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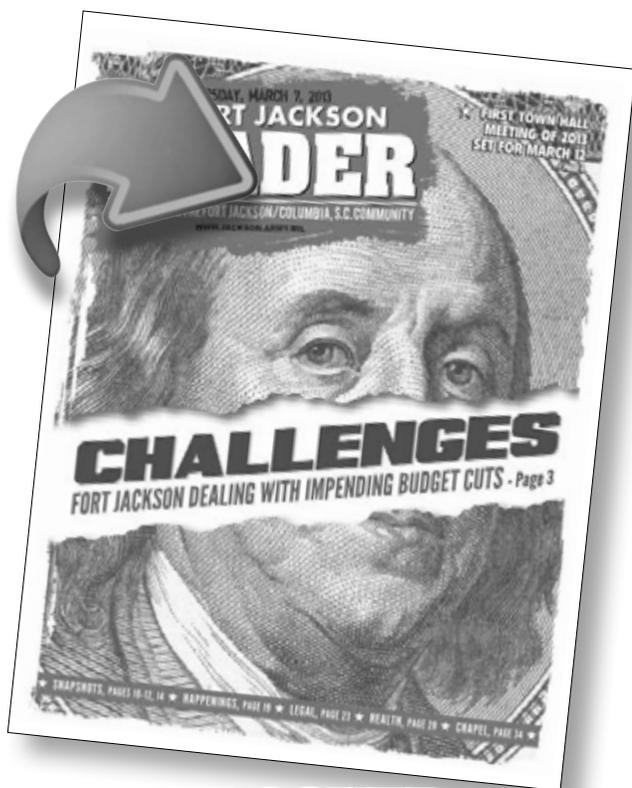
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Leaders from various units and organizations on Fort Jackson are working together to deal with the impact of sequestration. **SEE PAGE 3.**



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## COMMANDER'S CALL

# Celebrate women's history

## Post to observe month with luncheon

Our nation is as great as it is because of the many contributions from all of our citizens — especially our women. Every March, we celebrate Women's History Month, an observance that was established in 1987 by Congress to honor the achievements of that group of Americans. Women's contributions to our nation extend from our homes to our communities, from corporate America to the government, and from the civilian sector to our military. They have served in each and every capacity with great pride and distinction in our nation's history.

Almost 165 years ago, the first Women's Rights Convention was formed in Seneca Falls, N.Y., where attendees addressed the ongoing concerns of women's role in society. Fast forward — a monumental milestone — the 19th amendment was adopted in 1919 to extend the right of suffrage to women. Since then, our society has continued to observe advancements and achievements as our women have excelled in numerous career fields, including aviation, education, technology, math, science and military service.

That said, our military continues to recognize the abilities and potential of our women service members. More than a decade of war has shown us that women are more than capable of serving in direct combat military occupational specialties so we are working to update our policies to afford them those opportunities. Just like their male counterparts, women have faced gunfire and improvised explosive devices while serving on the roads of Iraq and in the mountains of Afghanistan. More than 150 of them, having fought bravely, made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Our women service members are included among the long list of names of our decorated war heroes, touting Silver Stars, Bronze Star Medals with Valor, and so on.

Fort Jackson continues to be a front runner with regards to gender-integrated training. Women have been training alongside men in Basic Combat Training since 1978. Currently, Fort Jackson trains 60 percent of women who enter the Army each year. While some physical fitness standards may differ, there is no difference between training and graduation requirements for males and females. At the end of Basic Combat Training, our objective is to produce a Soldier, male or female, who can perform in a high-stress, physically demanding, and austere environment that we call combat. I can personally say that our women Soldiers have certainly demonstrated that they can.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a leading figure of the early women's rights movement stated, "Truth is the only safe ground to stand on."

The simple truth is that women have and will continue to make significant contributions to our

nation and this world in which we live. Notable women from the past as well as the present demonstrate that when people are afforded the chance to achieve, the sky is the limit, and we all benefit from their successes.

Fort Jackson will host a Women's History Month luncheon on March 29, 11:30 a.m. at the Solomon Center. This will provide us with a great chance to pause and reflect on the achievements of women in our society so I hope to see you all there.

Remember, it is our collective responsibility to change our society's perspective where it limits our women's opportunities to contribute.

As we reflect on the milestones that women have achieved in their quest for equality, let's remember that creating an environment that fosters equality must be a daily focus if we want America to continue to be the greatest nation on earth.

Victory Starts Here!

Victory 6

**By BRIG. GEN.  
BRYAN T. ROBERTS**

Fort Jackson  
Commanding General



Mathew Brady Collection (Army).

**Until she was captured by Confederates in Chattanooga, Tenn., Dr. Mary E. Walker served as assistant surgeon with Gen. Burnside's Union forces in 1862 and with an Ohio regiment in East Tennessee the following year. Imprisoned in Richmond, Va., as a spy, she was eventually released. After the war, President Andrew Johnson awarded her the Medal of Honor.**



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# Post leaders plan for furloughs, cuts

## Leader Staff Report

Fort Jackson leaders from the various units across the installation are dealing with the reality of sequestration, the automatic spending cuts that went into effect March 1 on the installation. About 3,500 civilian employees on post are subject to one-day-a-week furloughs, which could begin in late April, if other mitigating solutions fail.

“This is serious business. There’s a new norm on Fort Jackson,” said Col. Ken Royalty, Fort Jackson chief of staff, in a meeting with senior leaders Wednesday.

Affected employees could be furloughed for 22 discontinuous days between implementation and the end of fiscal year 2013, with no more than 16 furlough hours per pay period. Employees will receive at least 30 days’ notice before furloughs go into effect. To date, no furlough notices have gone out to Fort Jackson employees.

For planning purposes, Fort Jackson leaders anticipate that in case of furloughs, they would go into effect April 26. Before the furloughs take effect, several notices will be provided to employees. This process will be preceded by impact and implementation bargaining with Fort Jackson servicing unions.

DA civilians are encouraged to consult with their com-

mand leadership for the latest information about their organizations.

No plans have been finalized on what services on post will be affected by the cuts, but installation leadership is working on minimizing the effect on the community. A civilian hiring freeze is in effect for the majority of open positions, and most temporary employees will not be extended beyond their term’s expiration date. In addition, installation leaders are evaluating contracts, are putting a stop on furniture acquisitions and are considering other cost-saving strategies, such as limiting temporary duty expenses and reducing energy costs and cell phone use.

The Initial Entry Training mission was designated the Number 3 funding priority by DoD, which means Fort Jackson’s training mission will continue without major interruptions. So far, Fort Jackson and the Army Training Center have already cut \$2 million, or 5.5 percent, of its budget for fiscal year 2013.

In an open letter to all Soldiers and DA civilians signed by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond Odierno and Secretary of the Army John Mc Hugh, the Army community is urged to remain focused on the mission.

“Develop your Soldiers, civilians and our future Army

leaders; conduct tough, realistic mission-focused training; maintain and account for your equipment; be good stewards of your resources; and sustain the high level of esprit de corps in your organization,” the letter reads.

For the latest sequestration updates, visit the following websites:

Fort Jackson: <http://www.jackson.army.mil/sites/info/pages/776>

OPM: <http://www.opm.gov/furlough>

DoD: [http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2013/0213\\_sequestration/](http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2013/0213_sequestration/)

CPOL: <http://cpol.army.mil/library/general/2013sequestration/>

TRADOC: <http://www.tradoc.army.mil/CivInfo.asp>

IMCOM: <http://www.imcom.army.mil/Organization/G1Personnel.aspx>

MEDCOM FAQs: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/39433456> (AKO login required)

MEDCOM Updates: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/39326990> (AKO login required)

USAR: <http://www.usar.army.mil/resources/Pages/Civilian-Personnel-Furlough-Information.aspx>

**Editor’s note:** Information from [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil) and [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) was used in this article.

## Damaged tires claim process

If you used Gate 1 to exit Fort Jackson between Oct. 1, 2012, and Feb. 1, 2013, you should have the tires on your vehicle checked for possible spike damage as soon as possible. Your tires should be checked at a reputable tire center. If your tires have been damaged by traffic spikes, have the tire center note the cause of damage for each tire and state the percentage of remaining tread life of the damaged tire. Take pictures of each tire to show the damage.

Claim forms and additional information are available at the Fort Jackson SJA, Claims Office, located at 2600 Lee Road. Take the documents from the tire center and pictures to the Claims Office. Do not dispose of your tires until processing of your claim is completed. You will be compensated once you purchase the replacement tire(s). You will need to provide a receipt to the Claims Office. Your claim will be paid based on the remaining tread on each damaged tire. You

will not receive full replacement cost for the purchase of the new tire(s).

AAFES and several other tire centers in the local area provide free inspection services for tires. Please call ahead to confirm the availability of the service and the costs associated, if any.

For more information, please contact Staff Sgt. Derek E. Taylor, claims paralegal NCOIC at 803-751-6151 or by email at [derek.e.taylor6.mil@mail.mil](mailto:derek.e.taylor6.mil@mail.mil).



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

## MacEwen relinquishes command of SSI

Brig. Gen. David K. MacEwen relinquishes command of the Solider Support Institute during a Monday ceremony on Darby Field. MacEwen, who took command of the SSI a year ago, is leaving Fort Jackson to become the 66th Adjutant General of the U.S. Army and Executive Director of the Military Postal Service Agency at Fort Knox. "My time has been too short," MacEwen told the audience. "I leave SSI appreciating that I've been on the best team that there is inside TRADOC. You've been a professional team and it's been my honor to serve alongside of you." Col. Todd Garlick, commander of the Adjutant General School, assumed interim command of the SSI during Monday's ceremony.

# Town hall meetings set for March 12

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

"Keeping You Informed" is the theme of Fort Jackson's first semi-annual town hall meeting of 2013, set for March 12 at the Solomon Center.

There are actually two meetings that day, the first starting at 9 a.m., with the next at 6 p.m.

"The five topics we're briefing on are based on feedback we received through ICE, as well as formal and informal methods," said Col. Michael Graese, Fort Jackson garrison commander. "We know these are five topics as a whole that will be of interest to people on the installation. And for the things that aren't covered, it's wide open to bring out issues on the spot. All of the installation experts and directorates will be represented at the meeting and will answer questions."

The following topics will be briefed during next

week's meeting:

- The housing renovation status for Balfour Beatty Communities.
- The status of the Lee Road Child Development Center opening.
- Rules for the issuance of Family Member Card.
- An introduction to the Chaplain Family Life Center.
- The range of support provided by Army OneSource.

"This is our twice-a-year opportunity to get two-way conversation with folks on post," Graese said. "If people don't feel any of the feedback mechanisms available on post are appropriate, whether it's ICE or normal face-to-face, this is an opportunity for them to participate. We're pretty confident that we respond adequately to concerns across the installation, but this is one more avenue for us to stay in touch with the needs of the community."

You don't need to register before the meeting to ask questions, but administration has established a short list of rules for the event. Those interested in participating

in the public forum are asked to:

- Focus on issues that affect the quality of life for the Fort Jackson community.
- For personal issues and concerns, use ICE Cards or speak with directorates and leadership after the meeting.
- Be open minded and respectful of others. No personal attacks or inappropriate language.
- Use microphones to raise one issue or concern so that others have the opportunity to voice their concerns, as well.

The next town hall meeting is scheduled for August and will be conducted online, Graese said.

"The next town hall meeting will be on Facebook," Graese said. "The directorates, myself and leadership will be standing by to answer questions, and people are able to stay at home and participate. We'll see if that meets the need of the population."

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Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general, explains the goals and intentions of the 2013 Army Emergency Relief campaign during a reception last week at the Joe E. Mann Center. AER is a private, non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to active duty and retired soldiers and their families.

# 2013 Army Emergency Relief campaign begins

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson launched this year's Army Emergency Relief campaign Friday with a reception at the Joe. E. Mann Center.

The AER program is a private nonprofit organization established to help the Army provide financial assistance to Soldiers and their families through no-interest loans and grants, as well as scholarships to children and spouses of active-duty and retired Soldiers. The campaign runs through May 15.

"AER has been doing what it does since 1942," Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general, told a gathering of officials at last week's event. He reminded campaign leaders of the important role that AER plays in maintaining a stable Army community.

"(AER) has been relieving the stress on Soldiers and family members, continually reinforcing individual Soldier resiliency and complementing unit morale and esprit de corps, and enabling Soldiers to do their job," Roberts said. "Since the war began, AER has provided a total of \$624 million to 618,000 Soldiers. That is a tremendous amount of money and a tremendous amount of Soldiers and families who benefitted from it. It's truly a campaign during which we can collect money to take care of our own."

In addition to the annual campaign, AER accepts unsolicited donations from individual donors and corporations, though the economy is expected to provide challenges to campaign leaders this year, said Carla Atkinson, director of Army Community Service.

"I think this year's challenge is just the overall depressed economy," Atkinson said. "People are unsure about what to do with their money and are being more frugal."

The campaign has no set monetary goal, she said.

"It is about Soldiers helping Soldiers," Atkinson said. "The money is given by Soldiers and given back to Soldiers. We just want everybody to be contacted and given the opportunity to participate. Even \$10 a month would help. It doesn't have to be a large amount or one lump sum. It can be taken out of (the Soldiers') check periodically. If you give just a little bit, you're doing something to help people."

AER assistance is available to Soldiers and their families wherever they are located, and the amount of assistance is only limited by the amount of the need. Soldiers and their family members requiring AER assistance should contact their chain of command or local AER office.

Under the AER Command Referral Program, company commanders and first sergeants have the authority to approve AER loans to their Soldiers up to \$1,000. Based on reciprocal agreements, Soldiers and families not near an AER office can seek assistance from the Air Force Aid Society, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance on their respective bases or seek assistance from the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

"In fiscal year 2012, Fort Jackson AER assisted 600 families with over \$770,000. That's after collecting \$270,000, ourselves," Roberts said. "The campaign starts here, but gets larger as the entire Army participates in it. It would behoove us, and is incumbent upon us as leaders, to make sure we support this campaign."

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File photo

Gate 1 hours will change March 11 because of a traffic study.

## Gate 1 Traffic Study

The Directorate of Emergency Services will conduct a traffic study from March 11-17, which requires a slight modification to the hours of operation of Gate 1. The study is required to assist in gathering data for analysis, which will be used to balance resources with operations.

From March 11-17, Gate 1 will be open from 5 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for both inbound and outbound traffic. Gate 1 will be closed on weekends.

Gates 2, 4 and 5 will be open for normal operations during this traffic study.

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## Environmental News

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

Archaeological site evaluations are being conducted on eight 19th century historic farmsteads on Fort Jackson. The sites will be compared to similar sites throughout the Southeast to determine if they are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

### GREEN INITIATIVE DAY

The Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation are hosting a Green Initiative Day in honor of Earth Day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 13 at Semmes Lake. Numerous events are planned, including a fun run, fishing derby, e-waste and tennis shoe recycling, educational speakers and a recycling regatta. Build a floatable raft out of recycled or reused materials for the chance to win a free pontoon boat rental for the weekend. For more information, call Mark Smyers at 751-8707 or Lisa McKnight at 751-5971.

### ECO TRAINING

It is mandatory that all organizations on Fort Jackson have a trained primary and alternate environmental compliance officer. The next ECO Course is scheduled for March 25-26 in the Safety Center classroom, 3240 Sumter St. To register, call Pearlina Jackson at 751-5011 or email [pearline.jackson@us.army.mil](mailto:pearline.jackson@us.army.mil). Include the attendee's full name, rank, name of unit/activity, telephone number, and email address. A shorter ECO Course for administrative organizations is scheduled for March 20 in the Environmental Division conference room, 2563 Essayons Way. To register, call Lisa McKnight at 751-5971.

### POSTWIDE CLEANUP

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee and the Environmental Division's Solid Waste Program Manager are conducting a postwide cleanup in March. If you, or your organization, are interested in volunteering, call Stephanie Gillian at 751-9507.

### MEET SAMMY

Are you doing your part to help sustain our natural resources on Fort Jackson? Meet Sammy the Sustainable Soldier from 1 to 3 p.m., March 13 at the Solomon Center, and enter to win a prize.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Recyclable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs (lamps), and mercury-containing equipment are examples of universal waste? If you need to get rid of these items or have any questions, call Heather Thomas at 751-4231.

# March is Red Cross month

By DENISE CUENIN  
American Red Cross

During March, we celebrate the work done by the largest humanitarian organization in the world, the Red Cross. The American Red Cross is part of this international humanitarian network with 13 million volunteers in 187 countries.

The ARC helps respond to disasters, build safer communities and educate future humanitarians. According to the American Red Cross Headquarters in Washington, each year, the Red Cross reaches an average of more than 100 million people across the globe.

Here at home, the Red Cross has a presence across the country. It responds to small local disasters such as house and apartment fires. Nationally, it provides highly coordinated response to major disasters such as floods and severe weather such as hurricanes and tornadoes.

Each year, the Red Cross responds to approximately 70,000 disasters every year, ranging from home fires that affect a single family to hurricanes that affect tens of thousands, to earthquakes that affect millions. In these emergencies, the Red Cross provides safe shelters, nourishment, health and mental health services to help families or entire communities recover effectively.

Although the Red Cross is not a government agency, it is an essential part of the national response when disaster strikes. In partnership with the government and other agencies and organization, it fills a critical role in providing needed services to disaster victims.

The services of the American Red Cross are broad. They include services to the armed forces. The Red Cross helps military members, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to the challenges of military service.

The services provided include emergency communications, training, support to wounded warriors and veterans, and



Courtesy photo

**Members of the Red Cross youth volunteer program provide influenza information at the Main Exchange.**

access to community resources. This has been especially needed during the last decade of war. ARC headquarters reports that it helps about 150,000 military families and veterans annually. Stateside, volunteers also support the military community, helping out at military hospitals and other military programs.

At Fort Jackson, the American Red Cross Station has more than 80 active adult volunteers. It also has an active pet therapy program with six volunteer pets visiting patients and wounded warriors. There are two youth volunteer programs. The school year program supports a community event each month. In the summer program, youth volunteers work full time in mostly clinical settings to gain work experience. Both programs demonstrate a commitment to growing the next generation of humanitarian workers or volunteers.

The American Red Cross also provides support through its blood program. The

American Red Cross is the largest single supplier of blood and blood products in the U.S., handling more than 40 percent of America's blood supply. Each year, nearly 4 million people donate blood through the Red Cross. Fort Jackson plays a role in this program with local blood drives that meet the target each and every time.

Additionally, the Red Cross is the nation's leading provider of health and safety courses, such as CPR, first aid and lifeguard training — training more than 9 million Americans each year, including first responders, educators, baby sitters and people who just want to be prepared to help others in an emergency.

During this month, the *Fort Jackson Leader* will spotlight our American Red Cross at work locally and honor the volunteers of this great organization. Anyone interested in volunteering should call the Fort Jackson Station at 751-4329 or drop by the office at 9810 Lee Road, to discuss various opportunities to help.

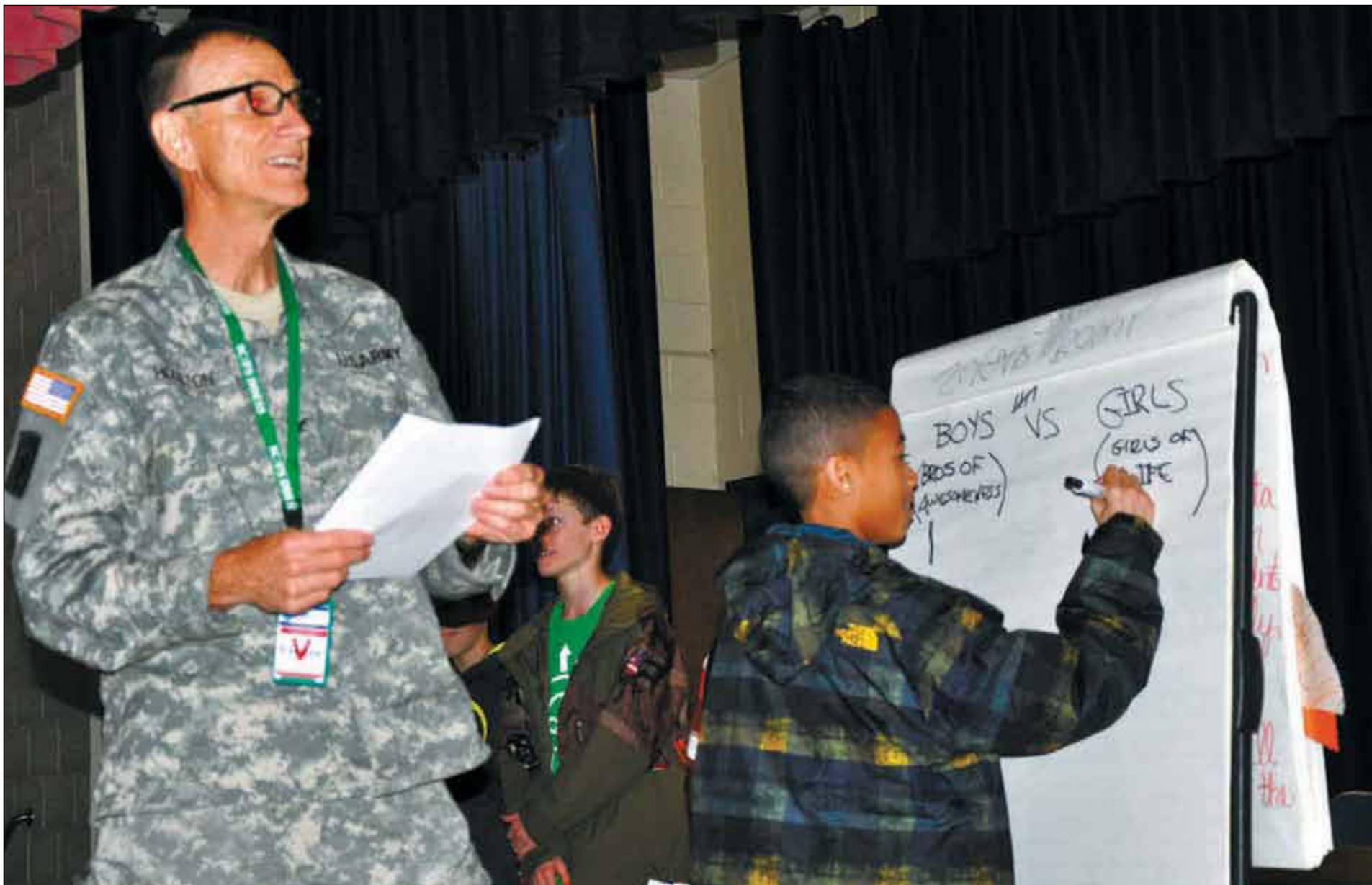
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Col. Jamie Houston, DENTAC commander, leads students at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School through a dental hygiene quiz during this year's Sugar Bowl. The quiz matched two teams of students against each other in a test of their dental hygiene knowledge.

# Tooth Fairy visits C.C. Pinckney

## Students take part in DENTAC 'Sugar Bowl' quiz

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

Students at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School put their knowledge of dental hygiene to the test last week in the annual Sugar Bowl.

Designed to reinforce proper dental habits, the event brought together fifth grade students for an hour-long instruction on proper dental care. The event was capped by a quiz competition that pitted two teams of students against each other. The teams, who dubbed themselves the Bros of Awesomeness and the Girls of Life, ended the day in a draw, each answering 12 questions correctly before the end of the period.

The participants in last week's Sugar Bowl received movie passes.

"February is Children's Dental Health Month," said Laura Freeman, DENTAC administrative assistant. "DENTAC always goes around to schools and day care centers in February to stress proper dental hygiene issues for children. It's important to the Dental Corps to support this event. The goal was to make children aware of the importance of taking care of their teeth and to be

aware of how much sugar is in soft drinks, candy and such things."

"I pick the questions, going from easiest to hardest to instill confidence in the competitors," said Col. Jamie Houston, DENTAC commander, the emcee of the Sugar Bowl. "My biggest emphasis is to stress that it's not the amount of sugar or acidic contents that bathe the teeth, it is the number of minutes that the acidic content of a soft drink is in contact with the tooth."

Stephanie Hadden, a DENTAC dental hygienist, said it's not unusual for children not to be aware of some fundamental hygiene habits.

"Some kids have never seen dental floss, or don't know they're supposed to floss at least one time a day," she said. "Some think they should only brush their teeth in the morning when they get up, and are surprised to learn that brushing your teeth before going to bed is the most important time of the day to brush."

Houston said children aren't the only ones in need of occasional advice on dental care. Even adults sometimes believe things that are not true. During last week's Sugar Bowl, he suggested children should share what they learned during the event with their parents.

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Cynthia Good, a dental therapy assistant at the Caldwell Dental Clinic, makes an appearance at the Sugar Bowl as the Tooth Fairy.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

### Continuing a tradition

More than 30 non-commissioned officers were inducted into the NCO corps Friday during a ceremony at 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment headquarters. The men and women were tasked by 3-34<sup>th</sup> Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Ellis Kelsey with setting examples for junior enlisted Soldiers. The event was also a celebration of the long history of Army enlisted leaders, which dates back to the American Revolution.

### Hiring Our Heroes

The “Hiring Our Heroes” job fair for veterans and military spouses drew dozens of employers and hundreds of job seekers to Fort Jackson Tuesday. Soldiers, veterans and their family members had the chance to peruse job opportunities with employers ranging from food, industrial and utility companies to banks, law enforcement and consulting firms. The event was organized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Fort Jackson Transition Assistance Program.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

### AG School warrior challenge

Soldiers with the Adjutant General School Basic Officer Leader Course brave the cold to compete in the course's warrior challenge Friday at Semmes Lake. In addition to a canoe race, three teams also competed in a 1-mile run and a litter carry.



Courtesy photos

### Reading prize patrol

The Pinckney Reading Prize Patrol, an initiative at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School, surprised 10 Fort Jackson families with home visits by teachers, school administrators, the assistant district superintendent and the garrison commander. Among the students rewarded for their reading efforts were third-grader Chad Miles, left, and fourth-grader Lianna Verrett.





Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS NICHOLAS SALCIDO, Third Army/ARCENT

## HHB changes command

Lt. Col. Thomas Verell Jr. accepts the colors of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Third Army/ARCENT from Lt. Gen. Vincent Brooks, Third Army/ARCENT commanding general during a Change of Command Friday at Shaw Air Force Base.

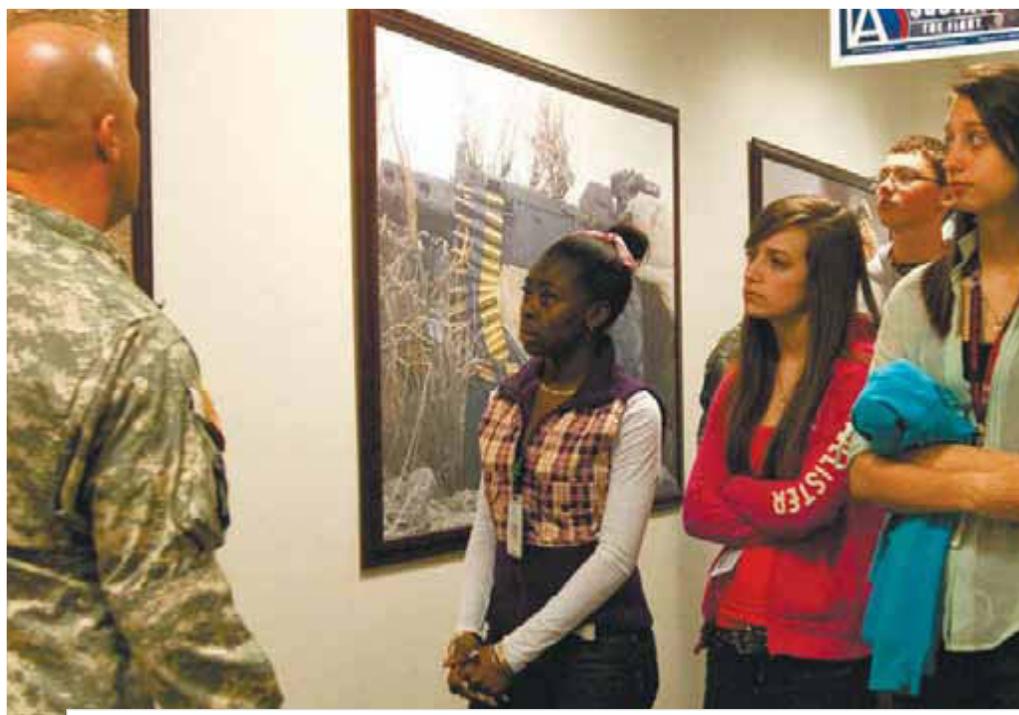


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## Students visit Third Army

Students with Lakewood High School in Sumter visit Shaw Air Force Base to tour Third Army/ARCENT headquarters Feb. 26. The tour, which was arranged by the Sumter School District and the Sumter Chamber of Commerce was part of an effort to introduce various career opportunities to students.



## Anniversary surprise

Pfc. Megan Maddox, a Soldier in Advanced Individual Training at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, receives a bouquet of flowers while in class. The flowers were an anniversary surprise from her husband, Spc. Nick Perez, who is stationed at Fort Huachuca, Az. Perez recently returned from a tour of duty in Korea, and the couple have not seen each other in 18 months.

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

## News and Notes

### TAX CENTER OPEN

The Fort Jackson Tax Center is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 4283 Jackson Blvd. For more information, call 751-JTAX (5829).

### TOWN HALL MEETINGS SET

Two installation town hall meetings are scheduled for Tuesday at the Solomon Center. The first meeting will start at 9 a.m.; the second meeting will start at 6 p.m. Installation representatives will give brief updates on various topics, which will be followed by an open-floor discussion.

### LEGAL NOTICES

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Staff Sgt. Charles H. Martin Jr. must contact 1st Lt. Rio Wesson, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Martin passed away Feb. 8 in Columbia. To contact Wesson, call 751-7264 or email [Rio.W.Wesson.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Rio.W.Wesson.mil@mail.mil).

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Burckhalter must contact Capt. Plowden Dickson, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Burckhalter passed away Feb. 2 in Florence. To contact Dickson, call (843) 860-2232 or email [Plowden.Dickson@us.army.mil](mailto:Plowden.Dickson@us.army.mil).

# IMA offers post-military options

By **LT. COL. DELWYN MERKERSON**  
*Army Reserve*

It may be time, but sometimes it is hard to leave the “hooah” behind. Military skill sets and deployment experience, along with the camaraderie built with fellow Soldiers can make the prospect of transitioning to civilian life daunting. And that is before factoring in the struggling economy and job market.

Soldiers can still maintain their Soldier-connection and hone their military proficiency and skills while striving for the career of their dreams through the Individual Mobilization Augumentee Program.

A unique aspect of the program is that Soldiers are not locked into a “drilling reservist” schedule. They can continue Soldiering on a part-time basis — earn pay and credit toward retirement, receive benefits and entitlements, all while maintaining the flexibility to pursue a career and family aspirations.

In the IMA Program, service can be tailored to the Soldiers’ work and school



schedule, giving them greater flexibility to plan their service around their schedules.

### WHAT IS THE IMA PROGRAM?

The IMA program is designed to facilitate the rapid expansion of the active Army wartime Department of Defense structure or other government departments or agencies. IMAs help the Army meet military manpower requirements in the event of

military contingency, pre-mobilization, mobilization, sustainment or demobilization operations.

These Soldiers are currently serving on a part-time basis in more than 73 Army agencies throughout United States and overseas in Europe and Korea). IMA Soldiers serve in Special Operation Command, Intelligence and Security Command, Central Command, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, just to name a few.

IMA Soldiers are required to perform a minimum of 12 annual training days each fiscal year and may be authorized to perform up to 48 four-hour periods of inactive duty for training. The IMA Soldier coordinates directly with the agency IMA coordinator to schedule the AT and IDT periods. While serving in the IMA program, Soldiers can work with their coordinators to do all the training requirements at one time, or spread them out throughout the year.

For more information on the IMA program, visit <https://www.hrc.army.mil/STAFF/IMA%20Program%20Overview>.

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## One-stop shop

The LCI-SSSC AbilityOne Base Supply Center, operated by LC Industries, has been supplying Fort Jackson with essential goods and services since it opened in 1996. LC Industries is reportedly the largest National Industries for the Blind agency in the AbilityOne program, which has existed since 1938 and aims to employ people who are blind or severely disabled. The LCI-SSSC employs four visually impaired men and women at its location at 2522 Essayons Way. LCI-SSSC is able to keep its blind employees because of the support received from the government purchase cardholders who visit the store to purchase various products. LCI-SSSC considers itself a one-stop shop stocking thousands of products in the store as well as a special order center where more than a million different items can be ordered. The LCI-SSSC store also offers a price match guarantee. For more information regarding the price match guarantee, LC Industries or the AbilityOne Program, call the LCI-SSSC at 790-5306 or 751-1967 or visit [www.lcindustries.com](http://www.lcindustries.com) or [www.lcibsc.com](http://www.lcibsc.com) or [www.buylci.com](http://www.buylci.com).

Courtesy photo





*Courtesy photos*

### Man's best friends

Soldiers with the Adjutant General School Basic Officer Leader Course visited the Humane Society Saturday as part of the course's community service efforts. Above, 2nd Lt. Ryan Borja receives a wet thank you after walking one of the rescue dogs. Right, a rescue dog enjoys the attention of 2nd Lt. David Hutchison.



*Photo by STAFF SGT. TOMEKA DeBRUCE,  
Moncrief Army Community Hospital*

### American Legion visit

Maj. Lisa Yanity, commander of the Warrior Transition Unit, talks to Jim Koutz, the American Legion national commander, during his tour of the WTU Monday. The American Legion donated sports equipment to the unit, and Koutz got the chance to visit with Soldiers from the unit and thank them for their service. "We are here for you," Koutz said. "And we appreciate your service to our country." The visit to the WTU was part of a Fort Jackson tour for the American Legion.

# DA civilian attitude survey now open

By **HANK MINITREZ**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army Civilian Attitude Survey, the Army's primary attitude and opinion poll of its DA civilian workforce, is open by email invitation worldwide.

The online survey, which opened Feb. 3, aims to confidentially tackle tough questions on job satisfaction, performance management, and other topics. To date, more than 40,000 civilian employees have responded to the survey.

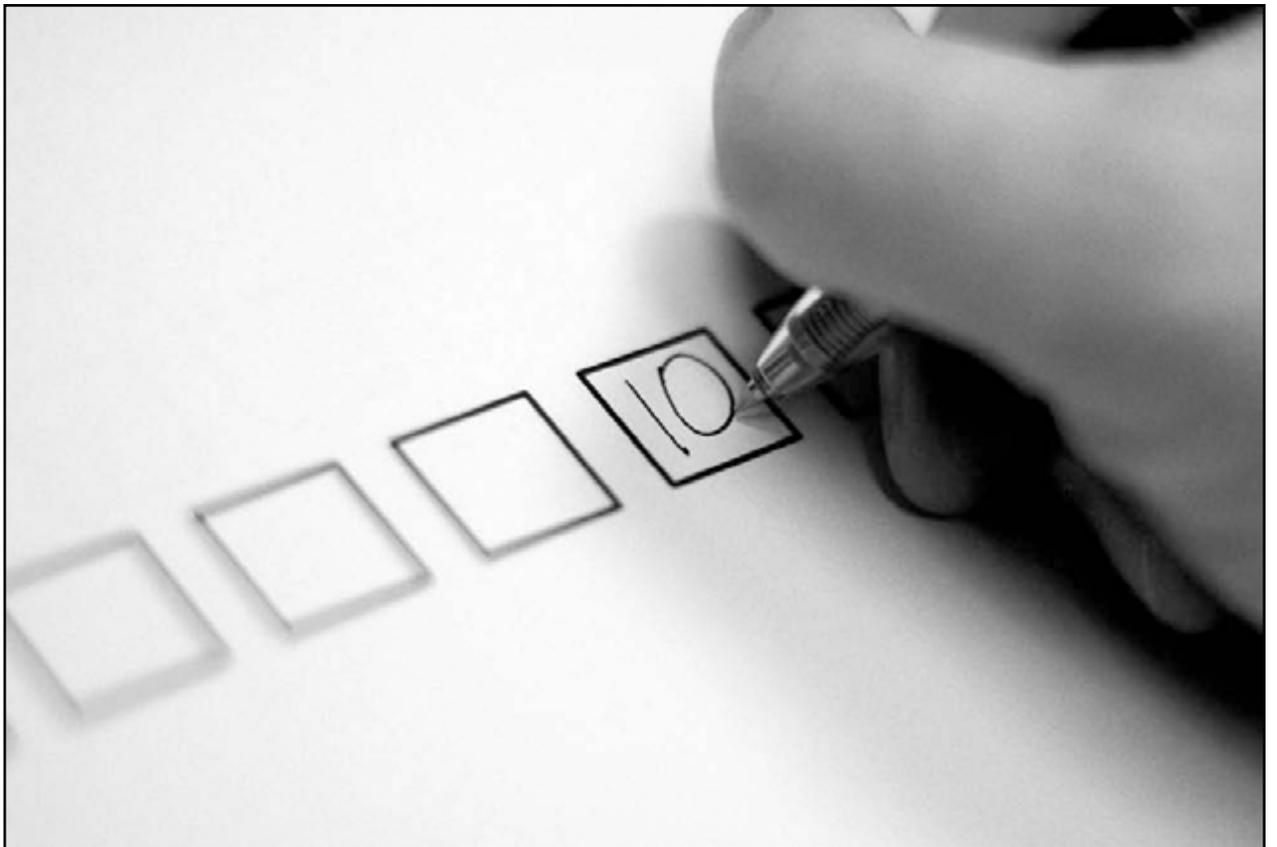
"A survey is one of the few ways commanders can gauge the pulse of what's going on in their command workforce," said Murray Mack, from the Office of the Assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel. "Surveys really fill the need for reliable information."

The survey has been administered every few years since 1977. In the past, the Army could only poll a small random sample of the civilian workforce due to the cost of survey administration. Through recent technology, the entire Army civilian workforce, including foreign nationals — more than 250,000 employees — are now invited to participate via the Army Training Requirements and Resources System survey tool.

Survey feedback reports are prepared for every Army organization that contains at least 50 people with at least 10 people responding. The reports will be distributed approximately six weeks following the end of the survey administration period, on or about March 31.

Mack expects a high response level this year due to civilian workforce concerns such as the impact of pending budget reductions and the sequestration. Although the timing of the survey may not be the best, gathering this information will be beneficial for employees and the Army.

While the answers about employees' work



*Photo by C. TODD LOPEZ, Army News Service*

**The Army Civilian Attitude Survey, the Army's primary attitude and opinion poll of its Department of the Army Civilian workforce, is open by email invitation worldwide.**

environments may give commanders insight into opinions, it is up to commanders and senior leaders to make changes when necessary. Leaders often use the information gathered from the surveys to hold focus groups with their employees to obtain additional information.

"A survey can't tell you why people responded the

way they did; it will only tell you how they responded," Mack said.

The survey has a core set of questions in order to track employee trends over time, but questions pertaining to current issues are added with each survey administration, such as telework and alternative work schedules.

The Fort Jackson Leader will publish periodic updates on a variety of garrison community, construction and quality of life activities to keep the community informed of ongoing events.

## Significant updates

- ❑ Directional Signage and Kiosks Project: Directional signage installation is complete. DPW is reviewing options for the remaining three overhead street intersection signs. The estimated date of completion for the information kiosk installation remains March 30.
- ❑ Travel Expo: Approximately 600 attendees participated in FMWR's well-planned and attended four-hour event on Feb. 25. Fifty-one vendors displayed travel, leisure and recreational info. Door prizes and complimentary gifts were raffled throughout the show.
- ❑ Hilton Field Revitalization Projects: Construction is on schedule. The estimated completion date of the promenade, latrine expansion, gate entrance, Andrew Jackson statue emplacement, and tank pad construction remains April 1.
- ❑ Gate 2 (DPW) (Replace Gate 2 Outbound Swing Gates with Removable Bollards): The project is delayed pending federal budget resolution.
- ❑ Starship 5500 (3-60 IN) (Construction Project): On Feb. 26, the decision was made to defer the beneficial occupancy date until after the June cycle break.

## Quality of life updates

- ❑ Cherokee, N.C., Day Trip, sponsored by Outdoor Rec, March 9, 7 a.m.-10 p.m., \$19/person includes transportation only — (options for fly fishing, hiking, casino, horseback riding, etc. upon arrival).
- ❑ St. Patrick's Day 5K Fun Run sponsored by Sports: March 16, 8 a.m. start time — Hilton Field Sports Complex — Free — Registration from 6:30-7:30 a.m.
- ❑ St. Patrick's In Savannah Day Trip: Sponsored by Outdoor Rec, March 16, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. — \$19/person for transportation.
- ❑ Turkey Hunting 101: March 19 — 5:30-6:30 p.m. — Marion Street Station — Free — Learn all the Basics of Turkey Hunting (calls, anatomy, behaviors, ammunition, and more).
- ❑ BOSS Open Mic Night: March 22, 6-9 p.m. — Alpine Lodge @ Heise Pond — Free — Looking for spoken word, acoustic, etc., artists.
- ❑ CPAC: This week, the CPAC conducted the following formal Training: Job Analysis Part IV, Stress Management Training (by Family Advocacy), and CYSS NAF Mandatory PRB Training. Informal training included: Results of Audit Findings, Finalized Internal Training Plan, one-on-one production meetings, and FG PPP Registration Feb. 27.

## Training updates

- ❑ Range 2 (status green): Coordination for the range tower roof replacement is ongoing.
- ❑ Range 4 (status green): The new roof on the range tower is complete; awaiting final DPW inspection.
- ❑ Range 5 (status green): The new roof on the range tower is completed; awaiting final DPW inspection-entering the final phase of the berm maintenance and repair project as well as the drainage upgrade.
- ❑ Range 18 (status Green): Lane 1 is now operational after repair of the electrical system.
- ❑ Fit-To-Win 1 and 2 (status green): Red safety mats have been received and are in place at the four cargo net obstacles.
- ❑ Victory Tower (status green): A new containment box has been built at the base of the vertical ladder, and rubber mulch is being procured through the MICC-DOC process; safety mats are being used in the interim.
- ❑ JROTC High Ropes Course (status Amber): The new JROTC High Ropes and Low Events Course is built. We are awaiting the final inspection and acceptance by Cadet Command, scheduled to visit Fort Jackson last week.
- ❑ Installation Security Office: Received 26 investigations requests — all were processed. Currently, there are four IET Security Holdovers and two AIT Security Holdovers in the 369th AG Battalion. There were no graduations this week, and we are working on the next two classes. We processed six System Authorization Access Requests for the units and four Common Access Cards in the Contractors Verification System.

## Support updates

- ❑ Police Services: DA Police issued 63 citations written for the below reasons (Feb. 18-24): Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device (2), Speeding (17), Driving Under Suspension (6), Violation of Beginner's Permit (1), Expired Registration (13), Use of Electronic Device While Driving (2), Two Headlights Required (3), Suspended Vehicle Registration (4), Operating an Uninsured Vehicle (4), Too Fast for Conditions (2), Parked in a Handicapped Spot (1), Failure to Yield While Turning Left (1), No Driver's License in Possession (2), Improper Stop, Standing or Parking (1), Open Container in Vehicle (1), No Proof of Insurance (1), Failure to Obey a Flashing Red Signal (1), Prohibited Parking of a Unattended Vehicle (1).
- ❑ Fire Department emergency responses: 38. EMS (22), Fire alarms (12), Fire (1) (wild land), Rescue/auto (3). Fire Prevention staff continuing a fire alarm acceptance test at building 5500 Starship this week.
- ❑ Emergency Management: On Feb. 26, the EM completed the Fiscal Year 13 SWEAP Exercise OPORD in preparation for exercise planning. On Feb. 27-28, the EM moved disaster support logistics from the previous EOD bldg 5038, to the ICIDS bldg 5499 for long-term storage.
- ❑ Building 4340 (MICC): Building was originally sched-



uled for a renovation this FY. Due to budget constraints, DPW is working with the MICC Director to mitigate some of the more serious issues that are deemed to be L/H/S until funding becomes available.

- ❑ Building 2340 (U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion) (Replace Flooring): The estimated start date remains March 25 due to a special order for the carpet.
- ❑ BCT 2 Phase 2 (2 Companies, 1-61 IN) (Construction Project): The estimated Beneficial Occupancy Date (BOD) remains Sept. 15.
- ❑ Short Sale/Foreclosure Seminar: The Housing Services Office (HSO) will host a Short Sale/Foreclosure Seminar on March 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. hours in the PCR with light lunch provided. A real estate professional will explain the possible benefits of purchasing a short sale property. Interested ID card holders should RSVP no later than March 21 at (803) 751-5788/7566/9323.
- ❑ Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Endangered Species Management Component (ESMC) Report: Upon approval and signature by the garrison commander, DPW will forward the report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to initiate formal consultation.
- ❑ Environmental Training: The Environmental Division staff conducted classes for two groups of 14 Fort Jackson employees Feb. 25, covering Hazardous Substance Management and Environmental Awareness/ Recycling.
- ❑ Training Support Center (TSC) Construction Project: Fort Jackson continues to wait for a response from the Public Health Command (PHC) concerning recommendations on the potential risks and mitigation options for construction on the TSC site.

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❑ U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School (USACHCS) (5 Bay Storage Facility): The concrete foundation pad has been constructed and the project is 25 percent complete. The estimated completion date remains May 22.

❑ Building 2761 (MWR) (Legion Pool): The estimated completion date remains April 28.

❑ Building 4442 (BCT Post Museum) (Outdoor Gallery Construction Project): The estimated completion date remains March 29.

❑ Building 2450 (187th OD Bn, WVMS) (Replace Roof): The estimated completion date remains March 20.

❑ Patton Stadium (1-34 IN) (Install Running Surface on PT track): The estimated completion date remains April 15.

### ❑ Housing:

— The Housing occupancy rate is 96 percent.

— Waterfall Residence Occupancy: There are 117 current residents consisting of 26 DoD civilians, 34 Retirees, 19 GEOs, 35 Third Army residents, and three Orangeburg residents.

— Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (UPH) Occupancy: The UPH occupancy rate is 94 percent.

— BCT III Furniture Enhancement: The wood wardrobe doors are being replaced with metal doors with an estimated completion date of March 14.

### ❑ NEC:

— Land Mobile Radio System: System is in the pipeline for an upgrade. FOC expected for SEP. Building and generator on site; tower will be delivered and installed March-April. The new tower should be operational spring/summer 2013 (still under construction). Also, this summer there will be some system changes/upgrades (newer equipment that can handle more talk groups, etc.; and joining several installations into a continuous network (Gordon, Gillem, and Jackson; should eventually include Stewart and may go Armywide).

— I3MP Phase III and Unified Capabilities (SONET ring, more fiber, VoIP): Old pre-Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) voice infrastructure will be replaced with dual-ring SONET. Intent is to go to VoIP and most of the network will be fiber versus copper. Replacement of generator and Uninterruptible Power Supply support-



ing NEC building 4282 expected completion date is April 1. Generator was delivered; UPS expected week of Feb. 25. SONET installation began Feb. 25. Firewall Training Feb. 25-March 1; Ciena Training March 5; VPN Training March 25-29. Formal Assessment scheduled for April 1-5; Site Acceptance Test scheduled for April 5. UC put on hold because of funding.

— Department of Defense Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process (DIACAP) Validation: IACORA assigned C&A Representative has accepted all documents for SIPRNet ATO approval; Internal staffing for DAA Approval/Recommendation remains in progress at IACORA channels. Upon DAA acceptance, package will be submitted to the DISA Classified Connection Approval Office (CCAO) for execution and final approval. SIPRNet and classified VTC circuits remains operational on Fort Jackson. NIPRNet remains on valid ATO/ATC through September 2013.

— Personnel: We are currently authorized 34 DACs and 17 CMEs out of 76 DACs and 17 CMEs required. We

currently have 38 DACs onboard for duty with a 30-day projection of 38 onboard. One of the DACs is not available for duty until August due to reserve activation commitments; one is a PCSing Army dependent on 90 days LWOP; one is retiring; and one accepted a promotion and is transferring to a different agency. We currently have 15 CMEs onboard.

### ❑ MICC:

— Postwide Laundry (Follow-On): Acquisition Strategy comments received from FDO Eustis Feb. 14 and corrections in-work.

— GFEBS (Follow-On): Acquisition Strategy is going through the local review process.

— Post-Wide Custodial contractor seeking a price increase through AbilityOne's pricing impasse resolution process. May result in the committee for purchase from people who are blind or severely disabled (the independent federal government agency responsible for administering the AbilityOne Program) unilaterally forcing a price increase or MICC requesting removal from the AbilityOne Program.

### ❑ Upcoming Events of Interest:

March 12: Semi-Annual Installation Town Hall (9 a.m. and 6 p.m. — Solomon Center)

March 14: Community Information Exchange (12:30 — Post Conference Room)

March 20: FJCP QOL LOE (10:30 a.m. — Post Conference Room)

March 29: Women's History Month Luncheon (11:30 — Solomon Center)

April 1: Garrison Employee Town Hall (2:30 p.m. — Solomon Center)

April 2: Garrison Employee Town Hall (2:30 — Solomon Center)

### ❑ Hero of the Week

Darius Lane, Youth Sports and Fitness Director is the garrison's Hero of the Week. Lane's dedication to providing quality sports and fitness programs for Fort Jackson's youth is evident in the comments received from customers and coaches. As reported by one individual, "He is the best youth sports director I have ever met or seen in action. He is energetic, positive, knowledgeable and a great role model for kids, parents and coaches."

Another individual stated, "Mr. Lane always displayed outstanding customer service and he shows a true passion for what he does ... He seems to be a perfect fit for the job."

## Calendar

### Wednesday

#### Retired Wives luncheon

11:30 a.m.; Officers' Club  
RSVP is required by 3 p.m., March 8. To RSVP, call 788-1094 or 783-1220.

### Saturday, March 16

#### Shamrock Shuffle 5K run/walk

8 a.m.; Hilton Field Softball Complex  
To register, call 751-3096.

### Tuesday, March 19

#### Red Cross blood drive

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Joe E. Mann Center  
For more information and to sign up, call 360-2036.

### Friday, March 29

#### Women's History Month luncheon

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Solomon Center  
Tickets cost \$10. For tickets, contact an equal opportunity adviser or the Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

## Announcements

### RICHLAND ONE TRANSFERS

Parents requesting a student transfer to a new school in Richland One School District must apply by May 1. For more information, call 231-6944 or visit [www.richlandone.org](http://www.richlandone.org).

### RED CROSS SUMMER YOUTH CHAIR

The Fort Jackson Red Cross station is looking for a summer youth chairperson. The position begins in mid-May and ends in early August. For more information, call 751-4329 or email [jacksonredcross@yahoo.com](mailto:jacksonredcross@yahoo.com).

### SPECIAL FORCES RECRUITING

An Army Special Operations Forces re-

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### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Send all submissions to [FJLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FJLeader@gmail.com). For more information, call 751-7045. For information about classified advertising, contact Camden Media Co. at 432-6157.

cruiting brief is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m., April 10 at the Education Center, Room 308. For more information, visit [www.sorbre recruiting.com](http://www.sorbre recruiting.com).

### SPORTS LETTERS OF INTENT

- ☐ Letters of intent for active duty male and female indoor volleyball are due March 21. League play begins April 1.
  - ☐ Letters of intent for active duty male and female spring tennis are due March 27.
  - ☐ Letters of intent for active duty male and female softball are due April 2.
- For more information, call 751-3096.

### DENTAC CLOSURE

All Fort Jackson dental clinics will be closed for training from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., March 15. For emergencies, report to the Urgent Care Clinic.

### BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A three-on-three basketball tournament is scheduled for 9 a.m., March 30 at Patriots' Park. Players must be 18 or older. Registration is open now. For more information, call 751-7146.

### YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for T-ball (ages 3-5), baseball (ages 6-14) and softball (ages 6-14) runs through April 8. For more information, call 751-5040/7451.

### SAT, ACT TESTING

The Fort Jackson Education Center will administer SAT testing March 8, April 5, May 3 and June 7. ACT testing is scheduled for March 15, April 12, May 10 and June 14. Testing is available to eligible service members only. For more information and to register, call 751-5341.

### FREE COMIC BOOK

The Avengers' comic book, "Double Vision," is now available for free at the

## DARTS STANDINGS

SS	15 points
BWB	15 points
1st CivDiv	15 points
MPs	11 points
MD #1	11 points
2-60th	11 points
TFM	9 points
MD #2	8 points
120th	8 points
165th	6 points
C-TSB	6 points
187th	5 points

Standings as of March 5

Exchange.

### MUSEUM CLOSURE

The Basic Combat Training Museum will be closed through Friday for outdoor renovations.

### LIFEGUARD CLASSES

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is offering lifeguard certification classes every month. For more information, call Amanda Orduno at 751-4796.

### THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop now offers a punch card that will offer loyalty discounts.

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

Applications for the summer hire program can be picked up at the Thrift Shop. Applications may not be turned in before April 9.

*Visit the community calendar at [www.jackson.army.mil](http://www.jackson.army.mil) for a full listing of calendar events. Send your announcements to [fjleader@gmail.com](mailto:fjleader@gmail.com).*

*Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations. Announcements are due one week before the publication date.*

*For more information, call 751-7045.*

## Housing happenings

### SAFETY TIP

Electrical cords should be inspected regularly as they can become frayed and damaged from use and age. Replace cords that are worn, frayed or bent.

### HOUSING RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The Housing Services Office has re-

## WINTER BASKETBALL STANDINGS

### Active-duty teams

MEDDAC	8-2
175th	6-4
1-34th	5-3
SSI	5-6
2-60th	4-4
187th	4-5
2-39th	4-5
TFM	3-5
USADSS	2-6
MPs	2-9
1-13th	1-5

### Recreational teams

NF	8-1
LOD	7-0
SF	4-3
VA	4-5

Standings as of March 6

source books available on home improvements, home purchases, real estate facts, gardening and other topics. For more information, call 751-5788/7566/9323.

### MAYORS NEEDED

The Mayoral Council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors in the housing community. Child care is provided while performing mayoral duties. Interested residents should call Vicki Greer at 751-7567.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Balfour Beatty Communities is celebrating St. Patrick's Day from 3 to 5 p.m., March 15 at the Community Center. Play a family and child-friendly version of the game "Erin Go Braugh," make crafts, eat green treats and win prizes. To register, call 738-8275.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is accepting applications through April 15 from high school and undergraduate students for its scholarship program. For more information, visit [www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org](http://www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org).

### RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Boats, campers, trailers, jet skis and other recreational vehicles must be stored in the RV storage lot on Essayons Way. These vehicles are not permitted to be parked in the housing area. To reserve free space and for more information, call 751-9339.

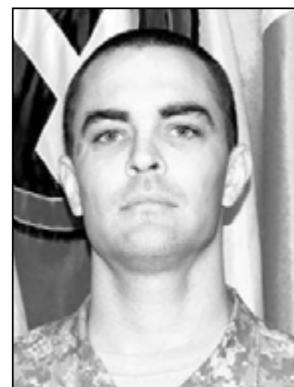
### PCS MOVE

Residents who move to an installation where Balfour Beatty Communities is the privatized housing partner should contact their resident specialist for information about the Resident Rewards Program. For more information, call 738-8275.

### PET POLICY

Residents are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Pets are not permitted to run loose on post. For more information, refer to the resident guide, which can be viewed at [www.fjacksonfamilyhousing.com](http://www.fjacksonfamilyhousing.com).

## Honors



**Sgt. Steven Briggs**  
Soldier of the week  
Third Army/ARCENT

# March Promotions

Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank
VOLKWEIN, Shelley L.	COL	KIRVEN, Karl W.	SFC	KALLON, Johnny M.	SSG
CARR, Coleen	LTC	KOLAKOWSKI, Matthew J.	SFC	MOORE, Ashley M.	SSG
MARTIN, Travis D.	CPT	LEE, Phillip S.	SFC	MULVANY, Daniel R.	SSG
QUASHIE, Widmark W.	SGM	MARCOUX, Brandon R.	SFC	NEVES, Timothy G.	SSG
BYRD, Rhonda L.	MSG	MASON, Anotonio L.	SFC	PARKER, Brian	SSG
DRUMMOND, Monty C.	MSG	MASON, Jessica C.	SFC	PETTIT, Aaron N.	SSG
LYNN, Gary D.	MSG	McQUNE, Leslie R.	SFC	TACKITT, Kali A.	SSG
WHITLOCK, John A.	MSG	POTTER, Terrance D.	SFC	WALLS, Samantha N.	SSG
ALBERICO, Thomas A.	SFC	RISHER, Martin D.	SFC	BOSWELL, Jeffrey A.	SGT
AYALA, Elizabeth Z.	SFC	SMITH, Stephanie E.	SFC	CHENOWETH, Jesse J.	SGT
BRADLEY, T. R.	SFC	STANTON, Rex D.	SFC	CUTTER, John W.	SGT
BROWN, Christopher A.	SFC	TERRY, Robert A.	SFC	JIMENEZ, Shaira M.	SGT
CUMBERBATCH, Errol W.	SFC	TIEMEYER, George W.	SFC	LONG, Nathan C.	SGT
DAUGHERTY, Audrey X.	SFC	WELKER, Matthew J.	SFC	MEADOWS, Rickey N.	SGT
DIAZ, Raymond O.	SFC	WENSCHLAG, Richard L.	SFC	MOSES, Sarah A.	SGT
FEASTER, Carl L.	SFC	ARENASMARTINEZ, Noe G.	SSG	NELSON, Patricia D.	SGT
HAMMOND, Joshua J.	SFC	AUGUSTINE, Jaime L.	SSG	SHUMATE, Tiona L.	SGT
HORNSBY, Patrick T.	SFC	BROWN, Steven K.	SSG	STEINKRAUS, Benjamin J.	SGT
JONES, Shawn D.	SFC	DUNLAP, Anna S.	SSG		

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*T3 Advisory*

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- Safeguard
- Inspect
- Protect

*does the Threat Cyber-breach...?*

*Simple?...Complex?...Hybrid?...Threats*  
*It starts with a Person and ends with an Effect!*

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See *Hybrid Threat Training Circular 7-100*.

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## Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the March 21 Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the March 21 Leader must be submitted by March 14.

The Leader welcomes timely submissions.

Send your submissions to [fjleader@gmail.com](mailto:fjleader@gmail.com).

For more information, call 751-7045.



# Tax Center off to a successful start

By CAPT. NICK ALLEN  
Fort Jackson Tax Center

The 2012 tax year so far has proven to be both challenging and rewarding.

On one hand, “fiscal cliff” Congressional debate at the end of 2012 put the Internal Revenue Service in a tailspin, causing several delays and processing complications that continue to reverberate around the country.

On the other hand, however, the Fort Jackson Tax Center has weathered the storm very well. As of Feb. 28, the Tax Center has assisted nearly 750 people and E-filed more than 1,100 returns, both federal and state. Of these returns, almost 96 percent have been accepted and processed by the IRS and state revenue departments with no problems. These numbers were generated despite the fact that the IRS started processing returns late this year.

However, the 2012 tax year continues to present unique challenges, not to mention new features, that all taxpayers should know about — regardless of whether they come to the Fort Jackson Tax Center.

The IRS is currently unable to process a number of forms. The forms most commonly used by Tax Center customers that are being delayed are the depreciation worksheets for those who own rental property and energy efficiency credit worksheets. The IRS has started processing education credit worksheets after initial delays.

Additionally, there have been periods during which the IRS has decided to accept certain forms just to put the brakes on those forms a few days later.

These delays do not affect a majority of the customers who visit the Fort Jackson Tax Center. Nonetheless, if a return will require any forms currently on hiatus, Tax Center staff members can still prepare the rest of the return and then file it all when the IRS is ready to receive it.

The following are some major updates for the 2012 tax year:

- ❑ The exemption amount is now \$3,800 (up from \$3,700).
- ❑ Standard deductions have risen as well. Generally speaking, the standard deduction for single filers and married taxpayers filing separately is \$5,950. For taxpayers filing head of household, it is \$8,700. For married taxpayers filing jointly, it is \$11,900.
- ❑ Many tax benefits that were supposed to expire still



exist, including the educator expense deduction and the ability to deduct state/local sales taxes as opposed to state/local income taxes.

❑ The first-time homebuyer credit is not available. Although this was true last year too, the belief that this credit still exists is a common misconception.

❑ Taxpayers who make \$250,000 a year or more, still need to be aware of the alternative minimum tax. However, Congress recently indexed it permanently to inflation so starting next year it may not be a big issue for you.

These are some of the many updates for tax year 2012. If you have any questions about these changes or other tax matters, or would like to have your tax return prepared and electronically filed, please call the Fort Jackson Tax Center at 751-JTAX (5829) and make an appointment.

The Tax Center is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Although the Tax Center will take walk-ins until 6 p.m., appointments receive priority and a walk-in visit may require a lengthy wait as a result. Advanced returns will require an appointment.

The Tax Center can also open on Saturdays for any training companies who would like to have their Soldiers' returns completed before they finish Basic Combat Training or Advanced Individual Training. Please call ahead of time to make proper arrangements.

The Tax Center is located at 4282 Jackson Blvd. To have your return done, take your military ID, Social Security cards for yourself and any dependents, last year's tax return, your W2, and any other documents that can verify sources of income or significant expenditures. All returns, whether federal or state, are done free of charge.

# Nutrition month tips for healthful eating

From Moncrief Army Community Hospital

March is recognized as National Nutrition Month, which gives you the opportunity to pause from a hectic schedule and re-evaluate how your nutrition and exercise habits are enabling you to meet your health and wellness goals. This year's theme is, "Eat Right, Your Way, Every Day," celebrating the fact that there are many ways to enjoy healthful eating while respecting individual preferences, cultural and ethnic traditions and health concerns. Here are a few health tips from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics:

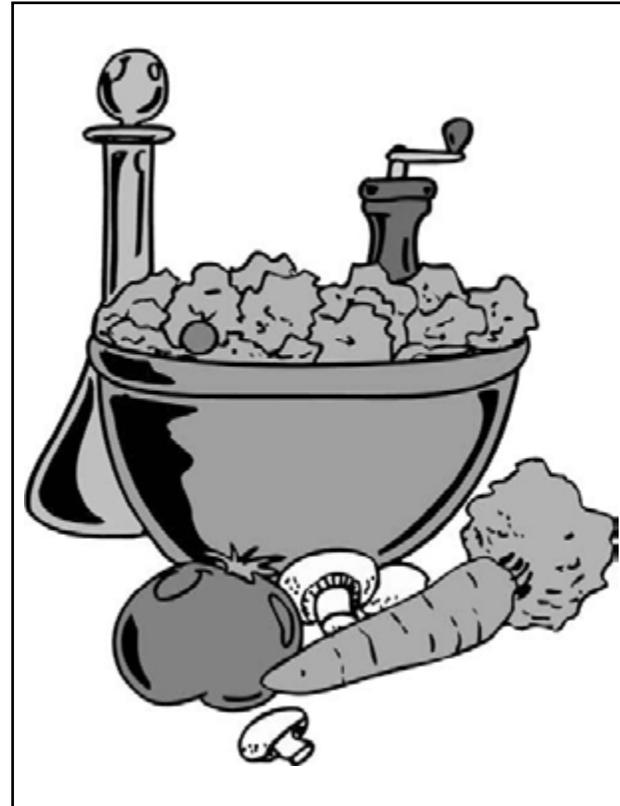
**Eat breakfast.** There's no better way to start the morning than with a healthy breakfast. Include lean protein, whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Try oatmeal cooked with low-fat milk, sliced almonds and berries or top a toaster waffle with low-fat yogurt and fruit. Find more quick breakfast ideas at [www.eatright.org/nutritiontipsheets](http://www.eatright.org/nutritiontipsheets).

**Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.** Fruits and veggies add color, flavor and texture in addition to vitamins, minerals and fiber to your plate. Make two cups of fruit and 2 1/2 cups of vegetables your daily goal. Don't let winter stop you from enjoying produce. It may be harder to find fresh options, but frozen and canned are great alternatives. See, "20 Ways to Enjoy More Fruits and Vegetables" at [www.eatright.org/nutritiontipsheets](http://www.eatright.org/nutritiontipsheets).

**Watch portion sizes.** Do you know if you are eating the proper portion size? Get out the measuring cups and see how close your portions are to the recommended serving size. Using smaller plates, bowls and glasses can help you keep portions under control. Use half your plate for fruits and vegetables and the other half for grains and lean meat, poultry, seafood or beans. To complete the meal, add a glass of fat-free or low-fat milk or a serving of fat-free yogurt for dessert. Visit [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov).

**Be active.** Regular physical activity lowers blood pressure and helps your body control stress and weight. Start by doing what exercise you can for at least 10 minutes at a time. Children and teens should get 60 or more minutes of physical activity per day, and adults should get 2 1/2 hours per week. You don't have to hit the gym — take a walk after dinner or play a game of catch or basketball.

Consult a registered dietitian. Whether you want to lose weight, lower your cholesterol or simply eat better, consult the experts. Registered dietitians can help you by providing sound, easy-to-follow personalized nutrition advice and put you on the path to losing weight, eating well and reducing your risk of chronic disease. Ask your primary care manager for a referral to see the dietitian at Moncrief Army Community Hospital.



## Your health care is a click away

Moncrief Army Community Hospital  
Integrated Health Clinic  
Medical Home

With online services from Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service you can:

- Book appointments
- Request/review lab and test results
- Request medication refills
- Request a referral
- Email your doctor a question
- Schedule web visits with your doctor

It's health care that clicks.

To register for online services ask your health care team in the Integrated Health Clinic Medical Home or visit: <http://www.relayhealth.com>.



## MACH UPDATES

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Moncrief Army Community Hospital Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care will host a marriage enrichment seminar for the Fort Jackson civilian workforce from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 14, at the Officers' Club. Administrative time may be used to attend, pending supervisory approval. The cost is \$30.70 per couple. For tickets, email [Margie.G.Saville.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Margie.G.Saville.civ@mail.mil) or [Julia.E.Gray.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Julia.E.Gray.civ@mail.mil) by March 12.

to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com)

### SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

Celebrate National Nutrition Month and St. Patrick's Day with a 5K fun run/walk March 16. For more information, call MACH Nutrition Care Division at 751-2115/2489.

### MACH WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

The Pathway is a free weight management program provided by MACH's Nutrition Clinic. Introductory classes are offered 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. and 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at MACH, Room 8-85. "Lunch with the Dietitian" will be offered the second Wednesday of the month in the MACH Dining Facility from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. For more information, call 751-2489.

### ACCESS CALL CENTER CHANGE

Moncrief Army Community Hospital beneficiaries will no longer be able to call the Access Call Center to leave a voice message to request an appointment, effective Friday. Patients may call the Access Call Center at 751-CARE (2273) to schedule an appointment from 7:30 a.m.

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## Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication. For example, an article for the March 21 Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcement submissions are due one

week before publication. For example, an announcement for the March 21 Leader must be submitted by March 14.

Send all submissions to [FJLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FJLeader@gmail.com). For more information, call 751-7045.



# Holidays mean more than a day off

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) CRAIG JOHNSON**  
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Who does not like a day off work?

Most of us probably look forward to a good holiday and time away from work to spend relaxing with friends and family. One of the benefits of Army life comes when national holidays are made into four-day weekends, with a special training holiday tacked on.

Very few civilian employers offer such an opportunity for free time to their employees. It's only fair that we have these breaks from the important work we do — protecting our nation and making our world a safer and better place. Everyone needs a chance to rest and unwind, to have time to enjoy the good things for which we work so hard, and to rebuild strength for the work ahead.

All of these are good things and good reasons to look forward to a holiday weekend. The holiday itself, however, can provide not only the chance to celebrate, but also a real reason as well. Along with the fun that a holiday can bring, we have a chance to pause and reflect on who we are as a nation and what we are called to do and be as Americans. National holidays are not declared for any small reason, and often the struggle to have a holiday recognized was only accomplished with great effort. Yet, how often do these same holidays pass us by without any acknowledgement of the reason for the holiday?

In February, for example, we all enjoyed an extended weekend on the occasion of Presidents Day. This holiday is meant to commemorate the February birthdays of two of

our greatest presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The influence of these two leaders in shaping our nation is incalculable. Congress established this holiday not only to give workers a break, but that the legacy of these presidents (and, by extension, all of the presidents we choose to lead us) might be remembered and the lessons they gave us as a nation be honored.

What if we were to take a little of the time we have away from work during such a holiday and educate our children (and ourselves) on the virtues of these leaders? Maybe this would help to make sure we and future generations would always think and make wise choices with our votes in finding the right people to entrust so much of our country's destiny.

On the subject of commemorating great leaders, in January we celebrated the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Most of us are quite familiar with the contributions this visionary leader made to help our nation live up to its promise of fairness and justice for all. What a great chance this holiday's days off afforded us to take stock in our own lives. Are we doing our part to make fairness and equal treatment for everyone as a part of the American dream? Are we known as respecters of all people equally, and do we impart these lessons to our children?

Coming up in a few months is Memorial Day, a day that should hold great significance for those of us in the military. Although some in the civilian world might confuse this holiday with Veterans Day, the two are different. The holiday began as Decoration Day after the Civil War, when the families of those lost in the war would go to cemeteries and

decorate the graves of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. After World War I, the holiday was expanded to honor the dead from every American war.

Many Americans know this day well, but only as a day to watch the Indianapolis 500, to hold picnics, to celebrate the start of summer, and to see the end of the school year approach. But for those families who have lost a loved one in a war, this day certainly holds a much different feeling. All Americans owe a debt of gratitude to those who have laid down their lives to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

Wouldn't it be a great thing if we could include a small act of remembrance in our celebrations of this holiday to show how grateful we are for the lives of those heroes? What if we sought out those in our communities that lost a father or mother, husband or wife or child, and simply said, "Thank you?" Or if we brought our children to a local national cemetery to show them how many lives it can cost to defeat some of the great evils of our world?

If we use this holiday to remember and honor the memories of those who died and the sacrifices made by their families, we might help make sure the work we all do as Soldiers is appreciated. Through this holiday, others too might see their own call to serve and work toward the success of our country.

We as Americans are lucky to have the luxury of paid days off, days designed to commemorate the important days in the life of, "We the people." Let us not squander this gift of free time by forgetting what these days mean. Put a little meaning into your holidays — and find them rewarding all the more.

## Worship & Praise

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

- 6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle Chapel
- 7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle Chapel
- Saturday  
8 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast (PMOC), Main Post Chapel (every second Saturday of the month in the activity room)

### Protestant Youth of the Chapel

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

### CATHOLIC

- Monday through Thursday  
11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Sunday  
8 a.m. IET Mass, Solomon Center
- 9:30 a.m. CCD (September through May), Education Center
- 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for adults (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for children (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- 12:30 p.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel

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

### ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday  
8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

### ISLAMIC

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

### JEWISH

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

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

### LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

- Wednesday  
3 to 5 p.m. LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel
- Wednesday  
7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

### ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- Anderson Street Chapel**  
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Bayonet Chapel**  
9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542
- Daniel Circle Chapel**  
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-1297/4478
- Education Center**  
4581 Scales Ave.
- Chaplain Family Life Center**  
5460 Marion Ave (to the side of the POV lot), 751-4961
- Magruder Chapel**  
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- Main Post Chapel**  
4580 Scales Ave., corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard, 751-6469/6681
- McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)**  
3820 McCrady Road (located at McCrady Training Center)
- Memorial Chapel**  
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Warrior Chapel (120th AG Bn.)**  
1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427
- Installation Chaplain's Office**  
4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318

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