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Fort Jackson commemorates the 9/11 attacks in a ceremony Wednesday in front of Post Headquarters.

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OP-ED

Autumn — not a season for safety complacency

Autumn offers something for everyone. The coming and going of Labor Day means cooler weather, a return to regular schedules with kids back to school, and most of all, the start of football season (my favorite time of year).

Many Soldiers eagerly await the start of hunting season, while others are ready to start the countdown to time off around the holidays. What we cannot look forward to, however, is a “slow” season for safety — just because the summer is over does not mean we can fall into complacency.

Soldiers at installations across the southern and western United States enjoy nice weather far longer than those in other parts of the country, and accidents are a good reflection of that. Between Labor Day and Dec. 1 last year, we lost 12 Soldiers on motorcycles; seven were NCOs.

There’s no doubt about it, many Soldiers will continue riding until the weather forces them off their bikes, and that may not be for several more months. As leaders, we cannot let down our guard on the continuing issue of indiscipline on motorcycles. We must regularly check our Soldiers and ourselves to ensure every ride begins and ends safely.

Autumn and winter are the Army’s high seasons for negligent discharges. Three Soldiers fatally shot themselves between September and December 2012, all under the influence of alcohol and at least two with guests in their homes.

In many ways, young Soldiers are no different than college kids; they’re going to congregate together off duty, and there’s going to be alcohol involved more often than not. But Soldiers might feel a little more invincible than the average university student, given our profession and training with firearms. It’s leaders who have to bring them back to earth and show them even superheroes are not immune to bullets, especially when you’re cutting up with friends.

Speaking of alcohol, it is undeniable that some Soldiers try to “enhance” all their off-duty activities with it. In fact, fixtures of autumn like football games and tailgate parties seem to invite alcohol use. And there is nothing wrong with that, as long as our of-age Soldiers drink responsibly.



Frank discussions about the risks of drinking and driving and even drinking and walking should be part of all our weekend safety briefs. And, leaders should be walking the talk by setting the standard and being the right example to follow. It’s not about you anymore — what

you do today influences your Soldiers’ behavior more than you know.

‘Tis the season for accidents, every day of the year. A turn of the calendar won’t keep our Soldiers safe, but we can through engaged leadership and a focus on training, discipline and standards around the clock.

The USACR/Safety Center is ready to help with the annual Army Safe Autumn Campaign, available at <https://safety.army.mil>. Check it out and let me know what you think and how we can better help you keep up the good fight. Most of all, enjoy this fantastic season while it lasts, but always play it safe!

Army Safe is Army Strong!

Commentary

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Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Retired Maj. Gen. Mark Graham and his wife, Carol, address Soldiers and civilians Tuesday morning at the Solomon Center.

'We can't get him back'

Mark and Carol Graham lead the fight for suicide awareness

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Retired Maj. Gen. Mark Graham and his wife, Carol, visited Fort Jackson this week to discuss the dangers of the stigma associated with mental health issues.

The Grahams became advocates for suicide prevention following the loss of their two sons. The youngest, Kevin, a scholarship ROTC Cadet and pre-med student, committed suicide in 2003. His brother Jeff, an Army lieutenant, was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device in Iraq the following year.

"Ten years ago, if someone told us we could have survived the death of one of our children, I wouldn't have believed it," Mark told the audience of Soldiers and civilians Tuesday morning at the Solomon Center. "For us, it was like the twin towers of the World Trade Center coming down with both our boys dying."

There is a stigma associated to mental health issues that makes it difficult to have open, productive conversations on the subject. Those barriers, the Grahams warned, cost too many people their lives.

"My wife and I were part of the stigma," Mark said. "We didn't understand it. We didn't understand that you could die from being too sad. We didn't know enough about it, and we lost our son. We can't get him back."



Suicide prevention tip cards listing risk factors and warning signs for suicide were distributed during Tuesday's event at the Solomon Center.

Mental illness was never thought of as a legitimate threat in their family, Carol said. They spoke to their children about life's other dangers, but never of the ones that spring from within. Naturally, their son's suicide prompted immediate

discussions on the subject throughout their extended family.

"We found that, on both sides of our family, there's a history of mental illness," Carol said. "Immediately, the skeletons began jumping out of the closet in my family. I had quite a few family members on medication for depression. They never told each other."

"Our error was in thinking that all it took to fight clinical depression is prayer, a proper diet, exercise and a good night's sleep. (It) kept us from getting Kevin the best medical care he deserved and needed," Mark said. "Following our son Kevin's death, we primarily focused on raising awareness of the dangers of untreated depression, and began setting up suicide prevention programs on college campuses. We somehow knew something good had to come from Kevin's death."

He said the stigma attached to depression is "terrible," and one that extends into both the military and civilian communities.

"Did you know that, this last year, we've lost more people to suicide in America than to car accidents?" Mark asked. "We can eliminate the stigma, and it can start right here with you. I'm on high blood pressure medicine, but does that bother anybody? I don't think so. But, if I was on medication for depression, what would you think?"

"Depression is real, and suicide is preventable," Carol said. "That's why your post is doing this today."

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Drill sergeants help train Liberian army

By AIR FORCE MASTER SGT. BRIAN BAHRET
U.S. Africa Command

CAMP WARE, Liberia — As the Armed Forces of Liberia's 2013 recruit vetting process nears completion, the service is preparing its drill sergeants for the first round of recruit training since 2010.

More than 770 Liberian civilians have applied to enlist into the military; however, fewer than 150 will be selected. A team of seven AFL drill sergeants will conduct their training.

In the past, contractors trained the Armed Forces of Liberia soldiers. Over the last several years, seven AFL soldiers have completed the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson and now are equipped to train the AFL's recruits.

"Having drill sergeants is very important," said AFL 1st Sgt. James Gant, Armed Forces Training Command senior drill sergeant. He said they will help shape the future force.

As the AFL's senior drill sergeant, Gant wanted to ensure that his team was fully prepared to support Liberia's next iteration of soldiers.

Drill sergeant leaders from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School teamed with Gant in a weeklong refresher course in August to help reinforce the concepts the drill sergeants learned at Fort Jackson. The refresher training revisited fundamentals including the importance of maintaining professional relationships, leadership skills and core subjects designed to create a productive learning environment for the recruits.

"This program is very important because we have to refresh the drill sergeants," Gant said. "We needed to get our drill sergeants up to the level where they need to be."

He said the U.S. Army's support was invaluable and he's proud of the drill sergeants' accomplishments.

"We have Liberians now who have been trained," Gant said. He said the training will help the AFL become more independent.

"We are in a position where we can train our own army," Gant said. "It's a plus for the Liberians and the country as a whole."



Photos by AIR FORCE MASTER SGT. BRIAN BAHRET, U.S. Africa Command

Staff Sgt. Ashley Gregory discusses training techniques with Armed Forces of Liberia drill sergeants during a drill sergeant refresher course at Camp Ware, Liberia. She is one of two drill sergeant leaders from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson who assisted Operation Onward Liberty by teaching a weeklong drill sergeant refresher course as the Armed Forces of Liberia prepares to enlist approximately 150 recruits.

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Francisco Latimer and Staff Sgt. Ashley Gregory taught the refresher course while supporting Operation Onward Liberty's mission to mentor and assist the AFL as it seeks to develop a national military that is responsible, operationally capable, and is a force for good among the Liberian people.

Gregory said the AFL should tailor the material they received in training and the refresher course to their needs "to make it unique to their country. They should take

ownership of it."

She said the training is available so the AFL can learn from the U.S. military's collective experience.

"We're helping them get their army where they would like it to be," Gregory said. "They're writing their own history as a country ... it's new and they're rebuilding, and I'm just glad to be a part of it."

In addition to work in the classroom, Latimer and Gregory held practical exercises using AFL soldiers acting as "recruits" attending initial entry training. During the scenarios, the drill sergeants used their authority and knowledge to complete objectives such as leading the recruits in physical training or in cleaning the barracks.

Latimer said the recruits challenged the drill sergeants during the training — they failed to follow simple instructions, performed tasks incorrectly and actively disobeyed directives. Latimer said the drill sergeants handled the scenarios well.

"They're more confident," Latimer said. "They know they can do it. Now they're eager to start their first cycle."

As the AFL narrows the list of possible recruits, it is essential to have skilled drill sergeants ready for action, he said.

"The Liberian drill sergeant has the most important role in a soldier's life," Latimer said, adding that the AFL drill sergeants will leave a lifelong impression on the recruits.

"They are going to be the first faces the recruits see," Latimer said. "They're somebody the recruits will never forget. When they're in training, they're recruits. When they finish, they will be soldiers ... professional soldiers."

And, he said, that professionalism is important for Liberia as well.

"The drill sergeants are shaping their nation's future army," Latimer said. "Liberia is entrusting its sons and daughters and is putting them in their hands."



Sgt. 1st Class Francisco Latimer, left, senior drill sergeant leader, observes as Armed Forces of Liberia 1st Sgt. James Gant, Armed Forces Training Command senior drill sergeant, corrects a trainee who failed to perform a physical training properly during a drill sergeant refresher course at Camp Ware, Liberia.

Prepare for emergencies, disasters

From the Federal Emergency Management Agency

September is National Preparedness Month. It is a time to prepare for emergencies and disasters. Emergencies can happen unexpectedly in communities just like yours, to people like you. Tornado outbreaks, river floods and flash floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, and even water main breaks and power outages in U.S. cities can affect millions of people for days at a time.

Police, fire and rescue may not always be able to reach you quickly in an emergency or disaster. The most important step you can take in helping your local responders is being able to take care of yourself and those in your care — the better the preparation, the quicker the community will recover.

This September, please prepare and plan in the event you must go for three days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket, or local services. To prepare, follow these four steps:

❑ **Stay Informed:** Information is available from federal, state, local, tribal and territorial resources. Access www.ready.gov to learn what to do before, during and after an emergency.

❑ **Make a Plan:** Discuss, agree on and document an emergency plan with those in your care. For sample plans, see www.ready.gov. Work together with neighbors, colleagues and others to build community resilience.

❑ **Build a Kit:** Keep enough emergency supplies — water, nonperishable food, first aid, prescriptions, flashlight and battery-powered radio — on hand for you and those in your care.

❑ **Get Involved:** There are many ways to get involved, especially before a disaster occurs. The community can participate in programs and activities to make their families, homes and places of worship safer from risks and threats. Community leaders agree that the formula for ensuring a safer homeland consists of volunteers, a trained and informed public, and increased support of emergency response agencies during disasters.

By taking a few simple actions, you can make your family safer. Consider planning a “Ready Kids” event in your community to encourage families to get prepared with their children.

❑ Volunteer to present preparedness information in your child’s class or in PTO/PTA meetings.

❑ Invite officials from your local Office of Emergency Management, Citizen Corps Council or first responder teams to



speak at schools or youth events.

Use local emergency management resources to learn more about preparedness in your community.

❑ Contact your local emergency management agency to get essential information on specific hazards in your area, local plans for shelter and evacuation, ways to get information before and during an emergency, and how to sign up for emer-

gency alerts if they are available.

❑ Contact your local firehouse and ask for a tour and information about preparedness. Get involved with your local American Red Cross Chapter or train with a Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT.

For more information, visit www.ready.gov or call 751-4621.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Sept. 11, 2001 REMEMBERED

Members of the Fort Jackson community gathered Wednesday in front of Post Headquarters to honor the victims of the 9/11 terror attacks, as well as the service members killed and wounded in the war on terrorism. 'Today we remember the nearly 3,000 men, women and children lost in the attacks of Sept. 11,' said Brig. Gen. Bradley Becker, right, Fort Jackson commanding general. 'And we honor the hundreds of first responders who died saving others on that fateful day, the more than 6,000 service members who have given their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as their Gold Star families, and the tens of thousands of our Wounded Warriors.'





Courtesy photos

Female Soldiers light the candles to bring in the holiday at the beginning of the Rosh Hashanah celebration Aug. 5 at Memorial Chapel. In the Jewish tradition, women set the tone for the home. Whenever a woman is present, she lights the candles. Pictured are, from left, Stephanie Alexander, a Jewish lay leader on Fort Jackson, Pfc. Andrea Ayers, Pvt. Victoria Bouley and Spc. Samantha Kowal, all with Company E, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment., and Spc. Chelsea Kay, Company C, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment.

Jewish Soldiers celebrate New Year

By **STEPHANIE ALEXANDER**
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

Jews around the world celebrated Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, last week, which is as festive as it is solemn. Unlike the secular New Year's celebration Jan. 1, this celebration centers on God's creation of the universe and the creation of life itself. It is the birthday of the universe.

In the Jewish tradition, God created the heavens and the earth 5774 years ago and a short time later, God created man. But Rosh Hashanah holds a much more serious tone than just creation. It marks a 10-day period when all that we have done is examined and judged and a determination is made by God as to each of our futures. It is a time when family and friends gather and "cast our sins upon the waters" (Micah 7:19) in reflection of our deeds.

The military has a long tradition concerning religious freedom. After the American Revolution when Gen. George Washington was inaugurated as the nation's first president, he made his position clear in a letter to a Newport, R.I., Jewish congregation. "It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it were by the indulgence of one class of people that any other enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection demean themselves as good citizens. May the children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit

and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants, while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid."

During the American Civil War, on both sides of the battlefield, the tradition continued. The chief rabbi of Richmond, Va., requested Gen. Robert E. Lee enact a general furlough for Jewish personnel so that they could reunite their families for the High Holy Days. Although Lee could not grant a "general" leave for Jewish soldiers, he did encourage his commanders to accommodate the Jewish soldiers under their commands.

It is a practice that has continued for more than 250 years. My father-in-law would tell of his experiences as a Jewish Soldier during World War II. During a Rosh Hashanah battle in France — in the absence of a Jewish chaplain to conduct and lead any type of service — a Protestant chaplain stood up to meet the religious needs of those few Jewish Soldiers as gunfire sounded all around.

On Thursday evening, after a long, hard day of intense training, Soldiers in Basic Combat Training continued this 5,000-year tradition and gathered at Memorial Chapel asking God and each other for forgiveness and for a healthy and bountiful new year.

A modern prayer for the wholeness and holiness we seek captures the thoughts and themes of the day: "The year gone by has faded with the sunset as we move forward into life. This day, which borders past and future summons us. It summons us to account for the gift of life. We seek forgiveness from ourselves, from others and from God. Wholeness and holiness we seek as we enter a new year. Help us, Lord, to realize the truth that we are as holy as we allow ourselves to be."



Pvt. Zach Schnabl, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, prepares to blow the Shofar, or ram's horn. The blowing of the Shofar is a call to self improvement. During each of the two days of Rosh Hashanah, 100 sounds are blown from the Shofar.



New scout hut

Courtesy photo

The Fort Jackson Cub Scouts Pack 89 and Boy Scouts Troop 89 cut the ribbon on their new scout hut Friday. For more information on the scouts, call 409-9568.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Emergency services go mobile

Fort Jackson's Directorate of Emergency Services received a new mobile command trailer Wednesday morning. The trailer will allow DES to establish a climate-controlled command center anywhere on post, give them access to computer and satellite connections, and create a back-up 911 center. From left are Fort Jackson Physical Security Officer Fred Vasquez, Fire Chief Eric Harper and Provost Marshall Maj. Brad Fisher.

News and Notes

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH EVENT

Helen Pridgen, director of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will speak at 1 p.m., Sept. 24 at the Solomon Center.

HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATED

The Fort Jackson community will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 27 at the NCO Club. The guest speaker is U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C. Tickets cost \$10. For more information, contact an equal opportunity adviser, the Equal Employment Opportunity Office or unit EO leaders.

SCREAMFREE MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Hal Runkel, the creator of the ScreamFree marriage program will host a seminar from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Solomon Center. To register, call 751-6325.

RED CROSS RELOCATES

The American Red Cross office has relocated to 4512 Stuart Ave. The Red Cross is now co-located with the Family Readiness Center.



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CFC adds online option

By **KAREN PARRISH**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The annual Combined Federal Campaign adds a new feature for donors this year: an online pledge option available through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's MyPay website, which most service members and civilians already use to view their leave and earnings statements.

Anthony DeCristofaro is assistant director of the DoD Voluntary Campaign Management Office, which is within the Washington Headquarters Services' human resources directorate. He told American Forces Press Service during a telephone interview that the online pledge option offers several advantages over paper pledge forms:

- ☐ It's available all the time, from any computer;
- ☐ It's more confidential and secure, as no paper forms pass from hand to hand; and
- ☐ It's less prone to error.

He explained that donors directly enter their input online only once, while the information on paper pledge forms is typed and retyped into the system — offering more chances for mistakes to creep in and also consuming thousands of total work hours in processing.

He said ease of use is potentially much greater, since donors using the online pledge option can search local, national or international charities. "Here in Washington, we have 4,500 charities," he noted. "But nationwide, there are about 20,000 different charities in this campaign."

DeCristofaro added that donors also are encouraged to use local CFC websites and other resources to research charities before giving DFAS their final instructions.

"I made my gift on Tuesday, ... (and) I was easily matched to my local campaign," he said. DeCristofaro said the process took him 10 minutes, and the next morning he had an email confirming his donation and start date.

The system has been in active development for two years, he said. DFAS led the effort, with support from the Office of Management and Budget, which has a similar system in its executive agencies.

In its first year, the service is open to employees in 90 of the 160 local CFC areas. Officials said more areas could be added in the future, and ask donors to use paper pledge forms in areas where the MyPay option is not available this year.

DeCristofaro said use of the system, like participation in CFC, is strictly voluntary. Many employees have asked for and will likely prefer electronic options, he said, although anyone who wants to make a one-time gift or use a paper CFC pledge form still can do so.

The new option is "an example of a collaborative effort that went into increasing our efficiency," he added. DFAS hired computer programmers and worked with payroll offices to build and test the system, he said.

"You really had to have a lot of collaboration to get to this end product," he said. "So many legacy systems come together here."

The new option will be available to eligible donors outside of the Defense Department, he noted, as the departments of Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs and Energy, along with the Environmental Protection Agency, also are DFAS clients.

"It is easy, it eliminates paper, and inside the government, it's really going to save time," he said.

This week in history

On Sept. 13, 1941, 18 buildings of a reception center opened at Fort Jackson. Included in this group of buildings were 11 barracks, one recreation hall, one officers' quarters, one mess hall, one infirmary, one supply warehouse, one processing building and one administration building. Originally, there were seven officers and 67 men assigned to duty in the area. The skeleton staff, which opened the area, eventually expanded to 38 officers and 209 enlisted men in the detachment. During the next two years, the reception center at Fort Jackson filled several divisions, among them the 4th, 6th, 8th, 30th, 77th, 87th, and 100th Divisions. Between its activation in 1941 and its closing Jan. 10, 1944 more than 80,000 men were processed and sent to basic training camps and to Officer Candidate School.

Photo courtesy of the
BASIC COMBAT TRAINING MUSEUM



Calendar

Tuesday

Screamfree marriage seminar

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Solomon Center
Featuring Hal Runkel, licensed marriage and family therapist. For more information, call 751-6325.

Thursday, Sept. 19

Red Cross blood drive

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Single Soldier Complex
For more information and to register, call 360-2036.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Suicide Prevention Month presentation

1 p.m., Solomon Center
The guest speaker will be Helen Pridgen, director of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Sunday, Sept. 29

Gold Star Mother' Day observance

7 p.m., Semmes Lake

Monday, Sept. 30

Her War, Her Voice support group

6:15 p.m., TBA
The theme is "breaking issues."

Tuesday, Oct. 8

LTG Timothy J. Maude Leadership Lecture

3 p.m., Solomon Center
The guest speaker will be Air Force Lt. Gen. Darrell Jones, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

Announcements

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Soldiers planning to use tuition assistance for fiscal year 2013 fall classes starting through Sept. 30 need to have classes requested in GoArmyEd before 11:59 p.m., Sept. 23. No exceptions will

be made. Soldiers may request tuition assistance for courses starting Oct. 1. Requests are subject to availability of funds. For more information, call 751-5341.

AAFES CUSTOMER SURVEY

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Customer Satisfaction Index survey is under way through Sept. 21. Customers can participate at the Exchange.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Environmental Office is looking for submission by crafters and artists for its upcycling contest Nov. 15 during America Recycles Day. Entries have to be created from recycled or reused items. For more information, call 751-5971.

SPORTS BRIEFS

■ Letters of intent for sand/beach volleyball are due by 3 p.m. today. The league is open to all ID card holders. Games will be played on Mondays.

■ Letters of intent for flag football are due by 3 p.m. today. The league is for active duty personnel only.

■ Brigade games for active duty teams in flag football, softball and cross country will be held this fall. Captains' meetings are scheduled for Sept. 19.

■ Reverse sprint triathlon, Sept. 28. For active duty service members only. Names are due to the Sports Office by Sept. 19.

■ Halloween Howl 5K, 8 a.m., Oct. 26 at Twin Lakes. Sign up at the Sports Office or on race day from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Sports Office at 751-3096.

GIRL SCOUT MEETINGS

The Fort Jackson Girl Scouts meet regularly at 5957 Parker St. Girls of all school ages are welcome. For more information, call 708-9255 or email ftjacksongs@outlook.com.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

■ No summer clothes will be accepted after Sept. 26.

■ Winter clothes will be accepted starting Oct. 1.

■ Halloween items will be accepted Sept. 24 through Oct. 17.

■ Thanksgiving items will be accepted Oct. 15 through Nov. 14.

■ Christmas items will be accepted Nov. 19 through Dec. 12.

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

RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The next Third Army/ARCENT retirement ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday at Patton Hall.

BOY SCOUT MEETINGS

The Fort Jackson Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts meet each week at various times. For information about the troop or pack, call 409-9568.

TARP BRIEFINGS

Annual Threat Awareness and Reporting Program briefings are offered monthly at the Post Theater. The next briefings are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 751-7852/3366/3802.

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.

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

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

Housing happenings

ROAD CLOSURES

Residents are advised that parts of Chesnut Road from Thomas Court to Hartsville Guard Road may be closed Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon because of Family Day and graduation traffic.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

The housing RV storage lot is for authorized users who have registered their RV with the Housing Office at 4514 Stuart Ave. If you reside in on-post housing and have an RV that cannot be stored at your home, you must register the RV and receive authorization before using the facility. For more information and to register your RV, call 751-9339.

TENANTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

A tenant's responsibilities are to pay rent on or before the date agreed upon in the lease; maintain the landlord's property (e.g. clean the dwelling, report capital maintenance to the landlord); refrain from disturbing neighbors; and take responsibility for guests' actions. For more information, call 751-5788/7566/9353.

TRASH CONTAINERS

Trash roll carts are required to be removed from the curbside after pickup.

BREEDING ANIMALS

Breeding animals in housing is prohibited. To report breeding, call 738-8275.

YARD SALE

A community yard sale is scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Sept. 28. To include your home on the community map, call 738-8275 or email ayoungblood@bbcgrop.com by Sept. 24.

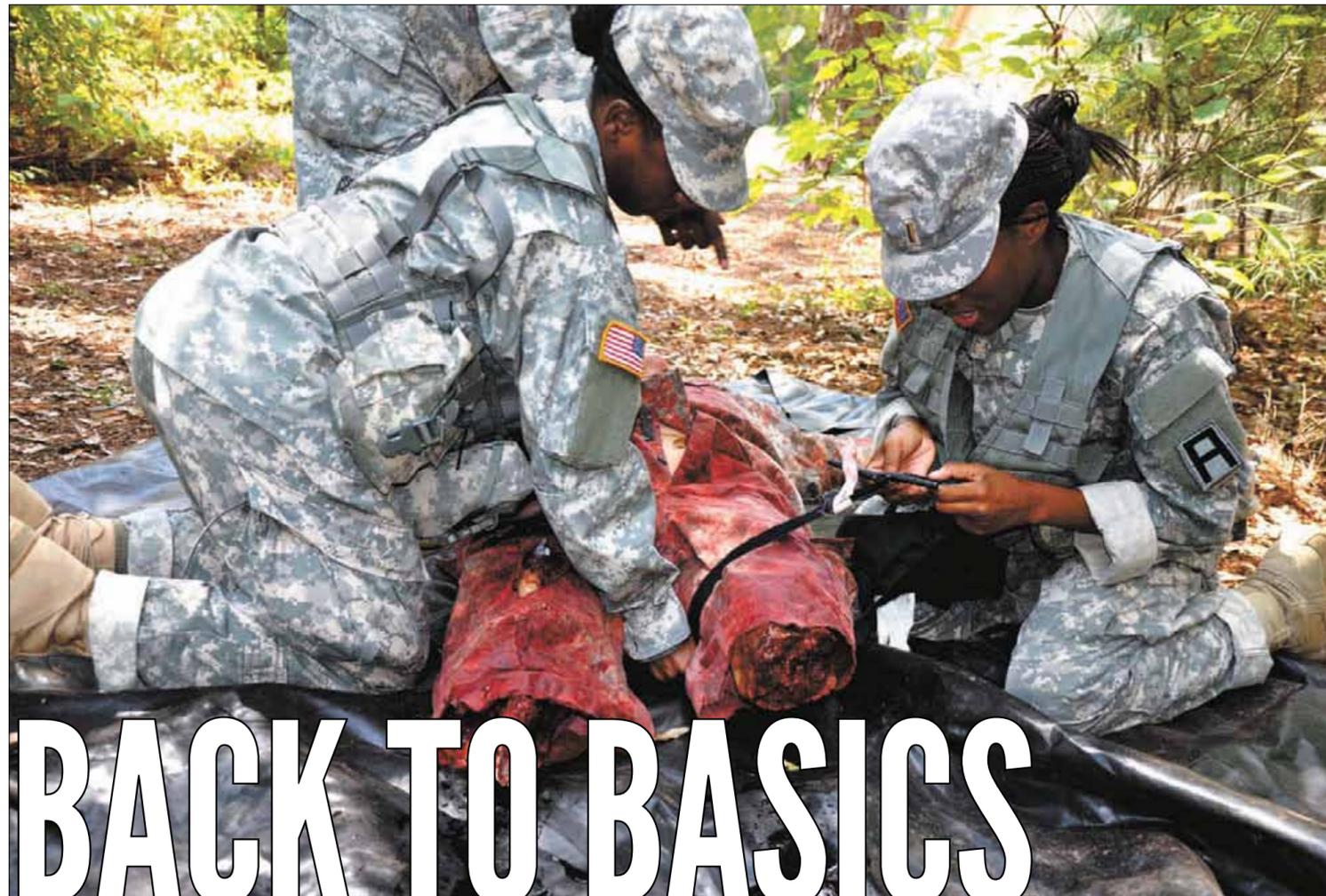
ON-POST RENT

On-post rental rates for retirees and DoD civilians are \$1,024 for two bedrooms; \$1,224 for three bedrooms; \$1,324 for four bedrooms.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Soldiers participating in the Adjutant General School's Basic Officer Leader Course get a demonstration in fundamental first aid skills last week at Camp Ramadi.



BACK TO BASICS

AG School officers revisit basic Soldier skills

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Soldiers taking part in the Adjutant General School's Basic Officer Leader Course are returning to the fundamental aspects of their professions. Part of an effort to get Soldiers "back to basics," the initiative is designed to encourage the development of skills that have fallen out of favor during extended conflicts in the Middle East.

Last week, Soldiers took part in field training exercises designed to replicate combat situations, giving Soldiers in the course the opportunity to test their full array of Soldier skills. Activities ranged from academic exercises to hands-on challenges involving Basic Combat Training skills.

"This training will help our young officers transition to our everyday changing Army," said Maj. Randy Lefebvre, chief of the Basic Officer Training Division. The goal is for Soldiers to demonstrate applied learning through field exercises, including casualty aid, detainee searches, road marches and other activities.

"What we're trying to accomplish at the field training exercise is to expose lieutenants not only to the technical tasks that they do as AG officers, but also making them realize what Soldiers do," said Capt. Jacqueline Murray-Bonno, an instructor at the Adjutant General School. "We're letting them know what they'd be expected to do

in a combat theater."

Some of the exercises are the same as those being conducted with Soldiers in Basic Combat Training, she said, while others are unique to human resources officers.

"They'll be given situations on how to react when they have a Soldier who does something outstanding or extraordinary, on how to do positive counseling, as well as negative counseling," Murray-Bonno said. "Then they'll do roving guard duty through the night, followed by a road march."

She said basic Soldier tasks became less important in Adjutant General School training after the recruitment surge that followed the Sept. 11 terror attacks. Even the site used for last week's exercises, Camp Ramadi, has not been in use during the last seven years.

"We're incorporating them again, making sure that they're sound in those basic fundamentals as the Army gets smaller," she said.

For some of the Soldiers taking part in last week's training, some of these skills tasks were relatively new. For others, it was a chance to brush up on skills they have not used since the start of their Army careers.

"Being a former infantryman, the academic side was a little challenging for me," said 2nd Lt. David Rodriguez, who is assigned to a Special Forces unit at Camp Blanding, Fla. "I'm used to doing the job physically, and the Adjutant General side is a lot different. It's more technical and academic. I

knew that coming in, and I accepted that challenge."

Second Lt. Grace Lowitzer, who is headed next to 52nd Ordnance Group at Fort Campbell, Ky., said last week's tests were an opportunity to put their learned skills to use.

"It gives us the chance to get outside and start practicing some of those soldiering things that you don't always get the opportunity to do," she said. "It also gives us the chance to be thrown into the pot and really see what it's like to do our jobs together. We've been doing it for nine weeks now, so it's really exciting to put everything together and see what we're doing."

There was a wide gap in both age and experience among the Soldiers taking part in last week's field exercises, but it ultimately made them a stronger team, said 2nd Lt. Brian Metzner, 108th Training Command.

"We tend to be a class made up of folks age 23 or 24, and just coming out of school," Metzner said. "But we also had folks who are prior service and have more age under their bracket, Soldiers in their mid 30s and late 40s. It's created an interesting mix of personalities. We've had to learn how to become a team and accomplish what's necessary."

"You've got a lot of prior service Soldiers here, and a lot of Soldiers coming right out of college, Leader Development and Assessment Course, or ROTC," Rodriguez said. "Mix us together, and you have the academic experience and the life experience of the older Soldiers."

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Left, 2nd Lt. Candice Streater and 2nd Lt. Tomika Mackey work together to apply a tourniquet to Bleeding Andy, a remote control doll used to enhance training sessions. Above, toy soldiers illustrate the location of individual training sessions on a make-shift map at Camp Ramadi. Below, Soldiers apply bandages to a mannequin during an outdoor session focusing on first aid training.



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Fire Prevention Week event scheduled

From the Directorate of Emergency Services

The Fort Jackson Fire Department Fire Prevention Week carnival is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 5. This year's theme is "Prevent Home Fires."

"Fire Prevention Week allows for all members of the fire service to be active members of their communities by helping to educate families on key issues in and out of the home that can keep them



safe from fire," said Jasper "JJ" Jones, fire protection inspector, Directorate of Emergency Services. "It's a blessing that we are able to go out and interact so extensively with members of the community and promote fire and life safety throughout Fort Jackson."

The fire department hosted its first Fire Prevention Week event in 2007. Since then, the event has grown each year.

"The event allows us to do what we do best, which is reach the children and their families who reside here on Fort Jackson with fire prevention public education items that are geared toward various ages with the help of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Balfour Beatty who first partnered with us in 2008," Firefighter William "Will" Sexton said.

FMWR is providing the rock wall, slide and other logistical support. Child, Youth and School Services, who also participated last year, will provide face painting and the bounce house. The fire department and Balfour Beatty Communities handed fliers and gift bags at each of the on-post schools to generate interest and excitement for this year's event. Balfour Beatty is also providing food for the event and has donated Razor Scooters to be given away at the event.

Activities for the festival include fire station tours, firetruck tours, bedroom evacuation trainer, smoke detector testing, House Fire! — a firefighting game, fire safety information, and Sparky the Fire Dog. The 282nd Army Rock Band will provide

musical entertainment.

The fire department has given a homework assignment to all school-age children. Children who take their assignment to the event will receive a T-shirt.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the 1871 inferno that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Often people don't think too much about fire extinguishers until there is an actual fire. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the early detection and extinguishment of fire will save lives and property — so where is your fire extinguisher? Find it now, inspect it and remember to P.A.S.S. (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep). Pull the pin, aim the nozzle at the base of the fire, squeeze the discharge handle to spray the agent, and sweep the nozzle from side to side.

If you have no idea what this means, the Fort Jackson Fire Department stands ready to train post residents and workers to use a fire extinguisher. Know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher, inspect it monthly, and every year submit a DPW work order for a complete servicing.

Call the fire prevention staff at 751-1610/1611/5239 for more information. Upon request, the Fire Department will provide a training session just for you. Visit the Fort Jackson Fire Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FortJacksonFireDepartment.

'Do unto others' a motto for leadership

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) AARON WHITE**
1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

A few months ago, our brigade commander gave all the leaders in our brigade an article to read called, "Dignity versus Disdain." The article made the argument that leaders in Basic Combat Training too often treat those under our leadership with disdain instead of the basic human dignity they deserve.

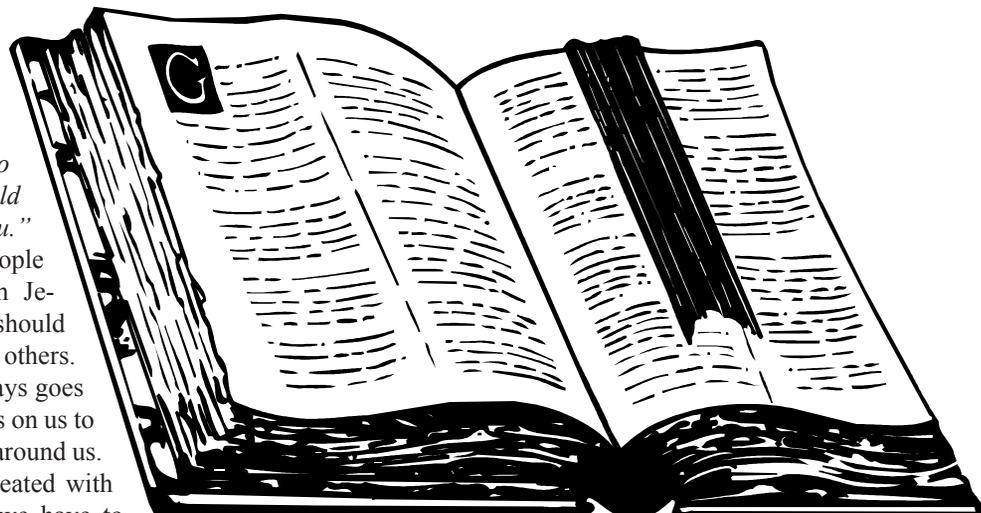
As I read the article, I reflected on my own time in a BCT unit. I, even as the chaplain, have been guilty of treating those under my leadership with disdain. In the past, I have at times joked or talked about all trainees smelling bad or being stupid or being annoying.

Although none of these examples are shocking or major infractions, they are not true; and what comments like these do, is make that group of people less than human. They are not as good as us. They are somehow separate from us. It's all right to look down on them and treat them with contempt. And when we do that, we — even if we are not committing abuse — have created a culture that will tolerate and even laugh off hazing, abuse and sexual assaults because it's OK since they are only dumb trainees or junior enlisted or whatever group you want to name — because really this can apply to any group of people placed under us as leaders.

We as leaders, and really just as human beings, can do better than treating others with disdain. In fact, Jesus says to us, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Matthew 7:12) Most people treat this command from Jesus as meaning that we should avoid doing evil toward others. But what Jesus actually says goes far beyond that. Jesus calls on us to actively do good to those around us. If we would like to be treated with honor and respect, then we have to treat others that way.

The interesting thing is that nowhere in this simple statement does Jesus say we only do good to those who deserve it or to those who treat us well first. No, what Jesus calls on us to do is to actively do good to those around us even if they don't deserve it. Even if they treat us with disdain, we go ahead and still do good to them.

You may also notice it does not say, "Do to others as you had it done to you." For some reason, many of us think that way: My drill sergeant, my sergeant, my commander, etc. treated me horribly, belittled me, cursed at me



when I was coming up in the ranks, so now that I have the power, now that I am a leader, I'm going to do the same thing to those under me. No, we are called to do better than that. We are called to do good to those we lead. We are called to do to those under us as we wish those in power above us would have done to us.

Jesus gives us a very simple but profound command when he says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Matthew 7:12) Our units, our Army, our country, and even our world would be profoundly changed if we would just follow this command.

Worship & Praise

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

- Tuesday
9 to 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC); summer meetings on July 9 and 23 and Aug. 6 at Patriot Park next to Palmetto Falls Water Park
- 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

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

- Saturday
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each month)
- Sunday
5 to 6:30 p.m. Club Beyond youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

CATHOLIC

- Monday through Thursday
11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Sunday
8 a.m. IET Mass, Solomon Center
9:30 a.m. CCD (September through May), Education Center
9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for adults (September through May), Main Post Chapel
9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for children (September through May), Main Post Chapel
10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
12:30 p.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel

- 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September through May), Main Post Chapel

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel
- Friday
12:45 to 1:30 p.m. Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

JEWISH

- Sunday
9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Memorial Chapel
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish book study, Post Conference Room

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
9:30 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- Wednesday
3 to 5 p.m. LDS family social, Anderson Street

- Chapel
- Wednesday
7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

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

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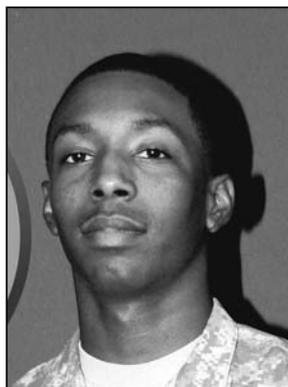
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Victory Updates
at <http://www.vimeo.com/user3022628>.

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY

Walking away stress

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

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 or visit 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.

Play group

Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Room 8, 5615 Hood St., for children 3 and younger, 751-9035/6325.

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.

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.

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.

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., NCO 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.

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.

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.

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.

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, NCO Club, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 or visit 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.

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