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HAVING A BALL

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OF WWII, VIETNAM PREPARES
FOR HIS FIRST ARMY BALL**

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COMMANDER'S CALL

Be prepared when natural disaster strikes

Hurricane season under way through Nov. 30

In the past month, we have had two named storms form off the South Carolina coast. The first storm, Alberto, caused relatively few problems, but the second one, Beryl, spawned a couple of tornadoes that produced some damage in North Carolina. Both storms, however, should serve as a reminder that we are now officially in the Atlantic hurricane season, and we need to be prepared for anything.

Hurricanes rarely ravage the Southeastern Coast and South Carolina before fall, but June 1 was the official start of hurricane season, which ends Nov. 30. As we all know, hurricanes can be catastrophic on the coastline, but also incredibly dangerous to those living several hundred miles inland.

For the 2012 hurricane season, the predictions are for an average year of nine to 15 named storms, which include four to eight hurricanes and up to three major hurricanes. And, as I said, two named tropical storms have already struck before the official start of the 2012 season.

What does all of this mean for Soldiers, families and members of the Fort Jackson community?

The answer is simple: You should have a plan. Know exactly what to do. Do not wait until disaster strikes to figure out how you and your family should react. It's better to assess your risks now and take the appropriate steps to be prepared than to go through the entire hurricane season fretting and hoping that a major hurricane doesn't head our way.

We all need to be ready. I encourage every member of the community to become familiar with the variety of available resources so the entire Team Jackson is better able to deal with these serious weather threats. Every year, Fort Jackson drills for a couple of days to help ensure Soldiers and Civilian employees thoroughly understand what they need to do should a hurricane hit the Midlands. This year, the exercise will be conducted Tuesday and Wednesday.

This exercise is a very serious and requires the interaction of many of our units and activities, all working in a simultaneous, coordinated and efficient way to maximize protection and resources for our Soldiers, family members and civilians in the event of a disaster. But preparation doesn't stop with drilling. We must maintain that same readiness at the individual level and at home.

Most of you may be already familiar with the Ready Army website, which offers a wealth of information on how to be prepared for hurricanes. If you haven't already, visit <http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/>.

Families should put together portable emergency kits that include items for family members with special needs and for pets. Some of the items you will need to include in the kit are at least a three-day supply of water and nonperishable, easy-to-prepare food, a manual can opener, flashlight, a first aid kit and important papers. The Ready Army site has detailed emergency

kit checklists, as well as steps for developing family emergency plans.

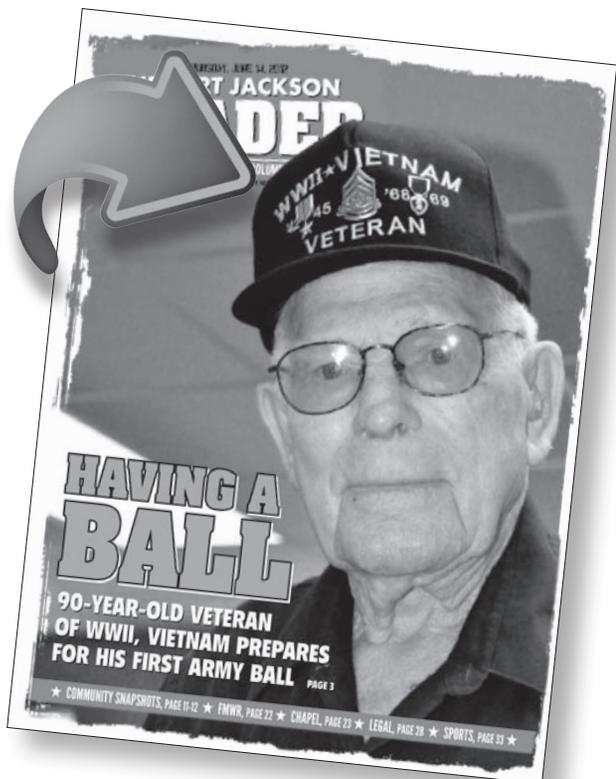
Your plan needs to take into consideration family communication procedures in case families members are in separate locations when an emergency strikes. Knowing how to stay in touch with one another will eliminate fear and confusion, but it's important to practice your plan and stay informed.

One way to keep up with emergency situations on Fort Jackson is to tune into AM 1650. You can also sign up for text alerts and computer pop-ups with the Emergency Operations Center. To do so, call 751-5166. A website is currently being established to inform the Fort

Jackson community about weather updates and potential emergencies.

You need to also be familiar with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division website at <http://www.scemd.org/>. There you can download a hurricane guide, as well as find evacuation routes, weather alerts and other useful information. It also would be a good idea to bookmark the webpage for the National Hurricane Center: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>.

There are a lot of things you, your unit and your family can be doing to prepare for hurricane season. The bottom line is that we need to be able to execute — smoothly on short notice. I want to ensure all of Team Jackson is ready! Victory Starts Here! Victory 6!



ON THE COVER

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Melvin Bryant, 90, will attend his first Army Ball Saturday. Bryant is a veteran of World War II and the Vietnam War and retired from the Army after 30 years of service. **SEE PAGE 3.**

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Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Army Family Team Building Manager Veronica Jackson Patrick gives Melvin Bryant a lesson on dining etiquette during the Army Ball 101 course last week. Bryant, 90, a veteran of World War II and Vietnam, will be attending his first Army Ball Saturday in Columbia.

Veteran of two wars gets ready for his first Army Ball

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

He spent 30 years in the Army and fought in two wars. This weekend, Melvin Bryant, 90, will attend his first Army Ball.

"I was always busy overseas somewhere, either coming home or leaving," said Bryant, a veteran of both World War II and Vietnam. "For 30 years, I never had a chance to go."

An Alabama native, Bryant has lived in the Columbia area since retiring as a sergeant major at Fort Jackson in the early 1970s.

"I was all over the world, but came here for my last tour," he said. "I got my 30 years in and called it quits. I served everywhere — Fort Benning, Fort Bragg, Fort Gordon — but never near home. I guess that's why I made this my home. I love Fort Jackson."

Bryant joined the Army in 1942 and fought in Europe during World War II. He was among the Soldiers to take part in the Anzio Beachhead in 1944, where troops of the 5th Army swarmed a 15-mile stretch of an Italian beach near Anzio and Nettuno.

Bryant declined to elaborate on his combat experiences. "You're asking me about things I don't talk about," he said, but revealed he later met his wife, Marta, in Italy.

"I picked that young lady up right after World War II," he said.

When he returned to the United States after the war, he decided to leave the Army. It wasn't long before he realized he'd made a mistake, though.

"There was a short break," he said of his 30-year career. "I wasn't sure I wanted to stay in and got a job with the state. It lasted for 30 days before I told my wife it wasn't for me. I went to Fort McClellan, signed my name and cut a trail. I've served just about everywhere. I served in Alaska, Iceland, Germany, Italy and Africa."

He also served from 1968 to 1972 in Vietnam.

"I was in Germany and missed Korea," he said. "I was waiting for my name to come up, but it never did. The good Lord was looking out for me."

In Vietnam, Bryant was part of a Combat Engineer Battalion in the 5th Division.

"I was there 13 months. Ku Chi was headquarters, but we were scattered all over the jungle," he said.

Bryant will be accompanied to the Army Ball this Saturday by his daughters, Lucy and Sandy.

"They're buying gowns in Greenville for the ball," he said. "They're spending all my money, but what the heck ... you can't take it with you."

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ARMY BALL

When: Saturday June 16, 2012

Social Hour: 5 p.m. Receiving Line 6 p.m.

Where: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St., Downtown Columbia

Who's invited: All Soldiers, civilians and friends of Fort Jackson

Guest speaker: Retired Maj. Gen. Abraham Turner, former Fort Jackson commanding general and current executive director of the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce.

For more information call 751-3929

Fort Jackson celebrates military fathers

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson celebrated 34 fathers this week during the second annual Fatherhood Recognition Ceremony.

Tuesday's event at the Solomon Center was designed to be a celebration of fatherhood in general, and not to single out one Soldier from Fort Jackson for specific honors.

"We're recognizing every dad who was nominated for recognition," said Greg Lewis, a Family Advocacy Program specialist. "We felt like, if a neighbor or commander felt like they were worthy to nominate them, we would recognize them at this event."

"It was about two years ago we established this fatherhood initiative and this program here at Fort Jackson to serve as an avenue for this important part of the military family that, a lot of times, is overlooked — and that's military dads," said Col. James Love, garrison commander.

Military fathers have more responsibilities and challenges today, he said, as duties frequently take fathers away from their families.

"In today's Army, we're often separated from our families by way of deployment, unaccompanied assignments, or often time-consuming and stressful duties as we have here at Fort Jackson," Love said. "We all have a role in building and maintaining a strong and resilient community where our families and our children are supported. Children are our most precious resources and we must challenge ourselves to keep them healthy, happy and safe."

The guest speaker for the event was Ike McLeese, president of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, who shared stories of his own father with the audience.

"It is a very special role in life," he said of fatherhood.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Staff Sgt. A.J. Pettus, left, Task Force Marshall, and Col. James Love, garrison commander, render salutes during the Fatherhood Recognition Ceremony Tuesday at the Solomon Center. Looking on are Ike McLeese, president of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and Carla Atkinson, Army Community Services director. The ceremony recognized 34 Fort Jackson fathers.

"I'd like to congratulate you. Someone saw you doing an outstanding job of being a father, so it's a pleasure to be here today. It's an honor to be among Soldiers, especially those

who have been singled out for the performance of their responsibilities as fathers."

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Higdon takes over at MACH

Col. Mark Higdon assumed command of Moncrief Army Community Hospital in a ceremony Tuesday at MACH. Higdon's previous assignment was at Fort Benning, Ga., with Martin Army Community Hospital. He takes over for Col. Ramona Fiorey, whose next assignment will be chief of staff at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE



Veteran teachers retire from DoDEA

By **ANDREW McINTYRE**
Fort Jackson Leader

Four Fort Jackson teachers, who combined for more than 115 years of service with Department of Defense Education Activities, retired June 1. Faculty, staff and students acknowledged and celebrated the commitments of Catherine James, Faye Holland, Nancy Kerr and Wanda Betty in a ceremony marking the end of the school year at Pierce Terrace Elementary School.

Although the four women may have different plans for retirement, they all said they will miss the children of Fort Jackson schools.

"One of my most memorable moments while teaching at Fort Jackson is a little girl (telling) me that she wished I was her teacher in every grade she had, because I made learning math more understandable and she enjoyed my teaching methods," James said.

James has been teaching at Fort Jackson for 28 years. She said she likes to hear children say, "I've got it," when it comes to learning.

"I want to them to feel successful, feel good in whatever they tried to do and loved," James said.

A native of Saint Lucia, James had previously worked at off-post public schools. She said military children have special needs, because their parents are deployed or work long hours. She said teachers can provide some of the attention some of these children may need.

Holland, Kerr and Beatty all worked at Pierce Terrace Elementary School.

"Ms. Kerr, Ms. Beatty and Ms. Holland combined have committed approximately 90 years to DoDEA students. That means that if their average class size was 18 students per year, they have touched over 1,500 students just in their classrooms alone," said Brian Perry, principal at Pierce Terrace Elementary School.

Holland, who started working at Fort Jackson in the late 1970's at the former Greg Circle School, experienced the life of a Soldier's spouse with children in Fort Jackson schools while working as a teacher.

She said in her 26 years of teaching military children she was able to become

an advocate for these children, having seen some their lifestyles and diverse backgrounds.

"I feel my greatest impact on children's lives and children would come when they were not on the level they needed to be and I would help them in their area of special need and to get to their next grade level. Because of the special tutoring they received and I recommended, they made a great deal of improvement," Holland said.

Wanda Beatty, who taught at Pierce Terrace Elementary for 36 years, said she loves to teach and has always wanted to teach and has been her life.

Beatty said the children's uniqueness and previous duty assignments in different countries were similar to her background as a spouse of a Soldier, which was one of the reasons she enjoyed and continued teaching military children.

"Throughout the years I have had many students come back; and a student I had 30 years ago came back and told me that I touched her life. Every time a child comes back and tells me I touched his or her life is what I enjoy the most," Beatty said.

Although she has retired from Fort Jackson schools, Beatty said she still hopes to continue teaching children in the future.

Kerr, who has committed more than 25 years, said when she first started at Fort Jackson many people asked how she got a job here because those jobs were hard to get and teachers on post were, and are still, well thought of because of their academic success.

"I can honestly say that I loved all of my children, and they are important and they can do anything if they try and instill a sense of learning," Kerr said. "It has been such a pleasure working at Fort Jackson and it has been such a great environment to be in."

She said she thinks being able to serve military kids is an honor and that it is important to provide a learning environment for those children.

"It's an honor to serve those who serve," Kerr said.

"We are excited for these teachers in their retirement; however we will miss their leadership and experience," Perry said.

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2012 National Safety Month

During the past several years, our Army has reduced preventable accidents to near peacetime levels. This remarkable success has been achieved despite the high operations tempo of our continuing missions overseas, proving once again the diligence and dedication of our Soldiers. We commend each and every one of you for your hard work in making safety a top priority, both on and off duty.

While risk management deserves our attention and focus 24/7, our Army is again placing special emphasis on safety this summer by observing National Safety Month in June. This annual commemoration provides each of us with an opportunity to evaluate our safety programs and make necessary adjustments for the months ahead. One of four topic areas will be highlighted each week during the month — Civilian safety, ground safety, aviation safety and driving safety. To facilitate training, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center will release programs and tools targeted to each of these areas through the end of June, so visit their website at <https://safety.army.mil> often for products that will help you keep your Soldiers and Civilian employees safe.

Looking past June, the fourth quarter (July-September) is historically the deadliest time of the year for our Soldiers off duty. Privately owned vehicle and motorcycle accidents dominate fatality reports, but drowning and other water-related deaths have also been on the rise in recent years. Compounding the tragedy, indiscipline is cited as a root cause in most of these losses. Discipline and standards are at the core of our profession, and preventable deaths due to reckless behavior hit our units, our Families and our surviving Soldiers especially hard. Engagement between Leaders and Soldiers, and among peers, is the key to identifying high-risk behavior, addressing indiscipline and saving lives. We ask that leaders actively promote an atmosphere of risk mitigation for all activities both on and off duty to ensure the safety and well being of the Force.

Thank you for your support of National Safety Month and for doing your part to reduce preventable accidents across our Army. Keeping our Soldiers safe is both a force protection and a readiness issue — and it is everyone's responsibility. The smart decisions we make every day will have a lasting impact on our Army now and into the future.

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Alcohol may put a stop to summer fun

By SANDRA BARNES

Army Substance Abuse Program

Summer is in the air. Schools are out; pools are open; and Fort Jackson community members are looking for fun ways to cool down as summer temperatures heat up.

As you head to the beach, pool, lake, ballpark, barbecue or picnic with friends, or to the mountains for a camping vacation, the Fort Jackson Army Substance Abuse Program encourages you and your family to keep safety in mind.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10,228 people were killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes in 2010. These deaths accounted for 31 percent of the motor vehicle fatalities in the United States.

❑ Alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes is about four times higher at night than during the day.

❑ More than 30 percent of drivers involved in fatal crashes on weekends are alcohol-impaired.

❑ Of the motorcycle riders who died in crashes in 2009, 43 percent had a blood alcohol content of at least 0.08 percent.

❑ On average, one alcohol-related driving fatality occurred every 51 minutes in 2010.

The “101 Days of Summer” — the time between Memorial Day and Labor Day — represent one of the most dangerous and deadliest times of the year on the nation’s roadways because of a significant increase in the number of alcohol-related traffic crashes and fatalities.

ASAP officials reiterate that anyone who will be using alcohol this summer should plan before partying and designate a sober driver.

The increase in alcohol use throughout the summer, particularly around holiday weekends — beginning with Memorial Day, through the Fourth of July and ending with Labor Day — has made the summer a very grim time for law enforcement, emergency medical staff, highway safety officials and the friends and families of alcohol-related crash victims.

People who become impaired by alcohol should ask a sober friend for a ride home, use public transportation, call a cab, ask a friend or family member to come get them or stay put and sleep it off until they are sober. Drivers are also reminded to remember to wear a safety belt. It is considered the best defense against death or injury in a crash.

Preventing alcohol-related crashes is a team effort. When impaired drivers get behind the wheel, they put their lives and the lives of all their fellow motorists at risk. Driving impaired is not worth any of the pain it can cause.

Editor’s note: Information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration was used for this article. For more information on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. If you have any questions about substance abuse, call 751-5007.

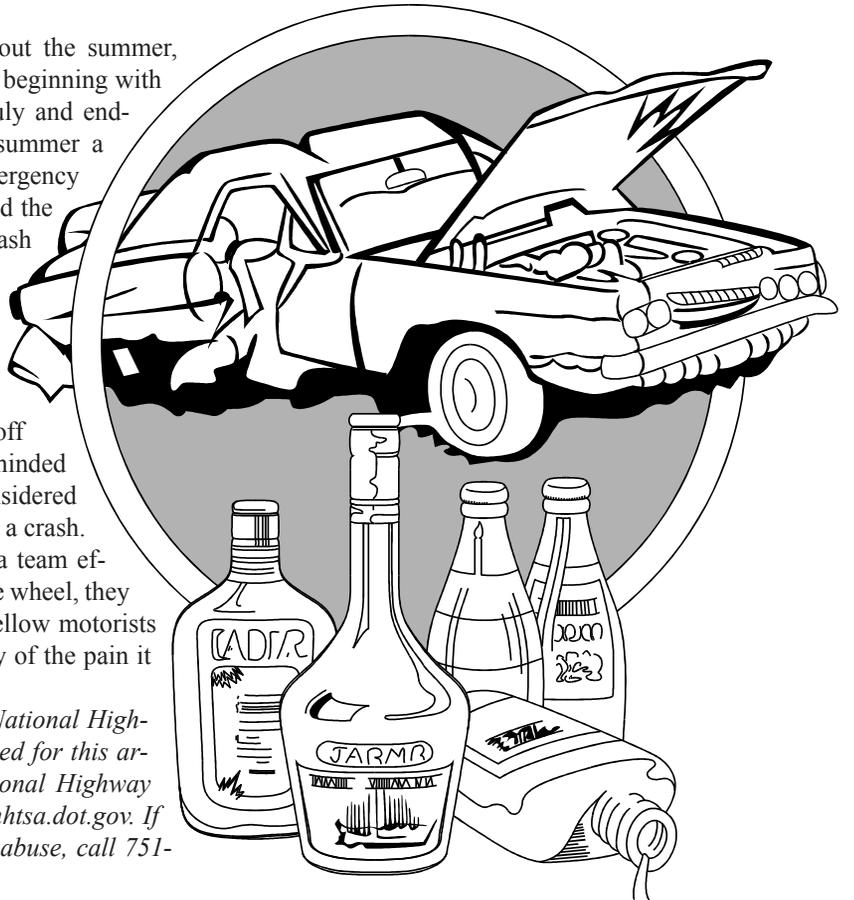


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New AG School commandant

Col. Todd Garlick, left, accepts the colors of the Adjutant General School from Maj. Gen. Gina Farrisee, commanding general of the Human Resources Command, during a Change of Command ceremony Friday at the Officers' Club. Garlick previously served as the commander for the Eastern Sector of the United States Military Entrance Processing Command. He took over for Col. Robert Manning, who retired after 34 years of service.

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Class rallies around autistic student

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

When Staff Sgt. Chad Miles, his wife, Chazia, and their four children moved from Fort McPherson, Ga., to Fort Jackson last summer, they did not know what to expect. Although moving can be hard on any military family, the Miles family had an additional worry. Their 8-year old son, Chad, was diagnosed with autism in 2009 — a developmental disorder that, for Chad, led to problems with verbal, cognitive and social skills.

His mother said any change is hard on children with autism.

“They like routine,” she said. “So, to change states, change houses, change schools, teachers, surroundings completely threw him for a loop. ... He couldn’t be consoled. He wouldn’t socialize.”

At his previous school in Atlanta, Chad had been subjected to a less than ideal learning environment, Miles said.

“The bullying was bad, so what the other teachers would usually do is send him to the nurse’s office or send him to the teacher’s room, so he’d be sitting there by himself,” said Miles, who works at the Soldier Support Institute.

Chad started second grade at Pierce Terrace Elementary School, having to get used to a new school, new teachers and new classmates.

“When the beginning of the school year started, Chad had very weak social skills,” said Amy Henderson, Chad’s homeroom teacher. “I didn’t say anything to anybody about anybody on the first day. On the second day, we went around, talked about things that were the same about each other and the things that were different. And when (the students) all got to Chad, they were all hesitant to point out that he didn’t talk and that he didn’t want to sit with (them) and some of the things that he didn’t want to do.”

Henderson, who used to work as a special education teacher, said she explained to the class why Chad acted that way.

“Then I told them that they were put in my classroom specifically to help — because I have two autistic children in this room, to help them get as far as they can get this school year,” she said. “They had a job. They had a mission this year. And their mission this year was to get those two boys as far as (they) could get them by the end of the year — socially, academically, emotionally, just all the way around. They took that to heart and just kind of went with it.”

Miles said the way the entire class rallied in support of Chad was nothing short of amazing.

“They just interacted with him and got him involved and made him more comfortable in his space and did it at his level — not rushing him or even slowing themselves down,” Miles said. “They’ve never made fun of him. They’ve never asked what’s wrong with him. ... They’ve always been assisting. It’s almost like he has little mommies and daddies in the classroom.”

Henderson said in her 20 years of teaching, she has seldom seen an entire class show that level of support to one child. The support culminated in a book about Chad that a group of students wrote at the end of the school year.

“It’s amazing. It’s rare to find a class that would be this supportive of each other,” Henderson said. “This has probably been the best year of teaching I’ve had. I’ve had a lot of good years, but this has probably been the best year that I’ve had. And it’s been because of the kids, but their



Photo by **SUSANNE KAPPLER**

Chad Miles, 8, second from left, is surrounded by his classmates Isabelle Lewis, 8, left, Kelton Davis, 7, second from right, and Angel Asaah, 8, right. The Pierce Terrace Elementary School second graders have shown exceptional support for Chad, who is autistic, according to his mother and his teacher.

parents are amazing, too.”

She said she’s seen steady progress in Chad’s development throughout the year.

“The thing with Chad that has really been important this year is that he is now able to initiate a conversation with the kids. He wasn’t doing that at the beginning of the year. If he’s having a bad day, he’s gained enough verbal skills that he can say to them, ‘I don’t feel good,’ or, ‘My foot hurts,’” Henderson said. “It’s easy to work with Chad, because he’s so loving. He has a good heart, and he’s a good kid. When somebody doesn’t feel good, he’s one of the first ones to go over and rub him and say, ‘I’m sorry.’ ... He wasn’t doing that, he wasn’t showing any kind of compassion like that at the beginning of the year. He’s come a long way.”

That progress has also caught the attention of Brian Perry, principal of Pierce Terrace Elementary School.

“Chad has made steady progress toward his specific goals. Since the beginning of the year, I have seen Chad become more vocal and interactive with his teachers and peers,” Perry said. “This is a direct result of the class’ willingness to assist Chad in many ways socially and academically. His classmates have gone above and beyond to include Chad in every way.”

Perry said that, on average, seven to 10 students with autism are enrolled at the school each year.

“Our teachers are very receptive to working with these students,” he said. “These students are included in all school activities, including special area classes, field trips and special programs with their peers.”

Miles said Chad took part in field trips for the first time this year — something she had not thought possible after his diagnosis three years ago.

“You see other people play with their kids, go to birthday parties and go outside to play — normal things that

kids do. And your son doesn’t do it,” she said. “You see kids that are going to grow up and go off to college and drive cars and get married and have children. That’s what everybody wants for their child. To come to the realization that it may not happen is the hardest thing for any parent to have to go through.”

Cheryl Jackson, manager of the Exceptional Family Member Program, said that for autistic children to thrive, an extraordinary level of commitment by the parents is needed.

“We find that these parents are very, very resilient,” Jackson said. “A lot of times they don’t sit back and get disappointed. They may have some disappointments, but, I think with the challenges they have, this is what pushes them to the next level. Because they know that they are the best advocate for their child. And if they don’t advocate for their child, sometimes nobody else will.”

Miles said she feels her family is no longer alone in that quest, thanks to the help of Chad’s classmates and teachers.

“You have to be the voice for your child. I was the voice for Chad for a long time. And now I’m not the only voice for him,” she said.

One of Chad’s biggest triumphs is the progress he’s made in reading, Miles said. He is now able to identify a number of sight words she calls “awesome words.” Chad recently got to share this success with his father, who is currently deployed to Kuwait with Third Army/ARCENT, via video chat.

“It brought his dad completely to tears. These are things that he thought wouldn’t happen. These are things a lot of people thought were not going to happen,” Miles said. “It’s evident in his progression that this positive energy, this positive atmosphere, this village raising a child has done nothing but wonders for him.”

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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Teamwork development

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

More than 900 JROTC students from 63 high schools participate in leadership training at Fort Jackson last Thursday. Above, students work together to carry a prop representing a wounded man across a 'bridge' on the Teamwork Development Course.



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Military Career Pathways

Above left, Sgt. 1st Class Scott Schwind, an instructor at the Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic School, briefs educators with the Military Career Pathways program June 6. The program is sponsored jointly by the Columbia Recruiting Battalion and South Carolina Department of Education. It was created to educate teachers, guidance and career counselors on career pathways, resources and training available through the military. Above right, Staff Sgt. Todd Hall, an Army health care recruiter, explains military medical career and education options to program attendees at Moncrief Army Community Hospital.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Courtesy photos

Giving to the community

Students with the Basic Officer Leader Course of the Financial Management School volunteer with Habitat for Humanity to build a house for a local resident June 2 and 9. The class spent 88 hours working on multiple projects, including installing insulation and siding, painting and sealing windows.

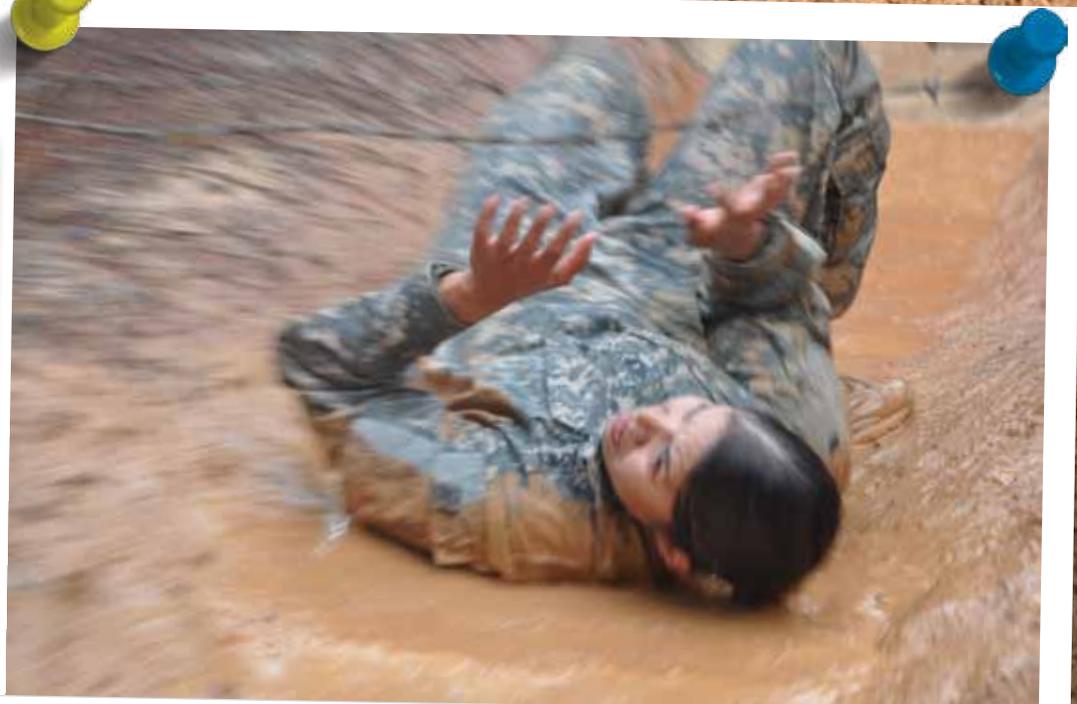


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Muddy competition

Sgt. 1st Class Alissa Guzman, Company F, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, navigates through a muddy trench of the Fit to Win obstacle course Tuesday during the Platoon Sergeant of the Year, NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year competition. The competition ends Friday.



Courtesy photo

Job well done

Sabrian Scales-Moye, second from left, receives the award for civilian instructor of the quarter, and Terri Kelly, second from right receives a certificate for 25 years of government service. The awards were presented by Janet Timmons, director of the Soldier Support Institute's Training Development Directorate, and by Lt. Col. Darryl Soli, TDD deputy director.

News and Notes

OFFICER HONORED



CRANDALL

Army Reserve Col. Jerry Crandall, who works as the casualty training instructor with the Fort Jackson Human Resources Directorate, was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Ga. Crandall serves as the personnel officer for the 87th USAREC-E in Birmingham, Ala.

ROAD CLOSED

Sumter Avenue is closed between Ferguson Avenue and Magruder Avenue. The closure is necessary because of construction of new water and sewer utility lines. The road is scheduled to reopen July 16.

ACTIVE DUTY GET IN FREE AT PARKS

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Ronald R. Peters must contact Capt. Tina Franklin, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Peters passed away May 21. Contact Franklin by calling 751-7375 or via email at Tina.Franklin@us.army.mil.

UPCOMING CHANGES OF COMMAND/RESPONSIBILITY

- **Friday— 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception):** Lt. Col. Vincent Valley will assume command from Lt. Col. Michael McTigue; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- **Friday — 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception):** 1st Sgt. Richard Haley will relinquish responsibility; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- **Tuesday — 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Eric Flesch will assume command from Lt. Col. Quincy Norman; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- **June 22 — 193rd Infantry Brigade:** Col. Joseph McLamb will assume command from Col. Drew Meyerowich; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- **June 27 — 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Joseph Purvis will assume command from Lt. Col. Robert Fouche; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- **June 29 — U.S. Army Garrison Fort Jackson:** Col. Michael Graese will assume command from Col. James Love; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- **June 29 — 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment:** Command Sgt. Maj. Neal Seals will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Delvallealicea; 1 p.m.; bat-

talion headquarters.

- **July 2 — 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Gregory Trahan will assume command from Lt. Col. Matthew Zimmerman; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- **July 12 — Training Support Battalion:** Lt. Col. Neil Mahabir will assume command from Lt. Col. Sula Irish; 8:30 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- **July 20 — 171st Infantry Brigade:** Col. Mark Bieger will assume command from Col. George Donovan; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- **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.

Advertising in the Leader

For information about classified advertising, call 432-6157 or e-mail skaress@ci-camden.com.

Classifieds can also be faxed to 432-7609 or mailed to P.O. Box 1137, Camden, S.C. 29020.

For display ads, call Kathy at 786-5681.

Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Staff Sgt. Jason Schuman
Company A
1st Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Jacob Walker

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Scott Shaneck

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Matthew Whitfield

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Anthony Yagel



Staff Sgt. Clifford Blade
Company B
1st Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Dana Dittiro

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Bobby Mathis

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Kenneth Tucceri

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Nathan Dvorak



Staff Sgt. Edwin Morgan
Company E
1st Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Sean Burno

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Lucas Delpapa

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Charles Lowe

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Nathanal Gandeza
Pfc. Donovan Jones
Spc. Corbin Sampson

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

STAFF SUPPORT
Spc. Eric Baker

TRAINING SUPPORT
Sgt. Adonis Baskerville

DFAC SUPPORT
Jeremiah Hammond

FAMILY SUPPORT
Amy Thomsen

SERVICE SUPPORT
Carla Miller
Veronica Jackson-Patrick

Training honors



STARLL



McCLURE



KALIN



SHIELDS

Staff Sgt. Mark Starll
Drill sergeant leader of the cycle
Drill Sergeant School

Staff Sgt. Jason McClure
Leadership award
Drill Sergeant School

Staff Sgt. William Kalin
Distinguished honor graduate
Drill Sergeant School

Staff Sgt. Wesley Shields
Physical fitness award
Drill Sergeant School



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Watch Fort Jackson video news stories and Victory Updates
at <http://www.vimeo.com/user3022628>.

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY

Fort Jackson Boy Scouts

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

Walking away stress

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

Play group

Mondays, 10 to 11:45 a.m., Room 8, 5615 Hood St., for children 4 and younger, 751-1071/6304.

Range control briefing

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

Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)

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

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel

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

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting

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

American Red Cross volunteer orientation

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

MONTHLY

Fort Jackson Bass Club

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

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

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

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

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

ground level, Meeting Room 2.

Seabees

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641

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

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

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

American Legion Post 182

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

Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association

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

National Federation of Federal Employees

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

Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262

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

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303

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

Purple Heart #402

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

Adopt-A-School program

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

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

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

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

The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

Third Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Post Confer-

ence Room.

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group

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

Society of American Military Engineers

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

Sergeants Major Association

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

MEDPROS training

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

Retired Enlisted Association

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

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

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

Fort Jackson Cub Scouts

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

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641

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

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262

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

Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter

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

Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

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

Ladies Auxiliary Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

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



Follow the Leader on Twitter at www.twitter.com/fortjacksonpao.

Calendar

Tuesday and Wednesday

Army 101 course

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., location to be determined

Registration is required. For more, call 751-6315.

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, 3 p.m.

Beading party

Children 5 and older are invited to learn how to bead. Only 12 spots are available. Registration is required. For more information and to register, email plove@bbcgrp.com.

Announcements

PARKING LOT/STREET CLOSURE

The Joe E. Mann Center parking lot, the Post Conference Room parking lot, and Gregg and Forney streets will be closed for regular traffic from 7 to 11 a.m., June 29 for a Change of Command ceremony.

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.richland-one.org.

ID CARD OFFICE CHANGES

The ID Card Office now operates on an appointment-only basis from 9:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome 8 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. For more information, call 751-7731.

CIVILIAN CAREER WEBSITE

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

CAC REPLACEMENTS

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

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.

CIF CLOSURE

The Central Issue Facility will be closed through Friday for its annual inventory. Soldiers and civilians who are scheduled to clear the installation during that time should call 751-6524/2870/2739 for a turn-in appointment before then. CIF will resume normal business hours Monday. For more information, call 751-7213/6885.

OPM SURVEY UNDER WAY

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

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Donations may be dropped off any time at the back door.

The Thrift Shop has a number of gowns available as part of its Golden Carriage Program. The program provides formal wear for female sergeants and below and wives of sergeants and below. The Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays.

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.

Off-post events

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

SPIRIT OF AMERICA TOUR

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

DRILL SERGEANT REUNION

A reunion for drill sergeants and support staff assigned at Fort Jackson during the 1970s and 1980s is planned for Friday and Saturday. For more information, call (785) 375-1433. or email rubyrobinson60@yahoo.com.

MARINES WANTED

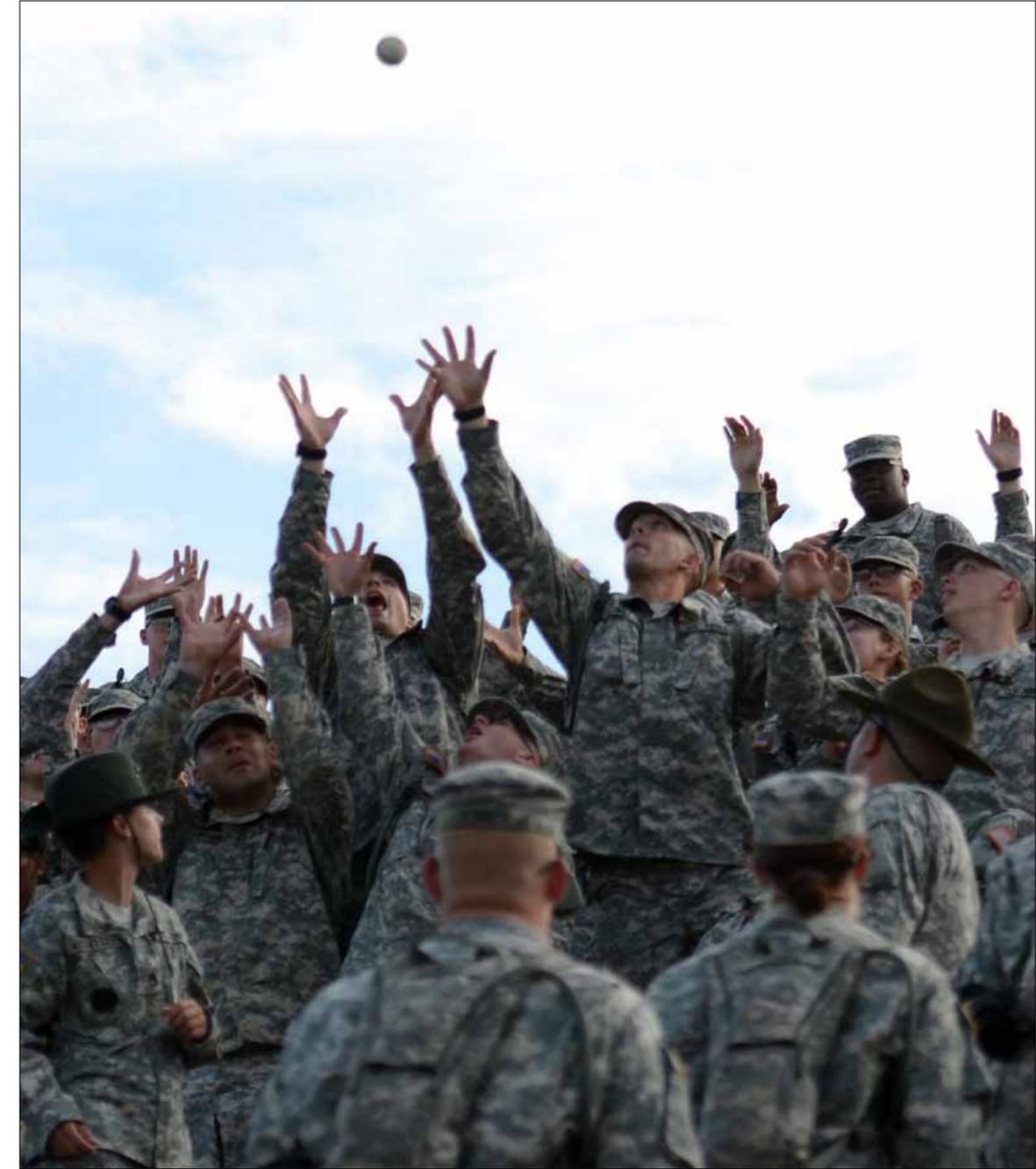
The Marine Corps League, Detachment 829 is looking for Marines to join. For more information, email hhulett156@bell-south.net.



Photos by JAMES ARROWOOD

Col. Stephen Yackley, left, Fort Jackson's deputy commanding officer, Pvt. Ariel Gonyea, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson cut the cake to celebrate the Army's 237th birthday. The celebration was part of the Columbia Blowfish Fort Jackson appreciation night Saturday at Capital City Stadium.

Birthday Bash



Col. Stephen Yackley, Fort Jackson's deputy commanding officer, throws out the ceremonial first pitch Saturday.

Columbia Blowfish celebrate military night

Leader Staff Report

About 3,000 Fort Jackson Soldiers celebrated the Army's 237th Birthday with baseball, hot dogs and, of course, a birthday cake.

In what has become an annual tradition, the Columbia Blowfish baseball club, in partnership with the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, invited the installation's Soldiers to enjoy a free game last Saturday. The event was part of the celebra-

tion of the Army's birthday, which is today.

Soldiers were treated to free soft drinks and hot dogs, a pregame concert and a post-game fireworks show.

In between innings, distinguished veterans took to the field to the applause of the crowd.

On the field, the Blowfish, a Coastal Plain League club, beat the Gastonia Grizzlies, 2-1.



Above, Soldiers reach for a ball thrown into the stands before the start of Saturday's game between the Columbia Blowfish and the Gastonia Grizzlies. Far left, Gabe, the former military dog in the running for a national award, and his former handler and current owner, Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Schuck, Drill Sergeant School, take the field between innings. Left, Fort Jackson Soldiers fill the stands at Capital City Stadium Saturday.

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Photo by THERESA O'HAGAN, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Pamela Sulton, aquatics instructor with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, teaches a class specifically geared toward wounded warriors. The Fitness Department offers aquatics and other classes to meet the fitness needs of Soldiers in Fort Jackson's Warrior Transition Unit.

Fitness Department offers classes for wounded warriors

By THERESA O'HAGAN

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Soldiers who are wounded in the line of duty face challenges and life-changing decisions. For those who wish to continue their service to their country, the road to recovery can be a long and difficult one.

"Here on Fort Jackson, Family and MWR and the Warrior Transition Unit work together to bring quality fitness and recreational fun. It is a program that is taking root and growing. Family and MWR is committed to promote growth and the development of programs to meet the needs of the new Soldier," said Pam Long, fitness programmer.

One class that the Fitness Department created is WTU Aquatics. This class began more than a year ago and is offered at Knight Pool. The class meets every Tuesday and Thursday at noon for one hour. Class size continues to grow as Soldiers embrace the ability to exercise without putting stress on the joints.

"I am inspired with the willingness of the Soldiers in the class to try new exercises to help their current conditions," said Pamela Sulton, aquatics instructor.

Sulton said adapting programs to meet the needs of WTUs can be challenging.

"It is fun to help change the Soldiers' ideas about the use of water as a reconditioning agent to the body," said Sulton, who is an expert in special population fitness.

"I experience great progress with this diverse group of individuals. Teaching the WTU Soldiers at Fort Jackson continues to enhance my teaching skills," she said.

Sulton has seen her students improve dramatically after a few weeks of water reconditioning.

"Some of them, when they start the class, can barely walk and have very limited range of motion. I can see their mobility

improving in just a few weeks," she said.

One of the participants, Spc. Wesley Brock, said the program has improved his back injury.

"It's helping a lot. It really helps alleviate the pain," Brock said.

Soldiers participating in the class said it wasn't just their physical health that improved, but their overall well-being. This was evident as the Soldiers smiled, and pushed themselves through the lunchtime exercise class. The Soldiers volunteer to participate in the program.

"(Sulton) is very interactive and helps you do it the right way," Brock said. "She demonstrates each exercise and motivates us."

The Fitness Department also has launched a series of daily physical training fitness classes for WTU Soldiers. A full description of classes and locations can be found at www.fortjacksonmwr.com/fitness.

In addition to adaptive aqua classes, Family and MWR Fitness offers classes for the WTU Physical Training program in adaptive yoga, strength and conditioning, spinning and TRX. Each of these classes has been adapted to meet and serve the needs of WTU Soldiers and is taught by certified instructors.

"In yoga, there are so many different skill levels (for) the WTU Soldiers. This keeps the Soldiers challenged, but not frustrated. This will allow them to grow in their yoga practice," said Jim Lewis, adaptive yoga instructor.

Long said that Family and MWR cares about all Fort Jackson Soldiers.

"We are here to serve the Fort Jackson community with the best programs possible," she said. "The Fitness Department embraces this opportunity to create adaptive ways to bring daily fitness to support the importance of good physical health to the WTU Soldier."

FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

For a full calendar of events, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com.

ONGOING OFFERS

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

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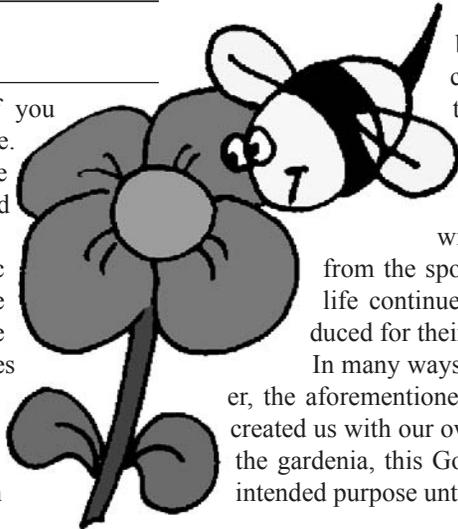
Share your beauty by becoming open

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) ROY BUTLER**
Task Force Marshall

Have you ever watched, pondered if you will, a flower? Take a gardenia, for example. Personally, I rate the gardenia among the sweetest of flowers causing me to stop and enjoy its scent and beauty.

But the gardenia, with all of its aromatic and visual appeal, does not begin to serve its function until fully open. Once open, the scent and beauty attract a myriad of species to come and enjoy.

One species that quickly comes to mind is the honey bee attracted to the scent, drawn to the gardenia's sweet nectar from



which the bee is nourished. The bee moves from flower to flower, carrying with it the pollen and thus pollinates the gardenia that it may flourish and bloom yet again. Once the bee has eaten, it returns to the hive satisfied with legs covered in pollen. And from the spoils of the gardenia, the cycle of life continues for the bees as honey is produced for their continued sustenance.

In many ways we may be compared to a flower, the aforementioned gardenia if you like. God has created us with our own unique beauty. But much like the gardenia, this God-given beauty cannot serve its intended purpose until it opens.

For us, this means, in order to rise to the calling and purpose of God, we must become vulnerable and in this vulnerability is where we know the fullness of life and are able to share our life and its beauty with those around us.

God indeed calls us to be open, to be vulnerable, to share the divine beauty that is in each of us. It is important to understand, however, that to be vulnerable does not necessarily equate to weakness.

For God — who has called us to vulnerability and openness, to give of ourselves without condition or qualification — grants strength and purpose as well as a great sense of fulfillment.

My prayer for you is this: Share the unique and divine beauty, truly God's gifts, through your willingness to become open and vulnerable trusting completely in God, who first became vulnerable for our sake.



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
 - 9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
 - 9:30 a.m. Hispanic, Post Theater
 - 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
 - 8:30 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (first service)
 - 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 and Children's Church, Bayonet Chapel
- Wednesday
 - 6 p.m. Prayer service, Magruder Chapel

Protestant Bible Study

- Sunday
 - 9:30 a.m. Chapel Next Bible study, Bayonet Chapel
- Monday
 - 7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Tuesday
 - 9:30 a.m. to noon Women's Bible study

- (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
 - 6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle Chapel
 - 7 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel
 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Fresh Encounter Bible Study, Family Life and Resiliency Center (5460 Marion Ave., left of the POV lot)
- 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

- Sunday
 - 5 to 6:30 p.m. Club Beyond youth group, Main Post Chapel
- Saturday
 - 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each month)

CATHOLIC

- Monday through Thursday
 - 11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Sunday
 - 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
- 7 p.m. Women's scripture study, Main Post Chapel

- Wednesday
 - 7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel
 - 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- Friday
 - 11:30 a.m. Ladies of the parish, Main Post Chapel (first Friday of each month)

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
 - 8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel
- Friday
 - 1 to 2 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

LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542
- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-1297/4478
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Family Life Chapel**
4580 Scales Ave, corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Scales Ave., corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard, 751-6469/6681
- McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)**
3820 McCrady Road (located at McCrady Training Center)
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Warrior Chapel (120th AG Bn.)**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427
- Installation Chaplain's Office**
4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318

SCRA protects service members' rights

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Congress has recognized that military service often burdens service members' ability to comply with many of their financial obligations. Financial troubles can be a dangerous distraction from the mission. In an effort to allow service members to devote complete attention to military service, Congress has passed the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, which provides many financial protections for military personnel.

The SCRA covers all active duty service members, as well as Reservists and members of the National Guard while on active duty. Generally, the SCRA begins to protect service members on the day they receive orders to be on active duty. For that reason, it is important to always keep a copy of one's orders.

Below are a few commonly-invoked SCRA protections. These are general guidelines. Each case is unique. Service members will likely need to contact a legal assistance attorney to properly determine if they can invoke a protection under the SCRA.

INTEREST RATE ON LOANS

Under the SCRA, service members may be entitled to have the interest on loans reduced while on active duty. In general, if you have taken out a loan before entering active duty in any branch of the military with an interest rate higher than 6 percent, you have a right to have your interest rate reduced to 6 percent. To invoke this right, you must provide a copy of military orders to the creditor and a written request to have your interest rate reduced. The creditor must then reduce the interest rate to 6 percent and backdate the interest rate reduction to the day you entered active duty.

REAL ESTATE LEASES

You may be able to get out of a home, apartment or commercial lease under the SCRA. In general, if you will be on active duty for more the 90 days and you originally signed your lease before you received orders to active duty, the SCRA allows you to terminate your lease. If you are already on active duty and you receive deployment or Permanent Change of Station orders, you may also be able to terminate your lease. You have to provide the landlord with a copy of your orders and written notice that you want to terminate your lease. You should contact a legal assistance attorney if you have any

Court martial

U.S. V. ASHLEY

A military judge convicted Master Sgt. Mark Ashley of seven charges during a general court martial Friday.

Ashley was convicted of indecent acts with a minor, indecent exposure, indecent language communicated to a child under 16, child enticement, sexual exploitation of a child, distribution of child pornography, and unauthorized wear of a Combat Infantryman Badge.

Ashley was sentenced to eight years confinement, reduction in rank to E1, and a dishonorable discharge.

Ashley was assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment.

questions about this protection.

AUTO LEASES

You may be able to terminate an auto lease under the SCRA. If you signed the lease agreement before entering active duty and you will be on active duty for more than 180 days, the SCRA allows you to terminate the lease after providing the dealer with written notice and a copy of your orders. You are required to return the car to the dealer within 15 days of notice.

CELL PHONE CONTRACTS

If your military service requires you to relocate to an area that is not supported by your cell phone carrier, the SCRA allows you to terminate the cell phone contract without penalty. To do that, provide written or electronic notice to the cell phone carrier. Family members relocating with the service member may terminate their cell phone contracts as well.

DELAY COURT DATES

Generally, if you are a party in a civil lawsuit and you cannot appear because of active duty military service,

you may be able to get a postponement until you can appear. It is very important to get the proceedings delayed if you cannot appear, because you can lose the case by default for not appearing which may result in a judgment against you. A legal assistance attorney can help you in coordinating with your commander and the local court to get a delay.

CIVILIAN HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Generally, if you canceled civilian health care coverage before entering active duty, the SCRA requires your civilian insurance company to reinstate your coverage after separation from active duty upon your request. If the insurance company refuses to do so or tells you to wait for an enrollment period, contact a legal assistance attorney.

RESIDENCE FOR TAX PURPOSES

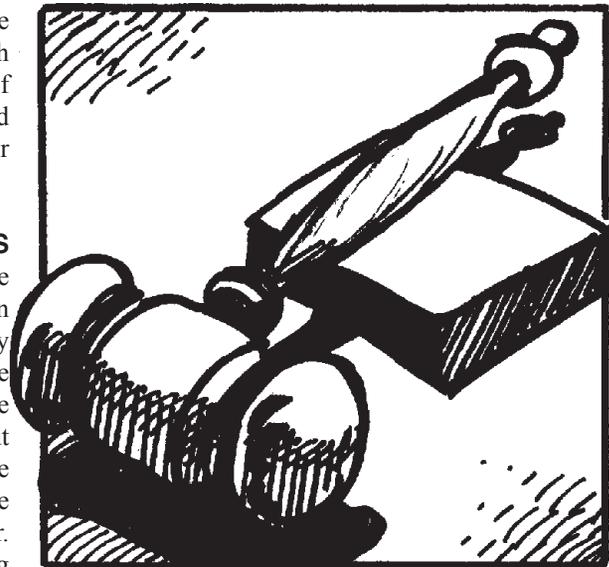
The SCRA allows a service member to retain his or her residence in a different state for tax purposes if the service member is domiciled in that state. There is not set criteria to determine your domicile, however, you cannot simply pick a domicile and claim it for tax purposes. You must have a genuine connection to the state. The spouse of a service member may also be able to retain

the domicile of the service member, but the spouse must have a connection to that state as well. Contact a legal assistance attorney to determine if you or your spouse qualifies for domicile in a different state.

If you have questions about the SCRA, or any legal issue, contact the Legal Assistance Office at 751-4287 to set up an appointment.

The Legal Assistance Office at Fort Jackson is located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 2600

Lee Road. The hours of operation are 9 a.m. through 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome for living wills, health care powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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For more information, call 751-7045.

Haas wins 61st South Carolina Open

From the Carolina PGA Section

Jerry Haas, the golf coach of Wake Forest University and PGA member, won a one-hole playoff to capture the South Carolina Open, held last week at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

Haas defeated amateur Hunter Howell of Raeford, N.C. in the playoff after the two finished the 54-hole event tied at eight-under par, 205.

Howell tied for second place with Paul Dickens.

Haas held a one-stroke lead with one hole to play in the tournament, but bogeyed the par-4 18th, which resulted in

the playoff with Howell. The playoff was held on the 18th, where Haas was able to par the hole the second time around and win the championship.

"The greens are tough," Haas said. "You have to put the ball in the right spot. It's pretty much off the tee you can get away with most drives, but it was all about the second shots and putting."

Golf runs in Haas' family. His brother, Jay Haas, and nephew, Bill Haas, both play on the PGA Tour.

Unstable weather tested competitors' patience this week. Heavy rain moved over Fort Jackson Golf Club during the first round of the championship causing numerous delays,

and forced the afternoon wave of players to complete their round the next morning. The second day of the championship started early Wednesday morning to allow all players to finish their first rounds and complete their second.

David Thore, a life member of the PGA from Wilmington, N.C., was the Senior Champion of the event. He shot three consecutive rounds of 70, to finish with a three-under 210.

The South Carolina Open is a 54-hole stroke play event. At the conclusion of the second round, the field was cut and 65 players advanced to the final round with scores of 149, seven over par, or better.

SPRING SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Monday/Wednesday league		Tuesday/Thursday league	
3-34th	5-2	1-61st	5-1
3-60th	7-1	187th	1-4
MEDDAC	8-1	81st RSC	1-4
2-60th	2-5	CP	2-1
TFM	1-6	RRS	4-1
4-10th	2-5	McEntire	0-3
120th	2-5		
USADSS	1-3		

Standings as of Tuesday

SUMMER BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Monday/Wednesday		Tuesday/Thursday	
81st RSC	1-0	187th	1-0
MEDDAC	0-1	3/34th	0-1
DORN VA	0-1	1/34th	0-1
Roughnecks	1-0	2/60th	0-1
175th Maint.	0-1	171st BDE	0-1
Swamp Foxes	1-0	NF	0-1
2/39th	N/A	LOD	1-0
		Enforcers	N/A
		175th B	0-1

Standings as of Wednesday morning

Fort Jackson plans summer golf camps

A five-day camp is scheduled to teach Fort Jackson children ages 6 and older the fundamentals of golf.

It takes place July 9-13. The daily activities include exercise, putting, chipping, and the importance of golf course rules and etiquette.

The Fort Jackson Golf Academy also begins June Tuesday. The clinics take place throughout the summer for juniors who have already completed the Fort Jackson Junior Golf Program, or who plan to play golf competitively.

For more information about the programs, call 787-4437.

Sports shorts

GRAND FONDO BIKE RIDE

□ The Fort Jackson Grand Fondo Bike Ride takes place 6:30 a.m., Sunday at Hilton Field Softball Complex. The ride lasts for three laps, looping from Golden Arrow, Dixie, Wildcat and Hartsville Guard roads, ending back on Golden Arrow Road. All ID card holders ride free.



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