Fort Jackson celebrated the outstanding contributions of military fathers in its inaugural Fatherhood Recognition Ceremony at the Solomon Center Tuesday.

Seventeen fathers in the community were nominated by their families, co-workers and friends based on the strength and compassion they share with their children and others.

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, the keynote speaker, stressed the importance of fathers. “I think every child, regardless of (what) race, heritage, parentage or zip code they are born in has the opportunity to live up to their God given potential,” Benjamin said. “That starts with us being great fathers.”

The mayor went on to say that the difficult job of fathering could be handled as a community. “We are in a battle for the souls of our children. It is time for us to stand together and say, ‘No more.’ All fathers need to step up and recognize that we are not just fathers to our children but fathers to all children.”

Col. James Love, garrison commander, also spoke. “Children are our most precious asset and we must challenge ourselves to keep them healthy, happy, safe, secure, and most of all loved,” he said. “It is with these thoughts in mind that we established this program at Fort Jackson, to serve as an avenue of support for our military fathers.”

The ceremony was a culmination of sorts for the Fort Jackson Family Advocacy Program, which was created to help create a
‘What have you done to save a life today?’

Summer, as you all know, officially begins Tuesday, but the “101 Days of Summer” — the way that our safety experts view the season — began with Memorial Day and runs through Labor Day.

Safety-wise, the good news is that summer 2011 is beginning with roughly 20 percent fewer accidents than last summer. But during the Memorial Day long weekend, the Army lost two Soldiers to off-duty drowning accidents. As you know, many drowning cases are preventable.

We just need to keep our heads in the game, particularly when we are off duty.

Although I expect you to enjoy yourself this summer and to have fun with your friends and family, I also encourage you to remember safety in all that you do. Incidentally, June is National Safety Month, which means we need to look out for one another in the weeks ahead.

My most important concern is for the safety of all members of the Fort Jackson community — this remains uppermost in my mind. I ask you to remember that Composite Risk Management applies to all of our activities, on and off duty, during the high-risk critical days of summer. Always take a moment and consider the risks associated with any activity and implement effective control measures to help you mitigate or eliminate the hazards.

Water recreation activities can be tremendous fun and a great way to spend time with friends and family, but do it safely. Always keep an eye on the youngsters. Consider swimming lessons for you and your family. If you intend to go boating, make sure you have completed a boating safety course.

When on the water, regardless of what type of watercraft you are using, always wear a personal flotation device. The Coast Guard has excellent boating safety information available on its website at http://www.uscgboating.org.

There is a lot of other information that can be found on the internet as well.

The United States Army Combat Readiness Center has put together a truly outstanding Safe Summer Campaign webpage that provides tips, tactics and procedures to be safe throughout the summer. You can find the webpage on the Combat Readiness Center website at https://safety.army.mil/.

Also, the Summer Safety site provides a variety of safety resources and tools for your use. (https://safety.army.mil/multimedia/CAMPAIGNS/NI- TIATIVES/SummerSafety2011/tabid/2132/Default.aspx)

The campaign site lets you access posters, videos and feature articles on several summer safety topics including grilling and food preparation, travel, swimming and ATV safety. These products are meant to bolster existing safety programs by providing information on topics which Soldiers, family members and civilians may enjoy during their off duty time.

Your leadership has been charged to ensure you have the knowledge and tools you need to stay safe, but let me also encourage you to engage the Fort Jackson Safety Center for assistance. They provide a wide variety of products and training. You can contact the safety center at 751-6004. I remain committed to the idea that we can work, train, and play hard and still be safe if we stay alert and aware, and we take care of each other.

Be smart. Be safe.

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Lynch: BRAC on time, on target

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The past 10 years have brought a great deal of change to our Army. Not only do our Soldiers continue to fight in two wars, but the Army is going through the greatest organizational change since World War II.

From instituting the Army Force Generation model, reorganizing around modular brigades and the Base Realignment and Closure process, our Army looks very different than it did 10 years ago. The BRAC process is a large part of that reorganization. With its completion on time and on target in September, the Army will have reshaped its infrastructure to better support Soldiers, civilians and families.

The Base Realignment and Closure commission made recommendations about how to make efficiencies in the Department of Defense to the president, who presented them to Congress and those recommendations became law in September 2005. Of the 182 commission recommendations, 113 affected the Army. This BRAC is an important part of the Army’s historic transformation and has affected many commands, including the Installation Management Command Headquarters in San Antonio, Texas.

BRAC 2005 enables the Army to reshape its infrastructure to support its forces. It repositions our forces, making them more relevant and combat ready for the combat commander. It also creates doctrinal efficiencies by consolidating schools into centers of excellence and headquarters and other activities into joint or multi-functional installations for efficiency and cost control.

Joint Base San Antonio is experiencing the largest economic development in its history with 10,000 Families relocating here. This BRAC move has transformed the former Fort Sam Houston into a premier medical complex and the largest medical training campus in the world. Joint installations, like JBSA, improve training capabilities and eliminate excess capacity while providing the same or better service at a reduced cost.

Fort Benning, the new home of the Maneuver Center of Excellence, is a good example of how BRAC growth has been handled in an environmentally and fiscally sustainable way. Thirty-four new projects have been built there as a result of BRAC and all of them have been designed to be LEED Silver certified. All of the new construction supports increased operational capability and our war-fighting capability.

On installations across the Army you can see signs of success in meeting the goals of BRAC 2005. Construction alone has brought thousands of jobs to surrounding communities. Expanded installations have caused local businesses and service providers to grow.

Even communities surrounding closure installations have benefitted by working with the Army to redevelop the surplus property. But with BRAC successes, there are also challenges. More people require more schools, houses and emergency services. The city of El Paso is a great example of a community that turned its challenges with BRAC into a success story.
Fun in the sun starts with safety

By CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN
Fort Jackson Leader

As summer officially begins Tuesday, more and more families will be heading out for weekend trips and water excursions.

But while family members have a good time, employees with the post's various water facilities are urging them to stay safe.

“Be aware of your swimming level,” said Amanda Orduno, Fort Jackson assistant aquatics director. “Watch your children as they play because parents are the first set of eyes on the water.”

The best precaution, she said, is to learn to swim. Swimming lessons are offered on post through Child, Youth and School Services for children from 6 months to 18 years.

In addition, the Army Safety Center website encourages swimmers to wear a flotation device while swimming and swim with a buddy, regardless of ability.

“We encourage people to use Coast Guard approved life vests while in the water here,” said Sang Pak, manager of the water park. Many drowning accidents are preventable through use of flotation devices.

For visitors to any of the post’s water facilities, the presence of red-suited lifeguards shows just how key safety is for the installation.

Lifeguards at the Fort Jackson water facilities have gone through strenuous training to respond quickly to possible drowning issues.

“Many people have a hard time passing the prerequisite test of swimming just to get into the course,” Orduno said. “They have to swim 20 meters, dive down to retrieve a brick and swim back with the brick over their heads.”

During the 33-hour training, lifeguard trainees are tested on their ability to execute the lifesaving techniques they are taught.

“One of the hardest parts of lifeguard training for some is the passive drowning rescue when the drowning victim is unconscious and sometimes deep under water,” said Orduno. “By the end of training, lifeguards know every aspect of lifesaving.”

Once on the lifeguard stand, they are the safety and rule enforcers for the Fort Jackson water facilities.

MORE TO KNOW

Summer driving tips:
When your time in the water is done, keep summer safety in mind on the roadways. More than 1 million accidents are caused by distracted driving each year according to the National Safety Council.
Be sure to put your cell phone away before even starting the car. Handheld use is strictly prohibited on Fort Jackson and many states have laws against it. The Safety Center suggests pulling over to a safe location to talk or text.

Heat safety tips:
It is also important to recognize the symptoms associated with heat-related illnesses and take steps to prevent them.

In addition to wearing sunscreen, try wearing a hat with a brim and sunglasses to protect your face and eyes from the sun’s rays.
Some symptoms to watch out for are: spasms in arms, legs and stomach, which can indicate heat cramps; and headaches, paleness, clammy skin and difficulty breathing, which can indicate heat exhaustion. For these illnesses, victims should get into a shaded area and sip water. For heat cramps, the area should be massaged.

The most severe heat injury is heat stroke, which can be fatal. Symptoms include, headache, dizziness, delirium and vomiting. Call 911 immediately if you notice someone with these symptoms.

Caroline Smarr is one of 15 lifeguards at Palmetto Falls Water Park. Lifeguards go through 33 hours of extensive training and are required to learn every aspect of lifesaving. Water safety is important to remember during the 101 Days of Summer, which run Memorial Day through Labor Day.

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Substance abuse program consolidates

By SUSANNE KAPPLER
Fort Jackson Leader

For the first time in more than a decade, all the components of the Army Substance Abuse Program will be located together starting next week. The program’s clinical section, which is responsible for offering treatment, was previously located at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, while the preventive program was located on Sunter Road. ASAP’s new offices will be at 9810 Lee Road.

“With the prevention side (and the clinical side) working together, we can provide better services to the Soldiers,” said Brenda Watley, ASAP clinical program manager. “Because what we’re trying to move to is working together, we can provide better services to the Soldiers.”

Richardson said she hopes to be able to increase staffing for the preventive programs soon.

“(What) we’re trying to do is lean more toward preventing or intervening early, so that we don’t have to treat as much,” Richardson said. “Because what we’d like to do is get the word out and let you know there are some other things you can do before (substance abuse) becomes a problem.”

Watley said people with substance abuse problems are often reluctant to seek help. She said it is important to explain the benefits of treatment, especially to Soldiers.

“We’re still working on (decreasing) the stigma that a lot of times is associated with Soldiers when they want to get help for any type of behavioral health problem, whether that be (post traumatic stress disorder), depression (or) substance abuse issues,” Watley said.

Watley said that the intensive training is a departure from having patients meet in group or individual sessions that may meet only weekly.

“Once they come out ... we want to do some intensive treatment during which they would come in for four days a week, three hours,” Watley said. “This gives them a longer period of time in treatment, during which we can reinforce what they have learned in the inpatient setting.”

Treatment hours will be reduced gradually depending on the patient’s treatment plan.

Richardson said her hope is that in the long run ASAP can change people’s attitudes about substance abuse.

“I think that if we can make a dent or help people view life, and substance abuse in particular, a little bit differently, it would really help,” she said.

To contact ASAP, call 751-6597 (clinical program) or 751-5007. Walk-ins are welcome. Soldiers also have the option of going through their chain of command to seek help.

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An Apple a day ...

Above photo, Col. James Love, garrison commander, and Nancy Kessler, manager of the Main Exchange, cut the ribbon to open the Apple Store Friday. Having a special section will allow Exchange customers an opportunity to try out products and ask an Apple specialist questions, Love said. Customers will also have a wider range of products from which to choose, he said.

Left, Pvt.s. James Parker and Mike Franco, both with Company A, 187th Ordnance Battalion, check out iPads before the grand opening of the new Apple Store inside the Main Exchange.
**News and Notes**

**SUMMER LUNCH OFFERED**

The Seamless Summer Food Program offers free breakfast and lunch for children 18 and younger at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School. The program begins Monday and runs through July 15. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Lunch will be available from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call David Foppe at (843) 846-4933.

**QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES SOUGHT**

Quality of life issues are being collected for consideration in the Army Family Action Plan issue resolution process. To submit an issue, visit the Family Readiness center, call 751-6315 or register online at http://www.myarmyonesource.com/AFAPIssueManagement.

**NON-PROFIT GETS LOCAL CHAPTER**

Operation Homefront announced Monday its new South Carolina chapter, which will serve service members statewide. The announcement coincided with the national organization’s announcement of an Army Homefront Fund, which will provide emergency financial and other support to Soldiers and their families, with an emphasis on Wounded Warrior care and transition assistance.

The chapter, which was officially chartered April 19, has already worked with local vendors to donate toys to various installations throughout the state. Approximately 50 volunteers from various communities have been working with the local chapter.

**KNIGHT POOL CLOSED**

Knight Pool is closed until further notice while it is repaired. All services and programs scheduled at Knight Pool will be offered at Legion Pool. Entry into the pool is free to all eligible ID card holders. The pool is open 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday.

**SCHOOL TEMPORARILY RELOCATES**

Pierce Terrace Elementary School staff will temporarily relocate to C.C. Pinckney Elementary School until Aug. 1 as the school undergoes asbestos abatement. Anyone needing to contact school staff or register a student can call 782-1772 or 787-6815 to do so. Office staff can also assist parents in person at Pinckney, which is located at 5900 Chesnut Road.

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS**

Summer registration for the 2011-2012 school year begins June 21. Registration is 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday from June 21 to July 14; and July 26 to Aug. 10. There will be no registration from July 18 to July 22. Registration will resume 9 a.m., Aug. 16. Students registering that day will begin school the following day. For more information, call C.C. Pinckney Elementary School at 787-6815 or Pierce Terrace Elementary School at 782-1772.

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**Wildlife Branch conducts annual nightjar survey**

**By STANLEY RIKARD
Directorate of Public Works**

Josh Arrants and Samantha Smith, both wildlife technicians with the Directorate of Public Works Wildlife Branch, arrived at their first stop along North Tower Road at 9 p.m., Friday, under a first quarter moon. As they stepped out of their truck, they immediately heard the seemingly endless repetitive call of two Chuck-will’s-widows.

“That’s the first nightjars of the evening,” said Arrants, referring to a type of medium-sized, mostly nocturnal bird. “Looks like we may have a good count tonight.”

Smith quickly recorded the time, species heard and weather conditions as they both continue to listen for more calling nightjars.

Arrants and Smith were participating in Fort Jackson’s third annual nightjar survey. The primary objective of the survey is to contribute data to the Nightjar Survey Network, Center for Conservation Biology, at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. This data helps determine the population distribution and trends of nightjar species across the United States.

Nightjars found on post include Whip-poor-wills, Chuck-will’s-widows, and Common nighthawks. Those participating in Friday evening’s survey counted the migratory birds by listening for their calls at 10 pre-established stations along a 10-mile route.

Each route is surveyed one time per year during a very specific survey window. Participants spend six minutes at each station listening and recording the number of species and total number of nightjars they hear.

“These birds are mostly active in the late evening and early morning or at night, and feed predominantly on moths and other large flying insects,” Smith said. “Nightjars typically call more frequently when the moon is above the horizon or not hidden by dense cloud cover. That is why we survey on a clear night when the moon is visible.”

Nightjars are sometimes referred to as “goatsuckers” because of the mistaken belief that they suck milk from goats. This old wives’ tale is based on the birds’ very large mouths, which are used to catch flying insects in mid-air. They have sensitive bristles around their mouths, like cats’ whiskers, that help them to locate prey, and are also thought to help funnel their prey into their mouths and away from their eyes.

In recent years, conservationists and the general public have come to share a general sense that populations of nightjars are dramatically declining.

Since 2007, data has been collected from more than 249 routes in 35 states by more than 400 volunteers. Prior to this survey program, there was no widespread or long-term monitoring effort of nightjar populations. Information gathered from the survey data will allow scientists to better develop conservation strategies for managing these bird species.

“The managed longleaf forests on Fort Jackson provide the perfect habitat for our three nightjar species,” Arrants said. “The large number of these birds present on our installation clearly shows the compatibility of the Army’s training missions and the management of forests that these birds depend on for survival.”

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**Housing Happenings**

**COMMUNITY UPDATES**
- Call 309-6848 to report any stray animals in housing, including the Single Soldier Complex. Do not attempt to secure animals.
- Balfour Beatty will provide free ice cream from its ice cream truck this month. The ice cream will be free to on-post residents.
- Nominate any well-kept yards for Yard of the Month. Send nominations to Alana at 738-8275 or email ayounghblood@bbcegp.com. Self-nominations are also welcome.
- Parents are asked to ensure that children are properly supervised, as outlined in the installation’s policy on child supervision. The memorandum can be viewed at http://www.jackson.army.mil/sites/garrison/pages/389 in the RCI section.
- Residents should take special care to monitor children and ensure they do not play in the yards of vacant houses or use outdoor water spouts of vacant houses. A new home recently received flood damage after a water spout was left on.
- Parents and children should take special precautions around construction areas, particularly climbing on retaining walls. Those who observe such behavior should discourage it and report the incident to the Community Management Office at 738-8275.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**
- To date, 385 homes have been completed.
- A total of 838 homes have been demolished to date.
- Families living in the senior noncommissioned officer housing area are asked to enter Mills Road to Brown Avenue is now accessible.

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**NEWS**

**AG Corps Hall of Fame grows**

**By CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN**

**Fort Jackson Leader**

The Adjutant General Corps celebrated its second annual Regimental Week with a Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and unveiling of the first regimental print on Friday at the Soldier Support Institute Auditorium.


All of the inductees are retired except for Frost and Dilworth, who were inducted posthumously.

The tradition of celebrating great contributions of AG officers began in 2010 with the opening of the Hall of Honor in the AG School. The hallway contains murals and plaques in celebration of corps history.

The newest artistic addition to the Hall of Honor was unveiled at Friday’s ceremony. Artist Mort Künstler painted the first Adjutant General Regimental print. The painting portrays Gen. George Washington on the shore of the Hudson River next to his adjutant general, Timothy Pickering.

“It showcases the long standing history of adjutants and their importance in military history,” Künstler said.

Col. Rob Manning, AG School commandant, spoke about how much the AG Corps has changed since the days of Washington.

“We are here today to honor those greats who have come before and who made AG the dynamic force that it is today,” Manning said. “It is important for AG to transcend unit boundaries to help meet the challenges of combat.”

Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, a former AAFES commander, was posthumously inducted at the ceremony. Her husband, Martin Frost, attended in her honor.

Frost’s contributions to the corps consisted of her service as the adjutant general on Sept. 11, 2001, social aide to the White House for presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush and the highest ranking woman in the Army at the time of her retirement in 2006.

Frost succumbed to breast cancer after retirement.

As the daughter of a Marine, when asked why she joined the Army, Frost loved to say, “Because they were looking for a few good women,” her husband said Friday.

Kathryn Frost, who took command of AAFES in 2002 just one month after breast cancer surgery, made it a priority that that troops in combat zones received exemplary customer service.

“She would tell you that the Burger King in Baghdad sold more whoppers than any BK in the States,” Martin Frost said.

Many of the inductees took time to share their personal stories of influential experiences and professional wisdom gathered during their careers. Simms addressed AG students on the importance of being a leader to Soldiers.

“For you to be morally straight and physically strong because your Soldiers are always watching you,” he said. “It is great to be an AG Soldier, it is even better to be an AG leader.”

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**AG Theaters**

**June 17 — 7 p.m.**

Something Borrowed  
PG-13

**June 18 — 2 p.m.**

Water for Elephants  
PG-13

**June 20 — 2 p.m.**

Gnomeo & Juliet  
PG

**June 22 — 1 p.m.**

Something Borrowed  
PG-13

**June 22 — 4 p.m.**

Water for Elephants  
PG-13

**June 23 — 5 p.m.**

Water for Elephants  
PG-13

**Adults:** $4.50  
**Children (12 and younger):** $2.25  
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Drills test their skills in contest

Staff Sgt. Samantha Goscinski, Fort Jackson’s representative in the TRADOC Drill Sergeant of the Year competition, clears hurdles at the Confidence Course Wednesday. Six drill sergeants are competing on Fort Jackson for the titles of active duty and Reserve component drill sergeant of the year. The weeklong competition wraps up today and the winners will be announced in a ceremony 9 a.m., Friday at the Solomon Center.

Above, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Facio, a drill sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. answers questions during a mock media encounter Monday. The “interview” was one of the urban orienteering events on the first day of competition. Left, Goscinski maneuvers the horizontal ladder at the Confidence Course Wednesday.
Vance: Army best experience in my life

Name
Staff Sgt. Clinton Vance

Unit
HHC, 165th Infantry Brigade

MOS
27D, paralegal specialist

Hobbies
Golf, water skiing

Growing up in a working class family in Alabama, Staff Sgt. Clinton Vance had one big dream — being accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy. Despite the disadvantage of not having any family history that would connect him to the service academy, Vance beat the odds and gained a nomination from one of his senators, only to be told that he would not be admitted but could attend the Naval Academy Preparatory School for one year, which he could not afford at the time.

“All my life, I’ve wanted to go to the Naval Academy,” Vance said. “I could have gotten (other) scholarships, I know I could have. I just didn’t apply, because I put all my eggs into one basket.”

Vance instead enrolled at the University of Alabama, but, once again, things were not going as planned. Vance said that he was deeply affected by the 9/11 attacks, which happened during his fourth year of study, and knew he could not stay in college.

“I wanted a degree, but I’ve always wanted to serve my country,” he said. “The way I saw it was, I can never go back to fight for my country, but I can always go back to fight for my country, but I can always go back to finish my degree.”

Vance enlisted as an airborne infantryman and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., with which he deployed twice. During his second deployment, to Afghanistan, Vance decided to reclassify as a paralegal specialist.

“It was a rough deployment, very rough,” he said. “I lost friends. I lost some of my own Soldiers. And as I was getting older, I started reflecting, ‘If I stay (in the Army) doing this, I’m going to die.’ That’s the thought I had.”

One of the reasons Vance chose to become a paralegal was because he had long considered going to law school, he said.

“I can honestly say that this has been the best part of the Army so far, doing this job,” he said. “It totally put to rest any doubts that I had going to law school.”

Vance said his plans to pursue a law degree are not a question of “if,” but a question of “when.” He will either go to law school after his current enlistment ends in 2014 and then return to the Army as an officer in the Judge Advocate General Corps, or after he retires from the Army.

For now, though, he said he plans to be the best noncommissioned officer he can be.

“My being an NCO, I love the interaction you get with the Soldiers and training them,” he said. “In my opinion, the most important quality for an NCO is loyalty. I am fiercely loyal, almost to a fault, to the Army, to my country, to my Soldiers, to the ones I care about. … If you can’t be fiercely loyal to the Army and to your country, then you can’t do this job effectively.”

Vance said he has no regrets about joining the Army.

“I love wearing this uniform. I love the feeling that I get, I love being around Soldiers, I like the lifestyle. I love everything about it,” he said. “This has been the best experience in my life. And I’ve done some good things in my life, I think, before I actually joined the Army, things that I’m proud of and things that I thought were important.”

“I’ve done that’s ever made me feel this good. And that’s part of why I continue to stay in.”

— Reporting by Susanne Kappler

The NCO Creed

No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a Noncommissioned Officer, I realize that I am a member of a time honored corps, which is known as “The Backbone of the Army.”

I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the Military Service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain tactically and technically proficient. I am aware of my role as a Noncommissioned Officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uniformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uniformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

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The 160 chaplains and chaplain candidates in the Chaplain Basic Officer Leadership Course sat in awe when 91-year-old Moffatt Burris spoke to them recently at the Army Chaplain Center and School.

“I invited Mr. Burris as a motivational speaker, since (by luck of the draw) my platoon was matched with the 82nd Airborne Division for training purposes,” said Chaplain (Maj.) Henry Soussan, an instructor for the officer basic course.

“It was my intent to instill pride in the heritage of the 82nd in my platoon members. ... He was the guest speaker at the Days of Remembrance and I knew that his story would move the students,” Soussan said.

Burris was a 24-year-old Army captain in 1945 when his unit, the 82nd Division, had a very close call outside Berlin near the end of World War II.

“Mr. Burris told of the hard campaigns in Italy, France, Holland and Germany and quietly spoke of his shock and disbelief when liberating a German concentration camp. One of his most astonishing stories occurred when (he) neared Berlin in April 1945. He was given orders to stay put. But the young captain decided to jump in a jeep with two other men to see just what lay ahead of his division. He stumbled into the German army,” Soussan said.

“We drove about 40 miles, about half way to Berlin, and ran head-to-head into a German armored corps — just hundreds of tanks, half tracks and trucks — and probably 15,000 or so troops. I needed a plan, and quick,” Burris told the officers. “I got out and went to the lead vehicle which had a German captain in it. He spoke English and I said, ‘I’m here to accept your surrender.’ He looks back and says, ‘Are you crazy? Three men and a jeep?’ I said, ‘I have a whole army of paratroopers and tanks right behind me and the Russians right behind you. Do you want to surrender to us or to them?’ He said, ‘Wait a minute.’ He called a conference of about three or four other German officers. He came back and walked up to me and pulled his pistol out. I thought, ‘Oh no, not here in the last few days of the war.’ Then he turned it around and handed it to me.”

Burris and his two-man army had somehow managed to secure the surrender of an entire German Panzer corps.

Capt. Lance Sellon, a chaplain candidate and class executive officer, said while he is familiar with war heroes portrayed in movies, he had never actually met one before Burris.

“It was very inspiring,” he said. “I’ve never met a person with such experiences. You hear about people like that, see movies, but to actually meet them is inspiring. These guys from World War II, some of them served three years without a break. It draws a correlation with our troops today. They (the WWII veterans) were called to do difficult things and it serves to remind me that I, too, may be called on to do difficult things.”

“I have a deep respect for people who fight for our country,” said Chaplain (1st Lt.) Karyn Berger, a rabbi. “That’s why I serve. It was awesome. If (Burris) hadn’t done what he did, I probably wouldn’t be here. It’s personal.”

Burris also shared with the class the effect his battalion chaplain had on him and his fellow troops.

Burris said his former chaplain volunteered to jump into combat with his troops and accompanied the paratroopers during the famous Waal River crossing in Holland during Operation Market Garden. Burris’ role in that crossing was made famous by Robert Redford in the movie “A Bridge Too Far.”

“Our chaplain was amazing,” Burris said. “He was everywhere. He was fearless.”

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**Birthday storytime**


Photo by JULIA SIMPKINS, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School
positive community for fathers through the fatherhood forums held on post.

Greg Lewis, who works with Family Advocacy, started the forums in November 2010. Lewis said many of his life experiences have given him a special passion for military fathers. The Army retiree, who has endured the painful loss of a child, is raising a teenage son.

“My father was not around when I came up and I know what it is like to deal with the demands of wearing the uniform and trying to be there for those at home,” Lewis said. “We want to encourage dads to keep making that effort to connect whenever they can. Especially with teens, dads play a big role in helping kids make the right decisions.”

The fatherhood forums have attracted men on post with a large amount of fathering and military knowledge, ranging from young Soldiers to the commanding general.

“Our goal with this program is to give fathers a safe place to talk about their own issues, without the moms and the work distractions,” Lewis said. “We are working toward building these dads up so they can be engaged, continue to go out and do great things.”

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MORE TO KNOW

The nominees recognized were:


Col. James Love, garrison commander, and Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin congratulate Gerald Phalo during the Fatherhood Recognition Ceremony Tuesday at the Solomon Center. Phalo was one of 17 Fort Jackson fathers recognized.

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Hinman, with the 187th Ordnance Battalion, was one of 17 fathers recognized during the inaugural Fatherhood Recognition Ceremony Tuesday. His wife, Meghan, and children, Pamela, 7, and J.J., 4, were also on hand as he received his award. Hinman, who was nominated by his unit, said he enjoyed the ceremony and the thought behind it.

“It was great,” he said. “It’s pretty cool. Everybody enjoyed it. It was pretty uplifting.”

He added that he hoped the ceremony would become a yearly event for Fort Jackson. “I think it’s a positive keynote for the installation. It’s definitely a plus.”
WASHINGTON — The voice of the Soldier has been heard: the Army announced the patrol cap will replace the black wool beret as the default headgear for the Army combat uniform.

Also changing are the options for how Soldiers can attach certain items to their ACU shirts. Army Chief of Staff Martin E. Dempsey said Soldiers will soon be able to sew on name tapes, service tapes, rank insignia and skill badges, instead of using Velcro.

The changes were made after Dempsey received input from Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, who had been tasked to gather opinions from Soldiers in the field.

“I am a scout for General Dempsey, who asked me to look into everything a Soldier wears from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet,” Chandler said. “These are changes that the field said they wanted to see.”

Typically, uniform changes come as a result of a board that meets twice a year. But Chandler said issues surrounding both the ACU headgear and the use of Velcro were changes the Army chief of staff wanted to bring to the Secretary of the Army immediately.

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service
BRAC positioned Army to meet challenges

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Fort Bliss is experiencing the largest BRAC realignment in history with unparalleled growth of 29,600 Soldiers and 45,000 family members relocating there. El Paso embraced BRAC, building new schools, while the state invested $1 billion for transportation projects in the city and creating thousands of civilian jobs. When BRAC and Army Transformation are complete, Fort Bliss will have enough new facilities to accommodate five brigade combat teams, a division staff and their families.

IMCOM plays a big part in transforming the Army’s infrastructure through BRAC, supporting the movement of several organizations and welcoming thousands of Soldiers and civilians onto our installations and into surrounding communities. This transformation has made us a stronger more efficient and agile organization, supporting a stronger, more efficient and agile Army.

BRAC is an important part of the largest Army transformation in three generations. Consolidating and repositioning several major commands will save millions in personnel and facilities costs and is needed to put the Army on the path to future sustainability.

We have no way of knowing exactly what the future will look like, but the 2005 BRAC process better positioned the Army to meet future challenges. The Army has realigned its infrastructure with the new modular structure and modernized our support facilities, all while becoming more fiscally and environmentally sustainable.

When it is complete it will be a major achievement for the Army. By this September, the Army will have completed over $13 billion in construction and renovation projects, and a reorganization that will affect one-third of the Army.

This will all have been done in six years, putting the Army on time and on target to meet its future missions.
Happenings

Calendar

Today
Tobacco cessation orientation
3 to 4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor staff conference room
For more information, call 751-5035.

Friday
Drill Sergeant of the Year ceremony
9 a.m., Solomon Center

Saturday
U.S. Army Soldier Show
7 p.m., Solomon Center

Monday
Nutrition class: Army move!
2 to 4 p.m., Room 8-85, MACH
Call 751-2115/2363 for information.

Thursday, June 23
Nutrition class: Cholesterol and high blood pressure
2-3 p.m., Room 8-85, MACH
Call 751-2115/2363 for information.

Wednesday, June 29
Retirement review
9 a.m., Post Headquarters

Friday, July 1
BCT Museum ribbon cutting
7:30 p.m., BCT Museum

Torchlight Tattoo: Salute to the Nation
9 p.m., Hilton Field

Housing events

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

Throughout June
Biggest loser contest
The weight-loss competition is open to all adult residents. The participant who loses the highest percentage of weight by the end of June will win a $50 gift card. To register, contact Alana at ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com or by calling 738-8275. Participants must be available to weigh in every Friday during regular business hours.

Wednesdays
Kids craft corner
3 p.m.
RSVP by email to ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com or by calling 738-8275.

Today
Neighborhood Huddle
Noon, Moses and Carter roads
Residents of Pierce Terrace 5 and 7 are encouraged to attend to discuss concerns, interact with neighbors and have a complimentary lunch.

Monday
Game Night
6 p.m.

Children 10 to 15 are invited to play board games, Wii games and bingo. Pizza will be served. To RSVP, call Alana at 738-8275.

Friday, June 24
Red Cross blood drive
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
To sign up, call Alana at 738-8275.

Announcements

JAG CLOSURE
The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, including legal assistance and claims, will close at noon, June 24. Normal hours will resume June 27.

CIF CLOSURE
The Central Issue Facility will be closed through Friday for its annual inventory. Service members and civilians who clear the installation during that week should report to the CIF earlier. Normal operations will resume Monday. For more information, call 751-7213.

ASP CLOSURE
The Ammunition Supply Point will be closed Monday through June 24 for its quarterly inventory. The ASP will reopen June 27. For more information, call 751-4017/6586.

KNIGHT POOL CLOSURE
Knight Pool will be closed until further notice for repair. All services and programs previously conducted at Knight Pool are now offered at Legion Pool.

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS
American Red Cross new volunteer orientation is 1 to 4 p.m., every Wednesday and 9 a.m. to noon, every Thursday. Only one session is needed to become a volunteer. Additional hospital-specific training is required for those volunteers working in a clinical setting. Call 751-4529 to register or for more information. The office is located at 9810 Lee Road.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS
The Thrift Shop is looking for a cashier. Contact the store to apply.

The Thrift Shop will be closed July 4-15. Normal hours will resume July 19.

HR FOR SUPERVISORS
A human resources course for supervisors is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through June 23 at the 81st Regional Support Command auditorium. For more information, call 751-5063/1167.

FLTCIP OPEN SEASON
Open season for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program will run through June 24. For more information on the program, visit www.ltcfeds.com or call 1-800-582-3337.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events. Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations. Send all submissions to FJLeader@conus.army.mil. For more information, call 751-7045.

Changes of command

165th INFANTRY BRIGADE
Col. Bryan Rudacille will relinquish command of the 165th Infantry Brigade to Col. Gary Sheffield in a ceremony at 9 a.m., June 27 at the Officers’ Club.

3-13th INFANTRY REGIMENT
Lt. Col. Benjamin Higginbotham will relinquish command of the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment to Lt. Col. Steven Delvaux in a ceremony at 9 a.m., June 28 at the Officers’ Club.

1-61ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

2-13th INFANTRY REGIMENT
Lt. Col. Michael Peters will relinquish command of the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment to Lt. Col. Patrick Crosby in a ceremony at 9 a.m., July 1 at the Officers’ Club.

DENTAC
Col. Michael Cuenin will relinquish command of the Fort Jackson DENTAC to Col. Jamie Houston in a ceremony at 9 a.m., July 15 at Olive Dental Clinic (4323 Hill St.).

4-10th INFANTRY REGIMENT
Lt. Col. Richard MacDemott will relinquish command of the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment to Lt. Col. Robert Fouche in a ceremony at 9 a.m., July 6 at the Officers’ Club.

Send all submissions to FJLeader@conus.army.mil. For more information, call 751-7045.

Yard contest
Retired 1st Sgt. Larry Kirchner, second from right, and his wife, Nita, are this month’s Yard of the Month grand prize winners. The Kirchners received numerous prizes, including free dinner coupons, movie passes and a $50 gift card. Also pictured are Col. James Love, left, garrison commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson.

Courtesy photo
Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle’s honorees

Staff Sgt.
Michael Harris
Company C
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

Sgt. 1st Class
Pedro Martinez
Company D
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

Sgt. 1st Class
Andrea Adams
Company F
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt.
Douglas Friese
Drill Sergeant School

Staff Sgt.
Tomekia Branch
Drill sergeant leader
Drill Sergeant School

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Mary Blake

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Diamonik Hough

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Linda Gallegos

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Donovan Saulsberry

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Pvt. Luis Sainz

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Jerome Downs

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Cody Dresser

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Peirre Pariseau

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Benjamin Loch

HIGH APFT SCORE
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Pfc. Stephanie Broomfield

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Spc. Aaron MacIntyre

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Training honors

Staff Sgt.
Bernice Thompson
High APFT score
Drill Sergeant School

Staff Sgt.
Theresa Johnson
Platoon sergeant of the cycle
369th Adjutant General Battalion

Staff Sgt.
Don Bailey
Instructor of the cycle
369th Adjutant General Battalion

Sgt. 1st Class
Tomekia Branch
Drill sergeant leader
Drill Sergeant School

Staff Sgt.
Douglas Friese
Distinguished honor graduate
Drill Sergeant School

Staff Sgt.
Adam Walsh
Leadership award
Drill Sergeant School

Sgt. 1st Class
Tomekia Branch
Drill sergeant leader
Drill Sergeant School

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At your service
Phone numbers and operation hours for key post facilities

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<td>Defense Military Pay Office</td>
<td>751-6669 (Soldiers)</td>
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Cpl. Jeremy Gaynor, the Ring Master for the 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show, enters the time machine during the April 30 show at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Carnival comes to Jackson

Soldier Show to hit post this weekend

By TIM HIPPS
FMWR Public Affairs

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The Solomon Center will be transformed into a carnival Sunday as the U.S. Army Soldier Show comes to Fort Jackson.

The Carnival concept of the 2011 show will take audiences on a globe-spanning journey to more fun-filled venues in 90 minutes than some folks experience in a lifetime.

From a boardwalk to a fun house to a circus to a county fair to a time machine, Soldier-entertainers will take their guests on a globe-spanning journey to more fun-filled venues in 90 minutes that some folks experience in a lifetime.

“It’s an opportunity to actually take the audience on a journey with us,” said Victor Hurtado, Soldier Show director. “And not just to the continental United States — we have a great international scene.”

Africa, Samoa, Latin America, Nepal, with influences from India, Thailand and China are represented in the song-and-dance extravaganza that plays to the strengths of cast members from several countries. Each international scene will feature authentic music from that locale.

This Soldier Show cast features strong instrumentalists on the violin, drums, guitar, keyboards and bass who will keep the performers on the move as they dance from scene to scene. One central character will help keep the show moving by introducing each scene.

“There are a lot of dancers, a lot of movement in the show,” Hurtado said. “But there are some great voices as well. And some great stage presence. We have some great rapper and spoken-word guys, so we have quite a bit of that driving the show.”

Patriotism is woven throughout the show that does not so much resemble a military production.

“With MWR, we’re in the business of taking families and Soldiers away from the trials and tribulations of what they’re going through, so I think this will definitely inspire the patriotism, but really help you escape and take you to places you wouldn’t go all in one day,” Hurtado said. “You wouldn’t go to the circus, a boardwalk, a country fair, a fun house — in four different areas of the world — and a Fourth of July celebration, all in one day.

“You could never physically do that, but you’re going to be able to do that at this show.”

“Entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier” is the working motto of Army Entertainment Division, which launched the 106-performance Soldier Show tour from Fort Belvoir, Va., to 61 installations, garrisons and other venues around the United States, Germany and Korea.

“As a group, they’ve really become very cohesive,” Hurtado said. “We’ve really been able to get the show together quickly. They’ve been very engaged. It’s pretty amazing where they are already, as far as rehearsals go.”

The 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show’s eight-month tour is made possible through sponsorship support provided by Army G-1’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program and Navy Federal Credit Union. The tour concludes Dec. 10 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, the Army Base Realignment and Closure law-mandated future home of Army Entertainment Division.

Admission to all shows is free on a first-come, first-seated basis.

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
 Visit the Officers’ Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the seafood buffet.
 Victory Bingo, starts at 2 p.m.
 Friday night special at Ivy Lanes. Games and shoe rental cost $2 each, 5 to 10 p.m. Open to all permanent party service members.
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 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.

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.
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ONGOING OFFERS
 The NCO Club breakfast is served 6 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is $8 for adults and $3.75 for children 4 to 10 years old.
 The Officers’ Club specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions. For more information, call 782-8761.
 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. For more information, call 751-4865.
 The Officers’ Club is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For a full calendar of events, visit www.fortjacksonwr.com.
Know early signs of deadly infection

**By WAYNE COMBS**

U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional)

MRSA is a potentially dangerous type of staph bacteria that is resistant to certain antibiotics and may cause skin and other infections. Recent data shows that Americans visit the doctor approximately 12 million times each year to get checked for suspected MRSA skin infection.

A breakout of MRSA can have a devastating impact on unit readiness and accomplishing the mission. The good news is that a few simple steps can prevent and reduce the spread of MRSA. The goal of the National MRSA Education Initiative is to help Americans better recognize and prevent MRSA skin infections.

**What are the signs and symptoms of MRSA?**

As with all regular staph infections, recognizing the signs and receiving treatment for MRSA skin infections in the early stages reduces the chances of the infection becoming severe. It is especially important to contact your healthcare professional if signs and symptoms of an MRSA skin infection are accompanied by a fever.

Most staph skin infections, including MRSA, appear as a bump or infected area on the skin that may be:
- Red
- Swollen
- Painful
- Warm to the touch
- Full of pus or other drainage
- MRSA can be accompanied by a fever.

**How is MRSA spread?**

- Having direct contact with another person’s infection.
- Sharing personal items, such as towels or razors, that have touched infected skin.
- Touching surfaces or items, such as used bandages, contaminated with MRSA.

**What if I suspect an MRSA skin infection?**

- Cover the area with a bandage and contact your healthcare professional.

**How are MRSA skin infections treated?**

Treatment for MRSA skin infections may include:
- Covering the area with a bandage and covering it.
- Having a health care professional drain the infection and, in some cases, prescribe an antibiotic. Do not attempt to drain the infection yourself — doing so could worsen or spread it to others. If you are given an antibiotic, be sure to take all of the doses (even if the infection is getting better), unless your healthcare professional tells you to stop taking it.

**How can I protect my family from MRSA skin infections?**

- Know the signs of MRSA skin infections and get treated early.
- Encourage good hygiene such as cleaning hands regularly.
- Discourage sharing of personal items such as towels and razors.

**Editor’s note:** Wayne Combs holds a doctorate in nursing and is a member of the USAHPC (Provisional) Health Promotion and Wellness Portfolio.

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**New medical evaluation process explained**

**What is the Integrated Disability Evaluation System?**

The Integrated Disability Evaluation System is a new process that brings together the resources of the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs. IDES is designed to provide a single comprehensive disability examination and single source disability rating that’s accepted by both departments; faster disability processing; increased transparency; and enhanced case management.

**What the Army has done?**

In November 2007, the Army collaborated with DoD and VA to implement the IDES (formally called the Disability Evaluation System Pilot) program in the National Capital Region (Malcolm Grow, Walter Reed and the National Naval Medical Centers). The pilot helped Army and DoD simplify the disability evaluation process by eliminating duplicate disability exams and ratings, and placed Military Service Coordinator (VA Counselors) at Army MTFs to help ensure a smooth transition for Soldiers to veteran status.

As of March 2010, the Army had 15 installations participating in the IDES. By the end of September, the Army Senior Oversight Committee will have 22 facilities participating in the IDES.

**What does the Army have planned for the future?**

Based on the success of the pilot and on-going collaboration with the VA to streamline and reform the Army’s current PDES evaluation and disability process, the IDES in the future will expand to all remaining Army installations. The transformation from two separate evaluation and disability systems to the streamlined IDES, will help all current and future Soldiers and service members by delivering:

1. Enhanced case management
2. A single comprehensive disability examination
3. A single-sourced disability rating
4. Increased transparency
5. Faster disability processing.

**Maj. Gen. James Milano, post commander, signs a memorandum of understanding between Fort Jackson, Moncrief Army Community Hospital and the Veterans Administration to implement the new Integrated Disability Evaluation System.** Also pictured, from left: Kenneth Jungclaus, Veterans Service Center; Janet Zellis, Dorn V.A. Medical Center; Rebecca Stackhouse, Dorn V.A. Medical Center; Carl Hawkins, VA Regional Office; Col. Ramona Fiorey, MACH commander.

**Why is this important to the Army?**

The new streamlined IDES improves the delivery of disability services and benefits for all U.S. Soldiers, service members, veterans and their families. The immediate benefits to service members include the fact that they will not have to undergo two examinations and thru two separate systems.

The service member will experience a smoother transition to the benefits and compensation available through the DVA immediately upon separation or retirement if determined unfit for continued military service.
**FIRST RESPONDER**

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any one person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Col. Ronald F. Taylor
Director,
Emergency Services/Provost Marshal
Sgt. Maj. Glen W. Wellman III
Provost Sergeant Major
Bill Forrester
Fire Chief

**CASES OF THE WEEK**

- A civilian was charged with public disorderly conduct and unlawful transportation/carrying a weapon after attempting to enter the installation. Military Police said. The civilian became disorderly when the weapons procedures were explained, MPs said.
- A civilian was charged with driving with a suspended license after attempting the enter the installation, MPs said. The license was confiscated and the vehicle was towed from the installation.

**FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**THREAT AWARENESS REPORTING PROGRAM (TARP)**

TARP Training: A Yearly Requirement For All DA Personnel

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**LEGAL**

**Divorced spouses retain some benefits**

**By 1ST LT. ADAM WOLRICH**

Legal Assistance Office

Spouses of service members who are considering divorce often have questions concerning what military benefits they would be entitled to following the divorce. Such entitlements may include a portion of the service member’s retirement pay, the ability to continue to go to the commissary or exchange, as well as medical coverage.

**MEDICAL, COMMISSARY AND PX BENEFITS**

A former spouse’s entitlements after divorce are outlined in the Uniformed Services Former Spouses’ Protection Act. Under the USFSPA, a former spouse of a service member is entitled to medical, commissary and Post Exchange benefits provided he or she meets the following criteria: (1) the couple must have been married for at least 20 years; (2) the service member must have served at least 20 years of creditable service for retired pay; and (3) there must have been a 20-year “overlap” of the marriage and the credible military service.

This test, referred to as the “20/20/20 test” must be met for the former spouse to receive these benefits. These benefits will continue after the divorce as long as the spouse does not remarry. If the spouse remarries, the benefits cease. However, if the subsequent marriage is terminated, the commissary and exchange benefits can be revived.

If a former spouse cannot meet the 20/20/20 test, he or she may still be entitled to limited military benefits pursuant to the USFSPA. Under the USFSPA, if a former spouse has 15 years of overlap between the marriage and the credible military service (“20/20/15 test”), he or she will be entitled to full military medical benefits for a one-year period after the date of divorce as long as the former spouse does not remarry during that one-year period. When the one-year period ends (or if they remarry during that time), the medical benefits cease.

It is important to remember that these are entitlements of the former spouse. That means the military service member or military retiree cannot take these away. On the other hand, if the criteria of the 20/20/20 test (or 20/20/15 test) are not met, the former spouse has no right to these benefits following the divorce.

**RE蒂REMENT PAY**

The No. 1 concern that people often have concerns a former military spouse’s right to the service member’s retirement pay. Pursuant to the USFSPA, state courts are permitted to treat disposable military retirement pay as marital property.

Consequently, state courts may provide a portion of a retiree’s military retirement to his or her former spouse (in the same manner as they would, for example, divide bank accounts, personal belonging and other marital property).

It is important to keep in mind that the USFSPA does not automatically give a former spouse a portion of the military member’s retirement pay; rather, it permits state courts to do so.

The method courts use in dividing marital property, including military retirement, varies from state to state and depends on where the divorce has been filed.

Understanding many of these issues can be challenging, especially when going through a divorce. This is only general guidance regarding only a few of the many issues that one must consider when contemplating divorce.

**Fort Jackson Legal Office**

The Fort Jackson Legal Office provides legal services — including powers of attorney, living wills and health care powers of attorney — to eligible people.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney, call 751-4287. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The office is located at Building 9475, at the corner of Kershaw and Kemper roads.

Walk-ins for living wills, health care powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney are accepted 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Appointments are required for wills. The office is closed on federal and training holidays.

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**Leader deadlines**

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the June 30 Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the June 30 Leader must be submitted by June 23. Send your submissions to FJLeader@conus.army.mil.
**Sports shorts**

**GOLF LETTERS OF INTENT**

Letters of intent for the summer/fall golf league are due to the Sports Office by 10 a.m., June 28. The league begins July 12 and is open to all ID card holders 18 and older. Teams consist of eight players. Each team must have four players each Tuesday.

**BODYBUILDING COMPETITION**

A natural fitness/bodybuilding competition is scheduled for 6 p.m., June 25 at the Solomon Center. Competition includes men's bodybuilding, women’s bodybuilding and figure. Registration is open to military, civilian employees and family members. Visit [www.fortjacksonmwr.com/fitness](https://www.fortjacksonmwr.com/fitness) for more information. Register online at [https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/jacksonrectrac.html](https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/jacksonrectrac.html). Call 751-5768 for more information.

**POST 10-MILER QUALIFIER**

Fort Jackson’s Army 10-Miler qualifier is scheduled for 5:30 a.m., July 16, beginning at Patton Stadium (Kershaw Street side). Active duty only. Call 751-3096 for more information.

**CYSS BASKETBALL CLINIC**

Session 1 runs June 21-23 and June 28-30. Session 2 runs July 12-14 and July 19-21. Little dribblers (those who have completed kindergarten and through second grade) play 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Beginner basketball (those who have completed third grade and up to fifth grade) play 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Register at Parent Central Services. Call 751-4865 for more information or to register.

**SKIES SPORTS CLASSES**

SKIESUnlimited is now offering beginner tennis lessons for children 5 to 18 years old. The classes are scheduled for Tuesdays and cost $40 per month. SKIESUnlimited will also offer Start Smart enrichment classes through Aug. 5. Classes will be offered in baseball, football, soccer, basketball and golf. For more information, call 751-6777.

**ARMY SEEKS ELITE ATHLETES**

Active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who are competitive on the national and international levels in any Olympic sport can apply for the Army World Class Athlete Program.

The program allows Soldiers to train full time for a shot at the Olympics and World Championships. All applicants must be eligible to represent the United States in international competitions. Officers must be branch-qualified and enlisted Soldiers must be military occupational specialty-qualified.

They must also demonstrate the potential to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team or U.S. Paralympic Team.

Selection standards for each sport are listed at [www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com) under Sports and World Class Athlete Program.

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