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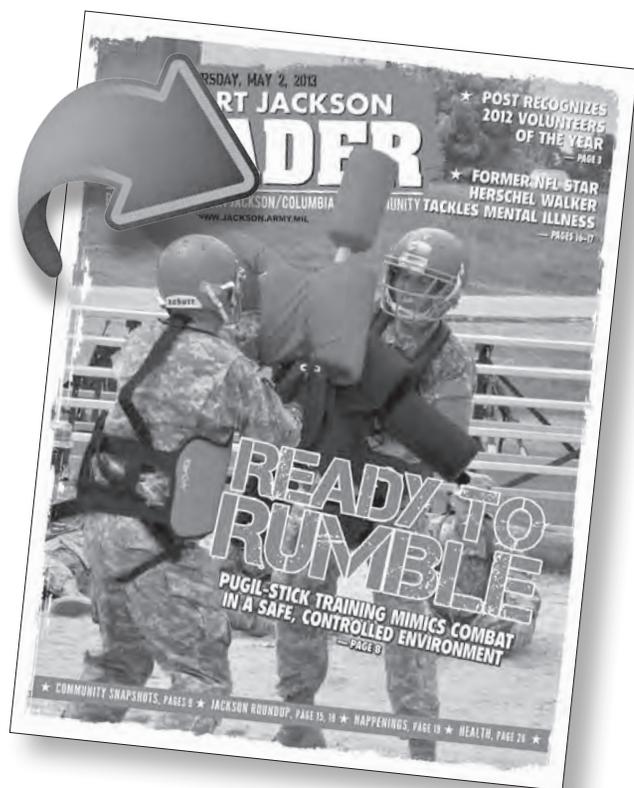
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COMMANDER'S CALL

A champion spirit

Special Olympics return to Fort Jackson

When I was growing up, I was heavily involved in athletics. Sports, from my childhood through college years, provided me with excitement, camaraderie and lessons about life.

As a sports fan, I am always excited to see athletes compete and demonstrate courage, resilience and sportsmanship. From my personal experience, I know that there is a lot that goes into preparing oneself for the game: a healthy diet, physical fitness and practice. That's why I relish any opportunity to acknowledge athletes for their hard work and congratulate them for putting forth their best efforts.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONTINUES TRADITION AT FORT JACKSON

This weekend, we will have the privilege of meeting some of our state's premier athletes at the Summer Games of the Special Olympics South Carolina. This year marks 45 years since Fort Jackson began hosting the event. The annual Summer Special Olympic games have made a tremendous impact on our Soldiers, Families and the surrounding community. This year, we plan to host more than 1,200 athletes, 800 volunteers and 250 coaches participating in the summer games. That's an increase of more than 300 athletes from last year.

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people 8 and older with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Special Olympics is founded on the belief that people with intellectual disabilities can, with proper instruction and encouragement, learn, enjoy, and benefit from participation in individual and team sports. Furthermore, competition among those of equal abilities is the most appropriate means of testing skills, measuring progress and providing incentives for personal growth.

SPECIAL OLYMPIANS DEMONSTRATE ARMY VALUE-PERSONAL COURAGE

I cannot express how proud I am of these young men and women who look fear in the face and overcome intellectual and physical challenges to achieve their personal goals. They have inspired me, and, without a doubt, I know they have inspired the members of Team Jackson.

When I think about it, these athletes remind me of our Soldiers who continue to persevere despite encountering

adversities and seemingly insurmountable odds. Like our Soldiers, the Special Olympians demonstrate a similar key component of our seven Army Values: Personal Courage. They put their concerns aside and set out to achieve in the face of obstacles. The athletes are not content with using their limitations as an excuse. They embody the words stated in the Special Olympic Athlete's Oath: "Let me win; but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

By BRIG. GEN. BRYAN T. ROBERTS

Fort Jackson
Commanding General

SUPPORT OUR SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

On Friday, I will participate (on horseback) in the seven-mile torch run where the runners carry the "Flame of Hope" from the State House in downtown Columbia to the Solomon Center on Fort Jackson. This will launch a great weekend of tough competition in all the sports offered — aquatics, athletics, bowling, gymnastics and softball. Then, to wrap up the entire event, we will hold a dinner for the Olympians and their families followed by a Victory Celebration at the Solomon Center. I'll never forget the smiles on the athletes' faces at last year's celebration, so I cannot wait for Saturday evening. I'm sure it will be just as unforgettable.

The Special Olympians have put in a lot of time and effort in order to prepare to compete in these games, so sign up to be a volunteer or, at a minimum, come out and cheer them on. Believe me when I tell you that your support really leaves a positive impression on these athletes' lives forever.

Team Jackson, let's show our Special Olympians and their families why "Victory Starts Here!"

I'll see you all at the games.

— Victory 6



Leader file photo

Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general, helps a Special Olympics athlete out of the pool during last year's competitions. This year marks 45 years since Fort Jackson began hosting the event.



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Installation volunteers honored

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson celebrated the efforts of volunteers last week with a reception recognizing outstanding achievements in 2012.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of our schools, our (chapels), our hospitals, youth sports, scouts, family programs and family readiness groups," Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general, told the audience Friday at the Solomon Center. "All of them give their time, talent and resources to create a better community because they truly care and believe it should be done. They don't necessarily have the time, but they do have the heart."

During last week's reception, the post named its volunteers of the year in a variety of categories, ranging from Active Duty Military to Youth.

"Volunteers use their time and talent to greatly enhance the quality of life for Soldiers and family members in our community," said Marilynn Bailey, installation volunteer coordinator. "Today, we honor all volunteers for choosing freely to make a difference. All Army volunteers deserve a round of applause."

Recognized during last week's event were:

VOLUNTEER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

❑ **Gloria Agostini**, nominated by the Main Post Chapel

Why she was nominated: "She is solely responsible for publishing the Catholic Sunday bulletin and organizing the rosters for lectors, Eucharist ministers and altar services for the weekly Sunday services. She serves as a liaison officer for the Fort Jackson Catholic community and the Catholic Diocese of South Carolina, coordinating vital information between the Diocese and the Catholic community on post," said Chaplain (Maj.) Isaac Opara, Catholic chaplain and officer in charge of the Main Post Chapel.

❑ **Carol Davis**, nominated by Task Force Marshall

Why she was nominated: "The volunteer is the founder and director of Operation Military Relief Stress Dolls, which is a non-profit organization established eight years ago in Columbia," said Lt. Col. Edmond Barton, commander of Task Force Marshall. "In the past eight years, she has supervised an organization that has created and delivered more than 99,000 Dang-It Dolls to service men and women all over the world. The volunteer was responsible for the organization and establishment of the first Armed Forces Lounge at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, which is now the Columbia Metropolitan Airport USO."

❑ **Retired Col. Henry Greene**, nominated by the Main Post Chapel

Why he was nominated: "When a leader is needed, the entire congregation looks to him, for he is the model of Christian servant leadership, never seeking recognition for himself, but always the greater good of the congregation," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Acuff.

❑ **Martha Johnson**, nominated by 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

Why she was nominated: "She spends a significant amount of hours of her personal time to come to core training events so that she can take pictures for the Facebook 'Paparazzi' (page.) The parents of the Soldiers in training have come to rely on Martha to provide photos of their



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

From left are Debby Yackley, wife of Fort Jackson Deputy Commander Col. Stephen Yackley, Youth Volunteer of the Year Megan Marie Reardon, Fort Jackson Commanding General Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Family/Civilian Volunteer of the Year Colleen Briggs, Sgt. 1st Class Jerald Briggs, Fort Jackson Command Sgt. Major Kevin Benson, Retiree Volunteer of the Year Vickie Zelenko and Mary Benson.

loved ones on Facebook from Alpha Company so that they may see (their) progress and feel the pride in their Soldiers succeeding," said 1st Lt. Kenneth Weathers, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Sgt. 1st Class Jerald Briggs, a volunteer treasurer for Moncrief Army Community Hospital Sergeants Association

Why he was nominated: "He continuously recruits new volunteers and always takes the time to thank them for their hard work, selfless service and commitment," said MACH Command Sgt. Major Vincent Bond. "He takes the time to communicate the importance of volunteerism with his children. Currently, his children are planning a school-wide initiative ... in which the children will be given the opportunity to spend some or all of a recess period picking up litter on school grounds."

RETIREE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Vicki Zelenko, a volunteer Catholic youth coordinator with the Main Post Chapel

Why she was nominated: "Our youth coordinator has worked with more than 200 Catholic youths from grades

six through 12, organizing retreats that instill Christian and holistic personality development traits and morals that help the youth to mitigate high risk behaviors," said Chaplain Opara.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Megan Marie Reardon, VolunTeen secretary

Why she was nominated: "(Megan) has contributed significantly as a Fort Jackson Red Cross VolunTeen member and leader ... volunteer at the Richland County Library, Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services and Girl Scouts," said Nalan Miles, of the Fort Jackson Red Cross. "(Megan) is a very well-rounded student and member of her community."

FAMILY/CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Colleen Briggs, leader of the MACH Family Readiness Group

Why she was nominated: "This volunteer has recorded over 1,400 hours of volunteerism into (Volunteer Management Information System) for the Fort Jackson community since March 2012," said Command Sgt. Major Vincent Bond, MEDDAC. "Over half of her documented hours have been as leader of the MACH FRG."

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Special Olympics coming to Fort Jackson

Leader Staff Report

For the 45th year, athletes with the South Carolina Special Olympics will descend upon Fort Jackson to celebrate their annual summer games. This year, the athletes will be hosted by the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

The games will begin Friday with a torch run, carrying the "Flame of Hope" from the State House to the Solomon Center. The run will be followed by the opening ceremony there at 7:30 p.m.

Athletic events begin Saturday at 8 a.m. Fort Jackson will host the bowling, softball and aquatics competitions. Bowling is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday at Century Lanes. Softball events will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hilton Field Softball Complex. Aquatics events are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Knight Pool.

In addition, the Olympic Town will be open from noon to 5 p.m. at the 2-13th battalion area.

In addition to the events on Fort Jackson, gymnastics and athletics events will be hosted off post at All Star Gymnastics and Westbrook High School, respectively.

The games will conclude with a Victory Celebration at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at the Solomon Center.

This year, more than 1,200 athletes, 250 coaches and 800 volunteers are involved in the games.

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities



Leader file photo

John Doudoukjian Jr., 14, right, carries the torch at the start of last year's Special Olympics events on Fort Jackson. This year's event will take place Friday and Saturday.

to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Retiring from service

Thirteen Soldiers are honored for their service during Fort Jackson's monthly Retirement Review Tuesday at the Post Theater. The Soldiers who retired are Lt. Col. Michael Williams; Sgt. Jameica Lipscomb; Maj. Herminion Cruz; Master Sgt. Willie Sydnor; Staff Sgt. Phillip Warner; Staff Sgt. Martin Russell; Sgt. 1st Class Gwyn Truchon; Sgt. 1st Class Andra Jones; Staff Sgt. Pauline Thompson; Sgt. 1st Class Keith Orr; Sgt. 1st Class Carl Garris Jr.; Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Jones; and Sgt. 1st Class Latasha Graham.

Photo by DAVID SHANES, command photographer



MSTF adds realism to medical training

By **STAFF SGT. TOSHIKO F. GREGG**
81st Regional Support Command

Most Soldiers gain and sharpen their medical skills in a calm, yet somewhat unrealistic training environment. However, that's not the case for Soldiers of the 81st Regional Support Command. As several clouds of smoke and loud noises filled the air, Soldiers entered a Middle Eastern marketplace and stumbled upon a mannequin and then performed life-saving measures on it at the Medical Simulation Training Facility.

The facility is an indoor training environment that features a state-of-the-art trauma simulator dummy that bleeds and has several interactive features such as a simulated pulse and moveable trachea. The dummy is controlled via remote.

"We give good quality training on how Soldiers would perform in a combat situation in the event that there are casualties," said Staff Sgt. Ajita Warren, a medic with the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment.

Warren gave instructions on how important it is to assess and move casualties quickly because time is critical.

"We want to teach them the importance of teamwork, proper procedures and just how to do the right thing because no one knows when they will be in a situation when they will need to put their skills into play," Warren said.

The 81st RSC Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander, Maj. Kristen Brockman, believes hands-on training has always been the best way to practice warrior tasks and the MSTF takes training to another level.

"The MSTF allows Soldiers to practice those life-saving skills in a safe and realistic environment," Brockman said. "Soldiers train on their warrior tasks and drills, but putting those skills to use during realistic training is what really prepares them for combat."

When a unit comes to the MSTF to train, the Soldiers are broken down into teams. The teams consist of someone pulling security, calling a nine line and giving first



Photo by SGT. 1st CLASS JOEL QUEBEC, 81st Regional Support Command

Soldiers of the 81st Regional Support Command perform life-saving measures on a mannequin at the Medical Simulation Training Facility, April 19 during the 81st RSC's annual training. From left, are Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jeff Osler, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Pointkowski, Chaplain (Maj.) Terri Hall and 1st Sgt. James Davis.

aid in a timely manner. Each training room has a reconstructed Humvee with the trauma simulators inside. Each team must extract the training dummy out of the vehicle and perform first aid.

"The medical simulation training provided the necessary skill sets needed to save an injured Soldier's life," said Lt. Col. Joseph Kline, command chief medical op-

erations officer for the 81st RSC.

The combat-like environment and cadre expertise guided Soldiers to become proficient and confident to handle a medical emergency in an austere environment.

"This facility is a major asset for our troops and we look forward to using it more often to keep those life-saving skills fresh," Brockman said.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Wearing safety equipment, new Soldiers in Basic Combat Training in the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, spar last week with pugil sticks. Pugil sticks are padded devices used since World War II by military personnel in training for rifle and bayonet combat.

Building confidence with pugil-stick training

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Near the end of Basic Combat Training, new Soldiers will spend a few hours facing off against each other in pugil-stick bouts.

Pugil sticks are padded training weapons used since World War II by military personnel in training for rifle and bayonet combat. In 2010, though, the Army overhauled Basic Combat Training to reflect changes in the modern battlefield. Bayonet training was abandoned, and traditional combatives were reconfigured to focus on hand-to-hand fighting and hand-held weapons.

“The function of pugil-stick training is to mimic fighting with a rifle,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Schuman, a drill sergeant with 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment. “One of the pugil stick’s ends is red to signify where a bayonet would be. The black end simulates the butt stock.”

The training session allows Soldiers

to practice fighting with a rifle in a safe, controlled environment, he said. It’s also an opportunity to gain confidence in their newfound abilities.

“They’re a little bit nervous and a little bit anxious because they don’t know what to expect,” Schuman said. “Overall, I think it’s exciting for them. It’s one of their favorite tasks here at BCT.”

“It might vary based on the unit, but this is a Week Six or Seven end-of-cycle task,” he said. “We do a whole lot of combatives prior to it. It’s a culminating event.”

Pugil bouts are usually conducted with hard contact while wearing protective gear such as groin protectors, padded gloves and football helmets. New Soldiers are evaluated during pugil stick bouts, Schuman said.

“I look for control, for accuracy, and if they’ve applied what we’ve taught them,” he said. “There’s about one to two of instruction beforehand. As far as the bouts, you can go as long as you want.”

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New Soldiers undergo several hours of training before competing against each other in outdoor pugil stick combat.



Denim Day

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Members of the Fort Jackson community came together at Semmes Lake Friday to take a stand against sexual assault. Participants in a march around Semmes Lake were encouraged to wear denim as part of a national day of remembrance for rape victim during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which was in April.



Grill sergeant

Staff Sgt. Timothy Porter, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 187th Ordnance Battalion, shows off the grill he won at the battalion's cookoff recently. More than 120 Soldiers and family members participated in the cookoff.

Courtesy photo

Water line repair projects under way

From Palmetto State Utility Services

Palmetto State Utility Services, in partnership with the garrison and the Directorate of Public Works, has been planning and executing multiple water and sewer projects on the installation. The repair and replacement projects are aimed to enhance the water quality and wastewater service on post.

Currently, repair projects are taking place along Magruder Avenue, Marion Avenue and Strom Thurmond Boulevard.

A project that is scheduled to begin June 1 and finish by July 31 addresses high pressure, experienced by customers in the lower elevations. The project will re-establish a two-pressure zone system across Fort Jackson that will decrease pressure to within normal operating ranges in the lower elevations while maintaining current pressure in the higher elevations. Normalizing the pressure will reduce water loss, decrease the number of water line breaks (and associated damages), decrease service disruptions and reduce the amount of water purchased.

During the process of this project, some customers may encounter reduced pressure in their buildings or

facilities. PSUS encourages customers to contact its office at 790-7288 if problems are encountered. PSUS staff will be monitoring individual line pressure throughout the project. In case of pressure deficiencies, the building/facility regulator will be adjusted, which will raise the pressure to avoid a reduction in water service.

Additional projects on Fort Jackson include sewer line replacements on Marion Avenue, Moseby Street and Jackson Boulevard; and water line replacements on Marion Avenue, Hampton Parkway and Magruder Avenue.

Customers are encouraged to participate in an online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/PSUS.



Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Victory Field opens

Victory Field opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday. The space adjacent to the Officers' Club was converted into a field for Changes of Command and other military ceremonies. Pictured from left are Stan McChesney, with Black Stock Federal Contractors; Post Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson; Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson's commanding general; Lt. Col. Shane Ousey, Fort Jackson's G4; and Sam Guerry, manager of the Officers' Club.

Fort Jackson Reserve officer honored

From the Reserve Officers Association

Maj. Jeffrey Vaughan received the Minuteman Brigade of Volunteers award during the 2013 Reserve Officers Association Department of South Carolina State Convention, held April 20 at the Fort Jackson Officers' Club.

The award is presented to members for their voluntary activity within the Association, particularly in membership solicitation and retention. Each nomination requires either a resolution or a letter of nomination including justification signed by the department president.

The Palmetto chapter, founded 1972, has 321 members in the Midlands and greater Columbia area, but had been inactive for more than six years when Vaughan moved his membership from the Department of North Carolina in 2010.

"It has taken over three years, but we finally have a core group and are able to actively participate in the Fort Jackson community," Vaughan said.

He is currently assigned to the 1st Brigade, Gulf Division, 75th Training Command and works as a civilian for the 81st Regional Support Command.

"I really appreciate being able to participate in professional organizations because they provide an avenue to develop leadership skills that can enhance an officer's ability to contribute to current and future duty assignments," Vaughan said.

Retired Marine Maj. Gen. Andrew Davis, executive director for ROA wrote, "(the award) is indicative of the



Courtesy photo

Dean Hewitt, left, president of the Reserve Officers Association Department of South Carolina, presents Maj. Jeffrey Vaughn with the Minuteman Brigade of Volunteers award during the department's state convention at the Officers' Club April 20.

gratitude of your association for the leadership you have provided in the past and signifies our confidence that you will continue ... in the future."

The Palmetto chapter seeks to further the profession of arms and the public interest by engaging partnerships

with the military, civilian, business and education communities in the Fort Jackson area to pursue policies and goals of mutual interest. The organization serves as a truly joint service organization providing networking and mentoring opportunities to all Reserve officers.

NCO inducted into SAMC

Sgt. 1st Class Lesly Ramirez, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, is the newest member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. She was inducted during a ceremony Friday at the Post Theater. Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general, presents Ramirez with a certificate of achievement during the ceremony. Ramirez was joined by her mother, Judith Mateo, and her son, Dylan Estronza, 11. The club is named after Sgt. Audie Murphy, the most decorated combat Soldier in World War II. To be inducted, noncommissioned officers who exemplify leadership must be nominated and undergo a rigorous board examination.

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE



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

Significant updates

□ The Garrison has received an additional \$3.4 million in funding for life, health, and safety sustainment (the “S” of SRM) projects. DPW is preparing design and procurement packages with planned obligation dates in May and June. Projects planned to obligate in May:

— Gate 2 (Replace outbound swing gates with removable bollards);

— Repave Golden Arrow Road;

— Installation-wide road line striping

Projects planned to obligate in June:

— Sumter Avenue (Road and Culvert);

— Kemper Avenue (Road and Culvert);

— Jack’s Inn (Fire suppression);

— Post-wide fire alarms, sprinklers, and extinguishers (inspection and maintenance)

□ USAG increased the installation’s security posture on April 24-25. IOT displayed a heightened level of awareness to the community. The Provost Marshal’s Office provided increased Random Antiterrorism Measures at the Access Control Points and presence at Family Day and Graduation. Related, the Special Reaction Team executed its first training cycle since being reconstituted in September 2012. Training focused on Advance shooting techniques.

□ Site Placement (new commissary): DPW is reviewing the preliminary site placement for a new Commissary and a charrette will be scheduled for no later than May 3.

□ Environmental Outreach: On April 22, Environmental Division and Palmetto State Utility Services (PSUS) personnel planted trees and flowers with Pierce Terrace Elementary students and faculty to celebrate Earth Day.

□ Demolition Plan: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers revised the schedule and identified three demolition groups, consisting of three to four facilities each. Demolition of Group 1 (5413, Range Building; 5414, Range Building; 2466, Barracks) will begin May 6. Start dates for the demolition of Group 2 (4408, HQ Area; 4404, HQ Area-U; 4405, HQ Area-U; 4406, HQ Area-U) and Group 3 (5401, Range Toilet; 4510, near hospital; 7511, Range Latrine; 7512, Range Latrine) are to be determined.

Quality of life updates

□ One-stop in-processing initiative: DHR, in coordination with other key in-processing agencies, developed a five-day in-processing schedule that will reduce the number of locations Soldiers must in-process. The Master Resiliency School has also developed two days of resiliency training that Fort Jackson can incorporate and conduct during in-processing. The initiative is currently awaiting the allocation of a dedicated facility/space that will accommodate approximately 100 personnel (Soldiers and their spouses) to conduct in-processing briefings. The DPW space managers are developing a plan to free up space in the Strom Thurmond Building, but will not have adequate space there until March.

□ Taste of Beaufort, S.C. and Lighthouse Tour: May 4 — 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.— \$19/person includes transportation only (Lighthouse tour — \$2/person, food tasting tickets optional — \$1/ticket), Outdoor Rec, 751-3484.

□ Strongman Contest: May 16, 6 p.m. at Hilton Field Sports Complex, male and female divisions — call 751-3096.

□ Canoe Congaree National Park: May 18, 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. — \$19/person (includes transportation, canoe, and box lunch), Outdoor Rec, 751-3484.

□ Armed Forces 5K Fun Run/Walk: May 18, 8 a.m. start time — Semmes Road starting point, free, registration from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., Sports, 751-3096.

□ CPAC:

— The CPAC Labor MGT team conducted Furlough Training for the Recruiting Battalion.

— Training was conducted for the CPAC staff on “Position Builds.”

— NAF completed all retirement packages for privatization and retention pay for Army Lodging eligible employees.

Training updates

□ Training Area 24B Demolitions Training (status green): SCARNG Demolitions Training: Increased Noise Level due to explosions will be heard throughout FJ and the surrounding community. 7 a.m. May 1-2; 7:30 a.m. June 4; 7:30 a.m. June 8; 7:30 a.m. June 12; 8 a.m. June 19; 7:30 a.m. July 9; 10 a.m. Aug. 16; 8 a.m. Sept. 7; and 7 a.m. Sept. 12.

□ Range 16 (status red): The clearing, grading, and debris removal in the vicinity of the range entrance continues. Electrical power is being installed. Construction of the vehicle parking lot and bus turn-around area for Ranges 15 and 16 continues. Initial construction of the actual range floor is under way. The LOMAH target system is approved by TRADOC for installation of 16 lanes consisting of 144 target positions. Projected overall completion is December-March.

□ Confidence Obstacle Course (status green): Contractors return next week to conduct six-month inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair of obstacle and conditioning courses: Confidence Obstacle Course, Victory Tower, Fit-To-Win 1 and 2, and Teamwork Development Course 1 and 2.

□ SCARNG Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range (status red): Informed by our South Carolina Army National Guard partners that \$500,000 is being withdrawn from this project. Project is currently “on hold.”

□ Emergency Operations Center: This week, the EOC participated in the first SWEAP exercise IPR with the Installation Emergency Manager. Additionally, the EOC conducted an internal meeting with the staff, to access EOC procedures as it relates to the Boston bombings to keep pace with current procedures carried out by the emergency responders within the operating area, and to implement new techniques and procedures that would enhance FJ’s EOC response to an incident had it took place on the installation.

Support updates

□ DA Police issued a total of 60 citations written for the below reasons (April 15-21): Speeding (23), Prohibited Parking (2), Improper Turn (1), Failure to Sign out to a Range Pond (1), Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device (3), Use of Electronic Device While Driving (7), Failure to Stop at a Posted Stop Sign (3), Expired Registration (5), Unlawful Right Turn (2), Shoplifting (1), No Insurance (1), Violation of Beginner’s Permit (2), Failure to Maintain Lane (1), Improper Lane Change (1), Failure to Yield Right of Way (1), Driving Under the Influence (1), No Driver’s License in Possession (1), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2), Prohibited Storage of Weapon (1), and Driving Under Suspension (1).

□ Fire Department emergency responses: 54. EMS (45), Fire alarms (8), Fire (0), Rescue/auto (1) (vehicle accident), wild land (0), Hazmat (0). Fire Prevention staff conducting a fire alarm and suppression system acceptance tests.

□ Antiterrorism: The ATO conducted an update to the commanding general IRT progress in correcting deficien-



cies from the JSIVA. The discussion covered issues concerning school security

□ Physical Security: PS will attend a FJ Demolition project coordination meeting to discuss access control and security issues with the Corps of Engineers and contractors.

□ Building 4310 (courtroom): DPW is developing a project to repair/repurpose Building 4310 for use as a courtroom. The project will compete for Fiscal Year 2014 funds on the Restoration/Modernization (RM) list.

□ Building 2761 (MWR) (Legion Pool): The revised project ECD is June 29.

□ Training SPT Center Construction Project: The contractor was scheduled to re-mobilize.

□ Building 4340 (MICC) (Repair Project): DPW requested a quote from the JOC contractor for the \$1 million in special MICC project funds. DPW received the contractor quote to repair flooring April 17 and is preparing to award.

□ Building 6510 (Solomon Center) (Repair Parking Lot Light Circuit): The ECD remains was April 30.

□ BCT 2 Phase 2 (Two companies, 1-61 IN) (Construction Project): The estimated Beneficial Occupancy Date (BOD) remains Sept. 30.

□ BCT 3 Phase 2 (Two companies; 3-34 IN) (Construction Project): The estimated award date and completion date remain as July 2013 and September 2015 respectively.

□ Starship 5500 (3-60 IN) (Construction Project): The BOD for the Battalion HQs and Phase 2 company relocations remain as mid-June and January respectively.

□ AIT 1 Phase 1 & 2 (3-69 AG) (Construction Project): The estimated BOD for Phase 1 (BN HQ, DFAC, 1 BCOF) and for Phase 2 (3 BCOFs) remain as December 2013 and June 2014 respectively.

□ Survey of Fort Jackson/City of Columbia Boundaries (DES) (Access Control Points): DPW is coordinating with USACE to survey the Fort Jackson/Columbia boundary in areas adjacent to access control points ISO DES.

□ ISR-I Surveys: Surveys will continue through May 17.

□ U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School (USACHCS) (Five-bay Storage Facility): Work continues on the interior and exterior walls and the ECD remains May 22.

□ Building 4711 (Exchange), 4712 (Exchange), 4713 (Thrift Shop) (Replace Roof): The ECD was changed from April 23 to May 3.

□ Building 3652 (Golf Course Club House) (Replace HVAC System): The ECD remains June 27.

'There is no shame in getting help'

Former NFL star Herschel Walker shares his struggle with mental illness



Photos by ANDREW McINTYRE

Top, Sgt. 1st Class James Alba, of the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, prepares a harness for Herschel Walker as the former professional athlete prepares to tackle the obstacles at Victory Tower last week.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Sgt. William Pickett, of the 4th battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, gets an autograph from former NFL star and Heisman trophy winner Herschel Walker following a presentation last week at the Post Theater. Walker shared his personal struggles with mental illness with Soldiers in attendance.

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Herschel Walker, Heisman trophy winner, professional athlete, businessman, and author, paced the stage of the Post Theater last week and spoke of the time he almost killed a man.

It was not an accident, and it was not a matter of self defense. He picked up a handgun and made a 25-mile drive to a nearby city to settle a long-standing problem he had had with a delivery driver. He did not tell the audience what was in the package he had been waiting on for six weeks. At the time, though, he thought it was worth killing a man over.

"I grabbed my gun, put it in my holster and said, 'I'm fixin' to kill him,'" Walker told his audience last week. He tried to talk himself out of following through with his plan, but found himself on the losing side of an inner conflict. "People need to quit disrespecting you like this, Herschel," he said he thought to himself. "People aren't going to do you like this anymore." I started to pray, "God, I need your help. I need you to help me before I do something stupid."

When he arrived, he parked behind the man's truck and found the sign he was looking for.

"When I got out of the car ... I saw a sign on the back of his truck that said, 'Honk if you love Jesus.' And that calmed me down," Walker said.

Walker said he thought the incident was an isolated event, but his wife told him otherwise.

"She said, 'Herschel, I've been telling you, but you haven't heard me yet,'" he said.

She told him he had threatened her life on several occasions, events he could not remember.

When confronted with the full weight of his behavior, he opted to seek medical treatment, which led to identifying his dangerous behavior as a symptom of mental illness.

"I went to a hospital, which is probably the best thing that ever happened to me," he said.

In 2000, Walker was diagnosed with dissociative identity disorder, or DID, formerly known as multiple personality disorder. It was a problem that had been simmering below the surface for most of his life, but boiled over after his professional football career ended in 1997. Violent outbursts became more common, he told the audience last week.

Looking back, Walker said the diagnosis put some of his more outrageous behavior into perspective. In 1981, Walker was part of the University of Georgia Team that defeated Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl, a game he finished with a dislocated shoulder. He said he had created this character of himself that seemed immune to pain, which led to even more risky behavior off field.

One of his favorite stunts was playing Russian Roulette. On several occasions he put a loaded revolver to his head and pulled the trigger.



Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

NFL star and Heisman trophy winner Herschel Walker rappels Victory Tower during his April 24 visit to Fort Jackson.

"People would say, 'What do you want to do? Kill yourself?'" he said. "It was a game for me. Playing Russian Roulette showed them how tough I was."

Today, Walker is the national spokesman for Freedom Care, a military treatment program specializing in combat PTSD, addiction, general psychiatric diagnoses, military sexual trauma and eating disorders. Last week's visit to Fort Jackson was the 66th Army installation he has visited to bring awareness to mental health issues. His message to service members and their families is simple: "There is no shame in getting help."

"It was great," said Staff Sgt. Demirce Mays, MEDDAC, who was among the dozens of Soldiers and civilian employees to stand in line to meet Walker after last week's presentation. "I'm a (University of) Georgia fan, but there was so much I didn't know. When the whole story was out there, it was great."

"It was a good experience," said Pfc. Cynthia Brown, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Garrison. "He was a football player, so you probably think he had the good life, the glam and the fame and all of that. But it was good to hear his story and about his struggles to get where he is today."

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Update

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❑ Patton Stadium (1-34 IN) (Install Running Surface on PT track): The contractor submitted a revised cost proposal due to the work stoppage resulting from repair work required of PSUS. The ECD for the installation of the running surface will be revised when this issue is settled.

❑ Alpine Road Bridge (DPW) (Bridge Replacement): The wetland permit has been issued and the construction start is being scheduled.

❑ Century Division Road Bridge (DPW) (Bridge Repair): The wetland permit has been issued and the construction start is being scheduled.

❑ Buildings 4282, 5499, 5615, and 7533 (EOC, DES, NEC) (Perform Maintenance on Generators): The ECD for the IGE was April 26.

❑ Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Nesting: ENV personnel documented the first RCW nest for 2013 on April 22 and will begin banding RCW nestlings no later than May 17.

❑ Native Groundcover Restoration: ENV personnel initiated a project to restore native vegetation in Training Areas (TAs) 27D and 29C.

❑ Cultural Resources Program: The Archaeological Society of South Carolina's recent newsletter includes a feature on the Fort Jackson Cultural Resources Program.

❑ Housing:

— Housing Occupancy: The Housing occupancy rate is 95 percent.

— Yard of the Month (YOM) Competition: YOM nominations were due no later than April 26 with awards to winning families presented May 9.

— Quarterly FSBP 2020 Installation Planning Group



(IPG) Meeting: The quarterly FSBP 2020 IPG meeting is scheduled for May 6 at noon in the Housing Division conference room at 4514 Stuart Ave.

— Fiscal Year 2014 BAH Rate Determination: Housing Division personnel are collecting rental data to help establish the Fiscal Year 2014 BAH rates for the area. The first of three submissions is due May 7.

— Housing Mayoral Council Meeting: A Housing Mayoral Council meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. May 10 at

the PCR.

— Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (UPH) Occupancy: The UPH occupancy rate is 90 percent.

❑ Garrison Safety Office

— Visits: Fort Jackson Safety Center hosted the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-3, Lake Murray on post April 16-17. The purpose of visit was to perform vessel/personal flotation device inspections at Weston Lake and Marion Street Station prior to summer season to ensure watercraft/equipment are water worthy/serviceable respectively.

— Atlantic Region Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council (SOHAC) : Safety staff attended via video teleconference. The IMCOM Safety Representative, John Costa, discussed the Army/IMCOM Safety Objectives and highlighted IMCOM/Atlantic Region accident statistics. Additionally, the Fort Stewart garrison safety manager shared aspects of a safety media best practice with attendees.

❑ NEC

— Strength: No change; currently authorized 34 DACs and 17 CMEs out of 76 DACs and 17 CMEs required. There are currently 39 DACs onboard for duty with a 30-day projection of 39 onboard. One of the DACs is not available for duty until August due to reserve activation commitments; one is a PCS-ing Army dependent on 90 days LWOP; a second one is also a PCS-ing Army dependent and is currently scheduled to depart in June; there are currently 14 CMEs onboard.

— Event: NEC Project Site Road Trip. Visited and reviewed various NEC project sites as part of recurring "road trips." Sites/projects visited included building 5450 ADN to verify chillers were operating properly; Master Fitness Training Center renovation site; NCO Club renovation site; and the Soldier Support Institute FOB build out.

Calendar

Today

HIRED! Apprenticeship program Orientation and interest meeting

6 to 7:30 p.m., Youth Center
For more information, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/yss/hired or call 751-1136.

Friday

First Friday tournament

1 p.m., Fort Jackson Golf Club, Old Hickory course
To sign up, call 787-4437.

Wednesday

Fort Jackson Retired Officers Wives Luncheon

11:30 a.m., Officers' Club.
Reservations and cancellations must be completed by May 3. Call 783-1220 or 788-5084 for more information.

Sunday, May 12

American Girl in Paris tea party

2 to 4 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center.
For more information and to make reservations, call 751-3053.

Monday, May 13

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Solomon Center.
Military spouses are treated to a spa day that includes mini makeovers, mini manicures, gifts, lunch and the performance of the skit, "The Basic Black Dress." For more information, call 751-7220.

Wednesday, May 15

Shred Day

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Recycling Center

Thursday, May 16

Salute to retirees

9 a.m., Hilton Field

Saturday, May 18

Retiree Health and Benefits Expo

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Solomon Center

Announcements

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.

4-10TH ORGANIZATION DAY

The 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment's organization day is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday at Weston Lake. Soldiers and families are invited to attend.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEERS

Fort Jackson will host the Special Olympics Summer Games Friday and Saturday, and volunteers are needed. Volunteer opportunities are available for youth, retirees, family members, civilians and active duty military. Visit www.so.sc.org for more information.

SPORTS BRIEFS

■ The strongman/strongwoman competition is scheduled for 6 p.m., May 16 at Hilton Field Softball Complex. All participants must weigh in from 3 to 4 p.m., May 15.

■ Armed Forces Day 5K; 8 a.m.; May 18 at the Semmes Lake trolley. Sign up until May 16 with the Sports Office or on the day of the race from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. For more information, call 750-3096.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Virginia Military Institute Foundation, through the 100th Infantry Division/Henry Williams Jr., is offering two scholarships 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., May 17 at Patton Hall.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The Association of the U.S. Army, Fort Jackson — Palmetto State Chapter, will host a membership luncheon noon, May 20, 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.

CHAPTER SEEKS MEMBERS

The newest chapter of the Transporta-

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

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 chairperson. 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 Friday and June 7. ACT testing is scheduled for May 10 and 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 May 16.

■ 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 for a full listing of calendar events. Send your announcements to ffleader@gmail.com.

CPAC CORNER

Official Personnel Folders are available online for employee access via the electronic Official Personnel Folder, or eOPF, application.

The application provides electronic, Web-enabled access for all federal agency personnel to view and manage employment documents. All employees are able to view their own OPFs through the eOPF application at <https://eopf1.nbc.gov/army/>.

Additionally, eOPF allows human resources personnel to more efficiently perform their jobs. This reduces the time it takes to record promotions, employee transfers, and retirements from months and weeks to near real-time.

Every day a document is uploaded to eOPF, the employee will receive an email notification. If multiple documents are added on the same day, the employee will receive one email with a listing of the forms that were added that day. Employees will receive the notifications for any form that is added, not just personnel actions.

The eOPF Help Desk can be contacted by phone at (866) 275-8518 or by email at eopf_hd@telesishq.com.

ON THE WEB

For the latest sequestration updates, visit the following websites:

- Fort Jackson: <http://www.jackson.army.mil/sites/info/pages/776>
- OPM: <http://www.opm.gov/furlough>
- DoD: http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2013/0213_sequestration/
- CPOL: <http://cpol.army.mil/library/general/2013sequestration/>
- TRADOC: <http://www.tradoc.army.mil/CivInfo.asp>
- IMCOM: <http://www.imcom.army.mil/Organization/G1Personnel.aspx>
- MEDCOM Updates: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/39326990> (AKO login required)
- USAR: <http://www.usar.army.mil/resources/Pages/Civilian-Personnel-Furlough-Information.aspx>

ACS Calendar of Events — May

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Explore careers in the information technology field** — 9 to 11 a.m.; Education Center, Room B-110; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas brief** — 10 to 11 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stateside Levy brief** — 11 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 751-1124/5256

MONDAY, MAY 6

- ☐ **Child safety awareness** — 5 to 7 p.m.; 5614 Hood St., Room 10; to register, call 751-6325

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 751-1124/5256

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- ☐ **Job searching strategies for military spouses** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas brief** — 10 to 11 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stateside Levy brief** — 11 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-1124/5256
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 736-8787 or 738-3339; to register, call 751-1124/5256

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- ☐ **Spring Fling Extravaganza — hosted by EFMP & CYSS** — 6 p.m.; Joe E. Mann Center ballroom

MONDAY, MAY 13

- ☐ **Military spouse appreciation day** — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Solomon Center

TUESDAY, MAY 14

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom

Thurmond Building, Room 222

- ☐ **Resume writing/interviewing workshop** — 9 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, 750 Old Clemson Road; to register, call 751-1124/5256

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- ☐ **Financial readiness for first term Soldiers** — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Education Center, Room B206

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Financial planning for initial PCS move** — 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Education Center, Room B206
- ☐ **Instructor-led computer training — introduction to MS Excel** — 9 a.m. to noon; Education Center; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas brief** — 10 to 11 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stateside Levy brief** — 11 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stress management class** — 11 a.m. to noon; 5614 Hood St.; to register, call 751-6325
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-1124/5256
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 751-1124/5256

FRIDAY, MAY 17

- ☐ **Military Ambassador Program block party** — 6 p.m.; Lake Carolina town center

MONDAY, MAY 20

- ☐ **Child safety awareness** — 5 to 7 p.m.; 5624 Hood St.; to register, call 751-6325

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Career success using social media** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Education Center, Room B-107; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **EFMP bowling** — 4 to 6 p.m.; Century Lanes; to register, call 751-5256
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 751-1124/5256

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- ☐ **Job searching strategies for military spouses** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Instructor-led computer training — intermediate MS Excel** — 9 a.m. to noon; Education Center; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas brief** — 10 to 11 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stateside Levy brief** — 11 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Anger management class** — 11 a.m. to noon; 5614 Hood St.; to register, call 751-6325
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-1124/5256
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 751-1124/5256

MONDAY, MAY 27

- ☐ **Her War, Her Voice support group** — 6:15 p.m.; Family Readiness Center

TUESDAY, MAY 28

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 751-1124/5256

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- ☐ **Steps to federal employment for military spouses** — 9 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-4862
- ☐ **Social connections through hobbies** — 10 a.m. to noon; Family Readiness Center

THURSDAY, MAY 30

- ☐ **Inprocessing/re-entry brief** — 7:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas brief** — 10 to 11 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **Stateside Levy brief** — 11 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 222
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; to register, call 751-1124/5256
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; W.R. Rogers Adult Education Center, Old Clemson Road; to register, call 751-1124/5256

All ACS classes require registration and are subject to change. To register, call 751-5256/4862/6325.

Free child care may be available for events. For more information on child care, call 751-1124.

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May Promotions

Name	Rank
KUHLMAN, Charles W.	LTC
BERRY, Christopher L.	MAJ
DANGLER, Donald J.	MAJ
MARSHALL, Walter L.	MAJ
WALKER, Matthew A.	1LT
THOMAS, Sonya D.	MSG
BROD, William F.	SFC
KESTLER, Jacob K.	SFC
ROBERTS, Natalie D.	SFC
SEARCY, Timmie J.	SFC
ALBRIGHT, Joshuawa D.	SSG
COSTELLO, Erica L.	SSG
DAVIS, Brion L.	SSG
GONZALEZ, Wilfredo	SSG
JONES, William A.	SSG
LACEY, Kizzy E.	SSG
WALTON, Carly J.	SSG
WHITTAKER, Gerald L.	SSG
WRIGHT, Ikaisherom D.	SSG
DICKERSON, Markus M.	SGT
LOWDER, Allen P.	SGT
MANANI, Clifford N.	SGT
McGAHAN, Joshua M.	SGT
PALMER, Christopher M.	SGT
THOMAS, Jacqueline L.	SGT
NYGREN, John T.	SGT
WILLIAMS, Bert O.	SGT
WINTROW, Dustin J.	SGT

Weekly honors



GREER

Sgt. Kenneth Greer
Soldier of the week
Third Army/ARCENT



GORDON

Staff Sgt. Erick Gordon
Cadre of the month
171st Infantry Brigade



MITCHELL

2nd Lt. Sara Mitchell
Distinguished honor graduate
Basic Officer Leader Course
Adjutant General School



TOURAY

(Gambia) 1st Lt. Buba Touray
International honor graduate
Basic Officer Leader Course
Adjutant General School

Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication. For example, an article for the May 16 Leader must be submitted by today.

Announcement submissions are due one week before publication. For example, an announcement for the May 16 Leader must be submitted by May 9.

The Leader welcomes timely submissions.

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

HEALTH

MACH to celebrate National Nurses Week

From Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Next week, registered nurses all across the United States will be saluted.

The nursing staff of Moncrief Army Community Hospital's Department of Nursing will join the American Nurses Association in celebrating "Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care" as part of National Nurses Week, May 6-12.

The purpose of the weeklong celebration is to raise awareness of the value of nursing and help educate the public about the role registered and licensed practical nurses,

certified nursing assistants and medics play in meeting the health care needs of Soldiers, veterans, family members and all Americans.

In honor of the dedication, commitment and tireless effort of the nearly 3.1 million nurses nationwide to promote and maintain the health of this nation, the ANA and MACH Nursing will recognize nurses, CNAs and medics everywhere during that week for the quality work they provide all year.

MACH will sponsor a number of activities during the week.

The initial activities will feature Brig. Gen. Bryan Rob-

erts, commanding general for Fort Jackson and Col. Mary Jones-Morgan, deputy commander for nursing, who will sign a proclamation to recognize National Nurses week.

There will also be a visit from the deputy commander for nursing that includes a continental breakfast, an afternoon ice cream social and a cake cutting. Each nurse will receive a token of appreciation.

In honor of "Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care," all nurses are encouraged to proudly wear the official ANA "RN" pin or any other pin that clearly identifies them as a nurse (registered or licensed practical) and/or their nurses uniform during the week.