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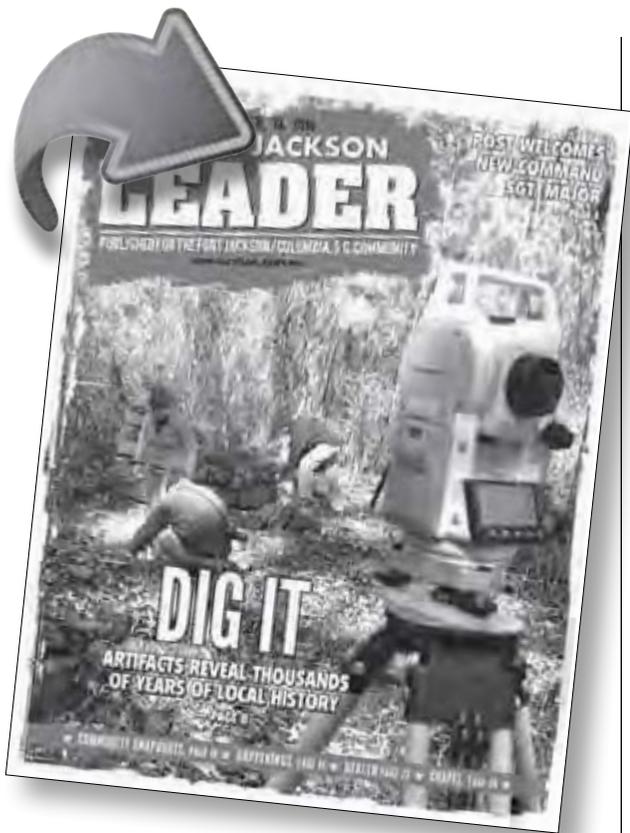
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Celebrate the contributions, history of African Americans

This year, as we celebrate "Civil Rights in America" during African American/Black History Month, we also mark the 50th anniversary of the passing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which was a result of the historic march on Washington in 1963.

These events are forever linked in American history. People from every creed, color and background shared in these high points that now bind us as a nation.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was the crescendo of this country's struggle to make America a better place for all citizens. The armed forces served as a catalyst for these and many other events set in motion by the 1948 presidential order to desegregate the military.

From African American patriots of the Revolutionary War to the Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen and Soldiers who serve valiantly on freedom's frontier today, African Americans have always selflessly served to make this nation free and equal for all.

These advancements in civil rights have enabled us to field a diverse force defined by notable character. Together, the total Army has earned America's trust as the strength of the nation, and in doing so we all serve honorably to contribute to global stability and a better world.

We are truly grateful for the sacrifices and contributions of our African American Soldiers, civilians and families, who have played a tremendous part in the Army's success. We encourage Army units and agencies to honor these great Americans by holding appropriate commemorative activities to celebrate African American/Black History Month.

Army Strong!

Editor's note: Fort Jackson will celebrate Black History Month with a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 21 at the Solomon Center. The guest speaker will be retired Command Sgt. Maj. Harold Hunt. For tickets, contact an equal opportunity adviser or the Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

COMMENTARY

By **SGT. MAJ. OF THE ARMY**
RAYMOND CHANDLER III

By **GEN. RAYMOND ODIERNO**
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'Motivation and passion'

Post welcomes new command sergeant major

By WALLACE MCBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Post Command Sgt. Maj. William (Dan) Hain was welcomed by the Fort Jackson community last week during a change of responsibility ceremony held at post headquarters.

Hain accepted responsibility as Fort Jackson's new command sergeant major from Brig. Gen. Bradley Becker, post commanding general. Hain replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson, who retired after 28 years of service in the Army.

"Command Sgt. Major Dan Hain and his wife Barbara come to Fort Jackson with a wealth of experience," Becker said during Friday's ceremony. "Hain is a decorated infantryman who has served in light and mechanized infantry units from Germany to Hawaii, and all points in between. In addition to having served during multiple combat tours, Hain has gained expertise as a trainer. He's served as a drill sergeant, a senior observer controller at the National Training Center and, most recently, as the commandant of the Maneuver Center of Excellence, Non-Commissioned Officer Academy."

Hain said he has loved being a Soldier since taking part in One Station Unit Training shortly after enlisting in 1983. His arrival at Fort Jackson served as a reminder of his earliest sources of inspiration, he said.

"Every day since I've been here at Fort Jackson, the reasons for (my) motivation and passion are on display," he said. "From the sounds of freedom every morning starting about 0600 with PT, to the pride on the new Soldiers' faces — as well as their families — at graduation, the air of confidence in the drill sergeants in what they've accomplished ... it's just really exciting to be back here."

Benson called Fort Jackson a "gem of the Army" as he welcomed Hain to the installation. Fort Jackson is in the "people business," he said, and is tasked with not just motivating new Soldiers, but also their family members.

"They want to know what their tax dollars are doing," he said, "and that their sons and daughters, their most precious commodity ..., are being taken care of. And that's what we do. It's all about people."

Hain's previous duty positions and assignments include: Machine Gunner, C 1-12 Inf; BFV Driver, HHC 2-30 INF; Team and Squad Leader, C 2-7 CAV; Section Leader and Platoon Sergeant, D 1-7 INF; Drill Sergeant, B 1-38 INF; Platoon Sergeant, D 1-8 INF; Platoon Sergeant, B 2-9 INF; Platoon Trainer and Senior Operations NCO, Operations Group, NTC; First Sergeant, D 1-36 INF; First Sergeant, F Troop, 1st CAV; Senior Military Science Instructor, University of Central Oklahoma; Senior NCO Trainer for Mechanized Task Force and Brigade Training Teams, Operations Group, Fort Irwin, Calif.; Operations Sergeant Major, 2-27 INF; Command Sergeant Major, 1-27 INF; Command Sergeant Major, 2SBCT 25ID; Commandant, Henry Caro NCO Academy, MCoE.

His deployments include tours in Kosovo and Iraq. He is married with two daughters.

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Photo by WALLACE MCBRIDE

New post Command Sgt. Maj. William (Dan) Hain, right, accepts the Army Training Center and Fort Jackson colors from Brig. Gen. Bradley Becker, Fort Jackson commanding general, during a change of responsibility ceremony last week outside post headquarters.

OER training team visits post

Leader Staff Report

Representatives from the U.S. Army Human Resources Command Mobile Training Team visited Fort Jackson last week to share information about the new Army Officer Evaluation Reporting system.

The Secretary of the Army approved revisions to the officer evaluation system in January 2013. These revisions are scheduled for implementation April 1. The Chief of Staff of the Army has directed that training on the revised officer evaluation system is required prior to implementation for anyone who is or will rate or senior rate an Army Officer.

The training included four modules. The first three modules provided an overview of the changes to the OER, the Evaluation Entry System and the roles and responsibilities of raters and senior raters. The fourth module provided training on the system and is designed for administrative personnel or those who may be delegated to manage rating schemes or rater and senior rater profiles.

The new rating system will be used to assess officers in the grades of second lieutenant through brigadier general. Under the new system, raters will evaluate job performance, whereas senior raters will determine an officer's potential for promotion.

In addition, three "grade plates" were established for company grade officers (second lieutenant through captain and warrant officer through chief warrant officer 2); field grade officers (major through lieutenant colonel and chief warrant officer 3 through chief warrant officer 5) and strategic level officers (colonel and brigadier general).

Each set of grade plates identifies performance attributes that reflect the potential appropriate for the officer's grade.

For more information about the new OER, visit www.hrc.army.mil/.

Editor's note: Information from www.army.mil was used to compile this article.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Maj. Anthony Pete, leader of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command Mobile Training Team, briefs Soldiers about the new Officer Evaluation Reporting system at the Soldier Support Institute auditorium. The mobile training team was on Fort Jackson Feb. 3-5.



Photo by ANDRE BUTLER, Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Brig. Gen. Bradley Becker, left, Fort Jackson's commanding general, congratulates Sgt. Dylan Miller, MEDDAC, after presenting him with the Soldier's Medal — the highest Army award for peace-time actions. Miller received the honor Jan. 31 for helping a driver after a vehicle accident.

MACH NCO receives Soldier's Medal

By ANDRE BUTLER

Moncrief Army Community Hospital

The Fort Jackson commanding general presented the Soldier's Medal for heroism — the highest medal awarded in peace time — to a noncommissioned officer from Moncrief Army Community Hospital Jan. 31 at the Officers' Club.

Brig. Gen. Bradley Becker, Fort Jackson commanding general, awarded the medal to Sgt. Dylan Miller, a health care NCO at the McWethy Troop Medical clinic, because of his actions in May 2013, which potentially saved a fellow motorist life.

"I was on my way back to Fort Jackson around 10:30 p.m. when I noticed the driver in front of me seemed to be impaired and was weaving on I-95," Miller said. "I dialed 911 and reported the driver to the operator because others on the road could have been in harm's way. Ten miles later, the female driver went around a curve, never straightened up and ran off the interstate. She drove off a 30-foot embankment went about 100 meters and hit a tree."

After the initial shock of what he encountered Miller sprang into action to help the injured motorist.

"At first I was in disbelief, then my professional training kicked in and I dialed 911 again to let (the operators) know that the driver had crashed and gave them our location. I also let them know I was an Army medic and I was going to help the driver. After that I grabbed my aide's bag and went to assist the lady in the car."

Miller said the driver was unconscious when he got to her but proceeded to provide medical attention.

"When got down the hill, the lady was unresponsive and bleeding," he said. "I placed a c-collar around her neck and put a pressure dressing on her arm. I managed to stop the bleeding and then she came around and started responding to me. From that point on I kept talking to her and she asked questions until the paramedics arrived."

Miller monitored the driver for approximately 25 minutes until law enforcement and emergency medical services arrived on the scene.

For some, Miller being awarded the Soldier's Medal isn't hard to believe.

"Miller is an outstanding and motivated Soldier," said Maj. Matthew Hanna, the officer in charge of the TMC.

"He always goes the extra step to assist his fellow Soldiers."

Hanna said having Miller, a member of his team, awarded the medal is special.

"It's a great feeling — and we feel it's awesome that one of our own was recognized for a heroic act here at home," Hanna said.

Miller has been in the military for 11 years and is a native of Daytona Beach, Fla. He also has two deployments to Iraq. He said he now understands why knowing what to do off the battlefield is just as important as knowing what to do in the war zone.

"I have treated a lot of service members on the battlefield," Miller said. "But this was the first time that I've had to assist a civilian in this capacity. There is no difference. Whenever someone needs help, you knowing your job could save their life."

Becker expressed how essential it is take all of your training seriously.

"In my 28 years of service I've only witnessed three of these medals being awarded," Becker said. "Two of them happened right here, so don't let it be said great things aren't happening at Fort Jackson."



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Heathly Johnson, of the S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology sifts through the remains of an early 20th century home in the northeast corner of Fort Jackson. The site is the subject of an archeological excavation, believed to have been a farm house abandoned before the post was established.

'There's a lot to do'

Archeologists uncovering thousands of years of history

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

It might not look like much, but “trash” found in the wooded areas of Fort Jackson is telling stories of thousands of years of local history.

Archeologists are excavating a site in the northeast corner of the post that was once the location of a home, probably a farmhouse. The most obvious signifiers at the site are stone foundations and the remains of a chimney and fireplace. But sift through the soil and you will find the site was once very active, said Karen Smith, director of the Applied Research Division at the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of South Carolina.

“We’ve found broken ceramics, broken glass and other indicators like broken nails and iron hardware,” she said, explaining that those are all signs that a home once stood on the site. “We are mapping the remains of a structure, of what we think was a house that dates to the first half of the 20th century. This would have been a residence where a family lived before the federal gov-



Broken glass was found in the remains of the fire place at the site. The fragments had been warped by contact with extreme temperatures.

ernment bought the property.”

Founded in 1917, Fort Jackson was originally a collection of privately owned tracts of land with few roads or trails and so heavily overgrown in places that routine

travel was difficult.

The property that would become Fort Jackson was pieced together through cooperative efforts involving the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, the federal government and local residents, many of whom sold their property through eminent domain.

Of the 750 historical sites on post, only about 50 are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, said Chan Funk, an archaeologist with the Fort Jackson Environmental Division.

“It’s a real small percentage,” Funk said. “They’ve been doing surveys here since the late ‘80s.”

Most of the post’s recognized locations are prehistoric. “The pre-contact record goes back about 8,000 years on the installation,” Funk said. “We know that from diagnostic tools (the inhabitants) were using at the time. They’ve been carbon dated at other sites in the region, but have not been carbon dated here because we haven’t had that level of investigation.”

Many of these ancient sites are the remains of short-term hunting camps.

Pinckney students take math skills to store

From C.C. Pinckney Elementary School

The faculty and staff of C.C. Pinckney Elementary School transformed the Commissary into a living classroom Jan. 30 for the school's Math Night at the Commissary. The school partnered with the Commissary so students could apply math skills in a fun, friendly and relevant environment.

"One of the most important ways we can improve math problem solving is to make learning fun and relevant — what better way to see how math is used on a daily basis than to visit the grocery store and use those skills to problem solve while shopping," said Annie Crandle, principal of C.C. Pinckney Elementary School.

Teachers developed standards-based problem solving math packets for all participants. The packets were given to students as they entered the store with their

parents.

Students and parents worked together to complete their problem-solving packets by searching for items and prices at the store. School faculty and staff were spread throughout the store to offer students and families assistance.

All participants received a small gift bag filled with goodies provided by the parent teacher organization.

The students were asked to return their math packets to their teachers the following morning. Those who returned their completed packets were entered into a drawing for a Commissary gift card and math supplies.

The following students were randomly selected: Marcus Sisneros, Alexis Timm, Adrianna Dodge, Ricky Fox, Michael Ewers, Jardyn Robinson, Anika Soto, Jaelon Henegar, Kiara Montgomery, MacKenzy Fox, Hannah Isaac and Whitney Akpablie.



Photos by PAT WALTERS, C.C. Pinckney Elementary School

Students and parents work together to solve math problems during C.C. Pinckney Elementary School's Math Night at the Commissary Jan. 30.



Students applied the math skills in a real-world setting during C.C. Pinckney Elementary School's Math Night at the Commissary Jan. 30.

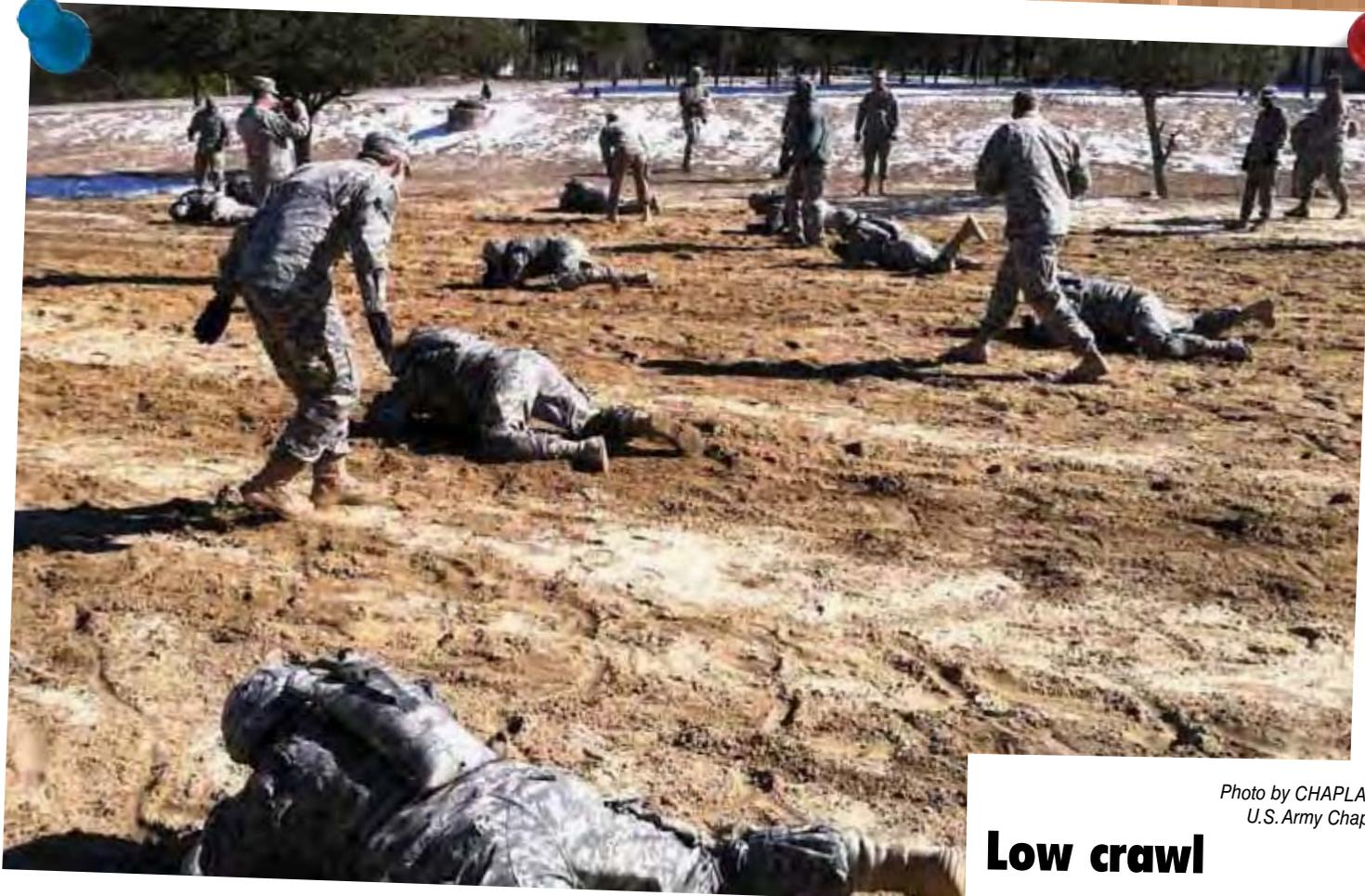




Thank you

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Mike Steward, middle, presents an award to Mark Smyers, left, FMWR outdoor recreation manager, and Mike Elkins, chief of FMWR community recreation. The award recognizes the efforts by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation to serve disabled veterans on the installation.



*Photo by CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) TIM WILSON,
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School*

Low crawl

Soldiers in the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School Basic Officer Leader Course learn to high- and low-crawl.

Hood Street CDC to reopen Tuesday

From Child, Youth and School Services

Child care services return to normal with the reopening of the Hood Street Child Development Center Tuesday. The Hood Street Child Development Center provides hourly and part-day care for the Fort Jackson community. The reopening of the center provides an increase in the amount of hourly and part-time care available.

With the reopening of the Hood Street CDC, the Lee Road Child Development Center will have full-time openings for eligible patrons who work rotating shifts or consistently work second or third shift. Contact Parent Central Services at 751-4865 to enroll in full-day care at the Lee

Road CDC. The Lee Road CDC will continue to be the facility for overnight and weekend care (Saturdays and Sundays). Imboden CDC will continue to provide extended hours care during the week from 4 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday care for from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Reservations for hourly care will continue to be taken at the Lee Road CDC (751-5853) until Tuesday, but effective that day, care will occur at the Hood Street CDC. Those in need of part-time care should contact Parent Central Services at 751-4865 to enroll.

Other services that returned to normal in January are the open recreation hours for families at the Youth Center on Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m. and the open recreation hours for school-age children through fifth grade at the

Imboden Street School Age Center on Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m. and on the first and third Friday evenings of the month (School Age Night Out and Health Rocks). All school-age children through fifth grade who are registered to use any Child, Youth and School Services program are eligible to use the open recreation hours at the Imboden Street School Age Center.

CYSS has full-day care available for all age groups and will have part-day care available for all age groups beginning Tuesday. Before- and after-school care is available for the on-post schools and many off-post schools in Richland District 1 and Richland District 2. Check with Parent Central Services for availability of transportation to your child's school.

Army adjusts RCPs for junior enlisted Soldiers

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has announced changes to retention control points for Soldiers in the ranks of corporal through sergeant. The changes took effect Feb. 1.

Retention control points, or RCPs, refer to the number of years a Soldier may serve at a particular rank. For example, the retention control point for a staff sergeant is 20 years. He must retire at 20 years, unless he is promoted to sergeant first class.

Army ALARACT 026-2014, "Change to retention control points for enlisted Soldiers serving in the regular Army or under the Active Guard Reserve Title 10 programs," released Jan 31, spells out the

changes in detail.

The new RCP for promotable corporals and specialists is eight years. That is down from 12 years. The new RCP for sergeants is 14 years, up from 13. And the new RCP for promotable sergeants is 14 years, down from 15.

The changes apply to Soldiers serving in the active Army. It also applies to Soldiers in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard who are serving under Active Guard Reserve Title 10 programs, but not reserve Soldiers who are mobilized.

According to Paul Prince, Army G-1 spokesman, Soldiers who are not serving on an indefinite re-enlistment and who reach their RCP during their current enlistment agreement will perform active service until they reach their expiration term of service date.



Army photo illustration

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News and Notes

CAR CARE CENTER CLOSES

The Car Care Center at 5669 Lee Road closed Jan. 31. AAFES is in negotiations with outside vendors to cover the operation.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT SET

Fort Jackson will celebrate Black History Month with a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 21 at the Solomon Center. The guest speaker will be retired Command Sgt. Maj. Harold Hunt. For tickets, contact an equal opportunity adviser or the Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

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Special victims counsel services available

By **CAPT. TYLER M. FLECK**
Fort Jackson Special Victims Counsel

In November, the Army created the Special Victims Counsel Program. The program provides certain people who report they are victims of sexual assault with a personal attorney at the expense of the Army. The idea behind this program is to strengthen support of sexual assault victims throughout the entire military justice process.

The special victims counsel, or SVC, is an attorney in the Judge Advocate General's Corps who is selected by the staff judge advocate to receive special training. SVCs represent the best interests of the victim, even when those interests do not align with the government of the United States.

Sexual assaults have absolutely no place in the military.

From the second Soldiers swear the oath to the last time Soldiers take off the uniform, every single Soldier has a duty to get rid of the problem of sexual assaults within the Army's ranks. The SVC's duty to actively address this problem entails assisting victims of sexual assault through the complex and sometimes discouraging military justice system. The SVC's role is to make sure the victim is heard at all stages, including during the investigation, pre-trial, court martial, and sentencing.

In order to qualify for SVC services, a victim must file either a restricted or unrestricted report of sexual assault. All Soldiers on active duty and Reserve members on active duty orders for 30 days or more at the time of the offense who report they are a victim of sexual assault are eligible for an SVC.

Adult family members of active duty Soldiers and people eligible for legal assistance under AR 27-3 are also

eligible for the services of an SVC if they make a restricted or unrestricted report of sexual assault.

At Fort Jackson, the sexual assault response coordinator, or SARC, and the victim advocates provide a brochure to those who report a sexual assault on how to contact the SVC program directly.

It is important that victims understand that even if they talk to an SVC, the report can still remain restricted because of attorney-client confidentiality. Attorney-client confidentiality means that whatever a victim discloses to an SVC will remain secret.

For more information about the Special Victims Counsel Program, sexual assault victims can contact the installation SHARP hotline at (803) 543-3085 or their brigade victim advocate to make a request for an SVC. The SVC Program Office will detail an SVC within 24 hours (when practicable) of receiving a request.

SMA: Soldiers have duty to end sexual assault

By **LISA FERDINANDO**
Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Soldiers have a duty to protect each other from sexual assault, help a battle buddy at risk for suicide, and create a safe and respectful environment for all members, said the Army's top enlisted adviser.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III spoke to Soldiers recently during a town hall meeting at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Sexual assault in the ranks, he said, erodes the trust Soldiers and the American people have placed in the Army.

"If someone is not acting within our values, within our beliefs, you have a duty to do something about it," he told the forum.

Soldiers must focus on ending sexual assault in the ranks by using the same determination and willpower that they use on the battlefield, he said. The Army profession, he said, demands a Soldier take action if something is not right.

"We have too many bystanders. If you are a bystander, you are part of the problem," he said.

The American people have entrusted the Army with their loved ones, he said, and the Army must make sure they are protected.

"When we're given someone's most precious gift — their son or daughter, sister or brother, husband or wife — we have a duty to treat them with dignity and respect and create an environment of safety and security," he said.

Sexual assault is damaging to the men and women who are victims of the crime, he said, and to the American people who expect the Army to protect its Soldiers and the nation.

"When we have challenges, like we have with sexual assault, we erode not only



Photo by **LISA FERDINANDO**, Army News Service

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III speaks at a town hall at Fort Belvoir, Va., Feb. 3, about the responsibilities Soldiers have in protecting each another from sexual assault, helping a battle buddy at risk for suicide, and creating a safe environment for all Soldiers.

internally the trust that we had amongst each other, but we start to lose the trust of the American people for whom we serve," he said.

There is no question that the Army is the "most competent force on the face of the Earth," but there are challenges, he said.

"The American people look at us with a different perspective. They demand more from the United States Army Soldier than they do from the average citizen," he said. "It's part of what makes us the best Army

in the world."

Every Soldier can make a difference by watching out for a battle buddy and seeking help when someone is in trouble and at risk for suicide, he said.

"We've had a reduction of suicides with the active component. We had an increase, however, for our Guard and Reserve components," he said.

According to recent statistics, the Army said there were 301 suicides Army-wide in 2013 — 125 in the active Army, 117 in the Army National Guard, and 59 in the Army

Reserve.

The Army had 325 suicides in 2012 — 165 in the active Army, 110 in the Army National Guard, and 50 in the Army Reserve.

A Soldier's commitment to another Soldier makes a difference, he said.

"What I ask you to do is to continue what you're doing," Chandler said.

"You can save someone's life. Think about that. You can do that. All you have to do is be that person of character who's committed to one another," he said.

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Army introduces SHARP pilot course

By **J.D. LEIPOLD**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army launched an eight-week Sexual Harassment/Assault Prevention and Response Program schoolhouse pilot program at Fort Belvoir, Va., recently to better prepare sexual assault response coordinators, victim advocates and trainers.

The pilot program extends the training by an additional six weeks, and was directed by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno and Army G-1 Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg after they brought in sexual assault response coordinators, or SARC, and victim advocates, or VAs, from across the Army for a panel discussion during the June 10, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, known as SHARP, program stand-down.

SHARP Director Christine Altendorf opened the pilot class of 31 Soldiers and civilian students, which consists of newly hired Mobile Training Team instructors and select SARC and VAs from across the Army. She told them when they return to their commands to teach the 80-hour SHARP certification course, “you’re going to have to get in there and say by-standing is not OK anymore.”

“We have to reinforce that it’s not the victim’s fault and provide that environment of victim advocacy, and we

also have to make sure we know what we’re doing when it comes to prevention — to keep it from happening in the first place,” she said.

Subject matter experts from the Army Management Staff College, the Office of the Army Surgeon General, Army Criminal Investigation Command, and the Office of the Judge Advocate General are scheduled to address the class at different times during the course. Additionally, the Army Training Support Center will prepare trainers to facilitate small group instruction. Students will also be provided blocks of instruction on materials incorporated from the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute and the Inspector General School.

The curriculum includes training in the importance of resiliency; prejudice and discrimination; how to establish a foundation for a culture of prevention as well as the investigative and legal processes; ethics; and victim health care management. Students will receive more situational-type training in scenarios that are typically encountered by SARC and VAs. Blocks of instruction to help broaden skill sets will also be held in conflict resolution and in presenting and conducting training.

Graduates will then return to the field and, in addition to teaching the certification course at the battalion level and below, they will assist commands with executing SHARP annual unit refresher training and present SHARP senior

leader briefs.

Altendorf said the Defense Department was taking a hard look at the pilot course.

“What we’re trying to do is professionalize the career,” she said. “There’s no (military occupational specialty) right now for full-time VAs and SARC, but we need to make sure that we all have a really good understanding, so professionalizing is where we want to go with this course.”

Altendorf said the Army had 2,149 reports of sexual assault in 2013, which was about a 50 percent increase over what was reported in 2012, but that ranges from touching to rape, and they are not one and the same, she emphasized.

“We intend to delve into the data and do a full analysis of the reports. This will allow us to better understand all the varying aspects of an incident and ensure we are able to communicate the proper information as related to data,” Altendorf explained.

“A lot of the time, victims will delay reporting. It’s something that could have happened a year or two, or even five years ago, and they couldn’t bring themselves to report it at the time, but now they can,” Altendorf said. “So we have to break down what occurred in this year, which is what leads us to believe that we think we’re creating an environment where victims are feeling comfortable in coming forward.”

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History

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“We’re near the end of field work this year,” Smith said. “We’ll wash and re-bag the artifacts we’ve recovered from these sites. We’ll look at how those artifacts are distributed across the landscape, which may tell us something, not just about this location, but the activity in the immediate area.”

Shovel tests, which are small holes dug in a systematic pattern, are unearthing artifacts in an unusual pattern at the site now being excavated, Smith said. Rather than finding artifacts clustered in small groups, smaller artifacts, such as broken glass and nails, are being found in small numbers over a large area.

A small ceramic pipe buried vertically in the ground was also discovered, and was possibly an access point for well water. Glass was found in the remains of the fire place. The fragments had been distorted by contact with extreme temperatures.

“My sense from the dating of the artifacts is that this was a site that could have been occupied right up until the government bought it,” she said. “There are records. What we need to do in the coming months is compare this location to what we have in terms of documents.”

A 1916 Richland County soil map shows that there was a structure at the location, but does not contain specific information about the site.

The site will take about a year to evaluate.

“There’s a lot to do,” Smith said. “We like to say in archeology, for every day you spend outside digging, you need to spend about three days inside processing artifacts, labeling and analysis.”

“Once we make these late discoveries, we want to find out if they’re eligible for the National Register of Historic Places so we can allow training to proceed,” Funk said. “It’s important for the training mission. If a site is not eligible, it’s not going to be an issue. And, if it is eligible, we can protect the site, which the Army does by signing the site as restricted.”

This designation does not prohibit training from accessing these locations, though.

“The Army does allow troops to be mobile through there,” he said. Foot traffic and vehicle traffic is allowed, as long as there is no ground disturbance within 50 meters of posted signs.

Artifacts found on post are curated at the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology.

“Some of them end up on display at Fort Jackson,” Funk said. “We’ve got a brand new display at the Basic Combat Training Museum that shows a wide range of artifacts found at Fort Jackson over the years.”

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Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Above, a ceramic pipe was discovered at the site of an early 20th century home in the northeast corner of Fort Jackson, believed to have provided well access. Left, Tamara Wilson, of the S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, looks for artifacts among the property’s remains. All that’s left of the building is stonework, some of which was the foundation of a chimney. Below, archeologist Chan Funk identifies the site on a post map.



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Calendar

Today

Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter breakfast
7 to 8:30 a.m., NCO Club

The guest speaker will be Col. Todd Garlick, commandant of the Adjutant General School. For more information, call 751-3014.

Wednesday

Shred day

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Recycling Center
All types of paper with sensitive information will be accepted. For more information, call 751-4208.

Wednesday

American Society of Military Comptrollers, Palmetto Chapter meeting
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Officers' Club

The guest speaker will be Rick Harmon, senior assistant state treasurer of South Carolina.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Renters 101 seminar

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Post Conference Room

A light lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, call 751-9339/5788/7566/9323.

Friday, Feb. 21

Hearts Apart/foreign-born spouses Valentine's Day celebration

5 to 8 p.m., Main Post Chapel
RSVP required by Feb. 18. For more information, call 751-9770/1124.

Announcements

DENTAC CLOSURE

All dental clinics will be closed from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 26 for mandatory training. For dental emergencies, report to the Urgent Care Clinic. Dental clinics will reopen at 12:30 p.m.

EFMP ART ADVENTURE

The Exceptional Family Member Program is now hosting art activities on the third Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. at

the Joe E. Mann Center Ballroom. The first event is scheduled for Feb. 20. The program will include clay modeling, pottery, water color painting, drawing and other activities. Participants must be enrolled in EFMP. For more information, call 751-5256 or email cheryl.f.leysath.civ@mail.mil.

COMMISSARY NOTES

■ The Commissary offers a variety of specials throughout February. For more information, visit www.commissaries.com/press_room/press_release/2014/DeCA_03_14.cfm.

■ The Defense Commissary Agency has added top-brand websites to its "Exclusive Savings" link on www.commissaries.com.

HOMECOMING STORIES CONTEST

AAFES customers are invited to submit a homecoming story for a contest. The story should not exceed 150 words. Entries must be submitted by Feb. 28. Five winners will receive a Thomas Blashear figurine. For more information, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/patriotfamily.

BOOK SIGNING

Clarence Willie, the author of *African American Voices from Iwo Jima*, will sign copies of his book at the Exchange. The book signings are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday.

USAREC OPPORTUNITIES

Former recruiters can earn a \$4,000 bonus if they reclassify to military occupational specialty 79R and return to the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. Eligible NCOs must be staff sergeants or sergeants, have less than 12 years time in service and currently be in an overstrength or balanced MOS. For more information, see your career counselor.

SPORTS SHORTS

■ Dart league play is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Thursdays at Magruders Club and Pub.

■ The President's Day 5K walk/run is scheduled for 8 a.m., Saturday at Twin Lakes. This run will be on a multi-terrain route. A stroller route is available.

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

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Youth Sports registration is now open for spring soccer for children 3 to 5 (\$20); and for children 6 to 16 (\$40). Registration is also open for track and field (6-14, \$40); and traveling baseball (9-14, \$45). Registration runs through Feb. 28.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

■ The Army Engineer Spouses' Club announced the 2014 Army Engineer Memorial Awards and the 2014 Geraldine K. Morris Award. For more information on the scholarships, visit www.armyengineerspouses.com/scholarships.html.

■ Applications for the 2014 Scholarships for Military Children program are available at commissaries worldwide or at www.militaryscholar.org. Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 28. For more information, call (856) 616-9311 or email militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

FREE COMIC BOOK

The free comic book, "*Thor: The Dark World, the Asgardian Thunder God*," is now available at the Exchange.

SAT/ACT TESTING

The Education Center will administer SAT testing May 29 and Oct. 30. ACT testing will be available July 31. Testing is available to eligible service members only. For more information and to register, call 751-5341.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Units can pick any business day to work at the Thrift Shop. Units who supply at least four people to work for two hours will receive a donation. For more information, contact Kim at the store.

Information is subject to change. 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.

Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations.

For more information, call 751-7045.

Housing happenings

MAYORS NEEDED

The mayoral council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors for the Fort Jackson housing communities. Positions are open in Pierce Terrace 1, PT 2, PT3, PT5, PT6, PT7 and Howie Village. Being a part of the council allows residents to be a voice for the community. Child care is provided while performing mayoral duties. Interested residents should contact Vickie Grier at 751-7567.

BAH INFO

The three components of the Basic Allowance for Housing are fair market costs for rental units, utilities and renter's insurance. BAH rates are aimed to accurately reflect median-priced rental costs and average utilities and renter's insurance costs for suitable-quality housing units within each market housing analysis in the United States. For more information, call 751-9323/7566/5788.

RENT CAFE

Rent Cafe is a new site that replaces the "Resident Portal System." Register for Rent Cafe through the Balfour Beatty Communities website using the "Submit a Service Request" link. For assistance in logging in, call 738-8275.

HOUSING RESOURCES

The Housing Services Office has resource books on various topics available for checkout. Topics include do-it-yourself projects, real estate facts, home improvement suggestions and gardening ideas. For more information, call 781-9323/7566/5788.

RV LOT

Recreational vehicles are not allowed to remain in the housing area except for loading and unloading. The Housing RV Storage Lot is authorized only for on-post residents who have registered their RV with the Housing Office at 4514 Stuart Ave. Registration of your RV is required before using the facility. Proof of residency, insurance and registration is required. Unauthorized RVs found in the storage lot will be towed at the owner's expense. For more information or to register your vehicle, call 751-9339.

Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE *Photos by OITHIP PICKERT, Public Affairs Office*



Staff Sgt. Luis Figueroa
Company A
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Farnoosh Sheinidashtgol

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Hyuk Kim

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Farnoosh Sheinidashtgol

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Michael Zaccardo



Staff Sgt. Joseph Diggins
Company B
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Tyler Horl

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Ralph Thelusma

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Andrew Hobold

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Ye Seung



Staff Sgt. James Nylander
Company C
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Rachel Hewitt

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Laura Mudge

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Nigella Saunderschambers

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Kenneth Anzures



Staff Sgt. Berchell Francis
Company D
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Daniel Franklin

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Christopher Gaff

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Rebecca Mullen
Pvt. Yarelis Acevedo

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Darius Brower
Pvt. Ryan Hutto



Sgt. 1st Class David White
Company E
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Tyler Hull

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Oluwatobi Ajayi

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Efrayin Guerrero

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Israel Viezcas
Pvt. Jacob Edwards
Pvt. Sharon Woods



Staff Sgt. Gregory Brooks
Company F
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Terrel Martelly

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Tamsin Dershem

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Shamaire Carrizal

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Shane Willbanks

Weekly honors



Staff Sgt. Candice Bradsher
Cadre of the cycle
Company B
187th Ordnance Battalion



Ernest Williams
Instructor of the cycle
Company B
187th Ordnance Battalion

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Save your vision with eye protection

From the U.S. Army Public Health Command

February is Low Vision Awareness Month. Low vision is a general term used to describe partial sight or sight that is not fully correctable by lenses, surgery or medication.

In the United States, the most common cause of low vision is age-related macular degeneration, or AMD, the leading cause of vision loss for people older than 50. Other causes include glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, albinism, some birth-related conditions and trauma.

Doctors help low vision patients increase visual function by prescribing and training them to use magnifiers, prisms and automated reading and writing devices. These alternatives help maximize existing vision and teach people how to accomplish things they would like to do by using technology and other senses such as hearing and touch.

Approximately 92 percent of Soldiers are younger than 40, so the more immediate low vision concern in the Army is trauma. An eye injury can occur literally faster than the blink of an eye, and in that brief time the injury may cause permanent loss of vision. Unlike AMD, glaucoma and cataracts, trauma can be prevented or reduced through basic safety precautions.

The best way to preserve your vision is to protect it. People can drastically reduce the risk of certain conditions such as diabetes through a good diet and exercise. Soldiers can reduce the risk of cataracts by wearing sunglasses that block ultraviolet light, or by limiting exposure to it. Finally, Soldiers can avoid most eye injuries by using appropriate eye protection at work, home, during recreational activities and any time eye hazards are present.

Prevent Blindness America estimates that 90 percent of eye injuries are preventable with the use of proper protective equipment. Current military combat eye protec-



Army photo

Soldiers can avoid most eye injuries by using appropriate eye protection at work, home, during recreational activities and any time eye hazards are present.

tion, or MCEP, devices represent more than 50 years of research and development. All that work becomes useless when a Soldier suffers an eye injury because he or she was not wearing the proper protection. The approved protective eyewear list shows the tested and approved MCEP

devices and may be viewed at <https://peosoldier.army.mil/equipment/eyewear/>. The eyewear on the list meets and goes beyond the impact requirements for standard industrial safety glasses by four to six times, depending on whether the eyewear is a spectacle or a goggle.

MACH UPDATES

MACH MAIN ENTRANCE CLOSED

The main (ground floor) entrance at Moncrief Army Community Hospital will be closed for renovation through July 31. Visitors are asked to pay attention to the signs posted for entry into the hospital and patient drop-off.

URGENT CARE HOURS CHANGE

The Urgent Care Clinic at Moncrief Army Community Hospital is now open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Patients need to sign in before 9:30 p.m. Patients who need emergency care should call 911 or proceed to the nearest emergency

room. Patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime who need non-emergency care can schedule an appointment online at www.tricareonline.com, call their primary care provider or call 751-CARE (2273) during regular duty hours.

IMMIGRATION EXAMS

The Department of Preventive Medicine at Moncrief Army Community Hospital provides complete immigration exams, including physical exams, tuberculosis screening, laboratory tests and immunizations for TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries. To schedule an appointment, call 751-5251.

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Prescription home delivery available

TRICARE beneficiaries can switch to home delivery for any medication taken regularly. There are several ways to switch:

- Call Express Scripts at (877) 363-1303.
- Ask your provider to fax your prescription to Express Scripts at (800) 895-1900.
- Ask your provider to e-Prescribe to "Express Script Mail Pharmacy."
- Mail your prescription along with a completed mail order form to Express Scripts Inc., P.O. Box 52150, Phoenix, Az. 85072-9954.

The first shipment will usually arrive within two weeks.

Switching to home delivery can also save money — \$38 for every brand-name drug compared to using a network pharmacy. In addition, there is no copay for a 90-day supply of generic drugs.

Express Scripts stocks all drugs on the TRICARE formulary.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT

- Sunday
 - 8:30 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (first service)
 - 9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
 - 9:30 a.m. Hispanic, Post Theater
 - 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
 - 10:15 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel (second service)
 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday school, Main Post Chapel
 - 11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
 - 11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel

Protestant Bible Study

- Monday
 - 7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Tuesday
 - 9 to 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
 - 6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle Chapel
- Thursday
 - 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh encounter Bible study, Chaplain Family Life Center

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
 - 7:30 a.m. Confessions, Solomon Center
 - 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., 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

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting**.....Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m., 9810 Lee Road., 751-6597.
- Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)**.....Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Owens Field, main conference room, Tom.Alsup@gmail.com or 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.
- Play group**.....Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Room 8, 5615 Hood St., for children 3 and younger, 751-9035/6325.
- Protestant Women of the Chapel**.....Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, Main Post Chapel, jackson@pwoc.org.
- Range control briefing**Mondays and Fridays, 1 p.m., Education Center, Room 302, 751-7171.
- Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association study hall**.....Thursdays, noon, NCO Academy conference room, www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.
- Toastmasters International**Wednesdays, 11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Main Post Chapel, 629-7696 or (910) 224-8307.
- Veterans of South Carolina**Tuesdays, 9 a.m., Flying J truck stop at 5901 Fairfield Road, VOsc@sc.rr.com.
- Walking away stress**.....Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m., at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street, 751-6325.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 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.
- 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.
- American Legion Post 182**.....First Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Officers' Club, 351-2333.
- American Legion Post 195**.....Fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., 534 Wildwood Lane, Lugoff.
- American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215**.....Fourth Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., 2432 Chappelle St., 765-0175.
- 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.
- American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group**Third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 360-3830.
- 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.
- 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.
- Combat Vets Motorcycle Association**Third Sunday of the month at noon, (774) 451-7504, e-mail armyaguair@yahoo.com or visit www.combatvet.org.
- 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.
- 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.
- Fort Jackson Bass Club**.....First Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center, www.jacksonanglers.com.
- Fort Jackson Homeschoolers**Second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call 419-0760 or email johnlazzi@yahoo.com.
- Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter**Second Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Third Floor conference room, 695-5345.
- Ladies Auxiliary Louis D. Simmons Post 215**.....Fourth Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., 2432 Chappelle St., 765-0175.
- 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.
- 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.
- National Federation of Federal Employees**Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 4405 Forney St., first floor, 751-2622.
- National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 87**Second Friday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Seawell's, 1125 Rosewood Dr., kathrynhensley@hotmail.com or gilltinelc803@aol.com.
- Purple Heart #402**Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 351-2333.
- 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.
- Seabees**Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 755-7792 or 755-0300.
- Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association**First Tuesday of the month, noon, NCO Club, www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.
- Sergeants Major Association**.....Last working Thursday of the month, 4:30 p.m., Magruder's Pub, 338-1904, William.huffin@us.army.mil.
- Society of American Military Engineers**.....Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 254-0518 or 765-0320.
- SWAMPFOX Warrant Officer Association**First Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Officers' Club, johnny.myers@us.army.mil.
- 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.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641**.....Second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., 534 S. Beltline Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.
- Veterans of South Carolina**First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Reflection Club House at 2 Cassia Ct., VOsc@sc.rr.com.
- Victory Riders Motorcycle Club**.....First and third Thursday of the month, 5 p.m., Magruder's Club. E-mail sec@fvictoryriders.com.
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303**Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 312-4895.
- 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.

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