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Brig. Gen. Bradley Becker, Fort Jackson's commanding general, and Special Olympics athlete Brad Hammond celebrate after Hammond lit the Special Olympics flame in front of the Solomon Center Friday. **SEE PAGE 8.**



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Chaplains welcome new commandant

Chaplain (Col.) J. Lamar Griffin accepts the colors of the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School from Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Donald Rutherford, Army chief of chaplains, during a ceremony Friday at the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center. Griffin replaces Chaplain (Col.) David Colwell as the commandant of the USACHCS. Griffin most recently served as the director for Center of Spiritual Leadership at the USACHCS. Colwell will retire after 30 years of service.

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Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Customers shop at the Fort Jackson Commissary Tuesday. The store was named second best large commissary in the United States.

Pursuit of excellence

Commissary overcomes challenges, named second best in the U.S.

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson's Commissary had to do more with less in 2013, thanks to budget shortfalls and mandatory furloughs. These challenges apparently had little impact on customer satisfaction, though. When the Defense Commissary Agency awards were announced last week, the Commissary was honored with a second-place spot in the Bill Nichols Award for the Best Large Commissary in the United States.

Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida, received the first place award.

"We're extremely happy," said Bernard Ellison, store director for Fort Jackson's Commissary. "Most of the time we get positive feedback from customers that they're hap-

py with the service the Commissary provides. Last year, we were a runner-up for the award."

The DeCA Best Commissary Awards recognize overall excellence in operations and service in military commissaries worldwide.

"We are very proud of Mr. Ellison and the entire Commissary team at Fort Jackson," said Col. Michael Graese, Fort Jackson garrison commander. "This award demonstrates DeCA's recognition of what Team Jackson experiences on a daily basis. Mr. Ellison and his team are always focused on ways to make the shopping experience for our Soldiers, family members and retirees the best in the world. Even with the significant resource challenges of the last year, the Fort Jackson Commissary team never wavered from pursuing excellence."

Ellison said surveys were conducted at the Commissary as part of the competition, with customers answering vari-

ous questions about the store using an iPad application. Customers were asked about prices, inventory and service quality for the Commissary's various departments, Ellison said.

"Achieving this honor has never been easy," said DeCA director and CEO Joseph Jeu. "To win, a store has to exceed our normal criteria for customer service, accountability, safety, operations and sales. But for 2013, it seemed like every challenge possible impacted commissaries, including furlough, budget cuts, hiring freezes and customers stressed by the government shutdown."

Ellison said there are plans to renovate the Commissary building in 2015. The project still awaits funding, and no start date has been set, but Ellison said he is hopeful the project will gain traction. He said the Commissary would remain open throughout the renovation period.

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Retiree Appreciation Days under way

Leader Staff Report

Military retirees will be honored during Fort Jackson's Retiree Appreciation Days or RAD, scheduled to begin today.

This year's events will start with a continental breakfast at the Officers' Club, 7:30 a.m., today. Buses will be available to transport retirees to Hilton Field to witness Basic Combat Training graduation and a salute to retirees ceremony, which is set for 9 a.m. The guest speaker will be retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston. Retirees may register to participate in the pass in review.

A golf tournament is set for 9 a.m., Friday at the Fort Jackson Golf Club. The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. The price includes cart and user fees, snacks, a barbecue lunch, and range and green fees for non-members. For more information, call 787-4437.

The annual Retiree Health and Benefits Expo is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday at the Solomon Center. Moncrief Army Community Hospital will provide health screening and counseling booths, including blood pressure screening and men's and women's health counseling. Other agencies represented include Combat Related Special Compensation; TRICARE; FMWR; AAFES; Delta Dental; the South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs; Dorn VA Hospital; DENTAC; TREA; Defense Finance and Accounting; the Fort Jackson National Cemetery; and ID card services. For ID card information, call 751-7731.

Doors open at 1 p.m., Saturday for Victory Bingo May Madness Buddy Session. For more information, call 751-3411.

A tennis expo featuring instruction from former tennis professional player Dick Stockton is scheduled for Saturday. The event is free and open to all DoD ID card holders. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 751-3096.

A no-tap bowling tournament will begin at 6 p.m., Saturday at Century Lanes Bowling Center. Registration begins at 5 p.m. The cost is \$20, which includes shoe rental. For more information, call 751-6138.

Retirees can also take advantage of special sales dur-



Leader file photo

Fort Jackson's Retiree Appreciation Days are under way through Saturday.

Thanking Troops Through Tennis

The Thanking our Troops Through Tennis foundation will host a free tennis expo for children and adults May 17 on Fort Jackson.

The expo includes instruction from tennis pro Dick Stockton.

The event is free and open to all DoD ID card holders.

For more information and to register, call 751-3096.

ing RAD. AAFES will offer an in-store sale at the Main Exchange from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The Commissary has scheduled a case lot sale from 9

a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

To register for activities online, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/signup.

Former NCO receives Medal of Honor

By J.D. LEIPOLD
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Former Sgt. Kyle Jerome White was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama at a White House ceremony Tuesday, making him the sixth living Army recipient, and the 14th from all services, to earn the medal in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Obama opened his remarks in the East Room by paying tribute not just to White, but to what he referred to as the “9/11 generation,” all those young citizens who came forth after Sept. 11, 2001, to volunteer their service knowing full well what the cost could be.

“For more than 12 years, with our nation at war, the men and women of our armed forces have known the measure of danger that comes with military service,” he said. “But year after year, tour after tour, they have displayed a selfless willingness to incur it — by stepping forward, by volunteering, by serving and sacrificing greatly to keep us all safe.

“Today, our troops are coming home,” he added, saying that by year’s end the war in Afghanistan will be over. “And, today, we pay tribute to a Soldier who embodies the courage of his generation — a young man who was a freshman in high school when the Twin Towers fell, and who just five years later became an elite paratrooper with the legendary 173rd Airborne — the Sky Soldiers.”

The president recounted the Nov. 9, 2007, ambush outside the village of Aranas, in which five Soldiers and a Marine would perish, as White’s unit of 13 Americans and a squad of Afghan soldiers descended into what was called “ambush alley.” Suddenly, the chatter of AK-47s and the smoke trails of rocket-propelled grenades, known as RPGs, lit up the valley, sending shattered shards and chunks of red-hot metal and rock flying.

With nowhere to escape the three-pronged onslaught but down a steep decline, White, 1st Lt. Matthew Ferrara, Spc. Kain Schilling, Marine Sgt. Phillip Bocks and an interpreter were left stranded as the rest of the unit slid 160 feet down the mountain.

The 20-year-old then-specialist emptied one 30-round clip from his M-4, but as he went to slide another into place, an RPG screamed in nearby and, “it was just lights out,” as White later described. That wouldn’t be the last time that day he would be rocked by a nearby explosion.

White saw his buddy Schilling trying to stay in the shade of what Schilling later recalled “as the smallest tree on earth.” Schilling had been wounded severely in his right upper arm, so White sprinted to Schilling, applied a tourniquet, then saw Bocks.

After four sprints and attempts to pull Bocks to cover, White was finally successful and began administering first aid. He applied a tourniquet, but it was too late. Bocks



Photo by J.D. LEIPOLD, Army News Service

Former Army Sgt. Kyle Jerome White receives the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama for his life-saving actions during a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan, Nov. 9, 2007. White was awarded the nation’s highest military award at a White House ceremony Tuesday.

wounds had been too severe, and he passed away. When White looked up, he saw Schilling take another round, this time, to his left leg. Again, he sprinted to Schilling, but out of tourniquets, he used his belt and was able to once again stop the bleeding.

While the one-way battle continued, White saw his lieutenant lying face down. He ran to Ferrara’s aid, but he was already dead. As White recalled in an earlier interview, he had accepted that he and Schilling weren’t going to make it through this firefight.

“It’s just a matter of time before I’m dead,” White had said. “I figured if that’s going to happen, I might as well help while I can.”

White next secured a radio, as both his and Schilling’s had been destroyed by small-arms fire. He relayed a situational report and called for mortars, artillery, air strikes and helicopter guns runs. Suddenly and for the second time that day, an explosion that “scrambled my brains a little bit there,” concussed White. A friendly 120-mm mortar round had fallen a bit short of its intended target.

Though struggling to keep Schilling and himself from falling asleep, White was eventually able to lay out a land-

ing zone and assist the flight medic in hoisting all the wounded aboard. Only then did he allow himself to be medically evacuated.

Today, nearly seven years later, White and each of the surviving Soldiers of the Battle of Aranas, wears a stainless steel wristband made by one of the unit’s Soldiers. Each is etched with the names of those who didn’t come home: 1st Lt. Matthew C. Ferrara, Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman, Spc. Sean K.A. Langevin, Spc. Lester G. Roque, Pfc. Joseph M. Lancour and Marine Sgt. Phillip A. Bocks.

“Kyle, members of Chosen Company, you did your duty, and now it’s time for America to do ours,” said Obama. “You make us proud, and you motivate all of us to be the best we can be as Americans, as a nation.”

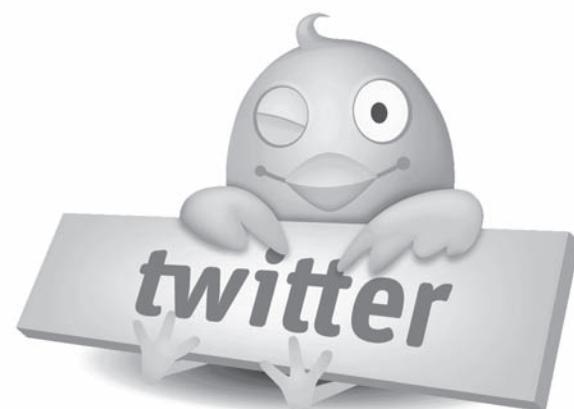
Following the ceremony, White offered his thoughts to the media:

“I wear this medal for my team. I also wear a piece of metal around my wrist. It was given to me by another survivor of the 9 November ambush; he wears an identical one,” White said. “This has made it even more precious than the medal of symbol just placed around my neck. On it are the names of six fallen brothers. They are my heroes.”

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'Let me be brave'

Hundreds of Special Olympics athletes compete on post

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Almost a thousand athletes from around South Carolina visited Fort Jackson last weekend for this year's Special Olympics summer games, and they were given a hero's welcome upon their arrival Friday evening at the Solomon Center.

Nobody felt the need to contain their enthusiasm during the night's opening ceremony. Dozens of members of law enforcement were the first to be allowed into the gym, receiving cheers from both Soldiers and athletes upon their completion of a run from downtown Columbia to the post. Hundreds of Soldiers had taken their seats by the time 950 athletes were escorted into the building, and the chemistry of the participants quickly became deafening. Soldiers cheered, clapped and stomped their boots in the bleachers. Not satisfied with the response, Special Olympics athletes teased them for more. And they got it.

It was a weekend to celebrate exceptionalism, said Joe Feerrar, Special Olympics South Carolina board chairman.

"When you look around the room, we're in the presence of the best of the best," Feerrar told Friday's audience. "Athletes, if you take a look to your left and your right, you're sitting in front of the best of the best of the armed forces. And Soldiers, you're actually sitting in front of the best of our athletes from Special Olympics South Carolina."

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Right, a Special Olympics athlete is congratulated by one of the Fort Jackson Soldiers volunteering to keep track of swim times Saturday at Knight Swimming Pool. Above, Special Olympics medals wait to be collected by the weekend's winners.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE



Courtesy photo

Yard of the Month

The Yard of the Month grand prize winners for May are Sgt. 1st Class Francis Lee, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, and his family. Col. Michael Graese, left, garrison commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee present a certificate of appreciation to Sgt. 1st Class Lee's wife, Lesili Lee. Also pictured are the couple's children, Floyd, 6 months; Francis Jr., 17; Felyx, 5; Fidelis, 10; and Filbert, 4. The winners also received reserved parking at the Exchange and Commissary, free dinner coupons, movie passes and a \$50 gift card.



Battalion honored

Capt. John Bennett, right, Columbia Recruiting Company, presents a certificate of appreciation and a battalion coin to Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Ellis Kelsey, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment. Soldiers with the 3-34th supported the recruiting unit with a Future Soldier event in December that included tours of Fort Jackson and the battalion's barracks as well as discussions with drill sergeants. Also pictured are 1st Lt. Jarrod Farmer, second from left, Company E, 3-34th, and 2nd Lt. Colin Davis, third from left, Company B, 3-34th.

Courtesy photo



Photo courtesy of the 81st Regional Support Command

81st honors fallen comrades

The 81st Regional Support Command conducted a memorial ceremony May 7 at the Basic Combat Training Museum to honor nine World War I Soldiers who were killed in a train wreck at Camp Jackson May 10, 1918. Those Soldiers were in the 321st Infantry Regiment of the 81st Infantry Division and were part of an advance party on the way to Camp Sevier in Greenville when the engine, the baggage car and two of the passenger cars likely slipped a switch and fell approximately 35 feet from the trestle as they were crossing it. Five died in the crash, two died while being pulled from the wreckage and two died at the hospital.



Logistics award

Brig. Gen. Elizabeth Austin, U.S. Army Central chief of logistics, presents the Catharine Greene Award to Amani Smith at Shaw Air Force Base, May 7. The Catharine Greene Award recognizes significant contributions and support provided by spouses of quartermaster Soldiers. Smith is the spouse of Maj. Taurus Smith, outgoing logistics executive officer.

Photo by STAFF SGT. TAIKEILA CHANCEY, U.S. Army Central

Three ways to dispute credit reports

You have just pulled your free credit reports from www.annualcreditreport.com and are conducting a thorough review. While reviewing the administrative data, you notice an address and a phone number you do not recognize. You remember reading or hearing something that mentioned ways of finding if you have been the victim of identity theft, so you quickly highlight the two entries. As you continue reviewing the reports you find a credit card account that does not belong to you and an outstanding collection account for a company you do not recognize. "I had no idea this stuff was on there," you mumble to yourself. Now what?

There are three ways to dispute errors on your credit reports. The easiest way is to complete disputes online. In order to complete the online disputes you will need credit reports that have report numbers that can be obtained from Annual Credit Report. Once you have the reports you can go to each credit reporting agency's website to begin the disputes:

■ Equifax: <https://www.ai.equifax.com/CreditInvestigation/home.action>

■ Experian: <http://www.experian.com/disputes/main.html>

■ TransUnion: <https://dispute.transunion.com>

The second way to dispute items is by phone. When

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By SHAWN SMITH
Army Community Services
Financial Readiness

you retrieve your credit reports from Annual Credit Report, a phone number will be included on each report to initiate disputes.

The final way to complete disputes is via mail. If you choose this method, all correspondence should be sent certified mail. This will provide you with confirmation when the mail was received by the credit reporting agencies.

Once the disputes are submitted, the credit reporting agencies will investigate the disputed items, usually within 30 days. The credit reporting agency must forward the data you provided to the organization that provided the information. Upon notification of the dispute from the credit reporting agencies, the information provider is required to investigate the validity of your dispute through the review of their records and information you provided. After that, the information providers report their findings to the credit reporting agencies.

If the information provider finds inaccurate information it must notify all three credit reporting agencies to make the necessary corrections to your credit file.

Upon completion of the investigation, the credit reporting agencies are required to provide the results in writing. If the dispute resulted in a change to your credit reports, the credit reporting agencies must provide you with updated credit reports. If you were denied credit due to the errors, you may request the credit reporting agencies to provide the updated reports to the creditor that denied you credit.

It is imperative to maintain your credit reports and understand the steps to take to rectify errors in an expedite manner. Failure to be proactive may result in you becoming reactive when you are denied an auto or mortgage loan.

For those who have security clearances, credit report errors may put the security clearance at risk. In fact, at least 25 percent of clients with security clearance issues had to complete disputes for items listed on their intent to deny packet. Simply put, do not let errors jeopardize your credit health.

For more information about credit reports or for financial counseling, call an Army Community Service financial counselor at 751-5256.

News and Notes

ARMED FORCES KIDS RUN

The Armed Forces Kids Run is scheduled for 2 p.m., Sunday at the Youth Sports Complex. Check-in time is 1:30 p.m. The run is for children, 5-13. The first 80 children to pre-register will receive a free T-shirt. To register, call 751-7451/5040.

EIC EVENTS SET

The Fort Jackson Excellence in Rifle and Excellence in Pistol competitions are scheduled for May 28-29. The contests are open to the first 50 Soldiers (officer and enlisted) who register. For more information and to register, call 751-2417.

HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE

Fort Jackson will celebrate Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a luncheon from 11:30 a.m.

to 1 p.m., May 30 at the NCO Club. This year's theme is "I Am Beyond!" The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Michael Quitania, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. Tickets cost \$10.50 and can be purchased through brigade equal opportunity advisers, unit equal opportunity leaders and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office. For more information, call 751-8863/2990.

ARMY BALL SCHEDULED

Fort Jackson will celebrate the Army's 239th birthday with a ball June 21 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$50. Child care will be available at the Hood Street Child Development Center. For tickets, contact your unit representative. To register for child care, call 751-1970.

Information subject to change.

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3D: Adult \$7.50/Child (6-11): 5.00
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Ticket sales open 30 minutes prior to each movie

Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice

Friday May 16
Need for Speed (PG-13) 1900 2.10 hrs.

Saturday May 17
Oculus (R) 1300 1.45 hrs.
Need for Speed (PG-13) 1600 2.12 hrs.

Sunday May 18
Mr. Peabody and Sherman (PG) 1300 1.32 hrs.
Heaven is for Real (PG) 1600 1.39 hrs.

Wednesday May 21
Heaven is for Real (PG) 1300 1.39 hrs.
Draft Day (PG-13) 1600 1.49 hrs.

Friday May 23
Mr. Peabody and Sherman (PG) 1300 1.32 hrs.

Saturday May 24
Draft Day (PG-13) 1300 1.49 hrs.
Transcendence (PG-13) 1600 1.59 hrs.

Sunday May 25
Captain America: Winter Soldier (PG-13) 1300 2.16 hrs.

Wednesday May 28
Son of God (PG-13) 1300 2.18 hrs.
Transcendence (PG-13) 1630 1.59 hrs.

Friday May 30
Rio 2 (G) 1900 1.41 hrs.

Saturday May 31
A Haunted House 2 (R) 1300 1.27 hrs.
The Other Woman (PG-13) 1600 1.49 hrs.

Drinking, driving not a good summer recipe

By SANDRA BARNES

Army Substance Abuse Program

Schools will be out soon, pools will be open, and the Fort Jackson community will be looking for fun ways to cool down as summer temperatures heat up. As you head to the beach, pool, lake, ball park, barbecue, picnic with friends or to the mountains for a camping vacation, the Fort Jackson Army Substance Abuse Program encourages you and your family to keep safety in mind.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the most important element of any summer party is a sober driver.

Summer represents one of the most dangerous and deadliest times of the year on the nation's roadways because of a significant increase in the number of alcohol-related traffic crashes and fatalities. Therefore, those who plan on using alcohol this summer should designate

a sober driver before any party.

The increase in alcohol use throughout the summer — and particularly around major holiday weekends, beginning with Memorial Day, through July 4 and ending with Labor Day — has made the summer a very grim time for law enforcement, emergency medical staff, highway safety officials and the friends and families of alcohol-related crash victims.

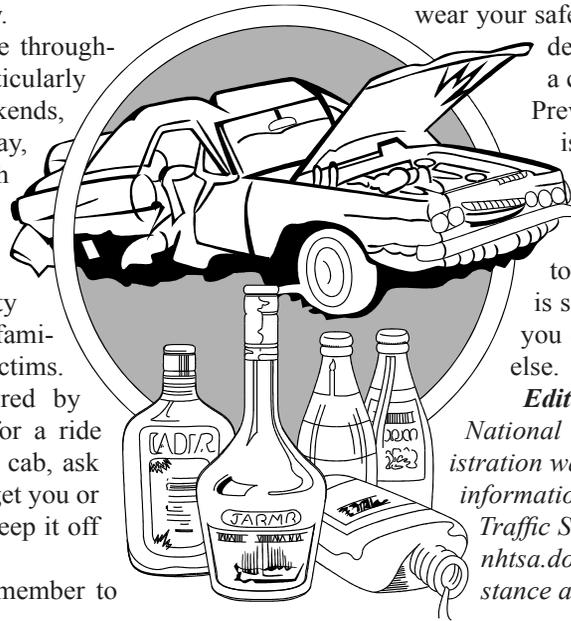
If you do become impaired by alcohol, ask a sober friend for a ride home, use mass transit, call a cab, ask a friend or family member to get you or just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

And, of course, always remember to

wear your safety belt. It is still the single best defense against death or injury in a crash.

Preventing alcohol-related crashes is a team effort. When impaired drivers get behind the wheel, they put their lives and the lives of all their fellow motorists at risk. Driving impaired is simply not worth any of the pain you can cause yourself or someone else.

Editor's note: Information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration was used in this article. For more information on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. For questions about substance abuse, call 751-5007.



TRiPS update released in time for summer travel

By Chris Frazier

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/
Safety Center

A much-used trip-planning tool has received a face-lift that improves user capabilities.

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center released the redesigned Travel Risk Planning System, or TRiPS, May 8. The change is the first significant redesign of the tool since December 2005, when the program was prepared for joint-service use, said Derek Kovacs, automated risk tools program manager at the USACR/Safety Center.

"Since then, we've collected valuable feedback to be implemented in the upgrade," Kovacs said. "Many of the enhancements will occur behind the scenes as software modernizations. However, we're hopeful that service members and DoD civilians will benefit from the functional improvements they've requested."

Enhancements to TRiPS include:

- Improved user email compatibility.
- Multi-leg, round-trip and one-way travel.
- Mapping upgrade with support service interface.
- Road construction, weather and hazard



notification.

- Smartphone apps (coming soon).
- User load capability.
- Re-designate service for joint-service environment,
- Recreational vehicle and trailer towing planner.

TRiPS was developed in 2004 to help commanders and leaders mitigate risk and reduce accidents involving Soldiers driving private motor vehicles and motorcycles outside their local area. Soldiers are

required to complete TRiPS assessments before traveling on leave, pass, permanent change of station or official travel, according to Army Regulation 385-10, The Army Safety Program. In addition, Department of the Army civilians are also required to complete an assessment prior to official travel or PCS.

Since its inception, Soldiers have completed more than 10 million TRiPS assessments. During fiscal year 2012, only 19 percent of fatal PMV-4 and PMV-2 acci-

dents involving Soldiers driving more than 150 miles from their home installation occurred on TRiPS-assessed travel. That effectiveness improved to 8 percent during fiscal year 2013.

"Literally millions upon millions of miles have been driven after TRiPS, with minimal fatalities," said Brig. Gen. Timothy Edens, director of Army Safety and commanding general, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

"But it only works if leaders use it to reach their Soldiers on risk mitigation. Simply completing an assessment won't make a Soldier safer, but using that information to facilitate effective communication between the Soldier and his or her leader will. That's what TRiPS makes possible."

Lt. Col. Joseph Harvey, director, Driving Directorate, USACR/Safety Center, said the upgrade will benefit not only Soldiers, but members of sister services as well.

"I'm excited for the release of the revised TRiPS," he said. "This will be an even better tool for service members and leaders across DoD to use to mitigate risk while traveling."

More information on TRiPS and driving safety is available at <https://safety.army.mil>.



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App helps victims of sexual assault

By **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command recently developed a “We Care” app that can be used by victims of sexual assault, someone who witnesses sexual harassment or assault, and those in need of suicide prevention help.

“The app is aimed at empowering victims and bystanders to get help, intervene, and support those impacted by sexual harassment, sexual assault or suicide,” said Ellen Helmerson, TRADOC, office of the deputy chief of staff, G-1/4. She is also TRADOC’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Program representative.

Instead of wondering, “What should I have done,” the app “lets you know, here’s what I should do,” she said.

The app, designed for Soldiers at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, has buttons that connect users to the National Suicide Prevention Hotline, DoD Safe Helpline, post chaplain, post medical treatment facility, and the SHARP hotlines for both Fort Eustis and Langley Air Force Base.

The best thing about the app, Helmerson said, is you just push the button to get help. No dialing is involved. Besides that, it’s free.

Additionally, there are options at the bottom to click for information on what to do if you witness an assault, you are assaulted, or are thinking about suicide. Manuals and links to a variety of the most useful sites are also clickable. Helmerson called it “a one-stop shop.”

The app can be used for Android and Apple smartphones, tablets and iPads. To find the app at the app store, search for “We Care JBLE.”

The app came out April 30, and Helmerson said it is TRADOC’s intent to get it distributed to other TRA-



Photo by **DAVID VERGUN**, Army News Service

A new smartphone app connects victims of sexual assault with support providers.

DOC installations. She thinks it could eventually go Armywide, including to the Reserve Component.

The We Care app was created at the Sustainment Center of Excellence, Fort Lee, Virginia, under the guidance of Maj. Gen. Larry Wyche and his Mobile Team, Technology Integration Branch, headed by Matt

MacLaughler, Diane Jenkins, Tyler Gross and David Garrish. The app was initially piloted in 2012 at Fort Lee, then fielded for use in the summer of 2013.

The same team also modified the app for use at JBLE and obtained the necessary security approvals to host the app at the Apple and Android app stores.

Pocket guide explains clothing allowance

By **GARY SHEFTICK**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — For the first time, a pocket guide for Soldiers is available to explain the specifics of their annual Clothing Replacement Allowance.

“We didn’t have this knowledge when we were coming up,” said Sgt. Maj. Mark Chance, senior enlisted adviser for the Army’s G-4.

The pamphlet is the brainchild of Chance and Sgt. Maj. Ray Toups, operations sergeant major for G-4 in the Pentagon.

The pamphlet spells out exactly what Soldiers are required to maintain in their clothing bag. It provides the expected useful life of each item, the standard annual replacement allowance for each item and recommended replacement intervals.

Until now, most Soldiers never were told exactly how their annual clothing allowance was calculated, Chance said.

“No one ever sat them down and explained what the money is for,” he said.

The Clothing Replacement Allowance, or CRA, pamphlet does just that, and the G-4 NCOs want the pocket guide made available to first sergeants, platoon ser-

geants and squad leaders throughout the Army.

“Our idea is mainly to get it into the hands of our first-line leadership,” Toups said.

One requirement NCOs have at the unit level, Toups said, is to inventory Soldiers’ clothing bags annually. The CRA pamphlet will help with that, he said. It will also be a handy tool for sergeants to pull out of their pockets, he said, when they find a Soldier in formation with a torn or worn-out uniform.

“It’s one more thing they can use to maintain readiness,” he said.

Chance said NCOs can put the knowledge in their “kit bag” for future use. “It’s all about the process,” he said, explaining that Soldiers today appreciate knowing why the Army does things.

“You can tell Soldiers why, but if you show them, they will understand it,” he added.

For instance, it shows that the Army Combat Uniform jacket has a useful life of six months with a replacement cost of \$44.98 each. Each year, the CRA provides enough money to replace two ACU jackets, which is a total of \$89.96.

On the other hand a pair of boots has a useful life of 24 months with a replacement

cost of \$96.75 per pair. Each year, the CRA provides one half of the money to replace one pair of boots, which is a total of \$48.38.

Six to eight items differ in price for men and women, and that’s why the annual Clothing Replacement Allowance differs slightly for male and female Soldiers.

This year the standard CRA for male Soldiers is \$440.89, and the allowance for women is \$468.05. The allowance varies slightly from year to year with the cost of uniform items.

Toups and Chance actually went to Clothing Sales stores this year to check the price of every item before finalizing the pamphlet.

Chance also wanted to inform Soldiers that when new clothing items are developed to replace current clothing items, the Soldiers aren’t “coming out of pocket” when purchasing the new items. The current CRA already covers the cost of replacing clothing items as they reach the end of their useful life. “Wear-out” periods for the current items will generally match the useful life of that item.

For instance, the new Army Physical Fitness Uniform will debut in Military Clothing and Sales Stores in the first quarter of fiscal year 2015. Following the CRA pam-

phlet, the current IPFU components have a useful life of between 12 and 24 months.

Soldiers will likely have up to 24 months to phase the new APFU into their clothing bag. Over that 24-month time period their CRA will provide them with enough funds to replace two short-sleeve T-shirts, two long-sleeve T-shirts, two pairs of shorts, one jacket and one pair of pants.

The clothing allowance is also only provided to Soldiers who are on active duty for more than 180 days, Toups said, because after their initial issue, they are expected to maintain their own clothing bag. National Guard and Army Reserve troops get “issue in kind,” Toups said, explaining that they are issued uniforms that are expected to last three years, but sometimes replaced more often depending on “fair wear and tear.”

Soldiers in their first three years of enlistment receive a reduced annual amount, or “basic” Clothing Replacement Allowance. Soldiers begin receiving the standard CRA after their third anniversary of continuous active service, Toups explained.

Rather than printing a huge supply of the CRA pamphlets, Toups and Chance want to save trees and funding by distributing the pamphlet via the Internet and through NCO leadership courses.

Athletes

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Last weekend marked the 46th year the South Carolina Special Olympics summer games were hosted at Fort Jackson.

Brig. Gen. Bradley Becker, coincidentally Fort Jackson's 46th commanding general, continued that tradition of hospitality during last weekend's ceremonies.

"We want you to consider this to be your home for the next day and a half because we're glad to have you here," he told the audience Friday. "The Special Olympics has more than 22,000 athletes competing in more than 24 events (this summer.) Right here at Fort Jackson, we have 1,200 athletes who will be competing in aquatics, bowling, badminton, bocce, power lifting, track and field, gymnastics and softball — and I'm tired from just saying it."

More specifically, 1,245 delegation members visited Fort Jackson to compete in this year's events, a number that included unified partners and coaches, said Sue Maner, executive vice president of Special Olympics South Carolina.

"We've added a few more sports," Maner said. "We're doing power lifting this year, as well as badminton and bocce. We have eight sports instead of the five we usually have."

The Summer Games continue to grow each year, thanks in part to the enthusiastic participation of Fort Jackson's Soldiers, she said. The location makes the event easier in ways that some might not suspect.

"The Soldiers are absolutely awesome," Maner said. "Fort Jackson's one place where nobody has to lift or carry anything because there are so many Soldiers willing to do it. It's always fun out here."

The most urgent tasks, though, were those accepted by the weekend's athletes. While it took untold hours and dedication to organize this year's many competitions, it was hardly the moment for people to relax.

"All this training, all this effort comes out this weekend," Noah Leask, Special Olympics South Carolina board treasurer, reminded athletes. "Leave nothing on the field."

Leask and his daughter, Brianna, who was also competing this weekend, then led the athletes in the recitation of the Special Olympics oath:

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

"Over the past two days, law enforcement from Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Greenville, Aiken, Rock Hill, local law enforcement agencies and a ton of other folks have been on a quest to bring the flame of hope to these state summer games," said Barry Coats, president and CEO Special Olympics South Carolina. "They did this for no pay, no recognition and no accolades. Their one reason was for the love and support of you, the athletes of Special Olympics."

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Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Top left, Special Olympics athletes get the crowd excited during their entrance to the Solomon Center Friday evening during the weekend's opening ceremony. In addition to traditional activities such as swimming, above, softball, bottom left, and bowling, bottom right, this year's summer games also added power lifting, badminton and bocce to the mix.



Special Olympics athletes, staff and family members entertain themselves at Knight Swimming Pool while waiting for the day's many competitions to begin.



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Soldier Show spreads Army messages

By WILLIAM P. BRADNER
FMWR Command

SAN ANTONIO — From a poem scratched by a prisoner on the back of an envelope during the War of 1812 to troops smart-phoning home from Baghdad, the 2014 U.S. Army Soldier Show tells the enduring story of how Soldiers and their families “Stand Strong.”

The show pays tribute to the 200th anniversary of Francis Scott Key’s writing of “The Defence of Fort M’Henry,” the poem that became our national anthem, by weaving the music and related imagery into the 80-minute production. However, the overarching message is one of strength and resiliency.

“The show tells the Army story — via music, song and dance — by showcasing those things that instill strength and character in our Soldiers and their families, inspiring them to exemplify Army values and take care of themselves and each other,” said Lt. Gen. David Halverson, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, the headquarters element for Army Entertainment and the Soldier Show.

The show weaves physical readiness training, the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, sponsorship, ceremonial drill, and even the loss of a Soldier and suicide prevention into the production.

“The entire show, artistically, is reinforcing Army messaging,” artistic director Victor Hurtado said. “Social media and (mass) media is not the only way to deliver those messages — sometimes you need that human factor.”

That human factor brings topics like the loss of a son and fiancée in combat and attempted suicide onto the stage through powerful vocal performances crafted by Music Director Joey Bebe, Choral Master Vicki Golding and Sound Designer Blair Ferrier. The sets and lighting designed by Nicole Coppinger and Paul Turner and the choreography by Amy Lynn Miles are designed to keep the audience engaged.

For example, in one scene the lighting creates a stark, black and white feel to the set while Spc. Abigail Mary of Camp Humphreys, South Korea, and Pfc. Bryan McNeill of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, sing A Great Big World’s, “Say Something” as they literally catch Spc. Enjolee Williams, a Texas National Guard Soldier, as she tries to throw herself off the set.

“I had to make suicide accessible and cinematic and



Photo by TIM HIPPS, IMCOM

The cast of the 2014 U.S. Army Soldier Show, led by Staff Sgt. Lynette Yvonne Collier, take the stage to perform the “Star-Spangled Banner.”

build that story and cause that angst,” Hurtado said. “It looks like she’s out of it, and she is, she’s just not thinking clearly.”

“We go from that to all the things that can help,” Hurtado said. “Her friends catch her in time.”

The show then brings the audience back up, as Williams and her friends on stage build from Kelly Clarkson’s “People Like Us” to a crescendo with Yolanda Adams’ “Still I Rise” that brought the audience to their feet during both opening weekend performances.

Spc. Diquan Sims of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, then leads almost the entire cast in “Happy” by Pharrell Williams, restoring a sense of levity and joy to the stage.

There is a nod to younger children in the audience, as well, with a short scene based on the recent Lego movie. A medley of nine songs ranging from “Over the Rainbow,” which debuted at the start of World War II, to the 2001 Daryl Worley hit “Have You Forgotten?” offers

something for everyone in the audience.

Sgt. Amy E. Hargis of Fort Bragg caps off the show by treating the audience to verses of the “Defence of Fort M’Henry” that most have probably never heard before. Then all 18 cast members take the stage to perform a choral version of the “Star-Spangled Banner” so rousing that those in the audience in uniform opening weekend had a hard time staying at the position of attention.

Williams said she wasn’t surprised to see how emotionally invested the audience was during the opening weekend performances.

“I loved being in the 2011 show, but it was strictly entertainment,” Williams said. “This year, I feel like it’s more connected to what the Army is all about. The entire show is about the Soldier, his family at home, and the Army family. It’s real to the audience.”

The U.S. Army Soldier Show will be on Fort Jackson July 15 and 16.

Calendar

Today

MICC customer training seminar
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 81st RSC auditorium
The seminar will provide information on a variety of contracting topics. For more information, call 751-7708.

Tuesday

SSI Asian American/ Pacific Islander Month observance
1 to 2 p.m., Soldier Support Institute auditorium
The guest speaker will be 1st Sgt. Muriel Arroyo, NCO Academy.

Wednesday

Shred day
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Recycling Center
For more information, call 751-4208.

Friday, May 23

Victory Belles performance
5:30 p.m., NCO Club
Free for military spouses, World War II veterans and their spouses. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$11 at the door for all others. For more information, call 782-2217.

Wednesday, May 28

Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter breakfast
7 to 8:30 a.m., NCO Club
The guest speaker will be Chief Warrant Officer 5 Gail Shillingford with the Office of the Inspector General in Washington.

Thursday, May 29

Carolina Maude Foundation Golf Tournament
1:30 p.m., Fort Jackson Golf Course
For more information, call 767-6545.

Friday, May 30

Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Hall of Fame induction
10 a.m., Soldier Support Institute auditorium

Announcements

SJA CLOSURE

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, including Claims and Legal Assistance, will close at 1:30 p.m., Friday for training. The office will resume normal hours at 9 a.m., Monday.

CIF CLOSURE

The Central Issue Facility will be closed June 9-13 for its annual inventory. During this time, CIF will only accept emergencies.

DES OFFICE CLOSURES

The Directorate of Emergency Services Police Administration Office and Physical Security Office will be closed May 23.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Fort Jackson Red Cross is accepting summer youth volunteer applications for 14 to 19 year olds. Preference for volunteer positions at the hospital is given to students interested in a career in the health care field. Administrative positions are also available. Volunteers typically work each day from early June until the beginning of August for 20 hours per week. For more information, call 751-4329.

THANKING TROOPS THROUGH TENNIS

The Thanking our Troops Through Tennis foundation will host a free tennis expo for children and adults Saturday on Fort Jackson. The expo includes instruction from tennis pro Dick Stockton. The event is free and open to all DoD ID card holders. For more information and to register, call 751-3096.

LAW SCHOOL FOR OFFICERS

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. The program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Selected officers will begin law school in the fall of 2015. For more information on eligibility requirements, see Army Regulation 27-1, Chapter 14. Eligible officers interested in applying should contact the Staff Judge Advocate office as soon as possible.

AAFES HONORS VIETNAM VETS

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will honor Vietnam War veterans Friday through May 30 with a virtual Wall of Gratitude and Remembrance. Exchange shoppers may express their gratitude on the wall, and veterans may share their stories of service. For more information, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/patriotfamily/.

C2RE CLASS

The Education Center will offer an accelerated Collegiate and Career Readiness Enhancement class (formerly Basic Skills Education Program) for Soldiers who wish to raise their GT score but are unable to attend a four-week course. The class will run June 2-13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 751-5341.

SPORTS SHORTS

■ Spring tennis tournament, May 19.

■ The Army Sports Program basketball championships and trophy presentations are today.

■ Reverse triathlon/duathlon, Saturday. The triathlon includes a 5K run, 15K bicycle ride and 350 meter swim. The duathlon includes the run and bicycle ride.

■ Strongman/strongwoman competition, 6 p.m., May 22, Hilton Field Softball Complex. Weigh-ins are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 21 at the Sports Office.

■ Memorial Day 5K fun run/walk, 8 a.m., May 24, Twin Lakes.

■ Boxing smoker, 6 p.m., May 31, Solomon Center.

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

COMMISSARY NEWS

■ Throughout May, Commissary shoppers may enter the "Win a Family Fourth of July in Washington, D.C." sweepstakes. For more information, visit www.commissaries.com.

■ Commissary Reward Card users may now download an Android or iPhone/iPad app to access and clip digital coupons.

100TH INFANTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Virginia Military Institute Foundation and the 100th Infantry Division offer two scholarship awards for qualifying Soldiers. Active duty Soldiers in the grade of E5 or E6 may pick up an education at the Education Center, Room A100.

ONLINE PET PHOTO CONTEST

Authorized Exchange shoppers can send in photos of their pets for a chance to win a \$500 Exchange gift card. The contest is open through May 24. For more information, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/patriotfamily.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

The next lifeguard training class is scheduled to begin Friday. Sessions are scheduled for June 9-12. For more information, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/jacksonrectrac.html>.

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

■ Applications for the summer hire program for 16-21-year-old students will be accepted through today at the Thrift Shop. Interviews will be scheduled for May 27-29.

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

YOU MADE THE GRADE PROGRAM

Students who maintain a B average or higher can receive a special coupon booklet at the Exchange as part of AAFES' You Made The Grade program.

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.

Housing happenings

YARD OF THE MONTH

The annual Yard of the Month program is under way. To submit a yard as a contender, to include yours, call Ericka McDaniel at 738-8275, email emcdaniel@bbcgrp.com, or call RCI Housing at 751-7567. One winner from each neighborhood submitted will be chosen. Visit the Self Help Center and check out lawn and garden tools that will assist you in having a beautiful yard that could be a Yard of the Month winner. The Self Help Center, located on Ivy Road, is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monthly winners receive recognition in the *Leader*, are featured on the Balfour Beatty Communities website and in the newsletters. The grand prize winner also receives a \$50 gift card courtesy of BBC.

NEIGHBORHOOD HUDDLE

The neighborhood huddle scheduled for May 22 at the Balfour Beatty Community Center is open to all residents in Pierce Terrace 1 through 7.

PIERCE TERRACE 6 HOMES

Residents who sign a lease in a Pierce Terrace 6 home during May will receive a waiver of two weeks of their move-in pro-rate. For more information, call 738-8275.

WADING POOLS

Wading pools up to six feet in diameter and one foot in depth are permitted in backyards only. Pools larger than a wading pool are prohibited. When wading pools are not in use, they must be emptied and stored. Emptying the wading pools and storing them will help mosquito breeding.

BCT honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE

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**Staff Sgt.
Ronald Harding**
Company A
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Natalie Misiewicz

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Michael Webster

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Miguel Mendoza

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Brandon Wilson



**Staff Sgt.
Lauren Smith**
Company E
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

N/A

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Robert Stewart

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pfc. Zuweratu Mohammed

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Bradley Rear



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120th Soldiers honored

Two Soldiers with the 120th Adjutant General Battalion are honored for their achievements. Sgt. Shavonda Carroll, right, graduated from the Warrior Leader Course and was awarded the Distinguished Leadership Award along with the Leadership Essay award. Staff Sgt. Jason Boucher graduated from Advanced Leader Course and was placed on the Commandant's List.

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting**.....Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 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 Pub. 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.

To submit a recurring meeting, email the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to fjleader@gmail.com.

W O R S H I P
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 (closed for renovation)

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