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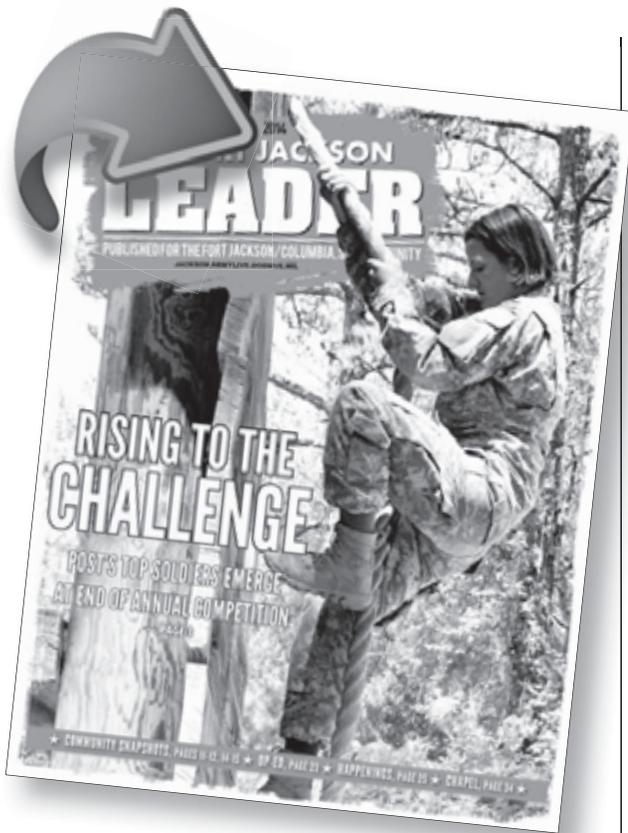
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ON THE COVER

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Fort Jackson named its Drill Sergeant of the Year, NCO of the Year, Platoon Sergeant of the Year and Soldier of the Year. **SEE PAGE 3.**



MACH welcomes new command team

Above, Maj. Gen. Jimmie Keenan, second from right, commanding general of Southern Regional Medical Command, hands the colors of Moncrief Army Community Hospital to its incoming commander, Col. Traci Crawford in a ceremony June 12 at MACH. Crawford takes over for Col. Mark Higdon, right, who retired. Crawford previously served as the chief, Health Services Division at Human Resources Command at Fort Knox, Ky. Left, MACH also welcomes its new top enlisted Soldier, Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Sloan, who replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Bond.

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Post Command Sgt. Maj. William Hain, right, addresses this year's competitors during closing ceremonies at the NCO Club last Thursday.

Best of the Best

Soldiers put their skills to the test in annual competition

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Ten Fort Jackson Soldiers put their physical and mental skills to the test last week in a series of competitions designed to find the post's best and brightest.

At the end of the week's challenges, four Soldiers were selected as Fort Jackson's best Soldier, NCO, platoon sergeant and drill sergeant of 2014:

- Staff Sgt. Jason Oberle, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, was named Drill Sergeant of the Year.
- Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Dunham, 187th Ordnance Battalion, was named Platoon Sergeant of the Year.
- Staff Sgt. Christina Stentiford, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, was named NCO of the Year.
- Pvt. Marissa Santos, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, was named Soldier of the Year.

"Over the last few days, this group of Soldiers and non-commissioned officers participated in a fairly rigorous competition," said Post Command Sgt. Maj. William Hain during last week's awards ceremony. "This is an incredible group. Regardless of where they placed, they all did very, very well."



Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Staff Sgt. Jason Oberle, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, was named the post's Drill Sergeant of the Year at the end of last week's annual competition. The event put Soldiers through a battery of physical and mental challenges that tested their knowledge in areas such as land navigation, medical and weapons skills and their familiarity with drill and ceremony.

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Post officials discuss latest well tests

Leader Staff Report

Fort Jackson officials held a public meeting Tuesday at the Weston Lake Community House to discuss the latest results of well testing as part of the Fort Jackson and McCrady Training Center's Operational Range Assessment Program, or ORAP.

ORAP is part of the Department of Defense's Sustainable Ranges Initiative, designed to ensure the long-term viability and continuity of military training and testing ranges while providing good stewardship for the land.

Last year, initial tests on Fort Jackson found slightly elevated levels of Royal Demolition Explosive, or RDX. RDX is a man-made chemical found in ammunition and hand grenades, but it does not pose an explosive risk when found in water. The EPA has classified RDX as a possible human carcinogen based on animal studies. To date there have been no studies that reported cancer in people who were exposed to RDX.

The test levels were below the Environmental Protection Agency health advisory level, but because the elevated levels were detected near the southern boundary of Fort Jackson along Leesburg Road, officials decided to test privately owned wells in the area.

As of May 6, 98 private wells have been tested. RDX was detected in 12 of those samples; High Melting Explosive, or HMX, was detected in four samples; and Nitrotoluene, NT, was detected in one sample. Two of the wells showed RDX levels above the EPA health advisory level. The two affected wells serve five homes, which have been supplied with bottled water service as of May 21.

Williams said Fort Jackson is pursuing installation of whole-house filtration system services for homes serviced by wells that exceed the EPA health advisory level for RDX. In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District will install 15 groundwater monitoring wells along the southern installation boundary and three at Remagen hand grenade range this month for continuous monitoring. Fort Jackson officials are also planning to add lime to the ground at Remagen to neutralize any RDX residue in the soil.



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Col. Michael Graese, garrison commander, and Barbara Williams, brief residents about the latest results of well testing off post during a public meeting Tuesday at the Weston Lake Community House.

Officials said they are still investigating the cause of the RDX contamination in the wells off post. Williams said the installation is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District to reconstruct what kind of training took place in those areas in the past. Large portions of the land south of Leesburg Road were leased to the Army for training in the 1950s, and historical records are scarce, Williams said. The affected area is in Hopkins, east of Weston Lake, south of Leesburg Road, west of Grimes Road and Caughman's Pond and north of Louis Leconte Road.

She encouraged residents who have knowledge of training activities in those areas during that time to

contact her at barbara.s.williams38.civ@mail.mil.

Col. Michael Graese, garrison commander, said the overarching concern was the safety of the Soldiers and civilians on post as well as the residents off post. He appealed to area property owners to fill out right-of-entry forms to allow testers access to their wells. Williams said the more homeowners participate in the testing, the clearer the picture will be about the extent of the affected area and the steps needed to take to mitigate the effects.

The forms can be found at <http://jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil/units/usag/dpw/env/orap/>. The website also includes fact sheets about RDX, HMX and NT, as well as briefing slides from the public meeting.



LEADER DEADLINES

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication. For example, an article for the July 3 Leader must be submitted by today. Announcement submissions are due one week before publication. For example, an announcement for the July 3 Leader must be submitted by June 26. Send your submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com.

Free concert

Country star James Otto will perform a free concert at 7 p.m., today at Hilton Field as part of Fort Jackson's Victory Week. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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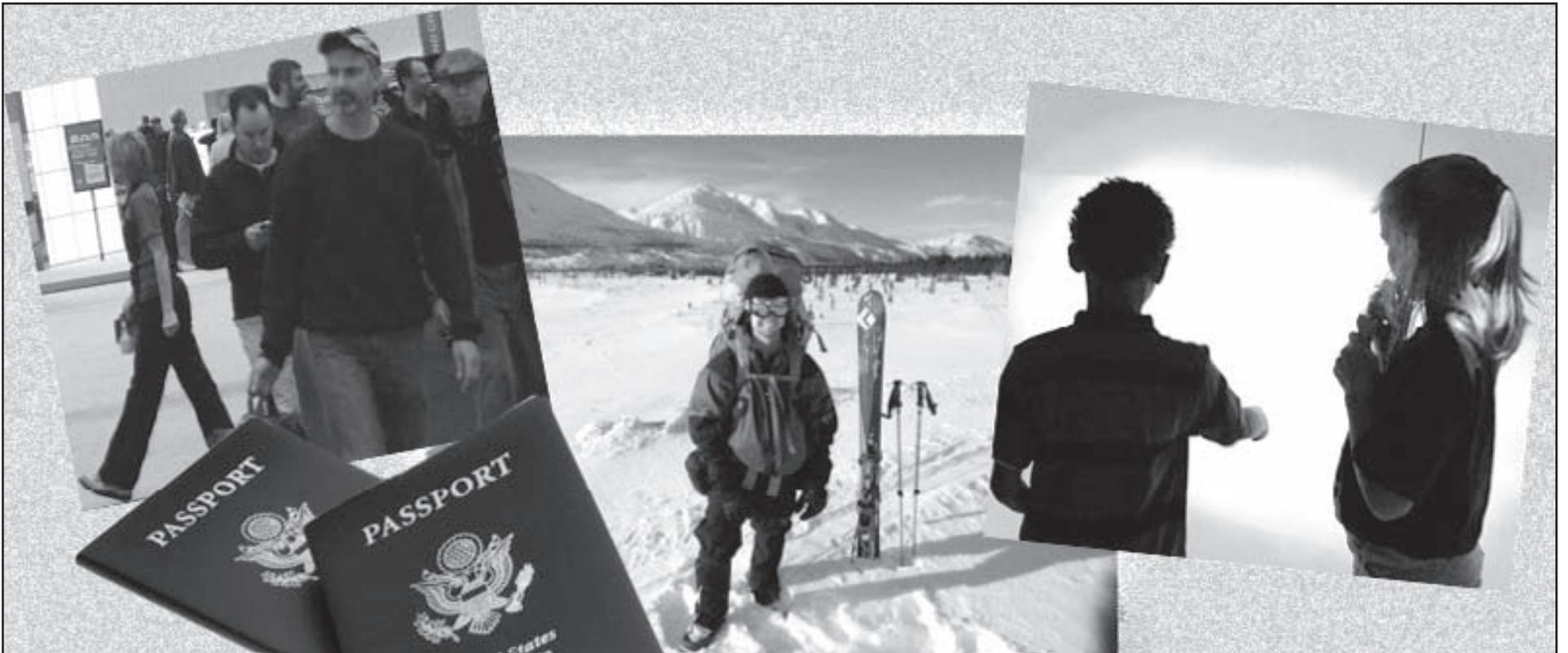


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The Career Intermission Pilot Program will provide some Soldiers an opportunity to take a sabbatical-type break from the Army to pursue other interests.

Program offers break from Army

By DAVID VERGUN
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Do you need some time off to care for a sick or elderly parent or young child? Do you want to finish that degree by going full time? Have you been dreaming of climbing the Alps, but need an extended vacation?

The Career Intermission Pilot Program, or CIPP, may be a Soldier's best opportunity to do those or any number of other things, said Albert Eggerton, deputy chief, Officer Division, G-1.

The pilot program gives Soldiers a chance "to take a step back from the Army without having to go through the normal, very complex procedures of separating from the service," he said.

CIPP is targeted for only the "best performers," he said, "people we've invested money in, who have shown they have an affinity for service and who will be performers in the future."

These are Soldiers who "have challenges or desires in their lives that can't be met within the rigid framework of the Army" and the Army wants to keep them, he said, meaning that CIPP could become a useful retention tool.

Up to 20 officers and 20 enlisted per year in the regular Army, Army Reserve and Active Guard/Reserve will be able to take up to three years in the Individual Ready Reserve, with the stipulation that they return when their sabbatical or extended sabbatical ends.

It's not a full-pay sabbatical, however. Soldiers will get paid "two times 1/30th" of their base pay, according to Military Personnel Message 14-143, which describes CIPP in detail.

Although Soldiers will not receive most of their salary and will not be eligible for Servicemembers Group Life Insurance and tuition assistance during that period, Eggerton said they will still be able to use TRICARE and certain privileges like shopping at the commissary and Exchange.

CIPP also comes with a service extension obligation of two months for every month spent in the pilot.

There are a number of disqualifiers listed in MILPER message 14-143, including the stipulation that Soldiers must have completed their initial active-duty obligation and not have been identified for deployment or in receipt of permanent change of station orders.

Application packages must arrive at Human Resources Command by Sept. 1. The start day for the program is June 1, 2015. As with any program, Eggerton advised doing the paperwork sooner, rather than later.

Eggerton said Human Resources Command has so far only received one package, although there have been a number of inquiries, so he expects interest to pick up during the summer and as word spreads.

Authority for CIPP comes from the 2009 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act. Eggerton said the authority lasts only until Dec. 31, 2015, but he thinks the act could be extended a few more years since there is bipartisan interest in helping service members.

Eggerton said some of the inquiries received from the Navy's similar program have been for mounting an Alpine climbing expedition.

LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Spc. Allison Leggett must contact Capt. Nathan Witherspoon, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Leggett passed away June 11 in Columbia. To contact Witherspoon, call 751-2157 or email Nathan.T.Witherspoon.mil@mail.mil.

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Godzilla (PG-13) 1 p.m. 2.03 hrs.
Neighbors (R) 4:30 p.m. 1.36 hrs.

FSSA and SNAP help with food costs

Are you a junior ranking service member with a lot of people living in your home? Then the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, or FSSA, or the Supplemental Nutrition Allowance Program, or SNAP, may be able to assist you with putting food on your table.

FSSA is an additional monthly payment that assists eligible service members with feeding their families. Though current military compensation is equal to or exceeds compensation in the private sector, military families may still encounter challenges during these difficult economic times. To be eligible for FSSA, you must be an active component or reserve component member on active duty who meets the income eligibility requirements to participate in the program.

SNAP is another federal program that may be able to assist you. As of Oct. 1, 2008, SNAP is the name for the federally funded food stamp program. Unlike FSSA, SNAP is managed by the states and the District of Columbia by a supporting Food and Nutrition Service Office. SNAP participants typically receive a debit card to purchase food.

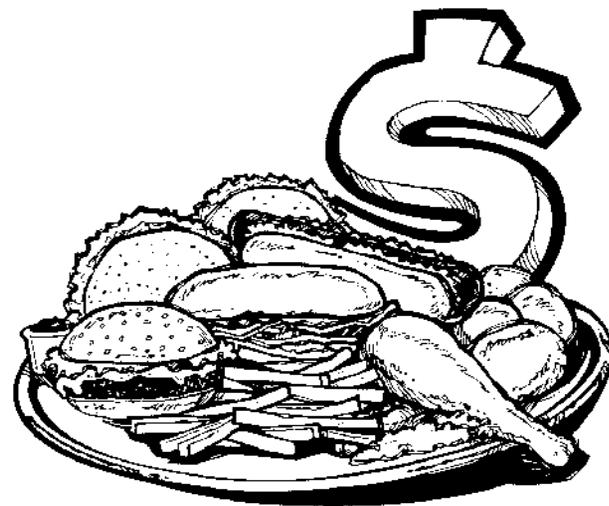
FSSA is a DoD program designed to make sure that

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By **KIMBERLY BOTTEMA**
Army Community Services
Financial Readiness

service members do not need to take advantage of SNAP. A service member's family may be eligible for up to \$1,100 per month.

To find out if you qualify for FSSA, log onto <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/fssa/> using a Common Access Card and follow the instructions. After completing the application and being deemed qualified, contact Army Community Services to schedule an appointment with a financial counselor for review and certification. Next, take the application to your personnel office to have DA Form 4187 prepared. The form must be signed by the Soldier's first field grade officer for certification. Once signed, return the form to the personnel office for processing. Local finance offices forward the form to DFAS for processing



and payment.

To find out more about SNAP in South Carolina, visit <https://dss.sc.gov/content/customers/food/foodstamp/index.aspx>.

For more information, call 751-5256 or visit http://www.fortjacksonmwr.com/acs_fin/index.html

News and Notes

VETERANS BENEFITS FAIR

A benefits fair for combat veterans who served in operations since Sept. 11, 2001 is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday at Weston Lake's community house. The fair is hosted by Dorn VA Medical Center. Reservations are required by June 18. For more information, call 776-4000, extension 7303.

ARMY BALL SCHEDULED

Fort Jackson will celebrate the Army's 239th birthday with a ball Saturday at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$55. Child care will be available at the Hood Street Child Development Center. For tickets, contact your unit representative. To register for child care, call 751-1970.

171ST CHANGE OF COMMAND SET

The 171st Infantry Brigade change of command and responsibility ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m., Wednesday at Victory Field. Col. H. Clint Kirk will replace Col. Mark Bieger. A retirement ceremony

for Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Cook is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., Tuesday at Post Headquarters, followed by a retirement dinner at 6 p.m. at the NCO Club.

ARMY FIELD BAND TO PERFORM

The rock ensemble of the U.S. Army Field Band, The Volunteers, is scheduled to perform at 7 p.m., June 26 at Finlay Park in Columbia. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.ArmyFieldBand.com.

TFM TO CHANGE COMMAND TEAM

The Task Force Marshall change of command and responsibility ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m., July 1 at the McCrady Training Center parade grounds. Lt. Col. William Montgomery will replace Lt. Col. John Brown and Command Sgt. Maj. Lester Deans will replace Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Byrd.

Information subject to change.

To submit an announcement, email fjleader@gmail.com

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Brian Manigo, music program director for the Fort Jackson Youth Center, leads a group at the center that gives students the opportunity to write and record their own music. Since the program's beginning in 2011, participants have recorded five albums.

Youth center group records, writes music

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Music started off as an escape for Brian Manigo. When he was in the 10th grade, Manigo said he found himself with an empty block on his class schedule. He was being bullied during that break, so he started looking for someplace else to be at that time of day.

"I was getting picked on a lot," he said. "The first thing that came up was choir, so I started choir. From there it became a lifelong passion for singing. I got a scholarship for singing from Benedict College and, after I graduated, I moved into doing my own music."

Today, Manigo is the music program director for the Fort Jackson Youth Center, where he works to nurture a love of music in military children.

"We teach the kids the foundations of music, starting from their love of music," he said. "Whether it's rapping, singing or poetry, it doesn't matter."

The group meets after school at the youth center on Tuesdays and Fridays. In addition to a programmable keyboard and drum machine, a full recording studio is available to the participants. The students recorded their first album in the spring of 2012.

"After that we did two Christmas albums and two cover albums," Manigo said. "When (the albums are) done, we give the songs to the kids and post some of them on Soundcloud. That way, if they go to other installations, they can

still hear their music."

Last week, Summer Peters, 12, was the first of the day's participants to arrive at the studio. An R&B fan, Peters said this is her first year to participate in the group.

"I did a Christmas song and a song that (Manigo) wrote for me," she said. "It's not boring. It's fun coming here. You can sing and make music."

Manigo said the program began in 2011 and now averages about 12 children per session, ages 12-18. Because many children cannot attend every session, the group actually has about 30 students involved throughout the school year.

With the start of summer, though, those numbers have dropped off significantly.

"A lot of the time, (the summer brings) a new batch of kids," he said. Many of the students who live off post visit the youth center less frequently in between school years, he said.

"We do a little seminar to find out who sings and what kind of interests they have," Manigo said. "Then I start working with them one-on-one with songwriting, producing and making their own music."

He said he has seen genuine talent walk through the doors of the youth center.

"I've had two students who actually got scholarships, students who weren't singing at all before coming here in 2011," he said. "One has a scholarship to Winthrop, and the other is going to the University of South Carolina on a partial scholarship."

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Summer Peters, 12, lays down a vocal track at the youth center's recording studio.



Photos by ANDREW McINTYRE

Skyy Cope is joined by her co-workers of the dual dining facility Friday. The staff made a poster to encourage her while she competes in this week's Special Olympics 2014 USA Games in Princeton, N.J. Cope is among about 100 athletes from South Carolina selected for the games.

Post athlete reaches for the Skyy

By ANDREW McINTYRE
Fort Jackson Leader

One of Fort Jackson's own was selected to represent South Carolina in the Special Olympics 2014 USA Games in Princeton, New Jersey, this week. Skyy Cope is a dining facility attendant at the dual dining facility serving the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment and the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

"It's the only thing I am looking forward to, I love it," Cope said in a statement on the Special Olympics website, www.2014specialolympics.org. "I started (participating in the) Special Olympics in Stuttgart, Germany when I was 4 years old. It has changed my life. It has made me a better person."

Cope will participate in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and the 100-meter relay.

"I have waited many years to attend the USA Games, and it makes me happy," Cope said in the statement. "I can't wait

to go. I look forward to meeting athletes I have never met before. I thank God that I will be participating in these games."

Cope has also received overwhelming support from co-workers and supervisors who have designed a poster wishing her the best of luck in Princeton.

"When Skyy told us that she would be attending the nationals it made us very excited, so we decided to send her off with a bang. So when she is out there running she will remember that we are behind her the entire way," said Cynthia Gallmon, dining facility shift leader.

One of Cope's co-workers said all the staff members are rooting for her.

"It's exciting for us and her because it's like when she wins we win, too. And for us to have one of our own to have made it to nationals — it feels good," said Meya Brannon, dining facility attendant.

More than 100 athletes from South Carolina are participating in this week's events, which range from aquatics to flag football.

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Skyy Cope, right, and mother, Diana Grayton, get ready to attend the Special Olympics 2014 USA Games in Princeton, N.J., this week.



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Lemonade stand

Five young entrepreneurs helped Soldiers beat the heat early last week by setting up a lemonade stand on Imboden Street. Pictured, Spc. Dontavis Simmons and Spc. Lakeisha Sharper, both of MED-DAC, purchase drinks and snacks from Kelsi Ehmer, 12, Nyla Cantrell, 12, David Qutaishat, 6, Latalyia Qutaishat, 12, and Zeneijha Creighton, 8.

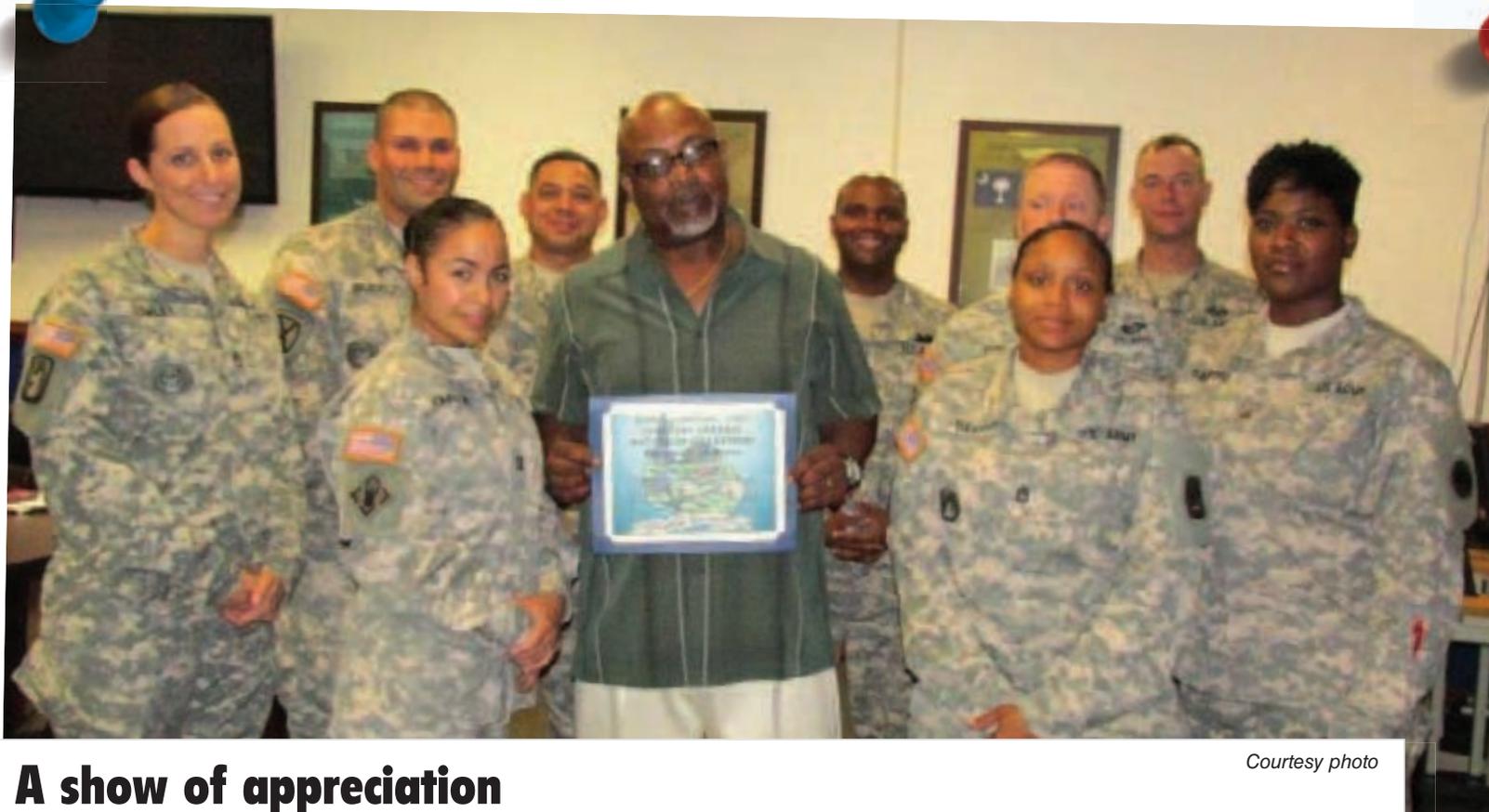
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Photo by JULIA SIMPKINS, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

Drill and ceremony exercise

Students from the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course take part in a drill and ceremony exercise June 13 at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School. USACHCS Command Sergeant Maj. Boris Bolanos inspects the students as they perform basic movements in formation.



A show of appreciation

Courtesy photo

Soldiers with Company A, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) present a certificate of appreciation to Greg Lewis, Family Advocacy Program, for conducting a class on anger management with the battalion. Soldiers also participated in a class on parenting, presented by Army Community Services.



Photo by JESSE STEPHENSON, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

View from the top

Staff Sgt. Akesia Knuckles holds the L position before rappelling off Victory Tower. Knuckles is a platoon sergeant with the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School.



Courtesy photo

Yard of the Month

Staff Sgt. Barry Manley, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, and his family are named June Yard of the Month grand prize winners. The Manleys received a certificate of appreciation signed by the garrison commander, a trophy, free dinner coupons and movie passes, reserved parking at the Commissary and at the Exchange and a \$50 gift card. Pictured are, from left, Baylee Manley, 6; Staff Sgt. Barry Manley; Kylee Manley, 3; Kimberly Manley; Rylee Manley, 2; and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee.



Air power display

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE — Soldiers of U.S. Army Central's 4th Battlefield Coordination Detachment break from their routine training to visit the airfield on base to see a Boeing AH-64 Apache helicopter. The helicopter was flown from McEntire Joint National Guard Base to Shaw Air Force Base for a static display June 10.

Photo by SGT. SHARMAIN BURCH, USARCENT



Photo by MIKE ELKINS, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Support the fort

Bicycle riders from across the Midlands take off from Hilton Field for the Support the Fort — Fort Jackson Gran Fondo Sunday. Participants had the choice between a 36-mile or a 72-mile ride.



Courtesy photo

Staying Army

Staff Sgt. Carlos Gonzalez, right, Company A, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) is reenlisted by Capt. Johanna Johnson, commander of Co. A, 120th, June 12 in the Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Gas Chamber. Gonzalez, who is scheduled to move to Fort Riley, Kansas in July, reenlisted indefinitely.

Army birthday book available online

By **GANESA ROBINSON**
IMCOM

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS — In celebration of the Army's 239th birthday, the Army announced the re-release of the children's e-book, "Happy Birthday U.S. Army!" which is now available online.

Child, Youth and School Services, a division of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, first developed the book in 2008 as a result of a directive from the secretary of the Army to involve children in the child development centers with the Army's birthday.

Edward Griffin, acting division chief, Marketing, IMCOM, believes the new book design will resonate with children.

"We're excited about the new design and taking the Army birthday book to a digital platform," Griffin said. "We serve Army families around the world. Our intent was to find a cost-effective way to provide our geographically-dispersed families access. We accomplished this through the development of the e-book.

"Army children are some of the most tech-savvy children in the world. It's our vision to be able to connect with them in new and exciting ways in the future, as well," he said.

"Happy Birthday U.S. Army!" is the fourth children's book written by Mary Ellen Pratt and cowritten by Donna M. McGrath, both employees of Army Child, Youth and School Services. Pratt said that their intent was to develop a book to help children better understand the importance of what their parents do in the Army and what it means to be a part of the Army family.

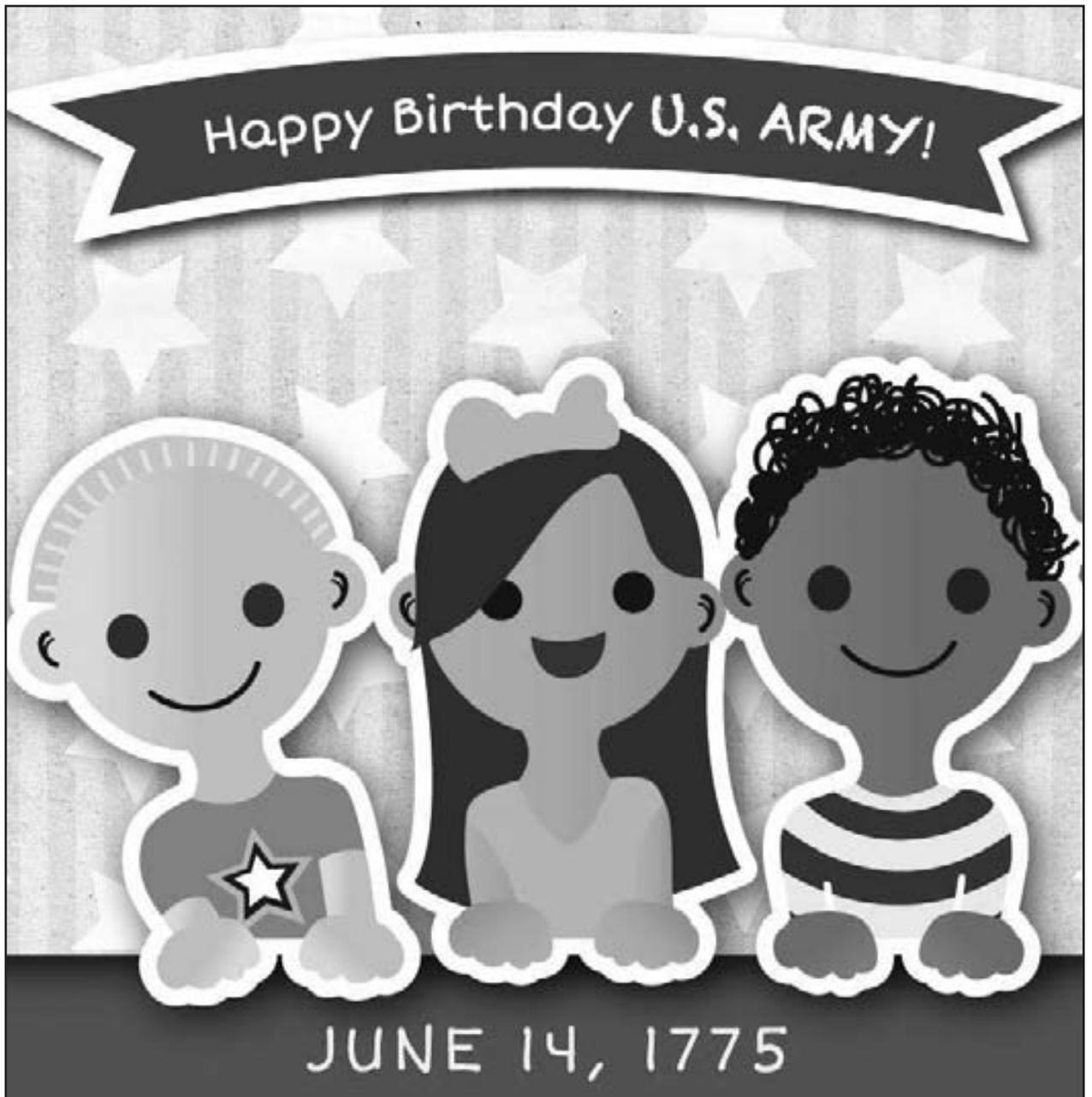
The newly designed book includes bright, colorful illustrations that bring the characters to life and tell the Army history through the eyes of a child.

"We're really excited that we can now reach more children, especially those located outside of a garrison. They'll be able to access the e-book and learn about the Army's rich history," Pratt said. "We live in a visual society. We knew that if we wanted children to pick up the book and keep their attention, then we'd have to create pictures that children can connect with."

Cara Embry, the illustrator of the e-book said her goal was to make the illustrations fun, contemporary and fresh, similar to what you might see in a television show for kids.

"The idea was to create a children's book that made the characters appear to be stickers because children love that they are bright and whimsical," Embry said.

Throughout June, Child Development Centers will



Graphic by CARA EMBRY, IMCOM

The first Army children's e-book aims at helping children better understand Army history and their role in the greater Army family. The book is available online at www.armymwr.com/birthday-book.

host readings in which Army leaders and community public figures will read the book to children.

Although the book is aimed primarily toward children, the intent is for the entire family to get involved and use the book as an opportunity to learn and talk about the parents' roles in the Army community. Both Pratt and Mc-

Grath said they believe that it is important to recognize that Soldiers are mothers and fathers. They said they hope that Army families will take advantage of the online version to read it to their children.

The book can be downloaded for free at www.armymwr.com/birthday-book.



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For tickets and hotel discount information, call 751-5613.

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By **KISHA A. TAYLOR**

Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

How many times has your address changed since you have started contributing to the Thrift Savings Plan? If you are like many military members, you have probably moved more than a few times.

With all of the chaos that comes with relocating, changing the mailing address associated with your TSP account may not be at the top of your list. However, it is important that you update the TSP section of your myPay account each time your address changes so that you will continue to receive correspondence from the TSP.

You should verify that the TSP has your current address by calling the TSP ThriftLine at (877) 968-3778 or by checking your statements on the My Account section of www.tsp.gov. Be sure to check information such as the house or unit number and the spellings of the street and city names. These steps will reduce errors and save you time and frustration. If the information on file is invalid or old, you risk not being able to access your account.

For example, you are about to deploy and realize you have forgotten the password to your TSP account. You request a new one with the hope that it will reach you before you leave. The TSP sends your replacement password to the address on record — the address of a former duty station — and you deploy without having received it. Unfortunately, this could make it extremely difficult to move money or even view your account while you're away.

Here is how to update your TSP address:

- For service members on active duty, going to the TSP section of myPay is the quickest and easiest way to update the TSP mailing address. Note that the "Correspondence Address" section of myPay will not update information with the TSP. You must to go to the TSP section of myPay to change your TSP address.

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NEWS

Soldiers

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The competition spanned three days and required Soldiers to demonstrate a firm understanding of a variety of warrior tasks and battle drills. The tasks varied depending on the category in which the Soldiers were participating, but Hain said the challenges tested their knowledge of land navigation, medical and weapons skills and their familiarity with drill and ceremony.

The final day included a 10-mile foot march and a board review.

The winners of this competition go on to compete at TRADOC-level competitions later this year.

“It was one hell of a competition,” said Dunham, Platoon Sergeant of the Year. “It beat me up, but in the end I’m glad I did it.”

He said the road march was the most difficult task for him, primarily because it followed a night without sleep.

“Hopefully, next time I’ll be more prepared physically and be ready for the TRADOC competition in September,” he said.

“This means a lot to me,” said Santos, the post’s Soldier of the Year. “It was a really great experience and will really motivate me to pursue a career in the Army.”

Santos said she enlisted in the Army 19 months ago in order to become more independent.

“I’m actually the first female in my family to join the military,” Santos said. “I love every day of it, and it makes me proud of who I am.”

Oberle, the installation’s Drill Sergeant of the Year, said the competition was about achieving a goal he had set for himself.

“I’ve been doing a lot of physical training, doing the obstacle course and running those to see what kind of times I was posting,” Oberle said. “And I’ve been doing a lot of shooting, a lot of training on warrior tasks and battle drills to make sure I had a firm grasp on the information.”

“It was a challenge I put in front of myself, and I wanted to prove to myself that I could do it,” said Stentiford, the NCO of the Year. “The board is always the hardest part. There’s a lot of studying; you just study those topics the best you can.”

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Photos by ANDREW McINTYRE

Pfc. Marissa Santos, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, climbs over a wall at the Fit-to-Win obstacle course June 10. Santos competed against two other Soldiers to win this year’s title as Fort Jackson Soldier of the Year.



Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Dunham, Company B, 187th Ordnance Battalion, prepares to jump off an obstacle at the Confidence Course. Dunham won the installation Platoon Sergeant of the Year competition.



Staff Sgt. Jason Oberle, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, explains the proper tactics, techniques and procedures for establishing security in a combat environment. Each competitor was required to complete several warrior task and battle drills to demonstrate adequate knowledge of basic infantry skills.



Staff Sgt. Christina Stentiford, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, completes one of the obstacles at the Confidence Course. Stentiford claimed the title of Fort Jackson Noncommissioned Officer of the Year after three days of physical and mental tests.

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Distracted driving an Armywide hazard

In January 2014, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center released a 19-question survey for respondents to report their perceptions of distracted driving, awareness of hazards and potential legal implications, and whether they have knowingly participated in any activity that distracted them while driving. A random sample of 1,099 Soldiers was selected for the survey, and some findings are outlined below.

COMMENTARY

By **LT. COL. JOSEPH A. HARVEY**
U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

“Don’t text and drive” is a familiar refrain from news and advertisements. Our results show this slogan is only moderately effective, as 19 percent of Soldiers surveyed admitted to texting and driving while acknowledging the laws and policies against it. But is texting the only risky behavior drivers are engaged in behind the wheel? The answer is no. Anything that takes your attention off the task of driving is a distraction.

Today, many people feel they need to be constantly connected to family and friends. Social media is available on most smartphones and even integrated into some newer models of automobiles, but is it really necessary?

Drivers are two times more likely to miss a stop sign and suffer from “inattention blindness” while using a cellphone. The voice-to-text technology being offered in some new cars is also dangerous, because it requires massive brain activity to operate and can make what is outside the vehicle invisible to you.

The survey showed 71 percent of respondents believe drinking and driving is more dangerous than distracted driving. The truth is they are both bad. Whereas drinking affects your reaction times, vision and coordination, distracted driving takes your eyes and mind off the road for the time it takes to send a text or change a CD. A lot can happen in those few seconds.

Many people are under the mistaken impression they can multitask while driving, whether it’s eating, texting,



flipping through radio stations, brushing their hair or setting a GPS, maybe even all at the same time. In fact, 29 percent of the survey respondents felt they could do it all without affecting their driving performance. That’s a deadly misconception. Your mind can only handle one job at a time. Although your brain may switch from one task to the next quickly, giving the illusion of multitasking, this jumble of activity keeps it from focusing entirely on the road and hazards around you. Limiting distractions helps making sure you have a safe ride.

The safety of hands-free devices is another fallacy. Although headsets and speakerphones allow you to keep both hands on the wheel, the real distraction is the conversation. Of the Soldiers surveyed, 63 percent believed hands-free devices are safe. Cellphone conversations while driving are dangerous, and the only safe option is to pull off the road or wait until you reach your

destination to talk.

Leaders play a large role in reducing distracted driving accidents. They can make their Soldiers aware of the dangers, include the topic in their safety briefs, and set the example by not calling or texting their subordinates when they are on the road.

Of all survey respondents, 30 percent said they would answer a text or email while driving because it could be “important” to them. A text about something as simple as a change to first formation time could be the reason a Soldier drives through a stop sign. No bit of information is so important that it cannot wait until later.

While on the road this summer, be smart. Turn off your cellphone, preset your radio and GPS, and find a good front-seat passenger to help eliminate distractions inside your vehicle. Focusing on the world outside will help you stay safe and ready for whatever lies ahead.

Calendar

Friday, June 27

Victory Thunder motorcycle rally
9:30 a.m., Hilton Field

Friday, June 27

Home buying seminar: "Steps in the home buying process"
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Post Conference Room
A light lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, call 751-9339.

Saturday, June 28

Natural bodybuilding competition
6 p.m., Solomon Center
For more information, call 751-5768.

Thursday, July 10

Hazardous substance management class
8:30 a.m., 2563 Essayons Way
For more information, call 751-4231.

Tuesday, July 15

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

Tuesday, July 29; Wednesday, July 30

Environmental compliance officer course
3240 Sumter Street
For more information, call 751-5011.

Announcements

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE FESTIVAL

A healthy lifestyle festival is scheduled for June 26, 27 and 28 at the Commissary. The event includes a case lot sale and farmers market sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival will also include an MWR fitness event, music, food samples, Zumba demonstrations, Exchange sidewalk sales and health and fitness information booths.

PROFESSIONAL MENTORSHIP

The Professional Mentorship Network meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the fourth Tuesday of the month at the NCO Club. The group seeks to empower, educate and mentor female service members and civilians. Upcoming topics are promoting a healthy body image (June 24) and building relationships within the professional mentorship network (July 22). For more information, call 751-8187.

YOUTH TEAM SEEKS PLAYERS

Tryouts for a traveling Fort Jackson youth baseball team for players younger than 11 will be held at the end of June. The team needs 11 players to play in two tournaments per month in the Columbia area. Players must not turn 12 before May 1, 2015. For more information, call (910) 551-5056 or (864) 381-0665.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Copies of the Palmetto State Utility Services, Inc., consumer confidence report are

available at the Commissary, the Directorate of Public Works, the Main Exchange, the AAFES mini mall, the Post Office, the Strom Thurmond Building, the Welcome Center, the Gate 1 and Gate 2 Express, and at Palmetto State Utility Services.

YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Washington Redskins wide receiver Andre Roberts will conduct a football camp at the Youth Sports Complex for military children Saturday and Sunday. The camp is open for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The first 100 campers to complete registration forms will be accepted. For more information, call 751-7451.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Summer registration for Pierce Terrace and C.C. Pinckney elementary schools runs June 23 through Aug. 14. Registration packets may be picked up at either school during office hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Pierce Terrace Elementary School at 782-1772 or C.C. Pinckney Elementary School at 787-6815.

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

The Fort Jackson Golf Club will offer three golf camps this summer as part of its Junior Golf Program. Camps are scheduled July 14-18 and Aug. 4-8. The cost is \$45 for one camp or \$65 for two camps. For more information, call 787-4344 or visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/golf/.

SPORTS SHORTS

- Letters of intent for intramural and recreational softball are due June 25. League play will begin July 9.
 - Golf league play will begin July 1. The captains' meeting is scheduled for 11:45 a.m., June 24.
 - Fourth of July 5K, 8 a.m., Twin Lakes.
 - The Army Ten Miler qualifier is scheduled for 5:30 a.m., July 12. The make-up run is scheduled for July 19. The Army Ten Miler will take place Oct. 12.
- For more information, call the Sports Office at 751-3096.

100TH INFANTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Virginia Military Institute Foundation and the 100th Infantry Division offer two scholarship awards for qualifying Sol-

diers. Active duty Soldiers in the grade of E5 or E6 may pick up an education packet at the Education Center, Room A100.

FREE CAPTAIN AMERICA COMIC

The comic book "Divide and Conquer" featuring Captain America is available free at the Exchange and other AAFES locations.

SAT/ACT TESTING

The Education Center will administer SAT testing Oct. 30 and ACT testing July 31. Testing is available to eligible service members only. For more information and to register, call 751-5341.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

- The Golden Carriage Program provides free ball gowns for spouses of active-duty service members E5 and below.
- The Thrift Shop will be closed the first two weeks of July. It will reopen July 15.

Information is subject to change.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events.

Send your announcements to fjleader@gmail.com.

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

For more information, call 751-7045.

Off-post events

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

STEM YOUTH DAY CAMPS

Two STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) youth day camps for military children will be offered by Operation Military Kids. The camps are open to military children 12 and older. Camps will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 14-18 in Charleston or July 21-25 at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. For more information, call (864) 993-1711 or visit www.scomk.org.

Housing happenings

RENT CONCESSIONS

Receive a free family season pass to Palmetto Falls Water Park with your June move-in. The offer is valid for E1-E6 applicants and may be combined with other concessions. This offer is not valid with any previously-assigned or pre-leased homes. Retirees, DoD civilians, and geographical bachelors are not eligible. The offer expires June 30.

VOICE BROADCAST SYSTEM

The One Call Now system is used to deliver emergency weather updates, reported utility outages, maintenance schedules and weekly event updates. To participate, make sure your current phone number and email address is registered with the Balfour Beatty Communities management office.

BINGO NIGHT

Bingo night is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday at Balfour Beatty Community Center. To register, email emcdaniel@bbcgrp.com.

HOME BUYING SEMINAR

A home buying seminar, "Steps In The Home Buying Process," is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., June 27 at the Post Conference Room. This seminar is designed to inform home buyers on the home buying process. A real estate professional and a lender will explain steps in the home buying process (loan qualifications, selecting the right home, loan closing, etc.). A light lunch will be provided. For more information or to register, call 751-9323.

YARD OF THE MONTH

The annual Yard of the Month program is under way. To submit a yard as a contender, to include yours, call Ericka McDaniel at 738-8275, email emcdaniel@bbcgrp.com, or call RCI Housing at 751-7567. One winner from each neighborhood submitted will be chosen. Visit the Self Help Center and check out lawn and garden tools that will assist you in having a beautiful yard. The Self Help Center, located on Ivy Road, is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Pfc. Kevin Hogue

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Spc. Kacey Weaver

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Spc. Brian Connelly

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Changil Joeng



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Company C
2nd Battalion,
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HIGH APFT SCORE
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HIGH BRM
Pvt. Steven Fields

Taken at face value?
It might not be worth much.

The Face of Indiscipline

He's new to his unit but fits right in. A hard, dedicated worker, he never complains when he has to hurry up and wait. He's the kind of guy everyone wants on the team. He's also a fitness buff: 300+ on the APFT six-minute mile, committed to personal health and fitness, as well as the challenges of being a Soldier. He can't swim a stroke and no one knows it. He and his battle buddies are planning a canoeing outing when the weather gets a little warmer. Two hours into their eight-hour adventure they will encounter some rough water. When our non-swimmer's canoe flips in the rapids, he won't be wearing his personal flotation device. Where is that commitment to his own wellbeing?

Discipline takes many forms, as does indiscipline. Know what's right and do what's right.

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Volleyball champions

The Islanders celebrate their recreational co-ed indoor volleyball championship with Brig. Gen. Paul Chamberlain, commanding general of the Soldier Support Institute, and SSI Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber. The Islanders finished the season with a perfect record of 14 wins and no losses. The team includes active Soldiers, retirees and family members. Both the men's active duty and the co-ed active duty championships went to the SSI.

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**W O R S H I P
SCHEDULE**

PROTESTANT

■ Sunday

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

Protestant Bible Study

■ Monday

7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel

■ Tuesday

9 to 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel

■ Wednesday

6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle Chapel

7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle Chapel

■ Thursday

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

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

■ Saturday

11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each month)

■ Sunday

5 to 6:30 p.m. Club Beyond youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

CATHOLIC

■ Monday through Thursday

11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel

■ Sunday

7:30 a.m. Confessions, Solomon Center

8 a.m. IET Mass, Solomon Center

9:30 a.m. CCD (September through May), Education Center

9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for adults (September through May), Main Post Chapel

9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for children (September through May), Main Post Chapel

10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel

11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)

12:30 p.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel

■ Wednesday

7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel

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

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

■ Sunday

8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

■ Sunday

8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

■ Friday

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

JEWISH

■ Sunday

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Memorial Chapel

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish book study, Post Conference Room

CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ Sunday

11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ Sunday

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

■ Wednesday

3 to 5 p.m. LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel

■ Wednesday

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

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

Anderson Street Chapel

2335 Anderson St., 751-7032

Bayonet Chapel

9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542

Daniel Circle Chapel

3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-1297/4478

Education Center

4581 Scales Ave.

Chaplain Family Life Center

5460 Marion Ave (to the side of the POV lot), 751-4961

Magruder Chapel

4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883

Main Post Chapel

4580 Scales Ave., corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard, 751-6469/6681

McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)

3820 McCrady Road (located at McCrady Training Center)

Memorial Chapel

4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324

Warrior Chapel (120th AG Bn.)

1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

Installation Chaplain's Office

4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318