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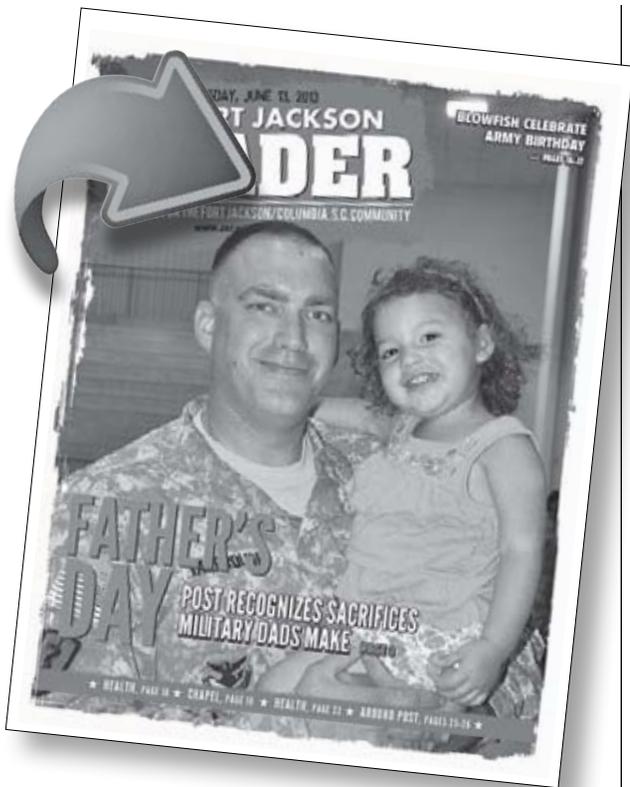
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IN FOCUS

165th welcomes new commander



The 165th Infantry Brigade welcomed its new commander in a ceremony Tuesday at Victory Field. Above, from left, Col. Clayton Sheffield, outgoing commander, Col. Stephen Yackley, deputy commanding officer of Fort Jackson, and Col. Bryan Hernandez, incoming commander, take their places on the parade field. Right, Hernandez accepts the colors of the 165th from Yackley. Hernandez, who previously served as the director of plans, G5, for the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C., takes over for Sheffield, whose next assignment will be senior adviser to the Afghan minister of defense.



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Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Hartzel accepts a gift bag from organizers at the close of the annual Fatherhood Recognition Ceremony at the Solomon Center.

Post pays tribute to military fathers

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson celebrated the contributions of military fathers during its annual Fatherhood Recognition Ceremony at the Solomon Center Tuesday.

Now in its third year, the Fatherhood Appreciation Ceremony has grown from the nine men recognized during the 2010 event. Greg Lewis, Family Advocacy Program specialist, said 34 fathers were recognized last year, with more than 60 noted at this week's event.

"It's likely that everyone here has some memory of their dad," Lewis told Tuesday's gathering, an audience that included many of this year's nominees and their families. "It may be very pronounced; it may be very vivid. It may very well be a distant memory that fades in the blink of an eye."

Col. Stephen Yackley, Fort Jackson deputy commander, told the audience Tuesday that fatherhood is a lifelong commitment that rarely goes as planned.

"Even when your children have grown

up, moved on, or even had children of their own, that title of 'father' is never relinquished," Yackley said. "It is definitely the most challenging task any man can face. There's no operations order, plan or script to follow. You can read all the self-help books, rehearse and visualize what you will do, but life's many challenges will disrupt even the best prepared."

Fatherhood can be stressful, but military careers put additional pressure on families, said Col. Michael Graese, Fort Jackson's garrison commander.

"For the drill sergeant, the deployed commander or the recruiter who's spent countless hours on mission, it can be extremely difficult to stay connected, not to mention performing the normal duties of being a dad," Graese said. "Since there are no clear rules, manuals or specific regulations to guide a dad through the responsibilities and duties of fatherhood, questions such as, 'How do I do this?' and, 'What does being a good provider and role model for my children really mean?' can be hard to answer."

"As a military father, it's even more dif-



Children in the Child, Youth and School Services program sing during the annual Fatherhood Recognition Ceremony.

icult, because we are faced with situations and challenges that most civilian fathers could not imagine," Yackley said. "Our duties take us away at the most inconvenient times, and we miss important events in our children's lives. That is why it is important to be there when we can."

The event's youngest guest speaker was

Michael Gibson, 15, a student at Spring Valley High School. Gibson represented Fort Jackson Child, Youth and School Services in Tuesday's presentations.

"My father gave me the greatest gift he could give to any other person," he told the crowd. "He believed in me."

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Courtesy photo

Physical fitness is heavily stressed for Soldiers taking part in the Airborne Orientation Course, an early training program for parachute riggers.

Learning the ropes

Parachute riggers begin their careers with Airborne Orientation Course

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

It's not much to look at. An oblong box of unpainted, unfinished wood, the small structure gives the future airborne Soldiers their first taste of jumping from a moving aircraft. Built to resemble the belly of a C-130 Hercules aircraft, parachuted Soldiers in the Airborne Orientation Course program connect to a static line and proceed, one by one, to leap through the door of the "aircraft."

Even though the door is only two inches off the ground, it has the desired effect on Soldiers, said Capt. Ori Avila, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception).

"You can see the change in their faces," he said, "because it's become very

real for them."

Established at Fort Jackson in 2006, the Airborne Orientation Course prepares Basic Combat Training graduates to become parachute riggers. AOC is the first stop after basic training for Soldiers assigned the parachute rigger Military Occupation Specialty.

"They will graduate on Thursday and will be here the following day to in-process," he said. "We have three weeks to work with Soldiers prior to them getting sent to Airborne School. The classroom portion of this training includes classes on nutrition; it includes classes on proper running techniques, and very specific items to airborne operations."

It also includes courses designed to give Soldiers a connection to the history and heritage of Army paratroopers.

"Because (the new Soldiers) are such a susceptible population, because they're

"I'd argue that no Soldiers on this installation at that level receive the type of interaction and one-on-one mentoring that they do with the cadre here.

— **Capt. Ori Avila**

Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception)

still so new, the onus is on us to continue to develop them," he said. "I'd argue that no Soldiers on this installation at that level receive the type of interaction and one-on-one mentoring that they do with the cadre here."

It's a process that Avila said requires

very specific physical and mental disciplines. The physical fitness element includes twice daily workouts, proper nutrition and performance-enhancing strategies.

"Between the cadre and myself, the majority of us are jump master qualified," he said. "The years of experience and the number of jumps we've got between us can help assuage some of their fears about exiting a perfectly good aircraft."

While they won't be able to participate, AOC Soldiers are expected to witness a live jump.

"We want them to see what it's actually like, and to see the cadre go through it," Avila said. "Their next stop is the Army Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga. From there, they'll go to Fort Lee, Va., for Advanced Individual Training."

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Supervision required for children on post

From the Fort Jackson Housing Division

Schools are out for the summer, and families living on post should know the rules regarding the supervision of children.

The following information is an excerpt of the Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum 5-3-Supervision of Children, dated Oct. 1, 2012. For a complete copy of the policy, call the Housing Office at 751-9339.

Safeguarding children is a parental responsibility. In order to promote their health and welfare, this policy memorandum applies to the care and supervision of all children residing on or physically present on Fort Jackson.

The minimum community standards are provided. During the summer months, children are considered to be in the grade they have just completed and are not in the next grade until they actually start that grade. The limits listed are a minimum basic standard and not a parent's sole determining factor regarding the child's ability to remain alone safely. The regulation should not be used in lieu of parental common sense and good judgment in providing for the safety of a child.

Children identified as having special needs in accordance with AR 608-75, Exceptional Family Member Program, must have their disability considered a primary factor if being left alone. Grade should be a secondary factor in those circumstances.

Parents should know the following special provisions:

❑ A motor vehicle is always considered an unsafe environment and children/youth should not be left in vehicles unattended.

❑ Playgrounds, parks, basketball courts and similar locations are normally considered a safe environment for children to play, but are not safe if the children are unattended.

❑ A swimming area is always considered a high-risk environment regardless of the size of the pool. Swimming areas present extreme hazards to children.

❑ Any person having knowledge of children left unattended on Fort Jackson outside these guidelines must immediately notify the military police.

Violations of this policy may result in child neglect reports to the Military Police at 751-3113. The MPs will take action contingent upon the degree of danger to the child.

Violators of this policy may be subject to a letter of warn-

ing, termination of on-post housing/quarters privileges, loss of access to post and some on-post privileges, and/or an official report of the incident to appropriate child welfare agencies. This could lead to action by law enforcement authorities.

The Army and the local civilian community offer a wide range of child care services and youth activities to help parents provide safe, enriching environments when parents are unavailable. For more information about those services, call 751-4865.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

❑ Parents are responsible for the welfare and safety of children in the military community.

❑ Each child is unique. Personality, environment, development progress and maturity level are factors used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision.

❑ The following are minimum community standards, and under no circumstances will these guidelines be reduced. Parents are still required to assess their children and, if necessary, raise the age limits.

Child	Left home alone	Left home overnight	Play outside unattended	Left in car unattended	Child sit for siblings	Child sit for other children
Newborn through Kindergarten	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Grades one through five	NO	NO	YES: Under a watchful eye of a responsible caregiver and if sponsor knows location of child	NO	NO	NO
Junior High/Middle School grades six through eight	YES: With access to adult supervision — limit four hours	NO	YES: With access to adult supervision	YES: With keys removed and hand-brake applied	YES: Limit four hours	YES: During daylight and evening hours; but not overnight
High School — grades nine and 10	YES	NO	YES: With access to adult supervision and if sponsor knows location of child	YES	YES	YES: During daylight and evening hours; but not overnight
High School — grades 11 and 12	YES	YES: With sponsor in local area and access to adult supervision	YES: With access to adult supervision and if sponsor knows location of child	YES	YES: During daylight and evening hours; but not overnight	YES: During daylight and evening hours; but not overnight



Photos by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Hooked on fishing

More than 650 people participated in Saturday's fishing derby at Semmes Lake. Above, an angler tries his luck from a kayak. Below, Spc. Jonathan Whitmire, 282nd Army Band finds a quiet place on the shore to reel in some of the catfish and bass from the lake. Bottom left, the shore line of Semmes Lake is lined with tackle boxes and other fishing equipment. Left, Sgt. 1st Class Francisco Latimer, Drill Sergeant School, prepares his fishing line while his daughter, Trinty, 6, looks on.



New AG Soldiers

Soldiers who recently graduated Advanced Individual Training as human resource specialists are inducted into the Adjutant General's Corps during a ceremony at the 369th Adjutant General Battalion. The new Soldiers were welcomed into the corps by Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Jackson, the Adjutant General sergeant major, and by Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson, the Adjutant General's Corps regimental command sergeant major. 'I am honored to wear the AG regimental (insignia) on my uniform,' said Pfc. Sarah Dutton. 'It means I am part of an organization that not only takes care of our Army and our Soldiers, but also our communities back home.'

Courtesy photo



News and Notes

ARMY BIRTHDAY BALL AT NCO CLUB

Fort Jackson will celebrate the Army's 238th birthday with a ball Saturday at the NCO Club. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m., with the receiving line scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Vincent Brooks, commanding general of Third Army/ARCENT. Tickets cost \$30.

COMMISSARY CLOSING IN THURSDAYS

As a result of upcoming furloughs, the Fort Jackson Commissary is scheduled to be closed Tuesdays in addition to its regular Monday closure, starting July 8 until the end of the furlough period.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Scott Sonsalla took command of the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment Monday. He replaces Lt. Col. Kevin Brill.



SONSALLA

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EAP offers assistance to employees, families

From the Army Substance Abuse Program

What is the Fort Jackson Employee Assistance Program?

The EAP is a worksite-based program designed to help with personal problems that impair work performance. The EAP is an integral part of the Army Substance Abuse Program, or ASAP. EAP offers assessment, short-term counseling and referral services.

Sometimes people experience personal challenges during which the intensity of their emotions may be too hard to handle on their own. Seeking services from the EAP is a healthy sign.

Who is authorized to receive EAP services?

EAP serves family members of active duty military personnel; retirees and their family members; and Department of the Army civilians and their family members. The service is confidential and free. If you're a civilian employee, your supervisor may recommend you meet with the EAP coordinator if your personal problems are affecting your work performance.

What should I expect when I make an appointment with EAP?

You will report to 9810 Lee Road and meet with Sandra Barnes, Fort Jackson's EAP coordinator. Typically, during your first appointment, Barnes will ask you about the situation that brought you there, and how you are coping at work, at home and with others. When she has a good understanding of your concerns, she will provide you with feedback, information and

recommendations. Barnes will work with you to develop a plan for resolving your issues and concerns.

What assessments do the EAP offer?

The EAP offers assessment and referrals for, but not limited to: drug and alcohol abuse, family and marital issues, health and wellness and high stress levels.

How long will I be involved with EAP?

Clients are only involved as long as needed. Services include follow up, case closure and evaluation of the services. If you're a supervisory referral and accept EAP assistance, you'll be involved with the EAP until the problem is resolved.

What is a supervisory referral?

Sometimes supervisors recommend employees speak with the EAP coordinator because they're having problems at their workplace. At the first meeting, information will be gathered to gain an understanding of the problems leading to the supervisory referral.

Employees will be asked to sign a release of information that allows the EAP coordinator to speak with the supervisor to ensure the employee has followed through with the referral. No further information will be shared by the EAP coordinator about the employee unless consent by the employee is given.

Editor's Note: The hours of operation for the EAP are Monday through Friday; from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 751-4785/5007 to find out more about EAP or to set up an appointment.

Transform your mindset about money

Financial counselors assist clients by helping them realize their personal financial goals. The process of realization can, in some cases, be a confirmation of thoughts and behavior patterns that the person might have chosen to ignore.

Many Soldiers and military families find themselves burdened with debt and continue to struggle making ends meet because they either lack financial knowledge or make bad choices based on information at the time and circumstances. Below are some ways to transform your mindset to assist you in making better financial decisions.

Look at the “why” when determining financial goals. The process of achieving financial goals includes putting focus on a specific goal, putting measures in place to help accomplish the goal, making sure that the goal is achievable or attainable, making sure that the goal is realistic, and identifying a timeline for the goal. These factors are important. However, you should ask yourself why this goal is important and what the consequence is of not achieving it. Knowing the “why” will help an individual or couple “remain focused” on the financial goal.

Identify your relationship with money. A person’s relationship with money could be a result of past history. Think about how money was handled in your house-

FINANCIAL ADVICE

By *CHRISTINE JULIUS*
Army Community Services
Financial Readiness

hold when you were growing up. The relationship with money can be a learned behavior. For example, if money was not readily available when growing up, you might find yourself saving every penny because the feeling of being without money could impose negative memories. As a result, a negative attitude toward money could lead to marital disagreements, poor performance at work or the inability to communicate with your spouse.

Write down your personal vision. Your vision can come to fruition if you write down a plan and take the necessary actions. Preparing a budget is the first step and provides the foundation for your vision. Think about the vision of yourself for your financial future. Is your vision to be debt free or simply to pay off a credit card, car or student loan?

Protect your personal identity. Your efforts to transform include steps to protect your identity. Beware of family members and others who may have access to



personal identifiable information that could be used to steal your identity. Pulling your credit report from www.annualcreditreport.com can help.

If you need assistance getting started with changing your mindset, call Army Community Services at 751-5256 and ask to speak with a financial counselor.

AER campaign closes with near-record results

From Army Community Services

The Army Emergency Relief campaign came to a close. This year, the Fort Jackson community raised more than \$279,700, which is the second highest grossing campaign in the last 10 years.

“We received great support from the different commands on the installation and it really showed in the amount of contributions received,” said Angela Crosland, AER program specialist. “Even in times of budget cuts, fiscal restraints and staffing shortages, the Soldiers of Fort Jackson showed their support of AER by making monetary donations to the program.”

The campaign staff and unit representatives contacted more than 15,000 Soldiers (cadre and trainees) to make sure that they know how and where to obtain help if they need it. Headquarters, AER reaches out to retirees by direct mailings, which are then sent back to Fort Jackson for processing. This year, retirees contributed more than \$56,000.

AER supports Soldiers who are in need by providing assistance in the form of a no-in-



terest loan or a grant. In 2012, the Fort Jackson AER office provided more than \$770,000 in emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their families.

As the Army changes, AER also makes adjustments to align with what matters to Soldiers and their families. Over the last two years, AER has made several changes to policies and procedures in order to meet the needs of Soldiers.

For details about AER programs and services visit www.aerhq.org or call 751-5256.

LEADER DEADLINES

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication. For example, an article for the June 27 Leader must be submitted by today. Announcement submissions are due one week before publication. For example, an announcement for the June 27 Leader must be submitted by June 20.

Send your submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com.
For more information, call 751-7045.



Seat belts can save lives

By **LT. COL. JAMES DONOVAN**
U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

June is not just National Safety Month — it is also the beginning of summer and the season of road trips and vacations.

Unfortunately, the Army loses nearly two squads of Soldiers a year in accidents in which seat belts were not used. The numbers are going down from the spike seen in 2010, when 29 unbelted Soldiers died, to 13 at the close of fiscal year 2012.

Accident reviews show that had seat belts been worn, nearly 50 percent of these Soldiers would still be in the ranks because the survivable space inside their vehicles was not compromised.

Here is a mental graphic to help illustrate why seat belts are so important. Imagine running as fast as you can into a wall. Do you think you could stop yourself if the wall suddenly appeared two feet in front of you?

This is what happens when the front of your car hits something at only 15 miles per hour. The vehicle stops in the first tenth of a second, but you keep moving at the same rate until something stops you, whether it is the steering wheel, dashboard or windshield. At 30 mph you hit the wall four times as hard as you would at 15 mph, roughly the same impact you would feel if you fell three

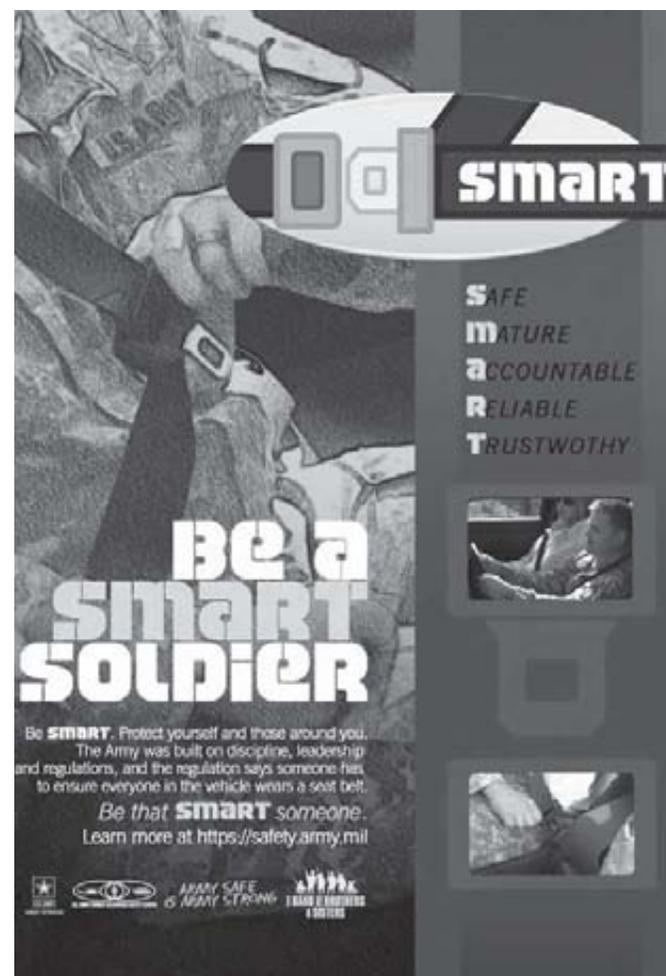
stories.

If your vehicle crashed into a telephone pole at 50 mph, the force of the pole would bring the car to an abrupt stop. But your speed would remain the same, and without a seat belt, you would either slam into the steering wheel or fly through the windshield at the vehicle's original speed. Just as the pole stopped the car, the dashboard, windshield or road would slow you down by exerting a tremendous amount of force on your vulnerable body.

A seat belt, when worn properly, keeps the human collision from happening. The idea behind seat belts is simple: They keep you from flying through the windshield or hurtling toward the dashboard when your car comes to an abrupt stop. You keep going in a crash because of inertia, but seat belts spread the stopping force across sturdier parts of your body to minimize damage.

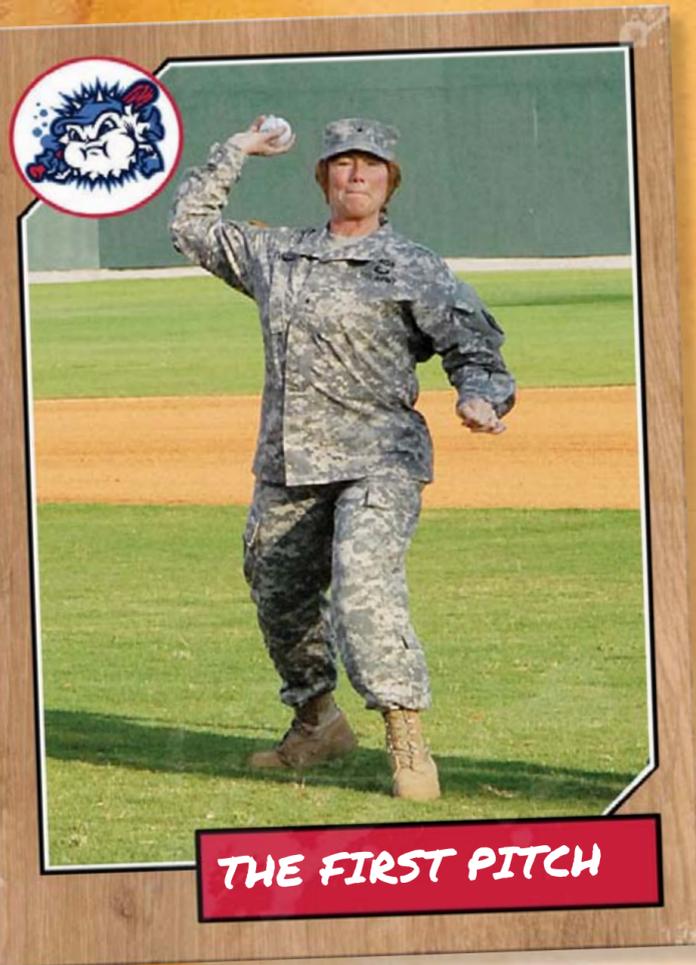
Per Army Regulation 385-10, vehicle operators are responsible for informing passengers of restraint system requirements and the senior occupant is responsible for ensuring enforcement — even off duty in private motor vehicles. In situations where the senior occupant cannot be determined, the driver is responsible for ensuring enforcement.

Visit <https://safety.army.mil/povmotorcyclesafety> for relevant guidance, checklists, training information and links to successful driving safety programs programs.



PLAY BALL

COLUMBIA BLOWFISH CELEBRATE ARMY BIRTHDAY



THE FIRST PITCH

Brig. Gen. Peggy Combs, Fort Jackson's commanding general, throws out the ceremonial first pitch before Saturday's Columbia Blowfish game against the High Point Thomasville HiToms.



AT THE BALLGAME



282ND ARMY BAND

Top, Soldiers sing 'Take me out to the Ballgame' during the seventh-inning stretch. Above, Soldiers with the 282nd Army Band entertains the crowd before the game.



SWEARING IN



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Col. Stephen Yackley, left, Fort Jackson's deputy commanding officer; and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson, right, help Pvt. Joseph Huziak, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, with the cutting of the Army birthday cake during the seventh-inning stretch.

Photos by MIKE GLASCH, Public Affairs Office

Brig. Gen. Peggy Combs, Fort Jackson's commanding general, leads Army recruits in the oath of enlistment during the game.

Take me out to the ballgame

Leader Staff Report

Roughly 1,500 Soldiers in Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson received a special treat Saturday. Instead of spending the evening in their barracks, the Soldiers attended the Columbia Blowfish game against the High Point Thomasville HiToms.

The event marked the Blowfish annual military appreciation night, which included the cutting of the Army birthday cake and a fireworks show after the game.

Before the game, musician Eric Horner entertained the crowd with patriotic music.

The Soldiers were treated to complimentary tickets, hot dogs and soda.

The Blowfish beat the HiToms, 8-1.

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Calendar

Wednesday

American Red Cross blood drive
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, main entrance
For more information, call 360-2036.

Saturday, June 22

Bodybuilding contest
6 p.m., Solomon Center
For more information, call 751-5768.

Tuesday, July 9

Teen job readiness workshop: career exploration
10 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
To register, call 751-4862.

Wednesday, July 10

Palmetto Market & Music
4 to 9 p.m., Patriots' Park
Farmers, vendors, cooks and crafters will be selling products from 4 to 7 p.m.; live music with the Black Bottom Biscuits from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16

Teen job readiness workshop: Employment 101
10 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
To register, call 751-4862.

Announcements

RECLAMATION SALE

A cash-only military clothing reclamation sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 1 and 2 at 2570 Warehouse Row. The sale is open to all active and retired service members. For more information, call 751-7213 or email thomas.w.jones3.civ@mail.mil.

FREIGHT OFFICE CLOSURE

The Freight Office will be closed through June 21. For immediate help, call Tana Lanese at 751-4718. For more information, call 751-7198.

RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The next Third Army/ARCENT retire-

ment ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday at Patton Hall.

CYCLING EVENT

A cycling event is scheduled for 8 a.m., Sunday at Hilton Field Softball Complex. For more information, call 751-4796.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Columbia Recruiting Battalion will conduct a Change of Command ceremony at 10 a.m., Wednesday at the Officers' Club. Lt. Col. Christopher Forsythe will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Michael Standish. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the Joe E. Mann Center.

CIF CLOSURE

The Central Issue Facility will be closed through Friday for its required semi-annual inventory. CIF will resume normal business hours Monday. For more information, call 751-7213/6885.

CHANGES IN RECORDS SECTION

The Directorate of Human Resources, Military Personnel Division, Personnel Services/Processing Work Center (PSP-WC), Records Section (located in the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 200) is transitioning to an appointment-only basis for certain services. Effective June 1, the Records Section has been operating on an appointment-only basis Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. for the services identified below. Walk-in hours are from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Appointments are needed for the following services: Enlisted Record Brief/Officer Record Brief (ERB/ORB) Update; DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data; Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Election Certificate; Final Out-Processing

For more information, call Janice Spain at phone number 751-2753 or email janice.j.spain.civ@mail.mil.

JULY 4 COMMISSARY HOURS

The Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 4.

AA MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place at 9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays at 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-6597.

FCC PROVIDERS NEEDED

The Family Child Care office is accepting applications for FCC providers. The program is recruiting the best-qualified applicants, especially those willing to provide full-time care for children younger than 2.

Military spouses living on Fort Jackson and off-post providers registered with the Department of Social Services may apply. For more information, call 751-6234.

SPORTS BRIEFS

■ Army Birthday 5K fun run/walk; 8 a.m., Saturday at the Trolley on Semmes Road. Sign up now or on race day from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

■ Letters of intent for intramural and recreational golf are due Tuesday. League play will start June 25.

■ Brigade sports championships for soccer, basketball and volleyball are scheduled for through June 20.

■ The Army 10-miler qualifier is scheduled for 5 a.m., July 13.

For more information, call 751-3096.

AAFES REWARDS GOOD GRADES

Students who have a B average or better on their report cards can participate in the Exchange's "You Made the Grade" program to receive free and discounted products. Students should present their report card and military ID at the Exchange to participate.

TARP BRIEFINGS

Annual Threat Awareness and Reporting Program briefings will be offered the third Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Post Theater. For more information, call 751-7852/3366/3802.

ACT TESTING

The Fort Jackson Education Center will administer ACT testing Friday. Testing is available to eligible service members only. For more information and to register, call 751-5341.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

■ The Thrift Shop will be closed July 1-15 for summer vacation. The store will reopen

July 16.

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

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.

For more information, call 751-7045.

Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations.

Housing happenings

HOME BUYING SEMINAR

The Housing Services office will offer three home buying seminars scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 25-27 at the Education Center, Room B205. Topics include money management, understanding credit, selecting a real estate agent, and obtaining a mortgage. Registration is required by June 21. For more information and to register, call 751-9339/5788/7566/9323.

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS

HopeNow and the Making Home Affordable program are offering free help to homeowners who are struggling with mortgage payments in an event from 1 to 8 p.m., June 28 at the Columbia Convention Center. Making Home Affordable is a free federal government program. For more information, visit www.makinghomeaffordable.gov.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

The housing RV storage lot is for authorized users who have registered their RV with the Housing Office at 4514 Stuart Ave. If you reside in on-post housing and have an RV that cannot be stored at your home, you must register the RV and receive authorization before using the facility.

SWIMMING POOLS

Small wading pools up to 6 feet in diameter and 1 foot in depth are permitted in backyards only. When wading pools are not in use, they must be emptied and properly stored. For more information, call 738-8275.

Celebrate Flag Day to honor God, country

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.)**

STEVE CANTRELL

U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

To appreciate Flag Day, I don't have to look back in history to Betsy Ross and the wonderful story of the first flag. I don't even have to go back to my 1960s boyhood in Mrs. Perry's class, where we learned to recite Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Mrs. Perry also taught us the "Our Father" and the Pledge of Allegiance. I learned the commands from my first grade teacher: "Attention, salute, pledge."

That was then. This is now. Flag Day is a current event.

My wife, Katherine, recently replaced the weathered flag displayed above our front porch steps.

We also needed to install a new flagpole bracket on the porch post because the plastic one had cracked and broken. Living in the South Carolina windy Sandhills, we have to take our flag indoors, especially when storms are brewing. She keeps watch to replace our worn out flags. She was raised with waving flags by her re-

tired military father and mother, a retired schoolteacher.

Thus, my wife's devotion to the flag started at home with her family. My devotion began in school. This year, it is my honor and pleasure to remind you to celebrate Flag Day according to the dictates of your conscience and your traditions. As suggestions, don't ignore the obvious ways to observe Flag Day. Do you display the U.S. flag? If you do display the flag at your home, what condition is it in? Is it time to replace your flag with a new one? For Father's Day on Sunday, why not give our fathers, or our fatherly role models, new flags this year?

What is Flag Day about? I think it is a reminder for us to respect our nation's symbol, 50 white stars, 13 stripes — 7 red, 6 white. This Flag Day, I want to count every flag I see throughout the day and say prayers. I want to thank the Lord for freedom, law and order, and the U.S. Constitution. I want to remember to pray for my nation, her leaders, our wounded and disabled veterans, our fallen service members and their loved ones. I ask us not to forget Flag Day this Friday.



U.S. Army photo by MARNY MALIN

A girl waves an American flag during a Flag Day parade at Fort Belvoir, Va.



PROTESTANT

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

Protestant Bible Study

- Monday
 - 7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Tuesday
 - 9 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
- Saturday
 - 8 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast (PMOC), Main Post Chapel (every second Saturday of the month in the activity room)

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

- Saturday
 - 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each month)
- 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
 - 8 a.m. IET Mass, Solomon Center
 - 9:30 a.m. CCD (September through May), Education Center
 - 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for adults (September through May), Main Post Chapel
 - 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for children (September through May), Main Post Chapel
 - 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
 - 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
 - 12:30 p.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post

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

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

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

JEWISH

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

- Wednesday
 - 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., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542
- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-1297/4478
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- 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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MACH wins environmental award

By **ANDRE BUTLER**

Moncrief Army Community Hospital

The Moncrief Army Community Hospital Green Team recently won the Practice GreenHealth Partner for Change Award for improving the hospital's environmental processes.

"Our team won the award for making our facility more environmentally friendly," said Gilbert Crowell, chief of Environmental Services Branch at MACH. "We have also created a very safe and healthy environment for our patients to visit and our hospital staff to work."

MACH Green Team is made up of employees from different directorates and departments to give a voice to the population as a whole.

"This affords us the opportunity to have different opinions and ideas about the avenues we need to take to make our program successful," Crowell said.

One of the team's projects was adding easy-to-access recycle bins throughout the hospital.

"We have placed recycle containers in most areas of the facility," Crowell said. "It has been about 14 months since the idea came about, but we could immediately see the difference in the amount of cans, bottles and other recyclables we were turning in to the installation.

"This one effort has helped us tremendously with our environmental practices," he said.

Crowell explained that this initiative is not the only practice the hospital team has implemented.

"Anything we can think of to do to practice green health we are trying," Crowell said. "Our energy-saving techniques have made an impact as well."

As part of the program, MACH has recycled 96 tons of material while disposing of 184 tons of solid waste, Crowell said.

What makes the award so significant is that all local hospitals also compete.

"We aren't the only facility competing for environmental or Practice GreenHealth awards," he said. "Civilian hospitals and institutions are trying to make their facilities as environmentally friendly or compatible as possible, too.

"This is a major accomplishment for our team. And the key word is, 'team,' because no one person achieved this as an individual," Crowell said. "It was the coming together of everyone involved that makes this accomplishment even more worthwhile."

Although winning this year's award is an honor, leaders at MACH make it clear that this is not the end of the hospital's environmental efforts.



Photo by ANDRE BUTLER, Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Gilbert Crowell, chief of Environmental Services Branch at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, calls attention to some of the recyclable material collected at MACH.

"It is an honor to be recognized for the hard work and focus on resource stewardship that this award represents," said Lt. Col. John Staley, the chief of the Logistics Division at MACH. "Although we are doing well in the area of sustainable health care, we will continue to focus efforts on achieving financial savings and finding additional ways

to reduce the waste stream generated by the facility."

According to the Practice GreenHealth's mission statement, it is the nation's leading health care community that empowers its members to increase their efficiencies and environmental stewardship while improving patient safety and care through tools, best practices and knowledge.



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Pvt. Marcel Woods

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Pfc. Nikita Willeford

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SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

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Pvt. Cody Moen

HIGH BRM

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Weekly honors



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Soldier of the week
Third Army/ARCENT



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Company A
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Recurring meetings

WEEKLY

Fort Jackson Boy Scouts

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., 11559 Jenkins Road (next to Victory Tower), 917-1869.

Walking away stress

Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m., at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street, 751-6325.

Range control briefing

Mondays and Fridays, 1 p.m., Education Center, Room 302, 751-7171.

Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Owens Field, main conference room. E-mail Tom.Alsup@gmail.com or visit www.scwg.cap.gov.

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength

Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. Open to combat veterans and their family members.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

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

Play group

Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Room 8, 5615 Hood St., for children 3 and younger, 751-9035/6325.

Toastmasters International

Wednesdays, 11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Main Post Chapel, 629-7696 or (910) 224-8307

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting

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

American Red Cross volunteer orientation

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

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association study hall

Thursdays, noon, NCO Academy conference room, www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.

MONTHLY

Fort Jackson Bass Club

First Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center. Open to active duty, retirees, DoD civilians, reservists, veterans and family members. Visit www.jacksonanglers.com.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter and Auxiliary, Woodrow Wilson Chapter #4

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

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

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

ground level, Meeting Room 2.

Seabees

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641

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

American Legion Post 182

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

Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Magruder's Pub and Club, 751-3014.

Fort Jackson Homeschoolers

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call 419-0760 or email johnlazzi@yahoo.com.

National Federation of Federal Employees

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

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group (ALR Chapter 195)

Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 195, 534 Wildwood Lane, Lugoff, 699-2598 or alrpost195@gmail.com.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202

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

The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Post Conference Room.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262

Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614 or 447-2320.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303

Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 312-4895.

Purple Heart #402

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 351-2333.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association

First Wednesday of the month, noon, for the location, visit, www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Adopt-A-School program

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

First and third Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. to

12:45 p.m., Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, 751-1148.

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

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

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group

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

Society of American Military Engineers

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

Sergeants Major Association

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

MEDPROS training

Third Friday of the month, 1-4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 9-83. E-mail Erica.Aikens@amedd.army.mil.

Retired Enlisted Association

Third Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, 740-2319 or e-mail jrodgers11@sc.rr.com.

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

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

Fort Jackson Cub Scouts

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

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641

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

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262

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

Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter

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

Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

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

Ladies Auxiliary Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

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