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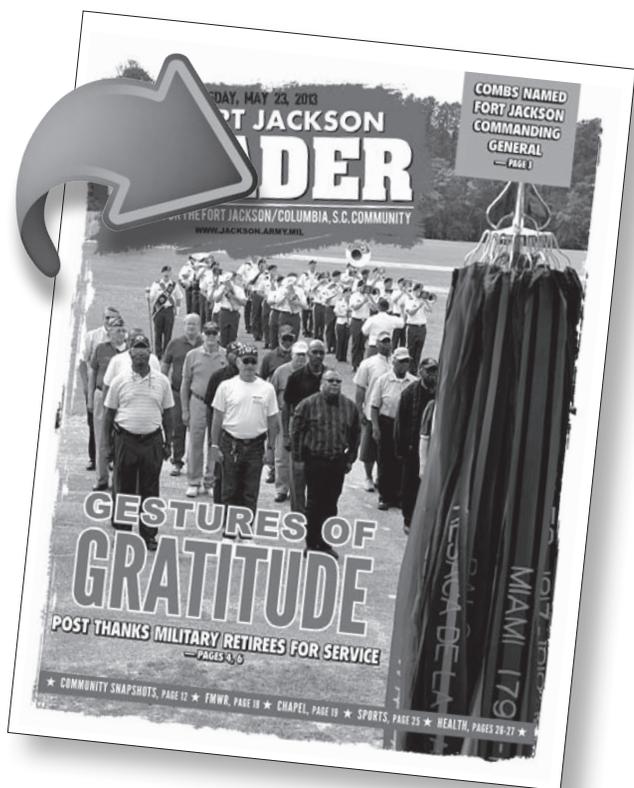
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## OP-ED

# A start of summer

## IMCOM commander highlights safety

This Memorial Day, we pause to honor those who gave their lives to protect the liberties afforded to all Americans. Every generation has had its heroes; and ours are our Soldiers, defending our freedoms around the world today, and their Families, supporting them at home.

While we remember those fallen comrades, we also want to ensure we take care of our team who selflessly serve others. Memorial Day marks the start of the summer and with it, the Army's Summer Safety Campaign. These critical days are a time of increased outdoor activity and an increase in hazards. A little planning and careful execution will go a long way.

As our Families get ready to kick off the summer I want to urge everyone to stay safe on the road during a time of year when automobile accidents and fatalities tend to increase. You all know the stories behind these losses; some have used alcohol then got behind the wheel; others traveled without getting the right amount of sleep the night before; and some may have been distracted.

To ensure a safe Memorial Day holiday weekend, I want you to refrain from all cell phone use behind the wheel and to make sure that all passengers are buckled up and children are in age-appropriate safety seats. Remember that children 12 and under should always be in the back seat. Allow plenty of travel time to avoid frustration and diminish the impulse to speed. Don't drink and drive! There is no destination worth the life of you or your loved ones.

Many of you will head to the beach over the Memorial Day weekend. As with many outdoor activities, there are common sense precautions to ensure your safety and that of your loved ones. Swim with a buddy, or at least, have someone onshore watching you. Avoid the rip current

### Commentary

By LT. GEN.  
**MICHAEL FERRITER**  
IMCOM commander



waters, those concentrated rivers of water moving offshore. If you are caught in a rip current, don't fight it by trying to swim directly to shore. Instead, swim parallel to shore until you feel the current relax, and then swim to shore. Finally, swim sober. Alcohol is a major factor in drowning. Alcohol can reduce body temperature and impair swimming ability. Perhaps more importantly, both alcohol and drugs impair good judgment, which may cause people to take risks they would not otherwise take.

As the temperatures rise every spring, Soldiers, Army civilians, and their Family members are sometimes a little too eager to get back to the fun that only warm weather can bring. I encourage you to stay active — enjoy the warm weather, the great outdoors, and all the fun offered. Just be smart. Be safe.

Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice and I thank you for everything you do to support the Army and our Soldiers and Families. This Memorial Day, please take a moment to remember those who have fallen while defending our way of life. Have a safe and good weekend.

Army Strong!

## ON THE COVER

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Retirees are honored during Basic Combat Training graduation May 16 at Hilton Field. SEE PAGES 16-17.

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# Combs replaces Roberts as CG

Leader staff report

Brig. Gen. Peggy Combs replaced Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts as commanding general of the Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Tuesday. Combs most recently served as commandant of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

“Brig. Gen. Combs is a tremendous leader who will serve the people of Fort Jackson well,” said Maj. Gen. Bradley May, deputy commanding officer for Initial Military Training, in a message to Fort Jackson personnel Tuesday. “She has extensive experience in Initial Military Training, having commanded at the battalion and brigade level ...”

The move was made after Roberts was suspended of his



COMBS

Combs' previous assignments include commander of

duties by Gen. Robert Cone, TRADOC commander, because of allegations of misconduct, including adultery and a physical altercation.

Combs will serve as interim commander until the investigation is complete.

She was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Chemical Corps in May 1985, as a distinguished military graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

the 84th Chemical Battalion and commander of the 3rd Chemical Brigade, both at Fort Leonard Wood.

She also served as the joint nuclear biological and chemical operations officer during Operation Enduring Freedom, for the United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., and as the chief of staff for the Iraq Training and Advisory Mission, United States Forces-Iraq, Baghdad.

Her military education includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Syracuse University, a Master of Science Degree from Saint Mary College, and a Master of Strategic Arts Degree from the U.S. Army War College.

“Fort Jackson is in good hands as we continue the mission, May said.

## Army Guard leader describes tornado response

By KAREN PARRISH

Armed Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — About 250 Oklahoma National Guard members are helping with recovery efforts after a massive tornado pounded an Oklahoma City suburb, Monday, killing at least 24 people and leaving neighborhoods, homes and businesses flattened or twisted, a senior Army National Guard leader said Wednesday.

Brig. Gen. Emery Fountain is an Army National Guard member from Oklahoma, who normally makes his home a few miles from Moore, where the tornado struck.

Fountain currently works in the national capital region as support special assistant to Army National Guard Director Lt. Gen. William E. Ingram Jr., but has been in close contact with his counterparts at home.

“They’ve established a perimeter around the location, that was most affected, [and] they’re managing traffic in and out of that area where the destruction was most significant,” he said. “They’re also providing clean, potable water to the first responders and the folks who are involved in the response.”

Fountain noted that as a longtime Guard member in his home state, he has responded to previous disasters, including the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City, April 19, 1995.

He also responded to previous tornadoes, he noted, so when the monster storm hit, he knew his fellow Guard troops would kick into gear.

“You know it’s a rapidly evolving situation,” he said. “And you also know that there are first responders, local, state, and federal in many cases, that are immediately responding.”

In such circumstances, National Guard members act as enablers to help those first responders do what they do, Fountain said.

He noted state emergency management offices have the lead in initial response, and National Guard forces are one of the resources they can call on.

Right now, Fountain said, about 250 Guard members are helping in disaster relief efforts, from a total of 6,384 in the state and a regional Guard force of 45,272, made up of members from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas, along with Oklahoma’s citizen-Soldiers.

“All the states are very well postured, based on their demographics, to support their population,” he noted.

The Guard has a very robust reporting system, the general said.

“So you allow the leadership there, within the Oklahoma National Guard, [to] push information to us, rather than us to be part of their challenge, and clogging their networks with requests for information,” Fountain said.

“Because of our standard operating procedures, they know how frequently we need information. We pretty much are on the receiving end.”

Typically as disaster response efforts evolve, he said, “the National Guard Bureau has a team that we send forward, and

that team is, in fact, en route (to Oklahoma), that is there to offer them liaison to the entire ‘Guard Nation,’” or the Army and Air National Guards of all U.S. states and territories and the District of Columbia.

Fountain said he contacted Oklahoma Guard leaders Tuesday to send his thoughts and prayers and offer any resources needed.

“We don’t want to inundate them with manpower and resources that would just get in the way,” he noted. “We right now are very much just in a posture to respond to their needs, and thankfully, we have a balanced force across the Army and the Air National Guard, and they have a great deal of capacity.”

Fountain explained that while tornadoes are common in Oklahoma and several other states, the disaster response efforts Soldiers train and units plan for are more general in nature.

“We have contingency plans for all types of events,” he noted. “But I found in my time as the operations officer for the Oklahoma Guard that it is best to have very general contingency plans.

“For example,” Fountain continued, “whether you’re reacting to a hurricane, a tornado, an earthquake or a high-yield explosive, you’re dealing with failed infrastructure, collapsed structures, you’re dealing with the requirement to secure a specific area, and so we simply leverage that capability and capacity of those formations within that particular state.”

The National Guard offers states the

resource of a force trained and equipped for national defense but able to respond to natural disasters at home, Fountain said.

“And we do it quite well,” he noted. “In this particular case, they immediately went in with a quick-reaction force, and that initial force is to get there very rapidly, I wouldn’t say minutes, but hours, so that we’re there with the first responders. And we normally will establish a perimeter around the incident site.”

Such a perimeter can be large, with multiple traffic control points, but the presence of a National Guard member at such a place and such a time can be calming for local populations and help keep people from putting themselves at risk, he said.

“Our initial focus is always in saving lives and executing a rescue,” he said.

“What closely follows that is getting infrastructure back up, whether it’s broken natural gas lines, power lines that are loose and hot, and we partner with the local utilities to help them.”

Fountain said National Guard forces bring a particular comfort in disaster settings, because they’re helping family, friends and neighbors.

“The National Guard, and the country, has never let down a community,” he said. “So we’re always there. I think they know that. As soon as the public sees uniforms, it’s a calming factor. And their Guardsmen are their brothers and sisters. They get a call and they report to duty, and they suit up, and they take on Citizen-Soldier mode and get after it, and stay on the mission until it’s done.”



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Retired military personnel join new Soldiers during Pass in Review at Hilton Field last Thursday during graduation ceremonies.

# The past meets the future

Retiree Appreciation Days events bring together new, former military



Howard Kyle, left, and Jeff Wilson tees off in the annual Retiree Appreciation Tournament Friday morning at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

Men and women retired from the armed forces were invited to Fort Jackson last week to participate in the post's annual Retiree Appreciation Days events.

Spread out over three days, activities included a golf tournament, breakfast at the Officers' Club and a gathering at Hilton Field to watch the latest batch of new Soldiers graduate from Basic Combat Training.

"Our country stands proudly on the shoulders of these retirees, who have served before many of these new graduates were even born," retired Maj. Gen. Abraham Turner, former commanding general of Fort Jackson, told Thursday's gathering at Hilton Field. "Our nation will never be able to repay the debt that we owe military retirees. So today, here at Fort Jackson, we want to extend our thanks as a small token of recognition for their outstanding service to our nation."

The morning was an opportunity for military retirees to reflect on both the past and the future, said Everet Jackson, a Vietnam veteran from Lugoff.

"I'm here every year, whenever they have Retiree Appreciation Days," Jackson said. "This is the first time we've had it on the same day as graduation. We get to see

the young Soldiers standing where I stood many years ago, looking forward to what they have ahead of them in their career, if that's the path they choose. It lets me reflect upon how the Army helped mold me and make me the person I am today."

For Kim Wong, of Elgin, it was an opportunity to watch his legacy carried on in a very real way.

"I'm here because my son is graduating in Alpha Company," said Wong, who spent 21 years in the Air Force, which included support for Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. "Fort Jackson is a great place to be, and I'm proud to be an American."

Carl Lopez, retired command sergeant major for Fort Jackson and president of the Military of Order of the Purple Heart in Columbia, spent 32 years in the Army. He said Retiree Appreciation Days was an opportunity for military retirees to find out what Fort Jackson had to offer them.

"We've got 56,000 military retirees in the state of South Carolina," Lopez said. "That makes us the eighth largest military population of that sort in the United States."

Retired Master Sgt. William Campbell said he "tried" the Army for 25 years.

# Retirees

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“It didn’t take, so I put 14 years in the National Guard,” he said. “I’ve been working with the Fort Jackson museum for several years, until recently. Today is a chance to see these young Soldiers graduating from basic. It’s a starting point for them.”

“Military retirees and their families -- thank you for your sacrifices,” Turner told the audience at Hilton Field. “Thank you for your years of service. Thank you for the dedicated commitment to serve this great nation of ours.”

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Photos by ANDREW McINTYRE

Above, retirees visit the Solomon Center for the Retiree Benefits and Health Expo Saturday. Moncrief Army Community Hospital provided health screenings and counseling. Other organizations presented information on combat related special compensation; TRICARE; Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; AAFES; Delta Dental; South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs; Dorn VA Hospital; DENTAC and ID card services.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Above, retired Maj. Gen. Abraham Turner, former commanding general of Fort Jackson, addresses the audience at last week’s graduation ceremony. Right, B.L. Oliver, David Moffat and Tom Kratzer participate in Friday’s golf tournament at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.



# PERSONAL BEST



Col. Jamie Houston, Fort Jackson DENTAC commander, practices his backhand during a meeting of a tennis club he helped create on Fort Jackson.

Leader file photo

## DENTAC commander named Senior Games ambassador

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

Col. Jamie Houston has been tapped to become a featured athlete in the National Senior Games Association's "Personal Best" tour.

The 60-year-old Fort Jackson DENTAC commander is the only active-duty military athlete to be taking part in national Senior Games events, which he's been involved with since returning from deployment in Iraq in 2005. His first attempt to sign up for Senior Games competitions that year arrived too late, though he quickly persuaded organizers to change their minds.

"They said I was too late, so I asked if I could use the 'Iraqi waiver,'" Houston said.

Because overseas deployment caused him to miss the filing deadline, the organization was willing to make an exception. Houston competed in five events and took home five medals in the 2005 Senior Games events, he said.

"Most folks in the military retire around 47 or 48," Houston said. "I'm the only active duty guy they know of who's qualified for nationals."

"Houston takes fitness to a serious level and is still out there training himself," said Marc Riker, CEO of the National Senior Games Association. "He's 60 years old, competing with 18 to 20 year olds and going toe-to-toe with them. He'll be a goodwill ambassador for us. We're counting on him to let people know

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— Marc Riker

CEO, National Senior Games Association

there's an opportunity here to get involved, especially in the South Carolina area where he lives."

Houston has been active in athletics since he was a child. He gravitated toward sports at an early age because, as the smallest child in his class, he said it was a way to boost his self-esteem.

"I later went to college on a scholarship," he said. "I went to junior college on a basketball scholarship, another university on a baseball scholarship and was drafted by the New York Mets when I was 20."

He walked away from the potential career as a pro-

fessional baseball player, though, in order to concentrate on his education, he said.

"My dad said, 'Go back at 22 to play professional ball. You'll have a degree, you'll be much stronger and be a better baseball player.' It made sense to me," he said. "But that opportunity never presented itself again, so I went to dental school. I didn't play for the Mets. I got drafted and turned down the bonus, based on my dad's guidance. He was my coach and knew my strengths and weaknesses."

Looking back, he calls it "probably the worst decision of my life.

"I thought I'd get another chance," he said. "When the opportunity didn't present itself again, I'd see some of my classmates and teammates in the pros and think to myself, 'If they could have done it, I could have done it.'"

Houston also switched sports during his senior year in college because the time needed to focus on baseball began to take its toll on his education.

"I didn't think I'd get into dental school because my grades were suffering," he said. "I was an all-sport guy — anything to pay my way through college, because I didn't have enough money for college."

Today, Houston remains fit and active. His resting heart rate is 44 beats per minute, which he says is well below the average. He said it requires diligence to stay fit as you get older.

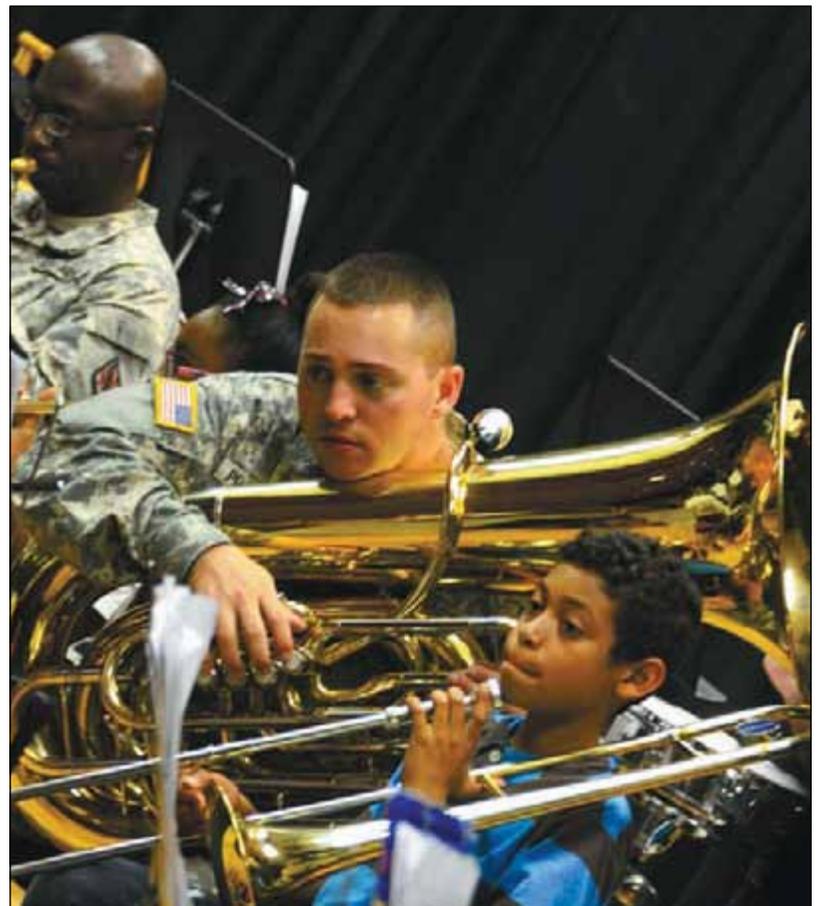
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Photos by SUSANNE KAPPLER

# Spring concert

Soldiers with the 282nd Army Band join forces with the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School Band for the school's spring concert May 15. Above, Sgt. George Bryan plays a trumpet solo during the composition 'Adventurous Fanfare.' Right, Sgt. Anthony Prosceno looks at the sheet music of a student musician. Bottom right, Army musicians and students perform alongside each other during the concert, which played four new, original compositions, one of which was written specifically for the concert by Erica Seguire, an internationally-recognized composer from New Jersey. Below, the school's chorus perform both with the band and by itself.





Photos by KARA MOTOSICKY, Public Affairs Office

# Star riders

## 120th leads students in mini training

Soldiers from the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) conducted Operation Star Ride for students at their adopt-a-school partner Sandlapper Elementary School on Monday. Students earned certificates for completing various activities in this culminating event of the yearlong partnership. Above, Capt. Ori Avila leads students through a Land Navigation course. Left, Sgt. First Class Veronica Jones teaches kindergartners the phonetic alphabet. Below, Sgt. Sandra San Roman, left, and Sgt. Andrea Uzcatogui, right, lead students through a mini-PT test.



## News and Notes

### ARMY BIRTHDAY BALL

Fort Jackson will celebrate the Army's 238th birthday with a ball June 15 at the NCO Club. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m., with the receiving line scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Vincent Brooks, commanding general of Third Army/ARCENT.

### MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING

A Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m., Monday at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery off Percival Road. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Peggy Combs, Fort Jackson's commanding general.

### 2-60TH GREET'S NEW COMMANDER



KIRBY

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kirby assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment in a ceremony Tuesday at the Officers' Club. Kirby previously served as the executive officer for the 165th Infantry Brigade. He took over for Lt. Col. Eric Schourek, whose next assignment will be at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

### BLOWFISH MILITARY APPRECIATION GAME

The Columbia Blowfish baseball team will host military appreciation night June 8. Admission is free for all military ID card holders. Gates open at 6 p.m. Children can bring a glove and ball to play catch with Blowfish players at 6:10 p.m. The game against the Thomasville HiToms will start at 7 p.m. The celebration will feature an Oak of Enlistment ceremony, military hero recognition, the cutting of the Army birthday cake, music by Eric Horner and post-game fireworks.

### 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](mailto:matthew.k.short.mil@mail.mil).



# Plan for a hassle-free trip

No matter the size of your family, planning a vacation can be quite an undertaking. Keeping your budget in mind before you hit the road will eliminate financial headaches upon your return. It will also keep you from questioning every purchase while on your trip.

Planning will allow you to set the ground rules of spending with your family. This way, they know what to expect and won't be disappointed.

Choose a vacation spot that is within driving distance. Plane tickets are expensive, and you will be without a ride at your destination unless you shell out more cash for a rental car. Capitalize on the journey by making planned stops to sightsee.

Be sure that the trip is a comfortable distance for all who are traveling. What's comfortable for the driver may not be so comfortable for those in the backseat. Do a little online research to find out what attractions you will encounter.

Consider traveling during the off-season. Many vacation spots lower prices on hotel rooms to a fraction of the cost to attract tourism. But be sure that the main attraction

## FINANCIAL ADVICE

By ANGELA CROSLAND  
Army Community Services  
Financial Readiness

you want to see will be available. Many times, attractions will only be open certain times of the year.

You can also save a bundle by packing some snacks and meals rather than eating out every day. If you're into trinkets and keepsakes, try purchasing them at the local discount stores off the beaten path rather than the stores specifically targeting tourists.

Family vacations are a time to create joyous memories with your family. Spending tons of money does not guarantee a good time. Focus on the time with your family rather than the money spent on your family. Prior planning and financial responsibility will make for a happier and less costly vacation.



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

### Quilts of Valor

Anne Mixon, the South Carolina coordinator for Quilts of Valor, addresses students with the Air Force Chaplain Corps College's Basic Chaplain Course May 16. Quilts of Valor is a national non-profit organization comprising volunteers who make free quilts for veterans. As of January, more than 80,000 quilts have been awarded to service members.



Photo by SPC. SHARMAIN BURCH, Third Army/ARCENT

### Nursing center opens

Third Army/ARCENT Soldiers along with community organizations and Army Community Service representatives joined Lt. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, Third Army/ARCENT commanding general and Sgt. Maj. Tessie D. Coe, Third Army/ARCENT chaplain senior enlisted adviser, for the ribbon cutting of the Third Army Nursing Center at Patton Hall, May 17. The nursing center provides a private area for nursing moms during their work days. From left are Beverly Gagne, The Forum; Dianna Troyer, Family Readiness Group; Kelly Kreis, Senior Leaders Spouses Group; Brooks; and Coe.

# Houston

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“Physically, you’re not as capable of (doing) what you used to do, but your mind says you are,” he said. “Preparation is key. There’s a lot more stretching and a lot more warming up than there was 10 years ago. The warm-up is critical now.”

His interest in athletics also carried over to his family. When his son turned 6, Houston said he started to look for activities his family could do together. This led to his son and daughter taking tennis lessons, which Houston said actually improved his own game.

“When my son was 13, I told him that when he could beat me two out of three sets, I’d give him \$5,000,” Houston said. “That was an investment philosophy. He finally beat me at age 18, at which time he got a tennis scholarship. It also improved my game by playing my son, because I didn’t want him to beat me. Not just because of the money, but because of the father-son connection.”

Despite their different backgrounds, Senior Games athletes have a handful of traits in common, Riker said. The concept behind the “Personal Best” featured athletes is to redefine a “personal best” that anyone can achieve. It is not a best moment in sport; it is about the ongoing journey to strive for the best results in a healthy, active lifestyle.

“The athletes have a deep passion for others,” Riker said. “They’ve put others above even themselves. They’re there not just for an opportunity to keep themselves fit, but to create that option or avenue for others. It’s not a selfish thing. They’ve turned it around



Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

**Col. Jamie Houston, DENTAC commander, receives the Personal Best award Saturday from Mark Riker, National Senior Games Association chief executive officer. He is the only active duty military member to compete in Cleveland for the 2013 National Senior Games.**

and brought the whole community in.”

“We’re the ambassadors for our age group,” Houston said. “Some of them are 70 years old, one of them is 92 years old. I’m the youngster of the lot. And a lot of folks have lost their spouses, so it’s an incredible social tool. It keeps you in shape; you’re meeting new people; and you’re travelling and competing. It’s a three-for-one special.”

Riker said the mission of Senior Games

extends beyond the competitions.

“There are athletic opportunities for everyone to do,” Riker said. “Get out, get active and be involved. Find your neighbors, your friends, your colleagues and get active. Start at any level you can. On post, there are so many facilities ... to get involved in.”

Houston agreed, saying the Army’s Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs make it incredibly easy for Sol-

diers and families to stay active.

“MRW does such an incredible job, and I don’t know that we take advantage of it fully,” he said. “If you want to live longer, it’s mandatory that you take care of your body and get into shape.”

The National Senior Games are scheduled from July 19 through Aug. 1 in Cleveland.

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## Royalty retires

**Col. Ken Royalty, addresses attendees of his retirement ceremony Friday at Hilton Field. Royalty retired after 33 years of service, most recently as the chief of staff of the Army Training Center and Fort Jackson. The new chief of staff is Col. Daniel Beatty.**

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE



## Calendar

### Tuesday

**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.mil@mail.mil* or *eldora.e.johnson.civ@mail.mil*.

### Wednesday, June 5

**Sound Off Toastmasters Club meeting**  
11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; Main Post Chapel  
The guest speaker will be Ray Schnell, District 58 winner, who will represent South Carolina during the Toastmasters International Conference in Cleveland.

### Wednesday, June 5

**Fort Jackson Employers' Day Mini job fair**  
9 a.m. to noon; Main Post Chapel activity room  
Open to military personnel, military spouses, veterans and DoD employees.

## Announcements

### AG CORPS REGIMENTAL WEEK

The following events are planned during Adjutant Generals Corps Regimental Week:

- Tuesday, AG breakfast, 7 a.m., Solomon Center
- Tuesday, AG affiliation ceremony, 2 p.m., 369th Adjutant General Battalion auditorium
- Wednesday, TAG sergeant major brief; 8 a.m. Officers' Club
- Wednesday, AG proponent update (OFF/WO/EN), 10 a.m., Officers' Club
- Wednesday, meet and greet, 4:45 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center
- May 30, AG run, 5:50 a.m., Darby Field
- May 30, AG BOD presentaiton to NCO Academy, 9 a.m., NCO Academy
- May 31, AG Hall of Fame ceremony, 10 a.m., SSI auditorium/AG wing
- May 31, AG ball, 5 p.m., Double Tree Hotel

### 282ND CONCERT

The 282nd Army Band will perform a Memorial Day concert, 10 a.m., Sunday at First Nazarene Church, 901 St. Andrews Road.

### PHARMACY CLOSURE

The Moncrief Army Community Hospital pharmacy will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., June 3 because of training. It will reopen at 8:30 a.m.

### 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 Tuesday 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

- Army Birthday 5K fun run/walk; 8 a.m., June 15 at the Trolley on Semmes Road. Sign up now or on race day from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- Letters of intent for intramural and recreational golf are due June 12. League play will start June 25.
- Brigade sports championships for soccer, basketball and volleyball are scheduled for June 10-20.

For more information, call 750-3096.

### STEM DAY

A Science-Technology-Engineering-Math camp is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 12 at the Lake House at Lake Carolina. The camp is open to children

9-14 years old. Registration is required by June 7. The camp is part of Operation: Military Kids. For more information, call 993-1711.

### 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., Friday through Monday. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Friday.

### 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.

### 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.mil@mail.mil* or *Stacy.K.Mebane.mil@mail.mil*.

### 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.

### 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

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

## Housing happenings

### YARD OF THE MONTH

Yard of the Month nominations for June will be accepted through May 30. To nominate a yard, call the Housing Office at 751-7567/9339, Balfour Beatty Communities at 738-8275 or contact your community mayor.

### TENANT RESPONSIBILITIES

A tenant's responsibilities are to pay rent on the date agreed upon in the lease; maintain the landlord's property; refrain from disturbing neighbors; and take responsibility for guests' actions. To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of a tenant, call 751-5788/7566/9323.

### HOUSING FOR RETIREES, CIVILIANS

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

### OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of Memorial Day, all housing offices will be closed Monday. Balfour Beatty Communities maintenance will be on call at 787-6416.

## CPAC CORNER

Furloughs are generally used as a remedy for budget shortfalls, emergencies or shutdowns; and fall into two categories: (a) furloughs of 30 continuous calendar days (up to 22 work days) or less, which are covered under 5 CFR Part 752 adverse action procedures; and (b) furloughs of more than 30 calendar days (or 23 or more discontinuous workdays), which are covered under 5 CFR Part 351 reduction-in-force procedures. On Feb. 20, the Department of Defense notified all DoD employees of the possibility that the agency might have to conduct an administrative furlough during fiscal year 13 to address the fiscal uncertainty created by sequestration and other budgetary impacts. Administrative furlough is a non-disciplinary adverse action that includes the following key requirements:

- Advance written notice (30 or 60 calendar days, depending on the type of furlough),
- Employee opportunity to respond (at least 7 calendar days),
- A written decision that provides specific reasons why the action is being taken; and
- An employee's right to appeal the decision to the MSPB, or file a grievance under a negotiated grievance procedure.

HQDA has created a site on CPOL that includes links to all relevant documents and guidance related to administrative furlough. Information can be found at: <http://cpol.army.mil/library/general/2013sequestration/>

# TEST FOR THE BEST

## Soldiers compete for the Expert Infantryman Badge



Photos by ANDREW McINTYRE



This week, more than 100 Soldiers on Fort Jackson test their proficiency in combat skills to receive the Expert Infantryman Badge. The five-day event included a written test on basic combat infantry skills, land navigation, weapons knowledge and an urban assault course. The Soldiers who pass the test will be awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge, 8 a.m., Friday at Post Headquarters after completing a 12-mile road march.

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*Leader file photo*

## **Palmetto Falls Water Park to open**

Palmetto Falls Water Park will open for the season Saturday. Season passes are available at Victory Travel. The prices for season passes are as follows: For military families of four — \$95 (E1-E4); \$125 (E5-E6); \$145 (E7 and up, retirees, DoD civilians). Additional family members cost \$10. For single season passes — \$39 (E1-E4); \$59 (E5-E6); \$69 (E7 and up, retirees, DoD civilians). June only passes for families of four are available for \$57 (E1-E4); \$75 (E5-E6); \$85 (E7 and up, retirees, DoD civilians).

# Faith the same despite changing culture

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) MIKE FOX**  
3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment

I was watching TV recently, and it made me wonder: How have we come so far? How has culture shifted so far into what was once deemed vulgar and inappropriate and is now acceptable and common place?

I love the classics — The Andy Griffith, Leave It to Beaver and I Love Lucy, to name a few. These were shows that demonstrated values and wholesome principles from which all could learn. But now as you turn on the TV, you are shown how to cheat, lie, and live a self-indulgent life.

So, what happened? How did the shifting sands of decency take a wrong turn? Well, I think we are all to blame, even the church. Our voices have become quiet, and we have become tolerant of the changing culture. For many, it is even to the point where you cannot tell the difference between a person of faith and a person of the world.

Hebrews 13:8 tells us that *“Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”* His teachings, his principles, his values do not change based on what is popular or trendy. He is the same. His word is the same. Jesus even vocalized his anger of a changing culture in his own time. Upon entering the temple in Jerusalem and seeing that people were using God’s place of worship for a money-making venture, Jesus made it known that this is not right. The culture might have said it was all right, but our God said it was not.

We are told in Hebrews 13:7 that we need to be “imitators” of the faithful and warned in Verse 9 to watch out for false teachings. If we are to become imitators, we have to speak out as people of faith and say, “This is not acceptable, and we will not participate. Do not allow the



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**The writer encourages readers to return to a culture of faith, fueled by God’s values.**

changing culture to become our teacher of what is right and acceptable. Be a person of God who stands firm to the truths of God’s word. Allow God’s word to be the litmus test of what is acceptable and true for holy living church. If we give an inch, the world will take a mile.”

It’s time to be bold and strong and to stand up to this

culture of indifference, culture of indecency, and culture of self-indulgence and turn it back to a culture of faith built upon the rock.

It’s time to turn the channel, don’t buy the ticket, and let it be known that you are going to stand up for God’s values and make your voice be heard.



**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

**ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS**

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

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# Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

## DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



**Staff Sgt. Sean Sweeney**  
Company C  
3rd Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

### HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Zachary Nock

### BASIC RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Daniel Perkins

### HIGH APFT SCORE

Spc. Max Sorci



**Sgt. 1st Class Marielena Witten**  
Company D  
3rd Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

### HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Richard Christophersen

### BASIC RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Blake Tedder

### HIGH APFT SCORE

Pfc. Calvin Collins



**Staff Sgt. Amelia Hoppe**  
Company E  
3rd Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

### HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Ryan Goodman

### BASIC RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Jacob Hutchison

### HIGH APFT SCORE

Spc. Marco Morales

## DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Zachary Nock

## Weekly honors



**JONES**

**Sgt. Marianne Jones**  
Soldier of the week  
Third Army/ARCENT



**ANDERSON**

**Capt. Allison Anderson**  
Distinguished honor graduate  
Captains Career Course  
Adjutant General School



**AL-HOUSINI**

**Omani Capt. Mohammed Al-Housini**  
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## Army Strong!

Forty Soldiers competed in this year's strongman/strongwoman competition May 16 at the Hilton Field Softball Complex. Contestants had to carry a stone, flip a truck tire and pull a Humvee in timed events. The overall winner among male contestants was Jason Diaz, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment. The overall winner among female competitors was Marilyn Rattler, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment. Pictured from the top, clockwise are Flostin Arthur, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School; Curtis Adams, 187th Ordnance Battalion; and Mekyler Myers, 175th Maintenance Company.



# MACH Soldiers display warfighter excellence

By **ANDRE BUTLER**

*Moncrief Army Community Hospital*

There are many career options for service members. The Army has more than 200 career fields alone. Depending on the military occupational specialty, some Soldiers' daily functions can lead to continuous states of training, and some may be faced with work that could take them out of the mainstream force. One example is that of hospital technicians.

When this happens, Soldiers can find themselves missing out on tasks that other Soldiers in career fields such as combat and combat support MOSs are performing. For that reason, MACH Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Bond promised his Soldiers if they continue to display the warfighters attitude, he would provide them the opportunity to partake in competitions they normally do not participate in.

"What our Soldiers do in the hospital is very important, and they are excellent providers of patient and family centered care," Bond said. "But they don't always have the opportunity that other Soldiers get the chance to do.

"So I made a promise when I got here that if they continue to perform at the exceptional levels they are, I would make sure they got to go to ranges to compete in competitions, participate in boards at all levels at Fort Jackson and just good Soldiers' competitions held that can boost morale and they could be proud," he said.

So far, Bond has kept that promise and 40 Soldiers from MACH competed in the Combat Pistol Excellence in Competition with four receiving the bronze badge that can be displayed permanently on their Army Service Uniform.

"This is the first EIC I've competed in while being assigned to a MEDDAC or MEDCEN in my career," said Staff Sgt. Michael Marjerrison, a radiology technician for MACH. "This type of training is always a motivator when you consider the daily grind of being in a hospital environment."

The event consists of two parts — an individual and a team pistol competition. Although the team competitors don't qualify for badges, they do, however, compete for the commander's trophy.



*Photo by MASTER SGT. RICARDO GUTIERREZ, Moncrief Army Community Hospital*

## **Soldiers from Moncrief Army Community Hospital compete in the Combat Pistol Excellence in Competition. Four MACH Soldiers were awarded the Bronze Badge.**

"This is what makes Soldiers perform their best," Bond said. "When you have good Soldiers doing the right things, they should have the opportunity to prove their capabilities. Just because they work in the hospital doesn't mean they lose the skills learned to soldier."

Only 10 percent of an Army post's warfighters can earn the EIC badge each year, Bonds said.

"I know my Soldiers can compete with the best — not just on ranges or in board rooms either, but in every aspect of our Army profession," he said.

"The overall experience was a positive," Marjerrison said. "It had the feel of a regular range, but with a twist. The goal of being top 10 percent was a little extra motiva-

tor, for me at least."

Soldiers who earn the badge can compete for the next higher badge the following year.

"Next year we can compete for the silver badge," Bond said. "Nothing can replace training. And this is one way we can keep our Soldiers sharp with different weapons, have healthy competitions and build esprit de corps within our organization."

The winners of the Bronze Badge are Bonds, Marjerrison, Staff Sgt. Marcus Hardin and Maj. Eric Berard. The team winners of the commander's trophy are Spc. Anthony Michel, Staff Sgt. Wesley Ladley, Staff Sgt. John Dominguez and Capt. Michael Livingston.



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# Post celebrates National Nurses Week

By **ANDRE BUTLER**

*Moncrief Army Community Hospital*

The Fort Jackson community came together May 6-12 to celebrate National Nurses Week.

Moncrief Army Community Hospital played host to several events during the week starting with a National Nurses Week Proclamation signing.

As the week continued to the theme of “Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care,” the nursing staff held a dancing competition, a breakfast, a cake cutting ceremony, an ice cream social and more.

“National Nurses week affords us the opportunity to publicly celebrate our history and our contributions that we make on a daily basis to the health care profession,” said Col. Mary Ann Jones-Morgan, MACH deputy commander for nursing. “We just wanted to give something back to our nursing staff. This tradition is a way for us to do just that.”

In 1899, the surgeon general set criteria for the establishment of a reserve force of nurses. The Nurses Corps became a permanent fixture in the Army Medical Department Feb. 2, 1901. Today, 40,000 active, Reserve and National Guard officers, non-commissioned officers, enlisted Soldiers and civilians represent Army Nursing.

“Without our Army nurses it would be impossible for us doctors to be successful,” said Col. Mark Higdon, MACH commander. “They are the pulse of our medical community, and we celebrate their effort and commitment to service.”

NNW focuses attention on the diverse ways America’s 3.1 million nurses work to save lives and to improve the health of millions of individuals. The celebration



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

**Carreen Frew, clinical nurse, pre-admissions and guest speaker, addresses Moncrief Army Community Hospital staff during the National Nurses Week closing ceremony.**

also took place to raise awareness of the value of nursing and help educate the public about the role nurses play in meeting the health care needs of the American people, according to resources provided by the American Nurses Association for National Nurses Week 2013.

“Nurses exhibit their excellence in health care service and delivery at every opportunity. This is evidenced by our maintenance of greater than 95 percent patient

satisfaction rate,” Jones-Morgan said.

Nurses have played valuable roles since becoming a part of the force, Jones-Morgan said.

“Our corps has been in conflicts ranging from the Crimean War to current Operation Enduring Freedom,” she said. “And it is an honor to serve alongside some of the most innovative, caring and compassionate ... professionals.”