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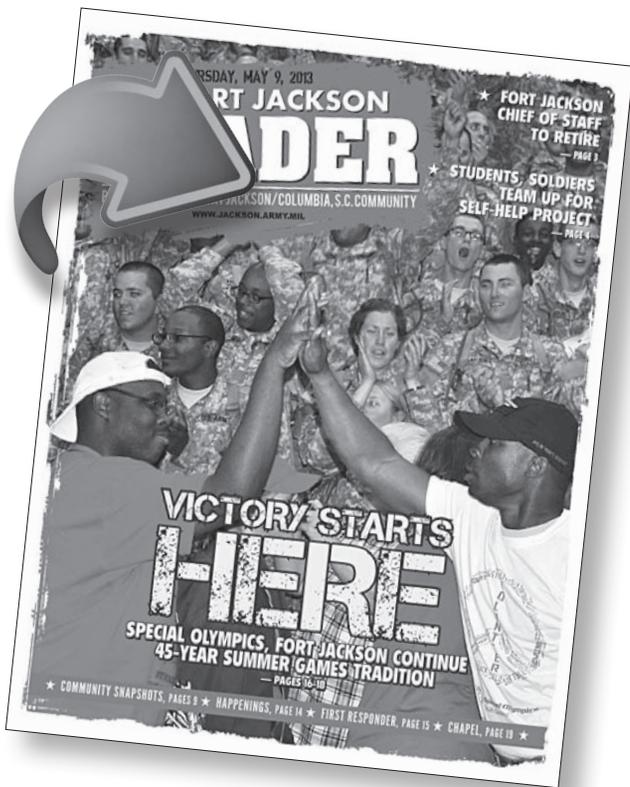
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## COMMANDER'S CALL

# Everyday heroes

## Post celebrates National Nurses Week

In 1899, the surgeon general set criteria for the establishment of a reserve force of nurses. It can be argued that because of their courage, commitment to service and compassion for others during assigned engagements, the Nurse 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 and civilians represent Army Nursing.

Last Friday, I — along with the leadership of Moncrief Army Community Hospital — signed a proclamation recognizing this week as National Nurses Week.

National Nurses Week is held May 6-12, every year. The purpose of the weeklong celebration is 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. National Nurses Week focuses attention on the diverse ways America's 3.1 million nurses work to save lives and to improve the health of millions of people. This year, the American Nurses Association has selected "Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care" as the theme for 2013 — a theme appropriately befitting our Team Jackson nurses across Moncrief's hospital campus.

This is a very important event as our Army and civilian Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses at MACH and around the globe have a mission that takes a special person with exceptional skills to perform the daily duties.

The nursing staff at Moncrief is fully engaged in the health care of its patients and their families from the beginning as well as throughout the treatment process. Team Jackson's nurses' high-quality patient- and family-centered care resonates throughout our community.

On a daily basis, we witness the courageous acts of kindness and compassion the nursing team so humbly provides to its patients. The nurses' actions represent a powerful message of trust and encouragement.

Nurses have topped Gallup's professional honesty and

ethics poll every year but one since 1999, when nurses were first added to the poll. Delivering quality and innovation is a hallmark of MACH's Nursing Team. It has launched a patient care delivery system — Patient Caring Touch System, or PCTS — which was developed by the Army Nurse Corps to guide the delivery of nursing care throughout Army Medicine. This system was designed to ensure that the patient is the center in all nursing care delivery environments. PCTS builds on the ability of

Army medical personnel from front-line combat medics and Combat Support Hospital personnel to staff here at Moncrief to provide state of the art medical care to our Wounded Warriors, their family members, Soldiers and beneficiaries.

Our nurses have a rich and proud history. Our Army nurses have proved themselves a valuable asset throughout their years in service. Nurses have answered the call and served their country from the Crimean War to the current Operation Enduring Freedom. The Corps has transformed time and time again to meet current mission requirements. As the military has changed, so has the Army Medical Department, to ensure proper care for those in harm's way as well as for patients on the home front.

So please join me in celebrating this unique profession and the continued tradition of excellence in medical operations from the battlefield to Army installations around the world.

Hopefully, this week you've received the chance to share some of your time with our nursing staff. If not, come and join in tomorrow to celebrate during an ice cream social at Moncrief's Dining Facility from 1:45 to 3 p.m.

Now, let me say thank you to Team Jackson's nursing staff for its tireless and exemplary efforts to support our Soldiers, Family Members and retirees in need of superb health care. Your dedication to our community shows, and you all deserve this celebration.

Army Strong and Victory Starts Here  
Victory 6



Photo by ANDRE BUTLER, Moncrief Army Community Hospital

**From left, Col. Mary Ann Jones-Morgan, MACH deputy commander for nursing; Col. Mark Higdon, MACH commander; and Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general, sign the National Nurses Week proclamation at post headquarters May 3.**

# Post to say goodbye to chief of staff

Soon, we will say goodbye to Fort Jackson's Chief of Staff, Ken Royalty, a man whom I've served with in some capacity since around 2006.

You never get to know a man quite like you do as when you serve as his deputy, when you are expected to fill in for him in his absence, anticipate and direct as he would or find that right place where your strengths complement and blend together. In saying farewell to a man who has served his country well and faithfully for 33 years, we'll say goodbye to a man who did it up until his very last day on the job, focused on finishing what he had started and committed to an installation and community that has and will continue to serve as his family's home.

To understand Ken, first and foremost, one has to recognize that he is and will always be a Soldier's Soldier. It is evident in how he carries himself, how he goes about looking for solutions to problems and how he deals with people. The willingness to put others first, his self-deprecating sense of humor and his ability to solve problems with simple but very effective solutions and no fanfare are a testament to the years he spent being a Soldier and leading Soldiers as a very capable and competent non-commissioned officer.

The most lasting impression, and maybe the one that is most overlooked, is his compassion for people. He makes people feel important. Not the people who through rank or position already carry it, but the ordinary man or woman, the people just doing their jobs and doing so with little to no fanfare. He never got through a day in the past two years holding to the schedule that his administrative assistant, Mrs. "Z," planned for him. It never happened because someone showed up unexpectedly, or the phone rang, or someone who was seeing him that day needed more time than was allocated.

He never turned a person away from his door. He may have forgotten a name, but he never forgot a relationship or an experience. He felt beholden to people and could never turn his back on people. Whether it was his time, his money or an act, he put others first and executed his duties with an extraordinarily large heart.

Most people are not aware of the letters, phone calls or visitors that come to Post Headquarters. Many come with a request or to report an incident of wrongdoing — written by people who feel like they were wronged, many involving an incident that occurred many years ago. Many would ignore or question the legitimacy of those requests, but I would watch Ken deal with each person, as if he or she were a friend. I'm sure each was shocked to get a response, much less one that endeared them with the chief of staff. One measure of a man is the number of people who seek you out after having served with you — in most cases just to check on you, reconnect or say thanks. In that regard Ken's phone rang regularly and his office was rarely empty.

I asked him what his most memorable moment was as Fort Jackson's chief of staff. Understandably, it was what we have done to improve Hilton Field. Many probably don't realize that during his time as battalion commander of the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, Ken was one of our most innovative leaders and developed our Family



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

**Col. Ken Royalty, Fort Jackson's chief of staff, will soon retire after serving 33 years in the Army. A retirement ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m., May 17 at Post Headquarters.**

## COMMENTARY

By  
**GERALD HENDERSON**  
*Fort Jackson  
deputy chief of staff*

Day as most execute it today. People will soon forget what the field used to look like — what it looks like today is now the standard. But it is that way because Ken cares about the Soldiers who stand on that field and the families sitting in the stands. Summing up his contribution, he said, "I felt like that field should, more so than any other place on post, serve as the focal point of this command and the Army. It should make people feel special, provide them with a sense of awe and be a first and lasting impression on all who are associated with the moment."

That effort came with obstacles; it came with doubters and naysayers; it came with a hands-on approach, but it was done right, done on time and probably serves as a model for teamwork for those involved. Hilton Field, along with several other initiatives, reflects several attributes that will define Ken's time as the chief. Opportunism, strength of will, accepting and balancing risk, and holding people accountable for their efforts and product, shone through all stages of Ken's evolution as our chief.

Ask Ken what his defining moments during a 33-year Army career are and he'll give you one expected of a Soldier.

"My two tours in combat, one in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. The opportunity to serve my country during a time of war overshadows everything else that I have been a part of," he said. "While many assignments were great and ones I'll always remember, nothing compares to being a part of those efforts."

Now that his Army career ends, Ken looks ahead to a full plate of activities. All include the things he loves, none more so than his family. His wife Missy, an assistant principal at Killian Elementary School will now manage Ken's schedule. That schedule includes two sons, Chris and Ben, both veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division. Chris is now an Active Guard Reserve lieutenant; and Ben is a police officer in Greenville; two daughters, Kasey, a recent graduate of Columbia College who now teaches at Kelly Mill Middle School, and Mackenzie, a sophomore graphics design major at the University of South Carolina; two grandchildren with one on the way, granddaughters Livvy and Libby and soon-to-arrive grandson Ben Jr.

Notice the children, the occupations and the focus on service. It's pretty obvious that Ken led at home with the same values and commitment that he led with here while serving as our chief of staff. That leadership will be missed and remembered and is appreciated.

Best of luck and Godspeed to Ken and his family.

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# Soldiers, students join forces

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

It was an icon meant to remind people of the sacrifices of Soldiers during World War II. In recent years, though, the memorial has been forgotten, masked by layers of weeds and vines growing on a nearby fence.

During the last few weeks, Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment have been clearing away the overgrowth around Patton Field, as well as making improvements to the landscape around the battalion area. This involved restoring the monument to public view on Dixie Road.

"This past summer, we were given the Patton Field track to PT on," said Lt. Col. Eric Flesch, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment battalion commander. "It's quite run down, but there's a contract already in place to resurface it. There's an old World War II monument in the front but, because of the rusty fence and overgrown bushes, nobody knew it was there."

Flesch first laid eyes on the Soldier memorial during his time in Basic Combat Training.

"I knew it was there because I was a private here 23 years ago and we had to clean it up for the Fourth of July," he said.

Patton Field was dedicated in 1949 as "Patton Stadium," a \$197,000 construction project funded entirely by profits from the Post Exchange, according to a Nov. 4, 1949, story published in *The State* newspaper.

Renovations of Patton Field were only part of the battalion's recent self-help project. On April 27, students from Killian Elementary spent the day helping Soldiers renovate the green space between Dixie Road and the battalion area. It wasn't merely a beautification project, Flesch said. The area needed reinforcement to protect it from inclement weather.

"All last summer, the bank was washing into the building," he said. "We knew we had to fix this bank, so we decided to do a self-help project."

Killian Elementary is the battalion's partner school, and recently sought a letter of support from battalion command for a community outreach project, Flesch said. As luck would have it, the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment was out of cycle and already planning a self-help project Flesch said was a perfect fit for the school's life sciences program.

"We invited them out to help do some of the planting," he said. The April 27 event not only fell between Earth Day and Arbor Day, but was also in the final week of the Month of the Military Child. Many of the students in grades K-5 at Killian Elementary are military dependents, Flesch said.

Noella Ferguson, third grade team leader at Killian Elementary, said the day's lesson plans also involved discussion about the historical significance of the trees planted



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

**Students from Killian Elementary School help plant trees in the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment battalion area April 27. The tree planting was part of the school's community outreach program and the battalion's self-help beautification project.**

that day. After the landscaping event, 125 third-grade students from the school had lunch at one of the post's dining facilities, then capped the afternoon with a discussion about palmetto trees.

The palmetto tree was added to the South Carolina state flag in 1861 in reference to Col. William Moultrie's defense of Sullivan Island against the British during the American Revolution. Moultrie's fortress was constructed by bracing sand walls with palmetto trees to help defend against British cannons.

"We're studying the Revolutionary War and how they used palmetto trees during the war," Ferguson said. "I thought it would be a good opportunity for us to come out and plant a palmetto tree. (The students are) self motivated, so we're very excited."

The landscaping project emphasized the post's green initiative. The railroad ties used to support the field and keep it from washing into the community area were recycled, as was the mulch. The field dirt used in the landscaping project was moved to the site from another location, whereas the bushes and trees were paid for through fundraising efforts and private donations.

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**A World War II memorial marker at Patton Field was restored during the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment's beautification project.**



## LEADER DEADLINES

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For example, an announcement for the May 23 Leader must be submitted by May 16.

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For more information, call 751-7045.

# Teacher inspires after organ transplants

By **KIM WHEELER**  
*Special to the Leader*

Lying in her hospital bed, waiting for the liver and kidney transplants that would save her life, Felicia-Lenette Mallory knew she had a choice. She could either let the illness and frustration take over, or she could have faith that everything was going to be OK.

“I chose to remain positive,” said Mallory, the education and instructional technologist at Fort Jackson’s Pierce Terrace Elementary School for more than 12 years. “I have a new lease on life now — and it’s because of my faith that I was able to make it.”

After struggling with liver problems for 10 years, Mallory became very ill and was admitted to the Charlotte Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C., to await a transplant in September 2012. Once at the hospital, she learned her kidneys had begun to fail, as well. Being 49 years old, Mallory knew she was not at the top of the organ transplant list, but she chose to remain hopeful.

“From my room I could hear the helicopters when they came in, and every time I heard one, I would say, ‘They’re bringing me my liver,’” she said.

The positive thinking paid off. Mallory received all three organs in November 2012 after only three months on the transplant waiting list.

“That was truly amazing, because people wait for years,” she said. “A lot of people think that because you’re older you can’t get an organ, but it can happen.”

Grateful for the new organs and her renewed health, Mallory left the hospital with a determination to live her life to the fullest and use her experience to inspire others.

“I didn’t want to go through that,” she said. “But I learned so much from it, and now I’m glad I went through it. I learned something from it — it makes you want to love life. And now I feel so energetic and motivated.”

Sheila Evans, who has been the school nurse at Pierce Terrace Elementary School since 1995, said Mallory’s ordeal became a transformation.

“Before the transplants, she was always very fatigued, and she became too weak and sick to be at work,” Evans said. “She returned to work in March, and what a world of difference — she’s a whole new person. She has so much energy now.”

Mallory has been putting that new energy to good use. Since her recovery, she has become an avid walker — walking daily for exercise, participating in local 5Ks, and conducting a fitness class at Macedonia Baptist Church in Camden, where her husband is the pastor. She even organized her own event, the First Ladies Faith Fitness Walk, which took place on May 4, to raise funds for the church’s building project.

“You do better after you’ve had something like this happen,” she said. “Life is better, so you do better with



*Courtesy photo*

**Felicia-Lenette Mallory, education and instructional technologist at Pierce Terrace Elementary School, celebrates at the finish line of the Heart and Sole Women’s Five-Miler in Columbia April 27. Mallory underwent organ transplants to replace her liver and both kidneys last November and is using her story to inspire others in the community to improve their health and raise awareness of the importance of organ donation.**

family, with everything — you’re definitely more intentional.”

Mallory said she hopes her journey will inspire others not just to be active and healthy, but also to have faith through their own health struggles. She said there were many factors in her recovery — the quality care of her doctors and nurses, her husband’s constant company and support at the hospital, and the encouragement of her family and friends. However, she also credits her state of mind.

“There were days when I felt frustrated,” she said. “But I had to choose to stay positive. I prayed a lot, which was very helpful, and it’s good to laugh, too. It helps — it builds you up to just enjoy yourself and have a good time. You just have to be patient and have people to encourage you to keep going. Don’t stop your life, and know that

there will be life after this.”

Another important message Mallory wants to share with others is the importance of becoming organ donors.

“Make sure you are on the donor list,” she said. “Think about that — another person can go on because of you and that gift.”

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service’s Organ Donor website, the most important thing to do to become a donor is to sign up as an organ and tissue donor in your state’s donor registry. Secondary steps include designating your decision on your driver’s license, informing your family and friends about your donation decision, and including organ donation in your will or living will. For more information about organ donation, visit [www.organdonor.gov](http://www.organdonor.gov).



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

## Music Around the World

Pierce Terrace Elementary students presented a spring concert May 2 titled, 'Music Around the World.' The effort was co-directed by teachers Alan Danahy and Aime Ledesma at the Solomon Center, and involved students in grades K-2, who performed songs from countries such as Spain, France, Israel and England.

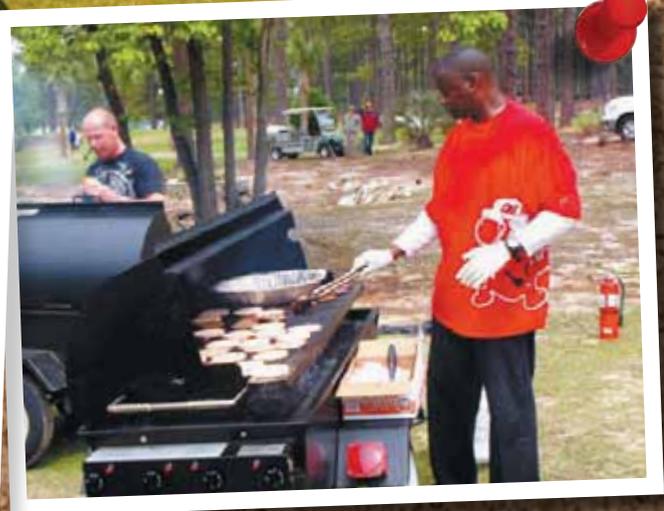




## Organizational fun

*Courtesy photos*

Soldiers, civilians and family members with the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment have fun during the unit's organizational day at Weston Lake, Friday. In addition to having bounce houses, a climbing wall, snow cones and cotton candy for the children, companies competed in commander's cup events, which included horseshoes, volleyball, and a chariot race. The 208th Military Police Company provided a military working dog demonstration and the 17th Military Police Detachment offered a South Carolina driving-under-the-influence awareness training course. Company B set up a night vision goggle tent and static displays of several weapons.



## Cookie honors

Maj. Alexander Musel, commander, Headquarters and Service Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Third Army/ARCENT, presents Girl Scouts from Troop 2396 in Sumter with a certificate of achievement. When some Third Army civilian employees and Soldiers purchased cookies recently, they also purchased and donated boxes or cases of cookies to Third Army Soldiers. Others gave \$4 for a \$3.50 box of cookies, and told the scouts to keep the change. The scouts used the extra funds to purchase cookies, and gave them to the Soldiers.

*Photo by STAFF SGT. CARLOS CAMPOS,  
Third Army/ARCENT*

# Training integrates women into combat jobs

By **MARIE BERBEREA**  
Fort Sill Public Affairs Office

FORT SILL, Okla. — The loud booms from the fields of Fort Sill, Okla., will sound the same, but for the first time women may be responsible for launching the artillery.

The first class of female Soldiers joined A Battery, 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery, to learn the 13M, Multiple Launch Rocket System Crewmember military occupational specialty — an MOS that was previously closed to women.

In their fourth week of training, the Soldiers took turns near Critz Hall, learning how to load and unload ammo pods off a transportation vehicle.

So far, it's business as usual.

"It's something I'll be able to tell my grandkids someday, but at the same token, I'm still a Soldier. I'm here with my battle buddies still doing the same old thing, living another day in the Army," said Pvt. Alexandra Seccareccio, 1-78th FA.

Women have worked with men in field artillery before, serving in supply, mechanic and communication roles, but this is the first time they're getting their boots literally inside the doors of the Multiple Launch Rocket System, or MLRS.

"I wanted to take a chance to do something big," Seccareccio said. "It was just more of an adrenaline sort of thing, just being able to hopefully be out on the line someday and actually get to experience what it is like to fire the launchers."

Six combat support military occupational specialties opened up to women, including three for High Mobility Artillery Rocket System and MLRS units. The MOSs are: 13M, MLRS Crewmember; 13P, MLRS Operations Fire Detection Specialist; and 13R, Field Artillery Fire Finder Radar Operator Specialist.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Reese, 13M school chief, said the instructors have done a great job integrating women into the class, and the students have shown they are qualified for the job.

"For us actually here in this MOS it's not really a big deal because we've been serving with females all of our careers. But, as far as society and the rest of the Army it is a big deal. It's a landmark," Reese said.

Seccareccio said her family was expecting her to enlist in a job that was a little more settled and calm, so they were taken back when she told them she would be working with



Photo by MARIE BERBEREA, Fort Sill Public Affairs Office

**Pfc. Brittany Smith, with A Battery, 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery, unhooks a Multiple Launch Rocket System ammunition pod at Fort Sill, Okla. Smith is one of four women in the first 13-M MLRS Crewmember class to have female Soldiers. Another 13-M class has just begun with nine women in it.**

heavy artillery.

"When they found out that I was going to be involved with something with rockets, I remember speaking with my grandmother she sounded extremely surprised and shocked," she said. "But, they understand how much I really want to do this and that it's going to be a great experience for me. And, now that I'm in it and I've made it this far they're really proud of me and they just want me to keep going and strive for success."

Reese said the instructors did have additional training to prepare for females to be part of the student population, but it wasn't a major adjustment.

"They were aware that we were going to be coming here. And it's just one of those things we don't need any extra attention because we're females in the class. The males know that we're females and that's all it needs to be. We're

just Soldiers," Seccareccio said.

For Pfc. Brittany Smith, joining the first class of women in an enlisted field artillery combat MOS was a relief. She originally signed up to be an Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialist, but failed the course.

"As a re-class they can put you pretty much anywhere, and I was really nervous that I was going to get a desk job or a paperwork job. So I was super excited when I heard that females were just introduced," Smith said.

The women join the ranks of many others who have made history, and without others telling them it is a momentous occasion, they carry on as if it is any other day in the Army.

"It's not something that gets in our heads too much. We know that we're the first and it's a good feeling, but we're just here to do our job and learn," Seccareccio said.

## News and Notes

### SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY

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

### RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS

Retiree Appreciation Days are scheduled from May 16 through May 18. Events include a salute to retirees during Basic Combat Training gradu-

ation, 9 a.m., May 16 at Hilton Field and a retiree health and benefits expo, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 18 at the Solomon Center. For more information, call 751-6715.

### 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.



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## Calendar

### Sunday

#### 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

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### Tuesday

#### American Society of Military Comptrollers, Palmetto Chapter meeting

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Officers' Club  
The guest speaker is Richard Eckstrom, South Carolina comptroller general

### Wednesday

#### 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

### EFMP/CYSS SPRING FLING

The Exceptional Family Member Program and Child, Youth and School Services Spring Fling Extravaganza is scheduled for 6 p.m., Friday at the Joe E. Mann Center ballroom. Activities include a talent and fashion show, arts and crafts, food, music, dancing and door prizes. To RSVP, call 751-5256.

### 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

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### AA MEETINGS

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

### YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

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

### FCC PROVIDERS NEEDED

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

### SPORTS BRIEFS

■ The strongman/strongwoman competition is scheduled for 6 p.m., 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 scholarship awards to qualifying Soldiers. If you are an active duty career NCO (E5 or E6) and you are stationed at Fort Jackson, get an application from the Army Education Center, Building 4600, Room A100, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications must be submitted no later than June 1.

### RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The next Third Army/ARCENT Retirement ceremony takes place 2 p.m., 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](mailto: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](mailto:Clifford.K.Crawford.mil@mail.mil) or [Stacy.K.Mebane.mil@mail.mil](mailto: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 chairman. The position begins in mid-May and ends in early August. For more information, call 751-4329 or email [jacksonredcross@yahoo.com](mailto:jacksonredcross@yahoo.com).

### 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 Friday 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](mailto:Jacksonredcross@yahoo.com).

Visit the community calendar at [www.jackson.army.mil](http://www.jackson.army.mil) for a full listing of calendar events. Send your announcements to [fjleader@gmail.com](mailto:fjleader@gmail.com). Announcements are due one week before the publication date.

For more information, call 751-7045. Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations.

## CPAC CORNER

Employees who are anticipating retirement in the near future who have unpaid military service deposits need to be aware of a change in procedure that may affect their ability to pay the military service deposit at retirement.

Military service deposits must now be paid in full before the date of separation for retirement. Employees should allow at least 120 days processing time before their anticipated date of retirement in order to make sure that payment is posted before the date of separation. Employees who are planning to retire in the next six months and who wish to pay their military service deposit should initiate the process immediately.

For more information, call the Army Benefit Center-Civilian at (877) 276-9287 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Central Time, or visit <https://www.abc.army.mil>.

## Housing happenings

### HOUSING RESOURCES AVAILABLE

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

### YARD OF THE MONTH

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

### HOUSING FOR RETIREES, CIVILIANS

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

### PET POLICY

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

### NATIONAL PIZZA PARTY DAY

Bake mini pizzas from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., May 17 at the Community Center.

### HOME BASED BUSINESSES

Approval from Balfour Beatty and Directorate of Emergency Services Solicitor's Permit is required in order to operate a home-based business on post. Depending on your business, a state license might be required.

# Know the taxi services available on post

*From the Directorate of Emergency Services*

The post has a five-year agreement with three local taxi companies to provide taxi service to the Fort Jackson community. The companies are: Checker Yellow Taxi, Blue Ribbon Taxi and Capitol City Taxi.

These three companies are the only taxi companies that are authorized to operate on Fort Jackson. Fort Jackson has eight taxi stands and eight taxi stops located across the post. Taxis are not permitted to operate in the 171st Infantry Brigade area or any basic training area on Fort Jackson.

They are also not permitted in the family housing area except to pick up or drop off passengers.

The agreement establishes fixed rates for taxis in the Fort Jackson community. The approved fare is \$2 per person, per stop with one free stop at any on-post ATM machine.

Flat rates have been established for certain destinations or areas of interest off post. These rates represent a 10 per-



cent saving compared to meter rates. The rates are available to all military ID card holders or visitors picked up on Fort Jackson.

All rates are charged to and from each destination.

The following are established flat rates to and from Fort Jackson.

- Weston Lake . . . . . \$15
- Columbia Airport . . . . . \$32
- Riverbanks Zoo . . . . . \$20
- Columbia Place Mall . . . . . \$20
- Midtown at Forest Acres . . . . . \$8
- I-20 and Alpine Road . . . . . \$16
- Downtown Columbia . . . . . \$15
- Devine Street and Jackson Blvd. . . . . \$8
- I-77 and Sumter Highway . . . . . \$11
- Trenholm Plaza . . . . . \$7
- USC Football Stadium . . . . . \$16
- Columbiana Mall area . . . . . \$40
- Wal-Mart Gate 2 . . . . . \$7
- Villages at Sandhills . . . . . \$26

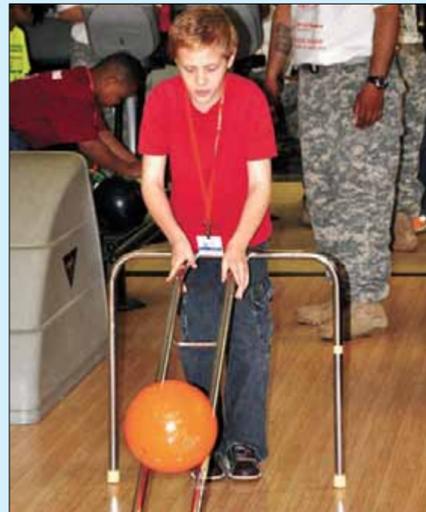
For more information, call 751-3981.



Soldiers welcome Special Olympics athletes to the Solomon Center last Friday during opening ceremonies for the 2013 summer games at Fort Jackson.



Photo by DAVID SHANES, command photographer  
Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general, greets a Special Olympics athlete last weekend at Hilton Field.



Chase Wilkes, 9, takes his turn at Ivy Lanes Saturday morning during the Special Olympics bowling competition.



Special Olympics teams compete Saturday at the Hilton Field Softball Complex.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Lexington High School student Brady Platt, center, carries the torch last Friday during the opening ceremonies of the 2013 Special Olympics summer games at the Solomon Center.

# 'Agents of Change'

## Special Olympics return to Fort Jackson for 45th consecutive year

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

More than 1,200 Special Olympics athletes descended on Fort Jackson last weekend for this year's South Carolina Special Olympics summer games.

Athletes making Friday's torch run from downtown Columbia were flanked by Soldiers from Fort Jackson, as well as representatives of state and local law enforcement, as they made the seven-mile trek to the Solomon Center. It was the last leg of a long campaign, one that involved thousands of volunteers around the state working during the last year to raise money and awareness for the annual competition.

The athletes spent the weekend on post, including overnight stays in the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Division barracks, followed by breakfast in the unit's dining facility.

"I was just excited to interact with them and meet their families," said Sgt. Orion Larkin, of the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Division, who spent Saturday morning helping to supervise the bowling competition at Ivy Lanes. "It's a rewarding experience, and I'm happy to be a part of it. We're here to support them."

The weekend games began with the traditionally raucous opening ceremony at the Solomon Center, which had Soldiers and athletes putting their enthusiasm on display. The crowd took turns chanting a pair of slogans: the Special Olympics motto, "Let me win but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," and Fort Jackson's "Victory Starts Here."

"This is your weekend. Tomorrow is your day, and perhaps it's the biggest day of your life," Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, commanding general of Fort Jackson, told the athletes during Friday's opening ceremonies. He encouraged them to do their best over the weekend.

"I want you to leave it all out there ... leave it on the field, leave it in the (bowling) alley, leave it in the pool and leave it on the floor," he said. "Don't take anything home with you. Leave it all here with your medals in hand."

The torch carried from downtown Columbia was used to light the Olympic flame outside the Solomon Center by Special Olympics athlete Brady Platt, a Lexington High School student. He and Kelsey Foster are both members of the school's Youth Activation Committee for the Special Olympics program, Project UNIFY.

The program is made up of young people from across the country who work together to provide advice and counsel on strategies designed to reach other youth, as well as engage in and promote Special Olympics activities in their home environments.



A Special Olympics swimmer completes a lap during Saturday competitions at Knight Indoor Swimming Pool.

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# Athletes

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“Project UNIFY is a part of the Special Olympics that focuses on the inclusion and acceptance of people with intellectual disabilities,” Foster said. “We want youth to become agents of change, fostering respect, dignity and advocacy for our athletes. We want our communities to be places where everyone feels valued and people are known for their abilities, not their disabilities.”

In South Carolina, Project UNIFY has affected more than 70,000 youth, she said.

“We’re in schools all over the state and continue to grow,” she said. “(Brady and I) first met in our UNIFY gym class in Lexington High School two years ago, and it’s been so amazing to see him grow and become a leader. I’m so blessed to be able to call him my best friend.”

The two travel around the country together to spread Project UNIFY’s message, she said.

“Project UNIFY has changed our lives and opened so many new doors for us,” she said. “We want everyone to get involved, to join a movement that’s changing the world. Everyone can make a difference, and we’re proof of that.”

This year continues a long relationship between Fort Jackson and the Special Olympics, said Allen Amsler, South Carolina Special Olympics Board Chairman.

“It’s a true pleasure to serve as a volunteer for Special Olympics,” Amsler said. “Fort Jackson has hosted summer games for Special Olympics South Carolina for 45 years. We have over 1,000 athletes participating in summer games, and we are happy to be here.”

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*Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE*

**Brig. General Bryan Roberts, right, Fort Jackson commanding general, enters the Solomon Center on horseback during Friday’s opening ceremonies. The event brought an estimated 1,200 athletes to post last weekend.**



**Left, softball teams take to the field at the Hilton Field Softball Complex Saturday morning. Right, Special Olympics athletic teams are cheered Friday evening by Soldiers on their arrival at the Solomon Center.**



*Courtesy photo*

**Red Cross volunteer Ava Medina resets bowling pins at Fort Jackson’s Olympic Village as a Special Olympics athlete shows his medal**



**Special Olympics athlete Brady Platt, 18, of Lexington, lights the Olympic flame outside the Solomon Center Friday evening.**

# God of the ages remains consistent

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) GEORGE PERRY**  
2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment

Many years ago, a farmer was growing a large crop of watermelons. The season had gone well, and the vines were strong and fruitful. He checked the field regularly, watching for animal damage or areas of poor growth that needed water. As his crop ripened, he noticed that entire melons were disappearing every day or two. When he inspected the sandy ground around the affected vines, he saw several sets of barefoot tracks.

He surmised that the offenders were some small boys who lived nearby. As the season went on, he was increasingly vexed by this blemish on an otherwise ideal harvest. Eventually, he devised a plan to stop the thievery.

After a trip to the agricultural store, he cut a plug in a melon, poured in some potent insecticide, and replaced the plug. He marked the location carefully, and put a sign up by the field. It read, "Warning! One of the melons is poisoned!"

This seemed to put a stop to his losses, the boys seemed to be driven off. He was pleased by this, and even more pleased to think of the lesson he had taught the bandits. But his satisfaction disappeared one day when he saw that his sign had been changed to read, "Warning! Two of the melons are poisoned!"

This story has several applications, but let's focus on the problem of doubt and authority. In the military, we cannot question an order without risking harsh consequences. But what if the consequences are uncertain or the order is unenforceable? Now it's only a suggestion to be accepted or rejected.

In the Christian world we find authority in scripture, or in the church, or in centuries of Christian faith and practice. We believe that God has spoken to us through word and spirit given to his followers across the ages. And since God never changes, his word remains consistent. Since His plans for us do not change, neither do his instructions. In every generation, though, there are voices suggesting change. The changes may be innocent — for example, our music has changed a lot since the Middle Ages.



Sometimes, the voices are more in line with that earliest question — "Yea, hath God said?" An ancient enemy encourages us to disbelieve God's word, distrust his love and knowledge, and disobey his authority. Sometimes it seems as if the world around us values new ideas only for their craziness and novelty — "Let's see if they'll swallow this one!"

May we be encouraged to learn his word and to learn the history of our fellow believers of all times and places. The God of the ages has remained, while the fashions and theories of men have come and gone. Let's remember that, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isaiah 40:8) and that "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 199:89).



**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

# Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

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# Recurring meetings

## WEEKLY

### Fort Jackson Boy Scouts

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

### Walking away stress

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

### Play group

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

### Range control briefing

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

### Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Owens Field, main conference room. E-mail [Tom.Alsup@gmail.com](mailto:Tom.Alsup@gmail.com) or visit [www.scwg.cap.gov](http://www.scwg.cap.gov).

### Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength

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

### Protestant Women of the Chapel

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, Main Post Chapel, Bible study and fellowship. Homeschoolers are welcome. Free child care is available. E-mail [jackson.pwoc.org](mailto:jackson.pwoc.org).

### Toastmasters International

Wednesdays, 11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Main Post Chapel, 629-7696 or (910) 224-8307

### Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting

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

### American Red Cross volunteer orientation

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

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association study hall

Thursdays, noon, NCO Academy conference room, [www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA](http://www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA).

## MONTHLY

### Fort Jackson Bass Club

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

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

Second Monday of the month (September through June), 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 467-8355 or [gblake12@sc.rr.com](mailto:gblake12@sc.rr.com).

### Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

☐ Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.  
☐ Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St.,

ground level, Meeting Room 2.

### Seabees

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

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641

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

### American Legion Post 182

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

### Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Magruder's Pub and Club, 751-3014.

### Fort Jackson Homeschoolers

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call 419-0760 or email [johnlazzi@yahoo.com](mailto:johnlazzi@yahoo.com).

### National Federation of Federal Employees

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

### American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group (ALR Chapter 195)

Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 195, 534 Wildwood Lane, Lugoff, 699-2598 or [alrpost195@gmail.com](mailto:alrpost195@gmail.com).

### Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202

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

### The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter

Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Post Conference Room.

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262

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

### Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303

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

### Purple Heart #402

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

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association

First Wednesday of the month, noon, for the location, visit, [www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA](http://www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA).

### Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Adopt-A-School program

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

### Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

First and third Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. to

12:45 p.m., Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, 751-1148.

### Victory Riders Motorcycle Club

First and third Thursday of the month, 5 p.m., Magruder's Club. E-mail [sec@ffvictoryriders.com](mailto:sec@ffvictoryriders.com).

### American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group

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

### Society of American Military Engineers

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

### Sergeants Major Association

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

### MEDPROS training

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

### Retired Enlisted Association

Third Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, 740-2319 or e-mail [jrodgers11@sc.rr.com](mailto:jrodgers11@sc.rr.com).

### 92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV

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

### Fort Jackson Cub Scouts

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

### Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641

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

### Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262

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

### Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter

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

### Combat Vets Motorcycle Association

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

### Ladies Auxiliary Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

### American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215

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

To submit a recurring meeting, email the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to [fjleader@gmail.com](mailto:fjleader@gmail.com).