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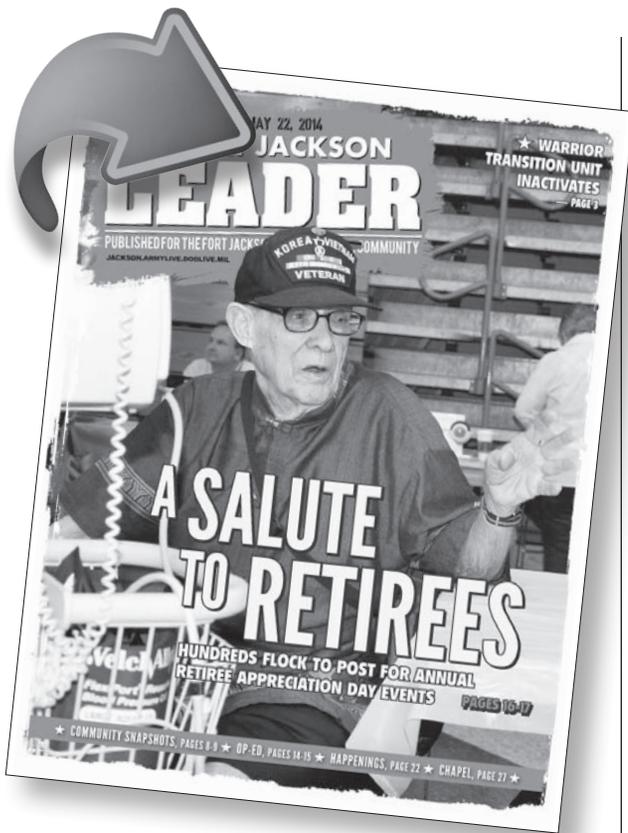
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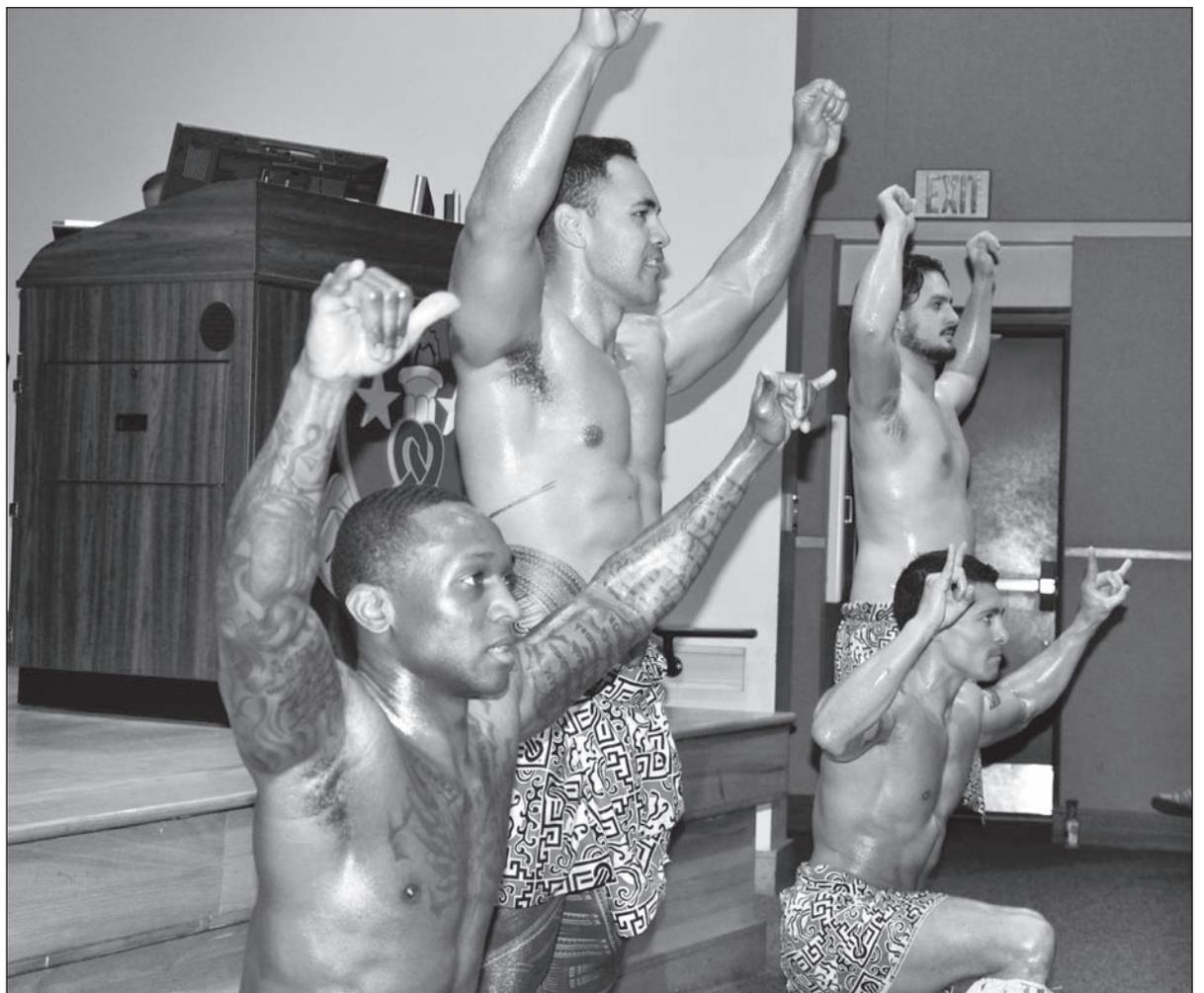
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ON THE COVER

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Military retiree Donald Hotz receives a health screening during Fort Jackson's Retiree Appreciation Days, **SEE PAGE 16.**



SSI celebrates Asian/Pacific culture

Above, Soldiers with the Adjutant General School Captain Career Course perform a Samoan slap dance during the Soldier Support Institute's Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance Tuesday at the SSI auditorium. Left, Terry Harrell plays the ukulele, a traditional Hawaiian instrument, during the celebration. The guest speaker was 1st Sgt. Muriel Arroyo of the Advanced Leaders Course with the Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

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Fort Jackson WTU inactivates

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

The Fort Jackson Warrior Transition Unit cased its colors in a ceremony Tuesday after almost seven years on the installation.

“Today, one of the leading Army units in warrior transition excellence cased its colors as the Army moves forward in its mission to optimize the care available for wounded, ill and injured Soldiers,” said Col. Mark Higdon, commander of Moncrief Army Community Hospital.

The WTU was activated June 15, 2007 to provide support to Soldiers who required at least six months of rehabilitative care. The unit was originally designed to accommodate 90 Soldiers, but had as many as 140 Soldiers in its care at one time. Overall, more than 600 Soldiers were assigned to the Fort Jackson WTU over the last seven years.

With the war in Iraq over and the war in Afghanistan winding down, the Army announced the closure of five of its 29 installation WTUs, including Fort Jackson’s, and all nine community-based WTUs in January. As of then, the number of Soldiers in the Fort Jackson WTU had dropped to 36. The Soldiers most recently under the care of the unit either transitioned to civilian life or were assigned to other WTUs.

“The Fort Jackson WTU has long been recognized as demonstrating transition excellence,” Higdon said. “The command team of Maj. Yanity and 1st Sgt. (Johnny) Seawright, as well as their amazing, excellent support cast has done a superb job in ensuring that every assigned Soldier and his or her family were properly cared for as part of the transition back to duty or to civilian life.”

The WTU commander, Maj. Lisa Yanity, thanked Moncrief Army Community Hospital, the Fort Jackson community and the greater Columbia community for their support in caring for the unit’s Soldiers.

“I hope that I have let each and every one of you know how important you have been to this mission and how important you have been to me — because you have. I have learned from you all, and I’m going to take those lessons to my next assignment,” Yanity said. “It has been an honor to serve with you all, and it is now time to go home.”

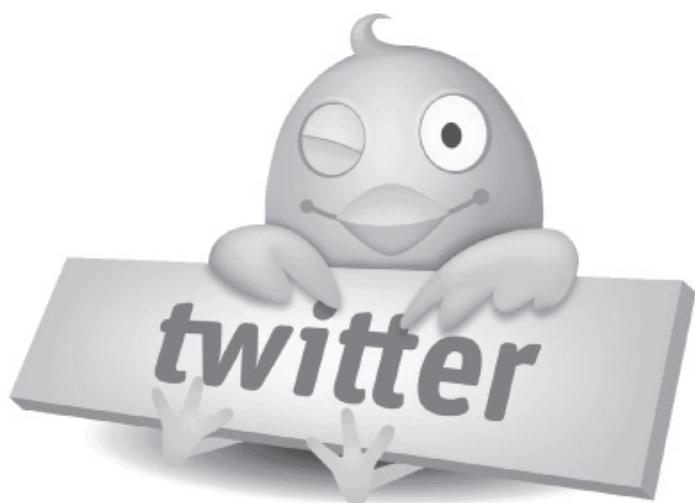
The WTU was supported by 14 civilian employees and nine military cadre, who will be reassigned.

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Maj. Lisa Yanity, Warrior Transition Unit commander, and Col. Mark Higdon, Moncrief Army Community Hospital commander, case the colors of the WTU in a ceremony Tuesday.



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Spouses find career success with ERP

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

Balancing career and family can prove challenging for many people, but especially for military spouses. According to www.ourmilitary.mil, military spouses move 14 percent more often than spouses of civilians and have an unemployment rate of 26 percent.

Some Fort Jackson spouses have been able to successfully navigate the career field, though, by employing strategies tailored to their situations and enlisting the help of the Employment Readiness Program.

"My advice to anyone looking for a long term career is to find something that you really enjoy doing, and then figure out how what is needed for that specific career," said Barbara Martin, manager of the Employment Readiness Program. "Some individuals may need to further their education or gain some additional hands-on experience such as volunteering or college internship. Individuals need to set up short- and long-range goals to get there and remember to be patient during the process. You may have to accept any type of job initially while you are working toward your ultimate career goal."

That advice worked well for Tamara Boles, who has been a military spouse for 27 years and currently works as social services assistant for Army Community Services.

"I believe I got where I am in my career by learning different jobs and putting my heart and soul into my work," Boles said. "I'm not where I want to be in my career, but I believe once we settle for good, I can pull out all the experience and knowledge I've learned and rapel to where I want to be in my career."

For some spouses, the path to finding a paid job may include volunteering in a field they enjoy, said Maryanne Wey, who has established her own photography business. Wey has lived in three different places during her four years as an Army spouse.

"Each duty station has provided incredible opportunities to meet new people and engage in different communities. I believe the best way to connect in a new place is to use your passion and skills to help others," Wey said.

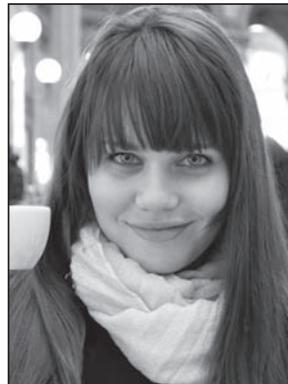
She said she started out by using her photography skills to capture unit and community events, which ultimately led to pursuing her passion professionally.

For Demetria Caston, the skills she learned in her various jobs have also paid dividends as an Army spouse.

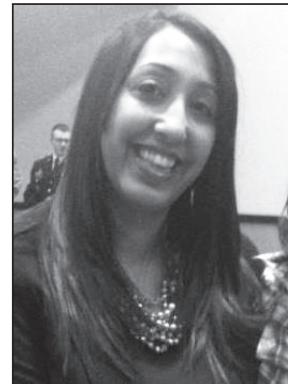
"As a career fundraiser, I've worked in various non-profit institutions working with volunteers, committees and boards," Caston said. "As a military spouse, many of



BOLES



WEY



CHEEKS



GALLAHAR

Military spouse appreciation event

On Friday, the Fort Jackson NCO Club will travel back in time and host a special event honoring military spouses of all generations, as well as World War II veterans and their spouses with a performance by the Victory Belles, all the way from the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

The decorations, food and entertainment will all reflect this bygone era. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the Victory Belles will start performing at 6 p.m. Tickets are available free for all military spouses, and World War II veterans and their spouses. Advance tickets for all others are \$10 and tickets at the door will be \$11.



CASTON

my career skills have easily transferred to help me to become a more supportive Army wife, leader, mentor and friend to our military families."

Caston said that being flexible and communicating with her employers has made the process easier. She currently works for an employer who allows her to telecommute, which permits her to find a suitable balance for career, family and military life, she said.

For some people, being exposed to the challenges of Army life may translate into skills that increase their employability.

"The transition from being surrounded by ... civilians to almost only military was extremely difficult for me in the beginning," said Meghna Cheeks, an Army wife of more than five years. "But when we moved to my husband's second duty station, I realized how much the Army life has taught me. It has taught me to adapt to new surroundings and that I need to make the most of everywhere we live. I have to be open to new ideas and adapt to changes in order to be happy."

Cheeks currently works as an administrative assistant for a large construction company — a job that gives her the flexibility to work from home if needed.

According to www.ourmilitary.mil, although roughly 95 percent of military spouses are women, male spouses of service members face some of the same challenges in the job market. Tassy Gallahar has found work in the information technology sector after attending workshops with the ERP program and obtaining IT certification.

"The best advice I have for a military spouse is to remain flexible and work on what you can in the meantime," Gallahar said. "Also, if (you) have not done so, go to your local ACS office and find out about various programs out there to help you as a military spouse in your career goals."

Martin said the Employment Readiness Program can help in various ways.

"ERP staff can help you assess your current skills and education, then help develop a career action plan to help you reach your goals. The Military Spouse Job Center, located in the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 223 has a wide range of employment and career resources that are available."

To schedule an appointment with the Employment Readiness Program, call 751-5256.

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S.C. Marine to receive Medal of Honor

By **LANCE CPL. ERIC KEENAN**
Headquarters Marine Corps

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — The White House has announced that a retired Marine from the Midlands, Cpl. William “Kyle” Carpenter, will receive the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in Marjah, Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Carpenter will receive the medal from President Barack Obama, June 19. He will be the eighth living recipient of the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan.

On Nov. 21, 2010, Taliban insurgents initiated an attack on Carpenter’s squad, part of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment. Carpenter, the squad automatic rifleman for his fire team, and Lance Cpl. Nicholas Eufrazio were holding a rooftop security position when a hand grenade was thrown their way. Without hesitation, Carpenter reacted, rushing toward the grenade in an attempt to shield his brother-in-arms from its blast.

The grenade detonated with Carpenter’s body taking the majority of the blast. Carpenter lay on the rooftop, barely clinging to life; his fellow Marine also severely wounded.

The explosion left both Carpenter and Eufrazio with painstaking recoveries.

Carpenter suffered severe injuries from the blast. Much of his jaw was rebuilt, and he lost his right eye. He sustained countless shattered bones throughout his body and a collapsed right lung.

He endured a strenuous recovery process at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. After two and a half years, Carpenter was medically retired from the Marine Corps on July 30, 2013.

“I look back and I’m actually very appreciative I had those two and a half years because those years put things in perspective more than a whole lifetime of things could if I wasn’t there,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter’s mind and emotions were not left unscarred either. The hardest part was dealing with letting others help, he said.

“Going from toting a machine gun in Afghanistan ... to using a bed pan, and I can’t even put my own socks on — that was hard to kind of suck it up,” Carpenter said.

Although the recovery process seemed endless and small tasks required assistance, Carpenter overcame the odds and has a new outlook on life from the entire tragedy, he said. He said he is grateful for all the help and support he received.

“I’ve just been very fortunate that I’ve had not only my family, but friends, Marines and the community of South Carolina,” Carpenter said, “Early on in my recovery, the entire United States seemed to be supportive. Letters flooded in from all over the place, so from the second I woke up in the hospital, I’ve always had a great team and great people. I’ve been very fortunate.”

Even with such a great honor bestowed on him, he remains humble.

“As many firefights and instances where there’s been opportunity, Marines have stepped up to the plate — not only in Iraq and Afghanistan but since the beginning of



U.S. Marine Corps photo by LANCE CPL. DANIEL A. WETZEL

Former Marine Cpl. Kyle Carpenter will be awarded the Medal of Honor June 19 for his actions in Afghanistan in 2010. Carpenter lives in the Columbia area and is enrolled at the University of South Carolina. The only other living South Carolina recipient of the medal is retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. James Livingston.

our country,” Carpenter said “So I truly feel like I’m on an even playing field.”

Carpenter was born in Flowood, Mississippi, but resides in South Carolina. He is now a full-time student at the University of South Carolina, but does miss the Marine Corps, he said.

Looking back at his time in the Corps, Carpenter’s fond-

est memories are being deployed with his fellow Marines in Afghanistan. To him, nothing will compare to months without a shower, sleeping in the dirt and being with 50 of his best friends.

“If I look at it that way, I’m very thankful for Afghanistan, and it really means a lot to me,” Carpenter said. “I wouldn’t trade it for anything in the world.”



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Improve your credit by knowing your score

WHAT IS A FICO SCORE?

In 1956 the Fair Isaac Corp., or FICO, developed a way to measure a person's credit risk using a system of analyzing data with complex algorithms. By the 1960s, FICO began to revolutionize the global lending market by improving lending processes and increasing access to credit to consumers. The complex algorithm created by FICO is recognized as a three-digit number based on information contained on your credit report.

WHY IS THE FICO SCORE IMPORTANT?

That three-digit number represents your credit worthiness — or risk level — to lenders. Figure 1 represents the percentage of people that default on loans. Where you stand on the chart is a major factor that determines if your application is approved and the credit terms you will be offered.

When you apply for credit, such as auto loans, credit cards, mortgages or personal loans, the company will order your credit report and score. FICO scores range from 350 to 850, with the higher score equating to lower risk, which ultimately means a lower interest rate. That could potentially save you hundreds, if not thousands of dollars in interest during the life of a loan. For example, consumer A (credit score of 760) qualifies for a 3.995 percent APR mortgage loan while Consumer B (credit score 625) qualifies for a 5.585 percent APR mortgage loan. The difference: Consumer A pays \$159 less per month, which equates to \$57,240 less over the life of a 30-year loan.

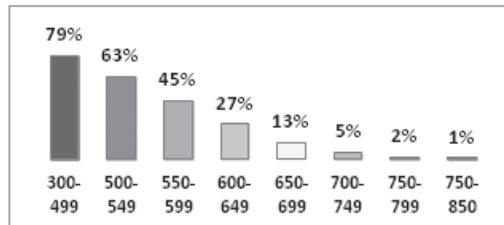


FIGURE 1

HOW DOES THE FICO SCORE WORK?

Your FICO score consists of five major elements. Figure 2 shows the relative importance of each of the elements.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

By SHAWN SMITH
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Financial Readiness

The first element is your payment history, which accounts for 35 percent of your FICO score. Payment information from credit and retail cards, installment loans, collection accounts, public records, late or missed payments and accounts with no late payments are taken into consideration. Late payments are typically the main cause of sub-prime credit scores (below 620) and drastic credit score reductions.

To improve this element, you should get caught up on any past due amounts as quickly as possible, then make sure you make all future payments in a timely manner. If you believe you will be late making a payment contact the creditor before the payment due date. The creditor will be more willing to work with you and may not report the late payment to the credit reporting agencies. Ninety-six percent of FICO "high achievers" (credit score of 800 or higher) have no late payments listed on their credit reports and fewer than 1 percent have past due amounts.

The second element is the amount owed on debts, or credit utilization. This element compares the balance (amount owed) to the available credit limit (e.g. \$750 balance and \$1,000 limit comes down to a 75 percent utilization rate). Research conducted by FICO indicates consum-

ers with higher utilization rates tend to have challenges making current and future payments. "High achievers" have a credit utilization ratio of 7 percent.

The third element is your length of credit history. Typically, a longer length of credit history will increase your score since it provides a longer snapshot of activity with your creditors. The average "high achiever" opened his or her oldest account 25 years ago and has used credit cards for an average 11 years.

The fourth element, new credit, takes a look at how many new accounts you opened, the date of the newest account, the number of requests for your credit report (hard inquiries) and date of the latest hard inquiry. You should take your time to compare products and prices and make sure you are ready to make the purchase before authorizing a creditor to run your credit. Ideally, you want no more than three inquiries a year.

The last element, credit type, considers the different types of accounts you have experience managing, primarily revolving (credit cards) and installment accounts (mortgage, auto loan, etc.). Typically, those with higher scores have a great history dealing with different types of accounts.

The best way to improve your credit report and score is to be proactive and review your credit reports at least annually. All consumers are authorized to obtain free credit reports once a year from Annual Credit Report (www.annualcreditreport.com). If you are a military ID card holder and need assistance downloading and reviewing your credit reports, contact Army Community Service at 751-5256 to schedule an appointment with a financial counselor. Active duty service members and ID card-holding family members can obtain their free credit scores on June 9 and 10, from 8 to 11 a.m., and from 1 to 3 p.m. by visiting Room 120 in the Strom Thurmond Building.

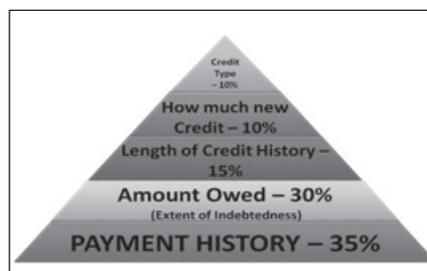


FIGURE 2

News and Notes

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.

DINNER WITH DAD

Fort Jackson fathers are invited to have dinner with their children (preschool through sixth grade) from 6 to 8:30, May 20 at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School. The Saint John's puppet crew will provide entertainment. For more information and to register, call 751-6325 or email charles.g.lewis4.civ@mail.mil.

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.

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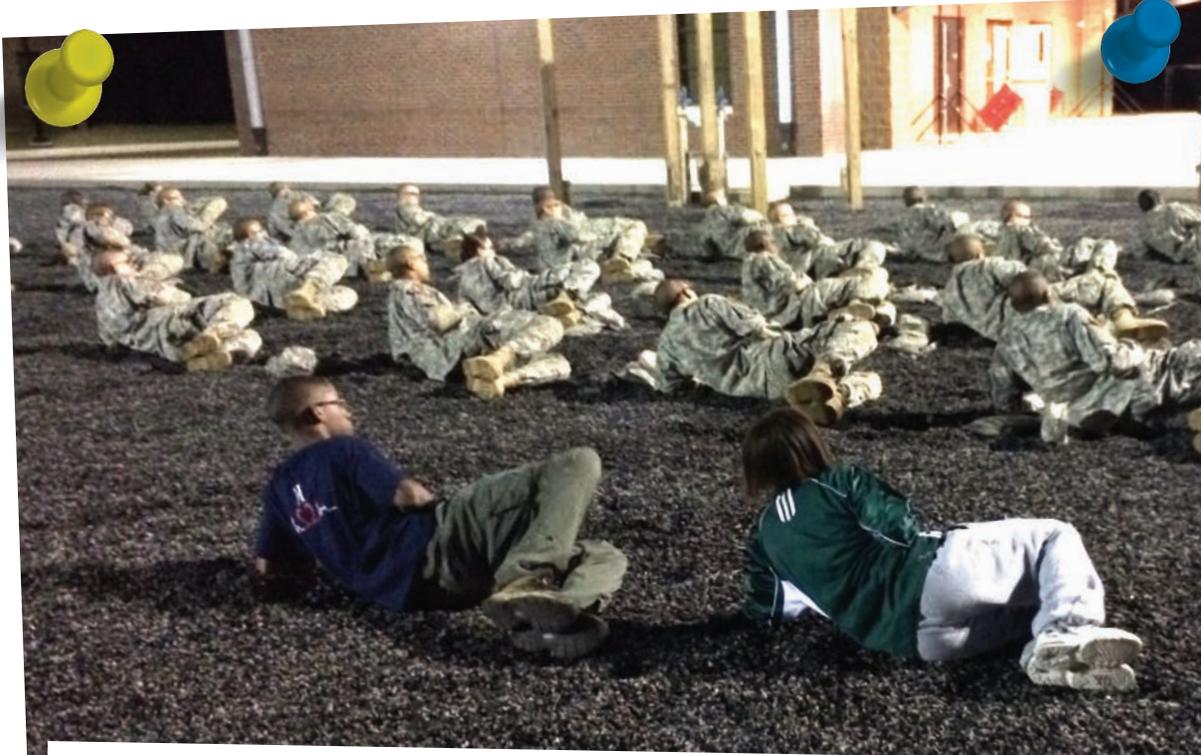
Sunday May 25
Captain America: Winter Soldier (PG-13) 1300

Wednesday May 28
Son of God (PG-13) 1300
Transcendence (PG-13) 1630

Friday May 30
Rio 2 (G) 1900

Saturday May 31
Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13) 1400
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.

Sunday June 1
Brick Mansions (PG-13) 1300



Career exploration

Courtesy photos

For the past three weeks, students with Spring Valley High School have partnered with 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment and 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment to learn more about Army medicine and careers as athletic trainers. As part of the training, the students arrived every morning at 5:30 a.m. to observe unit sick call and how athletic trainers assessed injured or sick Soldiers. After sick call, the students observed Physical Readiness Training or assisted the trainers in building treatment packets for Soldiers. Some of the students participated in a 12-kilometer foot march with Company B, 3-34th. The training was part of the Spring Valley Health Science Education curriculum, which is designed to expose students to basic health care knowledge and subjects such as anatomy, disease processes and infection control. The program also includes career exploration.



School hoops

It was students versus faculty on the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School basketball courts last week. Students spent the last few hours of the school day May 14 competing on the courts against teachers and other staff members. The grown-ups had a significant height advantage, whereas their students had speed and energy on their side.

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Photo by STAFF SGT. TAIKEILA CHANCEY, USARCENT

Riding safely

Lt. Col. Darryl Glass, deputy commander, 4th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, gives safety brief before the departure of the unit's Motorcycle Safety Ride May 16 at Shaw Air Force Base.



Battalion fun

The 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment conducted its sixth annual battalion organization day April 25. Companies competed throughout the day in the Commander's Cup, which consisted of several events, including a fitness challenge, horseshoes, corn hole toss, volleyball and soccer. The 208th Military Police Detachment gave a working dog demonstration, and the 17th Military Police Detachment conducted driving under the influence awareness training. The Directorate of Emergency Services provided a fire safety house display. Company, B, 4-10th offered a static display of numerous weapons. Left, the culminating event was the Commander's Race, in which command teams crossed the lake in canoes.

Courtesy photo

Lender penalized for violating troops' rights

From the American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Justice Department officials announced an enforcement action recently against the nation's largest servicer of federal and private student loans, which was found to be systematically violating the legal rights of service members.

Sallie Mae — also known as Sallie Mae Bank and Navient Solutions — is ordered to pay \$96.6 million in restitution and penalties, officials said, adding that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. also reached a settlement with the companies that addresses allegations of student loan servicing misconduct.

The Justice Department's civil rights division has initiated a number of enforcement actions in recent years to pursue those who don't fulfill their legal obligations under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, said Holly Petraeus, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau assistant director,

who leads the CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs.

A 2012 CFPB report found that service members faced serious hurdles in accessing their student loan benefits, including the provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act that cap the interest rate on pre-existing student loans and other consumer credit products at 6 percent while the service member is on active duty, CFPB officials said. Servicers were not providing them with clear and accurate information about their loan repayment options.

The CFPB heard from military borrowers, including those in combat zones, who were denied interest-rate protections because they failed to resubmit unnecessary paperwork. These kinds of obstacles prevent service members from taking advantage of the full range of protections they have earned through their service to this country, officials said.

The CFPB has partnered with the Defense Department to create better awareness of the rights and options for ser-

vice member student loan borrowers. A CFPB guide for service members who have student loans contains clear information on the various ways student loans can be repaid.

Officials noted that the CFPB began accepting student loan complaints in March 2012, and added that service members who have an issue with their servicers should submit a complaint to the CFPB.

To submit a complaint, consumers can:

- Visit www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint;
- Call the toll-free phone number at 1-855-411-CFPB (2372) or TTY/TDD phone number at 1-855-729-CFPB (2372);
- Fax the CFPB at 1-855-237-2392; or
- Mail a letter to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 4503, Iowa City, IA 52244.

Additionally, through "Ask CFP," or by calling 1-855-411-CFPB (2372), consumers can get clear, unbiased answers to their questions, officials said.

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Tip of the hat

Company A, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) conducts a dehatting ceremony for Staff Sgt. Carlos Gonzalez May 13. Gonzalez has been a drill sergeant with the company since February and will move to Fort Riley, Kan., in July.

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Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Philippine Scouts exemplify honor

“Stand aside, the Scouts are coming.” Retired Col. John Olson said that these simple words from a poem written by an American officer in a Japanese Prisoner of War camp shortly after the fall of Bataan reflect a sincere and respectful tribute to some of the finest Soldiers ever to serve our ranks. However, the history of the Philippine Scouts is not as popular as the

COMMENTARY

By **CAPT. MADONNA McPHAUL**
171st Infantry Brigade

battles they fought in, such as that of the Bataan Death March. The Bataan Death March was the forcible transfer of more than 80,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war after the World War II Battle of Bataan in the Philippines in 1942.

Of the more than 80,000 POWs, it was estimated that 54,000 were Filipinos. The transfer was difficult to manage because of the overwhelming amount of POWs. Food, water, and other supplies ran very low if they were available at all. There were only three options during the march: march, be beaten or die. The conditions were so horrid that many succumbed to their fatigue and died. The death toll averaged 50 a day, and many men were buried in shallow graves, piled body on top of body. The march cemented the legendary bond between Filipinos and Americans for if a man fell, it was certain he would die unless another picked him up and supported him. Food was so scarce that the prisoners ate everything they found along the way, such as locusts. The tropical rains healed a little bit of the dehydration, but there was just no way to escape the heat and humidity.

Among those who survived the approximate 70-mile march from Bataan to Camp O'Donnell were the Philippine Scouts. The Scouts were organized in 1901 during the early American occupation of the Philippine Islands. One of the units was the 57th Infantry Regiment. The 57th was charged with holding the line on both sides of the only major road into the peninsula. The 57th withstood the attack of the best elements of the Japanese Army during the Battle of Abucay in WWII — it stopped the enemy's attempt to penetrate to the city.

Though successful, the enemy shifted westward and into the jungle-covered mountains, finally outflanking the Scouts. Even when the order came to surrender on April 9, 1942, the Scouts' units were still fighting and were determined to carry on. Many Scouts who were able to escape the enemy and the Death March reformed into guerrilla bands, continuing their fight and providing vital intelligence to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

Of the thousands who fought side-by-side with the 57th Infantry Regiment and survived the grueling conditions of the Death March, one man stands out the most to me — Silvestre Candelario Ares.

He was born Jan. 1, 1919 in Umingan Pangasinan, a small agricultural town in the Philippines. Ares was the only son of a farmer and dreamed of writing books and visiting foreign lands. Early in his life, he came to understand that education could take him to places his friends would only read about. He walked for miles to be in school every day and never wavered.



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Silvestre Ares is among the Philippine Scouts who survived the Bataan Death March in 1942.

Ares

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At the age of 20, Ares volunteered to fight in the war as many other young Soldiers do today. He joined Company L, 57th Infantry Regiment as a rifleman and was later reassigned to be a motor transport operator.

Reading about the atrocities of the death march, someone today might find it difficult to imagine how he survived. His stories were not of solemn memories but of courage and, of course, laughter. His American comrades kept him alive during the march with painted mental pictures of a place called America and of an opportunity called the American Dream. And, of course, his longing for a love yet unrealized named Teodora Sinuto made it worth living. Sixty-five years later, he confessed that it was all worth it.

During his capture, Ares found himself volunteering as a cook. Quite the innovative prisoner, he said you couldn't go hungry if you prepared the food. He prepared meals mixed with any greens found on the pathway, the occasional catfish and mudfish, and on his lucky days he cooked porridge with a little shovel. Most of the food was served to the guards and scraps to the prisoners. He recalled that hunger, thirst and fatigue caused a lot of men to fall back, finding them at the end of a bayonet.

The rain quenched the prisoners' thirst but filled their shoes with water, causing blisters and added agony. Ares recalled passing by piles of dead prisoners. He vividly remembered waking up in the pile himself. He was stripped of clothing as many of the others were. His clothes and shoes were handed to others on the march who needed them. To his amazement, he was not shot nor stabbed. Apparently, he passed out from his ailments and was thought to be dead. He climbed over the pile and, when it seemed safe, took the opportunity and ran for the woods. He ran and hid for miles until finally coming upon a small hut or field house where he was aided by a family. This experience should have been enough to



U.S. Air Force photo

A burial detail carries the remains of prisoners of war who survived the Death March, but who succumbed to exhaustion or disease or were executed after reaching Camp O'Donnell.

deter him from returning, however, he returned back to the ranks, a true display of resilience and fortitude.

He has been quite an important person to me. As you may have guessed, Silvestre Ares is my grandfather. His will to survive and excel became a theme in his lifetime. He earned multiple degrees in business and education and at the age of 54, he earned a law degree. His service later earned him the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster. His stories inspired four of his five children to serve in the in the Navy and Air Force; four of 15 grandchildren to serve in the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps; and me to serve in the Army.

I was inspired by his stories, the laughter when he reminisced, his unwavering resiliency to move forward,

the lifelong friends he has made and his legacy. You see, legacy stories are not the ones we remember, but those by which will be remembered. They are defining moments that inform and inspire. We have all made the decision to serve our nation for one reason or another; however, many do not realize that legacies are created just by that one decision.

I live the American Dream as envisioned by my grandfather and continue a legacy far beyond his imagination. I too, one day, dream of when my children's children speak of my life as well-served to protect our nation. Your service as a good citizen carries a story that your children's children will one day tell. Where will your legacy begin?



Above, Jason Pinckney, David Moffat and wife Sharon Moffat participate in the annual Retiree Appreciation Days golf tournament at the Fort Jackson Golf Club. Both Jason Pinckney and David Moffat are military retirees.

‘Coming full circle’

Retiree Appreciation Days bring together new, old Soldiers

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Dozens of new Soldiers started their careers last week under the watchful eyes of the men and women who went before them.

The post’s annual Retiree Appreciation Days event began Thursday morning during graduation ceremonies. Dozens of retirees from all branches of the armed forces gathered at the Solomon Center to observe the two companies of graduating Soldiers recite the Soldier’s Creed and take their first career steps.

“Today’s graduation is about coming full circle,” said Kenneth Preston, guest speaker for last week’s graduation. Preston retired in 2011 after more than seven years of service as the sergeant major of the Army, the longest anyone has held the position since it was created in 1966.

“Today, here in the audience, we pass the torch of service to these men and women that stand here before you,” Preston said. “For those of us who have worn the uniform of a Soldier — or any of our military services — we feel immense pride as we look at this new generation of men and women who have volunteered to serve our country and (become) part of something much bigger than themselves.”

Graduation was just the beginning of the post’s Retiree Appreciation Days activities, which started as a single-day celebration but has since grown to include three days of activities on Fort Jackson.

Mike Molosso, deputy commandant of the Adjutant General School and chairman of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council, said the post’s responsibilities to its Soldiers don’t end with a graduation ceremony. This commitment lasts a lifetime, he said.

“This is Fort Jackson’s opportunity to make all retired service members in the area aware of what services are available, to show our appreciation and thanks for their service, and to make sure they understand they’re welcome here at Fort Jackson,” Molosso said.

Fort Jackson’s roster of activities during Retiree Appreciation Days is unusually diverse when compared to other installations, he said.

“As chief of staff of the Army Retiree Council, as well, I have had the opportunity to hear other council chairmen talk about the support they receive,” he said. “Retired Soldiers and families all over the Army receive tremendous support, but, in listening to a lot of those stories, I don’t think there’s any installation in the Army that provides support to retired service members and their families the way Fort Jackson does.”

The post has an unusually strong relationship not only with the surrounding community, but with its veterans, Molosso said. Because of Fort Jackson’s role as a training center, it’s difficult to find a Soldier who doesn’t have some kind of connection to the installation. The veterans taking part in last week’s activities, which also included a golf tournament, bowling tournament and a health and benefits fair, represented hundreds of years of service to every branch of the armed forces.

“When I accepted my job here as the commandant of the Adjutant General School, I had many of my wife’s family (members) come down here,” Molosso said. “A couple of them had actually gone to basic training here at Fort Jackson. It’s a small world — you can find someone who has come to Fort Jackson during basic training or has served at Fort Jackson virtually anywhere you go.”

During his speech to Soldiers, families, friends and retirees during last week’s graduation ceremonies,



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Kenneth Preston, a retired sergeant major of the Army, addresses the audience at last week’s graduation ceremony, which kicked off this year’s Retiree Appreciation Days at Fort Jackson.

Preston said those ties with military service are difficult to sever.

“Like all of you, I’m very proud of this newest generation of Soldiers standing before you,” Preston said.

“I am proud of all that they will do to represent our nation ... once a Soldier, always a Soldier, a Soldier for life.”

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Above left, Graham Barber, 14, Santiago Perez-Shillington, 16, Nathan Stockwell, 12, and Justin Harris, 16, take part in a youth instructional tennis clinic conducted by tennis professional Dick Stockton at the Semmes Road Tennis Courts Saturday morning. The clinic was held in conjunction with Retiree Appreciation Days and Armed Forces Day. Above right, Vietnam veteran Linton Jeter has his blood pressure checked by registered nurse Tameshia Spain during a Retiree Health and Benefits Expo at the Solomon Center that same morning.



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Oath of office

Students from the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course recite the oath of office, given by Chaplain (Maj.) Willie Mashack Sunday. The oath is the last step to becoming commissioned officers and chaplain candidates at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

Courtesy photo



IMCOM sends MWR survey

By **ROBERT DOZIER**
IMCOM

SAN ANTONIO — The Department of Defense is set to release its latest survey to gauge customer satisfaction with Morale, Welfare and Recreation garrison facilities and programs.

As in 2009 and 2011, the MWR Customer Satisfaction Survey will go to select Soldiers and service members, inviting them to volunteer their opinions about current operations.

DoD will focus this survey on select types of facilities so that management, training and financial resources can be maximized in the current fiscal environment.

This year's questionnaire focuses on fitness, libraries, outdoor recreation, recreation centers, auto service centers, single service member programs, leisure travel, swimming pools, sports and athletics.

Soldiers and family members who are patrons of Family and MWR services around the world are encouraged to participate in the confidential survey.

Survey packages are expected to be distributed directly to 120,000 randomly chosen service members, including active duty, National Guard and reserve Soldiers.

IMCOM officials hope the statistical results of the survey will show trends developing since 2009, which will be used to help refine, taper or enhance garrison programs serving children, youth, family members, Soldiers and retirees.

IMCOM uses surveys like this, as well as the website www.ArmyMWR.com and social media sites such as www.Facebook.com/FamilyMWR and www.Twitter.com/FamilyMWR, to stay connected with MWR customers in the Army community. Involvement in the survey will help ensure MWR fulfills customer needs in the years to come.

REVERSE TRIATHLON RESULTS

Male

Winner:..... Bradley Becker
Runner-up: Jeffery Kane

Female

Winner:..... Trisha Sheffield
Runner-up: Stephanie Feltwell

Saturday's reverse triathlon included a 5K run, 15K bicycle ride and 350 meter swim.



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Army scientists predict future warrior needs

By T'JAE GIBSON

Army Research Laboratory

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Ten to 20 years ago, Army scientists were taking on tough challenges, thinking of the future and wondering how to help American warriors win decisively through technological advantages.

“That’s the strength of Army basic research and the essence of our work at the lab,” said Patrick Baker, director of the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate, U.S. Army Research Laboratory. “We’re taking multidisciplinary approaches to push the frontiers of fundamental science and technology that result in transformational capabilities.”

ARL teams with academia and industry, and other government partners to invest in science and engineering as well as manufacturing expertise needed to drive innovation, he said.

The Army is on the brink of transitioning prototype technologies to military users who need them most, like protective robots.

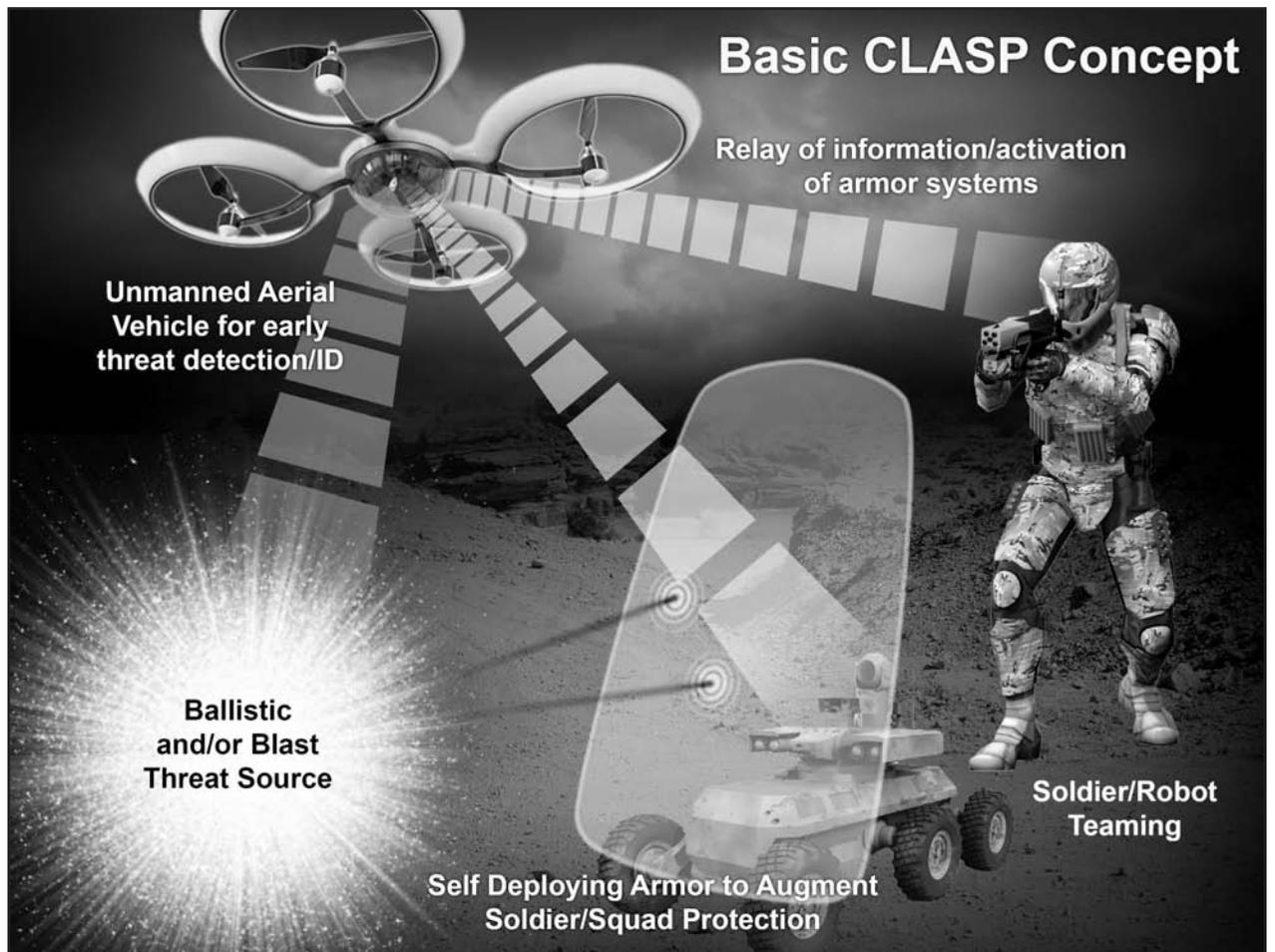
Imagine a squad of Soldiers on patrol, followed by a team of unmanned air and ground vehicles, suddenly coming under fire. But before the enemy can get a clear enough view of the Soldiers in his sights, the air vehicles sense the location of the enemy and inform the unmanned ground vehicle, which rolls open and deploys a protective shield around the Soldiers. That’s one kind of protection Army scientists are imagining for future warriors.

Right now, this capability is purely conceptual, according to Shawn Walsh, a researcher leading the Agile Manufacturing Technology team at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

“We’re in the early stages of understanding how far we can push current unmanned systems technology,” Walsh said. “We have built a lot of support for it, and it’s pointing to a horizon 10 to 20 years into the future.”

As called project CLASP, or Co-Located Assets for Soldier Protection, is a novel use of new unmanned assets in a purely protective role instead of the typical drone usage focused on surveillance and lethality.

“(U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command) is well-positioned to not only help set the vision for this concept, but (to) lead novel and unprecedented-



U.S. Army illustration by ERIC WALL

Army researchers envision a conceptual protective robotic system.

ed research to improve and diversify the goal of Soldier protection,” Walsh said.

Walsh said CLASP will protect Soldiers in ways not possible before.

“In essence, there is a confluence of technological advances that are making possible new ways of doing the business of Soldier protection,” he said.

Elias Rigas, the Vehicle Applied Research division chief in the ARL Vehicle Technology Directorate, is another researcher involved in CLASP’s early work.

“It’s important for the Army to pursue cutting-edge, high-risk, high-reward research and also to consider how new technologies developed at the lab can potentially be

used to help support Soldiers,” Rigas said. “Implementation of technologies in new and out-of-the-box ways can also lead to capabilities that enhance Soldiers’ survivability, lethality and effectiveness.”

Researchers hope their efforts are an investment in the future.

“A great thing about working in the Army lab is that we have a lot of smart people with open minds working in different areas. If you discover or invent something revolutionary that may be big payoff, it won’t be tossed aside just because it is different than how the Army fights today. For a scientist who wants to have an impact, that keeps you pretty excited,” Baker said.

Calendar

Friday

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.

Monday

Memorial Day wreath laying

9 a.m., Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Wednesday

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

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 Friday.

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.

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

- The Army Sports Program champions are:
 - Soccer: 193rd; runner-up: SSI
 - Men's volleyball: SSI; runner-up: 171st
 - Women's volleyball: 165th; runner-up: SSI

— Basketball: SSI; runner-up: MED-DAC

■ Strongman/strongwoman competition, 6 p.m., today, Hilton Field Softball Complex.

■ Armed Forces 5K fun run/walk, 8 a.m., Saturday, Twin Lakes.

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

■ Letters of intent for intramural and recreational golf are due June 12.

■ Army Birthday 5K fun run/walk, June 14, Semmes Lake

■ Letters of intent for intramural and recreational softball are due June 19.

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 Saturday. 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 adminis-

ter 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

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.

For more information, call 751-7045.

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.

Weekly honors



Staff Sgt. Charles Campbell
Drill sergeant of the cycle
Task Force Marshall



Derrick Manuel
Civilian of the cycle
Task Force Marshall

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Co-ed recreational league

Islanders	7-0
MPs	1-5
MWR.....	2-3
IHG	0-6
MEDDAC	2-4

Co-ed active duty league

DSS	6-1
SSI.....	5-1
187th	2-4
165th	2-4

Male active duty league

MPs	3-1
187th	1-2
2-60th	0-2
SSI.....	2-1

Standings as of May 20

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Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE

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**Staff Sgt.
John Berry**
Company A
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Jeremy Hickman

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Cornelio Castanon

HIGH APFT SCORE

Spc. Cornelio Castanon

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Mark Sheldon



**Staff Sgt.
Michael Gibbons**
Company B
2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE

Spc. Nathan Guindon

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Frank Smith

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Triana Allridge

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Bradley Cookson



**Staff Sgt.
Andrew Maynard**
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2nd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

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SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Jodee Fornue

HIGH APFT SCORE

Pvt. Allison Thill

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Cody Nix



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SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pfc. Trenton Sandquist

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Spc. Lionel Harris-Spence

HIGH BRM

Pvt. Mark Lutchman



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SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE

Pvt. Arielle Roy

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HIGH BRM

Pvt. Gernell Watson

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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

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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