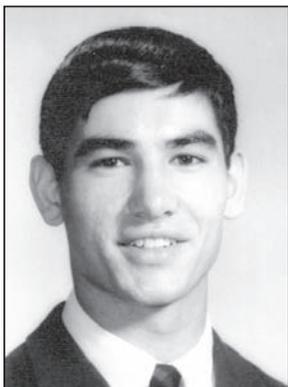
# Soldier's letters returned after 43 years

By MIKE A. GLASCH  
Public Affairs Office

Four letters written by a Columbia Soldier killed in Vietnam have finally found their way home more than 40 years after they were first inked.

Sgt. Steve Flaherty was killed in March 1969 while fighting with the 101st Airborne Division in the A-Shau-A Luoi Valley, Vietnam. Before his body was recovered, a North Vietnamese soldier took several letters Flaherty had written but not yet mailed. The enemy used excerpts from the letters for propaganda broadcasts.

On Saturday, those letters were finally returned to his closest living relatives at a ceremony at Columbia's Vietnam Memorial.



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"The last we heard from him was a Christmas card that his mother got in December of 68," said Martha Gibbons, Flaherty's sister-in-law. "He just said that it's not going to be a very good Christmas and I'll do better next year. At that time he still sounded very optimistic, but he concealed the real danger he was in and the real fear he was in. He concealed that especially from his mother."

The letters were obtained by Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta when he visited Vietnam in June and returned a diary that an American Soldier had taken off a North Vietnamese soldier.

"They are in remarkable condition to be 40 years old," said Ken Cannon, Flaherty's uncle.

Flaherty was a high school standout in baseball, being offered a contract by the Cincinnati Reds. Rather than chasing the dream that so many young men have of becoming a professional athlete, Flaherty chose to enlist in the Army in 1967.

"He felt it was his duty to fight for the country he loved and that had done so much for him," Cannon said.

The current deputy commander of Flaherty's unit had the honor of handing the letters over to the family. He said that in addition to giving Flaherty's family insight into what he was experiencing, returning the letters serves as a teaching moment for current Soldiers.

"This is something we talk to our Soldiers about," said Lt. Col. Townley Hedrick, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky. "This is an example of how we never forget our comrades who have gone before us. Forty years later, we're able to present these letters to his family. It's an inspiring story, and it's inspiring to be a part of this."

Flaherty's family refrained from reading any of the letters after the ceremony, preferring to wait until a more private moment.

"I haven't read them, and I don't plan on reading them until a little later, I don't think I could," said Cannon as he choked back tears. "But we're glad they're



Photo by SGT. GRANT MATTHES, 101st Airborne Division

**Lt. Col. Townley Hedrick, deputy commander, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, presents four letters from Sgt. Steve Flaherty to Flaherty's sister-in-law Martha Gibbons and his uncle Kenneth Cannon on Saturday at a ceremony at Columbia's Vietnam War Memorial. Flaherty wrote the letters before he was killed in Vietnam in 1969.**

back home and I know that Steve would be glad that they're back home."

While Flaherty's family had yet to read any of the letters, snippets from the letters have been published giving insight to what Flaherty was thinking and feeling during his final days.

In one letter he wrote, "We took in lots of casualties and death. It has been trying days for me and my men. We dragged more bodies of dead and wounded than I can ever want to forget."

Another letter showed the doubts about the war that Flaherty and many of his fellow Soldiers had.

"This is a dirty and cruel war, but I'm sure people

will understand the purpose of this war even though many of us might not agree," he wrote.

Cannon said he expects reading the letters should give him a greater understanding of what it was like for his nephew in the jungles of Vietnam.

"Those people experienced something that a lot of us will never ever experience. It is regrettable, but it had to be done," he said. "Steve was part of that, he is history, he made history. I am really glad he is our nephew."

The letters will eventually become part of a display at the South Carolina Military Museum.

"Now, through these letters he will live forever and be a part of history," Gibbons said.



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## Housing Happenings

### COMMUNITY UPDATES

❑ The Housing Services Offices provides assistance with finding rental homes and reviewing lease agreements. For more information, call 751-5788/7566 or visit the office at 4514 Stuart Ave.

❑ Residents are urged to be mindful when using charcoal and gas grills. Grills are not allowed to be used indoors and must be no closer than 10 feet to a building or enclosed shelter. Propane tanks must not be stored indoors.

❑ The Home Ventilation Institute recommends that you use kitchen ventilation fans while cooking and bathroom ventilation fans for 30 minutes after each shower. Fans help minimize excess humidity in the home, reduce condensation and promote good indoor air quality.

❑ The Mayoral Council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors of the Fort Jackson housing community. Child care is provided while performing mayoral duties. Interested residents should contact Vickie Grier at 751-7567.

❑ LifeWorks events are reserved for on-post housing residents unless otherwise indicated. For questions, comments or suggestions, email [ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com](mailto:ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com).

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

❑ Swimming pools in the housing area may be up to six feet in diameter and one foot in depth. Use of wading pools requires adult supervision and is permitted in backyards only. When pools are not in use, they must be emptied and properly stored.

❑ The Yard of the Month contest will continue throughout the summer. Yard of the Month winners will be recognized in *The Fort Jackson Leader*, Balfour Beatty Communities website and newsletter. The grand prize winner will also receive a \$50 gift card contest of BBC. Visit the Self Help Center on Ivy Road and browse the lawn and garden tools that can help you cultivate a beautiful yard and flower garden. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Ronja.Frenzel@us.army.mil).

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# Army provost marshal urges antiterror vigilance

By **WILLIAM GARBE**  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — Speaking up about suspicious activity is always the first-line defense against terrorism, said a top Army antiterrorism official.

“Antiterrorism is about people saying something,” said Maj. Gen. David Quantock, provost marshal general of the Army. Quantock discussed the Army’s antiterrorism initiatives in advance of the upcoming Antiterrorism Awareness Month in August.

“I think in this time, in this day and age, where there are people out there that mean us harm, it requires all of us to be part of this antiterrorism effort and keep our vigilance and our focus up,” Quantock said.

As part of Antiterrorism Awareness Month, Soldiers will be educated about and reminded to participate in the iWatch program. That program operates like a neighborhood watch program, Quantock said.

Soldiers, civilians and families are encouraged to recognize and report suspicious activity to law-enforcement agents. Reports filed in iWatch are then passed to the FBI’s larger “eGuardian” system, which connects law-enforcement agencies and intelligence organizations at all levels of government, across the United States.

While technology is an important

part of detecting and preventing terrorist activity, at the most basic level, antiterrorism efforts are actually cost-free; they involve Soldiers, their families, and Army civilians to simply keep their eyes open and to remain alert to that which stands out as unusual.

“Antiterrorism (efforts) can be people like you and I walking around our post, camp and stations,” Quantock said. “That’s probably the most important, most cost-effective way.”

The general said unusual or suspicious activity could include vehicles parked illegally, unseasonable or ill-fitting clothing, and persons loitering around or taking pictures of a sensitive area, post or access control point.

“All of these kinds of things that look suspicious really need to be reported to law-enforcement officials, and they’ll do something about it,” Quantock said.

The general said consequences of not being vigilant could include a compromise of national security or military and civilian deaths or injuries.

Integrating antiterrorism measures into the contract support process is also an Army initiative. Quantock said military contracts over \$150,000 must now undergo an antiterrorism review to ensure contracts do not violate operational security.

He also said measures must be taken to make sure certain contractors have been properly vetted and trained before

being brought into the Army community.

“We have many folks working around (and) on our installations, supporting our installations,” Quantock said. “We’ve got to make sure that they’re actually trying to help us and not trying to hurt us.”

Quantock also said the lessons from the November 2009 shooting at Fort Hood, Texas have helped the Army identify insider threats.

“From looking at the Fort Hood study we have found many gaps and seams in our personnel, our behavioral, and our law-enforcement systems that really needed to be brought together,” Quantock said.

The general said the military training and culture of getting involved and taking action goes hand in hand with antiterrorism.

Unlike civilians out in the community, who might fear involvement in, or cooperation with a police investigation, even if it means catching a wrongdoer in their own community, Soldiers, he said, take pride in doing what is right.

“All I would say is if you see something, say something,” Quantock said. “Get involved. Don’t be a bystander. Make a difference out there for your community, make a difference out there for your Army, and make a difference for your nation. By doing that, you may save someone’s life someday.”

## News and Notes

## TSB WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER



MAHABIR

Lt. Col. Neil Mahabir assumed command of the Training Support Battalion in a ceremony July 12 at the Officers' Club. Mahabir, who previously served as personnel officer for the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Korea, replaces Lt. Col. Sula Irish, whose next assignment will be at the Pentagon as the colonel's branch manager.

## SCHOOL PHYSICALS AVAILABLE

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## AAFES SURVEY COMING UP

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# WCAP Soldiers go for the gold

By JENNIFER MATTSON  
*NCO Journal*

FORT BLISS, Texas — Service members have participated in the Olympics since 1896 as athletes and as coaches in both the summer and winter games. In 1997, the Army created the World Class Athlete Program with the explicit goal of competing — and winning medals — in the Olympic Games.

Since its founding, 40 World Class Athlete Program, or WCAP, Soldiers have brought home gold, silver and bronze Olympic medals.

This summer, the Army's World Class Athlete Program will send eight noncommissioned officers to London; four of them have competed in the Olympics in previous years, and four of them stand ready to show what it means to serve in WCAP. These NCOs are charged with one task: to bring home medals. After the games, these NCOs will continue to serve the Army by supporting U.S. Army Recruiting Command, hosting clinics and promoting the Army. Then, they will either serve in WCAP by training for national and international competitions, or they will return to the operational Army to serve in their military occupational specialty.

U.S. Army Soldiers compete alongside other Americans at the Olympics. They wear the Team USA gear, and when they win, they step up to the podium to hear "The Star-Spangled Banner" play. But these Soldier-athletes continually represent the Army on and off the field — through their disci-

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Photo by JEFF SALVAGE, World Class Athlete Program

Army World Class Athlete Program racewalker Staff Sgt. John Nunn celebrates earning a berth in the London Olympic Games after winning the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in the 50-kilometer racewalk with a time of 4 hours, 4 minutes, 41 seconds on Jan. 22, in Santee, Calif.

## Tanner visits WTU Soldiers

University of South Carolina Athletic Director Ray Tanner spent time with Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Unit last Thursday at the Fort Jackson Post Theater, answering questions about sports, dealing with the pressures of both victory and failure, and maintaining a positive attitude. 'It's a choice you make,' he told the audience. 'It's your choice. Nobody else is going to change it. They may try to, but it will be what you want it to be at the end of the day.'

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE



# Athletes

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pline and determination.

Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski, an air pistol Olympian, will return to the Olympics for the fourth time in the shooting event. Previously, Szarenski has gone to the Olympics with the Army Marksmanship Unit, which also sends Soldiers to the Olympics. The difference, Szarenski said, is that the World Class Athlete Program's focus is solely on the Olympics.

"Our mission is to go to the Olympics and win the Olympics," Szarenski said. "Not everyone here will make the Olympic team, but we're all pulling together to try to get the mission accomplished. We're there to win."

Szarenski started shooting in the sixth grade and started competing in the eighth grade. He earned a full scholarship to Tennessee Tech Rifle University after winning state and national competitions.

He was recruited by the Army Marksmanship Unit out of college to compete. After 21 years of service, Szarenski will retire from the Army after this year's Olympics.

"I was in ROTC and had a chance to be an officer, and I turned it down in college because I wanted to be an NCO," Szarenski said. "I wanted to be in with the troops, and I wanted to be more in with the guys and leading and helping the guys out."

Szarenski said representing the Army means even more when it comes to the Olympic shooting events.

"The importance of the Army competing in the Olympics, especially in shooting, is we're showcasing," Szarenski said. "I came in during the Cold War, and (when) you would beat the Russians and Chinese in shooting, it was peace through sports. You look and say, 'Those guys can shoot and those guys are competitive; let's not poke the bear.' The strength that I give back to the Army is when I win something that makes everyone say, 'OK, he's from the Army and the rest of those guys can probably do that, too.' It makes them realize we are on top, and we're not slacking. And don't test us, because we do have the strength."

Staff Sgt. John Nunn has served in the Army and the Army Reserves for 11 1/2 years. Originally an infantryman, he has since changed his MOS to dental hygienist with hopes to one day be an Army dentist. He will compete in the 50-kilometer racewalk event in the Olympics, an event he has only competed in three times. He won the Olympic trials for the 50-kilometer racewalk and has competed in the 20-kilometer racewalk in the 2004 Olympics. He puts in 100 miles a week in training, and says he supports the other WCAP athletes as they head to London this month.

"Within the Army, everyone is striving for success and being the best that they can be in whatever the Army is asking them to do," Nunn said. "This is a situation with the program when we make the Olympic team. It's an honor, one, to make an Olympic team and represent your country. But for us, it's even more of an honor because we get to represent the Army along the way. It gives you something to cheer on and be a part of something bigger than just yourself."

## OLYMPIAN AND NCO

The World Class Athlete Program has benchmarks for those hoping to compete in the Olympics. If Soldiers fail to meet those benchmarks, they are sent back to the operational Army to serve in their primary MOSs. When the program begins to recruit, usually two years before the Olympic trials, NCOs in the program are charged with setting the example for younger Soldiers. The unit, which serves under IMCOM's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department, consists of a company with a commander and support staff.

"You're still an NCO, and still in the absence of orders



Photo by TIM HIPPS, IMCOM

**U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program pistol shooter Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski practices at Fort Benning, Ga. He will compete in his fourth Olympics this year in London in the air pistol event.**

or the absence of leadership, take charge," Szarenski said. "There's not a squad or teams, but you're still an NCO, and how I carry myself influences those younger guys. You have to maintain your military bearing."

Sgt. 1st Class Dremiel Byers has served on and off with WCAP since 1997, when it was stood up at Fort Carson, Colo. Byers, who competes in Greco-Roman wrestling in the 120 kg weight group, said being professional and disciplined is a part of his training. Byers and other wrestlers also teach combative clinics for other Soldiers.

"It's Soldiering all around," Byers said. "There's discipline that you have to have to be a highly competitive athlete and even more discipline to be a Soldier. The two go hand in hand, and they complement each other."

Byers said he sees bringing home the medal on the international stage as a win for Soldiers everywhere.

"This victory is our victory," Byers said. "Sometimes when we're overseas, and I know I'm going to be the one on top of the podium, I love seeing the flag and love hearing our anthem being played. It feels good."

As NCOs and competitors, many Soldiers in the program compete against one another when it comes to Army standards and tests — especially the Army Physical Fitness Test.

"The Soldiers in this program are some of the cream of the crop that the Army has to offer," Nunn said. "Every Soldier in this program is not working to just get the bare minimum on their PT test or the bare minimum to pass so they can get a promotion. Everyone is striving for perfection. With that, it carries over into the Army aspect of being a Soldier. We're constantly going to competitions, working to beat each other at PT tests and who can become Soldier of the month or NCO of the quarter and who maxes their boards when they go.

"It provides a great asset to the Army itself as far as deploying Soldiers and giving them opportunities to train for the Olympics. But then those Soldiers are put back into regular units and are incredible assets to those units by the discipline and things that they've learned being part of the World Class Athlete Program."

## TRAINING BRINGS HOME MEDALS

Most WCAP Soldiers come into the Army with the explicit intent of serving the Army by winning Olympic medals. Most, though, say that Army training has helped

them compete at the higher level by teaching them mental strength.

"The Army has taught me with discipline and being able to train every day," Szarenski said. "With periodization, many people will taper down to 20 or 40 shots. With me, I've learned through the Army drilling and doing something over and over again until it's second nature. Like anything you do in the Army, you do it until you can't. It's just second nature. The Army has taught me that if you think you have it down, you're about halfway there and you just need to keep beating it down to the ground."

Staff Sgt. Keith Sanderson served in the Marine Corps for eight years before joining the Army Reserve. He served for 12 years as an infantryman before he started to compete nationally in shooting events. Sanderson credits the Marines for his ability to shoot; before he joined the Marine Corps, the only thing he shot was a sling.

"WCAP is the ultimate expression of leadership by example that you can have in the Army for both physical fitness and shooting ability, which is the most fundamental skill anyone can have in the Army," Sanderson said.

The techniques used to win gold medals at the Olympics are the same tools Soldiers use when under stress of combat, Sanderson said.

"I'm an infantryman," Sanderson said, "Because (the Olympics is a) competition, the will to fight is very important. In the Olympic Games, it can get kind of stressful and the ability to deal with that stress is critical to be successful. The things you learn to deal with stress in competition are the same ways you deal with stress in combat — it's the same techniques."

Nunn said his time during basic training has helped him mentally prepare for competition.

"Physically, basic training was very easy for me," Nunn said. "I actually got out of shape going through basic training since I was training at such a higher level. Mentally, I'd never been in a situation where they break you down by being mean and angry and building you up the way they want you to be. After I got out of basic, it really helped with my training. I was already a decent athlete, but race-walking requires so much mentally of you."

Nunn said basic training allowed him to understand the bigger picture of what he was doing and why he was there. Those lessons, he said, are important when it comes to competing on the international stage.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Children wait their turn Friday as Inza Downing, left, coordinates a game at the Solomon Center during Fort Jackson's 95th birthday celebration.

# Fort Jackson turns 95



Candy and prizes were made available to children taking part in last week's Fort Jackson birthday celebration.

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson celebrated its 95th birthday Friday with a gathering of friends and family at the Solomon Center.

It wasn't a particularly large event. Many children were in attendance. Fort Jackson Garrison Commander Col. Michael Graese said it was important to stress the importance of family at the event.

"It really emphasizes what the Army has long understood, especially once we moved to an all-volunteer force," Graese said. "Families are very critical to Soldiers. We first saw that emphasis in the mid-1970s, and it's grown through the years. Having the families as part of this is a very positive thing."

What would later become Fort Jackson began in 1916, when Columbia Chamber of Commerce leaders proposed the estate of Confederate Calvary leader Wade Hampton be used as an Army training camp. The following year, Maj. Douglas MacArthur announced the site would

become one of 16 National cantonments to be built.

"The initial 1,200 acres that (became) Camp Jackson were donated by the patriotic citizens of Columbia in 1917, thus beginning a long tradition of respect, cooperation and friendship between the city and our post that continues to this day," said Fort Jackson Chief of Staff, Col. Ken Royalty.

Columbia residents donated 1,200 acres for the future Army post, and the federal government acquired by purchase and lease more than 20,000 additional acres to create "Camp Jackson."

"More than 45,000 troops trained on Fort Jackson, and would later fight in France as part of the very American Expeditionary Forces in World War I."

Today, Fort Jackson is the largest Initial Entry Training Center in the Army, training 50 percent of all Soldiers and 60 percent of the women entering the Army each year.

"It is a proud history that will continue for years to come," Royalty said.

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Photo by DAVID SHANES, command photographer

### Volunteers honored

Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson's commanding general, presents awards to more than 30 Fort Jackson volunteers during the third quarter Helping Hands award presentation Tuesday at the Joe E. Mann Center.



### Yard of the Month winners

Staff Sgt. Kareem Ransom, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, and his wife, Nadija, are the grand prize winners of the Yard of the Month contest for July. They received a certificate of appreciation from the garrison commander, Col. Michael Graese, right, free dinner coupons and movie passes and a \$50 gift card, among other things. Also pictured are Master Sgt. William Yarbray, left, acting garrison command sergeant major, and the family's children, from left, Kelis, 5, Kalani, 8 and Kobe, 10.

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## Calendar

**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.

**Wednesday, Aug. 8**

### Fort Jackson ROWC Sign-up Coffee

10 a.m., Fort Jackson Officer's Club, no reservations required

## 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.

### FORT JACKSON AFAP CONFERENCE

Quality of life issues are being collected for review at the annual Fort Jackson AFAP Conference. Issue forms are located in the main ACS Office, the Family Readiness Center (Building 4512) and by request from [veronica.jacksonpatrick@us.army.mil](mailto:veronica.jacksonpatrick@us.army.mil). For more information on AFAP and the kinds of issues addressed

through this forum, visit [www.fortjacksonmwr.acs\\_afap](http://www.fortjacksonmwr.acs_afap)

### 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.

Take your college transcript, list recent 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 10 a.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 Friday. 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](http://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](http://www.civiliantraining.army.mil). The Army Civilian Training and Leader Development Division also established a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/armyciviliantraining](http://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](mailto:DMDC.CAC.Replacement.Notification@osd.pentagon.mil). To replace the CAC, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil> and schedule an appointment.

### HIRED! PARENT ORIENTATION AND INTEREST MEETING

The next HIRED! Parent orientation and interest meeting is scheduled for 6-8 p.m., Thursday, July 26, at the Youth Teen Center on Fort Jackson. The fall term dates are Aug. 26-Nov. 18. For more information, contact Simona Tautkus at 751-1136.

### 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](http://www.jackson.army.mil) for a full listing of calendar events. Send your announcements to [fjleader@gmail.com](mailto:fjleader@gmail.com).

Community announcements may be

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

For information about classified advertising, call 432-6157.

Classified ads may also be sent by fax to 432-7609 or by email to [skaress@ci-camden.com](mailto:skaress@ci-camden.com). For information about display

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 volunteers in the program, and receive weekly visits from their mentors 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 a 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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# Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

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**HONOR GRADUATE**  
Pfc. Brittney Ireland



**Staff Sgt.  
William Adsitt**  
Company B  
3rd Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment  
**HONOR GRADUATE**  
Pfc. Alexander Bruinsma



**Sgt. 1st Class  
Alphonso Johnson**  
Company F  
3rd Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment  
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# Car, bike show set for July 28

By **THERESA O'HAGAN**

*Family and Morale, Welfare and Education*

Whether it's a Mustang, a little red Corvette, pink Cadillac, or your little deuce coupe, car lovers of all kinds are encouraged to attend the 7th Annual Autocraft Shop Car and Bike Show July 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's show has moved to Patriots' Park, between Palmetto Falls Water Park and Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf.

The show's organizers expect about 300 people to attend the event.

"Each year, the event has continued to grow, which is very exciting for the Autocraft Shop," said Kenneth Fletcher, manager of the Autocraft Shop. "Each year we try to provide new and improved services to our customers."

Last year's show featured more than 70 cars, trucks and motorcycles. Organizers are hoping for 50 or more this year.

Categories include: best custom car/truck, best car/truck, best in show car/truck, best cruise bike, best sport bike, and best in show bike. To enter a car, truck or motorcycle, call Chuck Stoudemire at 751-0891.

Some interesting entries in past shows included a 1954 Ford pickup truck, a T-Rex, a 1941 Ford T-Bucket, a 1974 Volkswagen camper van imported from Germany, as well as Harley Davidson and Hyabusa motorcycles. Expect to see a variety of vehicles outfitted in an array of customizations and restoration.

Admission is free. For more information, call 751-5755.



*Courtesy photos*

**The annual car and bike show will feature old cars, like this 1920s Ford, as well as newer models.**



**The car and bike show is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 28 at Patriots' Park. Awards will be presented to the winners of several categories. To enter a vehicle, call 751-5755.**

## FMWR calendar

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 1 p.m.
- ❑ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the **Youth Services Center**.

### SUNDAY

- ❑ Enjoy a traditional Sunday brunch buffet at the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 10 a.m.
- ❑ Every Sunday is Family Day at the **Youth Center**, 2-6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

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

*For a full calendar of events, visit [www.fortjacksonmwr.com](http://www.fortjacksonmwr.com).*

### ONGOING OFFERS

- ❑ The Officers' Club specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions. For more information, call 782-8761.
- ❑ The Officers' Club is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- ❑ Child, Youth and School Services provides child care and youth programming on Saturdays at no cost for active-duty parents who must work to meet mission requirements. Others requiring care may sign up, but will pay the usual hourly rate. All users must be signed up with Child, Youth and School Services. Registration is free at the Central Enrollment Office in the Joe E. Mann Center. For more information, call 751-4865.



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# Know the taxi services available on post

*From the Directorate of Emergency Services*

The post has an agreement with three local taxi companies to provide taxi service to the Fort Jackson community. The companies are: Checker Yellow Taxi, Blue Ribbon Taxi and Capitol City Taxi.

These three companies are the only companies that are authorized to operate on Fort Jackson. Fort Jackson has eight taxi stands and eight taxi stops located across the post. Taxis are not permitted to operate in the 171st Infantry Brigade area, nor in any basic training area on Fort Jackson.

They are also not permitted in the family housing area except to pick up or drop off passengers.

The agreement establishes fixed rates for taxis in the Fort Jackson community. The approved fare is \$2 per person, per stop with one free stop at any on post ATM machine. Flat rates have been established for certain destinations or areas off post. The fare is the same for cabs (up to four passengers) and vans (up to six passengers).



Passengers who experience problems with taxi services should take the following actions:

- Write down the company name, vehicle color and cab number. The cab number is a two- or three-digit number located on the rear bumper and right or left front fender.
- Contact the taxi company and ask to speak to the supervisor or manager.
- Contact Melody Collins of the Directorate of Emergen-

cy Services at 751-3981.

The following are established flat rates to and from Fort Jackson:

<input type="checkbox"/> Columbia Airport area	\$32
<input type="checkbox"/> Riverbanks Zoo area	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad River Road/ Dutch Square area	\$27
<input type="checkbox"/> Columbia Place Mall area	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-Town at Forest Acres	\$8
<input type="checkbox"/> I-20 and Alpine Road area	\$16
<input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Columbia (including 5 points/Vista)	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Devine Street/Jackson Boulevard area	\$8
<input type="checkbox"/> I-77/Sumter Highway area	\$11
<input type="checkbox"/> Trenholm Plaza	\$7
<input type="checkbox"/> USC fairgrounds/stadium	\$16
<input type="checkbox"/> Columbiana Mall area	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Walmart (Gate 2)	\$7
<input type="checkbox"/> Village at Sandhills	\$26
<input type="checkbox"/> Weston Lake	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte Douglas Airport	\$168

All other areas/destinations are meter rates.

## National Night Out set for Aug. 9

*From the Directorate of Emergency Services*

Fort Jackson's National Night Out is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m., Aug. 9 at Hilton Field. Law enforcement and on-post organizations are coming together to bring Soldiers, families and civilians a night of information and entertainment.

"This nationwide event is held each year to foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve, as well as to heighten crime awareness," said Maj. Brad Fisher, provost marshal with the Directorate of Emergency Services.

DES will join with Columbia Police, Richland and Lexington County Sheriff

departments and the South Carolina Highway Patrol to teach attendees about crime prevention and safety, while showcasing emergency service capabilities.

The event will begin with a law enforcement parade through the housing area that will end on Hilton Field. There will be static displays consisting of law enforcement aviation, crime scene simulation for kids to go through and K-9 demonstrations along with a felony traffic stop demonstration.

The surrounding communities are providing donations of school supplies from Fort Jackson's newest chapter of Operation Homefront. To register for school supplies visit [www.operationhomefront.net/sc](http://www.operationhomefront.net/sc).

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# God has established plan for your life

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) CHARLES KUHLMAN**  
*Family life chaplain*

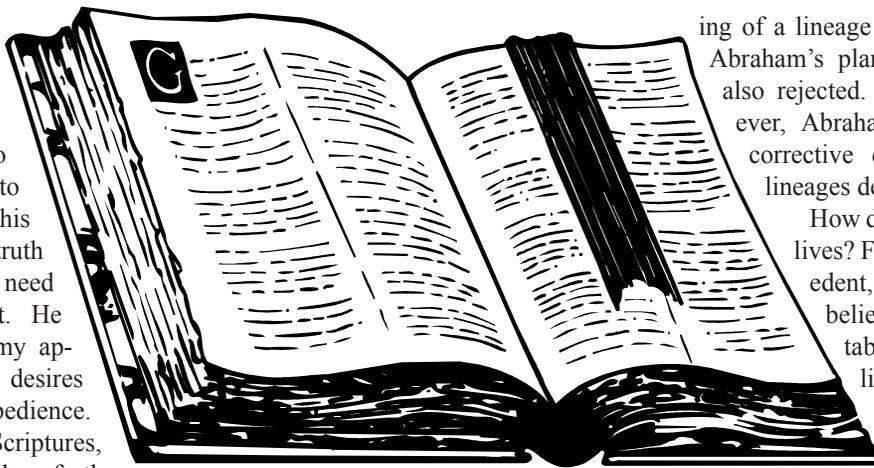
I have an introspective question for you. How many times have you pretentiously demanded God to bless your personal plan for success in your life? "I don't do that!" you say. Truly?

Consider the question for a few minutes. Most folks struggle with determining the will of God for their lives. How often do "followers of God" childishly demand that he bless their plan instead of asking him to reveal his perfect guidance for them?

I discussed this topic with a close friend who shared a favorite promise in the Scriptures where God states, "For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord." This promise has influenced my life for more than 20 years. Recently, I feel challenged again to expand my understanding of what the Scriptures are saying. I thought he was in the process of making a plan and I could help with that plan. As I reread the passage it strikes me that God already has the plans for my life established. All I need to do is turn my face to him and find out what he has in mind.

Is this how I approach things? In my humanity, I am more likely to present my plan to God demanding his blessing. The truth is, God does not need my finite input. He does not need my approval. What he desires is belief and obedience. As I look at the Scriptures, I see two examples of oth-

ers who tried my approach. Cain took his reasonable plan of a sacrifice to God for blessing and instead was rejected. Cain responded with anger to God's revelation, even after a chance to set things right was offered. Cain's jealous anger and actions culminated in great loss and banishment. In another instance, Abraham tried to promote his plan for success. He presented Ishmael and asked for God's bless-



ing of a lineage to be through him. Abraham's plan, like Cain's, was also rejected. Unlike Cain, however, Abraham accepted God's corrective direction, and two lineages developed.

How does this apply to our lives? From Scriptural precedent, we can confidently believe God has an established plan for our lives which he will reward and bless if we let him. We can also clearly

see if we attempt to submit our finite plans for his approval, we are asking for rejection and correction.

So what course can we take? My prayer is this: "Great God, help me always remember to consult you about your plan for my life and the lives of those entrusted to my care. Make your plan for me clear, and grant me the courage to follow your plan."



## PROTESTANT

- Sunday  
8:30 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (first service)
- 9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
- 9:30 a.m. Hispanic, Post Theater
- 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
- 10:15 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (second service)
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday school, Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
- 11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel

## Protestant Bible Study

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

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

- Saturday  
8 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast (PMOC), Main Post Chapel (every second Saturday of the month in the activity room)

## Protestant Youth of the Chapel

- Saturday  
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each month)

## CATHOLIC

- Monday through Thursday  
11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Sunday  
8 a.m. IET Mass, Solomon Center
- 9:30 a.m. CCD (September through May), Education Center
- 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for adults (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for children (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- 12:30 p.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel

- Wednesday  
7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September

through May), Main Post Chapel

## ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday  
8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

## ISLAMIC

- Sunday  
8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel
- Friday  
12:45 to 1:30 p.m. Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

## JEWISH

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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

## LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday  
9:30 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- Wednesday

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 Chaplain's Office**  
4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318

# Documents establish patients' wishes

*From the Legal Assistance Office*

When considering future life events such as potential disabilities or even death, some preparations are more common than others. Most people understand that for their property to go to the people they want when they pass away, they need a last will and testament. If they want to make sure their business, financial or legal matters can still be taken care of if they become incapacitated, they get a general power of attorney or a specific power of attorney, if they have a particular activity in mind.

However, comparatively few people — especially young people, understand the need to make arrangements in case they wind up in the hospital and unable to speak for themselves. Such arrangements are especially important to make while a person is healthy. Two basic documents are needed to make proper medical preparations for such contingencies.

## THE HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY

Health care powers of attorney are advance directives that allow people to name "health care agents" to speak to doctors about their medical condition and make decisions concerning their medical care on their behalf.

Generally, without an advance directive, a hospital is legally bound to do everything to keep a patient alive as long as possible until the patient or a family member decides otherwise. With advance medical directives, patients have more control over decisions about their medical care.

Advance directives can be made effective upon a person becoming physically disabled, mentally incompetent or otherwise incapacitated (although typically they are made to become effective upon mental incompetence only), and provide people with the security of knowing that they have named the person (or people) of their choice who will make medical decision for them in the event they cannot do so themselves.

## THE LIVING WILL

A living will, known in South Carolina as a declaration

of a desire for a natural death, is not the same thing as an advance directive. A living will applies only when the attending physician and another physician have determined that a patient is either terminally ill and close to death or in a persistent vegetative state.

In the living will, the patient declares his or her desire about artificially prolonging life through the use of medical intervention, such as a respirator. The only exception that a patient can make on this "no life support" document is to elect whether he or she wishes to receive artificial nutrition and hydration.

A living will is enforceable as a last wish unless the patient chooses to give another person, referred to as an agent, power to revoke a living will. Patients can also appoint an agent to enforce a living will. Naming an agent to enforce a living will allows the patient to make sure that his or her wishes will be carried out, even if the hospital or physician wants to keep the patient on life support.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Like wills and general powers of attorney, the enforceability of health care powers of attorney and living wills is governed by state law. In other words, if either of the above documents are going to have the backing of the courts should a dispute arise, they need to be drafted in accordance with the law of the state in which they are being used.

Although the majority of terms are enforceable across the board, states often require these documents to be in

precise forms. Furthermore, states vary greatly in terms of wording, signature or notary requirements. Stances can also differentiate greatly on what activities can be enforced and what cannot.

For instance, South Carolina allows a living will to decide whether a person continues to receive artificial nutrition and hydration. Missouri, however, allows no such decision at all, requiring instead that nutrition and hydration always be provided. Be sure to consult with an attorney as well as your doctor to get a full appraisal of your options.

Once you have a health care power of attorney and living will, keep the original documents in a place where the agent (and any backup or alternate agents) can

access them. Give your agents copies and tell them where the originals are. Finally, have your doctor put copies of these documents with your medical records.

The Fort Jackson Judge Advocate General office can provide additional information regarding health care powers of attorney and living wills. Judge advocates in the Legal Assistance Office commonly draft and execute these documents as well as wills and general powers of attorney. If you would like to talk about having these documents put together, call the Legal Assistance Office at 751-4287 to schedule an appointment with an attorney. The Legal Assistance Office also takes walk-ins for health care powers of attorney, general powers of attorney, and living wills only on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

