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NEWS

Accident numbers declining

By JULIE SHELLEY

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

Following the Army's safest year on record, accidental fatalities fell once again during the first quarter of fiscal 2014, according to data recently released by the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

Overall, accidental deaths declined 21 percent from the first quarter of fiscal 2013, due largely to significant drops in private motor vehicle accidents. Historically, PMV mishaps have been the No. 1 accidental killer of Soldiers.

"We're obviously very pleased with that news," said Brig. Gen. Timothy Edens, director of Army Safety and commanding general, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center. "With so many extended holidays in the first quarter, there's always a chance we'll see a spike in driving fatalities. It's an encouraging sign that Soldiers are increasingly taking personal responsibility for their safety off duty."

On-duty deaths remained relatively stable with last year's figures, although Army Motor Vehicle accidents were up for the first time in several months. Three Soldiers died in HMMWVs, all while conducting home station training.

"The numbers are still pretty low, but we want to get a handle on the issues now to prevent these type (of) accidents from becoming a trend," Edens said. "We have more Soldiers at home station now than we have in years, and AMVs are part of nearly every training activity. Leaders should be paying close attention to factors like speed, the environment and restraint system use every time a crew gets ready for a vehicle mission."

Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford Cain, USACR/Safety Center, said noncommissioned officers will continue to play a critical role in keeping their Soldiers safe, whether on or off duty.

"NCOs are our first line of defense for safety," he said.



"They should be showing their Soldiers how to manage risk, first through standards enforcement on the job and then by example off duty."

With spring just around the corner, both Edens and Cain urged leaders to focus their safety programs on the season's hazards, predominantly motorcycle accidents and drowning.

"Water-related fatalities rose 225 percent during fiscal 2013," Edens said. "We have a moral and professional imperative to make sure that number goes down this year."

For more information on Army safety, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.

CORRECTION

An article on Page 10 of the Jan. 30 Leader listed the wrong unit for the Soldiers pictured. The Soldiers are part of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

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A military career in focus

Fort Jackson Command
Sgt. Major Kevin Benson
retiring this week

By WALLACE MCBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

“I am an American Soldier.”

Those are the words that lead off the Soldier’s Creed, which outline the Army’s standards for conduct and character. Only 13 lines long, the Soldier’s Creed bluntly and economically makes its point: America has high expectations of its Soldiers.

Fort Jackson Command Sgt. Major Kevin Benson says those words don’t truly come into focus for many Soldiers until later in their careers, though.

“I don’t think it hits most Soldiers until their first re-enlistment,” he said. “It hits the young officers when they make captain and realize, ‘I am part of a profession, something bigger than myself.’ The ones who re-enlist really buy in. The rest are doing what they came in to do and are great Americans. But, I don’t think until they’ve made that decision of professionalism and re-enlist for the first time, that they want to be a long-term Soldier.”

Benson has had ample opportunities to reflect on his own career in recent weeks. Friday is his last day as the post’s command sergeant major, as well as his last day in the Army. He’s being asked to speak about his career from a number of audiences this week, ranging from a formal military retirement ceremony, to a private party with friends and family.

Looking back, he said, his career in the infantry was almost inevitable.

“I kind of grew up in the direction of becoming an infantryman,” he said. “I was into team sports and was an outdoors guy ... anything that was risky, difficult or challenging, I always wanted to do those things growing up. So, the transition to infantry was pretty easy.”

Benson enlisted in November 1985, attending One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Ga., followed by Basic Airborne Training. At the time, he said his career goals were less than grand.

“I just wanted to pay off some college debt and loans,” he said. “I had a couple of years of college under my belt, then I had the opportunity to go to Officer Candidate School right out of basic training.”

Outstanding commitments to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., made OCS impossible at the time, he said. Ultimately, it didn’t matter.

“By the time I did my first three years, I was hooked on being an enlisted Soldier,” Benson said. “I was sergeant promotable coming out of my first enlistment to be a staff sergeant. I was hooked and kept going from there.”

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— Kevin Benson
Fort Jackson Command
Sergeant Major

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Courtesy photo

Fort Jackson Command Sgt. Major Kevin Benson did three tours in Iraq, another in Afghanistan, and conducted training in Oman. ‘So I’ve got some time over there in the sand,’ he said. Benson enlisted in the Army in 1985, and is retiring this week.

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Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Capt. Christopher Wilson, center, installation public health emergency officer and chief of preventive medicine at MACH, instructs South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control officials, Medical Reserve Corps representatives, Soldiers and other participants in the distribution of medicine during an antiterrorism training exercise Tuesday morning at Semmes Lake.

Operation Green Dragon

Training exercise readies officials for possible terror attacks

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Drivers lined up in the rain in the parking lot of Semmes Lake Tuesday morning as preventive medicine was being issued to Soldiers and installation employees “contaminated” during a simulated terror threat.

The scenario: A sovereign citizen group had stolen a helicopter and strafed Interstate 77 with anthrax. A “point of distribution,” or POD, was established on post to issue preventive care to those possibly affected by the attack, while others on post were being prepared for hospital transport.

Part of Tuesday’s “Operation Green Dragon” exercise was to test the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s Strategic National Stockpile, said Fort Jackson’s All Hazards Emergency Manager R.J. Frazier.

“That’s when we do a mass inoculation for a community,” Frazier said. “It’s a CDC/ South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control-driven program where they issue ... packs of medicine for whatever the threat may be. This way, we get the (maximum) target population to give them medication — a counter regiment — to protect our community.”

The affected area was cordoned off, he said, and a “plume” evaluation was done to determine how the wind currents might spread the disease. The fire department

was dispatched to conduct decontamination of the people affected, with Emergency Medical Services later taking control of the scene.

“Those who can be moved or can walk will be evacuated by ambulances to two hospitals,” Frazier said. “One is Palmetto Baptist, which is working in partnership with Moncrief Army Community Hospital, so we get to validate which agencies are supporting us.”

Representatives from the DHEC assisted in Tuesday’s exercise, as did members of the Medical Reserve Corps, said Capt. Christopher Wilson, installation public health emergency officer and chief of preventive medicine at MACH.

“The Medical Reserve Corps is an outside group, and they’ve provided the tent for us today, and also volunteered support to train us on how to use their tent system,” Wilson said.

The tent was large enough to house the response team and allowed patients to drive their vehicles inside for service. This eliminated a number of potential traffic and parking problems, allowing patients to be treated quickly and efficiently.

“DHEC is supporting us with forms and information for public release,” Wilson said. “We’re passing out forms for people to fill out to make sure they don’t have any reason not to take the medication we’re giving them. They’ll be screened by nurses and pharmacists and drive back home.”

Outside agencies were crucial to Tuesday’s exercise

because an anthrax-related crisis would have consequences for people on both sides of Fort Jackson’s gates, Frazier said.

“During a disaster or pandemic, outside the gates they have an open POD,” he said. “DHEC will set up stations at CVS parking lots, the University of South Carolina stadium and what have you. Anyone can go.”

Fort Jackson’s access is more restricted, though.

“We’re a closed POD, which is for Department of Defense ID card holders,” Frazier said. “(But that population) is a little larger than just Fort Jackson, which is why DHEC wants to support us. We’re helping a large portion of their population, as well. There are active duty (Soldiers,) family members, reservists and a very large retiree base outside of Fort Jackson. They come here for treatment, and we try to prepare to receive the brunt of that portion of the community.”

Part of this week’s exercise was to seek out problems with existing emergency plans. A medical crisis is the wrong time to find out that state and federal agencies have response measures that are inadvertently at odds with each other, Frazier said.

“We all have to work together,” Frazier said. “A natural disaster is not the best time for us to work together for the first time. This lets us foster relations and gives us all a chance to review our plans, and review how we work together in the event of a crisis.”

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Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Treva Anderson, a CSF2 Master Resilience Trainer — Performance Expert, instructs Fort Jackson spouses last week during a three-day resiliency course on post.

'We're not alone'

CSF2 offers resiliency course to spouses

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Every Soldier is required to take the Global Assessment Tool at least once a year as a method of tracking his or her personal resilience skills development. It's a fact of life for most members of the Army family.

Accompanying the GAT is the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Program, or CSF2, which provides Soldiers with videos, training and other information tailored to their specific GAT scores. In recent years, CSF2 has evolved to offer many of these lessons to spouses, as well.

Last week, Fort Jackson spouses took part in a three-day CSF2 course on post.

"It's another tool in my toolbox, in terms of being able to grow professionally and personally," said participant Francie Graese. "It's a reminder that we're not alone, and that we're much more resilient than we give ourselves credit for."

Graese said being able to discuss the kinds of issues that accompany a military lifestyle in a small group was also beneficial.

"Anytime you can talk about it in a small group, you can see your situations are similar and can kind of learn from each other," she said. "It's a sharing of experiences, and how you see yourself accomplishing things."

CSF2 provides Comprehensive Resilience Modules to help develop social, emotional, spiritual and family fitness. This training is provided at the unit level on Army installations as part of the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign, which has similar goals of promoting physical and psychological fitness, and encouraging personal and professional growth.

Many of last week's discussions focused on communication skills, which are used more often than most people realize, said Army spouse Tricia Sheffield.

"If more people had these simple communication strategies and self awareness, then they can improve themselves emotionally, physically and definitely in their relationships," she said. "You're learning more about people, and I think that's a good thing. Even when you're doing something as (minor) as seeing someone in the hallway, you're developing skills that help you communicate better."

Last week's lessons were immediately valuable, she said.

"Every single thing we discuss is applicable in the next 24 hours, whether you're doing customer service at a cash register, or when your kid comes in the door after school," Sheffield said.

"It's a very valuable class," Graese said. "It's a great life skill, and I think everybody would benefit from it."

For more information on CSF2 classes for spouses on Fort Jackson, call 751-5913.

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CSF2 launching teen resiliency initiative

By LISA FERDINANDO
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Strengthening the resilience of teenage children of Army parents is critical to the resilience of the family and the readiness of Soldier-parents, Army experts said.

Military teens face unique stresses, said Lt. Col. Stephen Austin, a chaplain with program development for the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness, or CSF2, program.

Army life is difficult for teenagers, he said, with frequent moves, long separations from deployed parents, and the worry when a parent is away.

"But we also know teens, because of those challenges, have unique strengths," he said. "We really want to give them the tools where they can build on those strengths."

With that in mind and after hearing requests for resilience training for teens, the Army is expanding its training to include teenagers in military and civilian Army families. Previous resilience training has been for Soldiers, spouses, and Army civilians.

The Army is piloting Teen Resilience and Performance Training curriculum on three bases — Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. A fourth base, Fort Riley, Kan., is about to start the program.

"Resilience is something that can be taught and the sooner you learn it, the better you are throughout your life in managing adversity," said Julie Broad, civilian lead for the teen curriculum.

The skills being taught in the teen program are the same ones that are taught in the resilience training for adults, but just modified to be relevant to the younger audience, Broad said.

"Within that translation, we're hoping that the Army family is sitting around a table, and (family members) are able to have the same language, a common language around resilience and performance," she said.

With a family unit speaking the same language on resilience, she said, members can empower each other to use those skills to strengthen the family unit.

The idea of the program, said Austin, is not to focus on problems, but rather to build positive skills to strengthen teens and give them the tools to handle challenges when they do arise. A strong, resilient family unit strengthens the Soldier and Army civilian, Austin said.

The resilience trainers focus on a host of skills in the courses, including how to put issues in perspective, problem solving, reducing anxiety, using constructive dialogue, controlling emotions, managing energy to respond effectively under pressure, turning around counterproductive thinking, and seeking out the positive in life, instead of focusing on the negative. The training offers valuable life skills that can be applied and used throughout a person's life, said Broad.

The curriculum for the program is expected to be available Armywide in April, she said.



Photo by ANDRE BUTLER, Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Chaplain (Col.) James Palmer, installation chaplain, checks Facebook for questions at the Emergency Operations Center during a garrison town hall meeting Tuesday.

Garrison conducts second Facebook town hall meeting

Leader staff report

Fort Jackson community members had the chance to communicate with representatives from various organizations Tuesday at the garrison's second town hall meeting on Facebook.

Participants were encouraged to post questions on various threads, each of which represented one organization. Questions ranged from the qualifications for civilians to live in on-post housing to upcoming sales at the Exchange and the Commissary.

The town hall meeting, which lasted for one hour, featured representatives from 11 organizations, including Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Balfour Beatty Communities and the School Liaison Office.

Most questions received an immediate response, and those that could not be answered on the spot were answered within a day.

Fort Jackson first conducted a Facebook town hall meeting in November. The online question-and-answer session replaces the previous format of in-person town hall meetings to provide community members the convenience to participate from home.

Check *the Leader* for the date of the next Facebook town hall meeting. To participate, log in to Facebook, search for U.S. Army Garrison Fort Jackson and like the page.

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Jackson, SC
16 hours ago

Welcome to the Fort Jackson Facebook Town Hall. This is Balfour Beatty Communities. Our focus is to provide and maintain on post housing for the soldiers and families assigned to Fort Jackson; in addition to the Retirees, DOD civilians and their families. If you have questions regarding on post housing please ask them here.

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Howie Village Mayor As mayor of Howie Village, I have quite a few residents who pay a \$50 fee a month for their fences. They feel that they should not have to pay this monthly fee, since there are many other houses on post that do not pay this fee. Any thoughts on taking this fee away for Howie Village? Thanks!
16 hours ago · Like

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Jackson, SC Thanks for your comment! We do not charge a fee for any fences that we installed; therefore, those that are receiving a charge must be a rental fee from a private company that they selected. Hope this helps! Again, great question.
16 hours ago · Like · 1

What's required for civilians to live on post?
16 hours ago · Like

When we moved into our home our children had three different playground areas to choose to play on close to home. Last spring all of them were ripped down and now there is nowhere for all the children in the area to play. We were told last year that it takes time and money to replace playgrounds and you

Photo illustration by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Fort Jackson hosts its second Facebook town hall meeting Tuesday.

News and Notes

CAR CARE CENTER CLOSES

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

JOB FAIR SCHEDULED

A "Hiring Our Heroes" job fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Solomon Center. An employment workshop will take place before the event at 9 a.m. To register, visit www.hoh.greatjob.net.

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.

Information subject to change.

MACH UPDATES

NURSE CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Moncrief Army Community Hospital will celebrate 113 years of the Army Nurse Corps on at 1 p.m., Feb. 7, in the hospital's Victory Conference Room with a cake cutting ceremony and social to follow. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Barbara Holcomb, command surgeon, U.S. Forces Command. For more information, call 751-2119.

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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Benson

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In 1985, the Army was straddling several different worlds. Revised drug policies had helped to restore discipline to the ranks, though Benson said the Army was still a few years away from coming to grips with alcohol abuse problems. Still, the noncommissioned officers corps was a stronghold of experience and skill. Most of his sergeants in those days were Vietnam veterans with combat experience, and they helped to nurture his love of the infantry.

“The nucleus of senior NCOs, staff sergeants and sergeants were all Ranger regiment, noncommissioned officers from different battalions,” he said. “10th Mountain was a great organization from the get-go. They’re one of the top divisions, if not right at the top. But I’m a little bit biased.”

THE ROAD BEHIND

“I’ve got three tours in Iraq, one tour in Afghanistan, and then I did some training in Oman when I was with the 10th Mountain,” Benson said. “So I’ve got some time over there in the sand.”

His first combat tour began in 2003. Maturity, he said, made all the difference.

“I had not gone to combat until 2003, so I had many years of training and preparing, and was more mature and had more coping skills than a younger Soldier,” he said. “The transition into combat operations was very natural for me; it was what I was being trained for and paid to do for all those years. When the time came up, it was just a job.”

That job continued to evolve throughout his career. As he gained authority, he said, he began to lose direct influence over individual Soldiers and units. His role at Fort Jackson has been more about maintaining standards of training, and helping commanders to achieve their mission for the post.

“I am the senior trainer, just by my title as a senior non-commissioned officer,” Benson said. “But, I’m more than that here. I’ve been more than the Army Training Center command sergeant major; I’m the installation command sergeant major. I’m a set of eyes and ears for everyone.”

His job, he said, was to review the needs of the post’s trainers at all levels. Communication skills were essential.

“I’m also a sounding board for trainers at the most junior level, as for what’s going well, what’s not going well, and what I can take back to the commanding general to make the training environment better,” he said. “I’m another set of eyes and ears for the commander, and assist in helping accomplish his vision and mission for the installation.”

His influence became “more indirect,” he said, while at the same time his smaller actions were having a more profound impact on the post at-large.

“People perceive how I handle situations and how I treat people,” he said. “I’ve gone through the maturation process just like everybody does. When I was a young infantryman, my temperament was not always right. As you get older, sometimes you make more headway by listening, and paying attention to how you conduct yourself. A lot of people are looking at you.”

Again, his duties at Fort Jackson were extensions of his prior training and experiences.

“Coming here, I’ve been able to give some of what I’ve learned (by) teaching and mentoring subordinates at all levels for the future of the Army,” he said. “I’ve been able to do that. I did it as a drill sergeant. I did it as a Ranger instructor. I’ve been fortunate to touch a lot of Soldiers, directly and indirectly.”

Being the command sergeant major of an installation isn’t the kind of job you get by submitting a resume and



Courtesy photos

With multiple combat tours under his belt, top, Command Sgt. Major Kevin Benson arrived at Fort Jackson two years ago, where he has mentored Soldiers at all levels as the installation’s senior trainer.

three references. It’s not advertised in the local newspaper, and you don’t become a candidate for the position by campaigning for it. Benson admits he had never visited Fort Jackson until he’d been invited to visit a few years ago by a prior commanding general, Maj. Gen. James Milano.

“It’s a hidden gem,” Benson said of Fort Jackson. “This post does more for the Department of Defense — not just the Department of the Army — than most people know. It’s really been enjoyable getting to know the Midlands communities — what a great military-friendly community. It doesn’t get any better.”

Overall, Benson said he’s satisfied with his time at Fort Jackson.

“We hit some bumps in the road and didn’t get everything done,” he said. “I don’t think you ever get everything done that you envision, and there’s still work to do.

As our newest Soldiers and their family members enter the military through these gates of Fort Jackson every week ... this is the first thing they see. And their expectation as taxpayers is that it will be a well-run, well-groomed installation. And that’s the challenge with finances in maintaining an installation that is professional, and represents what we’ve worked so hard to do — take America’s sons and daughters and take care of them as they serve us as a nation.”

On Friday, Benson’s last official act will be taking part in his change of responsibility ceremony at 10 a.m. at Post Headquarters.

“We’ll hit the road Saturday for Nashville,” he said. “I’ll be on transitional leave for about three months. My wife was born and raised in that area, and both of our sons are there. Tennessee is a great retirement state, just like South Carolina is.”



Photos by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Chaplains host prayer breakfast



The Fort Jackson Installation Chaplain Office hosted its National Prayer Breakfast observation Tuesday at the NCO Club. Top photo, Chaplain (Maj.) Shmuel Felzenberg reads from the Hebrew Bible. The event featured readings by a Jewish, a Muslim and a Christian chaplain. Bottom left, Suzanne, Mackay and Jamie Hall perform the song, 'For Freedom.' Bottom right, Air Force Chaplain (Col.) Douglas Slater, commandant of the Air Force Chaplain Corps College, addresses the crowd as the event's guest speaker on the topic, 'everyone matters.'



Tax center opens

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

From left, Lt. Col. Rob Manley, staff judge advocate; Bill Thompson, tax consulting volunteer; Capt. Mark Starchman, Legal Assistance Office; and Col. Michael Graese, garrison commander, cut the ribbon to the Fort Jackson Tax Center Friday. The tax center staff helps eligible customers prepare their income tax returns for free. It is located at 4282 Jackson Blvd. To schedule an appointment, call 751-JTAX (5829).



SAMC induction

Four Soldiers are inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club during a ceremony Friday at the NCO Club. From left, Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Torres, Staff Sgt. Juliana Morrison, Staff Sgt. Ashley Tuggle, all with the Drill Sergeant School, and Staff Sgt. Laketra Wilson, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, are the organization's newest members. The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is named after one of the most decorated Soldiers in World War II. Its members are noncommissioned officers who have demonstrated high performance and leadership qualities.

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE



Photos by MASTER SGT. RICARDO GUTIERREZ, Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Moncrief Army Community Hospital Command Sgt. Major Vincent Bond, third from the left, and 1st Sgt. Shawton Thomas, fourth from the left, take a photo with the newest members of the MACH NCO Corps.

MACH inducts noncommissioned officers

By ANDRE BUTLER

Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Moncrief Army Community Hospital noncommissioned officers welcomed 17 new NCOs to its ranks Jan. 24 at the Joe E. Mann Center.

The organization hailed the young NCOs during a Non-commissioned Officer Corps induction ceremony with more than 100 onlookers present, ranging from senior Army officers to civilian employees.

MACH Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Bond hosted the ceremony, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson was the guest speaker.

Bond officially granted acceptance of each NCO who passed through the wooden arch, which displayed each enlisted rank from corporal to sergeant major of the Army, to the NCO Corps. Fronted by two saber barriers saluting each new NCO, the arch symbolized the gateway from a lower enlisted Soldier to that of sergeant.

"Welcome to the Noncommissioned Officer Corps," Bond said to each as he shook hands with them. Bond also presented them with plaques of the NCO Corps certificate before they exited the stage.

After the presentation, Bond introduced Benson who delivered the keynote speech.

"Congratulations to each of you newly inducted NCOs," Benson said during his speech.

"First of all, you must understand the grade you've attained equals pay," he said, "but the rank you are now wearing equals responsibility.

"The expectations of you from your subordinates, peers and seniors are going to grow tremendously. And you are going to have to perform your duties as an NCO accordingly," Benson said.

Benson also addressed advancement opportunities the

MACH SAMC INDUCTION

Following the NCO Induction ceremony Jan. 24, Command Sgt. Major Vincent Bond, Moncrief Army Community Hospital command sergeant major, hosted a Sergeant Audie Murphy Club induction ceremony for Staff Sgt. Joseph Salkowski.

Salkowski is a nuclear medicine technologist and a squad leader at the Fort Jackson Warrior Transition Unit.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is a private organization for Army noncommissioned officers.

According to the Audie Murphy memorial website, those NCOs whose leadership achievements and performance merit special recognition may possibly earn the reward of membership. Members must "...exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development, and welfare of Soldiers and concern for families of Soldiers (FORSCOM Reg. 600-8, paragraph 1)."



Post Command Sgt. Major Kevin Benson and MACH Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Bond place the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club medallion on Staff Sgt. Joseph Salkowski.

new NCOs will encounter during their careers.

"I strongly believe in what I call the 'three Ps' for continued promotion to the next grade or position," Benson said. "Pride is the first. You must have pride in your unit and instill that same sense of pride in your subordinates in order to build their self esteem within the organization."

Benson continued with what he said is an essential aspect of NCO or Soldier progression.

"Passion is another quality that will help you succeed during your time at whatever assignment you find yourself," Benson said. "During your reign at your organization, know that your influence will matter more than you can imagine. Give it a chance. If you have passion, your last unit will always be your best because you made it that

way."

The post's most senior NCO summed up his speech with how professionalism, his third "P," is essential to progression and growth.

"And there is professionalism," Benson said. "Self-development is very important. Always keep your options open during your career. Get whatever professional development tools you need to remain relevant. We are reshaping and resizing the Army, and you must be better than rest in order to progress.

"Keep in mind the standards are the minimum required of you," Benson said. "Those of you who are going to be at the top are the ones who are willingly to exceed the standards in all areas."

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Serving the community

Soldiers with the Senior Leader Course of the Adjutant General School work at the Transitions Homeless and Recovery Center in Columbia to help the center replant flower beds and landscape the back yard entertainment area. The Soldiers moved, remade and replanted about 15 flower beds and cleaned up the back entertainment area.



Group provides support for spouses apart

By **PATRICIA GUILLORY**
Army Community Services

Are you living separately from your loved ones because of a deployment or an unaccompanied tour? If so, the Hearts Apart program is for you.

The Hearts Apart Support Group offers support for waiting families of military and Department of Defense civilian personnel by linking family members with other families who are left behind because of the sponsor's mission requirements. Army Community Service Relocation Readiness Program provides a supportive group setting for activi-

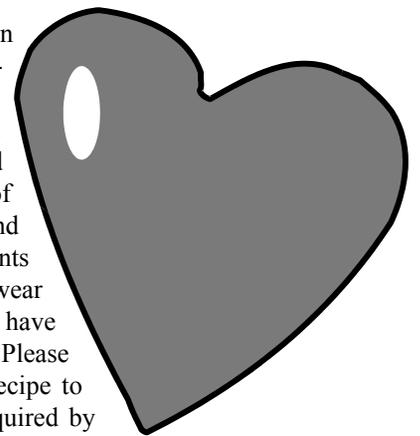
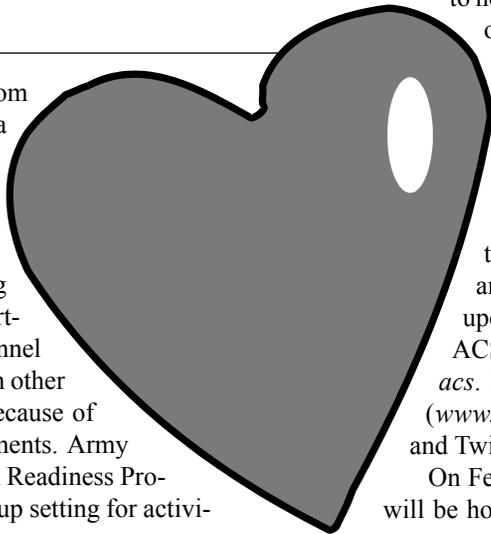
ties, opportunities to learn about available resources, and to network with each other during the absence of the sponsor.

Family members are invited to participate in monthly activities such as birthday celebrations, arts and crafts (scrapbooking, card making, etc.) and holiday events. The Hearts Apart Support Group meets once a month at different locations on Fort Jackson and in the Columbia area from 6 to 7:30 p.m. To find out about upcoming Hearts Apart events, check the ACS calendar at <http://fortjacksonmwr.com/acs>. Events will also be posted on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ftjackson.acs.outreach) and Twitter (@FtJacksonACS).

On Feb. 21, the Relocation Readiness Program will be hosting a Valentine's Day Social from 5 to

8 p.m., at the Main Post Chapel (multi-purpose room). All Hearts Apart families are invited to an evening of fun, food, music and games. Participants are encouraged to wear their best attire to have their photo taken. Please bring a dish and recipe to share. RSVP is required by Feb. 18.

For more information, contact the ACS Relocation Readiness Program staff by calling 751-9770/1124 or by emailing patricia.a.guillory@us.army.mil or miranda.broadus@us.army.mil.



Workshops teach skills to enhance employability

By **BARBARA MARTIN**
Employment Readiness Program

Employability skills are the traits and talents that make you an attractive candidate for a job. Improving your employability skills through education, training and practical applications can give you an edge in the job market. In addition to giving you an advantage in your job search, these employability skills may also position you for higher-earning roles with greater growth potential.

So, what are these critical employability skills that employers demand of job-seekers? Two essential skills to land you a job are communication and computer skills. The ability to communicate both verbally and in writing with a wide variety of people, maintain good eye contact, write clearly and succinctly, demonstrate a varied vocabulary and tailor your language to your audience are all essential skills that employers seek. Good verbal

and written communication means you can get your messages across with little chance of misunderstanding.

The 21st century business world demands that you have at least basic computer skills for jobs to advance in your career. Acquiring basic IT skills may open up a wide range of employment opportunities and increase your marketability in the workplace.

Other sought-after skills by employers are analytical/research skills, leadership/management skills, planning and organizing, flexibility/project management and teamwork. The more versatile you are in your skill repertoire, the more valuable you become to an employer.

The Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program Job Readiness Center offers a wide range of training to help people improve their employability skills. Job seekers can strengthen their computer skills by taking an individual 10-15 hour self-paced computer class in either Microsoft Word or Microsoft Ex-

cel. Each participant will receive a training completion certificate. ACS also offers ways to improve your typing skills. You can assess your typing skills by taking a typing skills test or improve your typing speed and accuracy by completing various programs on the Mavis Beacon Typing Tutorial.

Those who prefer an instructor-led computer class can sign up for a three-hour course in either Word, Excel or PowerPoint. The next instructor-led classes are scheduled for March. Contact the ACS Employment Readiness Office for specific dates and times.

During February, the Employment Readiness Program will offer two workshops — Project Management Fundamentals (Feb. 20) and Effective Business Writing (Feb. 27).

The Project Management Fundamentals workshop will help you build a solid foundation of project management knowledge, techniques and tools. This hands-on workshop covers the entire project life cycle

from describing and initiating a project, planning and managing the project to the project closeout phase.

The Effective Business Writing workshop is designed to enable success with the specific writing challenges that are common in the day-to-day work of any organization. Topics include writing email and other electronic communication; writing a professional email; writing effective business communication; responding to customer complaints; writing a business letter; writing a thank-you letter; and writing business proposals.

Both classes are free and offer an excellent opportunity to add more skills to your resume as well as to increase your employment opportunities. Classes are targeted to military spouses and are open to all military and DoD civilian employee ID card holders.

For more information on these classes and other Employment Readiness Program services, call 751-4862 or visit http://fort-jacksonmwr.com/acs_emp/index.html.

Environmental News

UPCOMING EVENTS

■ The next paper shred day at the Recycling Center is scheduled for Feb. 19.

■ The next Environmental Compliance Officer Course is scheduled for March 25-36. For more information and to register, call 751-5011 or email pearline.jackson@us.army.mil.

■ An environmental, energy and recycling meeting is scheduled for April 17. The purpose of the meeting is to advise commanders, directors, staff and ECOs on environmental and energy priorities, policies, strategies and programs.

DEMOLITION/RENOVATION PROJECTS

Demolition and renovation projects of any size or type require an approved work order DA 4283 and Record of Environmental Consideration, or REC, by the Directorate of Public Works. Submit work orders to debra.j.alexander10.civ@mail.mil. REC forms are available at www.jackson.army.mil/sites/garrison/docs/790. Submit RECs to william.p.metts@us.army.mil.

DEMOLITION/RENOVATION PROJECTS

Environmental Performance Assessment System assessments are now being scheduled for 2014. Organizations should make sure they have a trained and active environmental compliance officer and that the organization's green binder is up to date. Common violations include: missing environmental documentation/records; organizations that don't recycle; hazardous substances that are improperly labeled, stored or maintained; stockpiling of paints; and non-approved cleaners and lubricants used on weapon systems.

DID YOU KNOW ... ?

The forestry and wildlife branches have burned more than 880 acres since the beginning of fiscal year 14 as part of their prescribed burn program. The goal for this year is to burn 12,000 acres.

Information subject to change.

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Army suicide numbers drop

By **LISA FERDINANDO**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- The number of suicides in the Army dropped last year, compared to 2012, according to the Army deputy chief of staff, G-1.

Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg said there were 301 suicides in the Army in 2013, while in 2012, there were 325 suicides Armywide.

"We have seen an aggregate drop in suicides, and while not a declaration of success, it could indicate resiliency efforts are starting to take hold across the force," he said. "Ultimately, the Army acknowledges there is more work to do."

The figures are for the total Army -- the active Army, the Army National Guard and Army Reserve.

Last year, 125 of the suicides were in the active Army; 117 in the Army National Guard; and 59 in the Army Reserve. For 2012, 165 of the suicides were in the active Army; 110 in the Army National Guard; and 50 in the Army Reserve.

Because of the complexity of the issue, officials said it is difficult to identify specific reasons for the decrease. It is also difficult to determine what efforts might have contributed to the change. According to Bromberg, the Army's aggressive promotion of "help-seeking" behaviors may have something to do with it.

"I am optimistic that more Soldiers are seeking help and learning ways to address and cope with issues they may have," Bromberg said. "It's about what the Army is doing to prepare Soldiers."

Currently, the Army has numerous efforts employed to reduce high-risk behaviors and incidents of suicide among its personnel to include working to combat the stigma associated with seeking behavioral care, and strengthening the whole person -- mentally, physically and emotionally -- to promote resilience and improve readiness.

Through its Ready and Resilient Campaign, or R2C, the Army promotes the development of a healthy mindset and behaviors, and enhanced coping skills to strengthen the Army family, promote resilience and improve readiness.

Within the program is the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program, or CSF2, which stresses resilience and strengthening of the whole family unit, for a ready and resilient Soldier.

In other efforts, the Army has expanded access to behavioral health services, increased pre- and post-deployment screenings to improve the diagnosis and treatment of Soldiers, and is focused on identifying and treating traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Assistance is available 24 hours a day/seven days a week at the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Reel Time Theaters

We're saving a seat for you.

Ft. Jackson Movie Schedule

PH (803)751-7488
Adult \$5.50/Child (6-11): \$3.00
3D: Adult \$7.50/Child (6-11): 5.00
3319 Jackson BLVD
Ticket sales open 30 minutes prior to each movie
Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Friday February 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grudge Match (PG-13) 1830</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Saturday February 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Studio Appreciation Advance Screening – Free Admission – Rated (PG-13). Tickets available at your local Exchange Food Court. Seating open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime. Pompeii (PG-13) 1300</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) 1600</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Sunday February 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anchorman 2 (PG-13) 1400</p>	

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Penny Carnival

Loose change was worth a fortune at CYSS event



Ethan Bundy, 2, and father Rob take aim last Friday night during the Penny Carnival at the Solomon Center.

Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE



Reese Lessard, 6, searches for rubber snakes at the bottom of a boot during Friday's Penny Carnival, where none of the games cost more than a penny to play.



Mackenzey Fox, 8, tries to lasso a steer with a hula hoop during last week's family event.



Children line up at one of several crafts tables set up at the Penny Carnival.



Ian Gonzalez, 3, takes a trip down an inflatable slide.

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Calendar

Friday

First Friday golf tournament
1 p.m., Fort Jackson Golf Club

Friday

**Victory Spouses Club
Denim and Diamonds event**
6:30 p.m., Weston Lake
To RSVP and for more information, email victoryreservations@gmail.com.

Sunday

Valentine's Day couples golf tournament
1 p.m., Fort Jackson Golf Club

Monday and Tuesday

Military clothing reclamation sale
8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 2570 Warehouse Row
The cash-only sale is open to military of all ranks and military retirees. For more information, call 751-7213.

Tuesday

Hiring our Heroes job fair
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Solomon Center
To register, visit www.hoh.greatjob.net.

Wednesday

3-60th Assumption of Responsibility
11:30 a.m., Coleman Gym
Command Sgt. Maj. Chad Utz will assume responsibility of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment. RSVP by Monday by calling 751-6882/3517.

Thursday, Feb. 13

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, Feb. 19

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, Feb. 19

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

BATAAN MARCH QUALIFICATION

A pre-qualifier for the Bataan Memorial Death March is scheduled for 7 a.m., Saturday at the Hilton Field Sports Complex. Participants can register from 6 to 6:45 a.m. The event is open to all active-duty service members assigned to Fort Jackson. For more information, call 751-7146.

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., Feb. 15 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. For more information, call 751-7045.

Off-post events

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

AIRPORT OFFERS TSA PRE-CHECK

Columbia Metropolitan Airport is now providing expedited screening for service members. For more information, visit www.tsa.gov.

Housing happenings

MAYORS NEEDED

The mayoral council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors for the Fort Jackson housing communities. 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.

HOUSING ON FACEBOOK

The Housing Services Office is now on Facebook. Look for "Fort Jackson Housing Division."

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 check-out. Topics include do-it-yourself projects, real estate facts, home improvement suggestions and gardening ideas. For more information, call 781-9323/7566/5788.

PCS MOVE

Soldiers who move to another installation with Balfour Beatty Communities housing can register for the resident reward program. For more information, call 738-8275.

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.

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February Promotions

Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank
EVERS, Brett W.	LTC	GARCES, Julio E.	SFC	RYAN, Ingrid K.	SFC
BOONE, Anita R.	MAJ	GRIFFIN, Robert G.	SFC	SAGE, Chad A.	SFC
BAILEY, Charles E.	CPT	GRINER, Nathaniel P.	SFC	SCOTT, Marquetta I.	SFC
FOSSE, Paul J.	CPT	HARRISON, Jodi F.	SFC	SHERWOOD, Jennifer R.	SFC
RAYMOND, Kevin W.	CPT	HARRISON, Joseph M.	SFC	YABUT, Douglas E.	SFC
WISE, Ross D.	CPT	HAWLEY, Philip M.	SFC	KNUCKLES, Akesa	SSG
FARRIS, Melvin R.	MSG	HUFFMAN, Jeffrey C.	SFC	MATHIS, Dana M.	SSG
SHAKIR, Shalena L.	MSG	JACKSON, Tyquita L.	SFC	MOORE, Isaac L.	SSG
ALBRECHT, Joshua D.	SFC	JENSEN, John C.	SFC	ROBINSON, Antonio D.	SSG
ALOR, Erron D.	SFC	JOHNSON, Jessie M.	SFC	ASHLEY, Byron R.	SGT
BACHELOR, Pat N.	SFC	KNUDSEN, Travis A.	SFC	BOAKYE, Iddrisu A.	SGT
BEARD, Franshun J.	SFC	KREMER, John E.	SFC	LAPELOSA, Shawn N.	SGT
BROWN, Joseph T.	SFC	LEGGETT, Tamekia S.	SFC	MAULDIN, Ronald D.	SGT
CALDWELL, Phillip B.	SFC	MARTIN, Mark A.	SFC	MIDDLEBROOKS, Marvin Jr.	SGT
CHARLES, Emily L.	SFC	McCLENTON, Sergio C.	SFC	SALLEY, Brexton	SGT
DUKE, Jason P.	SFC	OBERNDORF, Eric S.	SFC	SINDY, Amanda A.	SGT
ESPINOZA, Mario J.	SFC	PEREZ, Jose A.	SFC	WENZEL, Robert M.	SGT
EVEN, Matthew J.	SFC	PERRY, Christopher A.	SFC	WESTERMAN, Jennifer L.	SGT
FOX, Gary N.	SFC	PIPES, Franklin G.	SFC		



Photo by DAVID SHANES, command photographer

Retiring from service

Thirteen Soldiers are honored for their service during Retirement Review Jan. 28 at the Post Theater. The retiring Soldiers are Lt. Col. Clifford Crawford; Sgt. Louis Sutton Sr.; Master Sgt. James Seeger; 1st Sgt. Brent McConnell; Staff Sgt. Francisco Owen; Sgt. 1st Class Charles Dixon; 1st Sgt. Gary Donald Sr.; Master Sgt. Ronald Johnson; Sgt. 1st Class Mesahchai Freeman; Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Lowery; Master Sgt. Vashana Jefferson; 1st Sgt. Timothy Carpenter; and Sgt. 1st Class Carissa Breland. They combined for 298 years of service.

Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

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



**Staff Sgt.
Christian Lanman**
Company A
2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Julia Rodriguez

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Jared Smith

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Brittini Harrington

HIGH BRM
Pvt. John Torres



**Staff Sgt.
Taysia Jackson**
Company B
2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Andrew Reber

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Travis Williams

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Brandon Finney

HIGH BRM
Spc. Randall Teal



**Sgt. 1st Class
Rafael Gonzalez**
Company C
2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Andrew Conner

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Lindsey Kanno

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Juan Herrera

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Nicholas Almeida



**Staff Sgt.
William Feldhahn**
Company D
2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Natalie Wren

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Hannah McDonald

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Natalie Wren

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Katriece Hairston



**Staff Sgt.
Henry Daniel III**
Company E
2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Joshua Vernor

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Lizeth Tamayo-Machado

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Lizeth Tamayo-Machado

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Joshua Vernor



**Staff Sgt.
Corey Collaro**
Company F
2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Elizabeth Lee

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Gabriela Vazquez-Plascencia

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Yader Garciafernande

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Gabriela Vazquez-Plascencia

Weekly honors



**Sgt.
Roberta Erazo**
Soldier of the Week
USARCENT



**Chief Warrant Officer 2
Carol Medina**
Distinguished honor graduate
Warrant Officer Leader Course
Adjutant General School



**Warrant Officer
Jonathan Phares**
Distinguished honor graduate
Warrant Officer Basic Course
Adjutant General School

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Why should we be good?

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) PAUL FRITTS**
Soldier Support Institute

“Why be good?” At best, this is a daunting question, even if one has already answered the more fundamental question, “What is good?” As if these two questions weren’t enough to make one’s head ache, there is, finally, the question of, “How shall we be good?”

These are the questions with which I challenge students in my ethics class. Along with the spirited exchange of ideas, we consider what one might describe as an “Army answer” to these questions. A disclaimer: I make no presumption that my arguments are definitive because I believe it is more valuable to wrestle with the questions than it is to arrive at some neatly defined conclusion.

One possible Army answer is that being “good” means fulfilling one’s purpose as a Soldier, which is to live the Army Values.

According to FM 7-21.13, “The Soldier’s Guide” (October 2003), living the Army Values means putting “honor” at

the top of the list, first among equal values: “Honor is a matter of carrying out, acting, and living the values of respect, duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity, and personal courage in everything you do” (FM 7-21.13, 1-37).

But I think there is a better “glue” than honor that unites the Army Values and binds us to each other: selfless service.

The ethicist and journalist James Bowman writes, “Honor is not among the other virtues. It is entirely apart from right and wrong, good and evil.”

In short, “honor,” as it has traditionally been understood, is often mistakenly applied as an Army Value. The purpose of the Army Values is to inspire virtuous conduct in our military service. Honorable behavior, however, is not always virtuous.

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also” (Matthew 5:38-39).

Honor demands an “eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.” But a better way is the selfless service required to “turn the other cheek.”

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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

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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.
- 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