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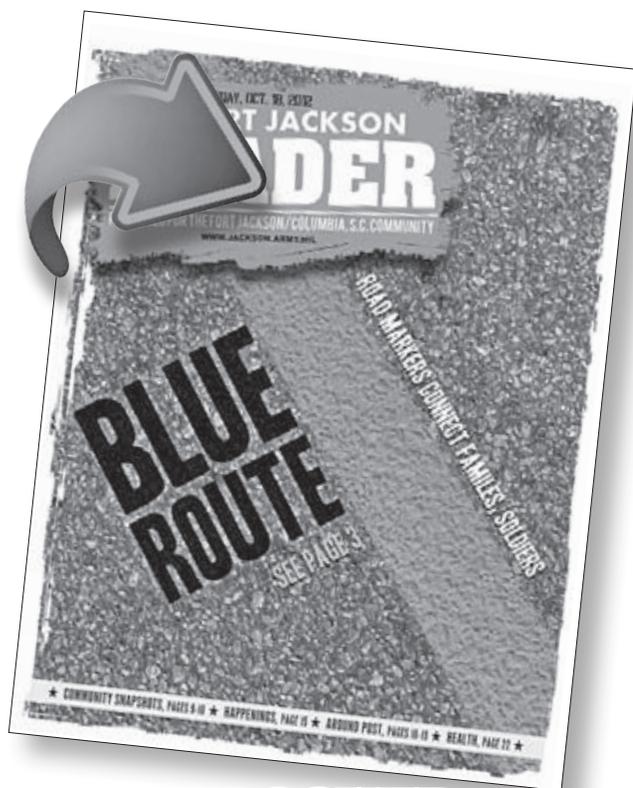
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ON THE COVER

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Looking for Hilton Field? Put away your GPS and follow the blue lines leading from the post's busiest gates to the location of graduation, Family Day events. **SEE PAGE 3.**



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COMMANDER'S CALL

Identity theft is a serious problem during the holidays

Put an end to criminal activity through education

Deterring crime is a top priority. Last year, the national Identity Theft Assistance Center report indicated that identity theft increased by 13 percent. Approximately 15 million online shoppers are victims of identity theft each year, with losses totaling upward of \$50 billion. That amounts to an average loss of more than \$3,000 per victim. These numbers are appalling.

As you prepare for this year's holiday season, I encourage each of you to remain safe and take precaution while shopping in stores and online.

I have encountered a number of Soldiers in my career who have dealt with a form of identity theft, specifically after a deployment or during the holidays. Not only are your personal finances damaged, but your emotional security is as well.

We have a number of crime prevention programs that are available for Soldiers, Families and Civilians, to educate and protect against these harmful acts.

"CID Lookout" is a U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) initiative to partner with Army communities by providing a conduit for members of the Army Family to help prevent, reduce and report felonies.

Army Community Services offers ongoing individual consumer and financial counseling. The financial counseling addresses the challenges of consumers and finances, such as identity theft. In addition our Directorate of Emergency Services professionals promote crime prevention education daily, both on and off post.

My thanks go out to the law enforcement officers of the Midlands area who partner with our DES professionals to keep Fort Jackson's Army Families safe on and off post during the busiest time of the year.

Our DES personnel will coordinate and conduct special classes and projects, in conjunction with local law enforcement officers to make sure the mission of providing a secure environment for government, personal property and personnel are met. These classes range from newcomer orientations to anti-robbery seminars.

These same professionals also help provide D.A.R.E instruction to students at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School daily. The D.A.R.E. program teaches students life skills on how to avoid drugs, criminal activity and violence.

Another prominent program is the Centralized Operations Police Suite

(C.O.P.S), which is responsible for providing community activities and special events throughout the year that raise awareness for crime prevention. The most visible aspect of the program are the officers on bike patrols each day.

These types of crime prevention programs implemented by DES are ongoing. They also build for a stronger Army Family that will stand against criminals. We must keep each other safe on and off post. We will continue to take the necessary measures to protect the Fort Jackson Team as we grow and learn more about the vulnerabilities in our society.

Ensuring that families are aware of the potential dangers of crime will reinforce our ideals as an Army Family. Members of the Army Family who believe they have been a victim of a crime should contact Military Police immediately and

file a report. If you are off post, please contact your local Police Department.

Your efforts to help us prevent crime are important. Criminal activity goes against our Army values. We must put an end to criminal activity through education and execution — play your part.

Army Strong and Victory Starts Here!
Victory 6

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

Fort Jackson
Commanding General



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME**



Follow Brig. Gen. Bryan T. Roberts at www.facebook.com/FortJacksonCommandingGeneral



Whose line is it, anyway?

Traffic innovation to lead visitors to Hilton Field

By **WALLACE McBRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

What stretches almost seven miles of road, uses 125 gallons of paint and has fascinated more than a few drivers on Fort Jackson during the last week?

It's a question people have been asking since mysterious blue lines began appearing on the roads around post during the night of Oct. 10. Friends and families visiting last week's graduation ceremonies might have answered the question, though: The lines connect Fort Jackson's three busiest gates to Hilton Field.

"The blue lines let families know where their Soldiers are going to be for both Family Day and graduation," said Lt. Col. Eric Schourek, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment. "It's a visual recognition and is easy to follow."

Designed to guide new visitors to Hilton Field, the lines begin at gates 1, 2 and 4 and lead drivers along a direct route to their Soldiers.

"We're kind of surprised that nobody else ever came up with this before," said Lt. Col. Steven Delvaux, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. "I think it's great. We've been talking a lot about signage on Fort Jackson. It can

be confusing for families trying to get to Hilton Field."

He said the blue lines will make it easier for visitors to learn their way around, he said.

"As opposed to putting up a bunch of signs than nobody's going to read, now they can just follow the blue line," Delvaux said.

Fort Jackson will address the change on its social media sites so that families know what to expect when visiting the post.

"I expect an easier flow of traffic," Schourek said. "Occasionally, you'll have family members get disoriented because they'll be looking at their GPS and miss a turn."

'Blue lines' make post more friendly to visitors

By **GERALD HENDERSON**
Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
Training Center, Fort Jackson

You have probably noticed that several of our roads now feature a freshly painted blue line. Many have speculated why the line exists and where it ends. Just as Dorothy had her yellow brick road and Hansel and Gretel had their trail of bread crumbs, visitors to Fort Jackson now have their "blue line."

Whether you enter the installation through gates 1, 2 or 4, if your destination

is Hilton Field, it's as simple as following that very prominent blue line.

No more U-turns, map checks or stopping for directions. Now, about 8,000 visitors per week and 120,000 annually will enter the gates and hear, "Welcome to Fort Jackson. If you are going to Hilton Field, follow the blue line. Victory starts here!"

The line was masterminded by Fort Jackson's chief of staff, Col. Ken Royalty. Royalty pursued the notion after visiting Fort Benning, Ga., in an effort to identify ideas on how to improve Fort Jackson's Basic Combat Training graduation

activities.

"We have to take a look at ourselves through the eyes of others, particularly those who are experiencing the Army and Fort Jackson for the first time," said Royalty, who is on his second tour of service here. "Our goal is to make a positive and lasting impression while at the same time take away the stress and anxiety of a family that has driven hours to celebrate seeing a son or daughter become a Soldier in the United States Army."

Royalty added that the line itself is just one of many ideas associated with making the post more friendly and appealing to

those visiting and attending graduations or special events at Hilton Field. He said that there is a collective focus and sense of urgency within all commands to change the visual image of the installation.

"This effort is being driven by a team of teams, all cooperating, all sharing their talents and ideas and all realizing that there is no magic to bettering ourselves," he said. "It's pride, ownership and every person dedicated to our vision — being the preeminent training center within the Department of Defense. We know we are the biggest. We want to be the biggest and the best."

AFAP conference prioritizes concerns

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**

Fort Jackson Leader

Delegates representing various constituent groups on Fort Jackson came together last week to develop a list of issues and recommendations at the fiscal year 2013 Fort Jackson Army Family Action Plan conference.

The issues discussed were submitted by community members. The delegates identified the top concerns and formulated proposals. At the end of the conference, the issues were presented to Fort Jackson leadership. Next, the prioritized issues will be forwarded to the TRADOC AFAP conference, where delegates leaders will decide which concerns to forward to the Army level.

"AFAP is very, very important to our Army and as important to Fort Jackson," said Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts, Fort Jackson commanding general. "Systems like this that the Army developed for us to execute and implement ... will help us get to the quality of life that I'd like us to have here at Fort Jackson."

Twenty-two issues were discussed during the three-day conference, with topics including benefits and entitlements; housing; child and youth concerns; employment; consumer services; facilities and roads; and medical and dental concerns.

The delegates, which included Soldiers from active and Reserve components, single Soldiers, civilian employees, family members, and military retirees, split into two workgroups.

The first workgroup discussed issues concerning medical support and benefits and entitlements. The group's spokeswoman, Tiffiney Jones, said the top two concerns forwarded by the group were the postpartum leave policy for service members and the medical age of consent for family members.

Jones said the group recommends the establishment of a new leave policy authorizing two weeks of chargeable leave for postpartum service members, immediately following convalescent leave. The second issue addresses the fact that the medical age of consent varies from state to state. The group proposed creating a federal law that establishes 18 as the medical age of consent for military family members who seek treatment from DoD providers.

The second workgroup focused on Soldier and family support. The group identified its top two issues as selection of single parents for the drill sergeant program and enforcement of the Total Army Sponsorship Program.

Sgt. 1st Class Terrence Townsend, the group's spokesman, said the long hours required to carry out drill sergeant duties may lead to parenting and child care issues for drill sergeants who are single parents. The group recommended excluding single parents from the drill sergeant program selection, unless the Soldier wants to serve as drill sergeant.

The second issue concerns lack of enforcement of the



Photos by *SUSANNE KAPPLER*

Col. Michael Graese, garrison commander, addresses delegates of the Fort Jackson Army Family Action Plan Conference Friday at the Solomon Center. The 22 delegates identified issues and recommendations to be forwarded to TRADOC for resolution at a higher level.

Total Army Sponsorship Program, which may impede the integration of new Soldiers into a unit. The group proposed implementing and enforcing Total Army Sponsorship Program registration before a Soldier's permanent change of station.

In addition, the Teen AFAP spokesperson, Zania Bell, said that Fort Jackson teenagers recommended increased activities at the Fort Jackson Teen Center and stabilization for military teens as their top issues they would like to see addressed by leadership.

The representatives briefed the issues to Roberts and Col. Michael Graese, garrison commander. Roberts expressed his thanks to the delegates and said quality of life was a Number One priority for Fort Jackson leadership.

"We're going to do everything humanly possible for our constituency here, and we're not going to blame (issues) on not having money," Roberts said. "Where we don't have the money to do what we want to do, we'll be innovative and do what we can."

The status of current issues may be tracked at www.fortjacksonmwr.com/acs_afap.

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Sgt. 1st Class Terrence Townsend, spokesman for one of the AFAP workgroups, presents the concerns and recommendations of the group to Fort Jackson leaders.



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Tamara Wilson, an archaeological technician with the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, left, and Chan Funk, an archaeologist with the Fort Jackson Environmental Division, review a map of one of four sites in 'tree thinning' areas that are being reviewed for historic significance.

Echoes from the past

S.C. history is hiding in Fort Jackson's shadier areas

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Bits of broken glass and ceramics lay among the leaves and underbrush. This is a part of Fort Jackson few ever see, thickly wooded and secluded from the many training areas scattered about the post.

But the timber here has value, and is occasionally sold by Fort Jackson during regular "thinning" efforts. During the last week, researchers with the University of South Carolina were trying to figure out if the bits of trash and debris sometimes found in the secluded regions of Fort Jackson also had value.

"They're testing late discoveries, archaeological sites that were missed in the original surveys in the late 1980s," said Chan Funk, an archaeologist with the Fort Jackson Environmental Division. Four sites are being surveyed within a timber thinning tract in order to establish boundaries for areas that might be eligible for protection on the national historic register.

"Once they get the boundaries on them, they'll go back and test the site's eligibility and significance for the national register of historic places," Funk said. "If it con-



Jonathan Whitlash conducts a 'shovel test' Monday at a site being reviewed for its historic significance. At least one house is believed to have stood at the locations in the 19th century.

tributes something not already known about these types of sites, they'll make a recommendation that it's eligible for the register."

Founded in 1917, Fort Jackson was originally a collection of privately owned tracts of land. The property was pieced together through cooperative efforts involving the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, the federal government

and local residents, many of whom sold their property through eminent domain. Much of the land had no roads or trails and was so heavily overgrown in places that routine travel was impossible.

Still, it was a place many people have called home at one time or another, not just during the previous century, but in times classified as "prehistory."

"Pretty much every time period is represented here on Fort Jackson," said Tamara Wilson, an archeological technician with the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology with the University of South Carolina. Wilson said there are remnants of settlements dating back to Paleo-Indian people on Fort Jackson.

The relics found during surveys the last week were not that old, though. She estimated the site was home to one or more families in the mid to late 1800s, and was the location of one of more buildings.

Researchers have found the remains of a chimney on one of the four sites, as well as evidence of trash pits, some of which contained broken ceramics and bottles. A large, sandy crater at the site might be the remains of a well, Wilson said.

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Translocation: 'It's like eHarmony for RCWs'

Program helps increase population of endangered birds

By **STANLEY RIKARD**
Directorate of Public Works

Autumn means many things to many people — football season, changing leaf color, the state fair and cooler temperatures. But to biologists in the Directorate of Public Works Wildlife Branch, autumn has a special meaning — red-cockaded woodpecker translocation time has arrived.

Only found in old growth longleaf pine forests of the Southeastern United States, the red-cockaded woodpecker, or RCW, is a federally listed endangered species. This small bird, measuring about 7 inches in length, was given full protection with the passage of the Endangered Species Act in 1973.

Habitat loss is the reason the RCW is listed as an endangered species. Its habitat is the open and mature pine ecosystem, which once covered an estimated 90 million acres across the Southeast at the time of European settlement. Today, only about 3 million acres of this ecosystem remains, primarily due to deforestation from agriculture, urbanization and over-harvesting of old growth pines.

Translocation of juvenile RCWs is one of the many management tools biologists use to help increase RCW numbers and recover declining populations. This technique involves moving one or more juvenile RCWs between or within populations to introduce the birds to suitable unoccupied habitat or to supplement the number of RCWs already living in an area. Translocations can also increase genetic diversity in critically small populations.

“Technically, there are two types of RCW translocations we use,” said Nicole Hawkins, DPW wildlife biologist. “One is where a solitary female juvenile is moved to a location occupied by a solitary male. The other is where an unrelated male and female juvenile are moved to an unoccupied area of suitable habitat. The goal of both translocation types is to establish a new pair of breeding RCWs. It's like eHarmony for RCWs.”

All translocations are conducted in accordance with strict management guidelines established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These guidelines provide the time of year for translocation, establish the qualifications for where RCWs may be captured, detail what constitutes suitable habitat where RCWs can be moved, and give specific rules for capturing, releasing and monitoring the RCWs.

In order to capture a juvenile RCW, monitoring must be conducted to ensure the bird is roosting in a cavity tree, as it's impossible to capture open roosting birds. RCWs are typically captured at dusk using a specially



Photos by **STANLEY RIKARD**, Directorate of Public Works

Caleb Gaston, a wildlife technician with the Directorate of Public Works, raises a capture net on an active cavity tree. The net is designed to capture red-cockaded woodpeckers for translocation to suitable uninhabited habitat areas.

designed mesh capture net on a telescopic pole.

“The targeted juvenile is observed from a distance to ensure it enters its roost cavity,” Hawkins said. “About 10 minutes are allowed to pass so the bird can settle down for the night, then the capture net is quietly raised to cover the roost cavity entrance. A few taps on the tree trunk generally spooks the bird out of the cavity and into the net.”

“Once captured, the RCW is placed in an enclosed box and transported to the relocation site. A trained wildlife biologist or technician climbs the new cavity tree and places the RCW inside for the night. A wire screen is used to cover the cavity entrance so the RCW does not escape. The next morning the screen is removed so the bird can exit, begin exploring its new territory and meet its potential mate.”

Since 1994, the Wildlife Branch has captured and translocated 79 RCWs. Some of these were captured off post and relocated to Fort Jackson, while others were translocated within the post's RCW population. Approximately 52 percent of these translocated RCWs have become breeding birds. These results are similar to other military installations in our physiographic region.

“This fall, our goal is to capture two juvenile females and move them to two solitary males,” Hawkins said. “In addition, we hope



A captured and banded red-cockaded woodpecker awaits translocation.

to capture two unrelated pairs and move them to two unoccupied areas on post that have suitable habitat and roost cavities. All these RCWs will come from our own Fort

Jackson population, and will hopefully increase the number of potential breeding pairs for next spring's RCW nesting season.”



Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Fire prevention

Lilah Hailey, 4, chooses a toy at the Fort Jackson fire prevention table Friday at the Main Exchange. The event was part of a weeklong fire prevention program that educates families on fire safety.



Photo by KARA MOTOSICKY, Public Affairs Office

Community outreach

First Sgt. Betty Iniguez, Company B, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, addresses participants of the Come See Your Army Tour, Oct. 11. The tour gives residents the opportunity to experience a day on Fort Jackson, which includes attending graduation, observing training and eating at a dining facility.

Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS TONY J. SPAIN, Third Army/ARCENT

Hispanic heritage celebrated

From left, University of South Carolina men's basketball head coach Frank Martin, Brig. Gen. Charles Taylor, Third Army/ARCENT chief of staff, and Col. Joseph Feliciano, Third Army/ARCENT chief of protection division, cut the cake during a National Hispanic Heritage Month observance at Shaw Air Force Base Oct. 10.



COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Helping hands

More than 60 volunteers are honored at a reception Tuesday at the Solomon Center. The Helping Hands award is given quarterly to outstanding Fort Jackson volunteers.

Photos by ANDREW McINTYRE



Car accident blocks Gate 2

Fort Jackson firefighters respond to an accident at Gate 2 Monday. The driver of the car struck the median barrier while trying to exit the installation. The driver sustained minor injuries, Directorate of Emergency Services officials said. The speed limit for entering or exiting through Fort Jackson's gates is 10 mph.

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE



News and Notes

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE UNIT ON POST

The Fort Jackson Field Office of the 902nd Military Intelligence Group conducts counterintelligence and counterterrorism operations and investigations throughout South Carolina to detect, identify, neutralize and defeat foreign intelligence and terrorism threats to the Army. To report any known, suspected or perceived acts of espionage or terrorism, call (910) 263-0209 or 1-800-CALL-SPY.

LEGAL NOTICES

☐ Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Roderick Keith Harris must contact Capt. Tamiko M. Campbell, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Harris passed away Sept. 22 in Columbia. To contact Campbell, call 751-3413 or email Tamiko.M.Campbell@us.army.mil.

☐ Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Pvt. Levi A. Johnson must contact 1st Lt. Maurice Kenner, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Johnson passed away Sept. 29 on Fort Jackson. To contact Kenner, call 751-9492 or email Maurice.Kenner@us.army.mil.

☐ Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Pvt. Kyle Z. Alexander must contact 1st Lt. Dustin White, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Alexander passed away Oct. 6 on Fort Jackson. To contact White, call 751-1283 or email Dustin.R.White14.mil@mail.mil.

VA benefit allows refinancing

The VA offers a new refinance benefit, called Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan, commonly referred to as "VA streamline." The IRRL, in combination with historically-low interest rates, allows many VA loan borrowers to refinance their homes, even if they are no longer living in the home or owe more than the home's worth.

Under the new guidelines, no appraisal or credit underwriting package is required by the VA. Home owners should be aware, however, that some lenders may require an appraisal and credit report in order to ensure that mortgage payments have been timely. Lenders are also able to wrap in up to \$6,000 of energy efficient improvements into the home.

Because lenders are free to add their own requirements, borrowers are strongly encouraged to check with several lenders for the best terms. Borrowers who owe significantly more than their home is worth should consider exploring the VA streamline option with their current lender first.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

By SHAWN ANDERSON
Army Community Services
Financial Readiness

With 30-year VA loan rates near 3.25 percent annual percentage rate — and some lenders even offering credits towards closing — refinancing represents a substantial opportunity to improve the household budget. For example, a borrower with a \$200,000 mortgage who refinanced from a 5 percent to a 3.25 percent rate would save \$200 per month.

For more information, visit www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/irrl.asp or call the VA or a lender. To discuss this matter or other financial considerations with a specialist, call ACS Financial Readiness at 751-5256.

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Army to offer retirement after 15 years

By DAVID VERGUN
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers with at least 15 but less than 20 years of service may be eligible for early retirement.

According to Army Directive 281/2012, titled “Temporary Early Retirement Authority,” or TERA, officers and warrant officers who have twice failed selection for promotion to the next grade and noncommissioned officers denied continued service as a result of an approved qualitative service program centralized selection board are eligible for the program.

“Soldiers who elect to retire under TERA and are approved, will receive full retirement benefits at a slightly reduced annuity,” said Gerald Purcell, the enlisted personnel policy integrator with Army G-1. He emphasized that TERA is not an entitlement.

The TERA is one of the tools the Army is using to reduce the force in the coming years, said Purcell. He said the reduction affects active-status Soldiers serving in the active and reserve components.

The Army’s plan is to reduce the active component from about 570,000 Soldiers to about 490,000 Soldiers by the end of fiscal year 2017.

The Army has reduced the force before. But the force drawdown in the 1990s, for instance, was much different than the most current effort, said Albert Eggerton, the deputy chief of the officer division with Army G-1.

“Now, the Army is making the call on who stays and the programs are different,” Eggerton said.

Purcell said a priority with the latest drawdown is precision, care and compassion.

“Our goal is to do this in a compassionate, caring way, and ensure Soldiers and their families are taken care of during the transition,” Purcell said.

The qualitative selection board is tasked with identifying NCOs, by military occupational specialties and pay grade, who are excess to the future force structure mission requirements of the Army, Purcell said.

“We (then) tell the selection board to rank the Soldiers



Army photo

As the Army reduces its combat operations and the forces are drawn down, the Temporary Early Retirement Authority will enable some Soldiers with 15 to 20 years of service to draw early retirement.

(with their peers) based on potential future contributions,” Purcell said. “Those identified would be quality Soldiers we’d otherwise retain, but because their grades and skills are excess to the Army’s needs, we have to let them go.”

Purcell said Soldiers will know when they have been selected for involuntary separation and that they have about a year to request TERA.

“TERA is a good thing for Soldiers to take if they have already been identified for involuntary separation,” he said, explaining that the involuntary separation bonus would not have the value of early retirement in terms of pay and

benefits.

The officer and warrant officer drawdown decisions are similarly based on the Army’s mission requirement needs by skill and grade, Eggerton said. He said some officers with mission-essential critical skills would be allowed to stay in the Army despite not being selected for a higher grade.

Eggerton and Purcell agreed that TERA is good news for Soldiers who otherwise would receive less under involuntary separation.

For more information on TERA, see MILPER message 12-329.

History

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Besides the chimney, Wilson said the survey has not found anything that would qualify as “unusual.”

“We don’t find a lot of standing chimney structures because, when the property was bought, buildings were usually

razed,” she said. “This is a little uncommon for Fort Jackson. But otherwise, there’s nothing too unusual here.”

“There are certain criteria for the national register,” Funk said. In order to qualify, these sites would have to contain something that contributes to “our knowledge of history or prehistory,” he said.

“Here, it would be some kind of architectural feature we don’t have, some kind of artifacts we don’t have, something that

might indicate a particular type of trade was going on,” he said.

It’s not yet known who lived inside the house when it was still standing, but it’s possible records exist that detail the names of the property owners and residents.

“The property owners are documented and, in some cases, the property records will indicate people other than the land owner who lived on the property, like employees, other family members, and peo-

ple who married in,” Wilson said.

The archaeologists have not had the chance to research the former residents of this land, though.

“Background research is always done,” Wilson said. “We look to see if any historical documentation or previous archeological research has already been done by another archeological group for the area.”

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Calendar

Friday, Oct. 26

Domestic Abuse Awareness Month event
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Officers' Club
The guest speaker will be Mildred Muhammad. Tickets cost \$9.50. For more information and to register, call 751-6325.

Friday, Oct. 26

Fall festival

7 to 9 p.m., Solomon Center
No scary costumes. Transportation will be provided from the Solomon Center to the Haunted Room at the Youth Services Center. For more information, call 751-4865.

Monday, Oct. 29

Retirement Review

9 a.m., Post Theater

Thursday, Nov. 15

America Recycles Day

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Officers' Club
The event will include a shred truck, electronic waste collection, scrap metal collection and a book exchange. For more information, call 751-5971.

Announcements

CPAC CLOSURE

The Fort Jackson Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be closed Friday for its organization day. For emergencies, call the Emergency Operations Center at 751-5166. CPAC will reopen at 8 a.m., Monday.

DISPOSITION SERVICES CLOSURE

The Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services (formerly DRMO) will be closed Nov. 5-16 for training to transition to the new Reutilization Business Integration system.

HOMESCHOOLING WORKSHOP

A free two-hour workshop on homeschooling is scheduled for 10 a.m., Tuesday at the Joe E. Mann Center conference room. For more information and to register, call 751-6150 and select "option 1."

COMMISSARY REWARDS CARD

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.

RECLAMATION SALE

A military clothing reclamation sale is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 1 and 2, at 2570 Warehouse Row. The cash-only sale is open to military personnel of all ranks and to military retirees. For more information, call 751-7213.

MORNING FITNESS CLASSES

Andy's Fitness Center now offers three new morning classes.
 9 a.m., Mondays, kettlebell
 10 a.m., Wednesdays, cardio

10 a.m., Thursdays, strength and conditioning

For more information, call 751-5768.

DHR CLOSURE

All Directorate of Human Resources offices, including the Administrative Services Division and ID card offices, will close at 10:30 a.m., Friday for organizational day activities.

For ID card emergencies, three alternate locations are available: The Soldier Family Assistance Center, 751-1198; Shaw Air Force Base, 895-1596; and the South Carolina National Guard Center, 806-2078. Normal hours will resume Oct. 22.

BLACKHAWK BALL

The 171st Infantry Brigade will host its annual Blackhawk Ball at 6 p.m., Nov. 2 at the DoubleTree hotel in Columbia. The guest speaker will be TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dailey. Tickets cost \$40. To RSVP, call 751-3319 or 751-3301.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

Soldiers can access the federal write-in absentee ballot at <http://fvap.gov/reference/forms.html>. Unit voting assistance officers can answer questions about voting deadlines.

AAFES CONTEST

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is looking for the most adorable child in its third annual "Cutest Kiddo Contest." Participants should upload a photo to the Exchange's Facebook page by Nov. 8. Prizes include a cruise and Exchange gift cards.

AG CORPS 70S PARTY

The Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter will host a 70s party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday at the Joe E. Mann Center. Tickets cost \$15 and must be purchased in advance. For ticket information, email denise.grantbradley@us.army.mil.

RECYCLE DAY CONTEST

Help celebrate Recycle Day Nov. 15 by submitting items made from recycled materials to the Environmental Management Branch. Prizes will be awarded to the best items submitted. For more information, call 751-5971 or email lisa.a.mcknight11.ctr@mail.mil.

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 to 11 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of the month at MACH, Room 8-85. Support group meetings take place 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at MACH, fourth floor dining facility. 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.
 Halloween items are accepted through today.

Housing happenings

All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. Call 738-8275 for information.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The housing services, furnishing and administrative offices of the Single Soldier Complex will close at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 26 for an organizational day. Normal hours will resume at 7:30 a.m., Oct. 29.

HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS

Judging for the best Halloween decorations will take place Oct. 26 after sundown. The winner will be announced Oct. 29.

PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING

Bring your plastic bags to the Community Center for recycling. Residents will be entered into a drawing for a gift card once per every 20 bags turned in.

SELF HELP

The Self Help Center offers lawn mowers for check-out. 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.

MINOL UTILITY BILLS

Residents are required to pay their Minol utility bills each month. If the bill becomes delinquent after 30 days, the resident's chain of command will be notified.

HSO ASSISTANCE

The Housing Services Office can help resolve disputes between landlords and tenants. For more information, call 751-5788/7566.

Off-post events

The Fort Jackson Leader accepts only off-post announcements for those organizations or events that directly relate to service members and their families.

MILITARY KIDS APPRECIATION

The Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center will host a free tennis clinic for military children 8-14 years old 5 to 6 p.m., today and Oct. 25.

For more information and to register, call 227-3030.

PTSD STUDY SEEKS PARTICIPANTS

Researchers with the Dorn VA Hospital and the University of South Carolina are conducting a study of physical activity for veterans with combat-related post traumatic stress disorder. For more information, contact Shawn Youngstedt at 777-2666 or by emailing syoungstedt@sc.edu.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

The Columbia Walk to End Alzheimer's is scheduled for 10 a.m., Oct. 20 at Finlay Park. For more information, visit www.alz.org/walk.

345TH BOMB GROUP REUNION

A reunion commemorating the 70th anniversary of the activation of the 345th Bomb Group is scheduled for Nov. 9-12 at L.B. Owens Airport in Columbia. World War II airplanes will be on display for the public on the afternoon of Nov. 9. For more information, call (785) 647-7541.

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:

Solomon Center: Oct. 22 and 29; 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Nov. 5, 19 and 26, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Commissary: Nov. 13, 15, 20, 27 and 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Exchange: Nov. 16 and 30, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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



Friday, Oct. 19 — 7 p.m.

The Odd Life of Timothy Green PG

Saturday, Oct. 20 — 4 p.m.

The Expendables 2 R

Sunday, Oct. 21 — 2 p.m.

Paranormal PG

Wednesday, Oct. 24 — 1 p.m.

Paranormal PG

Wednesday, Oct. 24 — 4 p.m.

The Expendables 2 R

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

Fiesta!

Fort Jackson celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



Photos by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Capt. Carolina Cruz, center, a native of Colombia, performs a Colombian folklore dance with a group at the Hispanic American Heritage Month celebration Saturday at Patriot Park. The festival, which was hosted by the Soldier Support Institute, featured performances representing various Latin American countries and musical styles.



Charlotte Salsa dancers Wendy and Rodrigo Jimenez demonstrate a slow samba during the festival.



Carlos Flores Vizcarra, the consul general of Mexico in Raleigh, N.C., addresses the crowd.

Far right, the bongos of percussionist Frank Vila are adorned with the Puerto Rican flag. Vila performed with Caribe Vibe Tropical Band. Right, Soldiers line up to taste some of the Hispanic food for sale at the event. Traditional items such as empanadas and pas- teles were available.



Members of the group Talento Oculto perform at the festival. The group played reggaeton and bachata music. Other performers at the event included DJ Fred Melendez, Zumba Fitness with Amy C., and merengue singer JCO-Barbosa.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Community announcements should be typed and no more than 45 words. All submissions may be edited to comply with *Leader* style and Public Affairs regulations. Send all submissions to FJLeader@gmail.com. For more information, call 751-7045.

For information about classified advertising, contact Camden Media Co. at 432-6157. Classified ads may also be faxed to 432-7609 or emailed to sbranham@ci-camden.com.

Want more Fort Jackson news?
Watch Fort Jackson video news stories and Victory Updates
at <http://www.vimeo.com/user3022628>.

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At your service

Phone numbers and operation hours for key post facilities

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

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

Army program focuses on breast cancer

By **KIRK FRADY**
Army Medicine

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in women. One out of every eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

"This year, approximately 226,870 women in the U.S. will receive a diagnosis of invasive breast cancer and 63,300 women will be diagnosed with in situ (non-invasive) breast cancer," said Gail Whitehead, Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. "In addition, although male breast cancer is rare and accounts for less than 1 percent of all breast carcinomas in the U.S., about 2,190 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year."

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women in the United States. Approximately 39,510 women and 410 men in the U.S. are projected to die from breast cancer this year.

The Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, or BCRP, was established in 1992 as a result of the powerful effort of breast cancer advocates. Their continued efforts, in concert with the program's successes, have resulted in more than \$2.6 billion in congressional appropriations through fiscal year 2011 executed by the congressionally-directed Medical Research Programs of MRMC.

The BCRP vision is adapted yearly to ensure that the program remains re-

sponsive to what is currently happening in the research community. Throughout the years, the BCRP has created and introduced unique funding mechanisms to support a broad portfolio of research and training awards that have transformed the breast cancer field.

The BCRP challenges scientists to pursue high-risk, high-reward research that has the potential to make major leaps to eradicate the disease. The program is committed to supporting new, innovative ideas that reflect new discoveries and could lead to breakthroughs. The BCRP also promotes synergistic collaborations across disciplines and integrates scientists and consumers in unique research partnerships.

During the past 20 years, the DoD BCRP has funded more than 6,100 research awards and brought forward new diagnostics, therapeutic drugs, mammography registries for surveillance, improved website information, advances in identification of genetic bio-markers, and therapeutic development using nanotechnology.

Early detection of breast cancer can provide early treatment for the service member. For those women diagnosed with localized (Stage 1) breast cancer, the probability is higher than 98 percent that they will survive five or more years. Lowering the risk of death from breast cancer for service members and their families contributes to the readiness and well-being of those who serve.

For more information, visit: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/bcrp/default.shtml>

The poster features a large image of two smiling women, one with curly hair and one wearing a white hat. Above them is the CDMRP logo with the text "Department of Defense" and "Breast Cancer Research Program". Below the main image is a horizontal strip of smaller images: a group of people, a woman and an older woman, a DNA double helix, a woman's face, and a person using a microscope. At the bottom right is the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command logo and the text "U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command".