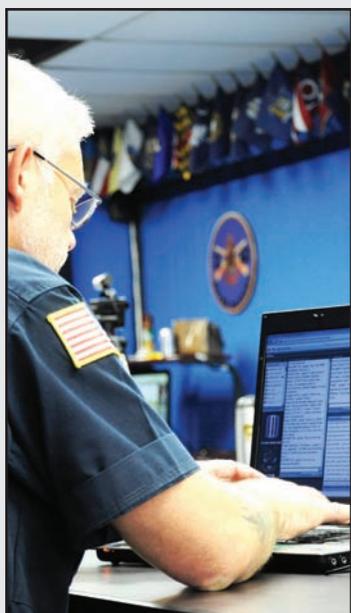


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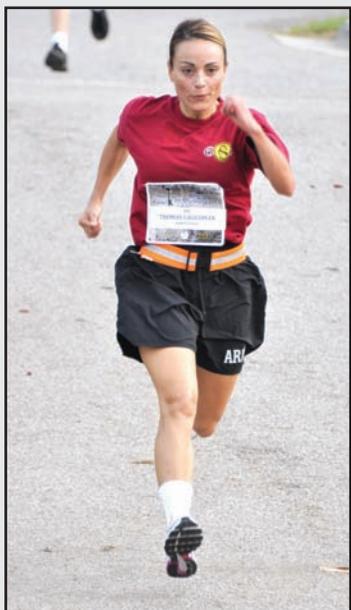
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Homecoming



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Julia Rodes gets a big welcome-home hug from her friend Meridee Bowlus. Rodes returned to a new home Aug. 13 after more than three months in hospitals following a motorcycle accident that cause spinal cord and brain injuries.

Community, attitude help crash victim

By SUSANNE KAPPLER
Fort Jackson Leader

A sign above the foyer doorway greets visitors to Julia Rodes' new on-post home with the words, 'Every day holds the possibility of a miracle.' For Rodes, those possibilities have been realized in many ways since a near-fatal motorcycle accident left her paralyzed and brought out the best in the Fort Jackson community.

Julia and her husband, 2nd Lt. Jared Rodes, who is assigned to Company C, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, arrived on Fort Jackson in late February.

Jared was coming off a few temporary duty assignments and Julia moved here from Massachusetts, taking a break from her studies at Smith College, where she majored in neuroscience.

THE ACCIDENT

Jared had been riding motorcycles for some time, and the couple's new living arrangements made Julia consider becoming a rider, too.

"My husband taught me how to ride (a bike) safely, but I never had an interest in riding on my own or buying a bike," Julia said. "When we got here, though, we only

had two vehicles, so Jared was taking the bike in every day, even in the rain."

Julia decided to take an off-post motorcycle course, so she and her husband could alternate between the car and the bike. After two days of theory training, her first day on the bike was April 30. Julia has no memory of what happened that day, but was able to reconstruct the events based on eyewitness accounts.

"The (rider) next to me had gotten so close that when we went down for the curve, because he was leaning so far, I went down

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CFC offers chance to give charitably

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign. Federal workers have been supporting CFC since 1961, and during this time have donated more than \$6 billion, making the CFC one of the largest charitable organizations in the world. As many of you know, CFC's mission is to provide all federal employees the opportunity to donate to a worthy charity.

Fort Jackson's Soldiers and federal employees will soon have an opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of others by supporting our post campaign drive. The campaign season kicks off Aug. 29 with an afternoon event at the Officers' Club and runs from Sept. 1 through Dec. 14. Our goal this year is to exceed \$750,000 in donations to the more than 25,000 charities offered through CFC.

Last year, even with a sputtering economy, service members and federal workers pledged more than \$281.5 million Armywide to CFC, just shy of the 2009 record-setting endeavor of \$282.6 million. This unselfishness speaks highly of our federal workforce and strikes to the core of our Army values.

MAJ. GEN. JAMES M. MILANO
Fort Jackson
Commanding
General



As they do every year, Soldiers and civilians on Fort Jackson will have the opportunity to select where their charitable dollars go. This year there are 78 local charities from which to choose and thousands more at the national and international level. Be assured that all of the listed recipient organizations have met the CFC's public accountability standard and eligibility criteria. The CFC supports many of our own valued programs on post, to include Army Community Services and Child and Youth Services.

Contributors from the Fort Jackson community can

take comfort in knowing that their generosity continues to improve the quality of life of people worldwide. These donations help the impoverished, the disabled, and provides funding for educational, research, and environmental programs.

Let there be no doubt — your contribution makes a difference, regardless of the amount given. I encourage you to donate what you can to your charity of choice. You can arrange your CFC donation through payroll deduction or pay as a one-time cash or check payment. Payroll deduction is probably the easiest and most efficient way to give. If you have given in the past, then you know it's a worthy cause. If you have never participated in the CFC, now is a perfect time to start.

Again, I encourage you to give. Despite our challenges, we still live in the greatest country in the world, and everyone should feel compelled to help us meet the needs of those who truly are in need, and there are many.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and your compassion.

Army Strong and Victory Starts Here!

Fort Jackson talks back:

Contributing writer Capt. Latisha Ballance asks members of the community: 'Why is it important for women to hold leadership positions in the Army?'



Laurie Simons
Family member

"So the males will know how to respect women in authority."



Sgt. Jessica Garrett
Installation BOSS president

"To show the younger generation that there is no glass ceiling when it comes to opportunities."



Capt. Marie Louis-Jean
120th Adjutant General
Battalion (Reception)

"It shows our organization values diversity in its force. It also provides (women with) empowerment and is an example to future recruits."



Sgt. Charmaine McWhorter
2nd Battalion, 39th
Infantry Regiment

"It serves as a role model for other females."



Sgt. 1st Class Steve Infante
2nd Battalion, 39th
Infantry Regiment

"It shows equality between Soldiers."



Command Sgt. Maj. Keith West
4th Battalion, 10th
Infantry Regiment

"Inspiration; it will inspire young women to join our profession of arms."

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Post celebrates Women's Equality Day

Guest speaker first woman in Army to hold position

By CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson celebrated Women's Equality Day by recognizing one of the Army's female pioneers at an Officers' Club luncheon Tuesday afternoon. Col. Priscilla Hamilton, the first woman to command Army Dental Command, was the event's keynote speaker. Hamilton is responsible for five regions and more than 200 Army dental clinics worldwide.

"She is the first female DENCOM commander that we've ever seen, so she is really paving the way for those of us in this career field," said Staff Sgt. Marquita Odum of the Oliver Dental Clinic.

Women's Equality Day was established in 1971 to recognize the passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote after a 70 year long struggle. For the past 17 years, Fort Jackson Dental Command has organized luncheons and activities in honor of the day.

"The 19th Amendment was a major turning point in the struggle for women's rights and equality," said Laura Freeman of DENTAC, the event organizer. "Many suffered for the right to vote and endured abuse for this to finally get passed. We want to honor their sacrifices and make sure people are aware that this is a right that should be exercised and not forgot-

ten."

Hamilton shared that she has many firsts during her Army career.

"I was selected as the first female cadet brigade commander at Penn State after I had done so well at cadet camp," Hamilton said. "That was back when there were female boots and females were expected to do the same obstacle courses and training events but we had no tread on our boots."

Hamilton went on to be the first female Dental Corps officer to deploy in Operation Desert Storm along with many other accomplishments but she looks forward to days when her feats will no longer be seen as special.

"All of these will cease to be amazing when there is no longer the first female of anything but when we are truly seen as equal," Hamilton said.

There is still a way ahead for women's equality since the Equal Rights Amendment and International Women's Rights Treaty have not been ratified in the U.S., Hamilton said, and she encouraged all in attendance to remain politically active. The ERA adds equal protection for women into the U.S. Constitution while the Women's Treaty is a United Nations protection for women against international gender injustice. The U.S. is one of only seven countries that have not signed the Women's Treaty.

"Do not squander your right to vote," Hamilton said. "Continue to exercise it and make your voice heard. We need the world to hear our voices. Hear our voices as we speak out against injustice and inequality. Hear me as your equal."



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer
Col. Priscilla Hamilton, the first woman to command Army Dental Command, speaks to the audience during Tuesday's Women's Equality Day luncheon at the Officers' Club.

Dental clinic opens

Oliver Dental Clinic staff members assist a patient during the first official day of the clinic's opening. The dental clinic opened officially Wednesday after a ribbon-cutting ceremony that included Col. Priscilla Hamilton, commander of Army Dental Command, and Col. James Houston, Fort Jackson's DENTAC commander. Oliver Dental Clinic, which is one of three dental clinics on post, began seeing some patients two weeks ago. The clinic had been closed for renovations and remodeling.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class
Carlos Verdejo, DENTAC



Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

□ Catherine Jordan, the barracks manager at 2463 Bragg St., will be out of the office until Oct. 30. Anyone who needs to in-/outprocess, submit a maintenance concern or has other questions regarding the barracks should contact Lincoln Thurman at 2447 Bragg St. or by calling 751-5446 or 315-6118.

□ A Single Soldier town hall meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Sept. 20 at the Single Soldiers Complex Community Center at 2447 Bragg St. Installation representatives will be present to disseminate information, answer questions and resolve issues. Soldiers who would like to have specific topics addressed should contact the barracks manager at 751-5446 or the RCI housing office at 751-9339.

□ Residents are urged to refrain from using trash cans that belong to vacant homes.

□ Recreational vehicles (boats, jet skis, campers, etc.) must be stored in the RV storage lot on Essayons Way. To reserve a space, call 751-7567/9339. Residents whose RVs are parked in the housing area and cause damage to grass or the sprinkler system are subject to penalties.

□ Balfour Beatty Communities and the Housing Office work together to resolve on-post housing-related concerns. On-post residents who have exhausted the appropriate channels through Balfour Beatty can contact the Housing Office for further assistance at 751-9339/7567/9343 or visit at 2441 Essayons Way.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

□ To date, 447 homes have been completed.

□ A total of 916 homes have been demolished to date.

□ Families residing in the vicinity of Legge Court and Mcleod Court may now enter and exit via Lee Road.



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

From left, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Delvalle, Col. Drew Meyerowich, 193rd Infantry Brigade commander, and Lt. Col. Matthew Zimmerman use a webcam and computer to speak to family members of 1-13th Soldiers graduating from Basic Combat Training.

Brigade, families meet online

Chat room concept allows command to connect with families of BCT Soldiers

By SUSANNE KAPPLER
Fort Jackson Leader

Family members whose loved ones attend Basic Combat Training with the 193rd Infantry Brigade now have a new way to communicate with the unit. The brigade started using an online chat room to answer questions about Family Day and graduation.

The brigade has conducted three chats to date and plans to conduct one a week before graduation for each of the brigade's five battalions.

"It's really about telling what the Army is. We spend a lot of money transforming a civilian into a Soldier. We fail to understand that we're not only transforming a civilian into a Soldier, we're transforming civilian families into Army families," said Col. Drew Meyerowich, commander of the 193rd.

Family members of the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment asked questions ranging from getting vehicle passes to where to eat on post and included more unusual questions, such as if Soldiers can get married on Family Day. The questions were answered by the battalion's command team and by representatives from different organizations, such as family readiness groups, Army Community Services, AAFES, the Directorate of Emergency Services and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"The intent of the chat room is to really showcase all the things that Fort Jackson does, all the people who work hard at Fort Jackson to provide (the families) a world-class graduation week," Meyerowich said.

Ben Schoofs, whose job as content manager for the 193rd includes setting up the chat room and monitoring the battalions' Facebook pages, said the family members are notified on the battalion's Facebook page about the date and time of the chat room. They then have to download DoD certifications to their computers and a special software to be able to log on.

"We get a lot of feedback, a lot of 'thank you's,'" Schoofs said.

More than 100 family members from across the United States — and in one case from abroad — have participated in each of the first two chats.

"In one hour, we managed to talk to (people in) 35 states in the United States and really send the message that we're not just about developing Soldiers. We're also about developing Soldier families. What a win-win," Meyerowich said.

Bonnie McCall, the 193rd information officer, said the brigade bought web cameras and microphones to make the chat room set-up possible. In addition, the brigade's conference room was upgraded with additional network drops to accommodate all the computers needed to conduct the chat.

McCall, who spent eight years in the Army and went to basic training at Fort Jackson, said she thought the chat room is a wonderful idea.

"I was in basic training, having to try to call my family," she said "It would've been easier for them to connect and get the answer directly."

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Harry Potter and the
Deathly Hallows Part 2 PG-13

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Zookeeper PG-13

Aug. 31 — 4 p.m.
Harry Potter and the
Deathly Hallows Part 2 PG-13

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News and Notes

CFC SET TO START

The Combined Federal Campaign kickoff event is scheduled for 3 p.m., Monday at the Officers' Club. The campaign will run Sept. 1 through Dec. 30.

COACHES MEETING

A flag football coaches' meeting is scheduled for 5:15 p.m., Wednesday at the Softball Complex. The season will begin Sept. 7.

MAUDE LECTURE SCHEDULED

The next Lieutenant General Timothy J. Maude Leadership Lecture is scheduled for 2 p.m., Sept. 13 at the Solomon Center. The guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. David Hutton Jr., superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

AFAP FOCUS GROUP SCHEDULED

An Army Family Action Plan focus group is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon, Sept. 1. The group allows community members to share their ideas, concerns and suggestions about Army programs and services. The group is open to Soldiers, civilian employees, retirees and family members. For more information and to register, call 751-6315.

CONSTRUCTION ONGOING

The installation of a new storm drain is causing road closures in the vicinity of Moncrief Army Community Hospital. The closures affect parts of Stuart and Hill streets. Access to the lower level parking area will be limited. Employees should use the overflow parking area along Stuart Street.

9/11 MEMORIAL DINNER

Members of the Fort Jackson community are invited to participate in a 9/11 memorial dinner, today at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The guest speaker is University of South Carolina baseball coach Ray Tanner. For more information, visit www.scremembers911.com.



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Helping chaplains help themselves

Center provides resources, training for Army chaplains

By **JULIA SIMPKINS**
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

At the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, amid student-filled halls and breezeways, a quiet office with a few military personnel and one civilian serves as the Chaplain Corps' foundation for spiritual mentoring.

The quiet, easily overlooked office houses the Center for Spiritual Leadership.

In 2008, when it was obvious that chaplains, the Army's go-to corps for Soldiers with spiritual, moral and religious issues, had issues of their own and no official means of addressing them, the Army chief of chaplains dispatched Chaplain (Col.) Michael Dugal to stand up the Center for Spiritual Leadership. After completing the Army War College, Dugal came to Fort Jackson as the new center's director.

"The focus was to provide retreats for

chaplains and chaplain assistants who were returning from war," he said. "Back then, we served as the chief's lead agency for spiritual care, development and formation for Unit Ministry Teams. We don't do retreats anymore. Now our mission is to deliver tailored pastoral products and programs to chaplains worldwide for the purpose of self care and spiritual resiliency."

Dugal said the center accomplishes this through a number of products and programs, several of which are secular. His office's free spaces are often packed with cases of self-help books and DVDs, some religious, some not.

"We provide religion-specific books for Christian, Jewish and Muslim chaplains because each faith group approaches self help in a specific way," Dugal said, "We have other resources that address different issues that any Soldier may use, not just chaplains."

Responsible for providing support materials Armywide, the CSL has distributed more than 35,000 resources in the last two years to active duty, National Guard and Army Reserve Unit Ministry Teams, Dugal said.

The center also participates in the Chap-

lain Annual Sustainment Training events. CAST, as it is known, is a symposium where UMTs from around the world meet to gather much-needed information and training guidance in the form of presentations and handouts. CSL has a representative at each CAST, where he or she sets up a booth and distribute resources, including books and flyers. Dugal was one of the featured speakers at the 2010 CAST events.

The CSL staff periodically gives mobile training as well, traveling to different installations to provide support. The CSL has supported the Spiritual Fitness Center at Fort Hood, Texas, as well as the TRADOC Human Dimension and the Army Chief of Staff's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness initiatives. The staff uses video teleconferencing to collaborate with and support peers overseas and in war zones.

"The CSL Team supports the commandant in meeting the chief of chaplains' intention for UMTs' spiritual formation and development," Dugal said.

Editor's note: This is one of two articles about the unique centers that reside within the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School. Next week's article will focus on the Center for World Religions.

Top Cop



Photo by T. ANTHONY BELL, Fort Lee Traveller

Spc. Fulgencio Rodriguez, with the 17th Military Police Detachment, fires his weapon during the third annual TRADOC Top Cop competition at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia, which was held Thursday and Friday. Rodriguez, who works as an investigator, took home top honors during the Top Soldier competition. Staff Sgt. Jenny Brock, also a investigator with the 17th MPs, was selected as runner-up for Best NCO during the competition. Competitors competed in three categories; Top Soldier, Top NCO and Best Detachment. The 17th MPs were also selected as runner-up for Best Detachment.

Magnitude 5.8 quake rattles Pentagon

By **JIM GARAMORE** and
CHERYL PELLERIN
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Operations continued at the Pentagon despite the magnitude 5.8 earthquake centered in Mineral, Va., Tuesday.

Navy Cmdr. Patrick McNally, a spokesman for the Joint Staff, said the National Military Command Center in the building maintained the watch, and there was no loss of communications.

Some photos were knocked off walls in the building during the mid-afternoon quake, and a water pipe on the building's third floor burst, but plant engineers were able to stop the deluge, Pentagon Force Protection Agency officials said.

Many offices did evacuate the building, but officials gave the all-clear to return after about 15 minutes.

The earthquake occurred at a depth of about 1 kilometer, about 27 miles east of Charlottesville, 34 miles southwest of Fredericksburg and 39 miles northwest of Richmond, all in Virginia.

This week's earthquake was almost as strong as the strongest recorded earthquake in Virginia, a magnitude 5.9 that occurred

in Giles County in May 1897, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Though it is not as well known as the San Andreas seismic zone in California, there is a seismic zone in central Virginia. The nearest tectonic plate boundaries, which tend to generate large and more frequent earthquakes, are in the center of the Atlantic Ocean and in the Caribbean Sea, USGS officials said.

The central Virginia seismic zone has known faults, officials added, but probably has many undetected smaller and deeply buried faults. Because of these faults, people in central Virginia have felt small earthquakes and suffered damage from a few larger ones since at least 1774, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Every year or two, smaller earthquakes happen in the region.

East Coast earthquakes are less frequent than West Coast temblors, but they tend to be shallower, and therefore, they can be felt over a larger region, USGS officials said.

East of the Rocky Mountains, an earthquake can be felt over an area as much as 10 times larger than a similar magnitude earthquake on the West Coast. Tuesday's earthquake could be felt as far away as Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Ohio, Illinois, New York and Massachusetts.

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Safety first



Photo by *SUSANNE KAPPLER*

Staff Sgt. Michael Henry, a platoon sergeant with Company D, 187th Ordnance Battalion, adjusts the throttle cable on his Suzuki GSX650F during the battalion's motorcycle safety day Friday. After a safety inspection, the Soldiers went on a ride to Lake Wateree.

Community runs in tribute to the fallen

By CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN
Fort Jackson Leader

More than 1,000 participants came out to race in memory of service members for Fort Jackson's first Run for the Fallen Saturday morning at the Hilton Softball Complex.

Army Community Services worked with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation to plan the race.

"We're participating this year because we have so many different branches in this state that there's no reason why we shouldn't do this," said Leslie Smith of ACS Survivor Outreach Services. "The Soldier Support Institute volunteered to run in honor of our 245 South Carolina-based fallen (service members) and other people have registered to run for people they have lost and would like to remember. This amazing response lets us know that so many still have a need to do something in remembrance of their loved ones."

John Bellona started the first on Run for the Fallen began in 2008 on Flag Day as a way to honor his best friend and thousands of others who were killed in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. At that time, the country had lost 4,000 service members so Bellona and his team ran from Fort Irwin, Ca., to Arlington National Cemetery, Va., and placed a flag in honor of each fallen service member at every mile. The run has caught on in nearly 20 states from Georgia to New Jersey and Nevada. This year, Fort Jackson became the first in South Carolina to host the Run for the Fallen.

One of the race's senior citizen participants, Toni Stack, walked in honor of her son, Sgt. Maj. Michael Stack.

"When I lost Michael, I had such a terrible time dealing with it. It is still so hard for me to go on without him," Stack said. "I took to walking and I walk at least three miles every day to a tree in the park our city planted for Michael. I'll sit out there and pray and spend time with him and it has been helping me."

Stack said that she enjoyed the uplifting atmosphere of the Run for the Fallen and plans to encourage the whole family to participate in the future.

"This has just done amazing things for my spirit. I've even met some people who worked with Michael out here," Stack said. "Next year we want to bring the whole family out, this is just a wonderful thing they are doing out here."

Others walked in honor of those who were not family, but were felt just as close.

"I'm going to walk for Sgt. Elijah Rao," said Leah Dynes, an Army spouse who lives on Fort Jackson. "His wife is a close friend of mine and we used to spend holidays together back in Colorado. We were all pretty close, he used to watch all of the kids and get really involved. Our daughters are the same age."

Dynes said she is participating because people don't seem to remember the fallen



Photos by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Saturday's Run for the Fallen was a way to show that fallen service members are "Gone but not forgotten."

service members until they are personally touched by the tragedy.

"Even as a military family, it's not something that you can think about because you would be so devastated by it," Dynes said. "After my friend called to tell me about losing him, I just ran and hugged my husband who had gotten home a few months earlier because I knew that it could've been me in her shoes."

The Survivor Outreach Services and race coordinators wanted to make sure the run was not a solemn occasion.

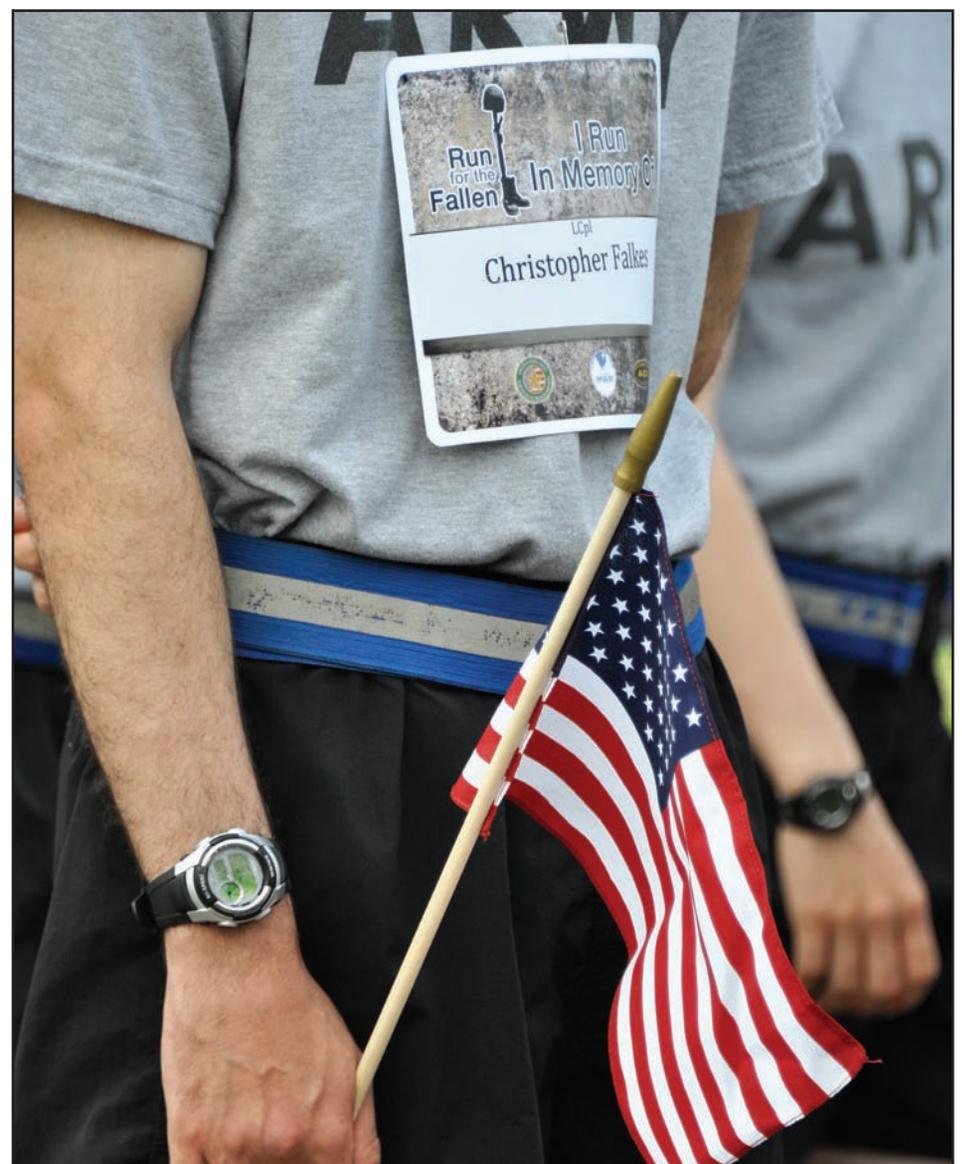
"There will be no ceremony because we didn't want it to go that way, just an awareness of us having these people in our hearts," Smith said. "Soldiers have bibs on them during the run that show the name of the fallen soldier they are running in honor of. We were trying to give a special touch so that later on, the Soldier can look back and really remember (who) they ran in honor of."

Organizers are already making plans for hosting Run for the Fallen again.

"When we were preparing this year, we just didn't know how many people were interested," Smith said. "Now with this great response, we can really look forward to doing this in the future and seeing how we can make it better for everyone."

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Some participants in Saturday's run were given bibs to run in honor of a particular service member.



Calendar

Sunday

Men's choir anniversary

3 to 5 p.m.; Daniel Circle Chapel
The Daniel Circle Chapel Men's Choir will celebrate its 20th anniversary. For more information, call 751-4478.

Monday

Combined Federal Campaign kickoff

3 to 4:30 p.m., Officers' Club
For more information, call 751-2669/4528/4912.

Thursday, Sept. 1

Tobacco cessation orientation

3 to 4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor staff conference room
For more information, call 751-5035.

Saturday, Sept. 10

9/11 Memorial Run

7 a.m., Hilton Field Softball Complex
Registration is \$15 for the 5K run/walk and the 10K run. Registration begins at 6 a.m. For more information, call 429-4934.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude leadership lecture

2 p.m., Solomon Center
The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. David Huntoon Jr., superintendent of the United States Military Academy.

Housing events

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

Fridays throughout August

Free popsicle Fridays

3 p.m.
Beat the heat with free popsicles every Friday in August.

Friday

Dream catchers

3 p.m.
Learn how to make Native American dream catchers. To RSVP, contact Alana at 738-8275 or by email at ayoungblood@bgcgrp.com.

Wednesday

Pine tree planting

3 p.m.
Create and design your own planting pot and plant pine tree seeds. To RSVP, contact Alana at 738-8275 or by email at ayoungblood@bgcgrp.com.

Announcements

VANGUARD WATER OUTAGE

Water will be turned off at Vanguard Gym from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, to allow for repairs.

DPW RELOCATION

Directorate of Public Works service order/work order reception operations have moved to Building 2562, Room 113.

QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES SOUGHT

Quality of life issues are being collected for the upcoming Army Family Action Plan Conference. Submissions are accepted until Sept. 9. For more information, call 751-6315 or visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/acs_afap.

UPI BASEBALL CLINIC

The 165th Infantry Brigade, in partnership with Unlimited Potential International, Inc., will host a baseball clinic for players 8-18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 3 at Hilton Field Softball Complex. For more information, contact your battalion chaplain.

CIF TESTS APPOINTMENT SYSTEM

Starting Sept. 1, appointments are necessary for in- and out-processing services at the Central Issue Facility. The facility

will test using appointments for 90 days before determining whether to adopt that system on a permanent basis. Soldiers are encouraged to schedule appointments as far ahead of time as possible. To schedule an appointment, call 751-6524.

VETERANS DAY BALL

The 171st Infantry Brigade will host its fifth annual Veterans Day ball at 6 p.m., Nov. 4 at the Medallion Center. Tickets cost \$25. For more information, call 751-3311/7110/6253.

GAT TAKERS GET INCENTIVE

Family members who take the revised Family Global Assessment Tool can now receive a coupon for a free Subway sandwich. The coupon is valid for AAFES Subway locations through Aug. 31.

Log into the GAT at <https://www/sft/army.mil/SFTFamily>. The 82-question survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Guard and Reserve families can sign up for the Exchange newsletter at <http://odin.aafes.com/newsletter/enewscoupon.htm> and receive 10 percent off an online AAFES purchase. The GAT is part of the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program and is open to all family members registered in DEERS.

LEGAL OFFICE RELOCATES

The Fort Jackson Legal office is now located at 2600 Lee Road, at the corner of Lee and Washington. Normal business hours for legal assistance are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is closed for federal and training holidays. Call 751-4287 for general information or to make an appointment.

FREE COMIC BOOK

"The First Avenger," a free, military-exclusive Captain America comic book is now available at the Main Exchange.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Starting Sept. 1, Thrift Shop consignment tickets will feature two prices, the

original price and a 25 percent discount price that goes into effect 30 days after the item is first put up for sale.

AFAP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Fort Jackson Army Family Action Plan conference scheduled for Nov. 3 and 4. Volunteers will assist with facilitating, recording, transcribing, etc. Free training, child care and meals will be provided. No experience is necessary. For more information, call 751-6315.

ID CARD APPOINTMENTS

Soldiers, retirees, family members and DoD employees can use the ID Cards Appointment Scheduler System. Appointments will be available from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule and appointment, visit <http://appointments.cac.navy.mil>.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Are you prepared in the event of a natural disaster? Take a few minutes to put together an emergency preparedness kit and be sure to include water, non-perishable foods, flashlights, battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio if possible), extra batteries, a first-aid kit with medications & medical items, multi-purpose tool (i.e. Gerber), sanitation and personal hygiene items, copies of personal documents, cell phone with charger, family and emergency contact information, extra cash and anything else you might deem necessary.

For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit www.red-cross.org or call 1-866-GET-INFO.

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Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

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Training honors



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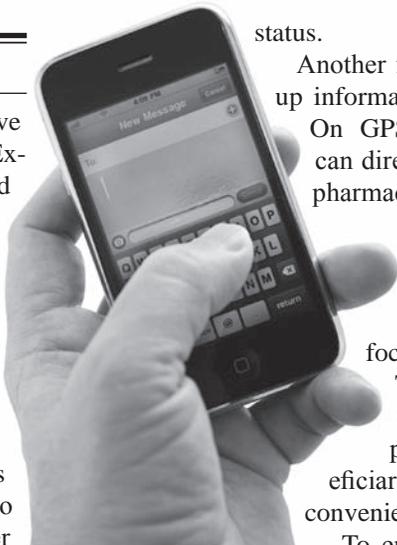
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Pvt. Victor Yeung

Need an RX refill? There's an app for that

TRICARE Management Activity

TRICARE and Express Scripts, Inc. have announced the launch of the TRICARE Express Rx mobile app and mobile-optimized website. These tools allow TRICARE beneficiaries to manage their prescriptions and access important health information safely and securely from anywhere using their smart phone.

The Express Rx app and mobile-optimized website will allow beneficiaries to register for TRICARE pharmacy home delivery and switch current prescriptions over to home delivery. Beneficiaries can also order home delivery refills and check order



status.

Another feature allows beneficiaries to look up information on their current prescriptions. On GPS-enabled smart phones, the app can direct beneficiaries to the closest retail pharmacy in their network.

“Improving convenience for our beneficiaries and broadening access to necessary services like prescription information is a key focus for TRICARE,” said Rear Adm. Thomas J. McGinnis, chief of TRICARE Pharmacy Operations. “Express Rx is yet another way for beneficiaries to use their benefit wisely and conveniently, anytime and anywhere.”

To ensure security and data protection,

beneficiaries must register through the member portal at www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE before logging in to the Express Rx app or mobile-optimized site. Once registered, the same username and password allow access to the Express Rx app and mobile-optimized website. ESI is the TRICARE pharmacy contractor.

Smartphone users can download the app for free by going to www.express-scripts.com/mobile or by using services like the Apple App Store or Android Marketplace. The mobile-optimized pharmacy website can be accessed at <http://m.esrx.com>. TRICARE beneficiaries in the South Region can also make use of the mobile Humana Military website, <https://m.humana-military.com/>.

For more information about TRICARE pharmacy, visit www.tricare.mil/pharmacy. To learn about the TRICARE pharmacy home delivery, go to www.tricare.mil/homedelivery.

Retroactive TYA purchase chance to expire Sept. 1

TRICARE Management Activity

The opportunity to purchase retroactive TRICARE Young Adult coverage expires Sept. 30. Retroactive TYA provides coverage for young adults back to Jan. 1, or the day they became eligible if that was after Jan. 1.

TYA allows eligible adult children to purchase TRICARE coverage after their eligibility for “regular” TRICARE coverage ends at age 21 (or 23 if enrolled in a full course of study at an approved institution of higher learning).

TYA-eligible beneficiaries may choose to purchase retroactive coverage if they have had significant health care expenses that were not covered by other insurance. Once enrolled in TYA, beneficiaries may file a claim for reimbursement of costs for covered care.

Additionally, young adults in the Continued Health Care Benefit Program may elect to purchase retroactive TYA coverage and receive a refund for their CHCPB fees.

Those interested in purchasing retroactive TYA coverage must ensure their application forms are received by the regional or overseas health care contractor by Sept. 30. All premiums — both retroactive and the initial

three-month payment — must be submitted with the application. The application and payment can be dropped off at a TRICARE Service Center, or mailed or faxed to the regional or overseas health care contractor.

To be reimbursed for covered services, receipts for care must be included when a claim is filed.

TYA launched in May and has shown a steady increase in enrollment numbers. As of July 31, almost 7,700 young adults had purchased TYA, which currently offers TRICARE Standard coverage for \$186 a month.

To qualify for TYA, uniformed services dependents must be younger than 26, unmarried and not eligible for their own employer-sponsored health care coverage. A premium-based TRICARE Prime benefit is scheduled to be available later this year.

Before choosing to purchase TYA, beneficiaries should carefully consider all of their health care coverage options and balance all the costs. Complete information and application forms are available at www.tricare.mil/tya.

Sign up for TRICARE e-mail updates at www.tricare.mil/subscriptions.

Connect with TRICARE on Facebook and Twitter at www.facebook.com/tricare and www.twitter.com/tricare.

Family Life & Resiliency Center

"Help for your journey"

Family Life & Resiliency Center staff members provide counseling for individuals, couples, families and groups.

Counseling is open to Soldiers, family members, children, civilians and retirees and is 100% confidential.

To schedule an appointment, call 751-4961/4966.

Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The center is located at 5460 Jackson Blvd., (behind the Strom Thurmond Building).



Leader deadlines

Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.

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Rodes: 'Life is bigger than how you get around'

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even farther and almost touched my knee to the ground," she said. "In trying to brake and move, I opened the throttle ... and it was too late to see the curb in front of me. We were very close to (a) building. I hit the curb, which flew me up to the wall to hit the building and the bike came up and pinned me."

At the time, Jared was inside the building and did not witness the accident, but soon saw a commotion surrounding the motorcycle safety class.

"I took a hint and went outside. I was looking to see what was going on in the rider course and I saw a group huddled over somebody in the corner next to the building," he said. "I was looking for Julia to see where she was and couldn't find her. And then I realized they were standing around her."

Julia was rushed to the trauma center at Palmetto Health Richland hospital, and the extent of her injuries became apparent very soon.

"What had happened to her spine was that when the bike hit her, ... one of the vertebrae down and low on her back had shifted," Jared said. "A couple of others had been fractured."

In addition to the spinal cord injury, Julia also suffered two brain injuries — a fissure and a hematoma — her nasal passages were smashed and her left hand and collar bone were broken. She was listed in critical condition and underwent the first of a number of surgeries the following morning, during which doctors inserted two rods down the spinal column and eight screws to the spine.

Julia was listed in critical condition for

About 40 motorcycles escorted Julia Rodes' car on her way home Aug. 13. Many of the riders belong to the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club and were present when the accident that left Rodes paralyzed happened. After arriving at the Rodes' new home on post, club members presented Rodes with gifts and made her an honorary member. The escort also included riders who took part in Rodes' motorcycle safety course, during which she was injured, as well as members of the 193rd Infantry Brigade, including its commander, Col. Drew Meyerowich.

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SUSANNE KAPPLER



four days before stabilizing. She did not have any feeling in her legs and the long-term prognosis was uncertain.

"(The doctors) didn't know if I was going to be a quadriplegic or paraplegic," Julia said.

A NEW HOME

After the initial concern about Julia's survival had somewhat settled, it quickly became apparent that her injuries would force changes to the way the couple had been living. The Rodes were living in a small second-story apartment off-post, which was not accessible to people with mobility disabilities.

At the suggestion of Lt. Col. Benjamin Higginbotham, his battalion commander at the time, Jared decided to apply for on-post housing that would be compliant with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standard.

When Emma Watson, housing division chief, received notification that a UFAS home was needed for a wife injured in a motorcycle accident, the story sounded eerily familiar to her.

"Once I started reading all the email traffic, I thought, 'You know what? (Some friends and I) were there at the time of the accident,'" Watson said.

Watson, who has been riding motorcycles for about two years, is a member of the Columbia chapter of the Buffalo

Soldiers Motorcycle Club. The group had been at the location of the accident that day as part of a charity ride. Some of the club members saw what happened; one of them, a nurse, had rendered first aid.

Watson's office started the process of gathering and submitting the necessary paperwork and identifying a single-story home that would meet the Rodes' needs.

In the meantime, a group of Julia's friends decided also to take steps to help the couple.

Meridee Bowlus, an 18-year Army spouse whose husband is a chaplain, met Julia during a church event, right after she and Jared had arrived in Columbia.

"In that first meeting, there was just a neat connection," Bowlus said. "As a new military wife, I thought she would enjoy

meeting other ladies and getting that fellowship, that community feel." Bowlus invited Julia to attend a Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting, and Julia was quickly integrated into the group.

— Meridee Bowlus
Protestant Women of the Chapel

"When you meet Julia, she walks into a room and brings such sunshine," Bowlus said. "People are drawn to her. It was very quick for everyone, really, in our group to fall in love with Julia. It was a special and quick connection."

Aware of the magnitude of Julia's injuries, Bowlus and the other women of the group quickly sprung into action when they found out that the Rodes were going

to be moving into a new home.

"We wanted it to be home for them," Bowlus said. "We wanted it to be accessible in every way and feel special and welcoming for all of the work that she had been putting in to be able to come home as well as she did."

The women, one of whom is an interior designer, developed ideas on how to set up furniture and accessories from the old home, and on which new items would be needed to fill out the house. They also set up a registry with a retailer, which allowed friends the opportunity to contribute by buying items for the couple.

RECOVERY

While plans were under way for Julia's future at home, she and Jared were busy dealing with her medical issues. She was released from the hospital here May 25 and continued treatment at the Shepherd Center, a hospital in Atlanta that specializes in spinal cord and brain injuries.

With the support of his command, Jared was allowed to remain with his wife for the duration of her on-site rehabilitation.

"Initially that day (of the accident), I told (my commanders), 'We're in the hospital. It's serious.' The next morning, they all showed up for the surgery and to wait with me in the waiting room," Jared said.

"My brigade commander was there that day, so this is Day One after the accident. He heard everything the doctor said after the surgery and pretty much said, 'Your place of duty is with her.'"

Col. Drew Meyerowich, commander of the 193rd Infantry Brigade, signed temporary duty orders, allowing Jared to stay at his wife's side throughout her rehabilita-

tion.

"Her care required his assistance as well. I would do that for any Soldier, regardless of rank. This was really important for him and her," Meyerowich said. "We had no choice, in my eyes, but to do what was right for this family. And in doing so, we're taking care of our own, too. I think that sends a message that's pretty important."

Julia said she has no clear memory of the first month after the accident, and it was only after her transfer to Atlanta that she realized what had happened to her.

"When I woke up (at the hospital in Columbia) it felt like I woke up into some dream, like this wasn't reality, this was just sort of a weird game that we're playing," she said. "It wasn't until the first week at Shepherd ... that I realized I was in a motorcycle accident and I am now paralyzed."

With that realization began not only the physical, but also the emotional recovery from the accident.

"I would be in therapy from the morning until 4 p.m. And then, ... between 4 and 7 p.m., would be kind of my silent time. I would just fall. That would be when I would be angry and frustrated and cry," Julia said. "I didn't want to go out of the hospital. I didn't want to go in the real world, where I would have to try to maneuver my way around in a wheelchair."

Julia said she knew, though, that she could not be stuck in that phase.

"You have to grieve your old life and your old body. And as part of grieving there's anger," she said. "One of the things that I had to learn for myself — and we had to kind of learn together — was that we had to make peace with me being in a wheelchair before I can be OK with anything else."

Bowlus said that during a three-day visit to Atlanta in early July, she saw firsthand how committed Julia was in her recovery.

"I was floored at how hard she worked every day. She gave everything and never quit," Bowlus said. "She's had highs. She's had lows. But she has a wonderful spirit of determination and positive thinking and trust in God through it all. And that has been a huge example for each of us."

HOMECOMING

While Julia and Jared remained in Atlanta for her rehabilitation,

plans on Fort Jackson were set in motion for the couple's homecoming.

After the Rodes' household goods were moved to their new on-post home, their friends started putting things into place — from setting up furniture to unpacking boxes to decorating in accordance with Julia's and Jared's input.

"When I went to look at the house, I saw flowers hanging on the porch. And I said, 'Is this the right house?' I knew (Julia) had never been to the house," Watson said. "And I saw the curtains were hung and things were put on the wall. Those are touches that you have to care to do it ... People went above and beyond."

Watson's motorcycle club was also planning for the couple's return.

Members of the club had visited Julia in Atlanta in early July and wanted to remain involved. So, the riders decided to escort her home.

On Aug. 13, Julia and Jared drove up to their new home on Mills Road, surrounded by about 40 motorcycles. The riders had met the couple in Augusta, Ga., where they had spent the night. The group included members of the Buffalo Soldiers, riders who were in Julia's motorcycle safety class and had witnessed the accident, as well as Meyerowich and his wife, Susan.

The Rodes were greeted at their new home by the friends who had helped get the house ready, by family readiness group representatives, employees with Army Community Services, some of Jared's co-workers, some of Julia's friends from her native Indiana, as well as new neighbors.

Julia said she was overwhelmed by the community's support. "We're brand new to the Army. We're Army babies. I knew that the Army was a supportive community, but I had no idea to this extent — from the temporary duty orders to getting us a house before," she said. "I would sit in class or in therapy with patients who had never, ever had something so hard in their lives. But this wasn't my first rodeo. I already knew that attitude and happiness are choices."

Julia has agreed to share her experiences with other spouses at ACS family resiliency classes and FRG meeting. On top of that, she has set out to raise awareness about people

anyone who was there, she got out of the car and managed to walk a few steps with the help of crutches.

Watson, who was one of the riders in the escort, said she was amazed to see her walking.

"To see her at this point right now so soon is nothing but sheer determination on her part," Watson said.

Julia said that as of now, she has not regained sensation in her lower legs, but that her upper leg and hip muscles are working, which allows her to walk for short periods of time with assistance. Whether she will ever be able to walk again without help remains unclear.

"You never stop hoping, but life's bigger than how you get around," she said. "I would rather focus my energies on what I'm doing with my life than how I'm getting around doing it."

FUTURE

After their return home, everyday life quickly resumed for the Rodes.

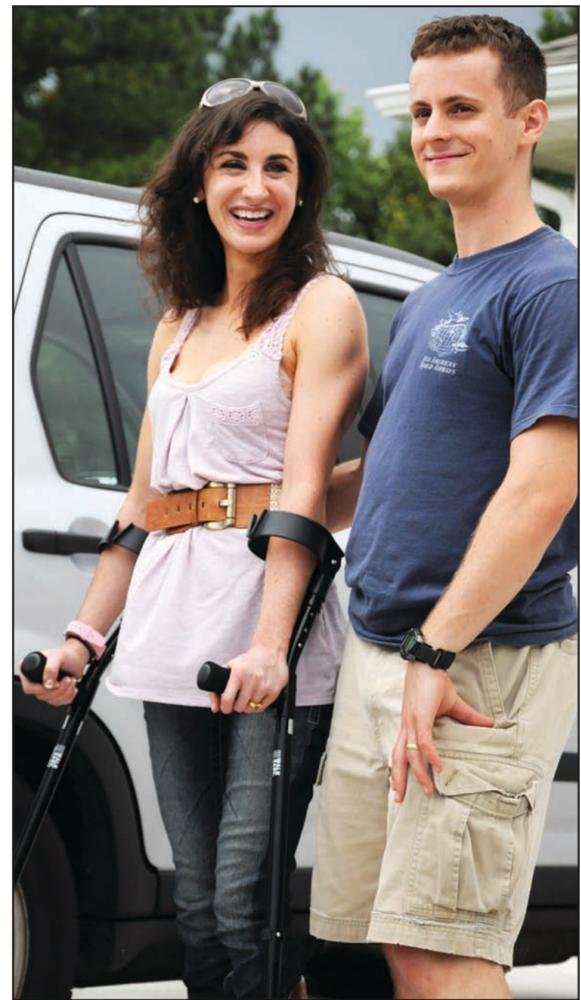
Jared is back at work with his unit, and Julia started classes with the University of South Carolina, where she is a pre-medical student.

She has also resumed her involvement with the PWOC. Being involved in the Army community remains important to her, she said.

"I never had a good family growing up. My mother passed away when I was 17 and my father emancipated me right after that," she said. "I knew that when I started dating Jared that I wanted to be in the Army community. I knew that that would come with marrying Jared."

Julia said having been through hard times before has helped her keep a positive attitude after the accident. "(Your attitude) is an absolute choice, depending on how many rodeos you've been through before," she said. "I would sit in class or in therapy with patients who had never, ever had something so hard in their lives. But this wasn't my first rodeo. I already knew that attitude and happiness are choices."

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Julia Rodes and her husband, 2nd Lt. Jared Rodes, are all smiles after being welcomed home by friends and members of the Fort Jackson community.

with disabilities, especially those with a military connection and those who may have a disability that is not visible.

Julia also suffers from post traumatic stress disorder, which predates her accident.

"It's almost easier being in a wheelchair, because now my disability is (visible)," she said. "People get out of the way for me now. People help me now, whereas before, no one could see it. And no one could know that what they just did set me into a panic."

While in Atlanta, Julia found out about the Miss Wheelchair U.S.A. pageant and decided to enter.

"It's a loudspeaker for getting the needs that you want met for your community heard," she said.

Her platform will be "disability and the armed forces."

"I am just as strong an Army wife as anyone who is ambulatory," she said. "It may not appear so, but that's one of the things I

want to address."

Jared admitted that it will take time getting used to handling everyday life.

"There are still things that go wrong every day or every other day that, in our world, are huge," he said. "We still have to put a lot of effort into it to figure it out, try to put it into perspective."

Like Julia, though, he keeps a positive outlook.

"I feel like we really did it. We handled a million-dollar accident, literally, and came out stronger on the other side," he said.

Throughout their journey, Julia and Jared have remained strong in their conviction that people, in general, have good intentions and are eager to help.

"That's why we feel confident that we're going to be OK," Julia said.

"People will continue to help us. We're going to be fine. It's up to us how great of a life we want now."

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Country artist to kick off Patriot Day concert here

Special to the Leader

Up-and-coming country artist Barry Michael will kick off Fort Jackson's second Patriot Day concert Sept. 10 at Hilton Field as he opens for headliner Kellie Pickler.

The concert commemorates the 10th anniversary of 9/11. The free concert is sponsored by Operation Homefront and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Michael lists his grandfathers as his heroes; both served in World War II and one also served in the Korean War. The connection makes him a perfect choice to perform during the tribute concert.

According to his official biography, Michael is a proud American and a big supporter of the armed forces. He supports such organization as TAPS, Blue Star Families, Gold Star Wives and the Thunder Eagles of the 159th Aviation Brigade. It was a group of Houston-area World War II veterans who asked Michael to write a song to gain support of their honor flight fundraiser. His single, "Heroes and Angels," which was later premiered at the WWII Veterans fundraiser, quickly gained national recognition.

Michael released his debut album Ripped Blue Jeans & ATVs in 2009 after signing with Stockbridge Records. He has opened for Tim McGraw, Joe Diffie, Craig Morgan, and John Michael Montgomery.

Michael's dedication to the Armed Forces is obvious by the concerts he lists as memorable in his biography — a performance for more than 15,000 troops and civilians in Singapore, headlining at the hallowed grounds of the 175th Anniversary of the Alamo, South by Southwest in



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Barry Michael is scheduled to open for headliner Kellie Pickler during Fort Jackson's second Patriot Day concert Sept. 10 at Hilton Field.

Austin, Texas, the National Veterans Summer and Winter Sports Clinics for handicapped and disabled veterans and the 159th Aviation Brigade Send Off Party, among many others.

In August 2010 Michael teamed up with Health Net, Inc. to honor and support service members, veterans, and their families. The song "Heroes and Angels" can be downloaded for free at their website, <https://www.hnfs.net/content/hnfs/home.html>. Michael partnered with Health Net, Inc. to increase awareness and encourage use of behavioral health services,

including reintegration support and family counseling. The Health Net/Barry Michael joint message is simple: "You are not alone. If you need help, please call us for support."

Service members, DoD civilians, Family members, retirees and their guests are invited to attend this free concert on Sept. 10 at Hilton Field. Gates open at 5 p.m. and Michael performs at 7 p.m. followed by headlining act, Kellie Pickler. Non-DoD ID cardholders can call 608-2242 or 960-2501 for information on how to obtain tickets.

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FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- ☐ Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.
- ☐ **Victory Bingo**, 2 to 11 p.m.
- ☐ Sleepy Storytime at the **Post Library**, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Come in pajamas and go home ready for bed.
- ☐ **Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.

FRIDAY

- ☐ Look what I can do, **Thomas Lee Hall Library**. Call 751-5589 for more information.
- ☐ Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the seafood buffet.
- ☐ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 2 p.m.
- ☐ Friday Dollar Daze at **Century Lanes**, 6 p.m. Call 751-6138 for more information.
- ☐ Friday night special at **Ivy Lanes**. Games and shoe rentals cost \$2 each, 5 to 10 p.m. Open to all permanent party service members.
- ☐ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruder's Club**, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruder's Club is located in the back of Magruder's Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Every other Friday, sing along to Linda's Carraoke Karaoke. Be early for happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.
- ☐ Every Friday is Artistic Expression with Jake at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the **Youth Services Center**.

SATURDAY

- ☐ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 1 p.m.
- ☐ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the **Youth Services Center**.
- ☐ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the **NCO Club**. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

SUNDAY

- ☐ Enjoy a traditional Sunday brunch buffet at the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 10 a.m.
- ☐ Every Sunday is Family Day at the **Youth Center**, 2-6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- ☐ **Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available while they last.
- ☐ Victory Readers Club, 6 to 8 p.m., **Post Library**.
- ☐ **4-H Club** meets 4 to 5 p.m. For grades 1-5. Call 751-1136 for information.

ONGOING OFFERS

- ☐ The Officers' Club specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions. For more information, call 782-8761.
- ☐ The NCO Club breakfast buffet is 6 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4 to 10 years old.

Q&A: Administrative reprimands explained

From the Legal Assistance Office

Q: What is an administrative reprimand?

A: Reprimands are administrative tools that commanders use to censure a Soldier for substandard personal conduct. The Army expects Soldiers to demonstrate high moral character on and off duty. Reprimands are appropriate when Soldiers fall short of that expectation by engaging in questionable behavior. The Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes the issuance of reprimands, and provides that they may be used in conjunction with judicial or non-judicial punishment. More commonly, however, a reprimand is issued as an administrative action.

Administrative action is not punishment, in the strictest sense of the term. Confinement, restriction or extra duties are punishment. In contrast, administrative action involves the filing of unfavorable information in a Soldier's personnel records. Unfavorable information, such as a reprimand, can have severe implications for career Soldiers. A reprimand may well prompt non-selection for promotion, a bar to reenlistment or separation under the Qualitative Management Program. Because of these consequences, a reprimand may potentially be career ending if not successfully appealed or transferred from your official files.

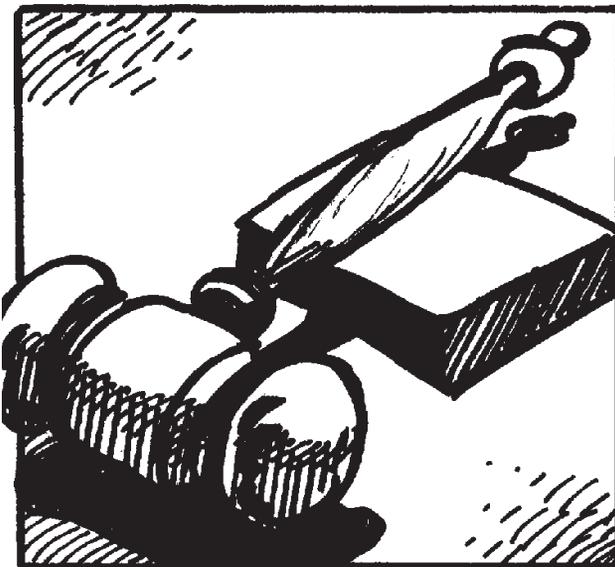
Q: Why is the filing determination so important to my career?

A: Filing of the reprimand is the most important consideration for a career Soldier. A local filing in a Soldier's military personnel records jacket has no long-term effect on the Soldier's career. The reprimand does not become a part of his or her overall service record, and will be destroyed when the Soldier is reassigned. On the other hand, if filed in the Soldier's official military personnel file, the reprimand may be career ending. Army Regulation 600-37 sets forth policies and procedures for filing unfavorable information in a Soldier's official file.

In accordance with the regulation, only general officers may order placement of a reprimand in a Soldier's OMPF. The Soldier will have the opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement for consideration before the filing decision. Army policy provides that reprimands associated with "minor behavior infractions or honest mistakes" ordinarily are not filed in a Soldier's OMPF.

Q: What are the provisions for reprimands concerning DUI?

A: Army Regulation 190-5 requires issuance of a written



general officer reprimand for all active duty Soldiers, for the following conduct:

- a. Conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- b. Refusal to take, or failure of, a test designed to measure the presence of alcohol in the blood, breath, or urine;
- c. Operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of .08 percent or higher on a military installation or operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level above the state limit.
- d. Operating a vehicle after taking illegal drugs and with those drugs still present in the body.

Soldiers will be notified of their right to submit a rebuttal statement before a decision is made on filing.

Q: What are the procedures for transferring reprimands from the performance portion of my OMPF?

A: The Department of the Army Suitability Evaluation Board has authority to review a Soldier's OMPF, and order transfer of unfavorable information from the Soldier's performance fiche to his or her restricted fiche. Promotion and other selection boards ordinarily examine only the performance fiche.

Thus, transfer to the restricted fiche is beneficial for the career Soldier. In submitting an appeal for transfer, the Soldier must show that the reprimand's intended purpose has been served, and that transfer is in the best interests of the Army. Ordinarily, a Soldier must satisfy each of the following criteria before the DASEB will consider an appeal:

- a. The Soldier is a staff sergeant or above.

b. At least one year has passed since imposition of the reprimand.

c. An evaluation (OER or NCOER), dated after the reprimand, has been filed in the OMPF.

Showing that the reprimand has served its intended purpose may be hard to prove. The Soldier needs to show that he or she addressed the conduct that prompted the reprimand, accepted responsibility for it, corrected it and then moved on to excel in the Army. An example may be a staff sergeant who received a reprimand 10 years earlier as a private.

The staff sergeant has been promoted several times since, has received several awards and has received a number of excellent evaluations. Service of intended purpose exists in the form of the motivation, hard work, and commitment to excellence that prompted those promotions, the awards, and the excellent NCOERs.

The Soldier should show that he learned his lesson and moved on to excel in the Army. In support of the appeal for transfer, the Soldier should obtain statements from past commanders, supervisors, or anyone else knowledgeable of the Soldier's performance and, perhaps more importantly, potential for the future.

The goal is to paint the picture of a dedicated Soldier who displays high moral character and who is dedicated to the life of a professional member of the military. The Soldier must show that, with those attributes, and with potential for advancement in rank and responsibility, it is in the best interests of the Army to transfer the reprimand and allow the Soldier to advance.

Q: What should I do if I am served with an administrative reprimand, or wish to appeal to have a reprimand transferred from my official records?

A: Contact the Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office to arrange a consultation with a legal assistance attorney. We can help with the preparation of rebuttal statements and with transfer appeals.

Fort Jackson Legal Office

The Fort Jackson Legal Office provides legal services — including powers of attorney, living wills and health care powers of attorney — to service members, retirees and eligible family members.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney, call 751-4287. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The office is closed on federal and training holidays. The office is located at 2600 Lee Road.

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FIRST RESPONDER

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Maj. Raymond Simons

Director,
Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

Master Sgt. Keith Williams

Provost Sergeant

Bill Forrester

Fire Chief

CASES OF THE WEEK

❑ One civilian was issued a one-year post bar letter and another was issued a three-year bar letter in connection with a



shoplifting incident at the Main Exchange, Military Police said. The civilians removed five shirts and five pairs of shorts, valued at approximately \$240, from display shelves and hid them under their clothing, MPs said. Both civilians were charged with shoplifting. One civilian was released to his sponsor and the other was escorted from the installation.

❑ A Soldier was cited during a traffic stop for parking in a fire zone, MPs said. He was ticketed and released.

❑ A Soldier was cited after MPs received reports of a speeding vehicle on Dixie Road, MPs said. The Soldier was ticketed and released.

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Trusting God means stepping out on faith

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) COLT RANGLES**
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Many of us remember the movie, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade." A most impressive part of the movie happened when Indiana entered the temple building down in the crescent gorge. Remember how his father was shot and he had to bring back the healing water from the Holy Grail in order to save his life?

To get to the cup he had to undergo a series of three tests. The most memorable for me was the final, when he had to step out on faith across what appeared to be a bottomless pit. His training and interaction with the previous tests convinced him that the risk was worth taking and he made his first step. What a relief it was when his foot hit solid ground and then we could see what was there all along but only visible to the eye of faith. How do we trust God and his word with the unseen things of life?

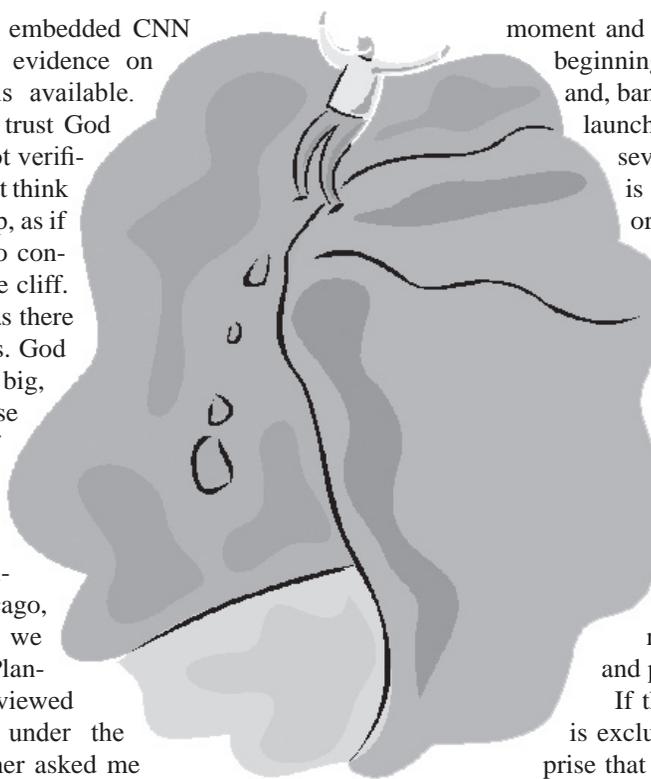
Hebrews 11:3 states, "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible." This describes creation ex-nihilo (out of nothing). Neither Moses nor Abraham were present for the creation of the universe. Moses received revelation from God that probably confirmed elements of an oral tradition.

There is no way to go back and review the events

as they unfolded. No embedded CNN coverage or archival evidence on a dusty microfiche is available.

It may seem scary to trust God with things that are not verifiable. But we should not think that faith is a blind leap, as if Indiana were given no context to his walk off the cliff. There was precedent as there is for faith in our lives. God can be trusted with the big, hidden truths because he has shown himself faithful at every intersection of our lives in smaller ways.

While I was in Bible College in Chicago, my folks visited, and we attended the Adler Planetarium. After we viewed a breathtaking film under the dome theater, my father asked me what my studies in theology had to say about the evolutionary philosophy espoused in the film that seemed to leave no place for God. I pondered for a



moment and then offered four words, "In the beginning God. ..." Perhaps, God said it and, bang, there it was. Scripture does not launch a debate over whether there were seven literal days of creation (which is the simplest reading of the text) or an age-day theory or otherwise.

The point was, there is a God and he made all there is.

Faith is not incompatible with science or philosophy. One does not have to check his brain at the door in order to believe. After all we are commanded to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all of your mind and with all of your strength" (Matthew 22:37). The sticking points in nearly all debates are assumptions and pre-suppositions.

If the possibility of the supernatural is excluded, then it should not be a surprise that there will be little place for God as a result. Instead, start with God and explore the complexity and beauty of the world he created and will one day recreate for his glory and our good.



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
9:30 a.m. Hispanic, Post Theater
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
10 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel
10:45 a.m. Sunday school, Main Post Chapel
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
- Wednesday
6 p.m. Prayer service, Magruder Chapel

Protestant Bible Study

- Monday
7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Tuesday
9:30 a.m. to noon Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle

- Chapel
7 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel
- Saturday
8 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast (PMOC), Main Post Chapel (every second Saturday of the month in the activity room)

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

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

CATHOLIC

- Monday through Friday
11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Sunday
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 a.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel
7 p.m. Women's scripture study, Main Post Chapel

- Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- Friday
11:30 a.m. Ladies of the parish, Main Post Chapel (first Friday of each month)

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel
- Friday
1 to 2 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
- Thursday
7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

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- 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.
- Family Life Chapel**
4580 Scales Ave, corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- 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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