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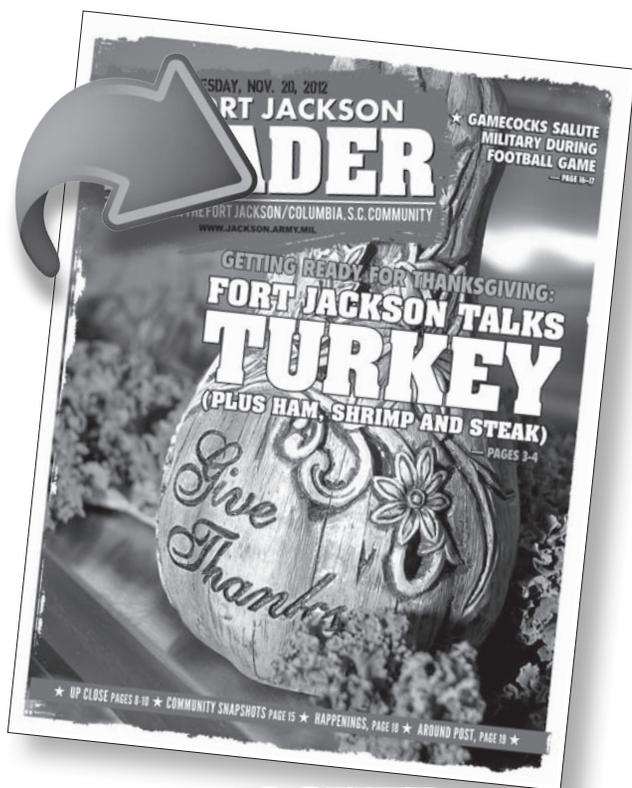
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Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Fort Jackson dining facilities reflect the Thanksgiving spirit as workers there prepare for annual holiday meals. **SEE PAGES 3-4.**



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COMMANDER'S CALL

Happy Thanksgiving!

Holiday offers time to reflect on all that we have

Thanksgiving Day is a special time to pause and give thanks for what you have and to express your gratitude and appreciation to those people whom you hold dear. All of us have a tremendous amount for which to be thankful.

Here at Fort Jackson we can certainly be thankful for the great relationships, friendships and leadership we have on a day-to-day basis. We can also be thankful for the great services we have for our Service Members, Families and Civilians — health care, housing, education, to name a few. Those of us who have Iraq and Afghanistan deployments know that we should even be thankful for having electricity, clean water and food every day — we take them for granted, but for many places in the world, those things are not promised day to day. Being that Fort Jackson is 95 years old, you can even see historical remnants that serve as evidence of the sacrifices made by our forefathers and comrades in arms in order to obtain and maintain our freedoms and the American way of life. Be thankful.

During the holiday, I encourage you to spend time with your loved ones. Our duties as Service Members often require us to sacrifice time away from our families and friends. Something that I learned a long time ago is that one of the most precious gifts of gratitude that you can ever pay someone is the gift of time — quality time. Make quality time a priority this Thanksgiving. Be thankful.

As Americans, our country continues to be the model nation of the human right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We embody freedom as we pride ourselves in the diversity of our citizens, the

opportunities that exist for our young and old, and our democracy — representative of the voice of our people. Be thankful.

Although most of us are able to take a momentary break on this day of thanks, there are still thousands of American Service Members who are separated from their Families — some of whom are forward deployed. We must never forget the debt of service given by those currently serving in harm's way and their loved ones who bear the burden of separation.

The reason we are able to rest is because someone is on the watch. Be thankful.

While you are enjoying your family and friends — celebrating Thanksgiving according to your family's tradition — traveling, eating the biggest meal of the year complete with turkey and all the fixings, eating homemade

cakes and pies (once a year), watching the Thanksgiving parade or all day football — do it safely! Make sound plans to get there safe, and do the right things to keep it safe. You're at home, not in harm's way. Be thankful.

During the Thanksgiving holiday season, Fort Jackson Leaders will have the honor of serving our Soldiers their Thanksgiving meal in the dining facility. This is a tremendous privilege and a great opportunity to say thanks and show how much we appreciate what they do. Be thankful.

Thanks for all you do for our mission, our Service Members, Families and Civilians. They are truly the centerpiece of Fort Jackson. Again, Happy Thanksgiving and don't forget ... be thankful!

Army Strong and Victory Starts Here!
Victory 6

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

Fort Jackson
Commanding General



Photo by DAVID SHANES, command photographer

Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, left, Fort Jackson's commanding general, serves a meal to a Soldier during the Drill Sergeant School's Thanksgiving celebration Nov. 14.



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Now you're talking turkey

Dining facilities get ready for Thanksgiving festivities

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

What would Thanksgiving be without the turkey and a few guests?

How about 2,000 pounds of turkey and several hundred guests?

Fort Jackson is gearing up for its annual Thanksgiving dinners this week, which will be served to new Soldiers and military retirees from around the region to provide a holiday meal. This year's menu includes 635 pounds of boneless ham, 880 lbs of shrimp, 420 pounds of prime rib and more than 2,000 pounds of turkey.

"It's a traditional meal," said John Nelums, quality assurance evaluator with the Directorate of Logistics. "The dining facilities put on some extraordinary exhibits, some of the best in the state of South Carolina. Every year, they raise the level of expectation. It's a very festive event."



Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

See **DINNER:** Page 4 The Army Drill Sergeant School Dining Facility was among the dining halls to create holiday exhibits for Thanksgiving.

DINING FACILITIES THANKSGIVING MEAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday	120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception)	Building 1875	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday	187th Ordnance Battalion	Building 2260	4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment	Building 11900	5 to 7 p.m.
Thursday	2nd Battalion 39th Infantry Regiment	Building 10401	11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Thursday	Company F, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment	Building 10401	1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday	369th Adjutant General Battalion	Building 4210	Noon to 2 p.m.
Thursday	2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment	Building 4270	11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday	1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment	Building 11500	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursday	1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment	Building 11500	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursday	2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment	Building 11500	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Thanksgiving meal for retirees and guests is scheduled for 2 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday at the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment dining facility, 5454 Manigault Road, near Coleman Gym.

Holiday meal rates are \$7.50 (standard) and \$6.40 (discount). The discount rate applies to spouses and dependents of enlisted service members in pay grades E1 through E4. For more information, call 751-4015/5556.



Dinner

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Dinner for retirees will be served at Fort Jackson's new dining facility at the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, which can feed 5,200 Soldiers in 90 minutes. The event brings together retired Soldiers with those just beginning their careers.

"We look forward to having a grand time with the veterans in the Columbia area," Nelums said. "The Soldiers in Basic Combat Training get a preview of what they'll be doing as they progress in their careers. This is their first opportunity to learn how to take care of Soldiers, because they see how the commanders take care of them. It's an indication of the values the Army expects of them."

The Thanksgiving meal for retirees and guests is scheduled for 2 to 3:30 p.m., Nov. 22 at the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment dining facility, 5454 Mangault Road, near Coleman Gym.

ON THE MENU:

Smoked boneless ham: 635 pounds

Beef Rib eye, boneless: 720 pounds

Prime rib: 420 pounds

Steamship round: 440 pounds

Shrimp: 880 pounds

Turkey, whole: 200 pounds

Turkey, boneless: 2,000 pounds



Photos by ANDREW McINTYRE

Drill Sergeant School staff serve a variety of meat, desserts and fruit during an early Thanksgiving meal Nov. 14. Staff members decorated the facility to give it a festive atmosphere.



Court martial

U.S. V. CORRAL

A panel of officers and enlisted members convicted Staff Sgt. Luis Corral of six charges during a general court-martial Nov. 13-16.

Corral was convicted of forcible sodomy, abusive sexual contact, assault consummated by a battery, violations of a lawful general regulation (TRADOC 350-6), cruelty and maltreatment of subordinates and adultery.

Corral was sentenced to five years confinement, reduction in rank to E1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a bad-conduct discharge.

Corral was assigned as a drill sergeant to the 193rd Infantry Brigade.

News and Notes

THANKSGIVING GATE HOURS

Gates will be open as follows on Thanksgiving Day:

- ❑ Gate 1: closed on Thursday, will reopen Friday for normal hours.

- ❑ Gate 2: open around the clock Thursday

- ❑ Gate 4: closed on Thursday, will reopen Friday for normal hours.

- ❑ Gate 5: open from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, will reopen Friday for normal hours.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Fort Jackson's annual holiday tree and menorah lighting is scheduled for 5 p.m., Nov. 28 in front of Post Headquarters.

DRUG-FREE MANDATE

Since 1986, the federal government has mandated a comprehensive drug-free workplace for all federal employees. Executive Order 12564 (Drug-Free Federal Workplace, 1986) requires as a condition of employment that all federal employees refrain from using illegal drugs on or off-duty.

As of November, 19 states have legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes, and two states have legalized it for recreational purposes. Subsequently, the question federal supervisors and employees have is: Can federal employees who use or test positive for medicinal or recreational marijuana be disciplined or removed for illegal drug use, even in states where marijuana use has been legalized? The short answer is, "Yes."

Although marijuana may be legal in certain states for either medicinal or recreational purposes, it is not recognized, for any purpose, as a legal controlled substance under federal law. Consequently, employees who test positive for marijuana — or any other illegal substance — may be disciplined, including up to removal from federal service, even in states where marijuana has been legalized, and including instances where a prescription for medicinal marijuana has been issued.

It is highly recommend that supervisors contact their servicing Civilian Personnel Advisory Center employee relations specialist and labor counselor for assistance in taking appropriate action against illegal drug use.

For more information, call 751-5063.



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Family of the year named



Photo by KIM WHEELER, special to the Leader

Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, left, Fort Jackson's commanding general, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson, right, congratulate the Briggs family for being named Family of the Year in a ceremony Friday at the Solomon Center. Pictured are Sgt. 1st Class Jerald Briggs, his wife, Colleen, and their children, Brandon, 9, Bradley, 6, and Alexander, 7 months.

By KIM WHEELER
Special to the Leader

Fort Jackson named its Family of the Year during a ceremony Friday at the Solomon Center.

Sgt. 1st Class Jerald Briggs, his wife, Colleen, and their three children, Brandon, 9, Bradley, 6, and Alexander, 7 months, were announced as the winners of the annual competition.

"This is an outstanding family that is heavily involved in the community," said Marilyn Bailey, Fort Jackson's Army Volunteer Corps coordinator. "They have given so much of their time since the whole time they have lived on this post."

Bailey said that despite having their hands full with two school-age children and a 7-month-old, the couple "will still do anything they can for you, and they always want to do more. They just have a genuine concern for Soldiers, their families, and the youth of this community."

The Briggs family is actively involved in several programs around post, including the Fort Jackson Mayors Council, the Moncrief Army Community Hospital Family Readiness Group, and the MACH Sergeants Association.

They were one of 12 families nominated for the honor. Each year, units and organizations around post nominate families from within their ranks.

NOMINATED FAMILIES

- ❑ Staff Sgt. Michael Cluff and Kristal Cluff; children: Maddie, 8, Haylee, 7, Glenn, 6; Company F, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment
- ❑ Sgt. Matthew Close and Jo Close; children: Andrew, 7, and Kayla, 4; Company F, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment
- ❑ 1st Sgt. Nicholas Kolowich and Merika Kolowich; children: Caden, 9, Brooklyn, 7, Coleman, 5; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 120th Adjutant General Battalion
- ❑ Sarah Dishon and Sgt. 1st Class Lynn Dishon; children: Callie, 4, Cameron, 2; Army Community Services Directorate
- ❑ Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Owen and Richard Owen; children: Sarah, 16, David, 9, Abigail, 7; U.S. Army Soldier Support Institute
- ❑ Master Sgt. Xavier Terrell and Stephanie Terrell; children: Tanisha, 18, Dante, 16; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Training Support Battalion
- ❑ Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Bone and Stephanie Bone; children: Seth, 12, Cody, 10, Kyle, 7, Emily, 5, Olivia, 3; U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School
- ❑ 1st Sgt. Michael Jones and Sgt. Marianne Jones; children: Elizabeth, 20, Cheyenne, 18, Benjamin, 17; U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School
- ❑ Delicia McCain and Sgt. 1st Class (Ret.) Nathaniel McCain; children: Brittany, 26, Candice, 24; U.S. Army Dental Command
- ❑ Spc. Benita Turner and Pfc. Richard Turner; children: Mekiyah, 12, Keyonta, 8; U.S. Army Dental Command
- ❑ Sgt. 1st Class Jerald Briggs and Colleen Briggs; children: Brandon, 9, Bradley, 6, Alexander, 7 months; U.S. Army Medical Command
- ❑ Mary Reardon; child: Megan, 14; American Red Cross

These nominees are then judged by a panel of five independent judges from the Columbia area, Bailey said, receiving scores in three categories: friendship and service, love and teamwork, and individual growth.

"Each of these nominated families represents traditional Army and family values," said Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson command-

ing general. "It's always an honor to recognize the effort of families like these."

Bailey said that the ceremony was an important opportunity to recognize the contributions of all the nominees.

"All of these families have given great service to this community," she said. "Any chance we have to recognize that, they deserve our attention."



Fort Jackson recycles

Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

On Nov. 15, Fort Jackson celebrates America Recycles Day with an art contest, recycling drive and educational displays. Soldiers, families and post employees were invited to bring 'e-waste' such as old computers, telephones and other electronic equipment to be disposed in bins at the Officer's Club, above, while vendors display crafts made from recycled materials, below.



UP CLOSE



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Fort Jackson marks America Recycles Day last week by collecting old electronic equipment, clothes, books and other assorted items during a recycling drive at the Officers Club. Crafts and clothes made from recycled materials were also on display at the event.





Challenge of change

Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Above, Soldiers get ready for a round of wheelchair basketball at Coleman Gym on Fort Jackson last Wednesday. The activity was part of the adaptive sports equipment exhibit in honor of Warrior Care Month. Right, 171st Infantry Brigade Commander, Col. Mark Bieger, presents retired Sgt. 1st Class Centra Mazyck with a token of appreciation for speaking at Wednesday's event. Mazyck participated in this year's Paralympic Games in London in the javelin throw, and spoke to Fort Jackson Soldiers about her life following a serious injury sustained in a 2003 parachute jump. Below right, Soldiers participate in a wheelchair basketball game. Below left, professional archer Steven Coleman coaches Soldiers through a few rounds of target practice outside the gym.



BOSS offers community to single Soldiers

By **KIM WHEELER**
Special to the Leader

When Sgt. Marshall Pampkin arrives at a new installation, one of the first things he does is get involved with its Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program. The assistant strength manager for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 165th Infantry Brigade, said the program is hands-down the best way to meet people, experience what the area has to offer, and get involved in the community.

“When I first got here, there weren’t a lot of people hanging out talking in the barracks,” Pampkin said. “There was no one pointing me in this or that direction. But the BOSS program brings people together. It gets people involved and engaged, gets them out and doing something.”

That is exactly what the program is intended to do, said Fort Jackson’s BOSS president, Sgt. Jessica Garrett.

“This program is by the Soldiers for the Soldiers,” she said. “There is something for everyone. Some Soldiers enjoy doing community service, some enjoy the trips, and some are passionate about the issues that they or their Soldiers are going through.”

All of these are elements of the BOSS program, which defines its three pillars as community service, well-being, and recreation and leisure. Fort Jackson’s program upholds these pillars through a variety of activities and events.

The group regularly visits veterans’ homes and spends one day each month at its adopted school, Columbia’s Forrest Heights Elementary School.

“It is important for the community to have a positive image of the single Soldier,” Garrett said. “This is an opportunity for Soldiers to get involved in the community and to help out where we can, but it is also our chance to inform the community about what we do.”

“Everybody talks about giving back to the community, but not a lot of people actually do it,” Pampkin said, adding that Soldiers can also include these volunteer opportunities on their resumes in the future. “This is something positive Soldiers can get involved in now that can help them down the road.”

Fun is another focus in BOSS. The program sponsors group outings, such as trips to amusement parks, football games and white-water rafting. It also gives out tickets to sporting events and hosts holiday parties on post.

“I like that BOSS gives Soldiers something more to do than go to the bar,” said Pampkin, who has participated in BOSS programs around the Army for more than 10 years. “It’s a chance to get out and take a trip somewhere or see and do something you wouldn’t otherwise.”

While Garrett likes to see Soldiers having a good time, what’s most important to her is ensuring that their day-to-day life on Fort Jackson is a positive experience. In fact, helping Soldiers with quality-of-life problems was one of the main reasons she got involved with the program.

“I was good at speaking up for Soldiers and their

issues,” she said. “I have a passion for assisting Soldiers and putting their opinions and issues out to the command.”

Garrett said she accomplishes this through Town Hall meetings and one-on-one meetings in which “we try to work out any issues at the lowest level possible.”

Though they consider Fort Jackson’s BOSS program a great opportunity for Soldiers, Garrett and Pampkin both pointed out that the program relies on the very Soldiers it serves.

“The key to this program’s success is participation from the Soldiers,” Garrett said. “If they don’t like the events or things that we are offering, I encourage them to make suggestions. (Their participation) can make or break our program.”

“BOSS isn’t going to work without the support of the single Soldier community,” Pampkin agreed. “If Soldiers have ideas about how to improve the program, it’s only going to get better with their input and the support of the command.”

“If you’re not participating,” he added, “you’re missing out on all these opportunities, and the only thing standing in your way is you.”

The BOSS program is open to all single Soldiers on Fort Jackson, to include single officers, single parents and geographical bachelors.

To get involved or find out more about BOSS, contact your unit’s BOSS representative or attend the next BOSS meeting scheduled for 11:45 a.m., Wednesday at the Single Soldier Complex.

Remembering the fallen

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Donald Rutherford, Army chief of chaplains, lays a wreath at the memorial wall for fallen chaplains and chaplain assistants Friday at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School. The names of seven fallen Soldiers were added to the wall during the ceremony. Also pictured is Sgt. 1st Class Lesly Ramirez, who assisted with the wreath laying. During Rutherford’s visit, USACHS also dedicated a Vietnam-era jeep and a newly installed stained glass window.

Photo by **ANDREW McINTYRE**





Celebrating heritage

Will Moreau Goins is the guest speaker at the National Native American Heritage Month luncheon Nov. 16 at the Solomon Center. Director of Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of South Carolina, Goins spoke about the contributions of Native Americans to the armed forces since the Revolutionary War.

Photo by
WALLACE McBRIDE

IMCOM looks to expedite hiring at garrisons

From IMCOM

Garrison commanders are recruiting for about 2,000 job openings, and while the competitive process can be time-consuming, exceptions to the process allow for noncompetitive selection of current IMCOM employees, transitioning Soldiers, disabled veterans, and certain others.

At the same time, the Army still faces a new fiscal environment that could require more civilian workforce reductions in the future, so the headquarters will continue to closely oversee the filling of critical vacancies to ensure the command stays within sustainable end strength numbers.

IMCOM started fiscal year 2012 facing a mandatory reduction of more than 4,000 civilian positions including the headquarters, the regions and the garrisons. In the interest of retaining a highly experienced and specialized workforce, the command approached the necessary reduction with a commitment to meet the end-strength target through attrition and judicious filling of critical vacancies.

This proactive approach to human resources management has succeeded to the extent that IMCOM has exceeded its reduction target through voluntary separations, retirement, and cross-leveling through reassignment. The new personnel outlook is good news for protecting the workforce, but the garrisons are now eager to fill these nearly 2,000 openings to

sustain their operations.

“It’s great to see that we could continue to meet our mission requirements while still taking care of our civilian workforce,” said IMCOM commander Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter.

The federal hiring system is a competitive process, designed to evaluate applicants fairly, but not necessarily quickly, especially in recruiting from outside the government. But federal regulations allow for noncompetitive consideration of the very populations IMCOM seeks to help—including current employees, transitioning Soldiers and disabled veterans.

“As we look at ways to expedite the approval process, there are steps the garrisons can take to speed the process, including streamlining the recruiting process, working in advance with the (Civilian Personnel Action Center) on determining the level of competition, getting job assessments ready, considering noncompetitive selections of the current IMCOM workforce, and hiring veterans and family members,” said IMCOM Director of Human Resources (G1) Karen Perkins.

Most hiring actions still must go to the HQ IMCOM Human Resources Management Board for initial screening and a recommendation to the commanding general. When the commander approves a hiring request, he specifies whether a vacancy must be filled by a current IMCOM employee or whether it can be

recruited outside the command and even outside the federal workforce.

The first step remains the IMCOM Enterprise Placement Program, which may provide a reassignment opportunity for a potentially vulnerable IMCOM employee who is willing to relocate. While the IEPP process is working, managers can begin their recruitment process to be ready to select if IEPP does not provide an eligible candidate.

If managers want to consider using one of the special hiring authorities laid out under Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations, there are many ways to hire transitioning Soldiers, disabled veterans and people with disabilities noncompetitively.

“These are excellent ways to select qualified people noncompetitively, and they help disabled veterans and transitioning Soldiers, which we want to do anyway,” said Lois Keith, chief of Civilian Personnel in the IMCOM G1.

One such authority is the Veterans’ Recruitment Authority, which allows for noncompetitive appointment to positions in grades up to GS-11 of disabled veterans or veterans who served on active duty during a war, a recognized campaign or expedition, or certain other military operations. The VRA also extends to recently separated veterans.

Another opportunity is to appoint a veteran retired from active duty with a disability rating of 30 percent or more. These appointments are 60-day temporary

or term at the start, but may be converted to career or career-conditional at any time. There are no grade limits with a 30 percent disability appointment, as long as the applicant meets all qualification standards.

Another talent resource is Army spouses, who normally won’t qualify for noncompetitive appointment, but often come with wide experience and varied skill sets that might not be readily available in the local talent pool. And former government employees eligible for reinstatement can be selected noncompetitively in any grade up to their former highest grade, as long as they meet qualifications.

The installation CPAC is the local resource for all civilian hiring, but especially when trying to expedite hiring through the use of noncompetitive appointments, so every action should be in consultation with CPAC.

With the need for balance between expedited hiring and sustainable end strengths, garrison commanders need access to more than one option when filling a critical vacancy. The headquarters will likely stay very involved in the hiring process for the foreseeable future in the interest of sheltering the workforce from future adverse actions due to civilian reductions.

Options exist, however, and using the hiring authorities provided can help garrisons fill their critical vacancies while also providing opportunity for some very deserving candidates.



Courtesy photo

VolunTEEN support

The American Red Cross VolunTEENS receive a \$1,000 donation during Columbia's Veterans Day parade Nov. 12. The funds will support ongoing community projects that benefit the Fort Jackson community as well as local organizations.

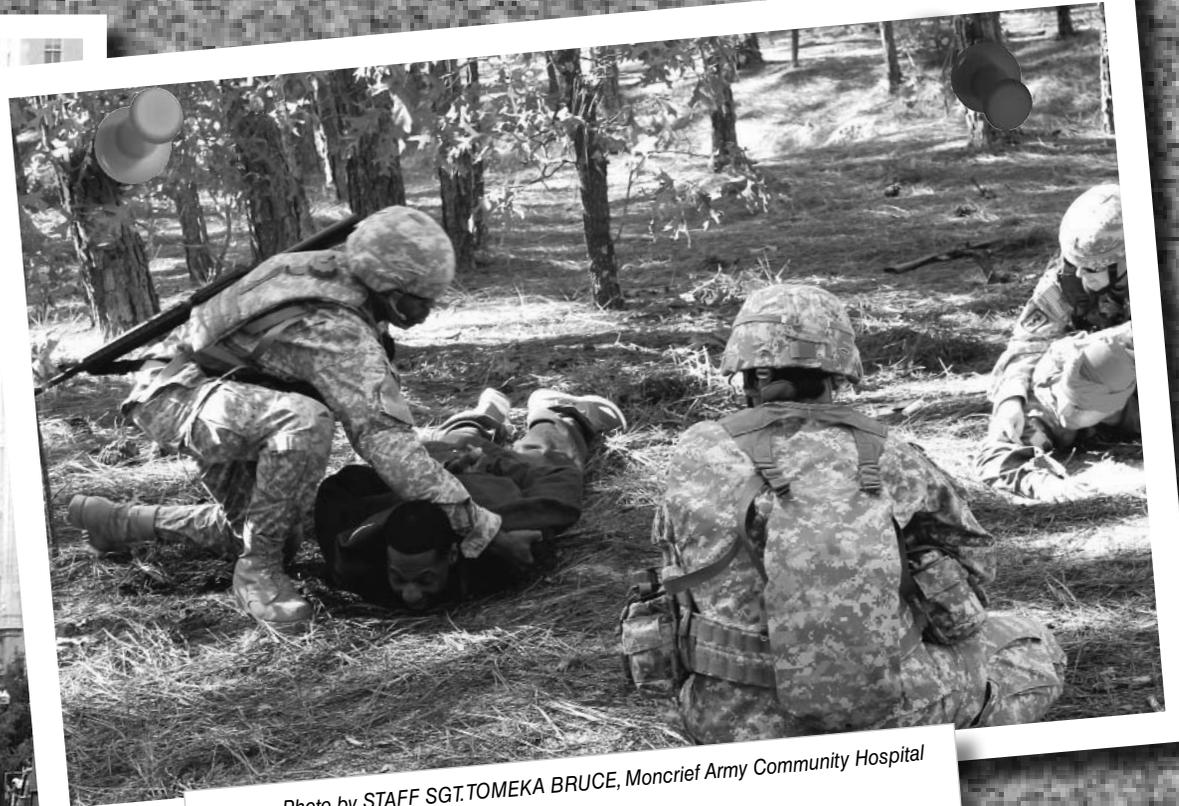


Photo by STAFF SGT.TOMEKA BRUCE, Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Warrior training

Soldiers with Moncrief Army Community Hospital employ progressive levels of force against 'hostile civilians' during MACH's annual Army Warrior Training Nov. 5-9.



Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Home for the holidays

Soldiers line up to purchase Victory Block Leave tickets Nov. 15 at the Joe E. Mann Center. Many Soldiers in Basic Combat Training will take a break from Dec. 20 through Jan. 3 to spend the holidays with their families.

GARNET, BLACK & GREEN

Fort Jackson Soldiers honored during USC football game



Photo by 1ST LT. LONG PHAM, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

Ray Tanner, athletic director with the University of South Carolina, and Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson's commanding general, share a light moment before Saturday's military appreciation game against Wofford. Soldiers from various units on Fort Jackson attended the game and participated in the pregame and halftime ceremonies. Roberts served as the honorary captain and tossed the coin before the game. USC won, 24-7.



Photo by 1ST LT. LONG PHAM, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

The salute battery from the 171st Infantry Battalion participates in halftime activities during Saturday's game.



Photo by 1ST LT. LONG PHAM, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment



Photo by DAVID SHANES, command photographer

Top photo, Col. Odie Sheffield, commander of the 165th Infantry Brigade, is the celebrity starter of the game. Bottom photo, The color guard from Fort Jackson marches onto the field at Williams-Brice Stadium Saturday.

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HAPPENINGS

Calendar

Monday, Dec. 3

Multi-workout extravaganza

4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Solomon Center
The event includes food, door prizes and workout.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

American Red Cross blood drive

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Caughman Center, 1525 Marion Ave.
For more information and to sign up, call 360-2036.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

American Red Cross blood drive

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital
For more information and to sign up, call 360-2036.

Thursday, Dec. 13

Immigration 101 workshop

10 a.m. to noon, Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
For more information, call 751-1124.

Announcements

ACS CLOSURE

Army Community Services will be closed Friday. For financial assistance from Army Emergency Relief, call 751-5256 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Friday and leave a message. For emergency financial assistance on Thanksgiving Day or after duty hours, call the American Red Cross at (877) 272-7337.

PHARMACY HOLIDAY HOURS

Moncrief Army Community Hospital outpatient pharmacy hours of operation for Friday will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The refill pharmacy hours of operation for that day will be 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Both

pharmacies will be closed Thursday.

MACH CONSTRUCTION

Construction on the third floor of Moncrief Army Community Hospital is scheduled to be completed Nov. 27. All personnel and visitors accessing the floor are reminded to use caution.

OKINAWAN KARATE LESSONS

Beginning Nov. 26, Okinawan karate lessons will be offered at 5:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at 13000 Jackson Blvd. Participants should be there at 5:20 p.m. to get access to the building. For more information, email Joel.Quebec@usar.army.mil.

YOUTH SPORTS SIGN-UP

Sign-up for winter youth sports runs through Dec. 7. Children must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services. Winter basketball is open to children 4 to 15 years old. Cheerleading is open to children 3 to 13 years old. For more information, call 157-5040/7451.

SPEED LIMIT DURING PT TIMES

The speed limit on Marion Avenue between Early and Cleburne streets is 20 mph from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m.

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.

COMMISSARY NEWS

❑ The Commissary Reward Card is now available at the store. The card lets customers access digital coupons and redeem them in any commissary. To register the card, visit www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm.

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MACH WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

The Pathway is a free weight management program provided by Moncrief Army Community Hospital's Nutrition Clinic. Introductory classes are offered 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of the month at MACH, Room 8-85. Support group meetings take place 5 to 6 p.m., the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at MACH, Room 8-85. For more information, call 751-2489.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

❑ Donations can be dropped off any time. To get a receipt, drop off your donations during business hours.

❑ The Thrift Shop will hold a weekly football drawing throughout football season.

❑ The Thrift Shop is accepting Christmas items Tuesday through Dec. 13.

❑ The Thrift Shop will be closed through Thursday.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events. Send your announcements to fjleader@gmail.com.

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FLU SHOTS

Moncrief Army Community Hospital is offering free influenza vaccines to military ID card holders. Flu shots will be offered at the following locations:

❑ **MACH, 6th floor, Room 5:** Nov. 21 and 28, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

❑ **Solomon Center:** Nov. 26, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

❑ **Commissary:** Nov. 20, 27 and 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

❑ **Exchange:** Nov. 30, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Vaccines for children younger than 4 are available at MACH, Room 6-39.



Tuesday, Nov. 20 — 1 p.m.

Won't back down PG

Tuesday, Nov. 20 — 4 p.m.

Premium Rush PG-13

Friday, Nov. 23 — 4:30 p.m.

End of Watch R

Saturday, Nov. 24 — 4 p.m.

House at the End of the Street PG-13

Sunday, Nov. 24 — 2 p.m.

End of Watch R

For more listings, visit www.aafes.com or call 751-7488.

Adults: \$5
Children (6-11 years old): \$2.50



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