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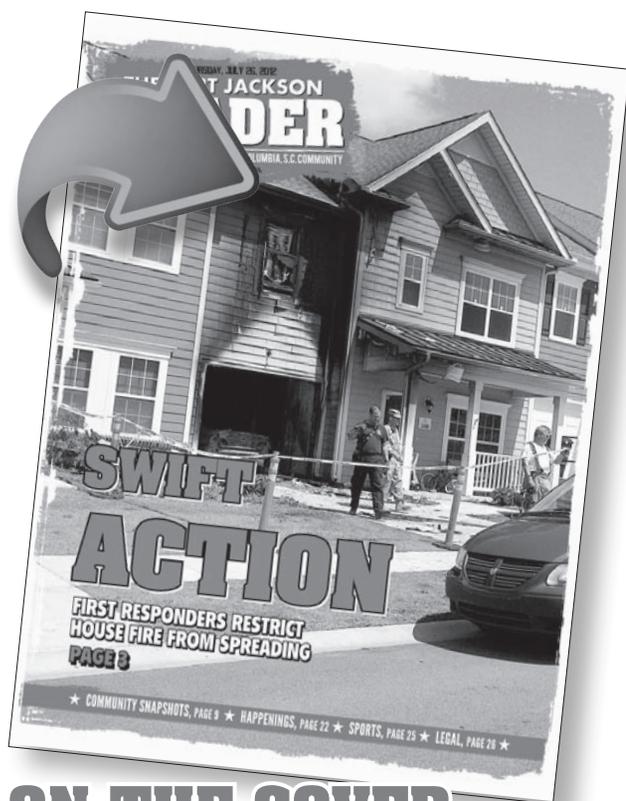


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Photo courtesy of the Directorate of Emergency Service

A house fire in the housing area July 18 displaced two families. **SEE PAGE 3.**



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COMMANDER'S CALL

Suicide affects all of Army, Team Jackson

Preventing suicides is everyone's responsibility — spotting signs, providing help key to intervention

Through June, there have been 89 potential active-duty Army suicides: 48 were confirmed as suicides and 41 remain under investigation. At our current rate, we have the potential to exceed last year's 165 confirmed suicides.

Across all the services the suicide rate has increased 18 percent so far this year. At a recent combined DoD and Veterans Affairs suicide prevention conference in June, officials noted that in 2012 we have seen the highest military suicide rate in more than a decade of prolonged conflict.

These are more than alarming statistics. These "numbers" are our fellow Soldiers. Suicide affects all of us. As such, suicide prevention is not just a top priority for our senior leaders, it is a priority for each and every one of us.

No unit or installation is immune, as Team Jackson recently lost one of our own to an apparent suicide. We cannot let suicide take one more Soldier.

Suicide prevention is clearly an all-hands mission — all of the time. We need to make sure we react correctly when we spot a problem or a Soldier seeks help. This is where leadership needs to continue to step up.

In today's Army, junior commanders and leaders are expected to do more, know more and be more than their predecessors. We expect leaders to know their Soldiers well. They should be able to detect when Soldiers are acting out of character and exhibiting unusual behavior.

Equally as important, leaders must be willing to listen. They need to be approachable. Every Soldier in your unit

needs to know that he or she can go to you with a problem. Leaders must break down long-standing stigmas associated with Soldiers seeking mental health counseling.

We must not tolerate any actions that belittle those individuals who are seeking help. Asking for help illustrates strength. The success of the Army depends on the whole team: officers, noncommissioned officers, Soldiers, Civilians and Families. No one should ever stand alone. If you know someone who needs help, it is your duty to take positive action.

We need to make sure that our Soldiers are as conditioned mentally as they are physically.

At an initial training facility such as Fort Jackson, it is important to nurture a positive mindset, begin building and strengthening our Soldiers' resilience from Day One. Our Soldiers take what

they learn here and go on to teach others. I know that I can count on our leadership to make sure our Soldiers are trained up accordingly.

Needless to say, during the past several years, mental fitness has gained the attention it deserves. We have come to understand that a Soldier is a made of a number of dimensions to include physical, emotional, social, spiritual and family elements.

We must continue to educate ourselves and evaluate our own comprehensive fitness levels, as well as that of our Soldiers. Our Army has learned a lot in the past 10 years; we need to continue to learn even more.

There is a need for professional military members — from the newest recruit to the most senior officer — to be

very introspective at this point in our history about how a prolonged conflict, the longest war in our history, has affected us and our families. Our senior leaders have reiterated this time and time again.

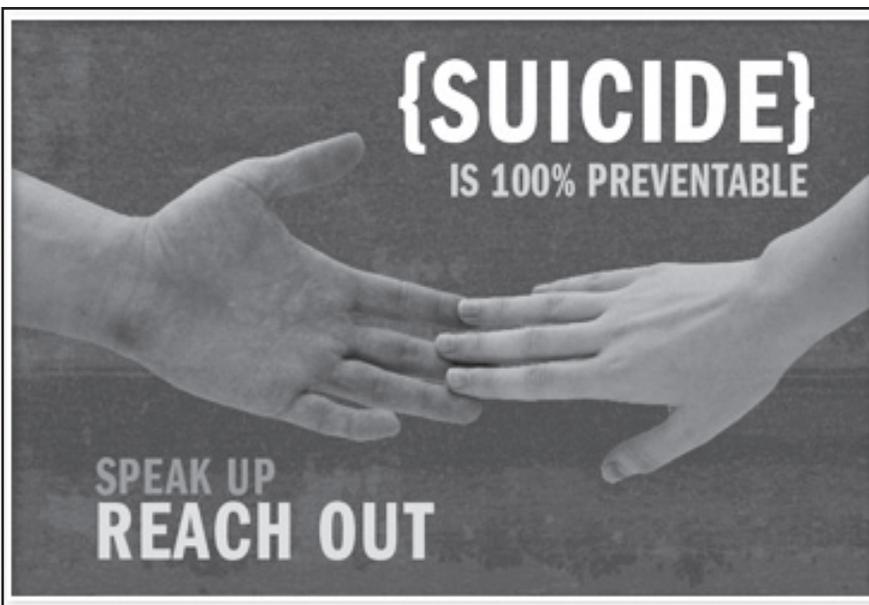
The goal is to view these things in context and to make sure that recruiting, policies, education and training address these issues.

It will take our entire Army team working together to reverse these alarming trends. We must be vigilant 24/7, create a climate free of stigma and ensure our Soldiers, Civilians and their families get help when they need it.

Victory Starts Here! Victory 6!

By BRIG. GEN. BRYAN T. ROBERTS

Fort Jackson
Commanding General



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Fire in housing area dislocates families

By **ANDREW McINTYRE**
Fort Jackson Leader

A car's faulty fuel injection system was blamed in a garage fire in the Pierce Terrace housing area that left two families displaced on July 18.

Three Fort Jackson firefighters suffered minor injuries and were transported to Moncrief Army Community Hospital where they were treated and released for heat exhaustion and muscle cramps.

Fort Jackson Fire Department Chief Bill Forrester said the engine compartment of a car parked in a garage caught fire and spread. The fire began shortly after 4 p.m.

"There were minimal extensions of the fire into the kitchen and very minimal smoke and (other) damage to the adjoining apartments," said Forrester, who credited the quick response of the firefighters in keeping the fire from spreading and causing further damage.

Fort Jackson firefighters were on the scene within five minutes of getting the call. The duty assistant chief of the day, John Engle, called for Columbia Fire Department assistance while en route to the fire.

Forrester also praised the quick action of a neighbor, who called 911 soon after the fire broke out, which prevented worse damage.

"I looked outside my window. I happened to see the black smoke coming out the garage. As soon as I saw the garage door open, I saw the fire and my first thought were the babies, the children in the house," said Christina Perry, who placed the 911 call.

Residents of the two housing units affected were not home at the time of the fire. The fire was under control 18 minutes after the Fort Jackson firefighters were on the scene, Forrester said.

The displaced families can expect to receive new housing by mid to late August, said Emma Watson, Housing Division chief.

"We have contacted the mayors of that housing area to find out what the families may need from us or Balfour Beatty (Communities). In addition, they have come together to provide assistance to the families while they have been placed in temporary housing," Watson said.

Col. Michael Graese, garrison commander, praised the efforts and initiative of the civilian workforce in helping the affected Soldiers and their families.

"I find it incredibly compelling and encouraging knowing that the Fort Jackson team was out there taking care of the Soldiers and the families and everybody else who was in the area," Graese said.

He said the assistance of the Columbia Fire Department was a totally seamless effort, and relationships like that are important for the health, safety and welfare of all on the installation.

An appreciation ceremony is scheduled Aug. 4 on behalf of the Soldiers and their families to express their gratitude to the Fort Jackson Fire Department.

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Photo courtesy of the Directorate of Emergency Services

A fire broke out in the garage of a home on Bakers Court July 18. The damage caused by the fire forced to families to relocate to temporary housing until new permanent units can be provided in August.

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4-10th medics receive certification

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

Spc. Jesse Tobar had fallen from Victory Tower. Unconscious, he was unable to help Staff Sgt. Vanessa Harden identify the nature of his injuries.

She treated him for shock and located internal injuries on the left side of his body as a supervisor watched over her, providing information about the training scenario she was taking part in.

Like Tobar, Harden was one of nine medics from the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment taking part in a certification course at Fort Jackson July 19. Once she was finished treating Tobar for his imaginary wounds, it was her turn to play patient as he located and treated her "leg injury."

"Our medics are not able to perform medical care on any of our ranges, because they're not certified and underwritten by a physician's assistant," said Capt. Robert Setliff, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment. "We're trying to get these guys formally trained and underwritten by a physician's assistant from Moncrief Army Community Hospital."

Most of the Soldiers taking part in this certification program have combat field

experience, but are unable to function as medics on post because of licensing standards. Setliff said the training is designed to show the physician's assistant offering to underwrite this certification that the participating Soldiers are competent in specific areas of expertise.

"At the moment, if there's an injury and it's not (a danger to) life, limb or eyesight, they have to call Emergency Medical Services," he said. "We have trained, certified medics on the ranges right now that can't perform first aid care for injured Soldiers."

Participating Soldiers spent the morning in the classroom, preparing for the types of injuries they might experience on Fort Jackson's training ranges.

In the afternoon, they trained in hands-on exercise that posed emergency medical scenarios that let them apply their skills. The scenarios involved heat and physical injuries, and applying an intravenous catheter.

"It accesses their ability to perform certain actions and they will be scored," Setliff said. "After this, we'll compile data to see where our Soldiers' abilities stand, and derive a training plan based off this. It will drive our future training so that everyone is on the same page."

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Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Above, Staff Sgt. Vanessa Harden tends to Spc. Jesse Tobar during a medical certification exercise on Fort Jackson last week. Left, Capt. Robert Setliff, left, practices inserting an intravenous catheter into the arm of Sgt. 1st Class Tywan McDavid. Soldiers with the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment took part in a certification course last week to allow them to render first aid in case of training injuries.

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.
- ❑ A neighborhood huddle for residents of Pierce Terrace 5 and 7 is scheduled for noon, today at the pavilion on Carter Road. The garrison commander, housing chief and Balfour Beatty management will be available to address concerns and answer questions. Lunch will be provided.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ 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.

LEGAL NOTICES

- ❑ Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of 1st Lt. Ryan D. Rawl must contact Capt. Noemi Tassios, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Rawl passed away June 20 in Afghanistan. To contact Tassios, call (843) 245-9872 or email Noemi.G.Tassios@us.army.mil.
- ❑ Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Spc. John D. Meador must contact 2nd Lt. Robert H. Miller, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Meador passed away June 20 in Afghanistan. To contact Miller, call (864) 992-5233 or email Robert.H.Miller@us.army.mil.
- ❑ Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Matthew B. Thomas must contact 2nd Lt. Ronja Frenzel, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Thomas passed away June 20 in Afghanistan. To contact Frenzel, call (843) 408-9644 or email Ronja.Frenzel@us.army.mil.

Museum attracts 50,000 in first year

By **STEPHANIE SAPP**
Basic Combat Training Museum

The U.S. Army Basic Combat Training Museum, previously known as the Fort Jackson Museum, reopened its doors on July 1, 2011, after an extensive two-year renovation project. Recently, the museum celebrated its first anniversary since the reopening.

In the past year, the Basic Combat Training Museum has seen more than 50,000 visitors come through its doors, including U.S. Sens. Lindsey Graham and Jim DeMint, U.S. Rep. Buck McKeon from California, and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler.

The majority, about 75 percent, of the museum's patrons are friends and families of Basic Combat Training graduates who visit the museum on Family Day. The museum averages more than 860 visitors on Family Day. On other days of the week, the museum welcomes an average of more than 50 visitors a day. They include students, veterans, local citizens and tourists.

With more than 7,000 visitors, August was the busiest month for the Basic Combat Training Museum since its reopening. The busiest single day for the museum was March 14, a Family Day for the 1st

Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, with more than 1,500 visitors.

"Probably the most exciting event at the museum this year was the kick-off celebration of the Month of the Military Child," said Julie Fishel, museum specialist.

On April 9, the museum invited 500 students from Fort Jackson's two elementary schools to learn from active-duty Soldiers about the basics of drill and ceremony and the history of the Army's training program.

"Everyone had a really great time, and the museum was able to honor all the kids here at Fort Jackson for their sacrifices," Fishel said.

In addition to the regular exhibits located at the museum, the Basic Combat Training Museum has also focused on reviving their heritage month displays used by various groups around base. New displays currently available upon request concentrate on the history of women in the Army, the history of Asian/Pacific-Americans in the Army, the Month of the Military Child and the Army Birthday.

"We want to reach out to the Fort Jackson community and to the Columbia area," said Henry Howe, museum director. "In addition to the heritage month

displays that we will continue to improve in the upcoming year, we are working to set up travelling exhibits in locations all around Columbia that reveal the role of Fort Jackson in the Army for the past century."

These new exhibits will complement the temporary exhibit already in place at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport that addresses the training of Soldiers during World War I and Camp Jackson's role in that effort.

The Basic Combat Training Museum is an official Army museum. The museum's 7,500-plus square feet of exhibit space are dedicated to telling the story of how training in the Army has developed since 1917 when Fort Jackson, then known as Camp Jackson, first opened. Through the museum's galleries visitors follow the schedule of Basic Combat Training, learning along the way how the separate elements of training have evolved since World War I.

The museum is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Family Days, the museum hours are extended from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to accommodate the friends and family members of Basic Combat Training graduates at Fort Jackson. For more information, call 751-7419.



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Glover heads NCO Academy

Command Sgt. Maj. Carrie Glover accepts the colors of the NCO Academy from Soldier Support Institute Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Brown. Glover became the commandant in a ceremony Friday at the academy. In her previous assignment, she served as the command sergeant major of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany.

Lebanese NCOs visit Fort Jackson

By SGT. 1ST CLASS TONY J. SPAIN
Third Army/ARCENT

Command Sgt. Maj. Stephan Frennier, Third Army/ARCENT senior enlisted leader, and members of Third Army/ARCENT's International Military Affairs team hosted a noncommissioned officer information exchange with infantry and armor NCOs from the Lebanese army at Fort Jackson and Fort Benning, Ga., last week.

Lebanese army NCOs toured Basic Combat Training facilities, the Recruiting and Retention School, the Drill Sergeant School and a Military Entrance Processing Station at Fort Jackson. They also visited the Maneuver Center of Excellence that includes the U.S. Army Infantry, Armor, Airborne and Ranger schools at Fort Benning.

"We wanted to show them how our noncommissioned officers are professionals and how they really influence the life cycle of a Soldier," Frennier said. "We showed them that it's possible for sergeants to train sergeants, and for sergeants to train Soldiers from the recruiting aspect of finding qualified young men and women willing to serve and then turning them into Soldiers at basic training, to training career counselors for retention and the continued training of the force by maneuvering in a combat environment."

The Lebanese NCOs were impressed with the detail that goes into the life cycle of a Soldier and NCO in the U.S. Army.

"I was amazed. I never thought the U.S. was so professional in the recruiting process. I was also impressed with the drill sergeant concept of sergeant training sergeant at the drill sergeant academy," said Sgt. Maj. Dany Mansour, Lebanese army. "This will improve the quality of people we bring into the army by applying some of the things we saw here. We will definitely tell our superiors about what we saw here."

Helping the Lebanese army build a strong NCO corps is one of the main goals of the information exchange, but it takes time, Frennier said.

"No matter where you go, other countries want our noncommissioned officers corps, but to want is easy, to get is much harder because it takes years of development and everybody has to be on board to allow those noncommissioned officers to grow professionally and be responsible for leading," Frennier said.

"They still have a lot of officers who have the function of training. We show them that it can be possible for a professional noncommissioned officer corps to take the responsibility to train," he said. "We want to export professionalism one unit at a time, one NCO at a time, one leader at a time."

However, it was not just the Lebanese NCOs learning things. Frennier said he's learned a few things about their army and the way they do things as well.

"It was a great event for both of us, because they



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS TONY J. SPAIN, Third Army/ARCENT

Lebanese army noncommissioned officers tour the Basic Combat Training facilities at Fort Jackson during an NCO information exchange hosted by Third Army/ARCENT July 16 to Friday. The information exchange also included briefings and tours of the Drill Sergeant School, Recruiting and Retention School and a Military Inprocessing Station before moving on to Fort Benning, Ga.

learned how we do things, but also we learned how they do things," Frennier said. "They have a very robust NCO school. It takes them three years, which really surprised me that an individual serving in the Lebanese army has to go to school for three years to be an NCO," said Frennier.

The first year of school for aspiring NCOs in the Lebanese army is common training, the second year is more detail oriented and the third year is focused on the soldier's specialty like armor, infantry, administration or communication with numerous exams and tests.

"That is the first time I have ever heard of a three-year training program for NCOs," Frennier said.

Frennier also learned that Lebanese soldiers have contracts with their army similar to the U.S. Army.

"They have an all-volunteer force just like we do. Their

initial enlistment is for five years, and then they have to renegotiate their contracts just like we do," he said. "That's why I think it was important that we showed them how we do things with career counselors. They were very interested in that."

The Lebanese NCOs said they learned a lot from the exchange and felt it was important, because the new information can help improve their army.

"I have a better look at the way our army needs to be after being here," Mansour said. "We're learning from the best army in the world. It's a worldwide-accepted fact that the U.S. Army is the best army in the world. We take the information you have provided here and tell our superiors. We can also apply some of the information to our own company and soldiers. It will make our army stronger."

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Blood drive

Lt. j.g. Joshua Hickman, a student at Fort Jackson's Navy Chaplaincy School and Center, rests after donating to a Red Cross blood drive July 19 at the school.



Photo by STAFF SGT. KEVIN RICHARDSON,
165th Infantry Brigade

DFAS employees honored

The 165th Infantry Brigade honored employees of the Fort Jackson Defense Financing and Accounting Service for their dedication above and beyond the call of duty. The honorees are Deborah Allen, second from left, Marsha Hucherson, third from left, and Jeanette McGee, right. Also honored was Minnie Green, not pictured. Also pictured is Vernell Williamson, left, the DFAS assistant director.



Photo by CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) RENEE KIEL, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

Army spirit

Soldiers with the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School help place a restored Army Jeep outside the school building.



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

Creating strong families

Chaplain (Col.) Jonathan C. Gibbs, Third Army/ARCENT command chaplain, discusses some of the challenges that military service poses for marriages and relationships during the Family Ministry Forum at Shaw Air Force Base, July 18. The forum is designed to help meet spiritual and other needs of service members and their families by partnering with religious or faith-based organizations in the community.

News and Notes

SCHOOL PHYSICALS AVAILABLE

To book an appointment for a school or sports physical with your primary care manager, call 751-CARE (2273).

AAFES SURVEY COMING UP

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will conduct its annual customer satisfaction index survey Aug. 4-25. Customers can participate at the Fort Jackson Exchange.

120TH TO GET NEW CSM

An Assumption of Responsibility ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m., Aug. 2 at the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception). Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio Adams will assume responsibility.

TOASTMASTERS MEETINGS SET

The new Fort Jackson Sound Off Toastmasters Club will meet 11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Wednesdays at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, email Diana.M.Hardy.mil@mail.mil.



Saturday, July 28 — 4 p.m.
Rock of Ages PG-13

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For more listings, visit www.aafes.com or call 751-7488.

UPCOMING CHANGES OF COMMAND/RESPONSIBILITY

- ☐ **Aug. 21 — 369th Adjutant General Battalion:** Lt. Col. David Jones will assume command from Lt. Col. Edward Allen; 8:30 a.m.; Darby Field.
- ☐ **Aug. 30 — Recruiting and Retention School:** Command Sgt. Maj. Tory Hendrieth will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Punihaole; time and location to be determined.

To announce a battalion level or above Change of Command/Responsibility, call 751-7045 or email fjleader@gmail.com.



Photo by SPC. SEAN MCGUIRE, Army News Service

Gen. Lloyd Austin, while serving as the commanding general for United States Forces-Iraq, in 2011, coined Sgt. Tara De la Fuente of the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. Now serving as vice chief of staff of the Army, Austin will tour the six Army installations this week to assess the health of the force.

Army leaders to conduct 'health of force' post visits

By **LT. COL. SOPHIE GAINEY**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army senior leaders, led by Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Lloyd Austin, will tour several Army installations this week to assess the health of the force.

During the weeklong tour, Austin, along with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler; Surgeon General of the Army, Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho; and Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, IMCOM commander and assistant chief of staff for installation management, will look at programs, services, resources and best practices pertaining to the health of the force.

"The health of the force remains our top priority," Austin said. "We are continuing to make progress in many areas and that is largely a reflection of leader involvement. That said, we recognize that we still have a lot of work to do and we must keep getting better."

The weeklong trip, Austin said, is an effort to see firsthand the impact of Army best practices, and to also see where the Army may need to apply more resources or affect policy changes.

During the trip, the group will take a look at the Integrated Disability Evaluation System process, installation-level programs and services specific to suicide prevention, Wounded Warrior care efforts, sexual as-

sault and harassment programs, and additional health and discipline-related issues.

The tour of Army installations includes Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; and Fort Gordon, Ga.

"We're visiting these six installations because they represent a good mix of reserve component, corps, division and TRADOC units and they are home to large populations of Soldiers," Austin said. "As such, we believe we can have the greatest impact in the shortest amount of time at these locations. Ultimately, the goal is to make our Army better and to ensure we're providing quality care and support to our troops and families."

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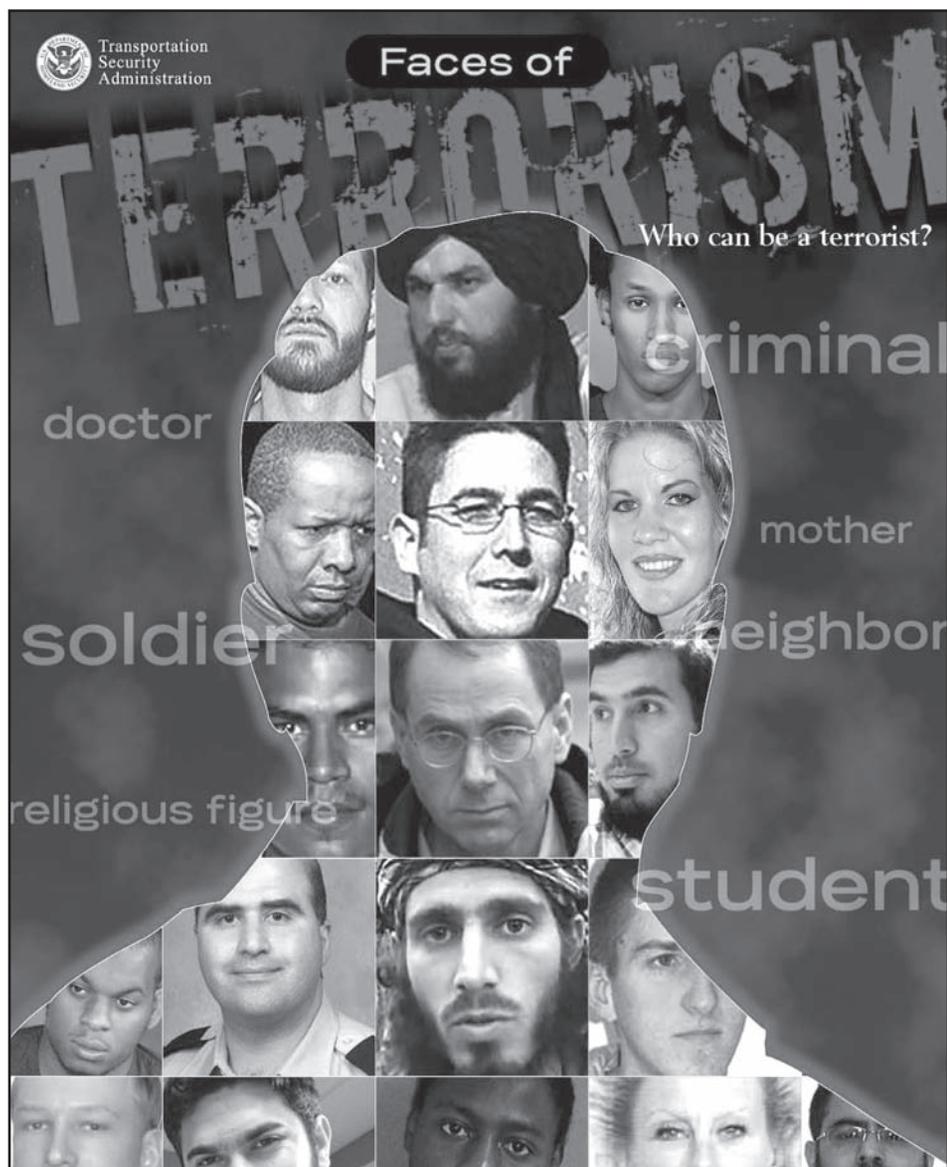
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DoD launches website listing valor awards

By **JIM GARAMONE**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department unveiled a new website Wednesday that honors service members' highest acts of valor.

The site — at <http://valor.defense.gov> — is designed to raise awareness of service members' heroism and to help deter those who falsely claim military honors, officials said.

Recognizing those who have served so honorably remains the crux of the DOD effort, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said. "One of the most important things we can do for all veterans is to honor the service of those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty," he added.

Ultimately, officials said, the intent of the website is to honor Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who received the highest valor awards in operations since Sept. 11, 2001. These are the Medal of Honor, service crosses and the Silver Star. The listing covers only awards since Sept. 11, 2001. The site currently lists only those awarded the Medal of Honor, and will expand to include the other



awards, officials said.

"It is essential that we honor and recognize our service members' achievements, while maintaining the integrity of our award data," said Erin Conaton, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "We are working quickly to compile accurate information on the heroes of the post-9/11 conflicts. At the same time, we will work with the military services to identify and seek to address the challenges associated with compiling data from earlier conflicts."

Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

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ACS Calendar of Events — August

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

- ❑ **Post newcomer orientation/tour** — 9 to 11 a.m.; Post Conference Room

THURSDAY, AUG. 2

- ❑ **In-processing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

FRIDAY, AUG. 3

- ❑ **Teen workshop: customer service skills** — 10 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; call 751-4862 to register.

MONDAY, AUG. 6

- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **EFMP outing: Country Adventure Petting Farm** — 10 a.m.; 15 Country Girl Road, Blythewood; participants must be enrolled in EFMP; to RSVP, call 751-5256
- ❑ **Military spouse resume open lab** — Noon to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862

TUESDAY, AUG. 7

- ❑ **In-processing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **LinkedIn workshop** — 10 a.m. to noon; Education Center, Room B-107; to register, call 751-4862
- ❑ **Parenting class: Systematic training for effective parenting** — 5 to 6:30 p.m.; for more information and to register, call 751-6325

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8

- ❑ **Job searching strategies** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862

THURSDAY, AUG. 9

- ❑ **In-processing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Stress management class** — 11 a.m. to noon; Family Advocacy Classroom 10; for more information, call 751-6325
- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

TUESDAY, AUG. 14

- ❑ **In-processing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **FRG leadership and fundraising training** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Family Readiness Center; to register, call 751-7220
- ❑ **Time Warner job fair** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862
- ❑ **Parenting class: Systematic training for effective parenting** — 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Youth Services Center; for more information and to register, call 751-6325

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15

- ❑ **Financial readiness for first term junior enlisted Soldiers** — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Education Center, Room 206B
- ❑ **Steps to federal employment** — 9 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862

THURSDAY, AUG. 16

- ❑ **In-processing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Finding a job** — 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Education Center, Room B-110; to register, call 751-4862
- ❑ **Financial planning for PCS and relocation readiness** — 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Education Center, Room B208
- ❑ **Anger management class** — 11 a.m. to noon; Family Advocacy Classroom 10; to register, call 751-6325
- ❑ **English as a second language workshop** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Total Army sponsorship training** — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213

MONDAY, AUG. 20

- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

TUESDAY, AUG. 21

- ❑ **In-processing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **EFMP bowling** — 4 p.m.; Century Lanes; must be enrolled in EFMP; call 751-5256 to register
- ❑ **Parenting class: Systematic training for effective parenting** — 5 to 6:30 p.m.; for more information and to register, call 751-6325

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22

- ❑ **Job searching strategies** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862

THURSDAY, AUG. 23

- ❑ **In-processing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Child safety workshop** — noon to 2 p.m.; Main Post Chapel
- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

MONDAY, AUG. 27

- ❑ **English as a second language class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Her War, Her Voice support group** — 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.; Family Readiness Center

TUESDAY, AUG. 28

- ❑ **In-processing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Time Warner job fair** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862
- ❑ **Jackson Jubilee** — 3 to 7 p.m.; Solomon Center; community information and entertainment
- ❑ **Parenting class: Systematic training for effective parenting** — 5 to 6:30 p.m.; for more information and to register, call 751-6325

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

- ❑ **Steps to federal employment** — 9 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

- ❑ **In-processing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ❑ **Finding a job** — 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Education Center, Room B-110; to register, call 751-4862
- ❑ **English as a second language workshop** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

All ACS classes require registration and are subject to change. To register, call 751-5256/4862/6325.

Free child care may be available for events. For more information on child care, call 751-1124.

Calendar

Wednesday

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
Reservations are not required.

Housing events

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

Throughout the summer

Free popsicle Fridays

Children can stop by the Community Center every Friday this summer for a free popsicle while supplies last.

Friday, 2 p.m.

Dehydration prevention

Beat the heat with free slushies at the Community Center.

Tuesday, 3 to 4 p.m.

Root beer floats

Stop by the Community Center for refreshing root beer floats.

Announcements

5K RUN/WALK FOR THE FALLEN

Fort Jackson will host a 5K Run/Walk for Fallen Soldiers 8 a.m., Aug. 18 at the Hilton Field Softball Complex. Registration packets will be available for pickup 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 17, at Room 222 of the Strom Thurmond Building, and 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., Aug. 18 at the Hilton Softball Field Complex.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out, a nationwide law enforcement initiative to promote partnership between police and communities, takes place 5 to 9 p.m., Aug. 9, at Hilton Field. There will be activities for children at the event. Operation Home Front will be offering free school supplies for dependants of E6 and below. Police will offer demonstrations of felony traffic stops and a K-9 Team exercise, and various law enforcement vehicles will be on display.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

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.

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.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The 2012 Fort Jackson cookbooks are now available at the Thrift Shop.

ASAP HOURS

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

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. For more information on AFAP and the kinds of issues addressed through this forum, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.acs.afap.

SCHOLARSHIP 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.

PWOC FALL KICK OFF

Protestant Women of the Chapel 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.

IMMIGRATION 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, today, in Room 222 of the Strom Thurmond Building. A second workshop is scheduled for Dec. 13.

CIF IN-AND-OUT PROCESSING

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.

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.

CIVILIAN CAREER WEBSITE

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

FCC TRAINING OFFERED

Family Child Care Orientation Training is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 20-24, at the Joe E. Mann Center. The FCC program offers an employment opportunity and portable career for military spouses who enjoy working with children.

Military spouses living on Fort Jackson and Department of Social Services registered off-post child care providers can apply to become certified to provide child care to military families in their homes. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 16. For more information, call 751-6234.

CAC REPLACEMENTS

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

HIRED! PARENT ORIENTATION AND INTEREST MEETING

The next HIRED! Parent orientation and interest meeting is scheduled for 6-8 p.m., today, at the Youth Teen Center on Fort Jackson. The fall term dates are Aug. 26 through 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.

AA OPEN MEETINGS

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

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

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

For information about classified advertising, call 432-6157.

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

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.

VA SEMINAR

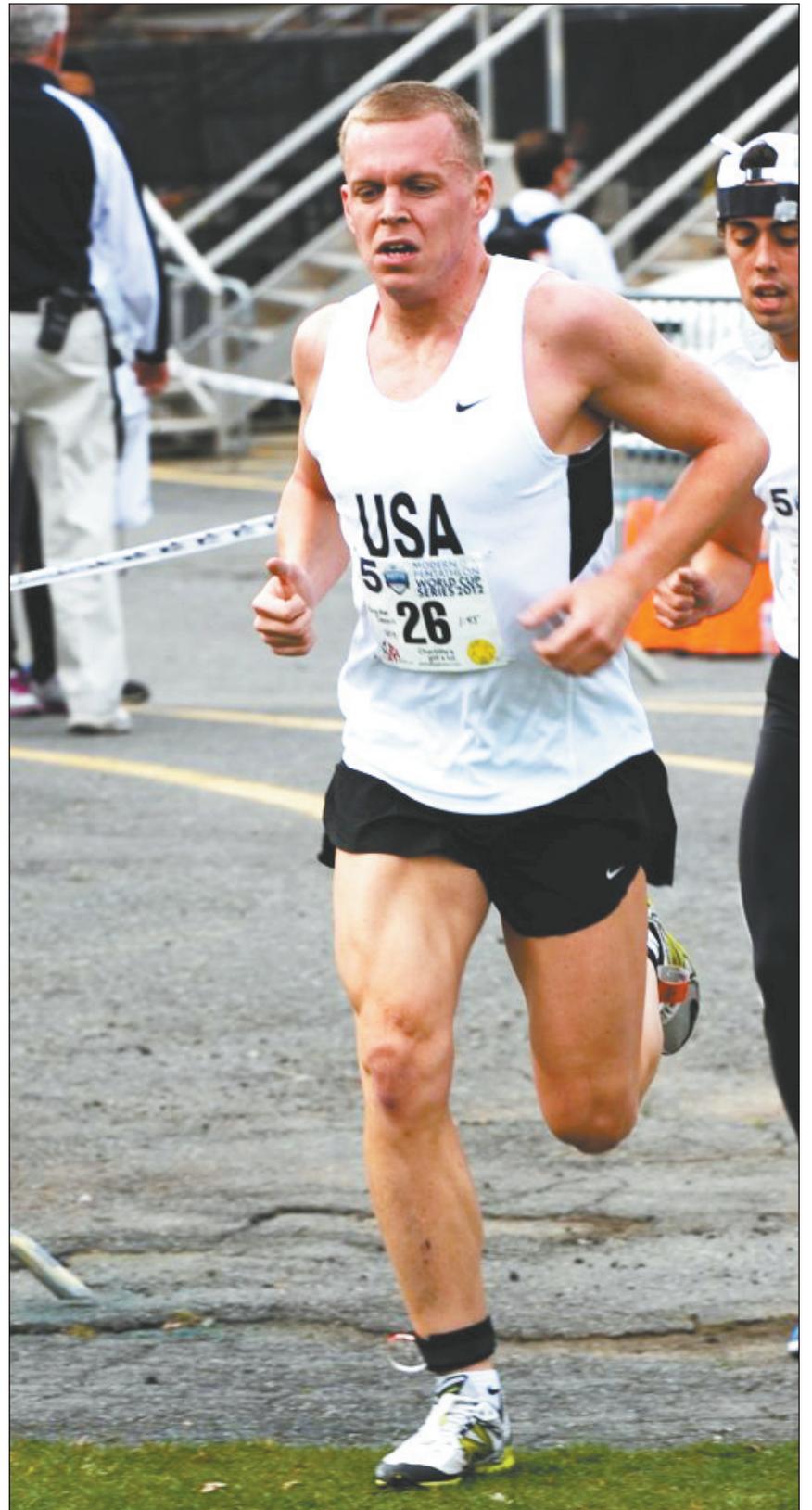
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303 is sponsoring a seminar titled "Winning VA Claims." The seminar will assist eligible military veterans in navigating the Veterans Administration claims process. The seminar takes place 6 p.m., Aug. 8 at American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St. The event is free, but seating is limited to the first 50 registrants. Email plougyh71@bellsouth.net or call 312-4895 to register.

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.

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 C.C. 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.



Army Olympians ready for Games

The Olympic Games are set to get under way in London Friday. Among the athletes competing for the gold are 11 Soldiers with the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program. Above, Greco-Roman wrestler Sgt. 1st Class Dremiel Byers, right, squares off against two-time Olympic medalist Rulon Gardner during Team USA's final day of training camp at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Byers will compete Aug. 6 for Team USA in the men's 12-kilogram/264.5-pound division. Right, Spc. Dennis Bowsher will compete Aug. 11 in the men's modern pentathlon at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

Photos by TIM HIPPS, IMCOM

Sports shorts

FALL SOFTBALL SEASON SET

Letters of intent for fall softball are due to the Sports Office by Aug. 6. The season is scheduled to begin Aug. 13. The league is open to ID card holders. For more information, call 751-3096.

SWIM MEET SCHEDULED

A swim meet for active-duty service members only is set for 8 a.m., Aug. 11 at Knight Pool. Names and events must be submitted to the Sports Office by Aug. 7. For more information, call 751-3096.

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Upload support for Army Olympians

From the U.S. Army

SAN ANTONIO — The White House and the Army want you to show your support to the U.S. Olympic Team by organizing or supporting an Olympic meetup.com event near you, Saturday.

Soldiers and family members: Take a picture of your participation or make a video shoutout to the U.S. Olympic Team, specifically our Army Olympians.

Meet up with family, friends and neighbors for your own afternoon of soccer, baseball, swimming, relay races — whatever gets you moving and having fun. Register your activity and participation on the White House site at <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Move>.

Upload your photos, videos and shout-outs to our Army Olympians on <http://www.facebook.com/usarmy> by Monday and it might be selected to air on AAFES TV. For more information about our Army Olympians, visit <http://www.goarmy.com/events/army-athletes.html>



Demystifying the Army MEB/PEB process

By **CAPT. RICHARD DONALDSON**
Legal Assistance Office

Physical disability and medical conditions that may adversely impact a Soldier's ability to complete his or her duties are an unfortunate and often tragic result of the Army's current operational tempo and mission. Many Soldiers return from deployment because of injury only to find themselves facing separation through the medical evaluation process. This process is often complicated and confusing for not only the Soldiers subject to the evaluation, but their commanders and supervisors, as well as their families. This misunderstanding can then compound an already stressful situation.

THE MEDICAL EVALUATION BOARD

The purpose of the Medical Evaluation Board, or MEB, is to ensure all Soldiers are physically qualified to perform their duties in a reasonable manner, based on the medical retention qualification standards established in AR 40-501. The MEB documents the Soldier's medical condition and makes a determination if any condition does or does not meet the medical standards.

A case is referred to this board by a physician, medical care provider or commander who identifies a particular condition that affects the Soldier's ability to perform his or her duties. Specific conditions that are service disqualifying are outlined in AR 40-501. However, almost any condition that adversely impacts performance of duty can be referred to an MEB. Soldiers with disqualifying conditions are then referred to a Physical Evaluation Board, or PEB, to determine fitness for duty and disability rating.

Additionally, continuing regulatory guidance has directed other conditions not listed in AR 40-501 that can serve to warrant an MEB. These conditions include Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and traumatic brain injury for Soldiers who have deployed to combat zones. Conversely, AR 40-501 refers to several waiver authorities for certain medical conditions. A medical condition that receives a waiver is not normally referred to a PEB and does not normally serve as the basis for separation. Medical waivers are often the first line of defense for Soldiers who wish to remain on active duty despite having a medical condition.

THE PHYSICAL EVALUATION BOARD

A case is referred to a PEB to determine if a Soldier is fit for duty and, if not fit, to determine a disability

rating. Additionally, a PEB may determine if pre-existing conditions have been aggravated by military service. The PEB makes disability ratings in terms of percentage in increments of 10. This determination is based on federal law and the Department of Veterans Affairs Schedule for Rating Disability. Disability benefits start at disability ratings higher than 30 percent.

The PEB determines a Soldier's fitness for duty by reviewing medical evidence and medical records as well as other evidence that show the overall impact of a condition on the Soldier's ability to perform his or her duties. This determination is crucial for Soldiers who wish to remain on active duty.

Although refuting a particular medical condition may prove difficult, the determination of fitness is not solely based on the condition. It is in the areas of overall impact and ability to perform duties that additional evidence may be helpful in changing a determination of fitness in the Soldier's favor.

For example, evidence showing a Soldier, with a disqualifying medical condition, has performed his or her duties, commensurate with his or her rank, grade or office, before and up to the time of referral to a PEB may support a finding of fitness for duty. The Soldier's ability to deploy worldwide is another significant factor in the overall determination. This type of evidence may not be readily available to medical professionals or medical staff and therefore may not appear in an initial medical record.

SOLDIERS' RIGHTS DURING THE PROCESS

Soldiers are entitled to certain rights that help explain the process, submit information or appeal a decision throughout the MEB and PEB. Army regulations require military treatment facilities to appoint physical evaluation board liaison officers, or PEBLOs. PEBLOs should be experienced and qualified officers, noncommissioned

officers or civilians that are thoroughly familiar with the process. PEBLOs are required to meet with all Soldiers going through the MEB or PEB process and explain the Soldier's legal rights, the effects and recommendations of MEB and PEB findings, and estimated disability benefits.

A Soldier also has a right to provide information during the course of the MEB or PEB process. This normally occurs during the PEB as a rebuttal to PEB findings. A Soldier may also elect to rebut or appeal a PEB decision at a formal hearing.

A Soldier is entitled to legal counsel and representation if the Soldier requests a formal hearing. Legal representation can be provided by a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, at no cost to the Soldier, or through privately hired legal counsel.

It is important to note that PEBLOs do not serve as representatives of individual Soldiers whereas an attorney will.

Additionally, Soldiers may seek general legal advice from judge advocates assigned to the Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office to answer questions or provide advice on this process at any time.

Soldiers undergoing MEBs or PEBs or Soldiers who have questions are highly encouraged to contact the MEB outreach counsel for their region as soon as possible. Legal representation can be the key deciding factor in a successful appeal for Soldiers wishing to remain on active duty.

Soldiers at Fort Jackson should contact the MEB Soldiers' counsel on Fort Gordon at (706) 787-8953.

The Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office is located at 2600 Lee Road. Appointments are available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 751-4287 to set up an appointment. Walk-in hours are 9 to 11 a.m., Thursdays for brief attorney consultations. Walk-in counseling is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

