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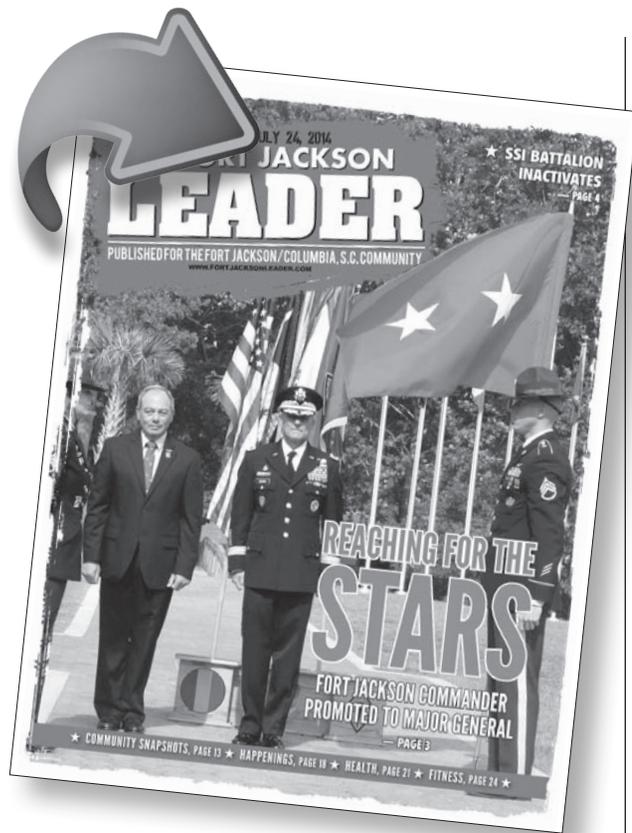
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Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Fort Jackson's Commanding General Bradley Becker, center, is promoted to major general in a ceremony July 18 at Victory Field. **SEE PAGE 3.**



Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Navy chaplain school welcomes new commander

Navy Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Smith shakes hands with Capt. John Jones, chief of staff of the Naval Education and Training Command, after accepting command of the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center from Navy Chaplain (Capt.) Kyle Fauntleroy, right, in a ceremony July 18. Fauntleroy will be moving to San Diego, Calif., to continue service at Naval Base San Diego.

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DRILL SERGEANT ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Army's drill sergeant program, TRADOC will host several events Sept. 12 at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School.

The Drill Sergeant School will host an outdoor social with catered dinner, various vendors, static displays and other activities. All past and present drill sergeants are asked to bring their campaign hats to the drill sergeant hat social. This event will be capped off with a mass formation photo, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony to officially celebrate the program's anniversary.

A time capsule will be unveiled that allows drill sergeants to add their own piece of history. The time capsule will be sealed and won't be opened for 25 years. Drill sergeants may also purchase a personalized drill sergeant brick paver with their names and dates served on the trail engraved. The brick pavers will be placed near the drill sergeant time capsule.

To register for the hat social, visit www.armydrillsergeants.com

The events scheduled for Sept. 12 are:

- Run with the drill sergeants, 6 a.m., Hilton Field
- Breakfast, 7 a.m., NCO Club
- Drill sergeant Hall of Fame induction ceremony, 11 a.m., Drill Sergeant School
- Drill Sergeant School tour and history showcase, 1 p.m., Drill Sergeant School
- Drill sergeant hat social and photo, 4 p.m., Drill Sergeant School

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Photos by ANDREW McINTYRE

Retired Col. John Paolucci and Sherri Becker pin new rank insignia on Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker's uniform. Becker, Fort Jackson's commanding general, was promoted to major general in a ceremony Friday at Victory Field.

CG promoted to two-star general

By ANDREW McINTYRE
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson is now led by one of the Army's newest two-star generals, Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker. Becker was promoted in a ceremony Friday at Victory Field, where friends and family from across the country gathered to show their support.

"This is a big day for Fort Jackson," Becker said. "This is humbling, but it's not about anything that I've done, but it's about all the great Soldiers and leaders whom I've worked with over the years and what they've done for our Army."

One of those leaders is retired Col. John Paolucci, who was Becker's first battalion commander in Schweinfurt, Germany, and presided over the ceremony. Paolucci told the story of how Becker's past has shaped his present.

"The distance between us day-to-day was pretty gray. However, Brad was on my scope early because of the great work he did providing support, training infantry NCOs in fire support procedures, successfully leading his team during training and training evaluations," he said.

Paolucci explained Becker's work ethic did not go unnoticed by his fellow Soldiers.

"The newly-appointed commanders made it a point to tell me about this sharp young officer who was doing such good work in their units, so he was somebody to keep an eye on," he said.

The road from second lieutenant to major general is a notable achievement, Paolucci said.

"Brad has always displayed a willingness to work hard (at) every task to achieve excellent results across

the board. Whether it was training his team, physical training or serving as the battalion staff duty officer, he approached it all as a professional," he said. "He embraced every aspect of what it means to be an officer — not just the parts that appealed to him, but gave all of it his best shot all the time. At the time, I remember thinking — and I still do — that Brad is and was the epitome of the three-word couplet we so often use in the Army — 'be, know, do.'"

'Be, know, do' stands for being the best version of yourself you can possibly be; knowing your strengths and weaknesses; and doing your job, Paolucci explained.

"His promotion today proves that the Army believes his potential is still untapped," Paolucci said. "I believe these six words described Maj. Gen. Becker back then and today: be, know, do, honor, courage and country."

Following Paolucci's remarks, he and Becker's wife, Sherri, pinned Becker's new rank on his uniform coat. Becker then removed his coat and his two sons, Derek and Andrew, placed the new insignia on his shirt.

In his speech, Becker thanked Paolucci and other Soldiers he worked with throughout his career.

"I didn't show up to Germany thinking, 'I am going to do this for 20 years.' I thought, 'I'll do this for three years and go to law school,'" Becker said.

"Well, I had such a great experience under Paolucci's leadership — I said, 'Man, this is fantastic. I can't think of anything else I'd rather do, and so I am going to go to the career course, try to command a battery, and then I'll figure out what I am going to do next.' Then, 28 years later, I think I am going to stick around and make it a career," Becker said.

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Retired Col. John Paolucci administers the Oath of Commissioned Officers to Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker. Becker was promoted to major general Friday.



Photos by SUSANNE KAPPLER

The colors of the Soldier Support Institute's Training Support Battalion are on display for the final time during the unit's inactivation ceremony Tuesday at the Solomon Center. TSB's mission will be assumed by the 369th Adjutant General Battalion.

TSB inactivates

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

The Soldier Support Institute's Training Support Battalion cased its colors during a ceremony Tuesday at the Solomon Center.

Brig. Gen. Paul Chamberlain, the SSI commanding general, highlighted the accomplishments of the Soldiers and civilians who served the battalion during its almost 20-year existence on Fort Jackson.

"Even though today is a sad day, it's also very special and memorable," Chamberlain said. "It's sad because we're about to close a chapter in the history of the Training Support Battalion. Yet, it's special, too because we come together as an institute and a post to celebrate the accomplishments and the job well-done by the men and women of the TSB."

The battalion's mission was to provide command and control; training; and administrative and logistic support for permanent party Soldiers, students and reclassification Soldiers assigned to the SSI. The battalion also provided general staff and brigade-level staff support for personnel, security, logistical, training and administrative functions within the SSI.

The TSB was activated Oct. 1, 1994 after the SSI relocated to Fort Jackson from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Throughout its history, the battalion has supported more than 200,000 Soldiers.

The Army's transition toward a university model approach for training led to a restructuring of the SSI's organization, which resulted in the TSB's inactivation. The mission formerly carried out by the unit will be absorbed by the 369th Adjutant General Battalion.

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Lt. Col. Neil Mahabir, Training Support Battalion commander, and Master Sgt. Jacqueline Hill, acting TSB command sergeant major, case the unit's colors.



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Photo by LISA FERDINANDO, Army News Service

President Barack Obama awards the Medal of Honor to former Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts at the White House, Monday. Pitts received the honor for his actions in 2008 in Wanat, Afghanistan, with 2nd Platoon, Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade.

Pitts: It's their names, not mine

Soldier awarded Medal of Honor for actions in Afghanistan

By **LIBBY HOWE**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama awarded the Medal of Honor to former Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts during a White House ceremony Monday.

Pitts became the ninth living recipient to receive the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan. His was for courageous actions during operations at Vehicle Patrol Base Kahler, in the vicinity of Wanat Village in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, July 13, 2008.

Obama explained the “extraordinary circumstances” in which Ryan and his team served.

At the time of attack, Vehicle Patrol Base Kahler was still being built, Obama said. Wanat had “significant vulnerabilities,” due to the higher elevation of surrounding mountains, lack of heavy equipment to help build defenses, and insufficient water supply in the 100-degree heat, the president said.

“For our forces in Afghanistan, the battle of Wanat was one of the fiercest of this entire war,” he said. Forty-eight Americans, along with their Afghan partners, faced upwards of 200 insurgents.

Pitts, with 2nd Platoon, Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne

Brigade, was manning the observation post just outside the base. It was from there that they observed potential insurgents in the pre-dawn darkness. Before a request for indirect fire support could be put through to the main base, “the entire valley erupted,” Obama said.

Soon after the initial wave of enemy fire, everyone at the observation post was wounded or killed. The situation down at the base was no less dire, with one Soldier describing it as “hell on earth,” Obama continued.

Pitts, with shrapnel in his arm and both legs, was bleeding badly. Despite these severe injuries, he proceeded to throw grenades toward the insurgents, but only after pulling the pin and holding the live grenade long enough that the insurgents closing in would have no time to throw the grenade back.

Pitts held his ground against the insurgents now inside the post, pulling himself onto his knees to man a machine gun.

“The enemy was so close Ryan could hear their voices,” Obama recounted.

Pitts informed the main base that he was “the only one left and running out of ammo.” At this point he accepted the fact that he would die defending the post and remembers that he “made my peace with it.” Barely conscious, Pitts continued to fight, throwing his last grenades before picking up a grenade launcher, the president said.

After reinforcements arrived at the post, Pitts helped target the air strikes that were hitting “danger-close,” yards away from the Soldiers. These strikes marked the turning point in the battle and, finally, the insurgents fell back.

One of Pitts’ teammates attested to how crucial his actions were to the outcome of the battle. The teammate said the post “almost certainly would have been overrun,” leaving the enemy a vantage point from which to inflict devastating damage on the base, the president said.

“Against that onslaught, one American held the line,” Obama said, noting that Pitts was “just 22 years old, nearly surrounded, bloodied but unbowed.”

Obama observed that in Pitts “you see the humility and the loyalty that define America’s men and women in uniform.”

Obama described some of the countless acts of valor that occurred that day.

“Shielding their wounded buddies with their own bodies. Picking up unexploded missiles with their hands and carrying them away. Running through gunfire to reinforce that post. Fighting through their injuries and never giving up. Helicopter pilots and MedEvac crews who came in under heavy fire,” Obama said.

The ceremony also honored the nine Soldiers who did

Voting Assistance Program help available

Directorate of Human Resources

During the 2012 general election, the Department of Defense began to increase its emphasis on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, or FVAP. As Congress and the courts have repeatedly affirmed, voting is a citizen's most fundamental right. Recognizing that absent members of the military, their families, and U.S. citizens living abroad face unique challenges to participating in U.S. elections, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act was amended by the 2009 Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, or MOVE.

Since the adoption of the MOVE Act, the Army has developed a voting assistance officer, or VAO, team to inform communities about the voting process and provide voter materials to eligible voters, including Department of the Army civilian personnel who request voter information and guidance. This includes material on the voting process, requesting absentee ballots and mailing the completed ballots.

Each installation has an organized VAO team, which consists of a unit VAO for each unit with 25 or more permanently assigned Soldiers and an additional unit VAO for each 50 assigned Soldiers above the 25 Soldier base to assist their assigned Soldiers. Senior VAOs oversee and assist the unit VAOs, and an appointed installation VAO manages the installation voting action plan.

Typically, the VAO team's responsibilities have been performed by personnel as an additional duty appointment. In order to heighten the awareness and management of the voting process, IMCOM recently authorized 48 installations with a full-time installation voting assistance officer. Fort Jackson recently appointed Joseph (Joey) Hewitt as the installation VAO.

Hewitt is a military retiree who understands the chal-



DoD graphic

The Federal Voting Assistance Program helps military voters get their voices heard.

lenges faced by the military community in getting its vote heard. In addition to 20 years of military service, Hewitt also has six years of customer service experience in the food service industry.

Hewitt, a native of South Carolina, said he is excited to work with the community on post.

"I look forward to teaming with the Fort Jackson VAOs

and serving the great people in our Fort Jackson community," he said.

For help with any voting needs, contact your unit or senior VAO. For more information, visit the Installation Voting Office at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 200, call 751-6791 or email usarmy.jackson.imcom-hq.mbx.dhr-voter-assistance@mail.mil.

News and Notes

CHANGES OF RESPONSIBILITY

Command Sgt Maj. Roderick Celestaine will relinquish responsibility of the 369th Adjutant General Battalion to 1st Sgt. William Werden in a ceremony at 9 a.m., July 31 at Darby Field.

Command Sgt Maj. Thomas Jones will relinquish responsibility of the 165th Infantry Brigade to Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Barnes in a ceremony at 10 a.m., Aug. 1 at Victory Field. Jones will retire after 32 years of service.

Garrison Command Sgt Maj. Ernest Lee will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Roderick Celestaine in a ceremony at 1:30 p.m., Aug. 1 at the Post Theater. Lee will retire after 28 years of service.

JACKSON JUBILEE ON TAP

The Jackson Jubilee and National Night

Out are scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m., Aug. 1 at the Solomon Center. The Jackson Jubilee will include information booths from on- and off-post agencies and businesses inform Soldiers and family members about services offered. National Night Out activities will include static displays promoting crime prevention measures.

369TH CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Jared Reid will assume command of the 369th Adjutant General Battalion from Lt. Col. David Jones in a ceremony at 9 a.m., Aug. 8 at Victory Field.

RUN FOR THE FALLEN

Survivor Outreach Services will host its annual 5K Run/Walk for the Fallen at 7:30 a.m., Aug. 16 at Hilton Field.

Information subject to change.

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Sunday July 27

Think Like a Man Too (PG-13) 1 p.m.

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) 4 p.m.

Wednesday July 30

22 Jump Street (R) 1 p.m.

Think Like a Man Too (PG-13) 4 p.m.

Friday Aug 1

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) 7 p.m.

Saturday Aug 2

Free Studio Appreciation Showing

Sunday Aug 3

Tammy (R) 1 p.m. 1h 36m

Earth to Echo (PG) 4 p.m. 1h 40m

Wednesday Aug 6

Think Like a Man Too (PG-13) 1 p.m. 1h 46m

Tammy (R) 4 p.m. 1h 36m

Friday Aug 8

Earth to Echo (PG) 7 p.m. 1h 40m



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USC men's basketball team to visit post

By **ANDREW McINTYRE**
Fort Jackson Leader

The University of South Carolina men's basketball team and its head coach, Frank Martin, will visit Fort Jackson to meet with military children. The meet-and-greet is scheduled for 3 p.m., Monday at the Solomon Center.

"Frank Martin, head coach of the team, wanted to do something for military children, and so we decided to host a meet and greet for military children to allow them the opportunity to meet collegiate athletes," said Darius Lane, Youth Sports and Fitness director.

Lane said the children will meet with the athletes, participate in a shoot-around and run through some basketball drills.

The team mascot, Cocky, is also expected to attend. The players, Frank Martin and Cocky will be available for autographs and photographs after the breakout sessions.

"This will be something the children will be able to remember for a lifetime," Lane said.

The event will be open to all ID card holders and their family members. For more information, call the Youth Sports and Fitness Office at 751-5040.

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Fort Jackson Leader file photo

Players with the University of South Carolina's men's basketball team run drills with military children at Fort Jackson during their visit in 2011. The team will return Monday for a meet and greet.

Rule offers broader mental health care coverage

By **AMAANI LYLE**
DoD News

WASHINGTON — TRICARE military health plan beneficiaries will now have access to both TRICARE-certified mental health counselors and supervised mental health counselors, a Defense Health Agency official said.

In an interview with DoD News, Dr. John Davison, DHA's behavioral health branch chief, said the so-called "Final Rule," published July 17, will go into effect Aug. 18 and is a follow-on to an interim rule published in 2011.

"This will help ensure that no matter where our beneficiaries may be living, they can access the services of either a supervised mental health counselor or a TRICARE-certified mental health counselor and still receive high-quality mental health care," he said.

The changes, Davison explained, came about as the result of TRICARE goals to standardize care despite license criteria variations across states. Many beneficiaries elect to keep their current supervised mental health counselors, he added, and TRICARE will continue to authorize such treatment indefinitely.

TRICARE-certified mental health counselors differ from supervised mental health counselors in that the former have the education and training experience that meet Institute of Medicine recommendations,



enabling them to practice independently to diagnose and treat mental illness without physician oversight, Davison said.

Beneficiaries can access the services of both types of mental health counselors through TRICARE's managed care support contractors: United HealthCare, HealthNet Federal Services and Humana ValueOptions.

"These managed care support contractors also provide services of other mental health

practitioners such as psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers and psychiatric nurse specialists," Davison said.

Davison also emphasized that the Final Rule creates no disruption to beneficiaries' current care or services.

"If they're receiving care from a supervised mental health counselor and they like that counselor, they may continue to do so, and TRICARE will reimburse those

claims," he said.

Ultimately, Davison said, beneficiaries have ongoing, high-quality mental health care with access to a robust pool of counselors.

"We're very happy that we continue to provide these services through the TRICARE health benefit to serve the mental health needs of our beneficiaries and service members," he said.



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not come home from Wanat.

Obama said Pitts considers his medal “a memorial for the guys who didn’t come home.” He shared Pitts’ sentiment that the sacrifices made by military men and women must never be forgotten.

“This is the story Ryan wants us to remember — Soldiers who loved each other like brothers and who fought for each other, and families who have made a sacrifice that our nation must never forget,” Obama said.

“Valor was everywhere that day,” Pitts told reporters at the White House following the ceremony. “And the real heroes are the nine men who made the ultimate sacrifice so the rest of us could return home. It is their names, not mine, that I want people to know.”

Pitts, as Obama had in his remarks, named each of the fallen: “Spc. Sergio Abad, Cpl. Jonathan Ayers, Cpl. Jason Bogar, 1st Lt. Jonathan Brostrom, Sgt. Israel Garcia, Cpl. Jason Hovater, Cpl. Matthew Phillips, Cpl. Pruitt Rainey, and Cpl. Gunnar Zwillling. The Chosen Few,” said Pitts.

One of the Soldiers in attendance was Staff Sgt. James Schmidt, a drill sergeant



Army photo

The Soldiers of Chosen Company pose for a group picture at Forward Operating Base Blessing in Afghanistan.

with Company E, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, who was fighting alongside Pitts in Wanat. Schmidt was a specialist at the time and said he mostly remembers details of what happened in the fight.

“I guess the battle of Wanat is something that really sticks out in my mind,” Schmidt said. “I remember to stop and re-

load my weapon, and I looked behind me and I saw Sgt. (Matthew) Gobble at the time and he had been hit a few times. He was bleeding. He was leaned up against the hesco basket reloading (magazines) for guys ... you know he wasn’t able to shoot.”

Schmidt said he remembers seeing bravery all around him that day.

“I think it’s good for Soldiers to hear

stories like that — stories from (Operation) Rock Avalanche. It kind of puts everything in perspective for them,” Schmidt said. “You know, some of the (current Soldiers) are very young, some of them ... were 12 years old (then) and have no idea what the battle of the Wanat was. ... I doubt they were paying attention when the surge of Iraq happened or (the battle of Fallujah), so when I can tell them these stories and tell them the sacrifices that other men have made for their country and for the flag on their right shoulder I think it helps them really realize what they’re doing here for better or for worse and what it really means to sacrifice.”

Like Pitts, Schmidt emphasized that the real heroes are the ones who gave their lives in the battle.

“It’s funny a lot of us (from Chosen Company) have not seen each other in about four, five, six years, but we all just went back to normal and picked up where we left off, and that’s what we’re doing now,” Schmidt said. “That’s really the best part about (the Medal of Honor ceremony) — being able to hang out with the guys and tell the stories about the guys who are not here anymore and also tell new stories about the guys who are here because of the guys who are not here.”

Editor’s note: Andrew McIntyre with the Fort Jackson Leader contributed to this article.

Sailors deploy in support of OEF

By PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS
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EASTOVER — Sixty-seven Sailors completed Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training at Fort Jackson and McCrady Training Center July 14. The Sailors then deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Army drill sergeants from Task Force Marshall, 171st Infantry Brigade, trained the Sailors, providing them combat skills in preparation for non-naval, non-traditional expeditionary missions. The Sailors learned a variety of skills, including combat casualty care, communica-

tions, land navigation, convoy operations and counter IED training. They also qualified on the M4 carbine and M9 service pistol.

Many of the Sailors have previously deployed, but for some this mission will be their first assignment overseas.

In a show of appreciation for the Sailors’

service, more than 40 members of the Task Force Marshall volunteers — a group of local civilians — coordinated a reception and send-off for the departing Sailors. Spending time with people from the community, veterans, family and friends, the Sailors enjoyed homemade snacks and small gifts from the volunteers.

Fort Jackson Gate Hours

Gate 1	5 a.m. to 1 p.m. inbound and outbound traffic, Monday through Friday 3:30 to 6 p.m. outbound traffic, Monday through Friday Closed on weekends
Gate 2	Around the clock, seven days a week Commercial traffic on weekends only.
Gate 4	5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday Closed on weekends Commercial traffic must use Gate 4 on weekdays.
Gate 5	5 a.m. to 1 p.m. inbound and outbound traffic, Monday through Friday 3:30 to 6 p.m. outbound traffic, Monday through Friday 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends

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Photos by DAVID SHANES, command photographer

Cast members with the U.S. Army Soldier Show perform July 15 at the Solomon Center. The Broadway-style show delivered the Army's 'Stand Strong' theme, which explores the foundational elements of what it is that instills strength and character in Soldiers.



Standing Strong

Soldier Show rocks Fort Jackson



The Soldiers with the U.S. Army Soldier Show stopped on Fort Jackson last week for two performances. The tour, which began in April and ends in October, visits installations across the country to entertain Soldiers and civilians on post.

Researchers develop cargo pocket ISR

By **JEFFREY SISTO**

U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center

NATICK, Mass. — Researchers at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center are developing a pocket-sized aerial surveillance device for Soldiers and small units operating in challenging ground environments.

The Cargo Pocket Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance program, or CP-ISR, seeks to develop a mobile Soldier sensor to increase the situational awareness of dismounted Soldiers by providing real-time video surveillance of threat areas within their immediate operational environment.

Whereas larger systems have been used to provide over-the-hill ISR capabilities on the battlefield for almost a decade, none of those deliver it directly to the squad level where Soldiers need the ability to see around the corner or into the next room during combat missions.

When Soldiers and small units need to assess the threat in a village, or in thick canopy terrain where traditional ISR assets cannot penetrate, the CP-ISR can be deployed to provide that capability.

“The Cargo Pocket ISR is a true example of an applied systems approach for developing new Soldier capabilities,” said Laurel Allender, acting NSRDEC technical director. “It provides an integrated capability for the Soldier and small unit for increased situational awareness and understanding with negligible impact on Soldier load and agility.”

NSRDEC engineers investigated existing commercial off-the-shelf technologies to identify a surrogate CP-ISR system.

Prox Dynamics’ PD-100 Black Hornet, a palm-sized miniature helicopter weighing only 16 grams, has the ability to fly up to 20 minutes while providing real-time video via a digital data link from one of the three embedded cameras. It operates remotely with GPS navigation. Tiny, electric propellers and motors make the device virtually undetectable to subjects under surveillance.

The size, weight and image-gathering capabilities of



United Kingdom Ministry of Defense photo

A British soldier holds Prox Dynamics’ PD-100 Black Hornet, a palm-sized miniature helicopter weighing only 16 grams. Researchers with the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center are testing the Black Hornet to provide squad-sized small units with organic intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capability.

the system are promising advancements that fulfill the burgeoning requirement for an organic, squad-level ISR capability, but more work still needs to be done.

Several efforts are under way to develop three different aspects of the technology to ensure it is ready for the Soldier and small unit.

The first of these efforts is focused on a redesign of the digital data link to achieve compatibility with U.S. Army standards.

The second focuses on developing and integrating advanced payloads for low-light imaging, allowing for indoor and night operations.

Lastly, researchers are continuing to develop and enhance guidance, navigation and control, or GNC, algo-

rithms for the CP-ISR surrogate system. This will allow the airborne sensor to operate in confined and indoor spaces, such as when Soldiers advance from room to room as they are clearing buildings.

In November 2014, NSRDEC will collaborate with the Maneuver Center of Excellence, the Army Research Laboratory and other organizations to support the Army Capabilities Integration Center’s Manned Unmanned Teaming (Ground) Limited Objective Experiment, or LOE, by demonstrating the current capabilities of mobile Soldier sensors.

Although the final system could be different from the surrogate system, NSRDEC is focused on proving the basic capability first.



AG CSM welcomed

Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Shirley, right, assumes responsibility as command sergeant major of the Adjutant General School and regimental command sergeant major for the Adjutant General Corps in a ceremony Friday at the Soldier Support Institute. He replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson, left, who retired after 31 years of service.

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE



Financial protection

Shirley Cherry, intake representative with Army Community Services, signs in Master Sgt. George Taylor during the ACS Military Consumer Protection Day event, July 16. ACS financial counselors and South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs staff members were on site to assist Soldiers and family members with their questions about consumer protection services.

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE

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The signs are all around

it's up to **YOU**
to recognize
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Training, Discipline and Standards

Training, discipline and standards are the bedrock of our Army, and as Soldiers, you've been taught what right looks like. As leaders, you have a duty and a responsibility to maintain standards in your formation. You also have an obligation to your Soldiers and their families to manage risk and take action to correct problems. In our fight against accidental fatalities, knowledge is the weapon of choice.



Calendar

Tuesday, Wednesday

Environmental compliance officer course

3240 Sumter Street
For more information, call 751-5011.

Monday, Aug. 4 and Tuesday, Aug. 5

Military clothing reclamation sale

8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 2570 Warehouse Row
Open to active and retired service members of all ranks. The sale is cash only. For more information, call 751-7213.

Tuesday, Aug. 5

Military community career fair

9 a.m. to noon, Solomon Center
Open to all military personnel, family members, veterans and DoD civilians. More than 50 employers and education institutions will be represented.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Retired Officers Wives Club welcome coffee

10 a.m., Officers' Club
Reservations are not required.

Monday, Aug. 18

Employee Assistance Program supervisory training

1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Post Conference Room
For more information, call 751-5007/4785.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Shred day

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Recycling Center
For more information, call 751-4208.

Announcements

CHARLESTON TOUR

The Relocation Readiness Program is sponsoring a free tour of downtown Charleston for foreign-born spouses of active duty Soldiers Aug. 2. The group meets at 6:45 a.m. in front of the Strom Thurmond Building. For more information and for reservations, call 751-9770/1124.

ID CARD OFFICE HOURS

The ID card offices at the Strom Thurmond Building in rooms 109, 114 and 200 will continue to operate on an appointment-only basis. Limited walk-in slots are available Monday through Friday from 8 to 9:20 a.m. in Room 109. Once walk-in slots are filled, customers will be given the option to make an appointment or visit an alternate ID card facility for service. Appointment hours are from 9:40 a.m. to 4:10 p.m., Monday through Friday in rooms 109 and 200. To make an appointment, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. For more information, call 751-6024.

PARKING LOT CLOSURES

The Post Theater parking lot will be closed from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Aug. 1 in support of the garrison change of responsibility.

The Solomon Center upper parking lot will be closed Aug. 1 until 7 p.m. in support of the Directorate of Emergency Services Night Out events.

HISPANIC SERVICE CHANGES

The Hispanic Protestant Service will be conducted at Magruder Chapel starting Sunday. The chapel is located at 4360 Magruder Ave.

MARRIAGE RESILIENCY CLASS

The Chaplain Family Life Center will conduct marriage resiliency classes Thursday evenings from, 6 to 8 p.m. until Aug. 21. A meal will be provided. For more information and to register, call 751-4949.

ACS NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The Army Community Services needs assessment survey is under way through Sept. 15. The survey aims to measure usage and helpfulness of ACS programs and services. Its purpose is to identify emerging needs related to the Army way of life. To access the survey, visit www.armymwr.com/ACS-survey.

CYSS TRANSPORTATION SIGN-UP

Child, Youth and School Services offers transportation to and from CYSS before- and after-school care locations for certain Richland 1 and 2 schools. For more information, call 751-4865

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS SOUGHT

Fort Jackson schools are accepting applications for substitute teachers and training instructors for the school year 2014-2015. To apply, visit www.usajobs.gov before Aug. 11.

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Tackle football registration for children 7-12 years old is under way through July 31. Registration for cheerleading (ages 3-12); flag football (ages 4-8); soccer (ages 3-16); and cross country (ages 7-14) is under way through Aug. 22. Coaches are needed. For more information, call 751-5040/7451.

AAFES TAX HOLIDAY DISCOUNTS

The Fort Jackson Exchange will match local sales tax discounts on back-to-school items Aug. 1-3 during the South Carolina "sales tax holidays."

EXCHANGE ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Military shoppers are invited to celebrate the Exchange's 119th anniversary of serving military customers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday at the Main Exchange. Coffee and cake will be served.

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SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Pierce Terrace and C.C. Pinckney elementary schools runs through Aug. 14. Registration packets may be picked up at either school during office hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Pierce Terrace Elementary School at 782-1772 or C.C. Pinckney Elementary School at 787-6815.

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

The Fort Jackson Golf Club will offer a golf camp this summer as part of its Junior Golf Program. The camp is scheduled Aug. 4-8. The cost is \$45. For more information, call 787-4344 or visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/golff/.

AMU SHOOTING CLINIC

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Georgia, will host the seventh annual USAMU Action Shooting Junior Clinic Oct. 30 through Nov. 2. The clinic is an advanced workshop open to children and youth 9-18 with experience in action shooting disciplines. The deadline to apply is Oct. 1. For more information, visit www.usamu.com or call 706-545-9402.

FREE CAPTAIN AMERICA COMIC

The comic book "Divide and Conquer" featuring Captain America is available free at the Exchange and other AAFES locations.

COMMISSARY NEWS

■ Commissary gift cards may be purchased by anyone, but only authorized patrons are able to redeem them. Gift cards are available at commissaries worldwide and online at www.commissaries.com.

■ The Commissary is offering special July sales event throughout the month. For more information, visit www.commissaries.com.

SAT/ACT TESTING

The Education Center will administer SAT testing Oct. 30 and ACT testing July 31. Testing is available to eligible service members only. For more information and to register, call 751-5341.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

■ The Golden Carriage Program provides free ball gowns for spouses of active-duty service members E5 and below.

Information is subject to change.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events. Send your announcements to fjleader@gmail.com. Announcements are due one week before the publication date. Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations.

Housing happenings

RENT CONCESSIONS

Balfour Beatty Communities offers rent concessions throughout July. For more information, call 738-8275.

PCS REWARDS

Current Balfour Beatty Communities residents relocating to an installation where BBC manages housing, are eligible for a \$100 reward if they move on post. For more information, visit the Balfour Beatty Communities office.

RV LOT

Recreational vehicles are not allowed to remain in the housing area except for loading and unloading. The Housing RV Storage Lot is authorized only for on-post residents who have registered their RV with the Housing Office at 4514 Stuart Ave. Registration of your RV is required before using the facility. Proof of residency, insurance and registration is required. Unauthorized RVs found in the storage lot will be towed at the owner's expense. For more information or to register your vehicle, call 751-9339.

BINGO NIGHT

Bingo night is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday at the Community Center. All ages are welcome. RSVP is required by July 24. To register, call 738-8275 or email, emcdaniel@bbcgrp.com. For a complete listing of the LifeWorks Calendar, stop by the Community Center.

HOUSING RESOURCES

Any rental agreement should include the amount of rent to be paid, the date of the payment and rights and obligations of the tenant and the landlord. It is illegal to include any conditions that require the tenant to give up any rights under the law (e.g., right to sue). If the landlord includes any illegal conditions, they cannot be enforced. The tenant may sue the landlord in court and receive monetary damages and reasonable attorney's fees. For more information, call a Fort Jackson housing counselor at 751-9323/5788/7566 or call the Staff Judge Advocate Office at 751-4287.

ELECTRICAL STORM SAFETY

Your home might not take a direct hit, but lightning and the power surge it could cause is a destructive force. Prevent damage by installing surge protectors on all valuable electronics. As the storm approaches, you should consider unplugging all unneeded electronics, turning off air conditioning units and avoid using corded telephones. Residents should call the Service Request Desk to report any damages to their home at 787-6416.



Visit the Fort Jackson Leader website at
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Protect yourself from virus new to U.S.

U.S. Army Public Health Command

A virus called “chikungunya” carried by mosquitoes that are common in the continental United States is likely to appear in locations where Soldiers, Army civilians and their families work and live.

The virus, transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito, causes high fever and joint pain, public health experts at the U.S. Army Public Health Command said. Symptoms also can include headache, muscle pain, joint swelling and rash, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Symptoms can last three to seven days, even up to two weeks. In some people, the joint pain may persist for months, according to USAPHC physician-epidemiologist Lt. Col. Laura Pacha.

As of July 15, the CDC reported approximately 234 travel-related cases in the U.S., most brought in by travelers to the Caribbean, where the disease appeared for the first time this year. Outbreaks of the disease previously occurred in countries in Africa, Asia and Europe. Two cases of locally-acquired chikungunya were recently reported in Florida, the first in the continental United States.

“Due to the similar symptoms, chikungunya could be easily confused with dengue fever or even malaria,” Pacha said. “If you experience these symptoms, whether you have travelled or not, be sure to go to your doctor and get your illness properly diagnosed.”

There is no vaccination or medicine to cure chikungunya. Treatments such as rest, fluids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines help alleviate symptoms until the disease goes away, usually in a week or two, Pacha said.

USAPHC experts say the best form of prevention is to avoid mosquito bites altogether.

“Always apply DEET or picaridin repellent on exposed skin,” Pacha said. “If you go on leave, especially to one of the places where chikungunya is found, treat your clothing with permethrin using an aerosol can or IDA kit (Individual Dynamic Absorption Kit for uniforms).”

The IDA kit is only authorized for use on military uniforms not civilian clothing.

Since the kinds of mosquitoes that carry the diseases can

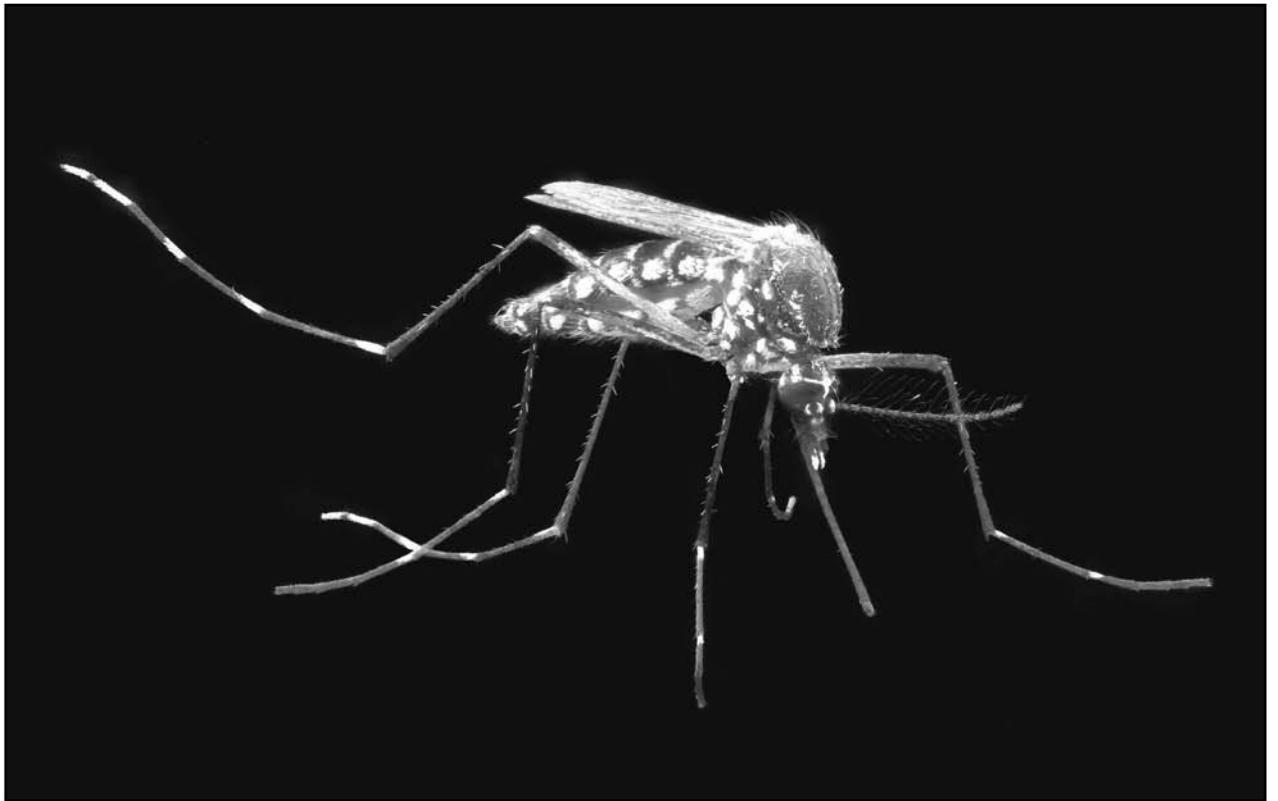


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The *Aedes aegypti* is one of two mosquito species commonly found in the U.S. that can spread the chikungunya virus. The virus causes multiple symptoms that can last for weeks or months.

bite during the day as well as at dawn and dusk, USAPHC experts suggest wearing loose, light-colored clothing — long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and permethrin-treated clothing. For Soldiers wearing the permethrin-treated Army Combat Uniform, wearing the uniform properly is also important. This means wearing sleeves rolled down, all openings closed, pants tucked into boots, and undershirts tucked into pants. Loose uniforms are also a good idea, since mosquitoes can bite through fabric that is tight against skin.

In addition to protecting your body, USAPHC experts recommend carrying the fight against chikungunya to the places where mosquitoes live and breed.

Entomologists at the USAPHC advise staying in air-

conditioning and ensuring that window screens are in place, tight and without holes. If sleeping outdoors, permethrin-treated mosquito netting should be used. Around the house, standing pools of water in tires, buckets, trash cans and the like should be emptied — the mosquitoes that carry chikungunya breed in water.

More information on protecting yourself from chikungunya and on the Department of Defense Insect Repellent System is available from these sources:

- U.S. Army Public Health Command: <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/>, search for “chikungunya”
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya/index.html>

MACH UPDATES

MACH OFFERS SCHOOL PHYSICALS

School physicals are available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 5-6 at the Moncrief Army Community Hospital Integrated Health Clinic. Parents should bring the child’s shot records, school physical forms and eyeglasses (if needed). No acute illnesses will be seen. For more information, call 751-2273.

MACH MAIN ENTRANCE CLOSED

The main (ground floor) entrance at Moncrief Army Community Hospital will remain

closed for renovation. Visitors are asked to pay attention to the signs posted for entry into the hospital and patient drop-off.

IMMIGRATION EXAMS

The Department of Preventive Medicine at Moncrief Army Community Hospital provides complete immigration exams, including physical exams, tuberculosis screening, laboratory tests and immunizations for TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries. To schedule an appointment, call 751-5251.

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Prescription home delivery available

TRICARE beneficiaries can switch to home delivery for any medication taken regularly. There are several ways to switch:

- Call Express Scripts at (877) 363-1303.
- Ask your provider to fax your prescription to Express Scripts at (800) 895-1900.
- Ask your provider to e-Prescribe to “Express Script Mail Pharmacy.”
- Mail your prescription along with a completed mail order form to Express Scripts Inc., P.O. Box 52150, Phoenix, Az. 85072-9954.

The first shipment will usually arrive within two weeks.

Switching to home delivery can also save money — \$38 for every brand-name drug compared to using a network pharmacy. In addition, there is no copay for a 90-day supply of generic drugs.

Express Scripts stocks all drugs on the TRICARE formulary.



ACS Calendar — August 2014

EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM

Military community career fair	Solomon Center	Aug. 5	9 a.m. to noon	751-5256
Explore careers in the information and technology field	Education Center, Room B-110	Aug. 7	9 to 11 a.m.	751-5256
Self-paced computer training: MS Word or Excel	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	Aug. 11, 18, 25	8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 3:30 p.m.	751-5256
Steps to federal employment for military spouses	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	Aug. 12	9 to 11:30 a.m.	751-5256
Job searching strategies for military spouses	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	Aug. 13, 27	8:30 a.m. to noon	751-5256
Professional time management	Education Center, Room B-110	Aug. 14	9 to 11 a.m.	751-5256
Resume writing and interviewing skills workshop	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	Aug. 19	9 a.m. to noon	751-5256

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM

EFMP back to school bash	Patriot's Park	Aug. 9	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	751-5256
EFMP support group — creative journey	Joe E. Mann Center ballroom	Aug. 21	5 p.m.	751-5256
EFMP bowling outing	Century Lanes Bowling Center	Aug. 23	1 to 2:30 p.m.	751-5256

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Child safety awareness initial training	5614 Hood St., Room 10	Aug. 4	5 to 7 p.m.	751-6325
Healthy relationships	5614 Hood St., Room 10	Aug. 5	11 a.m. to noon	751-6325
OB maternity briefing	MACH, Room 8-85	Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27	9 to 9:15 a.m.	751-9035
Bright Honeybee Explorer play group	5614 Hood St., Room 8	Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27	10 to 11:30 a.m.	751-9035
Stress management class	5614 Hood St., Room 10	Aug. 7	11 a.m. to noon	751-6325
Baby basics class	5614 Hood St., Room 10	Aug. 14	10 a.m. to noon	751-9035
Child safety awareness annual refresher	5614 Hood St., Room 10	Aug. 18	5 to 6 p.m.	751-6325
Scream Free Marriage	Solomon Center	Aug. 19	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	751-6325
Anger management class	5614 Hood St., Room 10	Aug. 21	11 a.m. to noon	751-6325
Triple P Positive Parenting Program class	5614 Hood St., Room 10	Aug. 28	10 a.m. to noon	751-6325

FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM

Personal financial readiness for first-term Soldiers	Education Center, Room B206	Aug. 20	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	751-5256
Financial planning for initial PCS move	Education Center, Room B206	Aug. 21	9 to 10:30 a.m.	751-5256

RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM

In-processing/re-entry brief	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	Tuesdays and Thursdays	7:30 a.m.	751-5256
Out-processing	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	Monday through Thursday	3 to 3:30 p.m.	751-5256
Post newcomer's orientation	NCO Club	Aug. 6	9 to 11 a.m.	751-5256
Phase II levy overseas brief	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28	10 to 11 a.m.	751-1124
Stateside levy brief	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28	11 a.m. to noon	751-1124

For more information and to register, call the phone number corresponding to the event. Information subject to change.





W O R S H I P SCHEDULE

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, Magruder Chapel
 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 to 11:30 a.m. 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

■ Thursday

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

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

■ Saturday

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

■ Sunday

5 to 6:30 p.m. Club Beyond youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

CATHOLIC

■ Monday through Thursday

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

■ Sunday

7:30 a.m. Confessions, Solomon Center
 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/EPISCOPAL

■ 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

3 to 5 p.m. LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel

■ Wednesday

7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

Anderson Street Chapel

2335 Anderson St., 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.

Chaplain Family Life Center

5460 Marion Ave (to the side of the POV lot), 751-4961

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



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Anne Sidwell, Peak Exercise Performance instructor, demonstrates a proper push up during a class Monday. Peak Exercise Performance, or PEP, combines several exercise techniques such as interval training, cross training, circuit training and power lifting. The training can be performed at any level of fitness. Classes are offered 5:30 p.m., Mondays at Vanguard Gym. For more information, call 751-5768.

Workouts put PEP in your step



Shawn Atkinson is doing lunges during Peak Exercise Performance class.



John Eason completes a chin up during the class.