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COMMANDER'S CALL

Fort Jackson relies on community's efforts

Volunteers exhibit true spirit of selfless service

It's no secret that it takes more than effective leaders to successfully run an installation and support a military community; Fort Jackson is no exception. It's also no secret that our unselfish volunteers are a key component of our success. This post could not function without the time and labor provided to us by our numerous volunteers.

Volunteerism is a habit seen by some as old-fashioned. The Internet has made life easier in many ways, but it has also put more distance between the individuals living in communities. When you don't have to leave home to rent a movie, buy pet food or even pay your bills, it makes it that much easier to lose track of the needs of your neighbors.

Lucky for us, we've never had to find out what might happen if our dedicated corps of volunteers decided to focus their attentions elsewhere. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at Fort Jackson. It's a beautiful thing and something we need to take the time to properly recognize. When you consider how transient military communities can be, this is no small achievement. We're so blessed with such an abundance of volunteers from every unit and organization — as well as from outside our gates — that the post's annual tradition of recognizing these folks requires a broad variety of categories. I had the pleasure of meeting and recognizing many of these selfless people during an April 20 ceremony. The volunteers included retirees, active duty Soldiers, military Family members, young people, and a number of men and women inducted into Fort Jackson's "Volunteer Hall of Fame." These people did not ask for these awards. They've never asked us for money, praise or favors. In fact, they've never asked us for anything.

Among this cohort of volunteers was Cody Gorski, a young man who participates in Fort Jackson's VolunTEEN program. Not content to spend his days updating his Facebook status, Cody donated 90 hours this past year to such activities as manning a Red Cross booth during Armed Forces Day events at Hilton Field, teaching children proper hygiene through the Scrubby the Bear program, and even participating in Same Day Surgery activities at Moncrief Army Community

Hospital, where he was trusted enough to be the only teen allowed to observe surgery.

Volunteerism is one of the characteristics that define a community and helps us achieve our Team Jackson Vision and focus on People. I could not be more proud of all our volunteers who make a tremendous impact all over this

post. Without your tireless support and spirit of giving we could not assist our military Family — or our community partners. This past weekend's world class South Carolina Special Olympics event once again demonstrated the generosity of Team Jackson. My thanks to all who helped make the event so memorable for every athlete

and family who participated.

If you've had any kind of need for services and support on post, chances are you've met some of our community volunteers and didn't even know it. They don't like to call attention to themselves — true selfless servants; they just want to help wherever they are needed. They take time out of their schedules to be there for their neighbors, Soldiers and Families and they're sacrificing a part of their lives to make Fort Jackson the best duty station, post, community and unit its team members have ever served.

If you see these volunteers on post, I would ask that you take the time to thank them for what they do for our community.

Victory Starts Here with our Volunteers! Victory 6

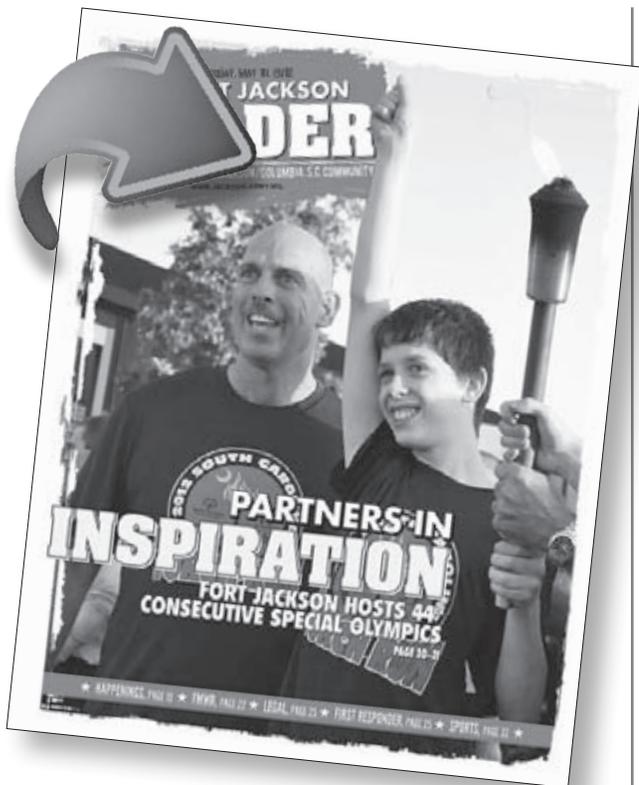
By **BRIG. GEN. BRYAN T. ROBERTS**

Fort Jackson
Commanding General



Photo by JAMES ARROWWOOD, command photographer

Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts presents the Youth Volunteer of the Year award to Cody Gorski during the April 20 Volunteers of the Year ceremony at the Solomon Center. Gorski is one of hundreds of volunteers who donate their time and talents to serve the community.



ON THE COVER

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

John Doudoukjian Jr, 14, right, carries the torch at the start of last weekend's Special Olympics events on Fort Jackson. Seen here with his father, John Doudoukjian Sr, Doudoukjian Jr. competed in the weekend's swimming competition. **SEE PAGES 20-21.**

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SPECIAL EVENT

237TH ARMY BIRTHDAY



America's Army: the Strength of the Nation

Join Fort Jackson in celebrating the U.S. Army's 237th birthday June 16 at the Columbia Convention Center.

WHEN: June 16, social hour: 5 p.m.; receiving line: 6 p.m.

WHERE: Columbia Convention Center

WHO IS INVITED: All Soldiers, civilians and friends of Fort Jackson

TICKET PRICE: \$39

WHERE TO BUY TICKETS: contact your unit ticket coordinator or call the Executive Services Office at 751-3929



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

NCO organizes bone marrow drive

By **ANDREW McINTYRE**
Fort Jackson Leader

The 171st Infantry Brigade hosted a bone marrow drive Wednesday at the Basic Training Museum, the Main Exchange and at Moncrief Army Community Hospital. Soldiers were on hand to answer questions and educate potential donors about the program.

Bone marrow is donated to people who are fighting cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma, severe genetic illnesses like sickle cell anemia and other life-threatening diseases.

Anyone interested in becoming a donor must submit his or her information along with a swab of cheek cells or a blood sample to the National Marrow Donor Program database. Volunteers will then receive confirmation from the National Bone Marrow Center if the person qualifies as a donor. If the donor is a match to a patient, the program will arrange for the donor to travel to Washington for further processing.

Fort Jackson bone marrow drive coordinator, Sgt. 1st Class Marilyn Shaw, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, volunteered immediately after hearing about a local child in need of a bone marrow transplant. The young girl was suffering from a rare blood disease. Shaw said a bone marrow donor

drive was started for the child, who successfully received her transplant at a later date.

Shaw's call to help was amplified when she was made aware of members of three families living on Fort Jackson who also needed transplants. Shaw answered the call and immediately volunteered to take responsibility to start a bone marrow drive on post.

"Organizing this marrow drive was my way of just giving back. If it was my child, husband, mother, sister or brother, I would pray that someone would help to answer my prayers," Shaw said.

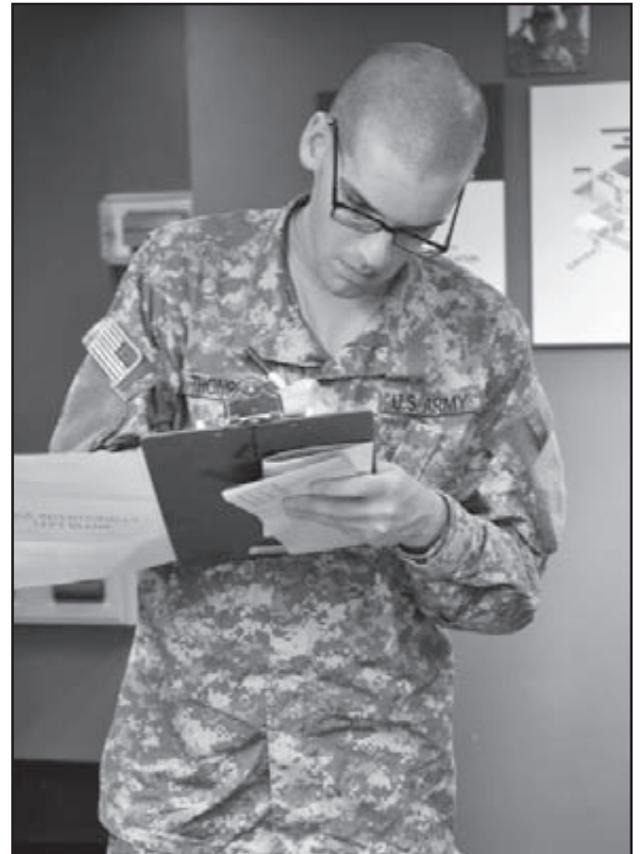
Shaw explained that people who participate in the drive do not just get tested to be a match for one particular patient, but are placed in the national database for the possibility of matching multiple patients. If the person is a match, the bone marrow donation process is completely voluntary.

"I have received a great deal of help from my Soldiers in the unit and my husband. They are all helping me get this drive to work," Shaw said.

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Pvt. Bryan Thompson, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, registers to become a donor with the National Marrow Donor Program Wednesday at the Basic Combat Training Museum.

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE



Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

□ The Residential Communities Office and the Housing Services Office have moved to a new location. The new office is located at 4514 Stuart Ave., at the intersection of Strom Thurmond Boulevard and Marion Avenue. All office phone numbers remain the same. New business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

□ A communitywide yard sale is scheduled for 7:30 a.m., May 19. Residents who wish to participate must register by Tuesday. For more information and to register, call 738-8275. Shoppers are encouraged to stop by the Community Center to pick up a list of participating homes. To receive the list electronically, email mrobinson@bbcgrp.com.

□ Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation awards scholarships to high school seniors and undergraduate students interested in attending accredited educational and technical institutions. Candidates must be an adolescent dependent of an active-duty service member and reside in a Balfour Beatty Community at the time of application. Candidates must also complete an application and meet other eligibility requirements. For more information, visit www.BBCommunitiesFoundation.org. Submissions must be received no later than Tuesday.

□ The Yard of the Month contest will continue throughout the summer. Yard of the Month winners will be recognized in *The Fort Jackson Leader*, Balfour Beatty Communities website and newsletter. The grand prize winner will also receive a \$50 gift card contest of BBC. Visit the Self Help Center on Ivy Road and browse the lawn and garden tools that can help you cultivate a beautiful yard and flower garden. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

New CSM at Financial Management School

Col. Troy Clay, right, commandant of the Financial Management School, passes the unit colors to new Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Green during a Change of Responsibility Friday at the Soldier Support Institute. Green assumed responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Brady, who retired after 30 years of service.

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News and Notes

MILITARY SPOUSES TO BE CELEBRATED

Fort Jackson's Military Spouse Appreciation Day event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday at the Joe E. Mann Center. The theme is, "Spouses Embracing Life Fully (SELF) Appreciation." Spouses will be treated to a spa day. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MOTORCYCLE RALLY SCHEDULED

The Victory Thunder motorcycle rally is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday at the Solomon Center. The rally will include a bike show and competition, the 17-mile "Thunder Run" around the installation, refreshments and lunch, and exhibits from local vendors. The bike show will award prizes for best custom, best sport and best cruiser bikes. Participants in the Thunder Run must have a valid motorcycle safety card; have a DOT-approved helmet; have all required personal protective equipment; successfully pass the courtesy helmet and motorcycle inspection; and receive the Thunder Run safety briefing.

VOTING OPEN FOR FORT JACKSON FATHER

Fort Jackson's 1st Lt. William Edwards, Company E, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, is one of three finalists for the National Fatherhood Initiative's Military Fatherhood Award. To vote for Edwards, visit www.facebook.com/nationalfatherhoodinitiative.

TOP COP COMPETITION SET

Fort Jackson will host the annual Top Cop Competition June 3-5. The competition will include seven TRADOC Military Police detachments, one National Guard MP unit, the Richland County Sheriff's Department, Lexington County Sheriff's Department, Columbia and Cayce police departments, the South Carolina State Guard, and a Security Forces Team from Shaw Air Force Base. The event will take place at numerous locations on Fort Jackson and will lead to increased law enforcement presence on post. An active-shooter exercise is planned to take place at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School as part of the competition.

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS ON TAP

Fort Jackson's Retiree Appreciation Days are scheduled for May 17-19. This year's events will include a retreat ceremony and salute to retirees; a golf tournament; the Retiree Health and Benefits Expo; and a no-tap bowling tournament. To register for the tournaments, call 751-4064.

ARMY BALL PLANNED

The 237th Army Birthday Ball is scheduled for 6 p.m., June 16 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The ball is open to everyone. The guest speaker will be Retired Maj. Gen. Abraham Turner, former Fort Jackson commanding general and current executive director of the South Carolina Department of Workforce and Employment. Tickets cost \$39 and can be purchased from unit ticket coordinators. For more information, call 751-3929.

FOR THE RECORD

In last week's article on Page 3, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Heilman's rank was misidentified.

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Program helps prevent, identify risky behaviors

By **ANDREW McINTYRE**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson commanders have a program at their disposal that helps them avert issues like substance abuse, domestic violence or even suicide in their units.

The Risk Reduction Program is designed to identify Soldiers with high-risk behaviors. The RRP is intended to reinforce personal readiness among Soldiers. The Army demands Soldier readiness for effective and efficient training of Soldiers.

The program originated at Fort Campbell, Ky., in 1994 to address a series of high-risk incidents. Since then, RRP has expanded to installations Armywide. RRP promotes a prevention-focused approach when dealing with personal problems and promotes focused and coordinated actions on the part of installation agencies and the chain of command in battalions with high risk profiles.

Risk Reduction Program coordinator Laly Rodriguez explains the resources available to brigade commanders in order to help mitigate high-risk behaviors in Soldiers.

"Data on high-risk behaviors is collected on a quarterly basis from prevention orientated installation agencies (ASAP, Safety, Provost Marshal, ACS/FAP, Preventive Medicine, Staff Judge Advocate, etc.) and presented to brigade commanders for intervention resources," Rodriguez said.

Brigade commanders are presented with a full report

of high-risk incidents. These reports give commanders the opportunity to take action within a moment's notice of a high-risk incident with Soldiers.

The RRP request Soldiers complete Unit Risk Inventory tests, which are anonymous questionnaires designed to screen for high-risk behaviors and attitudes affecting unit readiness and personal well-being. URIs are mandatory for new Soldiers at Fort Jackson, and also for deploying Soldiers.

Rodriguez explained that when a high-risk behavior is identified, training, workshops and counselors are provided.

"A Soldier faced with suicidal thoughts — I immediately involve the brigade commander, the chaplain and the suicide prevention coordinator to help the Soldier immediately," Rodriguez said.

As a resource for commanders, RRP provides Soldiers with classes for identifying high-risk behaviors early. Soldiers may be shown a video of prominent signs of suicide and high-risk behaviors.

"We also provide Shoulder-to-Shoulder, a program to help Soldiers identify signs of high-risk behaviors and they can address the issue together with the right help," she added.

Many times suicide is not readily identifiable, she said. Soldiers with high-risk behaviors have resources available through RRP and various installation personal readiness programs. For more information about the Risk Reduction Program, call Rodriguez at 751-7066.

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Photo by **ANDREW McINTYRE**

3-34th drill sergeants compete

Staff Sgt. Lynn Dishon, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, aims down-range to strike a target for a high score during the battalion's Best Drill Sergeant Competition May 2. Contestants competed in two-person teams during the daylong event.

Chaplains view film about martyred pastor

By **JULIA SIMPKINS**

U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

Fifty Army, Navy and Air Force chaplains gathered at the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center May 1 to watch a documentary about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a theologian and Nazi resister who is widely considered a 20th century hero of faith to many in the American Christian and Jewish religious communities.

Bonhoeffer's life story is of a privileged German citizen who, because of his strong religious convictions, served in a resistance movement during the Nazi era. Despite several opportunities to live a more comfortable life safe from persecution, Bonhoeffer chose to help the Jews, whose plight he found unconscionable. He paid for his dedication to that cause with his life. He was executed with fellow conspirators in 1945.

The viewing event was organized by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William Barbee, the director of the Center for Spiritual Leadership at the Army Chaplain School, who said he thought it was important that chaplains from all services see the documentary.

"It hits at a level where chaplains perform in their ministry," Barbee said. "While we're non-combatant, we support the combatant. (The movie) drove us to the point of 'here, now, today,' not yesterday, and it helps us think about how we face evil, what our response will be."

Before the documentary was shown, Chaplain (Maj.) Henry Soussan, a rabbi at the U. S. Army Chaplain Center and School, gave a presentation on how Bonhoeffer's life marked a fork in the road for Judeo-Christian relations in the Western hemisphere.

"Bonhoeffer's predicament was how to reconcile continued obedience to the state after of-

ficial institutions had become utterly corrupted and immoral," Soussan said. "This tension led him to reevaluate traditional viewpoints which had been part of German and Christian culture for centuries. The significance of Bonhoeffer therefore lay in his ability to critically question and challenge unjust traditions, while remaining true to his understanding of God's will. Dietrich Bonhoeffer remains the living proof that a human being is able to rise above the confines of time and social values when he is truly and honestly clinging to the infinite wisdom and ultimate demand of the divine in all of us."

The 90-minute film showed some graphic images of Nazi atrocities, sometimes juxtaposed with pictures of Bonhoeffer and of his family. Childhood friends, now elderly, spoke of him and his character



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

Chaplains with the Army, Air Force and Navy chaplain schools attend a special viewing 'Bonhoeffer,' a documentary film about the life and death of German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer called for solidarity with Jews in Nazi Germany and eventually joined a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. He was executed in 1945.

fondly. All who spoke of him mentioned his deep religious beliefs and dedication to fulfilling the word of God.

The audience was moved by the film, clapping as the closing credits started rolling. Air Force Chaplain (Maj.) David Kelley explained Bonhoeffer's relevance.

"The film's story, in the factual person and account of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was inspiring and moving because of his connections to faith and

Christianity in modern times," Kelley said. "He lived what he preached and was willing to die for those beliefs. This is an inspiration to all who claim to live by faith. As well, the film presented the dilemma that Bonhoeffer faced being a pacifist while conspiring to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Faith is not always easy, and must be lived out under the direction of Divine guidance. Bonhoeffer's life and actions were a testament to his daily faith-walk with God."

"The movie was good because it gave a thumbnail sketch of a man who was dedicated to his faith," said Chaplain (Capt.) Jennifer Rogers-Cooper, a student in the Army's C4 course. "I wish I had studied him (Bonhoeffer) more in seminary because he would have colored my understanding of how Christians resist tyranny."

Present at this viewing was Martin



Martin Doblmeier, the film's director, discusses the film with Army, Air Force and Navy chaplains after the viewing.

Doblmeier, the film's award-winning director. He participated in a question and answer session after the film, during which he addressed his reasons for making it. He also talked about his experiences in Germany doing research and meeting Bonhoeffer's friends and family. He said he thought it was especially important to show the film to military chaplains.

"I've been to hundreds of viewings of this film, but never before with Army chaplains," Doblmeier said. "Military chaplains

are an extraordinary group of people because they experience almost every day the best and worst of what it means to be human. But chaplains are human, too, and they need confirmation and affirmation in the challenging work they do. I hope they saw in Bonhoeffer someone from a different time yet who struggled with many of the same issues and challenges. In that way I hope the story offered them something inspiring to carry with them on their own faith journey."



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

Staff Sgt. Jared Doss, a student with the Recruiting and Retention School, uses his skills in balloon art to entertain patrons and staff at the post library.

Balloon-twisting Soldier entertains kids

By THERESA O'HAGAN
Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Working in a library, one would think things would be sedate, quiet and predictable. Several weeks ago, children's librarian Cecilia Hem Lee, Thomas Lee Hall Library, had a visitor who definitely caught her off guard.

"This Soldier came into the library," Hem Lee said. "He said he had just come from a balloon twisting conference and wanted to volunteer. I thought he was pranking me. I started to look around for a camera."

It was no prank. Staff Sgt. Jared Doss, a student at the Recruiting and Retention school, was quite serious as he introduced himself as a balloon artist and offered to make balloon animals for the children at Sleepy Story Time Thursday evenings.

"We're not talking just little balloon animals," Hem Lee said. "He does amazing elaborate animals and objects."

For recent Sleepy Story Time events he's done swords, a helicopter, a monkey climbing a tree, and an elephant balancing itself on a ball.

Ross came straight from class at the Recruiting and Retention School every Thursday to delight and entertain children, parents and staff.

"I thoroughly enjoy making people smile and have found balloons to be a great vehicle to do so," Doss said. "Besides, we can all spare just a couple of hours a week to make others happy, right?"

Doss first discovered the joy of balloon artistry as an elementary school teacher.

"I picked up a small pack of balloons at Walgreens and learned to make a basic sword, dog and teddy bear," he said. "Two years ago, at my unit's organization day just before deployment, there was a balloon artist who offered to teach me. I took him up on his offer and became hooked."

Doss, who is a wheeled vehicle mechanic in the Army, says he is constantly learning the art of balloon twisting.

"Really, it's a never ending process," Doss said.

For Doss, the universal appeal of balloons is what he likes best about his unusual hobby.

"I love the fact that no matter what age, race, sex, or how tough someone pretends to be, balloons make everyone smile."

Although Doss can earn from \$75 to \$125 per hour making balloon sculptures for parties and special events, he has no intention of turning it into a full-time pursuit.

"I think if I 'needed' to make balloons in order to support my family, it might take the fun out of it. And fun is what it's all about," he said.

Doss has a large repertoire of things he can make, and occasionally gets some interesting requests. Once he was asked to make a metal detector,

"I made it, and the little boy was ecstatic," he said.

Popular requests are his monkey climbing a tree and an octopus.

Doss can't contain his joy and everyone knows about his hobby making him very popular with his friends and relatives who have children and need entertainment for children's parties. He has never needed to advertise, as word of mouth keeps him busy with an event nearly every

weekend.

As a Soldier, he has endured some good-natured teasing from his fellow Soldiers.

"Everyone around me knows I do this. I can't hide it. It's a part of me. I get ribbed on occasion, but even the guys who once gave me a hard time, have asked me to make a bouquet or something for their wife or girlfriend," Doss said.

Doss is married and has two daughters, 14 years and 9 months old.

"My oldest is 'too cool' and my youngest doesn't quite understand it yet," he said, "but I can't wait until she does."

It's hard to tell who had more fun at the library, Doss, the children or the staff.

"Cecilia (Hem Lee) and the library staff are incredible. I think sometimes they are more excited than the kids," Doss said. "They were definitely welcoming, and I feel blessed to have met them."

The staff members at the library expressed their gratitude and sadness that Doss' class has come to an end and he will be moving on.

"He's just so incredibly talented," Hem Lee said. "You are watching him, trying to figure out how he does it and then, just like that he hands you a lady bug, or a tiara, or a coconut tree. We were reading the *Hungry, Hungry Caterpillar* and I expected him to make a butterfly. He made a huge colorful caterpillar. It was amazing. We are so grateful that he came every week and gave his time and shared his talent with us for free."

To learn more about Doss, visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jared-the-Balloon-Guy/118693641526507>.



Naval veterans visit Fort Jackson

Capt. Christopher Robinson, right, Company F, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, speaks with retirees of USS Hawkins during a tour of Fort Jackson last week. The post welcomed the Naval veterans and their families, who attended the week's graduation ceremony and observed Soldiers training on the confidence course.

Photo by WALLACE MCBRIDE,
Fort Jackson Leader



Photo by STAFF SGT. MYLINDA DUROUSSEAU,
Third Army/ARCENT

Career day

Lt. Col. Dana Williams, Third Army/ARCENT chief of assistance and investigations, speaks with students during career day at Wilder Elementary School in Sumter.



Photo by MASTER SGT. ROBERT TIMMONS, Third Army/ARCENT

New officers

Lt. Gen. Vincent Brooks, Third Army/ARCENT commanding general, swears in cadets from the University of South Carolina Army Reserve Officer Training Corps during a commissioning ceremony in Columbia May 3. During the ceremony, 20 cadets were sworn into the Army.

Mother's Day concert

Courtesy photo

Violinist Daniel D., left, receives a gift from members of the Daniel Circle Chapel congregation Sunday. The musician performed at the 12th annual Daniel Circle Chapel Mother's Day Celebration at the Officers' Club. At the event, the men of the congregation paid tribute to 90 mothers in attendance.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Drill sergeant is active in community

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

VOLUNTEER: Staff Sgt. Nicole Steinbring

ACTIVITIES: Volunteers with Shriners Hospitals for Children, breast cancer awareness activities and holiday events in the city of Cayce.

Fort Jackson's Active Duty Military 2012 volunteer of the year, Steinbring has an active volunteer life both on and off post. As an athlete, she's competed for several years in breast cancer awareness competitive runs, an issue that hits close to home for her.

"Breast cancer runs in our family, so it's an important topic for us," said Steinbring, who is a drill sergeant with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment.

Last Christmas, she also cooked and delivered meals to fire stations and emergency services sites in Cayce, where her father is employed as a police officer.

"We made Christmas dinner for the officers that were working that night, and all during the day," she said.

Steinbring is especially proud of her work with Shriners Hospitals for Children, an organization dedicated to treating children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of their family's ability to pay.

"The Shriners Hospital is there for anyone who needs help," she said. "Not everyone can afford surgery."

She's helped to stage benefit plays to raise money for Shriners, and has also volunteered for activities that let her interact directly with the hospital's young patients.

"You see the children and they are just so happy," she said. "They don't understand what being selfish means. They're just so giving. Something as simple as finding Easter eggs helps them to forget what's going on in their lives."



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Staff Sgt. Nicole Steinbring, left, receives her award as Fort Jackson's Active Duty Military Volunteer of the Year for 2012 from Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts in April.

UPCOMING CHANGES OF COMMAND/RESPONSIBILITY

- ❑ **Friday — 171st Infantry Brigade:** Command Sgt. Maj. William Huffin will relinquish responsibility; 2 p.m.; 171st headquarters.
- ❑ **May 18 — 193rd Infantry Brigade:** Command Sgt. Maj. Lloyd Julius will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Dunkelberger; 9 a.m.; 193rd headquarters.
- ❑ **June 1 — 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Jason Glick will assume command from Lt. Col. Gregg Blumhardt; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 5 — 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Thomas McCardell will assume command from Lt. Col. John Allen; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 8 — Adjutant General School:** Col. Todd Garlick will take over as commandant for Col. Robert Manning; time to be determined; SSI auditorium.
- ❑ **June 12 — Moncrief Army Community Hospital:** Col. Mark Higdon will assume command from Col. Ramona Fiorey; 8 a.m.; MACH.
- ❑ **June 13 — Moncrief Army Community Hospital:** Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Bond will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Williams; 8 a.m.; MACH.
- ❑ **June 15 — 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception):** Lt. Col. Vincent Valley will assume command from Lt. Col. Michael McTigue; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 19 — 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Eric Flesch will assume command from Lt. Col. Quincy Norman; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 22 — 193rd Infantry Brigade:** Col. Joseph McLamb will assume command from Col. Drew Meyerowich; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 29 — U.S. Army Garrison Fort Jackson:** Col. Michael Graese will assume command from Col. James Love; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **June 29 — 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment:** Command Sgt. Maj. Neal Seals will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Delvallealicea; 1 p.m.; battalion headquarters.
- ❑ **July 2 — 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment:** Lt. Col. Gregory Trahan will assume command from Lt. Col. Matthew Zimmerman; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **July 12 — Training Support Battalion:** Lt. Col. Neil Mahabir will assume command from Lt. Col. Sula Irish; 8:30 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **July 20 — 171st Infantry Brigade:** Col. Mark Bieger will assume command from Col. George Donovan; 9 a.m.; Officers' Club.
- ❑ **Aug. 21 — 369th Adjutant General Battalion:** Lt. Col. David Jones will assume command from Lt. Col. Edward Allen; 8:30 a.m.; Darby Field.
- ❑ **Aug. 30 — Recruiting and Retention School:** Command Sgt. Maj. Tory Hendrieth will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Punihaoale; time and location to be determined.

To announce a battalion level or above Change of Command/Responsibility, call 751-7045 or email fjleader@gmail.com.



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Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Sgt. Ikaisherron Wright
Company A
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt. Paul Byrd
Company B
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

Sgt. 1st Class Gilberto Paredes
Company C
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt. Anthony Bryant
Company D
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt. Norman Bogdan
Company E
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

Staff Sgt. Douglas Morales
Company F
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Ilesia Pollard

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Lessie Williams

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Peter Emerson

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Allyson Knight

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Jeremy Dusablon

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Matthew Shouse

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Paul Mummey

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Spc. Christopher Hogan

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Spc. Christine Murphy

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Pvt. Colton Vanassche

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Elizabeth Corbett

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Kinnelia Bortz-Kruse

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Ricardo Canales

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Christopher Hogan

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Katie Craft

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Russel Klueg

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Benjamin Bass

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Brian Vincent

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Sterling Bowens

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Keaton McGlothlin

HIGH BRM
Spc. Tray Wegenhoft

HIGH BRM
Spc. Caleb Sandahl

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Kevin Reese

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Jonathan McCarty

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

STAFF SUPPORT
Charlie Wooden

TRAINING SUPPORT
Jerome Cardwell

SERVICE SUPPORT
Gwendolyn Brantley

DFAC SUPPORT
Tenika Blanchard

FAMILY SUPPORT
Tenika Blanchard

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY

Fort Jackson Boy Scouts

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

Walking away stress

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

Play group

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

Range control briefing

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

Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)

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

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel

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

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting

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

American Red Cross volunteer orientation

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

MONTHLY

Fort Jackson Bass Club

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

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

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

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

— Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.
— Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St., ground level, Meeting Room 2.

Seabees

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641

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

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

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

American Legion Post 182

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

Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association

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

National Federation of Federal Employees

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

Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262

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

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303

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

Purple Heart #402

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

Adopt-A-School program

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

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

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

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

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

The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

Third Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Post Conference Room.

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group

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

Society of American Military Engineers

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

Sergeants Major Association

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

MEDPROS training

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

Retired Enlisted Association

Third Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, 740-2319 or e-mail jrogers11@sc.rr.com.

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

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

Fort Jackson Cub Scouts

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

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641

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

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262

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

Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter

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

Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

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

Ladies Auxiliary Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

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



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Calendar

Friday

Victory Thunder motorcycle rally
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Solomon Center

Friday, May 18

Asian Pacific Heritage Month luncheon
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Solomon Center

Friday and Saturday, May 18-19

Case lot sale
8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Commissary

Saturday, May 19

SKIESUnlimited performing arts recital
2 p.m., Soldier Support Institute auditorium
For more information, call 751-6777.

Housing events

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

Wednesday, May 16, 3 p.m.

Mini birdhouse painting

Children 2-10 years old are invited to paint a mini birdhouse. To register, call 738-8275 or email mrobinson@bbcgrp.com.

Throughout the summer

Free popsicle Fridays

Beginning in May, children can stop by the Community Center every Friday this summer for a free popsicle while supplies last.

Announcements

WARRANT OFFICER RECRUITING

Warrant officer recruiting briefs are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., today at the Education Center, Room B308. For more information, visit www.goarmy.com/warrant or call (706) 464-6154.

193RD BRIGADE FAMILY NIGHT

The 193rd Infantry Brigade has scheduled its first Brigade Family Night for 5:30

p.m., Friday adjacent to Palmetto Falls Water Park. The event will continue to be held the first Friday of each month. Friday's event will feature a concert by Eric Horner, games and activities and a picnic.

FATHERS RECOGNIZED

This year's fatherhood recognition ceremony is scheduled for June 12. Nominations for outstanding fathers are due by Friday. For more information, email Charles.G.Lewis4.civ@mail.mil.

FURNITURE DONATION EVENT

DLA Disposition Services has scheduled a furniture donation event, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday at 1902 Ewell Road. The event is open to DoD ID card holders. Items include beds, tables and night stands. For more information, call 751-1875/7698.

THIRD ARMY EVENT

Third Army/ARCENT will celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month with an event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 18 in the Lucky Conference Room at Patton Hall, Shaw Air Force Base. Soldiers, Airmen and civilians interested in participating, should call 885-8636/8653.

MACH NUTRITION CLINIC

The following classes are scheduled for May:

- Cholesterol and high blood pressure class, 2 to 3 p.m., today and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., May 24
 - Army Move! 2-4 p.m., May 21
 - Victory nutrition wellness, 1 to 2 p.m., Wednesday
 - Bariatric initial appointment class (by referral only), 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday
- All classes take place at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 8-85. For more information and to register, call 751-2115/2363/2273.

OPM SURVEY UNDER WAY

The Office of Personnel Management has begun its 2012 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey. The survey runs through June 18.

VOLUNTEENS SOUGHT

The Fort Jackson Red Cross will accept application for its VolunTEEN sum-

mer program beginning Tuesday. Applicants must be 14 or older. VolunTEENS work at Moncrief Army Community Hospital alongside medical professionals. Applications can be submitted through May 21. For more information, call 751-4329.

EXTENDED CHILD CARE

Imboden Street Child Development Center now offers enhanced extended hours care to provide overnight and weekend child care. The service is available to Soldiers who have verification from their chain of command that mission requirements necessitate the child care. For more information, call 751-1672 or email Rose.Edmond@us.army.mil.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Applications for the Summer Youth Program are available through May 17. The program will run June 5 through July 26. It is open to students, 17-21 years old.

The Thrift Shop has a number of gowns available as part of its Golden Carriage Program. The program provides formal wear for female sergeants and below and wives of sergeants and below. The Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays. Organizations may submit welfare applications throughout the year. Anyone can shop at the Thrift Shop, but only military ID card holders can consign items.

AA OPEN MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays at 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-6597.

LUNCH WORKOUT

The 187th Ordnance Battalion Functional Training Center offers lunchtime workouts at noon, Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2250 Sumter Ave. For more information, call 751-9740 or email ophie.Hilaire@us.army.mil.

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

Send your announcements to fjleader@gmail.com.

School notes

RICHLAND ONE PRE-K DEADLINE

The deadline for parents to register their children for Richland One's pre-kindergarten program has changed. Parents now have until June 1 to enroll their 4-year olds. For more information, call 231-6882/6709.

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.

ADVENTURE CAMPS

Military children 14-18 years old are invited to participate in adventure camps hosted by Purdue University in partnership with the Office of the Secretary of Defense Military Community and Family Policy. For more information, visit https://www.extension.purdue.edu/Adventure_camps/campshome.html.

DRILL SERGEANT REUNION

A reunion for drill sergeants and support staff assigned at Fort Jackson during the 1970s and 1980s is planned for June.

For more information, call (785) 375-1433. or email rubbyrobinson60@yahoo.com.

SPIRIT OF AMERICA TOUR

The Army's Spirit of America tour will perform at the Colonial Life Arena Sept. 21 and 22.

OPERATION PURPLE CAMPS

Operation Purple Camps offer a free week of summer camp for children whose parents were/are deployed at any time between September 2011 and December 2012. For more information, visit www.militaryfamily.org.

MARINES WANTED

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

'Kids having fun,' Special Olympics athletes compete at Fort Jackson

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Hundreds of Special Olympics athletes gathered last weekend at Fort Jackson for the South Carolina summer games. And there was more at stake in these games than could ever be reflected in a game score, said Cindy Ott, present Saturday morning at Ivy Lanes to watch her nephew take part in the bowling competition.

"The games help children with special needs to participate in life and to be with others," Ott said. "It helps them to have fun, to interact. It helps so much with their growth. That's why I value so much what Fort Jackson is doing. It helps the parents to also relax and have a good day, too."

More than 800 athletes competed in events like cheerleading, softball, swimming and gymnastics. In addition to providing the installation hosted the softball, bowling and aquatics competitions online at so-sc.org

It takes as many volunteers as athletes to stage each year's event, said Sue Maner, vice president of programs and communications for Special Olympics, S.C.

"When you consider our volunteer coaches, our unified partners and day of event volunteers, we have 800 volunteers here," she said.

Special Olympics' summer competitions have been held almost exclusively at Fort Jackson since they began.

"For the first year they were down at Memorial Stadium, but the next year we moved to Fort Jackson," she said. "Every year they assign us a unit and they work with us for months to get this ready. We have Soldiers for every segment of our games."

This year, the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment hosted the games.

"It was good to see the athletes enjoy it," said Lt. Col. Eric Schourek, commander of the 2-60th. "I think they enjoy being around Soldiers. We had a bunch of the athletes come up and hug us, which is pretty touching. But they showed unconditional love for Soldiers in uniform."

Staff Sgt. Aynike Spence volunteered as a chaperone for the Special Olympics dance.

"It was awesome," Spence said. "I got to talk to a couple of the athletes and we danced together. We had a good time."

Staff Sgt. John Simmons was present for the weekend's closing ceremonies.

"Basically, they were a bunch of kids having fun," Simmons said. "They were excited about being here, and about everything they did."

Last weekend's activities marked the 44th consecutive year for Special Olympics at Fort Jackson, said Allen Amsler, board chairman with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

"It is truly incredible," he said of the relationship between the post and event. "Thank you to the coaches who work countless hours with the athletes to bring out the best in them."

"This is a great partnership, and one that we're ready to do 44 more times," said Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson's commanding general. "This year will be better than ever. We've got the best of everything this year, starting off with the best Olympians."

"It's about inspiration," said Robin Hinton, a paraprofessional aid at East Side High School in Greenville, who volunteered for last weekend's activities. "The children look forward to every Special Olympics. We've been practicing bowling for a couple of months. They really look forward to it, and ask about it every day."

"My son is a part of the Special Olympics in Lexington County, so anytime I can volunteer, I'm all for it," said Capt. Jonathan Plotkin, director of the Basic Officer Leader Course at the Financial Management School. "I know how vital, and how great, this program is to kids. My son likes the long jump and the 50-meter run. He can bond with the community and his peers."

Plotkin was leading recently commissioned lieutenants who volunteered to assist in last weekend's events.

"They're out here for two reasons," he said. "One, I told them to get involved somehow in the community while they're here. And two, they know how special this is."

"A lot of the Soldiers have never done anything with Special Olympics before, so it's exciting for them," Maner said.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Special Olympics athletes communicate with Soldiers in the bleachers during Friday night's opening ceremonies at the Solomon Center. Hundreds of athletes from across South Carolina gathered at the post this weekend to compete in the annual summer games.



Fort Jackson commander Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts helps a swimmer out of the pool during one of Saturday's many Special Olympics competitions.



Softball players play catch at the Hilton Field Softball Complex early Saturday. Softball events were staggered to allow for people with different levels of ability to take part in the day's events.



Special Olympics athletes compete in the swimming event at Knight Pool Saturday.



Iliana Yankelevitch, 14, right, helps Houston Abbott, 13, prepare for his turn during Saturday's bowling competition at Ivy Lanes.



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

Tea Party

Above, Edie McFaddin assists Olivia Zimmer, 4, and her mother Sally Zimmer with making door hangers. Right, Tea Cups with "Drink Me" tags set the tone for the Child, Youth and School Services American Girl and Mad Hatter's Tea Party Sunday.



FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- ❑ Victory Readers Club, 6 to 8 p.m., **Post Library**.
 - ❑ **4-H Club** meets 4 to 5 p.m; for grades 1-5. Call 751-1136 for information.
- For a full calendar of events, visit www.fortjacksonwr.com.*

ONGOING OFFERS

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



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Law protects military during PCS move

From the Legal Assistance Office

Many military personnel and their families who are changing stations this summer will rent or lease homes at their next duty station. Federal law provides some protection to military tenants who, because of their military service, have to terminate their leases early. However, making sure that a "military termination clause" is included in the lease can provide greater protection.

MILITARY TERMINATION CLAUSES

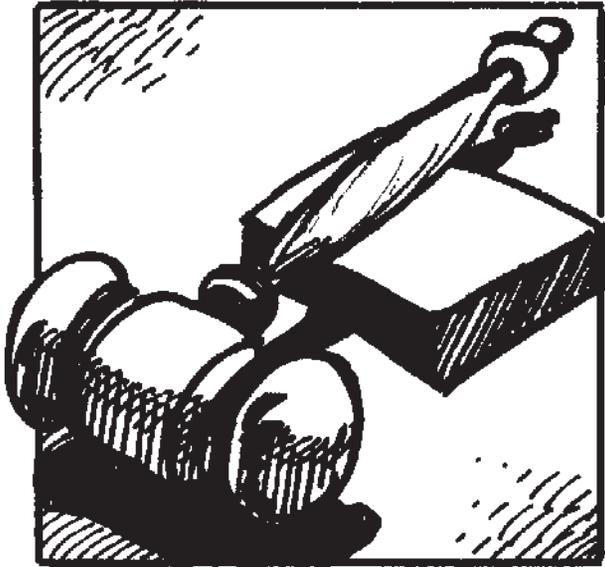
A military termination clause gives one party to the lease, usually the military member, the option to end the lease before the agreed upon ending date. Sometimes a landlord who is also a military member will include the right to end the lease upon retirement from the military. Renters should not assume, however, that the military termination clause permits the early termination of a lease upon (anyone's) retirement unless it says so explicitly.

OPERATION OF A MILITARY TERMINATION CLAUSE

Generally, the renter and the landlord agree that if certain conditions are met, the renter may notify the landlord that he or she intends to end the lease on a certain date.

Ordinarily, the renter is required to provide the landlord with at least 30 days' written notice of his intent to terminate the lease early. The renter may also be required to inform the landlord of the reason he or she wishes to end the lease, citing the appropriate language in the termination clause, and to provide supporting documentation.

For example, if the tenant is being transferred to another



installation, the termination clause may require the tenant to provide his or her landlord with a copy of Permanent Change of Station orders.

CONDITIONS THAT COULD PERMIT THE EARLY TERMINATION OF A LEASE

Renters (and landlords) should keep in mind that a lease is a contract. Consequently, before signing the lease, both parties should be satisfied that the conditions for early termination are reasonable. The following are conditions, often included in military termination clauses, which provide military tenants with the option of ending a lease early:

The military tenant has received PCS orders to transfer to another duty station that is more than a specified distance

from the former duty station (such as 20 miles);
 The military tenant has received military orders requiring the tenant to move into government quarters;
 The military tenant is retiring or being released from active duty;
 The military tenant has received temporary duty orders, temporary change of station orders or is deploying for a specified period exceeding a certain amount of time (such as 60 days) to an area more than a specified distance (such as 40 miles) from where the premises is located; and/or
 The military tenant has leased/rented the property before relocating or moving to an area, and the orders change to a different area before occupying it.

FEES FOR ENDING A LEASE EARLY

Some states have laws that permit the landlord to charge the renters for early termination, even if the renter used the military termination clause. Also, some military termination clauses may explicitly state this.

If a landlord will not agree to include a military termination provision, prospective renters should check with the local housing office and the legal assistance office before signing a lease.

The Fort Jackson Judge Advocate General office can provide further information regarding early lease termination. Although legal assistance attorneys can provide advice concerning this matter, they cannot represent you in a South Carolina court if a lease termination issue should reach such a point. If you would like to talk about early lease termination or other similar concerns, call the Legal Assistance Office at 751-7657 to schedule an appointment with an attorney.

FIRST RESPONDER

Lt. Col. Raymond Simons
 Director, Emergency Services

Maj. Bradford Fisher
 Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Bruce Sirois
 Provost Sergeant Major

Bill Forrester
 Fire Chief

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

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

CASES OF THE WEEK

A civilian was barred from Fort Jackson for three years after Spice, a synthetic cannabis product, was discovered in the person's car during a random vehicle inspection at Gate 2, Military Police said.

A parked vehicle sustained minor damage during a hit-and-run accident on Pick-



ett Road, police said.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Typically, as the temperatures warm up, speeding and other traffic violations are on the rise. Fort Jackson drivers are reminded to be lawful, courteous and drive free of distractions.

crimestoppers
 1-888-559-TIPS
 www.midlandscrimestoppers.com

LEADER DEADLINES

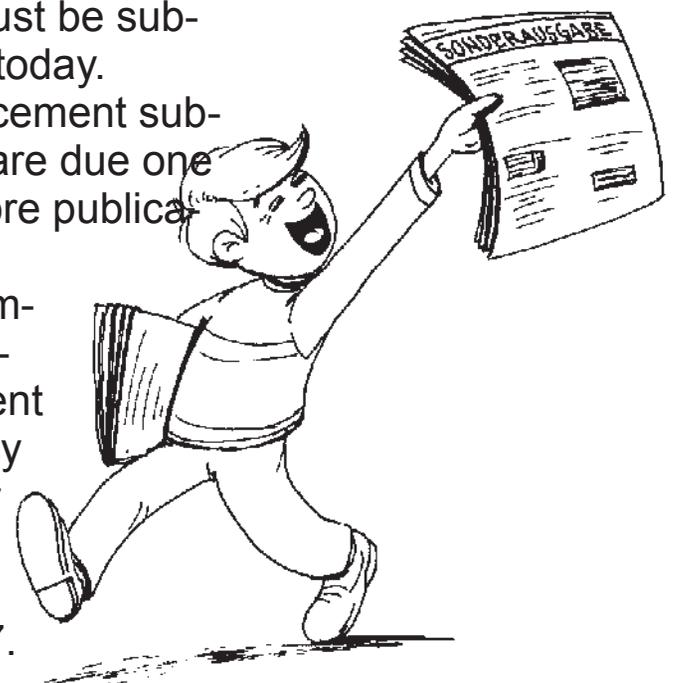
Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

For example, an article for the May 24 Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication.

For example, an announcement for the May 24 Leader must be submitted by May 17.

Send submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com. For more information, call 751-7045.



Sports shorts

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Swimming registration continues through May 25. Swimming is open to 5-18 year olds. Participants will be contacted the week of May 21. The fee is \$20 for 5-year-olds and \$40 for 6-18 year-olds. The fee includes a swimsuit, trophy and certificate.

Basketball registration continues through May 25. Basketball is open for children ages 4-15. Participants will be contacted the week of May 21. The fee is \$20 for 4-5 year-olds and \$40 for 6-15 year-olds. The fee includes jersey, shorts, trophy and certificate.

Registration for Child, Youth and School Services is open to family members of active duty Soldiers, appropriated and non-appropriated funds civilians, contractor personnel and retired military. Children must be registered with CYSS before signing up for sports. To register, call 751-4865 to set up an appointment. Parents must bring a current physical and a copy of the

child's birth certificate.

LETTERS OF INTENT DUE

Letters of intent for the following sports are now accepted by the Sports Office:

Recreational and intramural basketball open to all ID card holders 18 and older; due Tuesday. League play will begin in June.

Strongman competition; open to active duty military only (men and women); sign up by Tuesday. Weigh-ins are scheduled for Wednesday; the competition will take place May 17. The event includes a Hummer pull, stone carry and tire flip. For more information, call 751-3096.

ARMED FORCES DAY WALK/RUN

The Armed Forces Day 5K fun run/walk and 10K run is scheduled for 8 a.m., May 19. Registration is open now or from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. the day of the race. The event is open to all ID card holders.



Courtesy photo

Basketball recruit

Keith Jumper, seated, a senior at White Knoll High School in Lexington is shown after signing a national letter of intent to play basketball with Tusculum College in Tusculum, Tenn. Jumper is the son of Rhonda Harvin, pictured behind him, who works at the Recruiting and Retention School, and of Sgt. 1st Class Felix Harvin, right, who is assigned to the 59th Aviation Troop at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. Tusculum College is a NCAA Division II school and a member of the South Atlantic Conference.

GOLF STANDINGS

	Active duty		Recreational
120th	1705.0	Heavy Hitters	1270.5
3-34th	1527.5	Even Par	1268.5
4-10th	1364.0	9 Hole Bandits	1224.0
187th	1264.5	That's Good	1142.5
TFM	1202.5	Hit Squad	1089.0
1-61st	1112.0	DPW	1083.5
2-39th	1094.0	SSI Hack Attack	1071.0
MEDDAC	1025.5	Sand Baggers	1061.5
G-3	932.0	FMS	878.5
3-60th	912.0	SCANG	542.5
2-60th	827.0	Those Guys	224.0
1-34th	466.0		
165th	374.5		

Standings as of Tuesday

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Monday/Wednesday league		Tuesday/Thursday league	
MEDDAC	5-0	1-61st	5-0
3-60th	3-1	RRS	4-1
3-34th	2-2	CP	4-1
2-60th	2-2	187th	1-2
120th	2-3	2-39th	1-2
USADSS	1-2	McEntire	0-2
TFM	1-3	81st RSC	0-3
4-10th	1-4	The Wreck	0-4

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