

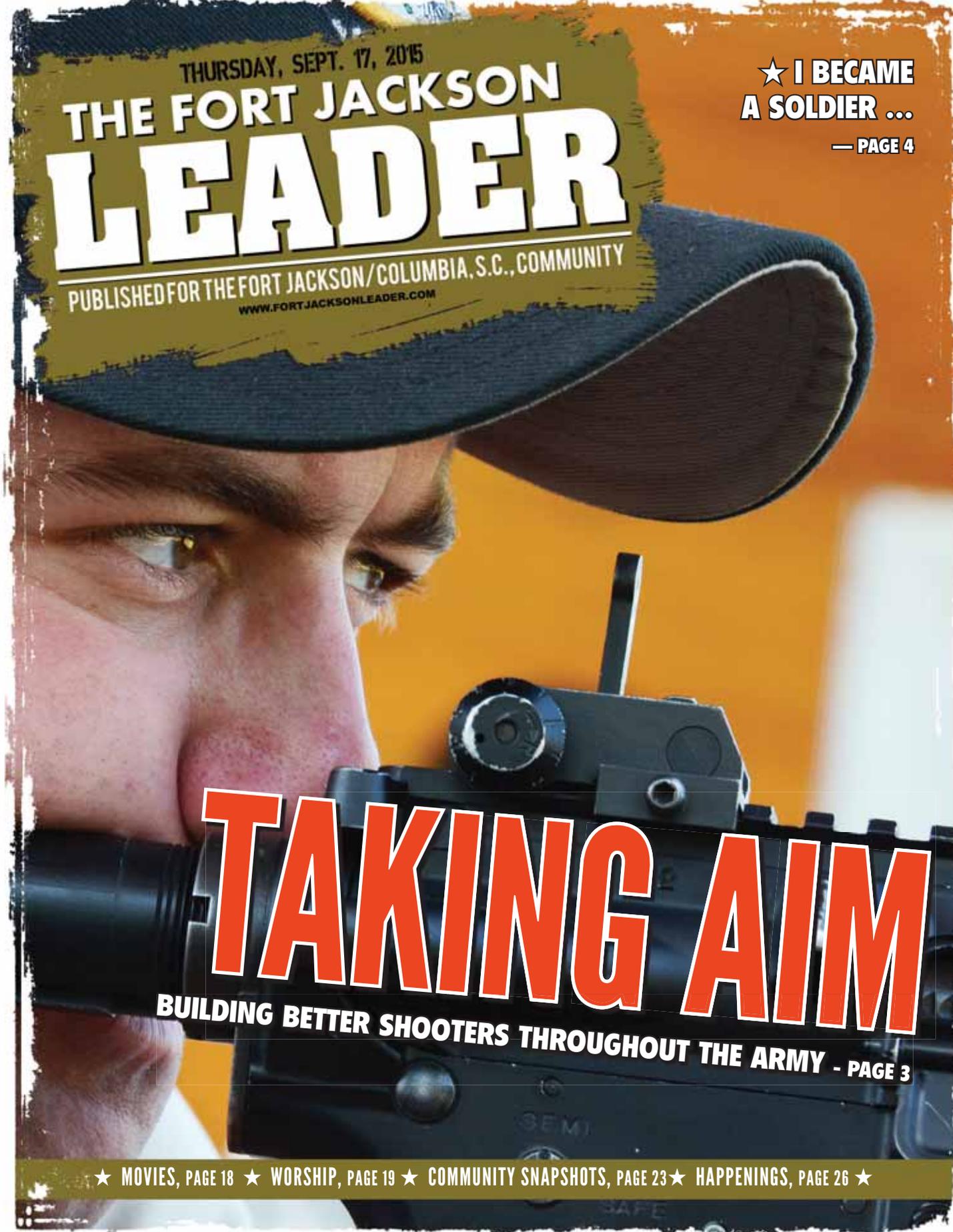
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Staff Sgt. Kevin Trickett with the Army Marksmanship Unit checks the iron sights on an M-4 rifle during the Master Marksmanship Training course for drill sergeants held on Fort Jackson the first half of this month. **SEE PAGE 3.**



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# Community Calendar

## TODAY

### Anger management

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Call 751-6325 for information or to register.

### Skeet shooting

2-5:30 p.m., Aachen Range. Buy a round a skeet and enjoy chili, hotdogs and a cold, nonalcoholic drink. Open to ID cardholders, guests. Call 751-3484.

## FRIDAY

### United Way support day

7:45-9:30 a.m., S.C. State House, 1100 Gervais St. Volunteers who wish to learn about the organizations and projects financed by United Way of the Midlands are encouraged to attend. Dress is duty uniforms or Army T-shirt and blue jeans/khakis. Volunteers will have the option of working with Big Brothers/Big Sisters after the information event or choosing another organization from the following website: [www.eventbrite.com/e/united-way-day-volunteer-opportunities-tickets-18103727737](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/united-way-day-volunteer-opportunities-tickets-18103727737). For information, contact Capt. Cotton at 704-578-4352 or Staff Sgt. Rodriguez at 301-529-4999.

### Suicide-prevention talk

9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., Solomon Center. Motivational speaker Dan Gillan will discuss the loss of two brothers to suicide.

## SATURDAY

### Boys and Girls Clubs Kids' Day

Barbecue, swimming and water games at Knight Pool. Call 751-4824.

### Do It in Pink

10 a.m., Solomon Center. Free aerobathon to promote breast cancer awareness. Wear pink. Call 751-3700.

## MONDAY

### Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses

9-11:30 a.m., Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. How to find positions on Fort Jackson. Call 751-5256 or email [Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil).

### Suicide-prevention talk

9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., Solomon Center. Chief of Staff Col. Morris Goins will speak.

### Child-safety awareness refresher training

5-6 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. One-hour course reinforcing skills learned in introductory instruction. Open to military, Family, DOD

cardholders. For information or to register, call 751-6325.

## TUESDAY

### Resume-writing and interviewing skills

9 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Targeted to military spouses but open to military, DOD cardholders.

## WEDNESDAY

### Job-Searching Strategies for Military Spouses

8:30 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Open to military, DOD cardholders. Call 751-5256 or email [Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil).

### Maternity briefing

9-10 a.m., Room 8-85, Moncrief Community Army Hospital. For pregnant Soldiers, their Families. Call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

### Bright Honeybee play group

10-11:30 a.m., Classroom 8, 5614 Hood St. To help parents learn developmentally appropriate play. Open to active-duty, retired Soldiers; Family. Call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

### Professional Mentorship Network/ Female Forum luncheon

11:30 a.m., NCO Club. Guest speaker Brig. Gen. Barbara Lynne Owens, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Human Resources Command. To reserve a space, contact [Bessie.B.Ferguson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Bessie.B.Ferguson.civ@mail.mil).

## SEPT. 23

### Yom Kippur

6 p.m., Main Post Chapel. The last of 10 days of penitence at the beginning of the Jewish new year.

## SEPT. 26

### Drug 'take-back' day

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Main Exchange. Dispose of unused prescription drugs. Call 751-4785/2385.

## SEPT. 30

### Is Business Ownership Right for You?

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Room B-205, Education Center. For information or to register, call 888-896-9444.

## OCT. 3

### Fire Prevention Week kickoff

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fort Jackson Fire Department. Fire station tours, Smoke House safety trailer, Sparky the Fire

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If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible.

With any photo you submit, include IDs — including rank, unit, and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

Dog, games. The first 200 children who bring in fire safety homework will receive T-shirts. Call 751-1610/0891.

### 5K breast cancer awareness run/walk

8 a.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital parking lot. Free registration. T-shirts \$10; socks, tutus \$5 apiece. To register or to purchase apparel, call Army Public Health Nursing at 751-5200/5251 or visit Building 4555 (Preventive Medicine).

## OCT. 6

### Time Warner job fair

9 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Open to military personnel, retirees, spouses seeking customer-service positions. Call 751-5256.

## OCT. 7

### Newlywed/Not-So-Newlywed Game

6-8 p.m., Joe E. Mann ballroom. Dancing, games. Open to active-duty and retired military, DOD civilians, Families. For free child care, call 751-4865. Call 751-6325.

## OCT. 14

### Deer hunt deadline

Nov. 7 and 14, Alpine Lodge at Heise Pond. Semi-guided deer hunt for active-duty and retired Soldiers, ID cardholders with hunting licenses. Hunters chosen by lottery Oct. 15. Cost \$35. Call 751-3484.

## OCT. 21

### Activation, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

1 p.m., Victory Field. RSVP by Oct. 15 to Staff Sgt. Lakeshia Ross, 751-8128.

## OCT. 24

### Stop the Violence aerobathon

10 a.m. to noon, Solomon Center. All participants should wear purple to show support for an end to domestic violence. Call 751-3700.



Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

Sgt. Courtney Anne McClelland fires an M4 rifle on Argentan Range. Below, Sgt. 1st Class Emilio Garcia from MEDDAC checks his target after his first night shoot using lasers and night-vision equipment. Both were taking instruction from Fort Benning's marksmanship unit.

# Shooting for EXCELLENCE

## Drill sergeants relearn skills to become better trainers

By JENNIFER STRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

A team of the Army's crack marksmanship trainers has spent the past two weeks on Fort Jackson, requiring drill sergeants to re-examine and relearn their basic shooting skills so they can better train their Soldiers.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit from Fort Benning, Georgia, worked with 27 drill sergeants – at Fort Jackson's request – responding to an Armywide deficiency in current marksmanship training.

"They're breaking the bad habits and re-establishing and developing those fundamentals again," said Sgt. Heather Marie Jacques, a drill instructor taking the course. "Hopefully, I'll keep 'expert' and go on to teach that to my privates – teach them how to take their time – and keep improving."

That was the intent of the retraining – retraining the trainers who will work with Soldiers who may, in turn, train those who come after them.



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# "I BECAME A SOLDIER..."

Post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier loves to meet Soldiers in training. It reminds him that everyone on post is here to build the best Soldiers in the world. No companies graduate this week. Instead, committed Soldiers tell their stories.

**LIGHTNING BATTALION**



**SGT. WILLIAM JAMES KITTLE, 38**

Kittle joined the Army National Guard in 1996, went active duty from 1991 to 2001 and rejoined the Guard in 2005.

"I'm a 91B (a wheeled vehicle mechanic).

"I met my wife in 2005. We got pregnant, so I decided to go back to active duty in 2006.

"In January 2014, I got my email to become a drill sergeant, and I went to training in July.

"It's gratifying (being a drill sergeant), but it's not quite the job you expected it to be.

"It can be challenging at times, and sometimes it's easy – you've got the warriors that really want to be here."

**3<sup>RD</sup> BATTALION, 34<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT**



**STAFF SGT. JOHN QUICK, 28**

"I joined the Army in 2006 – July. I wasn't planning to go on to college or anything, so I just joined the Army.

"I've done deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait. I've been to Alaska (and) Fort Carson, Fort Polk and Fort Benning.

"Being a drill sergeant, it's a different experience. You've really got to take yourself back to the very beginning where you're training the basics – but it's where you started.

"It's a good feeling where you're transforming civilians into Soldiers."

**120<sup>TH</sup> ADJUTANT GENERAL BATTALION (HAC)**



**SGT. SHERROD RICHARDSON, 27**

"I joined the Army to better myself. It seemed like the quickest thing to join, and I had some Family that said, 'Don't join the Marines!'

"I joined in March of 2008, about a year after I got out of high school. I was working and said, 'You know what? I'm tired of doing this, and you know what, Mom? I'm going to go join the Army.'

"I went to Basic here at Fort Jackson, then to (Advanced Individual Training), Fort Hood, Texas, for five years, and then back here to Fort Jackson.

"I had two deployments – one to Iraq in 2009 and one to Afghanistan in 2012.

"For the most part, I like it (the Army) for the different people you get to meet, the different places you get to go, the different jobs that you can hold, and the opportunity to go to school to better yourself and better your Family."

**1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION, 34<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT**



**SGT. COURTNEY MCCLELLAND, 27**

"While I was in high school, 9/11 happened, and so I wanted to do my part – get deployed, see what I could do.

"I joined because I wanted to help Soldiers, and I wanted to serve my country, and it was also a way to get out of home.

"I also wanted to travel, and I thought I could do that in the Army.

"My father was in the Marines, (but) the Marine Corps was off the table.

"I had a friend in the Army that I grew up with, and he said, 'This is awesome,' and I went to talk to a recruiter.

"I've been stationed in Germany, Fort Stewart. I've been to Iraq, and I've been stationed at Fort Carson.

"I've done a lot more than I thought I'd ever do.

"I really like being a drill sergeant. I get to train the people who will take my place."

**TASK FORCE MARSHALL**



**STAFF SGT. RICO HARRISON, 35**

"I chose the Army initially because my brother and my best friend were thinking about joining, and it piqued my interest. I talked to a recruiter. I signed up.

"I signed up in September 1999.

"When I first got in the Reserves, I was doing supply. I did that for five years, and then I got out of the military for two years and came back as a drill sergeant.

"I've been with Task Force Marshall since April.

"I like the structure. I like the environment.

"To me, it's a better work environment, versus the civilian side. In the civilian side, I was a corrections officer.

**17<sup>TH</sup> MP DETACHMENT (DES)**



**SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS ANDRE FORTUNE, 36**

"I joined in August 1998.

"I was in high school working at Burger King, and I found out I was going to be a dad.

"A recruiter showed up and told me about the benefits – so I joined.

"I was a private in Vicenza, Italy, from 1999 to 2003. I got to speak a foreign language – I learned Italian. It was the best assignment ever.

"You've got to understand, I'm a city boy; so leaving home and going to a foreign country was like wow – culture shock. The experience of learning the customs and courtesies was priceless.

"I also volunteer with the community. I mentor troubled kids at DJJ (the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice), and I'm a member of the Richland County Citizen Academy program, where we volunteer for the Sheriff's Department.

"Since the day I joined the Army, I'm all about service."

## Lecture series aims to help Soldiers become leaders

From Staff Reports

Lt. Gen. James C. McConville will deliver the Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude Lecture at 3 p.m. Tuesday, at the Solomon Center.

As deputy chief of staff, G-1, McConville is chief personnel officer for the Army – the same rank and position held by lecture series namesake Lt. Gen. Maude, who died in the attack on the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Maude Leadership Lecture Series began at the Soldier Support Institute in January 2007. Lectures occur at the convenience of the institute and may take place more than once yearly. Those from the Adjutant General School and Non-Commissioned Officer Academy are the primary audience, but the lecture is open to all.

The sponsoring Maude Foundation describes its mission as “taking care of Soldiers,” supporting them in their quest to be strong leaders and passionate mentors.

It provides scholarships for non-commissioned officers who wish to attend college and participate in ROTC in order to earn commissions as officers – the Army’s Green to Gold program.

Since 2003, the foundation has financed more than three dozen such scholarships.

Maude’s widow, Teri, will attend the lecture.

## TRICARE prescriptions to change under new law

Starting Oct. 1, all TRICARE beneficiaries except active-duty Soldiers will be able to obtain select brand-name maintenance drugs only through TRICARE pharmacy home delivery or from a military pharmacy. Beneficiaries who use a retail pharmacy for such drugs will pay full cost.

Maintenance drugs are those taken regularly for a long time, such as drugs to control blood pressure or cholesterol.

The new law regulating such drugs does not apply to those taken for a short time – such as antibiotics – or to generic drugs.

The new law does not affect beneficiaries living overseas or those who have other prescription drug coverage.

The TRICARE pharmacy contractor, Express Scripts, will send letters explaining options to beneficiaries taking drugs affected by the new law. Beneficiaries also may contact Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303 to see whether the law affects them.

During September, those affected will receive letters from Express Scripts notifying them of the need to switch their drugs.

After Oct. 1, beneficiaries still filling prescriptions for an affected drug at a retail pharmacy will receive another letter informing them of the change to the benefit.

After that, beneficiaries will be allowed one final “courtesy” fill at a retail pharmacy. If they fill an affected prescription at a retail pharmacy again, they have to pay 100 percent of the cost of their medications.

TRICARE pharmacy home delivery allows beneficiaries to receive a 90-day supply, as opposed to a 30-day supply from a retail pharmacy. Savings can amount to as much as \$176 yearly per each drug delivered.

Military pharmacies offer as much as a 90-day supply of drugs at zero copay, but not all drugs are available.

For more information about this change to TRICARE pharmacy benefits, visit [www.tricare.mil/RxNewRules](http://www.tricare.mil/RxNewRules) or contact the Moncrief Army Community Hospital pharmacy at 803-751-2259.



Photo by JACQUELINE WREN, 81st Regional Support Command

Ajae Franklin, manager for the 81st RSC Suicide Prevention Programs, speaks during a panel discussion at command headquarters last week. The discussion featured members of the Fort Jackson and local communities. Leaders from the 81st also shared personal experiences with suicide.

# 81<sup>st</sup> RSC works to bolster suicide-prevention effort

By MICHAEL MASCARI  
Public Affairs, 81st Regional Support Command

Stigmas, attitudes or a lack of awareness can keep people from having honest conversations about suicide prevention. The 81st Regional Support Command offered a suicide-prevention panel at its headquarters on Fort Jackson on Sept. 9, hoping to change this.

Col. Caryn “Suzie” Heard, 81st RSC legislative liaison sat on the panel and called the event important for the Fort Jackson community.

“It is important to share information and open the door for people to talk openly about suicide,” she said. “It helps to reduce the stigma and reluctance to discuss the topic.”

“It also gives those who may be considering suicide resources to get help and open doors for them to be able to share their thoughts and feelings and reach out for help.”

The event was part of the RSC’s observance of Suicide Prevention Month.

Sitting on the panel with Heard were Chaplain Bobby Farmer of Northeast Presbyterian Church; Kim Richardson, CEO and founder of Widows of Opportunity; Helen Pridgen, a social worker and area director for the American Federation for Suicide Prevention; Christina Wildly, director of the 81st RSC Psychological Health Program; and garrison chaplain Col. Mark Penfold.

Pridgen, who addressed the 81st RSC during last year’s suicide-prevention presentation, became involved with the American Federation for Suicide Prevention as a result of losing her own 25-year-old son, Clay, to suicide.

It’s important to be able to discuss suicide without shame, she said. Her organization finances research and raises awareness about the issues surrounding suicide. She encouraged leaders to have open and frank discussions with their organizations, and to pay attention to signs from staff and coworkers.

Senior members of the 81st RSC shared their experiences, both personal and professional. Each reiterated the importance of being observant and willing to reach out to those who might be in need.

Heard echoed those sentiments.

“Leaders need to be involved and know their personnel to be able to recognize the signs someone may be showing,” she said. “Leaders need to know the available resources to provide assistance.”

“Leaders also have a responsibility to establish an environment where individuals can ask for help and share their feelings without worrying about being talked about, made fun of or excluded.”

Chaplain Penfold said the panel even taught him about some of the resources available to those at risk.

“Besides making people aware of what’s going on, (such resources remind) us we are all involved in this together,” he said. “You don’t have to be an expert to reach out.”

“Most people who are at risk show signs, and it’s to people they know, they are close to or maybe people they work with. It’s rarely the professionals they reach out to first.”

For information and resources, visit [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org). People in need of immediate assistance may call 800-273-TALK.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

The Drill Sergeant Academy Hall of Fame inducted two active and two retired drill sergeants during a ceremony Friday at the school. Inducted were, front row: Sgt. 1st Class Ryan J. McCaffrey, Sgt. 1st Class David E. Stover; Sgt. 1st Class (retired) Gerald Simpson; Command Sgt. Maj. (retired) James E. Walthes. Also pictured, back row, from left, are: Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Campbell, operations/plans/training sergeant major for the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training at Fort Eustis; and Sgt. Maj. Ed Roderiques, deputy commandant of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy.

## 4 added to drill sergeant hall of fame

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

The Drill Sergeant Academy Hall of Fame has grown by four names, doubling the number of inductees.

The Hall of Fame began last year to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy on Fort Jackson. But not all inductees must be drill sergeants, said Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Woods of the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

The process, as he explained it to the ceremony audience last Friday, is a simple one. A member of the Drill Sergeant Association must make a nomination and submit a one-page explanation of the nominee's merits. After that, the board will vote on whether to add a name to the rosters of the Drill Sergeant Academy Hall of Fame.

"(They don't) necessarily have to be a drill sergeant, but they do have to have impacted the drill sergeant community," Thomas said.

The U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Association was founded in 2014 as a tool to link active and retired drill sergeants within a nationally recognized association.

Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Campbell,

operations/plans/training sergeant major for the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training at Fort Eustis, also addressed the audience.

"You were a drill sergeant once, and you never really left," he said. "Until the day you're in the ground, I expect you to be out there searching, motivating and helping the Army enforce standards of discipline."

Inducted last week were:

### **Command Sgt. Maj. (retired) James E. Walthes**

Walthes was commandant of the Army Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson from April 1999 to June 2000. After retiring in 2001, he was selected as the first chief of the Proponent Integration Development Division, where he oversees the proponent programs of instruction for Basic Combat Training, Drill Sergeant and Advanced Individual Training Platoon Sergeant programs.

As the senior civilian, he also is principal consultant providing advice and assistance in mission accomplishment over the Initial Military Training Programs. During his tenure, he has led the Drill Sergeant Program through revolutionary changes in terms of how drill sergeant

candidates are trained and developed.

### **Sgt. 1st Class Ryan J. McCaffrey**

McCaffrey is a co-founder of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Association and a key leader of the first National Association for U.S. Army Drill Sergeants. McCaffrey also was instrumental in setting up the USADSA Scholarship fund, which awards scholarships to Family members of current and former drill sergeants.

As the 2013 Drill Sergeant of the Year (Reserve Component), McCaffrey assisted in making multiple changes to the Drill Sergeant Program and to the Basic Training Program of Instruction. The changes not only improved the quality of life for drill sergeants throughout the Army but changed the way Basic Training Soldiers are taught.

### **Sgt. 1st Class (retired) Gerald Simpson**

Simpson has spent more than 14 years working in the Drill Sergeant Program in roles varying from drill sergeant, Drill Sergeant School Operations NCO, Drill Sergeant Proponent training developer and quality assurance NCO, and Drill Sergeant

Program training specialist.

Simpson also helped transform the Drill Sergeant Program and the consolidation of the Drill Sergeant Schools into the present-day Army Drill Sergeant Academy. He has also been a principal driver behind revisions of the Drill Sergeant School's Program of Instruction, Course Management Plan and Individual Student Assessment Plans.

### **Sgt. 1st Class David E. Stover**

Stover is a co-founder of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Association and a leader of the first National Association for U.S. Army Drill Sergeants. Stover helped set up the USADSA Scholarship fund, which awards scholarships to Family members of current and former drill sergeants.

Stover also has helped change the way drill sergeants are taught rifle marksmanship at the Drill Sergeant Academy, and helped change the training methodology used by today's drill sergeants.

As the 2013 Drill Sergeant of the Year (Active Component), Stover assisted in making multiple changes to the Drill Sergeant Program and the Basic Training Program of Instruction. The changes improved the quality of life of drill sergeants and other Soldiers throughout the Army.

# A DAY TO REMEMBER

**Soldiers, Families and friends of Fort Jackson  
commemorate anniversary of 9/11 terror attacks**



Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE



Photo by DAVID SHANES

Top right, den leader Holly Ewers helps Tiger Scouts Dylan Ping, Leander Anderson, Dane Brake and Eli Supanich lay a wreath at the flagpole of Pierce Terrace Elementary School on Friday, recalling the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001. The four Scouts – all first-graders – joined their fellow students in the brief recollection.

Above, Sgt. 1st Class Felipe Chung, a drill sergeant with the 193rd Brigade, served as wreath bearer during a ceremony honoring the fallen held at Fort Jackson headquarters.

Left, Fort Jackson leaders participate in a ceremony at the South Carolina First Responders' memorial in Columbia on the evening of Sept. 11. The ceremony honored the first responders and military Service members who lost their lives on 9/11.



Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

With an assist from Cub Scouts Caiden Ping and Nick Reed, Boy Scout Michael Ewers of Troop 89 attaches the American flag to its halyard in preparation for raising it to the top of the pole and then lowering it to half-staff to remember those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.



Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Above, Sgt. 1st Class Felipe Chung, installation Command Sgt. Major Dan Hain and Fort Jackson commandier Maj. Gen. Roger L. Cloutier Jr. pause for a moment of prayer during last week's 9/11 remembrance outside post headquarters.

Left, children in all classes at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School gather Friday morning at the school flagpole for an event commemorating those who fell on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as those who have served in resulting military conflicts. Each child held a flag that eventually was planted on the school lawn.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

FMWR closed out the summer season at Palmetto Falls Water Park by letting dog owners take their pets for a swim. Above, Boomer was among the dozens of pets to take advantage of the event, the first of its kind at Fort Jackson.

# Park revenue falls as access tightens

By CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT  
Fort Jackson Leader

Tougher security measures slowed visits to Palmetto Falls Water Park to a trickle this summer.

Final figures on the number of visitors and amount of revenue generated are not yet available, but those who manage the park said the season was extremely slow.

Typically, Sundays are the slowest day at the water park, said Michael Garcia, branch chief for sports, fitness and aquatics for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. But this year?

“We had a season of Sundays,” Garcia lamented on Friday.

Looking for a silver lining, Garcia added that because the hiring process also was slower as the result of federal demand for more extensive background checks, “it was good that we didn’t have enough customers.”

The park hired 120 workers this summer, said water park director Sang Pak.

“It was the security at the gate that really killed us,” Pak said – too many people just couldn’t get onto post.

“The newly imposed ... practices with force protection did affect business,” Garcia confirmed – and “rightly so.”

Fred Vasquez is chief of physical security for Fort Jackson.

“Guards merely follow procedures and directives,” Vasquez said. “Fort Jackson has access-control requirements that must be followed.”

Last March, Fort Jackson was one of the first military installations in the country to meet tougher security standards implemented in late 2014. The new regulations require visitors, contractors and other civilians to undergo background checks and receive temporary ID cards

in order to come on post. Both Pak and Garcia said they would rather ensure that park visitors were safe, rather than worry about revenue.

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The newly imposed ... practices with force protection did affect business.

— Michael Garcia,  
Directorate of Morale,  
Welfare and Recreation

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Jonathan Wilson, 9, and Sitka cool off at the side of the pool Saturday afternoon at Palmetto Falls Water Park. Dozens of dog owners took their pets to the park for supervised swimming.

# Park

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This summer also saw no serious injuries, Garcia said, so “we still had a successful season.”

Historically, the park has generated all of the money for payroll, operation and maintenance from visitor revenue, Garcia said.

The fact that revenue has dropped precipitously does not mean the park will close, both men said – although Garcia added that new ways of paying for the park’s operation would have to be considered.

“Even though the bean counters want to count dollars,” he said, no one will close the park because “we’re here to serve Soldiers.”

The park ended the season Saturday with Dog Day for the pooches of military families only.

Until next season, the park pools will lie idle behind their security fences. They will not be drained because draining promotes cracking, Pak said.



*Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE*  
**Dogs of all sizes took over Palmetto Falls Water Park last Saturday, as FMWR closed out the season with a pets-only day for swimming.**





Two Soldiers in training from Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment beat each other with pugil sticks during hand-to-hand combat training as Sgt. Tybias Butler, a Reserve drill sergeant, watches. Butler's Reserve unit, Golf Company, 1st Battalion, 323rd Infantry Regiment out of Cary, N.C., helped the company as part of its yearly training.

## A resounding **Echo**

### Reservists match skills with active-duty drill sergeants

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Whether the drill sergeant is a Reservist or active-duty Soldier makes no difference to a recruit going through Basic Combat Training on Fort Jackson.

The barracks still will carry the scent of weapon-cleaning solution and pine oil cleaner, and the training will remain rigorous despite the status of the instructor.

"For the most part, I don't think they know," said Capt. Thomas Carter, one of more than a dozen Reservists spelling their active-duty counterparts during summer training this month.

Basic training companies get "new commanders and drill sergeants throughout the cycle, so there's no difference," said Carter, commander of Golf Company, 1st Battalion, 323rd Infantry Regiment based in Cary, North Carolina.

Carter's Reserve component unit executed its two-week "Echo" mission – which ended Monday – by providing drill sergeants, a first sergeant, an executive officer and a commander for Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, a BCT company on Fort Jackson. Echo missions also support the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, another 193rd Infantry Brigade unit.

E Company was in the white phase of basic training, during which Soldiers in training learn how to fire M-4 carbines accurately; toss hand grenades high, hard and overhand; confront their fears on the confidence course; and survive pummeling one another during Army combatives.

Active-duty and Reserve drill sergeants are virtually identical, said the unit's senior enlisted leader.



Photos by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Stone, a Reserve drill sergeant with Golf Company, 1st Battalion, 323rd Infantry Regiment, 98th Training Division, leans out to watch privates from Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment pull one another up the Skyscraper obstacle at the Fort Jackson Confidence Course on Sept. 2.



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

**Staff Sgt. Angela Lee, a Reserve drill sergeant, watches Soldiers in training with Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment stretching out before Army combatives training Sept. 9 on Fort Jackson. Lee is part of a Reserve unit assisting active-duty drill sergeants during summer training cycles.**

## Echo

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“The only difference is we are Reserve, they are active,” said the company’s first sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Wood.

“All the schools are the same. All the qualifications are the same. Everyone goes through the same school (U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy) here on Fort Jackson.”

“We work side by side,” said Wood, who has participated in numerous Echo missions.

“You could line up all the drill sergeants, and you wouldn’t be able to tell who was Reserve and who was active.”

Reservists augment active-duty drill sergeants “during the summer months because there is an influx of civilians coming in to become Soldiers,” Wood said. “We provide support to those battalions and companies to get as many (trainees) through as possible.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Edwin T. Brooks said that “the mission allows us to produce approximately 1,440 more Soldiers, given the additional two companies and manpower.

That’s “extremely valuable” to both the 3-60th and the 1-13th because it provides the units with additional drill sergeants, increasing cadre resiliency by allowing for more Family time.

The unit mixes active and Reserve drill sergeants to keep continuity when the cadre switch every three weeks. This also keeps Reserve component drill sergeants current on their training.

“I think we have the right combination with our Reserve component drill sergeants, and when called upon, they meet the challenge,” Brooks said. “Their transition in and out is obvious, yet transparent to the trainee because of the professionalism of the NCO corps.”

Lt. Col. Carol Hayman, commander of the 1st Battalion, 323rd Infantry Regiment, takes pride in the dedication and excitement her troops show.

“I’m excited about being here,” Carter said. “I love being a part” of a trainee’s progression from civilian to Soldier.

For company leaders, seeing civilians evolve from wet-



**Sgt. Joshua Sheptock, a Reserve drill sergeant attached to Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, watches intently as Soldiers attempt to navigate an obstacle at the Fort Jackson Confidence Course.**

behind-the-ears recruits into Soldiers is most gratifying.

“I like watching these kids go from having no self-esteem at all to be able to graduate and perform their duties as a Soldier,” said Reserve drill sergeant Staff Sgt. Angela as she carefully watched her Soldiers going through the confidence course early in the cycle.

Lee, who started her Army career as a human resources specialist, has spent the past few years on the trail.

She observed as Staff Sgt. Kenneth Stone, a Reserve drill sergeant, monitored trainees carefully from his perch on the Skyscraper, a five-tiered open platform that Soldiers climb by shinnying up the obstacle’s four legs or being receiving boosts from teammates.

“This will show you how well you can do pull-ups,” he said, encouraging a four-Soldier team through the obstacle.

“Grab him by the belt,” Stone said as he instructed trainees on the proper way to pull one another up to the next level. “If you don’t grab the belt, you can’t pull him up.”

1st Lt. Alison Hayes, the company’s executive officer, said her Soldiers’ “getting the mentorship” from their active-duty counterparts helped them get up to speed quickly, allowing them to continue training seamlessly.

The Echo mission is a great opportunity for the company’s new drill sergeants to have “excellent opportunities for mentorship outside of the drill weekend and in front of privates” from seasoned drill sergeants, she said.

Reserve component drill sergeants bring a different mind-set to training, even though they have undergone the same training as their active-duty counterparts.

“We deal with civilians every day back home,” Hayes said. “We have military policemen. We have our infantrymen. We have every (military occupational specialty) you can think of.

“It’s not like you have one particular personality for a drill sergeant.”

Wood agreed with Hayes but added that the Reservists brought with them different ways of solving problems.

“Not only are you bringing in different MOSEs, you are bringing in different skill sets,” he said. “As far as management and as far as technical skills from a civilian aspect, we have a lot that your active component doesn’t have.”

If you have “a civilian background, you can understand more of what the privates are thinking,” Carter said.

“Some of the active-duty drill sergeants have been doing this so long that they get separated from the civilian side.”

In recent months numerous, national media – including USA Today and the Los Angeles Times – have reported on a supposed military-civilian gap, isolating those in service from those with no military experience personally or through family ties.

The Reserve drill sergeants come from all military occupational specialties and include Soldiers who joined the Reserves after retiring from the regular Army.

“I know that the Soldiers in my unit, my drill sergeants, this is what they went to different schools to do,” said Hayes, a Citadel graduate and a contractor with the Army Medical Command at Fort Bragg.

“I am happy to see them doing what they love to do, and what they put in their blood, sweat and tears to do.”

## Flu shots available at MACH on Sept. 28

Beginning Sept. 28, flu vaccines will be available at Moncrief Army Community Hospital.

Walk-ins may visit the 10th-floor flu clinic 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. any weekday but Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Vaccines also will be available:

■ 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 29, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17, at the Main Post Exchange.

■ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 6 and Nov. 3, at the Solomon Center.

■ 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 3, at the main entrance to MACH.

The 120th Immunization Clinic Team will schedule units.

Inoculations will be by shots only. No mist and no vaccines for children 3 and younger are available.

For information, call 751-4669.

## Behavioral survey examines readiness

Active-duty Service members soon will be selected randomly to complete

an anonymous Health-Related Behaviors Survey. The online survey will take about 40 minutes to complete.

The survey – given approximately every three years since 1980 – is used to measure behaviors that might affect military readiness.

Participation in the survey is voluntary. “Through this survey and the Service members’ candid responses, our experts are able to uncover those issues that may affect the health and well-being of our Service members,” said Dr. Jonathon Woodson, assistant secretary for health affairs and director, Defense Health Agency.

To protect privacy, the survey is designed to be completed in one sitting. Those who are interrupted will have start anew.

Survey results will be posted to a DOD website later this fall.

## First Sailor becomes Air Force security chief

A Sailor assigned to the 628th Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base Charleston recently became the first Navy master-at-arms to be certified as an Air Force security forces flight chief.

Because certified flight chiefs are few

and far between, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ethan Holland volunteered to participate in a 60-day certification to become one. As a flight chief, Holland will lead, manage, supervise and perform force-protection duties for all base personnel and resources.

“The most stressful part about the training was the test,” Holland said. “I was the first Sailor to take it, and I didn’t want to give the Navy a bad reputation.”

Holland scored 98 percent, placing him among the top 10 percent in the squadron.

## Scam artists misuse Exchange logo in ads

Those in the market for new vehicles should be suspicious of magazine and newspaper advertisements bearing the “Exchange Inc.” name.

“Unfortunately, some have sent money only to receive nothing in return,” said Rick Koloski, vice president for loss prevention for the Army and Air Force Exchange Services. “This type of fraud has proliferated with the use of the Internet and continues to be a challenge.”

Military exchanges do not have the authority to sell vehicles or represent private sellers in transactions.

Shoppers who think they have been misled by such ads may file a complaint through the Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

## DOD tells employees to protect accounts

The Defense Department advises its employees to protect themselves in the wake of two cybersecurity breaches earlier this year.

According to a memorandum sent to top DOD staff, “most DOD employees were affected by these incidents (and are urged) to take immediate measures to protect (themselves) from scams and from the misuse of ... personal information.”

Employees should:

■ Change the passwords on all financial accounts.

■ Monitor financial accounts for unusual activity.

■ Report unusual activity to the appropriate financial institutions.

The DOD offers a theft-protection “tool kit,” which is available from <https://pyi-toolkit.cdse.edu>.

# There's a reason they call it punch 'drunk'

By DAVID VERGUN  
Army News Service

"I didn't realize that all this time I've been in a formation of drunks," the NCO told Lt. Col. Kate E. Van Arman, referring to Arman's use of a quote from Surgeon General of the Army Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho.

That quote?

"If you have less than six hours of sleep for six days in a row ... you are cognitively impaired as if you had a .08-percent alcohol level," Horoho said.

"We never will allow a Soldier in our formation with a 0.08-percent alcohol level, but we allow it (sleep deprivation) every day (among Soldiers who must) make those complex decisions."

After a Soldier has been awake 17 hours, Van Arman said further, response time becomes equivalent to that of a person with a blood-alcohol content of 0.05 percent. A full day without sleep translates to a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.10 percent.

Van Arman, medical director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic on Fort Drum, New York, spoke at the 2015 Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury at Defense Health Headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia, earlier this month.

Much of what she said applies to all Soldiers, whether or not they have traumatic injuries.

It isn't just the Soldiers who party all night who lack sleep, Van Arman said. The ordinary demands of Army life cause sleeplessness, too.

For example, Soldiers who misbehave can be ordered to perform extra duties as punishment, keeping them up until midnight, she said. Assuming that Reveille is at 6 a.m., that's six or fewer hours of sleep.

Overall, one-third of military members sleep less than five hours per night and two-thirds, less than six, she said.

Deployed Soldiers get an astonishing average of just three hours of sleep per night, she said — particularly those in combat arms.

It's not for lack of trying to sleep though, she said. Those deployed or on extended exercises try to catch winks when they can.

A lot of that sleep, though, is fitful and throws off Soldiers' circadian rhythms, she said.

All this sleeplessness has resulted in a "culture of caffeine," Van Arman said.

Last year, Americans spent \$27.5 billion on energy drinks, whose consumption has risen 5,000 percent since 1999, she said.

A meta-analysis of caffeine on cognitive performance has shown that 100 to 300 mil-



Army News Service photo

**Soldiers from the 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment on a 19-hour flight from Alaska to Australia try to get some sleep on the floor and seats of a Royal Australian Air Force C-17 Globemaster. Deployed Soldiers reportedly average just three hours of sleep a night.**

ligrams of caffeine results in mood improvement, she said. That's about one or two cups of coffee.

Anything greater than 400 mg, though, results in mood deterioration, she said. The added caffeine may result in a person's staying awake but may not improve decision-making.

Sleep problems are "the absolute No.

1 military disorder when people come back from deployments," Van Arman said. "Among TBI Soldiers, it is the No. 2 problem, after headaches."

Sleep disorders include insomnia, sleep apnea, nightmares and teeth-grinding.

About 300,000 Service members have some form of TBI, so that's a significant number, she said.

# Aim

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"The impact is tremendous," said Lt. Col. Bret Tecklenburg, commander of the Army Marksmanship Unit. "You look at each one of these drill sergeants, and you know there are probably several dozen (trainees) in each of their cycles, so hundreds throughout the year – thousands over the few years that they're here – so it's awesome."

Tecklenburg said that "the Army – and, specifically, the Maneuver Center of Excellence and Maj. Gen. (Austin) Miller, the commanding general here – identified that the Army has a training-deficiency problem for marksmanship."

"We don't shoot well as an Army, and it's not because we don't have quality NCOs, quality guns or quality bullets. It's because for years – really generations – we've failed to teach NCOs how to properly train marksmanship."

The course was open to Soldiers in any military occupational specialty.

By the time the course ends today, each student will have sent roughly 1,200 rounds down range, using both the M9 pistol and the M4 rifle. The course was available mostly to non-commissioned officers – as opposed to officers – only because they do the training.

"Here we are running a level 1 – a (Basic Rifle Marksmanship) course for two weeks, mainly because that's what they teach the privates," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Toepfer, operations officer for the marksmanship unit. "They will be able to certify level 1."

Before the students at Fort Jackson were in-processed, they sent 18 rounds down range to group and zero – attempting to group their shots close together on the target.

Then they completed an automated record fire qualification, shooting at pop-up targets with no help from the instructors.

The intent was for the instructors to get a base line of the students' skill levels and their understanding of marksmanship.

"The effort is to properly train NCOs... to teach them how to properly train marksmanship, so they can teach their trainees, who will become our Soldiers and future NCOs, so they can, in turn, teach the next generation properly," Tecklenburg said.

After in-processing, each trainee was assigned four students for a full day of classroom instruction on the fundamentals of marksmanship: positions, ballistics, iron sights and close-quarters optics.

"The NCOs we have teaching the course are incredibly proficient and skilled at what they do," Tecklenburg said. "On the flip side, I'd like to beat the drum for the Maneuver Center of Excellence" and Maj. Gen. Miller, who's pushing "to get this (training) going and out to the Army."

On day two, the students engaged in virtual training, using the Engagement Skills Trainer. They learned the proper use of EST as part of integrated weapons-training strategy – a tool to enhance marksmanship.

The rest of the course took place at Argentan Range. Students fired M9 pistols and M4 rifles in prone and kneeling positions, both during day and night shoots.

"We teach night because we're going to fight at night, and we have to train it," Toepfer said. "We've found there's a lack of night training in the Army."

"There's not a lot of people that have an understanding of how to train at night and what to train at night."

Instructors taught minute-of-angle and trajectory-of-rounds fundamentals while students shot at targets placed at 25, 100, 200 and 300 meters using iron sights.

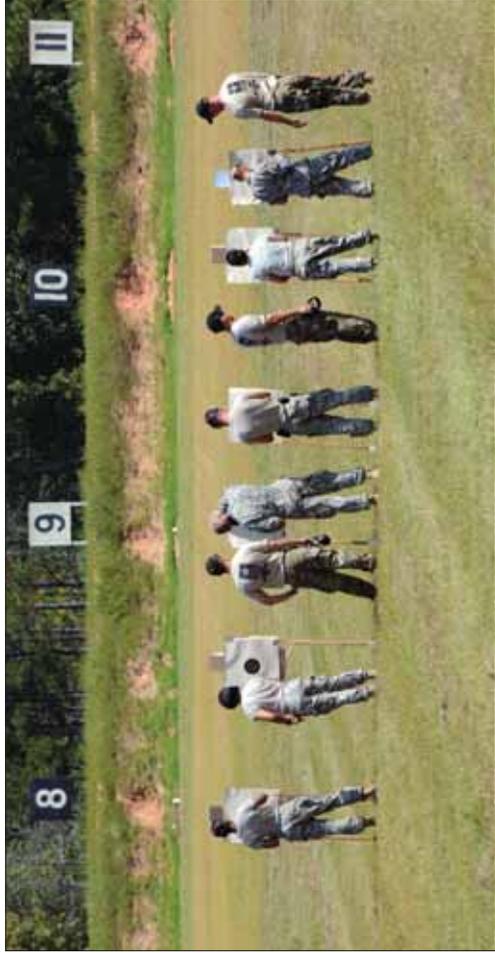
"You need to know the math, so that you can adjust for distance," said Staff Sgt. Brandon Welch, an AMU instructor.

"We try to ask questions in answers to their questions, so they will use critical thinking to find answers."

Staff Sgt. John Quick, a drill instructor taking the course,



AMU instructor Staff Sgt. Kevin Trickett helps Sgt. Tierra Hopkins hone her skills.



Students and instructors check targets after a shoot at Argentan Range.



Staff Sgt. John Quick helps fellow student Sgt. William Kittle kneel properly to shoot an M4 rifle.



Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

Above, Sgt. Courtney Anne McClelland, a drill sergeant at Fort Jackson, shoots an M9 at a target three meters away.

Left, Sgt. Tierra Hopkins, a drill sergeant at Fort Jackson, adjusts the front sight on her M4 rifle.



# First to fight for the right to nurse

By **CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Ten nursing Soldiers at Fort Bliss, Texas, created a stir across the media this week when a photo of the ACU-clad moms holding their children to their discreetly covered breasts appeared as a trending news story on Facebook.

Originally intended as decoration for the lactation room at Fort Bliss, the photo since has appeared on websites for Time magazine, USA Today and CNN.

Comments have run a predictable gamut.

Some viewers found the photo disgusting: "If a Soldier has a baby, she should be discharged from service, end of story. ... If you make the decision to be a Soldier, then make the decision not to get pregnant."

Others found it beautiful: "These women are in their work clothes, just the same as a police officer or a nurse. They should not be forced to change clothes just to feed their babies."

Perhaps predictably, many of the negative comments seemed to come from men.

I found the photo lovely. I nursed all five of my children – including my son, now a Soldier posted at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. I saw the photo as a sign of societal progress, and the Army – again – leading the way.

Back in the late Seventies and Eighties, when I had my children, no one had rooms to allow moms privacy while they pumped breast milk – certainly not military posts. They didn't even have changing tables in rest rooms, or sanitary places to nurse outside the home. (Except for one notable exception – Disney World.)

I lost my job when I became pregnant with my first child, finding one again when she was only a few weeks old. I rushed to wean her – there was nowhere at my new job where I could express my milk, and I



certainly couldn't take her to work.

When I had my second child, I pumped in a small changing room adjoining the photo lab of the newspaper at which I worked. So great was my discomfort and the possibility of being interrupted that I soon gave up the effort and, again, weaned early.

I nursed my next three children only during my eight-week maternity leaves, weaning them well before I wanted to.

Obviously, the Soldiers in the photo are

making a point about supporting nursing mothers by allowing them to express milk at work. None takes her child to work with her, as some people assumed when they saw the photo.

What's also interesting about the photo is that female Soldiers reported that when they had posted the photo and comments on their local military sites, their posts were removed. They vowed to post and repost the photos.

Which is exactly what photographer

Tara Ruby had to do, too, after the photo was removed from her own Facebook page.

"I posted this on here last night at 11:59 p.m.," she said Monday morning. "It has since disappeared from my feed and my wall. So we are posting this here again. (She inserted a smiling emoticon.)"

"Today I believe we made history. To my knowledge, a group photo to show support of active-duty military mommies nursing their little's (sic) has never been done. It is so nice to see support for this here at Fort Bliss."

Ruby said that support had come not only from the post's nursing mothers but the garrison commander, as well.

I don't know how they feel at Fort Bliss – it has been difficult to get a response because they've been deluged – but I think the story is good for the Army, even if everyone was gobsmacked by how big it became, and how fast.

A friend of mine said Tuesday morning – in a *noncontroversial* Facebook post – that she had felt all "squishy" since having a child and nursing her in recent months.

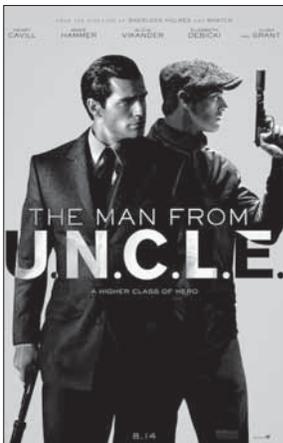
I imagine the Soldier moms feel that way, too. Being able to give one's body for the safety and nourishment of another is an incredible and unselfish act.

Perhaps instead of being shocked by the photo, we should see it this way: Any woman willing to give her body in such a way would keenly understand the key demand of Soldiering – the possibility of giving her life for her children and, by extension, the greater good.

The "controversial" photo is only the most current reflection of that age-old fact.

And it's a reminder that – as with civil rights and other issues – the Army once again leads from the front, no matter how uncomfortable that might be.

## Fort Jackson Movie Schedule 3319 Jackson Blvd. PHONE: 803-751-7488



"The Man from UNCLE" will play at Fort Jackson this weekend.

**Friday**  
"Ricki and the Flash" (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Saturday (Kids' Day)**  
"Shaun the Sheep" (PG), 2 p.m.  
"Fantastic Four" (PG-13), 4 p.m.

**Sunday**  
"Fantastic Four" (PG-13), 2 p.m.  
"The Man from UNCLE" (PG-13), 4 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
"Fantastic Four" (PG-13), 2 p.m.  
"The Man from UNCLE" (PG-13), 4 p.m.

**Sept. 25**  
"Fantastic Four" (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Sept. 26**  
"The Man from UNCLE" (PG-13), 2 p.m.  
"Straight Out of Compton" (R), 4:30 p.m.

**Sept. 27**  
"The Gift" (R), 2 p.m.  
"Fantastic Four" (PG-13), 4:30 p.m.

**Sept. 30**  
"Fantastic Four" (PG-13), 2 p.m.  
"Straight Out of Compton" (R), 4 p.m.

**Oct. 2**  
"Straight Out of Compton" (R), 7 p.m.

**TICKETS**  
Adult: \$5.50  
Child (6 to 11): \$3

**3-D TICKETS**  
Adult: \$7.50  
Child (6 to 11): \$5

● Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.  
● Movie times and schedule subject to change without notice.

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m., worship, Bayonet Chapel  
(Communion observed every Sunday.)

## CATHOLIC

**Sunday**  
■ 7:30 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation, Solomon Center  
■ 8 a.m., Mass, Solomon Center  
■ 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel  
■ 11 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

**Monday through Thursday, first Friday**  
11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

**Wednesday**  
7 p.m., recitation of the Rosary, Main Post Chapel

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Sunday**  
11:30 a.m., worship, Anderson Street Chapel

## ISLAMIC

**Sunday**  
8-10 a.m., Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

**Friday**  
12:45-1:30 p.m., Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

## JEWISH

**Sunday**  
■ 9:30-10:30 a.m., worship, Memorial

Chapel  
■ 10:30-11:30 a.m., book study, Post Conference Room

## LATTER-DAY SAINTS

**Sunday**  
9:30-11 a.m., worship, Anderson Street Chapel

**Wednesday**  
■ 3-5 p.m., LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel  
■ 7-8 p.m., LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

## PROTESTANT

**Sunday**  
■ 9 a.m., service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center  
■ 9:30 a.m., Hispanic service, Magruder Chapel  
■ 9:30 a.m., service, Main Post Chapel  
■ 9:30 a.m., Chapel Next Bible study, Bayonet Chapel  
■ 10 a.m., gospel worship service, Daniel Circle Chapel  
■ 10:45 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel  
■ 11 a.m., service, Memorial Chapel  
■ 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel  
■ 5-6:30 p.m., youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

**Monday**  
7 p.m., men's Bible study (PMOC), Chaplain Family Life Center

**Tuesday**  
9 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study, Main Post Chapel

**Wednesday**  
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

## ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

**Anderson Street Chapel**, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032  
**Bayonet Chapel**, 9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542  
**Chaplain Family Life Center**, 5460 Marion Ave. (parking lot side), 751-4961  
**Daniel Circle Chapel**, 3359 Daniel Circle, 751-1297/4478  
**Education Center**, 4581 Scales Ave.  
**Installation Chaplain's Office**, 4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318  
**McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)**, 3820 McCrady Road (at McCrady Training Center)  
**Magruder Chapel**, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883  
**Main Post Chapel**, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681  
**Memorial Chapel**, 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324  
**U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School**, 10100 Lee Road, 751-8887  
**Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion)**, 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

## Fort Jackson Gate Operation Hours

### GATE 1

5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday  
3:30 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (outbound only)  
Closed on weekends and federal holidays.

### GATE 2

Open around the clock.

### GATE 4

5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday  
Closed on weekends and federal holidays.

### GATE 5

5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday  
3:30 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (outbound only)  
5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday



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Soldiers cheer as Sgt. 1st Class Heidi Anne Hartman finishes the 12-mile ruck march during the 2015 AIT Platoon Sergeant competition. Hartman won the 1st Sgt. Tobias Meister Award, which goes to the competitor who achieved the highest score on the Army Physical Fitness Test.

## After grueling tasks, DSOY basks in honor

By JONATHAN (JAY) KOESTER  
NCO Journal

The final day of the 2015 Drill Sergeant and AIT Platoon Sergeant of the Year competitions began with a 12-mile ruck march. As each of the competitors completed the last quarter mile of the march, they were greeted with cheers and the inspiring strains of Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger."

With the ruck march complete, the competition was finally over, and nothing was left but to wait for the final announcement. After four days of grueling competition, the three winners were announced Thursday night.

Staff Sgt. Jacob Miller, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, was selected 2015 Drill Sergeant of the Year; Staff Sgt. Mark Mercer, 3/378 Battalion, 95th Infantry Division in Norman, Oklahoma, was the 2015 Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year; and Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Enriquez, Company D, 232nd Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, was the 2015 Advanced Individual Training Platoon Sergeant of the Year.

The three victors will spend the next year working at the strategic level in TRADOC's U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Miller said he was proud to hear his name called as 2015 Drill Sergeant of the Year after such a difficult competition.

"It was unbelievable," he said. "There are no words to express how much of a moment this was for me. The whole competition lasted four days against the top of

top of drill sergeants. Just hearing my name called was surreal.

"We did a lot of mental and physical stuff to prepare," he said. "We started in about May really training hard, getting ready to go. We did foot marches, we did long runs, a lot of full body workouts. But we also had to put the mental aspect into it because that's huge with this competition. You have to spend long hours and miss time with your family as you're going through all this stuff."

Miller's message to the NCO corps was: "We have to continue training Soldiers. Be there. Day in and day out, be that leader. Be a mentor. Be that coach."

After the many months of preparation, hearing his name announced as the 2015 Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year felt like a relief for Mercer.

"It was a lot of weight, a lot of pressure taken off my shoulders," Mercer said. "I've been prepping for this for 10 months. Hours of study every day and physical activity every day, just trying to absorb as much as I could. Seeing the hard work pay off was a huge relief."

"I know my wife was relieved. She was happy that I could stop studying. Maybe we can spend some more time together now. It was relief and excitement all wrapped up together."

"Preparation was key," he said. "I prepared every day. As far as the physical stuff, I had some hiccups with my legs, but I just kept grinding it out, pushing through it, knowing that if I did what I needed to do and demonstrated what I knew, I could be here."

Mercer's recommendation to the NCO



Competitors in the 2015 Drill Sergeant and AIT Platoon Sergeant competition stand at attention after being announced as winners. They are, from left, Staff Sgt. Jacob Miller, Drill Sergeant of the Year; Staff Sgt. Mark Mercer, Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year; and Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Enriquez, AIT Platoon Sergeant of the Year.

corps was: "Always strive to be better. There is always something that you don't know. Always look to exceed the current standard. Set a new standard for people to look at."

Enriquez faced the most competitors, with seven others competing against him for the title of 2015 AIT Platoon Sergeant of the Year. So hearing his name called came as a shock, he said.

"I was honestly surprised," Enriquez said. "I felt competitive, but I felt like there were a lot of people who were also competitive, so I wasn't quite sure. I wasn't doubting my skills, but I knew there were some other pretty strong people out there, as well. When

they called my name, it didn't feel real."

Enriquez said his message to the NCO corps was: "Keep doing what you're doing. I know you don't always get the praise you deserve, but someone out there appreciates you. Just because you don't get the praise doesn't mean you can stop working."

Also announced Thursday night was the winner of the 1st Sgt. Tobias Meister Award, which went to the competitor who achieved the highest score on the Army Physical Fitness Test. The test took place Wednesday night after a grinding day. Sgt. 1st Class Heidi A. Hartman, AIT platoon sergeant for Company C, 1-81 Armor Battalion, Fort Benning, Georgia, took the coveted award.

## TASK FORCE MARSHALL

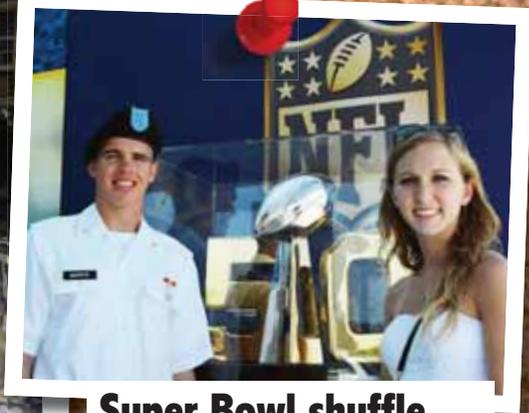


"WELCOME TO  
WAR HORSE COUNTRY"



### Drill sergeant of the cycle

Sgt. 1st Class Roy Hamm of B Company, Task Force Marshall, 171st Brigade was chosen drill sergeant of the cycle for Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training Class 15-014. The class ended Sept. 8. *Courtesy photo*



### Super Bowl shuffle

Pfc. Austin Marks and Brianna Wickard get a look at the Vince Lombardi Trophy, which was on post last Thursday courtesy of the NFL and USAA's Salute to Service Tour. *Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE*

# HAPPENINGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DRUG 'TAKE-BACK' DAY

Members of the Fort Jackson community may dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs during National Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 26. Drop off drugs at the Main Exchange. For information, call 751-4785 or 751-2385.

### STREET BLOCKED FOR CARNIVAL

The intersection of Hill Street and Jackson Boulevard – near the Fort Jackson fire station – will be blocked off from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 3, during the carnival kicking off Fire Prevention Week. Those not attending the open house and carnival must choose another route.

### HR OFFICES TO CLOSE OCT. 15

The Directorate of Human Resources – to include the ID card offices in Rooms 109, 114 and 200 at 5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd. and the Official Mail and Distribution Center at 4400 Green St. – will close for Organizational Day at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 15. Those with ID card emergencies should contact or visit the alternate ID card location at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, or call 803-895-1596.

### HOW TO START A BUSINESS

Those interested in starting their own businesses may attend Simple Steps for Starting Your Business, a five-part series that will provide the tools, information and advice on business startup, action steps and mentoring. Participants must attend all five sessions: 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, in Room 222 of the Strom Thurmond Building. Registration deadline Sept. 28. For information, call 751-5256/5452, or email [Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil).

### EMPLOYMENT READINESS

Army Community Service offers classes in the Microsoft Office Suite for military spouses looking for employment. Classes through the LearnKeys self-paced online program include instruction in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and Access. Available for military, surviving spouses. Call 751-5256 for information.

### FREE LEGAL EDUCATION

Officers interested in receiving a free legal education may apply for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program through Nov. 1. Commissioned officers between the ranks of second lieutenant and captain who will have two to six years of active federal service as of Sept. 1, 2016, are encouraged to apply. FLEP eligibility criteria are published in Army MILPER Message 15-013 and in AR 27-1, Chapter 14. Applicants should contact Maj. Danisha McClary in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 751-7657/5349.

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Those needing basic language instruction may take part in classes offered by Army Community Services. Open to ID cardholders, DOD employees. For information, call 751-1124, or email



**feds feed families**

The Department of Defense and Fort Jackson Commissary are collecting donations for the Feds Feed Families drive to support federal employees in need. The campaign will run until October.

Donors may contribute any kind of nonperishable food but are asked to contribute the following staples, if possible:

- canned fruits (in light syrup or natural juice)
- canned vegetables (low sodium, no salt added)
- multigrained cereals (Cheerios, corn flakes, Grape Nuts, Wheaties)
- grains (brown and white rice, oatmeal, bulgur wheat, quinoa, couscous, macaroni and cheese)
- canned proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter or beans)
- soups (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey and rice)
- 100 percent juice (all sizes, including juice boxes)
- condiments (tomato-based sauces, light soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, oils)
- snacks (individually packed snacks, crackers, trail mix, dried fruit, granola or cereal bars, pretzels, sandwich crackers)
- baking goods (flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, spices, boxed mixes)
- hygiene items (diapers, deodorant, feminine products, toilet paper, facial tissue, soap, toothpaste, shampoo)

[miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil](mailto:miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil).

### FOR FAMILIES

■ Spouses of differing cultures and countries who wish to receive support or make friends should call 751-1124/9770 for information on the foreign-born spouse support group offered by Army Community Services.

■ The Hearts Apart program provides activities for military Family members separated from their Soldiers. For information, call 751-9770/1124.

■ Parents may receive information on discipline for children 2 to 12 through the 1-2-3 Magic Program developed by Thomas W. Phelan. For information, call 751-9035/6724/2731.

■ The Exceptional Family Member Program works with civilian and other military agencies to provide activities, Family support and respite care. For information, call at 751-5256.

■ Survivor Outreach Services gives support to survivors of deceased Soldiers. For information, call 751-4867.

■ Army Family Team Building offers classes in the basics of Army life, as well

as personal and professional development. For information, call 751-5256 or visit [www.MyArmyOneSource.com](http://www.MyArmyOneSource.com), click on "online training" and select the level you want.

### SPORTS EVENTS

Those interested in playing sports this month should note the following dates and deadlines.

**Saturday** – Flag football clinicians clinic, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Hilton Field Softball Complex. Call 751-3096 for information.

**Sept. 28** – Army sports program, fall meetings: flag football, 2 p.m.; softball, 3 p.m.; cross country, 4 p.m., at Joe E. Mann Center. For active-duty military only. Competitions will begin Sept. 29 with flag football. Call 751-3096 for information.

**Oct. 31** – Halloween Howl 5K Run, 8 a.m., Semmes Lake. Visit [webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac103/wbWSC/Jacksonrectrac.wsc/wbWsplash.html?wbp=1](http://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac103/wbWSC/Jacksonrectrac.wsc/wbWsplash.html?wbp=1).

### EXCHANGE NEWS

■ Students in grades six through 12 who have a 2.5 or higher grade-point average may submit an essay of 500 words or fewer explaining their involvement in community service and why their communities are important to them. Four winners worldwide each will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship from the Army &

Air Force Exchange Service and Unilever. Essays must be in English and must be mailed by Oct. 1 Exchange Rewards of Caring Scholarship Contest, P.O. Box 7837, Melville, NY 11775-7837.

■ The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will waive the \$3 service fee for items placed on layaway and paid for by Dec. 24. Purchases of \$25 or more are eligible for layaway. Customers must deposit 15 percent of the purchase price to hold items on layaway.

■ The Exchange Credit Program's MILITARY STAR card soon will offer an updated rewards program and enhanced security. After Oct. 1, cardholders will earn two points for every \$1 spent in Exchange stores. For every 2,000 points earned, they will receive \$20 Exchange rewards cards. The updated cards also will carry enhanced security features.

### COMMISSARY NEWS

Case-lot sales will continue through September on bulk buys of cereals, breakfast bars, chips, beverages and paper goods.

### THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop is accepting winter clothing. Those who have Halloween items they no longer need may bring them in Sept. 22 to Oct. 15. The Thrift Shop is at 4713 Lee Road in the Mini Mall. Call 803-787-2153 for information, or visit 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays. Consignment hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and bookkeeping hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## HOUSING

### YARD OF THE MONTH

Lt. Col. James C. Allen, 165th Infantry Brigade, and Manuela Allen are the Yard of the Month grand prize winners for September. They received a certificate signed by the garrison commander, a trophy, a month's reserved parking at the Main Exchange and Commissary, movie passes and a \$50 gift card. Garrison

## EVENTS OFF POST

### OFFICER CANDIDATE REUNION

Alumni are invited to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Army Officer Candidate School during a reunion April 24-28, 2016, at the Double Tree Hotel, 5321 Sidney Simmons Blvd., Columbus, Georgia. The event will include demonstrations and briefings, tours, a memorial/monument walk, a Hall of Fame induction ceremony and an award dinner. Cost is \$111 per night. To request a reservation, call 706-327-6868. Members and those who wish to become members may attend. For further information, call Nancy Ionoff at 813-917-4309 or visit [www.ocsalumni.com](http://www.ocsalumni.com).