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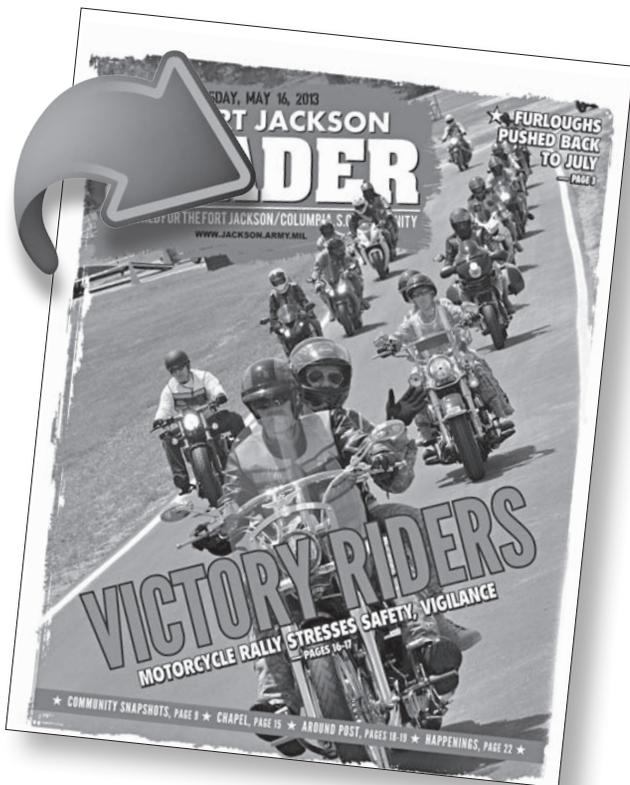
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COMMANDER'S CALL

Salute to service

Fort Jackson to honor military retirees

Every year our Fort Jackson Retirement Services Office serves more than 43,000 military retirees, and that is just one of our many agencies on post that assists military retirees and veterans.

It's no secret why so many military retirees choose to settle down near Fort Jackson. The area is attractive for many reasons — employment opportunities, recreation, on-post services, support and cost of living. The fact of the matter is that one of the most cited reasons many service members decide to remain in or even relocate to the Midlands after they retire is because it's a very military friendly area.

Long before I arrived here, the installation and surrounding communities realized the importance of recognizing the service of our military retirees. Continuing in this legacy of appreciation, we have made it a priority to ensure that the quality of life on post is adequate not just for those currently serving, but also for those who have served previously — dedicating at least two decades of their lives or receiving injuries resulting in permanent disabilities — so that we all could pursue our dreams.

Bottom line, these men and women have invested a lot of time into defending our nation and deserve great service in return.

There is no way we could repay our veterans and retirees for their service, but that shouldn't stop us from trying. That said, this week we will honor our retirees with the "Retiree Appreciation Days." My hope is that these three days of continual celebration, camaraderie and excitement demonstrate our commitment to never forget the sacrifice of service our heroes gave.

The three-day event opens with a breakfast, which will begin at 7:30 a.m., at the Officers' Club, followed by our

"Salute to Retirees" ceremony, starting at 9 a.m. at Hilton Field. The ceremony will be a part of the Basic Combat

Training graduation. This will be a wonderful chance for our current Soldiers to say, "Thank you" to their predecessors for paving the way.

We will also have another special treat for our retirees. A retiree himself, retired Maj. Gen. Abraham Turner, former Commanding General of Fort Jackson, will be the guest speaker for the ceremony. He

served in uniform for 35 years, but he continues to serve Fort Jackson, organizations, and communities with a heart to improve quality of life for veterans and family members of service members.

There are many more events happening in which I am certain our retirees will be looking forward to participate. Most notably, there will be a golf tournament and the famous no-tap bowling tournament. Furthermore, there will be a Retiree Health and Benefits Expo on Saturday, which begins at 9 a.m. and will provide a plethora of services and information. Our retirees will be able to receive health screening and counseling in addition to being able to receive ID card services.

All of these services and activities are available for our retirees. You sacrificed so much for our country and paved the way for so many of us to achieve our career aspirations in the military; this is the least we can do.

I'm looking forward to welcoming retirees to Fort Jackson this week. My hope is that this event will serve as a wonderful opportunity for retirees from different eras and branches of service to come together allowing us to express our gratitude.

Army Strong and Victory Starts Here!
Victory 6!

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

Fort Jackson
Commanding General



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One of the events during Fort Jackson's Retiree Appreciation Days is the Health and Benefits Expo, which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Solomon Center.



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DoD photo by GLENN FAWCETT

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel takes questions from reporters during a recent press conference in the Pentagon Briefing Room.

Furloughs to begin in July

After months of debate, sequestration effects become reality

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced Tuesday that he has signed a memorandum directing defense managers to prepare to furlough most Defense Department civilian employees for up to 11 days between July 8 and the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year.

Here is the text of the memo in its entirety:

This memo directs defense managers to prepare to furlough most Department of Defense (DOD) civilians for up to 11 days. The schedule for furloughs, and some specific exceptions, are described later in this memo and in the attachment. I have made this decision very reluctantly, because I know that the furloughs will disrupt lives and impact DOD operations. I, along with the senior civilian and military leadership of the Department, have spent considerable time reviewing information related to the need for furloughs, and I would like to share with you the reasoning that led me to this difficult decision.

Major budgetary shortfalls drove the basic furlough decision. On March 1, sequestration went into effect across the federal government. DOD's budget for FY 2013 was reduced by \$37 billion, including \$20 billion in the operation and maintenance (O&M) accounts that pay many of our civilian workers. In addition, because our wartime budget is also subject to sequestration, we must utilize funds originally budgeted

for other purposes in order to provide our troops at war with every resource they need. To compound our problems, when we estimated future wartime operating costs more than a year ago, we planned on fuel costs below what we are currently experiencing. Taken together, all these factors lead to a shortfall in our O&M accounts of more than \$30 billion — a level that exceeds 15 percent of our budget request, with fewer than six months left in the fiscal year in which to accommodate this dramatic reduction in available resources.

We are taking actions to reduce this shortfall. One main priority has governed our decisions: to minimize the adverse effects on our military mission, including military readiness.

With this in mind, early this calendar year, we cut back sharply on facilities maintenance and worked to hold down base operating costs — decisions we knew would build a backlog of maintenance and adversely affect our bases. We are also preparing a request to Congress that would permit us to shift some funding from investment and military personnel accounts into the

O&M accounts. If approved by Congress, this initiative — known as a reprogramming — would help close the gap.

But these actions are not enough. We have begun making sharp cuts in the training and maintenance of our operating forces -- cutbacks that are seriously harming military readiness. The Army, for example, has terminated most remaining FY 2013 training rotations at its combat training centers. The Air Force has or soon will stop all flying at about one-third of its combat coded squadrons in the active forces.

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Post preparing families for impact of furlough days

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson is working to prepare civilian employees for temporary pay reductions that will accompany furloughs.

The Department of Defense will furlough hundreds of thousands of employees for 11 days starting July 8, a situation created by automatic budget cuts that went into effect March 1. Although the details of those furloughs were not known until this week, Army Community Services scheduled a seminar earlier this week to coach employees on how to handle the loss of pay.

“The idea behind the event is to give tips and tools to prepare for the furlough,” said Shawn Smith, financial counselor for ACS. “Basically, we’re putting out ideas people can do to save money, pull in more income and reduce expenses. When the furlough comes and you find you’re missing \$200 to \$300 a month, there are things you can do to get that money back.”

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Guard's vigilance prompts arrest

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

As a gate guard for Fort Jackson, Michael Rees sees hundreds of identification cards every day. The forgeries are easy to spot, he said, so it was no surprise when a records check for an ID card that “looked off” determined that it was a fake.

What he wasn't expecting was the start of an Office of Homeland Security investigation that would lead to at least one arrest elsewhere in South Carolina.

“Homeland Security got a hold of me when they found out about it,” said Fred Vasquez, Fort Jackson physical security officer.

The validity of driver's licenses has been a concern for post security since it was disclosed last year that hackers were targeting the state's Department of Motor Vehicles.

“It's a continuous problem we're having on Fort Jackson,” Vasquez said.

The forged ID card surfaced the morning of April 13, as a vehicle with private contractors tried to enter Fort Jackson. One of the passengers in the vehicle handed Rees an ID card that felt like an authentic North Carolina driver's license, but showed subtle differences.

“It was the wrong color,” Rees said of the forgery. “It was a brand-new identification card from North Carolina, but the color wasn't right. And the print was different. If you compared it to another ID card, the print was bolder.”

When he tried to verify the ID card, though, the bar code printed on the reverse side gave a name and address that did not match the information on the front of the card, he said. The card had the correct weight and texture, he said, as well as the proper government watermarks.

“I've been doing this job for six years,” Rees said. “We can tell just by looking at them whether (ID cards) are real or not.”

“Most people just think our guards are just out there



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Michael Rees, who has worked as a gate guard on Fort Jackson for six years, spotted a fake ID card at the gate, which led to an arrest and an ongoing investigation.

flipping ID cards at the gate,” said Vicky LaPointe, chief of Department of the Army security guards for Fort Jackson. “To you and me, it would have looked like a valid ID. But, given the experience and training of these officers, they're much more attuned to noting minor imperfections in an ID card.”

Vasquez said the unidentified passenger was an illegal

immigrant and was arrested. Because the Homeland Security investigation into the origin of the forged ID cards is continuing, he declined to comment further on the arrest.

“It was a really good forgery,” Vasquez said. “Mr. Rees did an excellent job.”

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Retiree appreciation

Fort Jackson's annual Retiree Appreciation Days event begins today with a breakfast at the Officers' Club, followed by a salute to retirees during Basic Combat Training Graduation at 9 a.m. at Hilton Field. Other events include a golf tournament, which begins at 9 a.m., Friday at the Fort Jackson Golf Course, special sales at the Exchange and Commissary Friday and Saturday, the Retiree Health and Benefits Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday at the Solomon Center, and a no-tap bowling tournament at 6 p.m., Saturday at Century Lanes. For more information, visit <http://fortjacksonmwr.com/RetireeAppreciationDay-Flyer2013.pdf>.

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Call AT Office before conducting active shooter exercise on post

From the Anti-Terrorism Office

The Fort Jackson Anti-Terrorism Office developed an active shooter response program in May 2010 after a review of the Fort Hood shooting emphasized the necessity to train organizations on how to react to this type of incident, with emphasis on survival upon confrontation.

A major component of the program is conducting drills and exercises to confirm plans and procedures. Unit anti-terrorism officers, security managers and commanders are responsible for briefing their higher headquarters on the risks involved, conducting a composite risk management assessment for the drill, and most importantly, notifying the Directorate of Emergency Services AT office of the time, date and location of the active shooter

drill or exercise.

There are several reasons for DES notification. The first is to avoid a real world response to a training exercise or drill. If the 911 Center is not informed, the center will dispatch armed law enforcement assets to the location, and the situation could deteriorate if armed security forces encounter an active shooter role player who is not aware of the armed response. People unaware of the drill in or around the drill location may also contact 911 to requests assistance. The 911 Center must know whether the incident the caller is referring to is real or a drill.

The first step to conducting a drill is to contact the AT Office at 751-2132 before conducting the drill so the response, if required or planned, can be tailored to fit the drill and ensure safety.

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Spouse appreciation

More than 250 spouses attended this year's spa day in celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Day Monday. More than 35 vendors and organizations converted the Solomon Center into a beauty oasis, offering numerous free services to spouses, including hair appointments, massages, make-up applications and manicures. Above photo, Monica Kendall, right, receives a manicure from Kathy Ho, who works at the Exchange beauty salon. Right, Shinna Yoo, with Beauty Line, applies make-up to Mikena Simmons.

Photos by SUSANNE KAPPLER



COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



MEDDAC champs

MEDDAC took home the trophies for both the men's and co-ed volleyball championships. The men's runner-up was the 187th Ordnance Battalion. The co-ed runner-up was the Soldier Support Institute.

Courtesy photos



Yard of the month

The Yard of the Month winners for May are the Mathis family. Col. Michael Graese, left, garrison commander presents a certificate of appreciation to Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Mathis, Company B, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, his wife, Charity, and their son, Gabriel, 4. The Mathis family also received reserved parking at the Exchange and Commissary for the month, dinner coupons and movie passes, and a \$50 gift card.

Courtesy photo

Third Army officer inducted into OCS HoF

By **SGT. 1ST CLASS TANASHA STACHELCZYK**
Third Army/ARCENT

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — A Third Army/ARCENT Soldier was one of 44 inducted into the Army's Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame, May 9, at Marshall Auditorium in McGinnis-Wickam Hall on Fort Benning, Ga.

The Hall of Fame was founded in 1958 to provide recognition for officers who have distinguished themselves in military and civilian service at the state and national level.

Col. Robert Wade, Third Army/ARCENT's chief of air and missile defense, was inducted after being recommended by his team in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. He is currently serving a one-year assignment as the chief of air missile defense not only in Kuwait but at Third Army, Shaw Air Force Base.

"In this past year, Col. Wade has influenced and inspired me in ways that I am sure will follow me the rest of my life, both in and out of the military uniform," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Heather Ritter, a C4I systems integrator and Joint Interface Control Officer with Third Army/ARCENT. "He has demonstrated to me that compassion and understanding as a leader in the military is not a sign of weakness and that you will get the best results from people if you act and think as a person rather than as a machine, as most of us in the military have become accustomed to."

The recommendation and selection for the OCS Hall of Fame Class of 2013 came as a welcoming surprise, said Wade, who entered the military at age 23 in 1986 as a college-opt. He said that after 27 years serving in the Army he still is having fun.

He said when he joined he was prepared and knew this is what he wanted to do as a career.

"I will continue to serve as long as the Army lets me," Wade said.



Courtesy photo

Col. Robert Wade, Third Army/ARCENT's chief of air and missile defense, was inducted into the Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame May 9, at Fort Benning, Ga.

News and Notes

CoS TO RETIRE

Col. Ken Royalty, Fort Jackson's chief of staff, is set to retire after 33 years of service. A retirement ceremony is scheduled for Friday, 4 p.m. at Hilton Field.



ROYALTY

2-13TH GREET'S NEW COMMANDER



MURPHY

Lt. Col. Robert Murphy assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment in a ceremony Tuesday at the Officers' Club. Murphy previously served as special assistant to the commanding general of U.S. Army Europe. He took over for Lt. Col. Patrick Crosby, who will remain

on Fort Jackson as the commander of the Leadership Development Division.

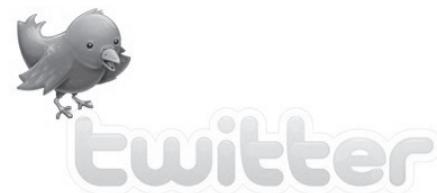
ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

A luncheon to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., May 31 at the Solomon Center. The observance will feature a Tae Kwon Do demonstration and a Samoan dance performance. Tickets cost \$12.

LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Staff Sgt. William B. Fersner should contact Capt. Matthew K. Short, the summary court officer for the Soldier. Fersner passed away April 23 in Marion, S.C. Short can be reached at 521-1039 or email matthew.k.short.mil@mail.mil.

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Furloughs

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The Navy and Marine Corps are cutting back on training and on deployments — including a decision not to send a second carrier strike group to the Gulf.

These are only a few of the many cutbacks we have made in training and maintenance. These actions reduce our ability to handle future military contingency needs, both this year and in subsequent years.

Even after taking all these actions, we are still short of needed operating funds for FY 2013, and we cannot rule out unexpected increases in costs during the next few months. So we confront a difficult set of trade offs. We can make even larger cutbacks in training and maintenance, further reducing readiness to handle contingency operations and putting into even greater jeopardy our military readiness in future fiscal years. Alternatively, we can furlough civilian personnel to help close the gap and, knowing that morale, productivity and readiness would be affected. This is an unpleasant set of choices, but this is the situation we face.

Before making a decision, I sought advice and inputs from senior leaders in the military departments and agencies as well as advice from my senior civilian and military staff. I asked them to

keep in mind our fundamental criterion to minimize adverse mission effects and, subject to that criterion, to ensure reasonable consistency and fairness across the Department for any furloughs that we impose.

Based on all these inputs, I have decided to direct furloughs of up to 11 days for most of the Department's civilian personnel. Furloughs for up to 11 days represent about half of the 22 days that can legally be imposed in a year and also about half the number we had originally planned. This halving of previous furlough plans reflects vigorous efforts to meet our budgetary shortfalls through actions other than furloughs as well as Congressional passage of an appropriations bill in late March that reduced the shortfalls in our operating budget and expectations of Congressional action on our reprogramming request.

Furloughs will be imposed in every military department as well as almost every agency and in our working capital funds. All of our civilian employees are important, and I would prefer not to furlough any of them. However, there will only be limited exceptions driven by law and by the need to minimize harm to mission execution. We will except civilians deployed to combat zones and civilians necessary to protect life and property (but only to the extent needed to provide that protection). A few categories of workers will be excepted for specific mission reasons while some categories of workers will

be excepted because furloughing them would not free up money for critical DOD mission needs. The attachment provides details regarding approved exceptions. Fewer than one fifth of all civilians paid with appropriated funds will be excepted from furloughs.

The planning and implementation of furloughs will be carried out based on the schedule below:

- May 28 - June 5: Furlough proposal notices will be served to individual employees subject to furloughs.

- June 4 - June 12: Individual employee reply periods end 7 calendar days from when the proposal was received, unless Component procedures allow for a different reply period.

- June 5 - July 5: Furlough decision letters will be served to individual employees subject to furloughs, depending on when the proposal was received and prior to the first day of furlough.

- July 8: Furlough period begins no earlier than this date.

We will begin furloughs on July 8 at the rate of one furlough day per week for most personnel. For now, we plan to continue furloughs through the end of FY 2013. That schedule would lead to 11 furlough days — one fifth of the week for about one quarter of the year. Moreover, I am directing all components to monitor funding closely for the remainder of FY 2013. If our budgetary situation permits us to end furloughs early, I would strongly prefer to do so. That is a decision I will

make later in the year.

Consistent with this memo and with applicable laws and rules, commanders and managers will have the authority to develop the specifics of furlough procedures in order to minimize adverse mission effects and also limit the harm to morale and productivity. Further bargaining with unions may also be required. The Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness has already issued guidance as appropriate regarding personnel and union issues related to furloughs and will issue additional guidance as needed. Overall coordination of sequester and furlough policies will be the responsibility of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Each of the Department's civilian employees makes an important contribution to the readiness of our Department to meet the nation's national security needs. I understand that the decision to impose furloughs imposes financial burdens on our valued employees, harms overall morale, and corrodes the long-term ability of the Department to carry out the national defense mission. I deeply regret this decision. I will continue to urge that our nation's leaders reach an agreement to reduce the deficit and de-trigger sequestration. If no agreement is reached, I will continue to look for ways to limit the adverse effects of sequestration and associated budgetary shortfalls both on the men and women of the Department of Defense, and on our national defense.

Seminar

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The most common questions Smith said he has been asked is, "How much are we going to lose?" Employees can get a specific answer for how much the furloughs will cost them at http://fortjacksonmwr.com/acs_fin/.

"With the furlough calculator, they can see how much they're going to lose and prepare themselves financially for that loss," Smith said. "The calculator shows you exactly how much your take-home pay will be during furloughs. We're also urging people to talk to their families to prepare them as a whole, and let them know there are things they won't be able to do because of the money they'll be losing."

This week's event included advice on how to save on utility expenses, shopping

bills and ways to bring in additional revenue during furloughs. Tuesday's event took place a few hours before Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced the final furlough schedule, but Smith said ACS planned to conduct additional seminars on post in the coming weeks.

"There will be more, once we get the official notification of the furlough," he said. "We only have two counselors, and the main focus is working with Soldiers on post right now. But we will do additional

seminars."

Because of limited staffing, a private bank has offered to provide financial counseling to government and civilian employees from Fort Jackson, he said.

"Because we only have two counselors, we're turning to Wells Fargo, who will actually help civilian employees if they need to meet with a financial counselor," Smith said. "They'll provide one-on-one counseling sessions."

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Let the Holy Spirit be your sunstone

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) GEORGE PERRY**
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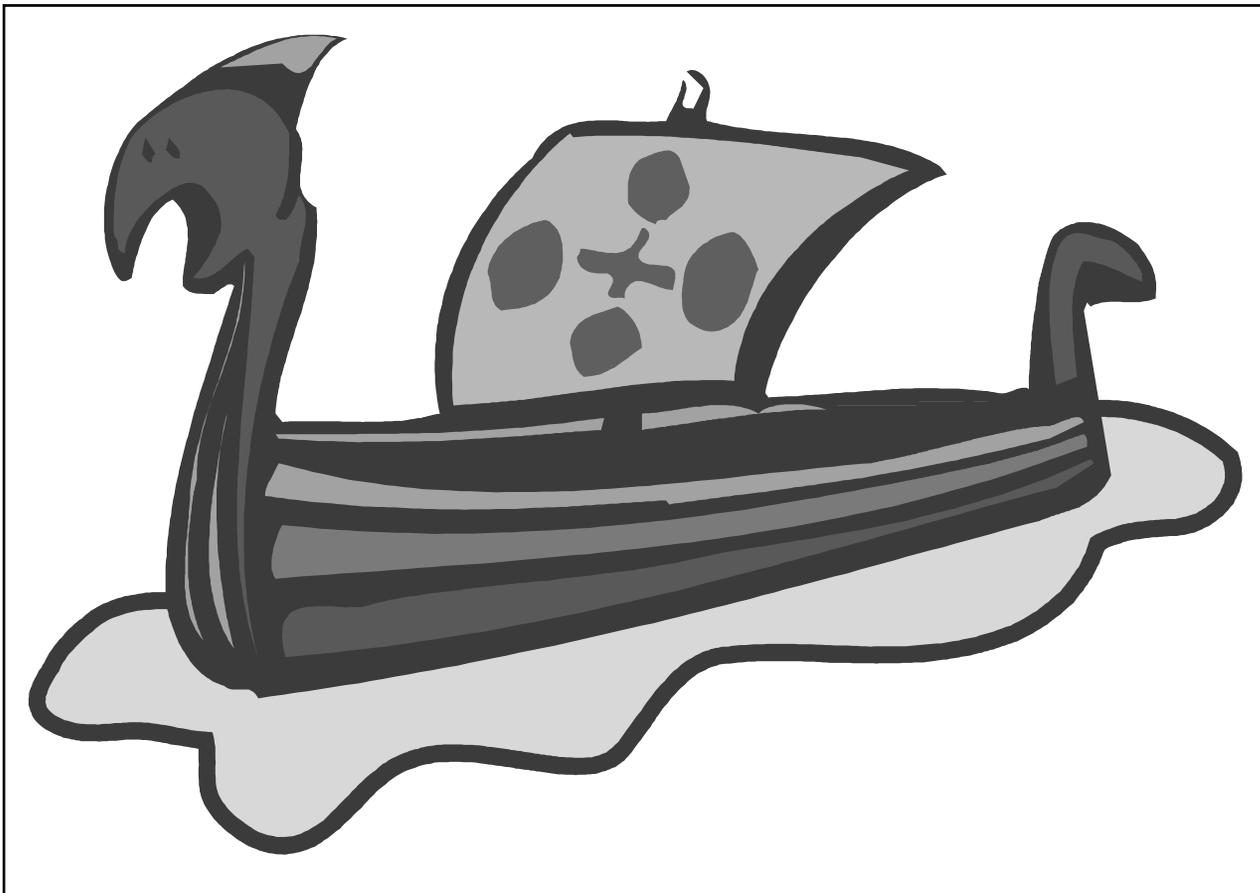
The Vikings were a people who dared the unpredictable and stormy seas in small boats, traveling to coasts that were often rocky and dangerous. Much of their navigational aid came from the very waters they traveled — the warmer and cooler currents, types of fish and birds, prevailing winds and other indicators of location. As many people still do, they used the sun as their primary guide to absolute direction — it always rose in the east and traveled across the southern sky to set in the west. Imagine the value for navigators of always knowing the sun's location in the sky — and the trouble caused by the frequent thick overcast of the North Atlantic.

For them, a "sunstone" was a type of calcite found in Iceland and Norway that was valuable for a practical use — locating the sun through dim or overcast skies. Looking at a cloudy sky through the dull crystal revealed a surprise — the sun's rays, polarized in the atmosphere, became visible in much the same way that UV markings are revealed by black light. With a sunstone, one could find the sun through thick clouds or during the twilight periods before sunrise and after sunset.

Sunstones also appear in the inventories of churches and monasteries, where they served to mark the hours for corporate prayer and worship.

In 1977, a shipwreck was discovered off the island of Alderney, southeast of England. The vessel had sunk in 1592 while supplying a naval outpost in Brittany. Among the artifacts recovered was the first known example of a sunstone. It's a large, dull crystal roughly cut into the size and shape of a large bar of soap. It was still being used as an aid to navigation even in Shakespeare's day — it was found next to a pair of map dividers.

We have several guides in our lives for direction. It may



be the example of others, or our deliberate and well-laid plans, or a determination to follow God's will as it is progressively revealed to us.

As we travel with our scanty supplies across the unknown seas, we may lose sight of our guide. The clouds of passion, fear, uncertainty and weariness can make us falter as we wonder if our efforts are taking us in the wrong direction. In James we read, "A double minded man is unstable

in all his ways."

Thankfully, the stone that reveals our guide is within us as believers. "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he ... will declare to you the things that are to come." (John 16:13)

If you have lost sight of your guide, be encouraged to look for the direction that the Holy Spirit so gladly and reliably provides.



PROTESTANT

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

Protestant Bible Study

- Monday
7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Tuesday
9 to 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle

Chapel

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

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VICTORY THUNDER

Motorcycle rally stresses safety and rider vigilance

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Safety was the theme of Friday's Victory Thunder motorcycle rally at Fort Jackson.

Dozens of riders took to the roads during the post's annual motorcycle event, traveling from Hilton Field to Weston Lake following detailed briefings on road safety presented by Soldiers and civilians. Each rider was responsible for taking part in a vehicle inspection prior to the ride, and took part in a discussion about personal safety led by the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

"Each individual who's going to participate in the ride has to have a T-CLOCK inspection," said Sgt. 1st. Class Victor Morales, of the 165th Infantry Brigade. "T-CLOCK It stands for tires, controls, lights, oil, chassis and kickstand. We want to make sure the bikes are in good condition to ride, because we want to ensure safety."

The event is held during the spring, he said, because this is the season when many motorcyclists return to the roads.

"It's getting warm and Soldiers are going to jump on their bikes," Morales said. "We want to make sure we promote safety. Every time you get on your bike, you should conduct a T-Clock inspection to make sure you're riding safe. Not just for your own safety, but for the other (drivers) on the road, as well."

Although vehicle maintenance is an important factor, Lance Cpl. Bill Rhyne, of the South Carolina Highway Patrol, said most fatal motorcycle wrecks are caused by riders.

"Fatalities are happening for two primary reasons in South Carolina — lack of training for our motorcyclists on the roadway, and no helmet use," Rhyne said. "On post, you're required to wear your helmet, but I can't tell you the number of times I've seen guys leave Fort Jackson, stop (at a restaurant) and, when they leave, their helmet is not on. A hel-



Lance Cpl. Bill Rhyne, of the South Carolina Highway Patrol, leads a safety seminar during last week's rally.



Riders in last Friday's Victory Thunder motorcycle rally take part in T-CLOCK inspections, which evaluate the status of a motorcycle's tires, controls, lights, oil, chassis and kickstand.

met is the single most important piece of equipment if you're riding a motorcycle."

According to Army Regulation 385-55, Soldiers must wear a properly fastened, approved helmet whenever and wherever they operate or ride a motorcycle or moped — on or off post.

Morales said the winter break can sometimes leave riders a little rusty, in regard to fundamental safety techniques.

"A lot of riders will get complacent and let some of those safety rules they learned at the Basic Riders Course fall by the wayside," Morales said. "This stresses the training that was conducted so we can stay safe on the road. We need every Soldier."

Rhyne said the number of paper vehicle tags he saw Friday on motorcycles taking part in the rally at Hilton Field was also a cause for concern.

"I see brand new bikes sitting out there with paper tags," he said. "That leads me to wonder if this is your first motorcycle, or if you're starting to ride again after a long break. When I see new tags, I see new riders."

He also cautioned experienced riders not to neglect basic safety procedures. Most motorcycle fatalities are the fault of the rider inexperience or complacency, he said.

"Even if you rode yesterday, don't take for granted that everything's going to be right," Rhyne said. "If you're paying attention and remember, 'Yes, it can happen to me,' and employ the right skills, motorcycling is a very safe avenue for you to go out and have some fun."

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Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Riders head to Weston Lake last Friday afternoon following the day's safety briefings and vehicle inspections at Hilton Field.



Dozens of motorcycle enthusiasts took part in the annual Victory Thunder motorcycle rally at Fort Jackson, which included safety inspections and a group ride to Weston Lake.



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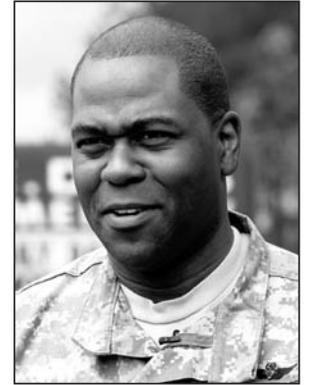
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Weekly honors



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**Master Sgt.
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At your service

Phone numbers and operation hours for key post facilities

All South Federal Credit Union	782-9830	Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
American Red Cross	751-/4329/5923	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Andy's Fitness Center	751-4177	Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call for hours on training and federal holidays
Army Career Alumni Program	751-4109/4104	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Army Community Service	751-5256	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Army Continuing Education Services	751-5341	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Substance Abuse Program	751-5007	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Basic Combat Training Museum	751-7419	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Family Day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Bowling, Century Lanes	751-6138	Monday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:45 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 8 p.m.
Bowling, Ivy Lanes	751-4759	(For use by Soldiers in training): Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.
Car Care Center	782-1639	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chaplain Museum	751-8827/8079	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Child and Youth Services	751-4865	Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	751-3219	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Class VI	782-1601	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Clinical Army Substance Abuse Program	751-6597	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Coleman Gym	751-5896	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Commissary	751-5789	Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
DA Photos (TSC)	751-7592	Monday-Thursday, 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.
Defense Military Pay Office	751-6669 (Soldiers)	Monday-Friday, 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Civilians should call 751-4914.
Dental Clinics	751-5178/6017	Monday-Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Family Health Center	751-2273	Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m.; training holidays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Family Life Resiliency Center	751-4961	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Florist	738-1812	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery	699-2246	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Furniture Store	787-9175	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hospital Retail Annex	782-1263	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ID Section	751-7731	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Legal Assistance and Claims	751-4287/3603	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LCI-SSSC	790-5306	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Main Outpatient Pharmacy	751-2259	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MG Robert B. Solomon Center	751-4056	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales Store	787-5248	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Movie Theater	751-7488	Hours vary
National Federation of Federal Employees	751-2622	
NCO Club	782-2218	Temporarily closed
Officers' Club	751-4906	Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Palmetto Falls Water Park	751-3475	Closed for the season
Perez Fitness Center	751-6258	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends and training holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pharmacy Annex (PX mall)	751-2250	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pool, Knight	751-4796	Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Pool, Legion	751-4987	Closed for the season
Post Exchange	787-1950/1951/1952	Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Post Library	751-5589/4816	Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Post Office	782-8709	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Recycling Center	751-4208	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Reuse Center	751-5121	Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Safety Center	751-6004	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Gate 1 Express	782-2076	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Gate 2 Express	790-4478	Open 24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex	738-9189	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thrift Shop	787-2153	Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Vanguard Gym	751-4384	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 1 to 8 p.m.
Veterinary Clinic	751-7160	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Victory Travel	751-5812	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on federal holidays
Weapons Registration	751-5887	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anything we missed? E-mail us at fjleader@gmail.com.

Calendar

Today

Salute to retirees
9 a.m., Hilton Field

Friday and Saturday

Commissary warehouse sale
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Commissary

Saturday

Retiree Health and Benefits Expo
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Solomon Center

Saturday

Fitness country line dancing and zumba aerobathon
10 a.m. to noon; Commissary

Tuesday, May 28

AG Corps Regimental Association Carolina Chapter membership breakfast
7 to 8:30 a.m.; Solomon Center

The guest speaker is Soldier Support Institute Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber. For tickets [email james.e.holman@mail.mil](mailto:james.e.holman@mail.mil) or eldora.e.johnson.civ@mail.mil.

Announcements

CIF CLOSURE

The Central Issue Facility will be closed June 10-14 for its required semi-annual inventory. Soldiers and civilians who clear the installation during that time should schedule a turn-in appointment for the week before June 3. To schedule an appointment, call 751-6524/2870/2739. CIF will resume normal business hours June 17. For more information, call 751-7213/6885.

CHANGES IN RECORDS SECTION

The Directorate of Human Resources, Military Personnel Division, Personnel Services/Processing Work Center (PSP-WC), Records Section (located in the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 200) is transitioning to an appointment only basis for certain services. Effective June 1, the Records Section will operate on an appointment only basis Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. for the services identified below. Walk-in hours will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m..

Appointments are needed for the following services: Enlisted Record Brief/Officer Record Brief (ERB/ORB) Update; DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data; Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Election Certificate; Final Out-Processing

For more information, call Janice Spain at phone number 751-2753 or email janice.j.spain.civ@mail.mil.

AA MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place at 9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9810 Lee Road. For more information, call 751-6597.

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration is open until May 28 for the Child, Youth and School Services Youth Sports swim team for children 5 to 18 years old. Children 5 to 8 must be able to swim 25 meters; 9 to 18 year olds must be able to swim 50 meters. Registration is also open for summer basketball for ages 4 to 15.

FCC PROVIDERS NEEDED

The Family Child Care office is accepting applications for FCC providers. The program is recruiting the best-qualified applicants, especially those willing to provide full-time care for children younger than 2. Military spouses living on Fort Jackson and off-post providers registered with the Department of Social Services may apply. For more information, call 751-6234.

SPORTS BRIEFS

■ The strongman/strongwoman competition is scheduled for 6 p.m., today at Hilton Field Softball Complex. .

■ Armed Forces Day 5K; 8 a.m.; Saturday at the Semmes Lake trolley. Sign up until today with the Sports Office or on the day of the race from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

■ Softball league play starts May 20.

■ Letters of intent for intramural and recreational golf are due June 18. League play will start June 25. A captains' meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., June 24 at the Golf Club clubhouse.

For more information, call 750-3096.

TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be on display at the Iris Festival in Sumter, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., May 24-27. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., May 24.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Virginia Military Institute Foundation, through the 100th Infantry Division/Henry Williams Jr., is offering two scholarship awards to qualifying Soldiers. If you are an active duty career NCO (E5 or E6) and you are stationed at Fort Jackson, get an application from the Army Education Center, Building 4600, Room A100, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications must be submitted no later than June 1.

RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The next Third Army/ARCENT Retirement ceremony takes place 2 p.m., Friday at Patton Hall.

CHAPTER SEEKS MEMBERS

The newest chapter of the Transportation Corps Regimental Association (Patton Chapter) is currently being organized in South Carolina and Georgia. For more information, email Clifford.K.Crawford@mail.mil or Stacy.K.Mebane@mail.mil.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The Association of the U.S. Army,

Fort Jackson — Palmetto State Chapter, will host a membership luncheon noon, Monday, at the Officers' Club. The cost for lunch is \$10, and Lt. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks will be guest speaker. For reservations, contact Sylvia Butler at sbbutler@bellsouth.net.

AAFES REWARDS GOOD GRADES

Students who have a B average or better on their report cards can participate in the Exchange's "You Made the Grade" program to receive free and discounted products. Students should present their report card and military ID at the Exchange to participate.

TARP BRIEFINGS

Annual Threat Awareness and Reporting Program briefings will be offered the third Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Post Theater. For more information, call 751-7852/3366/3802.

RED CROSS SUMMER YOUTH CHAIR

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

PAALS VIP PROGRAM

Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services (PAALS) is offering trained dogs for adoption by veterans. These will not be public access service dogs. For more information, call 920-0042.

SAT, ACT TESTING

The Fort Jackson Education Center will administer SAT testing June 7. ACT testing is scheduled for June 14. Testing is available to eligible service members only. For more information and to register, call 751-5341.

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

■ Summer hire applications may be turned in through today.

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

■ The Thrift Shop is looking for new board members for the 2013-2014 year. The commitment is for one year, with board meetings scheduled once each month.

RED CROSS YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

The Fort Jackson Red Cross station is accepting applications for summer youth volunteers. Applications can be picked up at the Red Cross office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays. For more information, call 751-4329 or email Jacksonredcross@yahoo.com.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil.

Housing happenings

HOUSING RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The Housing Services Office has resource books available on home improvements, home purchases, real estate facts, gardening and other topics. For more information, call 751-5788/7566/9323.

YARD OF THE MONTH

This year's Yard of the Month program is under way. Winning homeowners will be publicly recognized and are eligible for prizes. Visit the Self Help Center to check out lawn and garden tools. The center is located on Ivy Road and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 787-6416

HOUSING FOR RETIREES, CIVILIANS

Military retirees and DoD retirees are eligible to live in on-post housing. For more information, call 738-8275.

FAIR HOUSING IS LAW

The Civil Rights Act of 1968 protects people from housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability. If you or someone you know have experienced housing discrimination, call the Atlanta office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development at (404) 331-1021 or email complaints_office_04@hud.gov. A Fort Jackson Housing Services Office counselor may assist you with filing your complaint and may be contacted by calling 751-5788/7566/9323.

NEIGHBORHOOD HUDDLE

A neighborhood huddle for residents of Pierce Terrace 5 and 7 is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m., May 23 at the pavilion on Carter Road. Lunch will be provided.

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.

NATIONAL PIZZA PARTY DAY

Bake mini pizzas from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Friday at the Community Center.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

Classified ads may also be sent by fax to 432-7609 or by email to sbranhams@ci-camden.com. For information about display advertising, contact Betsy Greenway at 4326157.

The Leader welcomes letters to the editor. All letters should include the name and hometown of the writer.

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