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Deadline for events to be included in Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will take place, as well as any other information you might deem necessary.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to publish an article for the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible. With any photo you submit, include IDs — including rank, unit and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

TODAY

Town Hall

The meeting scheduled for this evening has been canceled. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

FRIDAY

Story time

11 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library.

SATURDAY

Celebration of Ramadan

7 p.m., Main Post Chapel.

SUNDAY

Fathers' Day Brunch

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., NCO Club. Gift for Dad, face painting with Sarah Dippity for children. Adults, \$14.95; children, \$7.50 (ages 4-11).

Fathers' Day Brunch

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Officers' Club, 3630 Semmes Road. \$14.95, members; \$19.95, nonmembers; \$6.95, children. Call 751-4906 for information.

TUESDAY

Story time

11 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library.

Professional Mentorship Network luncheon

11:30 to 1 p.m., NCO Club. Lunch \$10.50 per person. RSVP with Ms. Ferguson at bessie.b.ferguson.civ@mail.mil or 751-8187.

JUNE 26

Garrison change of command

9 a.m., Post Headquarters, garrison commander Col. Michael Graese will relinquish command to Col. James W. Ellerson.

Story time

11 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library

JUNE 27

Soap Box Derby

10 a.m. to noon, near Palmetto Falls Water Park. Open to all DOD cardholders. Free event.

Natural body-building competition

6-8 p.m., Solomon Center. Preliminary judging at 11 a.m. Free event to promote fitness.

Celebration of Ramadan

7 p.m., Main Post Chapel.

JUNE 28

Support the Fort Fun Ride

8 a.m., Hilton Field. Free to cardholders, Fort Jackson Cycling Club members. All riders must wear helmets and be at least 12 years old. The event will be held rain or shine. To register, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com and click the registration link. Check-in registration, 6:30-7:30 a.m. the day of the ride.

JUNE 30

Story time

11 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library.

JULY 1

Newcomer orientation

8 a.m. to 2 p.m., NCO Club. Mandatory for all Soldiers new to Fort Jackson. Information on resources available to Soldiers, Families. For information, call 751-1124/9770/5518.

JULY 3

Independence Day 5K fun run/walk

8 a.m., Hilton Field, Independence Day

5K fun run/walk, bike ride and duathlon. Participants may take part in one or both. Register at www.fortjacksonmwr.com, or call 751-3096 for more information.

JULY 18, 19

U.S. Army Soldier Show

7 p.m., Solomon Center. Broadway-style variety performances. Free to Soldiers.

JULY 24

50th birthday drop-in

1:30-3 p.m., Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Army Community Service.

JULY 28

Professional Mentorship Network Luncheon

11:30 to 1 p.m., NCO Club. Lunch \$10.50 per person. RSVP with Ms. Ferguson at bessie.b.ferguson.civ@mail.mil or 751-8187.

AUG. 7

Jackson Jubilee/National Night Out

3-6 p.m., Solomon Center.

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Closed on weekends and federal holidays.

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3:30 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (out-bound only)
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Photo by SGT. KEN SCAR, 108th TRAINING COMMAND

Sara Farr of Wagener-Salley High School crawls to avoid obstacles after jumping over a short wall at the Fit to Win course.

Cadets conquer their fears — and the heat



Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

Kelvin Edwards of A.C. Flora High School pushes out from the wall of Victory Tower as he descends. Edwards exhibited good form, bouncing onto and off the wall while gradually releasing his hold on the rappelling rope.

By CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT
Fort Jackson Leader

Rowing canoes on Weston Lake, rappelling down Victory Tower and gobbling gelatin at the DFAC, 600 JROTC cadets are getting a taste of the Army this week during Cadet Leadership Camp on Fort Jackson.

The cadets — who hail from schools throughout South Carolina — arrived Friday afternoon and will graduate today, clearing out in time for another several hundred cadets. Most of the second wave of cadets will be from North Carolina.

“It’s been a lot of fun (even though) some of it’s hard,” said Ben Bledsoe, a cadet from Westwood High School who had to stay in barracks one morning to clean up after his bunkmates.

“We’re pretty clean,” he said — so the task was easy.

Shontavia Riggins of Lake Marion High School enjoyed her phone call home — even though “it made me cry. I miss home.”

But the busyness of being first sergeant for Alpha Company made up for the homesickness — “from the running around, to the announcements, to making sure everybody is where they’re supposed to be.”

She found it intimidating but thrilling to rappel down Victory Tower.

“I had so much fun going down that,” she said, even though “I’m super-scared of heights. I just calmed down and went and did it. I had to smile all the way down and make it look like nothing was wrong.”

Sgt. Magan Girr of the 251st Air Support Medical Company, Army National Guard, offered medical support during the camp. As a cadet at Camden High School, Girr attended the camp four times.

“I love this camp,” she said. “I had to face some of the biggest fears of my life here.”

Most of this year’s cadets — like Riggins — faced their fears, too. Only one went home after one night because she was homesick. Others suffered blisters, bruised limbs and panic attacks before eventually toughing it out.

The biggest challenge for the week was the heat, which reached 100 degrees. All cadets wore hydration systems on their backs, and instructors constantly urged them to fill up at nearby water buffaloes. At each station stood a basin of ice, so cadets in danger of falling out could immerse their forearms to lower their body temps.

If any word was uttered more than “HOO-ah!,” it was “Hyyyy-DRATE!” Cadets also were allowed to roll up their sleeves and pant legs, and spend a good amount of time in the shade — after receiving warnings about chiggers.

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Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Job hunters crowd an employer's booth minutes after the Hiring Our Heroes job fair opened at the Solomon Center. The hiring fair was held to help Service members, retirees and Family members land jobs. Al-

most 90 employers – ranging from local police and fire departments to high-technology firms – attended, with each firm offering three to five jobs.

Service members indulge in a buffet of jobs

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

“There are a lot of great veterans and their Families here,” post commander Brig. Gen. Roger Cloutier declared at the opening of the Hiring Our Heroes job fair Tuesday. “Hire them all.”

More than 90 employers and service providers visited the Solomon Center for the 2015 job fair, organized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The fair was open to Service members, their Families, retirees and veterans in the Columbia area.

“Times are hard and (the fair) has given us an opportunity to provide jobs and services to our serving veterans and their Families,” Cloutier said to the employers and job hunters. The fair will “help us combat the challenges” and problems veterans face trying to get jobs, he said.

Hiring Our Heroes presents numerous job opportunities, Cloutier said, as each employer offered three to five job openings. If each employer had five openings, the fair would present prospective employees with more than 450 potential jobs.

For the second-highest-ranking officer in the S.C. National Guard, every job offered “really counts.”



Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Landrum, a senior leader course developer at the Chaplain's School, and his wife, Andrea, talk to prospective employers during the 2015 Hiring Our Heroes job fair. Landrum was looking to see what jobs are available as he prepares for retirement.

Brig. Gen. Roy McCarthy, Guard assistant adjutant general, said the event was inspiring because of “the cooperation and efforts of the employment workforce to jump-start the careers” of veterans and their Families.

Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Landrum, a senior leader course developer with the

Chaplain's School, agreed that the job fair was an excellent opportunity for separating veterans and Family members. Job fairs such as this one show “retirees what options are available to them,” he said.

Landrum, who will be retiring soon, was testing the employment waters while his wife, Andrea, searched a job.

At the event, prospective employees met with employers ranging from SCANA to police and fire departments from as far away as Rock Hill and Orangeburg. At some booths, job seekers talked to human resource professionals. At others, they used a computer tablet.

Some employers, such as Town of Lexington, have been attending the fair for years and look forward to hiring veterans and their families.

Job hunters not only met with prospective employers, they could publish their resumes and polish their speaking skills in mock interviews.

Instead of hiring veterans, some organizations, such as the American Legion, were at the job fair to help Service members through more than just jobs.

The American Legion helps with “legal issues and fights for pay raises,” said Darlene Walton, commander of the American Legion's Cayce Memorial Post 130.

She was impressed by how many employers turned out – even some coming from outside the state – but Walton was adamant that Hiring Our Heroes was the “important thing going.”

“These are those who have already gone out and fought for our freedom,” she said. “I don't see why they don't get the first chance at a job.”

Using wits to meet troops' spiritual needs

By **BETH REECE**
Defense Logistics Agency Public Affairs

Death haunted the Soldiers of 3rd Infantry Division's 6th Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment the night before they crossed into Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm. The chance of Saddam Hussein's unleashing chemical weapons on the troops was real, and it was Army Chaplain Richard Quinn, then just a young captain, who prayed alongside them in the sand.

"We all thought we were going to die," said Quinn, the Defense Logistics Agency's command chaplain since January 2014. "That evening, the battalion commander brought out a body bag and made sure we all knew how to work it with the liner and everything. We had 200 of them."

The fear drove one soldier to ask Quinn for an immersion baptism. The best Quinn could do was sprinkle the sergeant with water from a canteen and promise to baptize him in the Main River in front of his family and friends when the unit returned home to Germany.

"I thought that was a great answer, but this sergeant first class looked at me and said, 'What if I never get back to Kitzingen?'" Quinn said. "That troubled me. His preparation for eternity was hinging on that baptism, but I couldn't do it like he wanted."

Years later, Quinn attended the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson to develop products his fellow chaplains needed to meet the spiritual needs of troops. His first creation: the field immersion baptismal liner, a 6-foot garbage bag that could be placed in a hole and filled with water.

The accomplishment is one of many for which Quinn was recognized June 11 during a ceremony marking the end of his 34-year Army career. The ceremony took place at the McNamara Headquarters Complex, Fort Belvoir,



Photo by NAVY PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS DANIEL GARAS
During his stint at Fort Jackson, Col. Richard Quinn developed a way to perform immersion baptisms in combat zones. He retired last week after 34 years of Army service.

Virginia.

Quinn also won recognition for making sure deployed troops had kosher meals for Jewish feasts and assisting DLA Disposition Services with the disposal of religious items in Afghanistan, an achievement his assistant, Army Staff Sgt. John Edmisten, called one of Quinn's biggest

contributions to the agency.

"As we de-scope our footprint in Afghanistan, Chaplain Quinn has helped make sure religious materials there are handled properly, so we avoid a potential international incident like what happened in Bagram in 2012, when Qurans were incinerated," Edmisten said.

2015-2016 Holiday Schedule

TRADOC has established the following holidays for the coming fiscal year:

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY ■ Oct. 12, Columbus Day TRAINING HOLIDAY ■ Oct. 9	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ■ Nov. 11, Veterans Day ■ Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day TRAINING HOLIDAYS ■ Nov. 10 ■ Nov. 27	PUBLIC HOLIDAY ■ Dec. 25, Christmas Day TRAINING HOLIDAY ■ Dec. 28	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ■ Jan. 1, New Year's Day ■ Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day TRAINING HOLIDAYS ■ Jan. 4 ■ Jan. 15	PUBLIC HOLIDAY ■ Feb. 15, Presidents Day TRAINING HOLIDAY ■ Feb. 12
MAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY ■ May 30, Memorial Day TRAINING HOLIDAY ■ May 27	JULY PUBLIC HOLIDAY ■ July 4, Independence Day TRAINING HOLIDAY ■ July 1	SEPTEMBER PUBLIC HOLIDAY ■ Sept. 5, Labor Day TRAINING HOLIDAY ■ Sept. 2	TRAINING HOLIDAYS are for military personnel only. Civilians may use annual or other appropriate leave for those days. The TRADOC holiday season will be Dec. 20, 2015, to Jan. 4, 2016. Staff offices will remain operational except for Christmas and New Year's days, although staff and hours may be reduced. Civilian employees must have approved leave.	

Soldiers complete grueling contest

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

After days of mentally and physically trying tasks, four Fort Jackson Soldiers were named the post's best in the 2015 Drill Sergeant/Platoon Sergeant/Non-Commissioned Officer/Soldier of the Year competition.

Staff Sgt. Eric Hulien from Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment was named Drill Sergeant of the Year.

The title of Platoon Sergeant of the Year went to Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Kelso of Bravo Company, 187th Ordnance Battalion.

Staff Sgt. David Schrock of Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment was named NCO of the Year.

And Spc. Martha McMullen of Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment took home Soldier of the Year honors.

The 2015 competition held Monday through Wednesday of last week tested the warrior skills, endurance, knowledge and mental fortitude of Fort Jackson troops during strenuous events held around post. Contest winners were announced Thursday, after Fort Jackson Leader deadline.

"It was a grueling (three days)," Hulien said after he found out he had won, but the honor felt "really good."

The other winners agreed the competition was arduous but one that allowed them to learn more about themselves.

Hulien labeled the contest mentally and physically exhausting but said it was a "nice, friendly competition" in which everyone supported one another without backstabbing.

Schrock said he and his fellow competitors had to "stay motivated mentally, and stay focused."

"We were all broke down and tired, but no one wanted to quit," he said. "I had to focus on what I can do" to stay sharp.

He admitted he wasn't the best at answering questions in front of the board led by the post's senior enlisted leader, Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Hain, but persistence in the face of adversity helped him tremendously.

"It was tiring and a lot of hard work," he said. "I don't



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Contestants in the Drill Sergeant/Platoon Sergeant/Non-commissioned Officer/Soldier of the Year competition attend a briefing before evaluating a casualty event. The competition winners are (seated from right) Spc. Martha McMullen, Soldier of the Year; Staff Sgt. David Schrock, NCO of the Year; Staff Sgt. Eric Hulien, Drill Sergeant of the Year; and Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Kelso (standing, middle).

do all of the tasks (tested on) every day." He found Army knowledge, warrior tasks and battle drills to be the easiest because he has the most experience in them.

McMullen said that during the competition, she learned she could do things she never thought possible.

Kelso said he found out how important the training he received had been throughout his 16-year career.

"You never forget the basics," he said. The training was in the back of his mind during the events and was "as important as the day we learned it."

All said that winning the competition could have a positive impact on others.

"The hard work I put into my job day in and day out paid off," Hulien said. "I will positively influence others

to become their best."

His fellow drill sergeant, Schrock, said others needed to "strive for excellence in everything they do" because it takes a huge amount of effort and perseverance to reach one's peak.

Soldiers in Kelso's platoon were "definitely excited about it" and began to try harder. Some in his unit have won their battalion soldier of the month boards, he said.

All four winners will represent Fort Jackson at the TRADOC top Soldier competitions later in the year.

All winners were confident in their abilities, but Schrock put it best when he said, "I am not worried about the TRADOC competition – I know my capabilities and limits."



A Celebration of Independence



Special Events

8 a.m. to 10 p.m. July 3

- ★ 8 a.m., 5K run/walk, 12.62-mile bike ride at Hilton Field
- ★ 9 a.m., golf open house at the Fort Jackson Golf Course
- ★ 11 a.m., spades/dominos tournament, bowling at Century Bowling Lanes; mini-golf, water park near Solomon Center
- ★ 6:30-8:15 p.m., commanding general's VIP reception at the Officers' Club

The following all will take place at Hilton Field:

- ★ 4 p.m., kids' rides, games
- ★ 6 p.m., welcome
- ★ 6:30-7:20 p.m., The Finesse Band with Eric Mayweather
- ★ 8-8:50 p.m., 282nd rock band Mission Essential
- ★ 9-9:30 p.m., 282nd Army Band
- ★ 9:30-10 p.m., fireworks, 282nd Army Band

Because the event will be open to the public, minor traffic delays may occur as post security officers search incoming vehicles as well as some visitors' suitcases, parcels and briefcases.

Iacovelli comes back to 2-98th as commander

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Taking command of the brigade in which he had served as a battalion commander kept him awake for a few nights, Col. Stephen Iacovelli said.

"I slept few hours the past few days thinking about what this means," Iacovelli said Saturday, after taking command of 2nd Brigade, 98th Training Division from Col. Jed Schaertl in a ceremony on Fort Jackson's Victory Field.

Iacovelli, who entered the Army in 1984 as a private, said it was "nice to be back at the 2-98th" and was aiming for his command to be "predictable." Such predictability would make it easier to solve problems as they occurred, he said.

Iacovelli had commanded the brigade's 3rd Battalion, 323rd Infantry Regiment before leaving to be the deputy chief of staff for intelligence at the 416th Theater Engineer Command in Darien, Illinois.

Speaking to his troops, Iacovelli said that although mistakes happened, he saw them as learning experiences.

"Don't take the easy way out," he told his troops during his first speech as leader of a unit first constituted in June 1921. "We must address problems so they won't happen again. We will make mistakes; we need to learn from them."

Brig. Gen. Michaelene Kloster, 98th Training Division commander, welcomed Iacovelli back to the division, saying he "comes with first-hand knowledge" of the brigade and she was "excited to have (Iacovelli) on board."

She called on the new brigade commander "to guide and mentor the 2nd Brigade."

Kloster also welcomed Iacovelli's wife, Carol, back to the brigade even though she could not attend the ceremony.

"I want to thank you ahead of time," Kloster said to Carol Iacovelli. "You will get calls at all times of the night."

The 2nd Brigade commander and his wife have a daughter, Sarah.

The welcome for the new commander was warm, but the former commander said he felt parting was bittersweet.

"This has been the most challenging (assignment) of my



Courtesy photo

Col. Stephen Iacovelli takes command of 2nd Brigade, 98th Training Division during a ceremony Saturday at Victory Field. Iacovelli had commanded the brigade's 3rd Battalion, 323rd Infantry Regiment before leaving to be the deputy chief of staff for intelligence at the 416th Theater Engineer Command.

career," Schaertl said during a humor-filled going-away speech. He said he would miss the unit and Fort Jackson as he and his family move to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he will attend the Army War College.

At the end of his speech, Schaertl recommended that his successor delegate tasks to his non-commissioned officers, take the long view, "develop the next generation of brigade leadership, and maintain a quality brigade climate."



Forrest receives de Fleury Medal

Lt. Col. Timothy Forrest, commander of 1st Battalion, 131st Infantry Regiment, is presented the de Fleury Medal by Brig. Gen. Michaelene Kloster, 98th Training Division commander, before the 2nd Brigade change of command on Saturday at Victory Field. The medal is named after Francois Louis Tesseidre de Fleury, a Frenchman who volunteered to help the fledgling United States fight for independence from Great Britain. An engineer, de Fleury helped lead a successful Colonial attack on the British at Stony Point, N.Y., in 1779. The award honors those who have contributed significantly to Army engineering.

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Longtime friends swap command of 165th

By ROBERT TIMMONS

Fort Jackson Leader

The two friends met years ago in the 82nd Airborne Division, and Friday, they met again under different circumstances: Col. Thomas J. Sheehan assumed command of the 165th Infantry Brigade from his longtime friend Col. Bryan Hernandez during a ceremony Friday at Fort Jackson's Victory Field.

Post commander Brig. Gen. Roger Cloutier called the day bittersweet — on one hand, the post was welcoming a new commander to the Fort Jackson team, but it was bidding goodbye to a Family who had been a post staple.

While welcoming Sheehan, Cloutier said the Lightning Brigade was known throughout the Army for the quality of the Soldiers it produced. Therefore, a "sacred burden" of training now rests squarely on the shoulders of the new commander.

Cloutier called Sheehan, whose latest duty was with U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany, "a consummate infantryman with exactly the right skills" to lead the brigade.

"Let no Soldier cry from the grave, 'If only I had been trained; if only my leaders had trained me,'" Cloutier cautioned. "We owe them our very best, and that is what we are here to do."

During his remarks, Cloutier lauded Hernandez's tenure in command. When the president "draws a line in the sand," he uses bayonets wielded by Soldiers, Cloutier said. The majority of Soldiers who carry the bayonet are trained at Fort Jackson, he said, "and by the men and women of the 165th."

Hernandez said the brigade would be in the excellent hands of a Soldier he had known since the two were battalion operations officers in the same brigade at Fort Bragg. They have crossed paths many times since, he said, and he was elated to hear that Sheehan would take over the 165th.

"When I saw he was taking the brigade ... I was extremely happy," Hernandez said, referring to Sheehan as a true leader and commander.

Sheehan said in a short speech, the first of his tenure as 165th commander, that his first inclination was to "zonk" the formation, but he would keep his remarks brief. The term refers to commanders' ordering their troops to "zonk" out or go home and go back to bed.

Sheehan, husband of retired Command Sgt. Maj. Robin Sheehan and father to Jack, said "command is a privilege" and one he didn't take lightly. He promised to put "his heart and soul into everything" he did as unit leader.

Hernandez and his Family — wife Cristiane, and sons Brooks and Carson — will depart Fort Jackson for what Cloutier called the "wooded hills of Carlisle, Pennsylvania," where Hernandez will attend the Army War College.



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Col. Thomas J. Sheehan, commander of the 165th Infantry Brigade, receives the unit colors from Brig. Gen. Roger Cloutier during a change of command ceremony Friday at Victory Field.



Maj. Daniel Grieve, commander for troops, salutes the new commander of the 165th Infantry Brigade, Col. Thomas J. Sheehan, at the end of a ceremony marking Sheehan's taking command of the unit from Col. Bryan Hernandez.

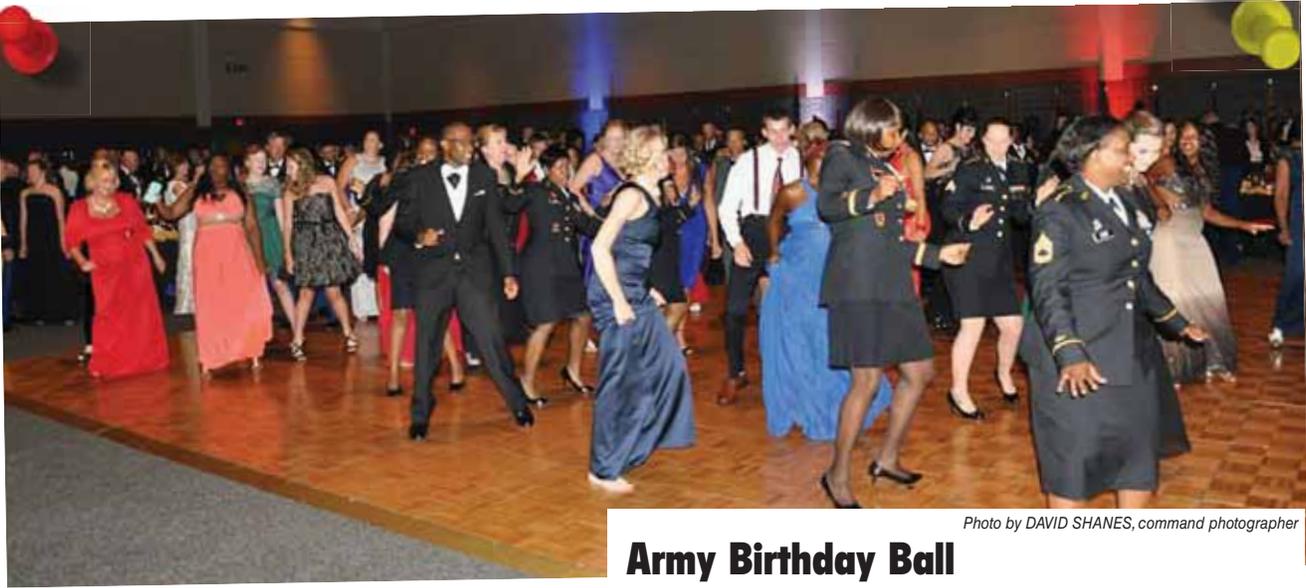


Photo by DAVID SHANES, command photographer

Army Birthday Ball

Soldiers and their dates do the Electric Slide on the dance floor during the 240th Army Birthday Ball on Saturday. The event included dinner, a cake cutting, a historical presentation and dancing.



Courtesy photo

Pack Adventure Week

Fort Jackson Cub Scout Pack 89 kicked off its summer fun program this year with Pack Adventure Week on June 8-12. Activities included camping out under the stars.



Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

Sustainment Expo

Lt. Col. Rob Strob and Kevin Lee Edwards of Moncrief Army Community Hospital learn about the environmental advantages of Forbo Flooring Systems from company representative Pat Blide during the Fort Jackson Sustainment Expo on Tuesday. The men are part of the Environment of Care Committee for Moncrief and were, Strob said, 'coming here to see 21st-century solutions' to environmental issues.

Re-enlistment window opens, allows Soldiers more choice

By **DANIELA VESTAL**
Public Affairs, U.S Army Human Resources Command

The Army has suspended temporarily the re-enlistment window for Soldiers - but only Soldiers with separation dates through Sept. 30. The move is aimed at maintaining a superior force.

A Soldier's window for re-enlistment now runs from 15 months before separation until the actual date he or she is scheduled to leave the Army. It has been extended from the previous 15 months to 90 days before separation.

Before this suspension, a Soldier had to decide to re-enlist 90 days before completing a contract. If the Soldier changed his mind within that window, he had to submit an exception to policy.

Once the first colonel in the Soldier's chain of command had handled the exception, it would go to U.S. Army Human Resources Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky, for adjudication, said Sgt. Maj. Vickie Rivera, retention and reclassification sergeant major for the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate at HRC.

The process often took several weeks, Rivera said.

With this new 90-day suspension, a Soldier would need only to speak with his commander and first sergeant to reverse a decision to leave active-duty service.

Sgt. Maj. Mark Mayo has been in the recruiting and retention field for 25 years and is the retention sergeant major for the XVIII Airborne Corps. He said the suspension of the 90-day window probably would not affect most Soldiers eligible for re-enlistment.

But for the handful of Soldiers who find themselves in an unexpected situation, he said, the change will be a benefit.

"There are some good Soldiers out there whose plans do fall through — either with college, or jobs, or their spouse gets pregnant," Mayo said. "There's a lot of things that come up, so this change would give them the opportunity to move forward."

Soldiers within the new 90-day window from their separation dates will be offered the same options as Soldiers re-enlisting several months before they are due to leave active duty, Rivera said. Previously, a Soldier re-enlisting within the window was limited in choice for potential duty assignments, based on the needs of the Army.

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Old Hands

Fort Gordon Sergeants Major Association members fight off an enemy assault June 11 at Fort Jackson's Engagement Skills Trainer. The group of more than 30 toured post to understand more about Fort Jackson's role in training Soldiers. They watched 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment graduate a Basic Training class, trainees rappel off Victory Tower and Soldiers navigating the confidence course.



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

SHARP app puts reporting at all Soldiers' fingertips

By **STAFF SGT. JULIE WALLACE-MYLES**
Fort Hood Public Affairs

The Army has launched a Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention application for mobile devices.

With it, directions to the nearest hospital, touch-dial reporting and command contacts all are at Soldiers' fingertips.

"We're dealing with a new generation of Soldiers, Soldiers you can count on having their phones everywhere they go," said Sgt. 1st Class Sarah Whatley, a sexual assault response coordinator for 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and creator of the SHARP app.

"We have to learn to adapt and speak their language, as they're text and tech savvy," she said.

The app was designed for ease of use on a mobile device because the victim of an assault may not have access to a computer or may need an outlet directly after an assault.

"A victim after an assault isn't level headed and willing to research information on a computer," Whatley said. "This is where the app becomes a tool, and it thinks for you. Everything you could possibly need to be able to move forward is in front of your eyes."

The free app was created on Google Play and is compatible with Android and iOS mobile operating systems.

"I think it's a good application," said Maj. Thomas Clark, 1st Cavalry Division SHARP program manager. "I was impressed. I have it on my phone, and I refer to it. I'm working on making sure every brigade (across Fort Hood) establishes their unit-specific applications."

8 combat positions opened to women

The Department of the Army has opened military occupational specialty 12B, Enlisted Combat Engineer, and seven associated additional skill identifiers to women: B6 (Combat Engineer Heavy Truck), B9 (Bradley M2A3/M3A3 System Maintainer), D3 (Bradley Fighting Vehicle Operations and Maintenance), J3 (Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle (BIFV) System Master Gunner), K9 (Combat Engineer Mine Detection Dog Handler), R7 (Army Reconnaissance) and S4 (Sapper Leader).

This directive applies to all three Army components.

MOS 12B was the only remaining MOS within the Engineer Career Man-

agement Field closed to women.

By opening the MOS and the associated skill identifiers, the Army opens approximately 21,000 positions to women.

The directive announces a limited modification to Army Regulation 600-13 and Department of the Army Pamphlet 611-21 to permit female Soldiers to attend training and be awarded the MOS and respective additional skill identifiers.

Division and Corps G-1s, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, and brigade-level commanders and S-1s are responsible for executing the provisions of the directive.

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Photo by CADET LIAM HOBACK

JROTC

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What would make 637 high school kids put themselves through searing heat and strenuous exercise for a week? Without their cell phones?

"Young people really want structure, but there's not a lot of adults willing to give it to them," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Frank Bell, an instructor at Blythewood High School.

"A lot of young people ... are in this program because they're looking for something, and they don't have it."

If they were looking to test their brains and their stamina, they found it at camp. Each day, cadets spent 14 hours on task before lights out at 10 p.m.



Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

At the Team Development Course, cadets repeatedly tried to bridge three "tree stumps" with boards in order to deliver a crate of ammo to Soldiers on the other side of a "minefield." The boards -- and the cadets -- kept slipping onto the minefield and "blowing up," but after 15 seconds' wait, they were back at it again.

At Victory Tower, they rappelled down the wall or gamely clambered down the cargo net on the other side. Many cadets called the tower their favorite activity, despite their initial fears, and lamented they had no time to rappel twice.

And at Weston Lake, Jayla Patterson, of Hansville High School, worried about falling out of her canoe and into the lake. She can't swim.

Left, Countess Coliaro of Westwood High School rows to shore with companion Robert Pinckney of Barnwell High School after having to back their canoe out of tall grass.

Right, Daven Wilson of Blythewood High School sucks in some water during the 100-degree heat.

Left, cadet Chandler Perry of Blythewood High School walks boldly across a plank 'bridge' spanning a mock hazard. Cadets had to figure out a way to deliver ammo to a trapped unit by using math and engineering skills.

Right, Mariath Perry of Blythewood High School rappels down Victory Tower. Many cadets found the trip down daunting but mastered their fears before descending.

'I'm scared. Am I the only one who's SCARED?'

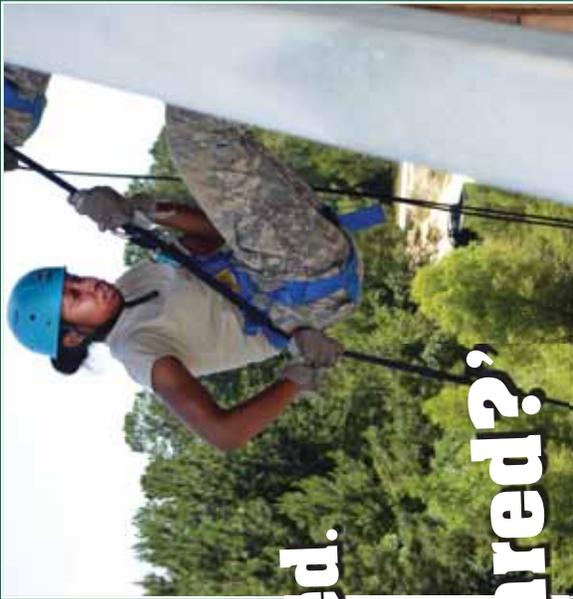


Photo by CADET SGT. SEAN BRUCE

Below, Blythewood cadet Robert Hickey has difficulty at the end of his zip line ride at Bastogne Range. As he rode lower and lower, he became more and more tangled.



Shaniya Holliday of Scotts Branch High School tries to find a place to put her hands as retired 1st Sgt. Kelsey Goodson straps her into rappelling gear.

Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT



Photo by CADET SGT. SEAN BRUCE

HAPPENINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

From 9-11 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in June, children are invited to participate in fun, games, and arts and crafts at the SKIES Unlimited Center, 6100 Chesnut Road. Children younger than 6 should be accompanied by an adult. For information, call 751-5869.

SCHOOL NEWS

■ South Carolina requires all rising seventh-graders to receive booster shots against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough by the start of the 2015-16 school year. For information, call 785-2698.

■ Parents who wish to enroll their children at Pierce Terrace or C.C. Pinckney elementary schools for the 2015-2016 school year may pick up registration packets at either school this summer.

Pierce Terrace offers pre-kindergarten and first grade and Pinckney, grades two through six. The schools are on post, at 5715 Adams Court and 5900 Chesnut Road, respectively.

Each school will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily during the summer. Parents wishing to register their children must provide the following: **A copy of each child's birth certificate**, certified by the Department of Vital Statistics in the state where the child was born.

Current orders and an ID card for a military sponsor. (If the sponsor is a step-parent, he or she must provide a copy of his/her marriage license, his/her spouse's ID card or a verified DEERS form.) **Proof of each child's immunizations.** **A housing lease agreement** or letter from post housing verifying that the child's family is on the waiting list.

To ask for more information, call Pierce Terrace at 803-782-1772 or Pinckney at 803-787-6815.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

■ The Thrift Shop will be closed the first two weeks of July and will reopen on Tuesday, July 14.

■ Consignors are eligible for the Thrift Shop's layaway and credit program.

COMMISSARY NEWS

The Department of Defense and Fort Jackson Commissary are collecting donations for the Fed's Feed Families drive to support federal employees in need. Donors may give contribute any kind of nonperishable food but are asked to contribute the following staples, if possible: canned fruits (in light syrup or natural juice), canned vegetables (low sodium, no salt added), multigrained cereals (Cheerios, corn flakes, Grape Nuts, Wheaties), grains (brown and white rice, oatmeal, bulgur wheat, quinoa, couscous, macaroni and cheese), canned proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter or beans), soups (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey and rice), 100 percent juice (all sizes, including



Courtesy photo

Yard of the Month

Winners of the Yard of the Month grand prize for June are Sgt. 1st Class Robert W. Berry of the Special Troops Battalion, 171st Infantry Brigade; his wife, Jennifer; and their sons. The Berrys live in Pierce Terrace 1. Among their prizes were a trophy, reserved parking at the Exchange and movie passes. Pictured are garrison commander Col. Michael Graese, Jennifer Berry, Gavin Berry, Jaxson Berry, Sgt. 1st Class Berry and Command Sgt. Maj. Rod Celestaine.

juice boxes), condiments (tomato-based sauces, light soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, oils), snacks (individually packed snacks, crackers, trail mix, dried fruit, granola or cereal bars, pretzels, sandwich crackers), baking goods (flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, spices, boxed mixes), hygiene items (diapers, deodorant, feminine products, toilet paper, facial tissue, soap, toothpaste, shampoo), paper products and other household items (paper towels, napkins, cleaning supplies).

Visit www.commissaries.com for the latest news, to see what is on sale, to create a shopping list and more. To access the latest sales flyer, click on "Sales and Events" in the "Shopping" tab. The "Savings Aisle" allows visitors to see every product on sale after selecting a specific store. Shoppers also may find advice and recipes under the "Healthy Living" tab.

The Commissary rewards card allows shoppers to use digital coupons at any commissary. For information, visit www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm.

SPORTS

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The S.C. Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will hold its Fifth Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Fort Jackson at noon June 26. Registration deadline is noon Tuesday. Register online at afsp.donordrive.com/event/SCGolf2015. Practice range open 10:30-11:45 a.m. day of

the tournament. Check-in 11 a.m. to noon. Shotgun start at noon. Lunch provided. Cost: \$75, individual; \$300, foursome; \$200, hole sponsor. For information, call Capt. John Denny, 803-543, 6049, or Helen Pridgen, 803-552-9318.

GOLF LETTERS OF INTENT

Letters of intent for golf are due June 30 for the season beginning July 14. Intramural and recreational teams are needed. For information, call Eric at the golf course, 803-787-4437, or the sports office at 751-3096.

FALL SPORTS

Registration for FMWR fall sports has opened:

Fall soccer - ages 2 to 5 \$20; ages 6 to 16, \$40. Registration through Aug. 21.

Fall cheerleading - ages 3 to 5, \$20; ages 6 to 12, \$40. Registration through Aug. 21.

Tackle football - ages 5 to 12, \$65. Registration open through July 31.

Flag football - ages 4 and 5, \$20; ages 6 to 8, \$40. Registration through Aug. 21.

Cross-country - ages 7 to 14, \$40. Registration through Aug. 28.

Call 751-7451 for more information.

HOUSING

MAYORS NEEDED

The Mayoral Council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors for the Fort Jackson housing communities. Being a part of the council allows volunteers to make suggestions to improve the quality of life on post. Mayors will receive credit for volunteer

hours and receive training. Free child care is available for those fulfilling mayoral duties. Positions are available in Pierce Terrace 1, 2 and 3, and Howie Village. For information, contact Vickie Grier at usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil.

POOL REMINDER

All wading pools must be emptied and properly stored after use. The only pools permitted on post are small wading pools no larger than 6 feet in diameter and 1-foot deep. Pools are permitted in backyards only.

RECYCLING AND TRASH

All trash must be placed in the provided containers or in plastic bags. Recycling items are to be placed in the blue bins provided. No trash of any kind may be put out before 7 p.m. the evening before scheduled pickup. All containers must be pulled from the curb and properly stored on the day of collection. To learn your pickup date, call 738-8275

REFER A FRIEND

Anyone living in Balfour Beatty Communities will earn a \$500 off next month's rent for referring a friend who moves in. For information, call 803-738-8275.

■ Residents who leave Fort Jackson's Balfour Beatty Communities for another post can receive \$100 off housing if they stay with Balfour Beatty. Call 738-8275 for a list of locations.

The Rx for combat stress? Strangely, it's yoga

By SHARON RENEE TAYLOR

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

WASHINGTON — A centuries-old practice involving postures, stretches, meditation and breathing can benefit today's patients at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

The center now offers yoga in its 7-West inpatient psychiatry ward and in the four-week, psychiatric outpatient Continuity Service "day program."

"Individuals with mental disorders are increasingly turning to integrative medicine, including yoga and meditation, for relief of their symptoms," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Benjamin Hershey, inpatient psychiatry service chief. Many active-duty Service members also use yoga, he said.

Yoga emerged between 200 B.C. and A.D. 300. In the ancient language of India known as Sanskrit, "yog" means "yoke" or "Union" of mind, body and spirit.

Today, therapists use yoga to treat anxiety and depression by reducing perceived stress. Yoga also improves mood and functioning. Researchers also have examined the efficacy of yoga therapy in the treatment of schizophrenia, as well as post-traumatic stress disorder.

"There is a strong and growing evidence base regarding a range of psychological and physiological benefits associated with these interventions," Hershey said.

A psychiatric-inpatient study presented at the 2014 American Psychiatric Association Annual meeting



Photo by KATRINA SKINNERS

Staff members participate in yoga, one of several mind-body skills offered at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center's 7-West inpatient psychiatry ward and in the four-week psychiatric outpatient Continuity Service day program.

showed voluntary, regular yoga classes self-rated as beneficial to overall treatment in 82.2 percent of participants.

In an abstract for that study, researchers wrote, "Our study indicates that patients may have a greater satis-

faction with their psychiatric units as well as increased mood, decreased anxiety and greater feeling of physical well-being when participating in a voluntary yoga program in an inpatient psychiatric setting."

The daily yoga class for psychiatric inpatients on 7-West began four years ago. Daphne Vourlekis, a licensed certified clinical social worker on the ward, started the program with volunteer yoga instructors.

Beginning as chair yoga, the program eventually expanded to the use of mats and occasional standing poses. The 7-West class teaches gentle yoga and generally consists of meditation, breathing techniques, stretching and light poses.

"It is always a go-at-your-own-pace class," Vourlekis explained. Each patient is encouraged to find his own edge - the point of mild discomfort without pain - and not move beyond it. That helps prevent moderate pain or injuries, she said.

The daily yoga classes are voluntary, and patient attendance rates range between 30 percent and 80 percent. Patients experience body relaxation, and feel more at ease and less tense, Vourlekis said.

"There is nothing like hearing a glowing first-hand report from a previously skeptical patient who decided to give it a shot because it was so easily accessible to them during their hospitalization," she said.

The hospital also offers yoga in the outpatient Psychiatric Continuity Service day program, led by Dr. Bhagwan Bahroo, a staff psychiatrist for more than 10 years, as well as an assistant professor of psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University of Health Services.

Guard OCS candidates hone leadership skills

By 2ND LT. TRACCI DORGAN
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

Cultivating leaders is crucial for the success of the U.S. military. To fulfill that mission, Army National Guard officer candidates from the Southeast participate each year in Phase 1 of Officer Candidate School led by the S.C. National Guard's Regional Training Institute at McCrady Training Center in Eastover.

Phase 1 began at the end of May and lasted 15 days. It marked the beginning of an 18-month journey for Soldiers wishing to become commissioned officers in the Army National Guard.

Beginning with these two weeks of the Guard's annual training requirement, officer candidates from North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico and South Carolina come together to complete physical and mental challenges - just an introduction to the demands on a commissioned officer.

"Phase 1 is all about teamwork," said officer candidate Phillip Davis, a bio-engineering student at Clemson University. "Being a leader and delegating is only part of it.

"We had to learn each individual's strengths and weaknesses, and how to put them all together and make the mission hap-



Photo by 2ND LT. TRACCI DORGAN/RELEASED

Officer candidate Phillip Davis, S.C. Army National Guard, receives guidance on his mission from Cpt. Joshua Childress, an instructor from the N.C. Army National Guard. Davis is in Phase 1 of Officer Candidate School.

pen. When you work together, you can accomplish a lot."

OCS Phase 1 is a collection of classes deemed the foundation for every commissioned officer: troop leadership, military history, and reading and preparing operations

orders - the framework for every military mission.

For the more physically demanding activities, officer candidates are expected to complete several land-navigation courses, ruck marches and infantry tactical maneuvers.

"The most difficult part of the past two weeks has been the lack of sleep, but that is only a small part in preparing us for battle situations," Davis said. "The lack of sleep is just an added stress to situations that demand attention and critical thinking."

As a final graded event at the end of Phase 1, officer candidates must complete the Leadership Reaction Course, an obstacle course that requires teamwork to master. Each candidate leads a team through an obstacle and is graded on his or her use of information learned during Phase 1.

"I really like working at the leadership reaction course at the end of Phase 1," said Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Milne, an OCS instructor from Georgia. "This is where we see if they can utilize the key skills about leadership we have taught them in the past two weeks."

Lt. Col. Byron Williams, commander of the S.C. OCS program said: "Each of these officer candidates that graduates from Phase 1 has been deemed competent in the basic fundamentals of becoming an officer.

"The next step is for these Soldiers to complete Phase 2 over the next 12 months, to really hone in their skills and sharpen their knowledge of officer requirements and then to prove their understanding during their final phase of training."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

Sunday
8:30 a.m., worship, Bayonet Chapel
(Communion observed every Sunday.)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday
11:30 a.m., worship, Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

Sunday
8-10 a.m., Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

Friday
12:45-1:30 p.m., Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

JEWISH

Sunday
■ 9:30-10:30 a.m., worship, Memorial Chapel
■ 10:30-11:30 a.m. book study, Post Conference Room

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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

Wednesday
■ 3-5 p.m., LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel

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

PROTESTANT

Sunday
■ 9 a.m. service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
■ 9:30 a.m., Hispanic service, Magruder Chapel
■ 9:30 a.m., service, Main Post Chapel
■ 9:30 a.m., Chapel Next Bible study, Bayonet Chapel
■ 10:30 a.m., gospel worship service, Daniel Circle Chapel
■ 10:45 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel
■ 11 a.m., service, Memorial Chapel
■ 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
■ 5-6:30 p.m., youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

Monday
7 p.m., men's Bible study (PMOC), Chaplain Family Life Center

Wednesday
7 p.m., gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle Chapel

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

Ramadan observances offered

The observance of Ramadan will be conducted on the following dates:

■ 7-9 p.m. Saturday, at the Main Post Chapel
■ 7-9 p.m. June 27, at the Main Post Chapel

■ 7-9 p.m. July 4, at the Main Post Chapel
■ 7-9 p.m. July 11, at the Main Post Chapel
The Eid-al-Fitr will be 8-10 a.m. July 17 and 18, at the Main Post Chapel.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Sunday
■ 7:30 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation, Solomon Center
■ 8 a.m., Mass, Solomon Center
■ 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
■ 11 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

Monday through Thursday, first Friday
11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

Wednesday
7 p.m., recitation of the Rosary, Main Post Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS
Anderson Street Chapel,
2335 Anderson St., 751-7032
Bayonet Chapel,
9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542

Chaplain Family Life Center
5460 Marion Ave. (to the side of the POV lot), 751-4961
Daniel Circle Chapel, 3359 Daniel Circle (corner of Jackson Boulevard), 751-1297/4478
Education Center, 4581 Scales Ave.
Installation Chaplain's Office, 4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318
McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), 3820 McCrady Road (at McCrady Training Center)
Magruder Chapel, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
Main Post Chapel, 4580 Scales Ave. (corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard), 751-6469/6681
Memorial Chapel, 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, 10100 Lee Road
Warrior Chapel (120th AG Bn.), 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

NEWS DIGEST

Law-of-war manual released

Pentagon officials have released the Defense Department's first law-of-war manual, culminating a multiyear, combined effort to compile legal principles governing warfare.

"DOD's new manual provides a comprehensive and up-to-date treatment of the law of war for the practical use of operational lawyers and others at headquarters and in the field," said DOD General Counsel Stephen W. Preston.

The manual is the product of a multiyear effort by military and civilian lawyers across the DOD who sought to develop a department-wide resource for military commanders, legal practitioners, and other military and civilian personnel on the international law principles governing armed conflict.

Each military service has published works on the law of war, but the DOD manual will be the first to serve all branches.

Army Birthday 5K results

Runners who held the 10 fastest times in last weekend's Army Birthday 5K run/walk on Fort Jackson were:

1. Adam Langley, 18:51.4
2. Garrett Usrey, 18:53.5
3. Michael Leskowat, 19:52.7

4. Jeffrey Dykes, 20:25.2
5. Felipe Sosa, 20:54.4
6. Jaxson Smith, 21:11.1
7. Jeff Kocian, 21:29.5
8. Erik Bondus, 21:51.1
9. Patrick Davis, 21:56.5
10. Jamie Walls, 22:40.7

Those coming in last of the 156 participants apparently took the "walk" part of "run/walk" seriously, coming in at a leisurely 58 minutes plus.

Reiss joins school district

Kathleen Reiss has been named assistant superintendent of schools for the South Carolina/Fort Stewart/Department of Defense Schools-Cuba District of the Department of Defense Education Activity Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools.



Reiss

Reiss comes to the district superintendent's office at Fort Stewart from Seoul, Korea, where she was principal of Seoul American High School.

She has been with DODEA for 35 years, in the teaching and administration of students in preschool, and elementary, middle and high schools.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE.

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Staff Sgt. Christopher R. George
Company A
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Parwiz Afghan

STUDENT LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Christopher Parisi

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Parwiz Afghan



Staff Sgt. Elysa Garcia
Company B
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Katelyn D. Houston

STUDENT LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Oscar Hernandez

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Nicole L. Cantine

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