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Sgt. 1st Class Karl Pesac, Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, demonstrates training at the newly renovated Omaha Beach Range during a NCO professional development event March 11. **SEE PAGE 4.**

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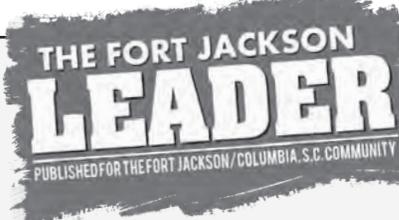
Fort Jackson will conduct a full-scale emergency exercise April 6-7. The exercise will test Fort Jackson's full spectrum of emergency capabilities in the event of a real emergency. During the exercise, expect delays at the gates and throughout the installation.

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Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Fort Jackson will host a welcome home celebration for Vietnam veterans May 16 at Hilton Field.

Events include:

- 5K run at 8 a.m.;
- Parade at 4 p.m.;
- Car show;
- Period vehicles and aircraft;
- Vietnam firebase;
- The Moving Vietnam Wall;
- Free concert by Billy Currington at 7 p.m., followed by fireworks.

For more information, call 319-6520.



VIETNAM



Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Leaders from across the installation come together at the NCO Club Friday to learn about prevention of sexual harassment and assault.

'We have to stamp out this issue'

Leaders emphasize teamwork during SHARP summit

By ANDREW McINTYRE
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson leaders held a Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP, summit Friday at the Officers' Club.

The summit, hosted by the Fort Jackson Commanding General Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker, brought senior leaders from the Army Training Center, the garrison and the Soldier Support Institute together to share ideas and learn new ways to eliminate sexual harassment and assault.

The event aimed to give Fort Jackson leaders a better perspective on the culture of teenagers who are joining the Army and an opportunity to discuss the effectiveness of the SHARP programs implemented here, said Sgt. 1st Class John Burge, Fort Jackson's sexual assault response

coordinator.

"It's the younger generation of 18 and 19 year olds straight out of high school making the decision to join the military. We need to understand that culture of teens, not so that we can necessarily change what we do here in the Army but so that we can change how we engage," Burge said.

The summit also included presentations by community partners.

"We invited the Richland County Sheriff's Department school resource officers because they are in that environment every single day," Burge said.

A representative from the University of South Carolina's Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention Program was also present.

Panel discussions stressed a "not in our house" mentality along with accountability for all leaders, Soldiers and civilians.

"We should be creating Soldiers and leaders who are willing to say the first time around they perceive they are being sexually harassed to say something immediately to the person," Becker said. "If someone makes an inappropriate comment to you, at a minimum you should confront (that person) and tell him that it is inappropriate and that if he does it again you will report him."

Becker said one of the key factors to winning the battle against sexual harassment is building an organization with teamwork and trust.

"What separates a good organization from a great organization is teamwork. The teammates must also have trust between one another to accomplish the mission," Becker said. "The Army only wins when we work as a team, and as long as this is a problem in our Army we can never be as good a team as we can be, so we have to stamp this issue out of our Army."

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Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker, left, Fort Jackson's commanding general, observes NCO professional development March 11 at Omaha Beach Range.

Omaha updated to meet new standard

By JENNIFER STRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Post Command Sergeant Major William Hain conducted NCO professional development training March 11 at the recently renovated Omaha Beach Range. The new course design is focused on enhancing decision-making capabilities of Soldiers in Basic Combat Training.

Soldiers go through the Omaha course using live ammunition while practicing advancing on the enemy. Soldiers need to make decisions on which techniques to execute and when to execute them, based on the situation.

The more than 40 senior NCOs in attendance followed Hain and the course participants down the lanes, learning to teach the new doctrine the right way.

"NCOs get paid to look at training," Hain said. "It is

simple but important, and this group, more than any other, has the authority to get things fixed on the spot to provide the correct training."

Hain said Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker and he observe various training events at Fort Jackson and ask the instructors, "What's the training outcome?"

"That's the start point," Hain said. "As doctrine becomes outdated or the training no longer meets the standards or requirements, it needs to be updated as soon as possible."

The senior NCOs who attended the training will pass down lessons learned to drill sergeants responsible for teaching the course to Soldiers.

"The mission of training is not the program of instruction — the goal of the mission is to teach the desired outcome," Hain said. "It's important for all of us to get this right because it's what we do."

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Post Command Sgt. Maj. William Hain addresses senior NCOs during a development program March 11 at Omaha Beach Range.



Upcoming Family & MWR Events

- » **NCO Club Morning Breakfasts**
Every Thursday (6:30 - 9:30 a.m.)
For info, call 782-2218.
- » **Saint Patty's Day 5k Fun Run/Walk**
Mar 21 (8 - 10 a.m.)
At Semmes Lake. Free Event.
For info, call 751-3096.
- » **Outsmarts Class: Turkey Hunting 101**
Mar 24 (5:30 - 7:30 p.m.)
At Alpine Lodge in Heise Pond.
Free event. For info, call 751-3484.
- » **Evening Story Time**
Mar 26 (6:30 - 7 p.m.)
At Thomas Lee Hall Library.
Free event. For info, call 751-5589.
- » **Cooper River Bridge Run**
Mar 28 (Depart from Solomon Center
at 5 a.m.) For info, call 751-3700.
- » **Cherokee, NC Day Trip**
Mar 28 (7 a.m. - 10 p.m.) Meet at
Marion Street Station. \$19 per person.
For info, call 751-3484.
- » **Child, Youth & School Services
Parent Advisory Board Meeting**
Apr 2 (5 - 6 p.m.)
At the Joe E. Mann Ballroom.
For info, call 751-1672.
- » **Shrimp & Grits Lunch Special**
Apr 2 (11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
At the Officers' Club. Only \$7.95
For info, call 782-8761.
- » **First Friday Golf Tournament**
Apr 3 (beginning at 1 p.m.)
At Fort Jackson Golf Club.
To register as a team or individual,
call the Pro Shop at 787-4344.
- » **Seafood Lunch Buffet**
Apr 3 (11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
At the Officers' Club. Only \$8.50.
For info, call 782-8761.
- » **Spring Jamboree & Egg Hunt**
Apr 4 (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
At the Youth Sports Complex.
Free event. For info, call 751-4824.
- » **Friday Story Time**
Apr 10 (11 - 11:30 a.m.)
At Thomas Lee Hall Library.
Free event. For info, call 751-5589.

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 - » German Day
- Friday, Mar 20
 - » Gyros and Fries Special
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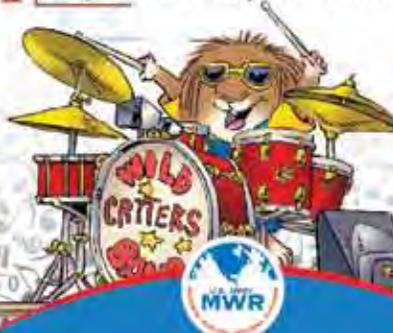
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- June 6 - SRP Overture Party
- July 24 - Registration and Logging
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- July 25 - Grand Finale Party
- July 31 - Last Day to Collect Prizes



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Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Erica Parks, third from left, leads a Community Health Promotion Council meeting. The council's working groups meet monthly to address behavioral health, physical health, spiritual resilience and family readiness for Soldiers, family members, veterans, retirees and civilians on Fort Jackson.

Council aims to improve well-being

By ANDREW McINTYRE
Fort Jackson Leader

One of Fort Jackson's top priorities is improving the quality of life. One of the many efforts taking place to fulfill that mission is the Fort Jackson Community Health Promotion Council, or CHPC.

The CHPC is focused on improving the health, resilience and the quality of life for Soldiers, families, veterans, retirees and civilians in the community. Army wide, CHPC's follow Army Regulation 600-63, Army Health Promotion and the Ready and Resilient Campaign, or R2C, to get the job done.

Fort Jackson's CHPC comprises four working groups that are focused on behavioral health (installation prevention team), physical health, spiritual resilience and family readiness.

The mission of the council is to identify redundancies and voids, evaluate community needs, assess existing programs and coordinate targeted interventions to optimize the well-being of the total force.

Each month, key leaders from across the installation come together to discuss areas of improvement and sus-

tainment for the Fort Jackson community.

Erica Parks, the installation's health promotion officer, recently joined the Fort Jackson CHPC team to facilitate the council. Parks is a native of Georgia, an Army veteran and a public health practitioner.

"If you don't remember anything else about me remember that I care about people," Parks said. "My role within the CHPC is to help identify areas of redundancy, look at what the people of Fort Jackson need as a whole by reevaluating existing programs, and coordinate with key leaders to enhance the quality of life for the Fort Jackson community."

Parks said evaluating existing programs is a big part of her responsibility.

"When I was interviewed (for the job), one of the things I was asked about was my experience with evaluations," Parks said. "The need was for someone who could really evaluate what has been done to improve the quality of life for Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians."

Parks explained that the CHPC team will conduct a Community Strengths and Themes Assessment Survey, which will gather information from Soldiers, retirees and family members to find out if they are aware of certain

resources and, if so, how often are they used.

"This (survey) takes place every two years and will give us a better understanding from the community member's perspective on how effective some programs may or may not be," she said. "We will be at the Retiree Appreciation Days events May 16 to give out our survey and gather information that will truly pose to be a benefit to our analysis."

Parks said her plan is to get to know as many people on Fort Jackson as possible.

"We have to meet the people where they are. I intend to get out and meet with people, make sure they are aware of the programs that are available to them," she said.

Reaching out to community partners outside the gates is also important in the CHPC process, Parks said.

"Most of the offices we have here on post work regular (hours from) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Most of the Soldiers and family members we support are at work during those hours, so we need to partner with some organizations outside our installation that can help us, help our Soldiers and family members during after hours," Parks said. "I want to make sure that we have a balance in the information and resources that we provide our community members."

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ACS offers career exploration for spouses

By **BARBARA MARTIN**

Employment Readiness Program

Did you know most people spend more than 80,000 hours of their life working? Why spend it doing something you don't enjoy?

Career exploration can help you learn more about yourself. Learning more about your interests and preferences enables you to make more meaningful career decisions.

April is National Career Assessment Month. Army Community Service's Employment Readiness Program will provide military spouses the opportunity to meet with career development facilitators. Taking an online career assessment and developing an individual career action plan can help you make informed decisions about your

future.

Spouses may visit the Military Spouse Job Center April 1, 8, 15 or 29 between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 223 to take advantage of this opportunity.

Information will also be provided on how to discover your skills and interest; current employment trends; and how to use a career portfolio in a job interview. Each participant will receive a copy of the "Your Career and Life Plan Portfolio Workbook" and a career portfolio binder.

ACS also offers free a virtual career library where job seekers can explore hundreds of career resources. To access the library, visit

http://fortjacksonmwr.com/acs_emp/index.html.

To schedule an appointment, call 751-5256. For more information about the ERP, visit http://fortjacksonmwr.com/acs_emp.



News and Notes

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS EVENT

Army Community Service will host a training session about child abuse awareness as part of the post's National Child Abuse Prevention Month activities. The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 2 at the Post Theater. The guest speaker will be Dr. Sharon Cooper, the CEO of Developmental and Forensic Pediatrics, PA, a consulting firm that provides medical care, research, training and expert witness experience in child maltreatment cases as well as medical care for children with disabilities. For more information, call 751-6325.

TEEN SUMMIT SET

The 2015 Teen Summit is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 3 at the Solomon Center. The summit is open to Richland County teenagers, ages 13-17, who are part of a military family. The theme is "Teens Living with Confidence." Registration is required by March 27. For more information and to register, call 751-6325.

SPRING JAMBOREE, EGG HUNT

Child, Youth and School Services will host a spring jamboree and egg hunt from 10 a.m. to noon, April 4 at the Youth

Sports Complex. For more information, call 751-4824/4869.

PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULED

The Jewish holy days of Passover are celebrated this year from sunset, April 3 until the evening of April 11. The Fort Jackson Passover worship service is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m., April 3 at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, contact your unit chaplain or call 751-3979.

BIG DAY OUT, FAMILY FUN FAIR

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host its annual Big Day Out and Month of the Military Child Family Fun Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 18 at Semmes Lake Recreation Area. Activities include free rides and games. Concessions will be available. For more information, call 751-4869/5384.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING

Alcohol awareness training is scheduled for 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., April 13 and 9 a.m., May 12 at the Solomon Center. The event will include presentations from Mothers against Drunk Driving and the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Information subject to change.

To submit an announcement, email fjleader@gmail.com.

Court-martial

U.S. V. TILLMAN

A military judge convicted Staff Sgt. Sacorah Tillman of three specifications of sexual assault of a child under the age of 10 during a general court-martial Feb. 18 at Fort Jackson. Tillman was sentenced to 28 years confinement, reduction in rank to E1, and to a dishonorable discharge.

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Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice

Thursday March 19
Seventh Son (PG-13) 3 p.m. 1h 42m

Friday March 20
SpongeBob Squarepants Movie: Sponge Out of Water (PG) 4 p.m. 1h 33m

Saturday March 21
Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 2 p.m. 1h 33m
Fifty Shades of Grey (R) 4 p.m. 2h 5m

Sunday March 22
Fifty Shades of Grey (R) 2 p.m. 2h 5m
McFarland USA (PG) 4:30 p.m. 2h 8m

Wednesday March 25
Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 2 p.m. 1h 33m
Fifty Shades of Grey (R) 4:30 p.m. 2h 5m

Thursday March 26
Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 3 p.m. 1h 33m

Friday March 27
McFarland USA (PG) 7 p.m. 2h 8m

Saturday March 28
Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 2 p.m. 1h 33m
The Kingsman: Secret Service (R) 4 p.m. 2h 9m

Sunday March 29
Focus (R) 2 p.m. 1h 45m
Fifty Shades of Grey (R) 4:30 p.m. 2h 5m

Friday April 3
Focus (R) 7 p.m. 1h 45m

Saturday April 4
The Kingsman: Secret Service (R) 2 p.m. 2h 9m
The Duff (PG-13) 4:30 p.m. 1h 50m

Sunday April 5
The Duff (PG-13) 2 p.m. 1h 50m
Focus (R) 4:30 p.m. 1h 45m

Wednesday April 8
The Kingsman: Secret Service (R) 2 p.m. 2h 9m
Focus (R) 4:30 p.m. 1h 45m

Thursday April 9
The Duff (PG-13) 3 p.m. 1h 50m

Friday April 10
The Kingsman: Secret Service (R) 7 p.m. 2h 9m

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MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

MARCH 25

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RETIRED MARINE MAJ. GEN. JAMES LIVINGSTON

Livingston was awarded the Medal of Honor May 14, 1970, for his actions in Vietnam May 2, 1968.

He was serving as a company commander with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, when his unit launched an assault on the heavily fortified village of Dai Do, which had been seized by the enemy the previous evening.

Livingston maneuvered his men to assault positions while under intense enemy fire.

He refused medical treatment despite being wounded twice by grenade fragments. After the assault, Livingston's Marines consolidated with two other companies. The three companies came under heavy fire in a counterattack, which left Livingston wounded for a third time and unable to walk. Despite his injuries, he remained in the dangerously exposed area, deploying his men to more tenable positions and supervising the evacuation of casualties. Only when assured of the safety of his men did he allow himself to be evacuated.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CLAYTON CUPIT

Retired Marine Maj. Gen. James Livingston speaks during the 628th Air Base Wing Annual Awards Banquet at Joint Base Charleston, Jan. 23. Livingston received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam in 1968.

RETIRED MARINE CPL. KYLE CARPENTER

Carpenter was awarded the Medal of Honor June 6, 2014, for his actions in Afghanistan's Helmand Province Nov. 21, 2010.

He was serving as an automatic rifleman with the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines when he and a fellow Marine came under attack while manning a rooftop security position. The Marines were securing Patrol Base Dakota, which was established two days earlier.

Enemy forces attacked the Marines with hand grenades, one of which landed in their sandbagged position.

Without hesitation, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Carpenter moved toward the grenade in an attempt to shield his fellow Marine from the blast. Carpenter was severely wounded in the attack, but saved the life of his fellow Marine.

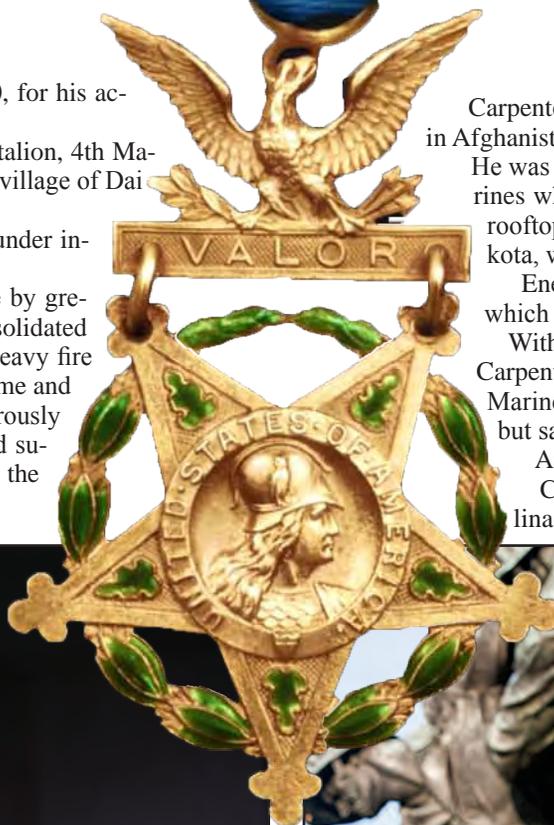
At 25, he is the youngest living Medal of Honor recipient.

Carpenter currently is a student at the University of South Carolina.



U.S. Marine Corps photo by CPL. MICHAEL C. GUINTO

Retired Marine Cpl. Kyle Carpenter poses in front of the Iwo Jima War Memorial in Arlington, Va., June 18, 2014. Carpenter was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2014 for his actions in Afghanistan in 2010.



SSI historian pens Maude biography

By WALLACE McBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

There was a time when Timothy Maude's future in the Army was uncertain.

As a lieutenant, the future Army personnel chief received a "poor" Officer Evaluation Report that threatened to derail his career before it really started, said Stephen



BOWER

Bower, command historian for the Soldier Support Institute. After receiving a promotion to captain, though, Maude decided he wanted to make a career of the Army — a task that involved redeeming his earlier evaluations.

"I knew him pretty well, but I learned some new things writing this," said Bower, the author of the new biography, "I'm Tim Maude, and I'm a Soldier."

Maude shares the distinction of being among the highest-ranking Service member to lose his life while on active duty. He was killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. At the time of his death, he was serving as the deputy chief of staff for personnel, the Army's chief executor of personnel policy.

The SSI's Maude Leadership Lecture Series, an annual event created to inspire young Soldiers to become strong leaders in the Army, is named in his honor.

"I was a friend of the family," said Bower, who served with Maude at the Soldier Support Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. "(Maude's wife) thought that I might be a good choice to write a

BIOGRAPHY-AUTOBIOGRAPHY-MEMOIR

Lt. Gen. Tim Maude shares the distinction of being the highest ranking American soldier to lose his life in military action.

But unlike Lesley J. McNair and Simon B. Buckner Jr., both lieutenant generals who died during World War II, the battle he died in was not one he expected.

On Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists commandeered an American Airlines flight out of Dulles International Airport and crashed it into the southwest wall of the Pentagon, killing Maude and more than a hundred other military and civilian workers. Scores of other people were injured when the airliner ripped through the building at 530 miles per hour.

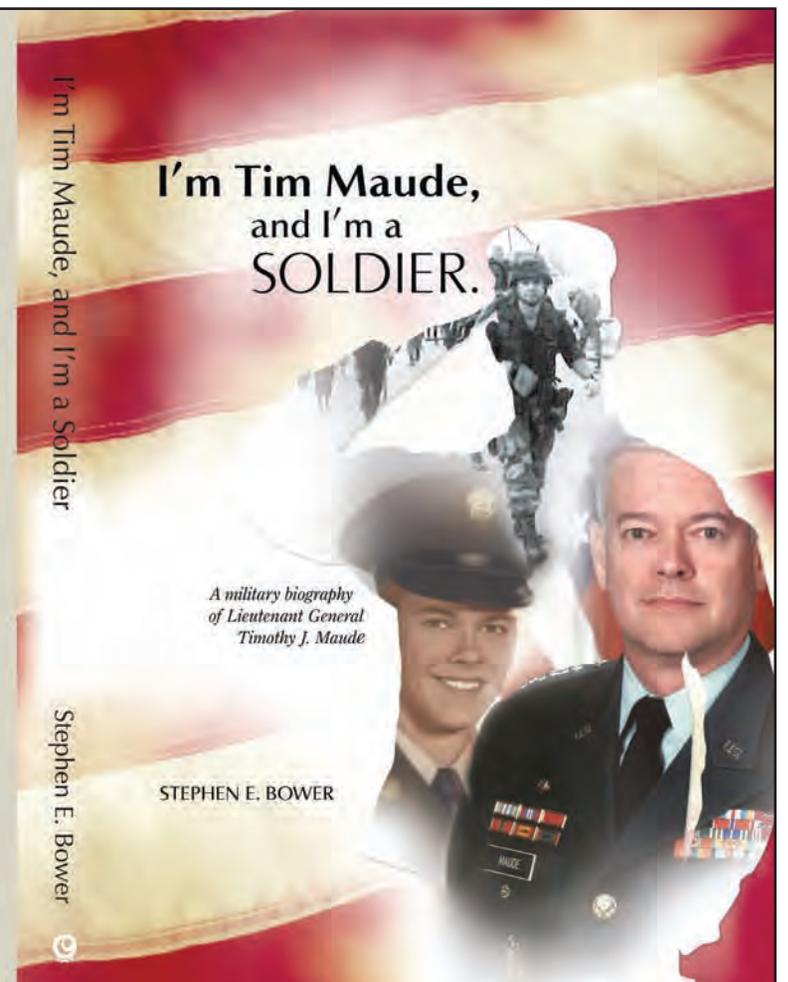
At the time of his death, Maude served as the deputy chief of staff for personnel, the Army's chief executor of personnel policy and manager of the various programs affecting the strength and moral well-being of America's land forces.

As one of only five members of the Army's Adjutant General's Corps to rise to the rank of lieutenant general, his story is one of triumph and celebration, and an abiding commitment to family, country, and service.

Stephen E. Bower has been a staff historian for the U.S. Army since 1982. He earned numerous degrees at Indiana University, including a Ph.D. in the History of Education. He is also the author of *The American Army in the Heartland: A History of Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, 1903-1995*.



iUniverse
Editor's Choice



Courtesy graphic

Stephen Bower, the historian for the Soldier Support Institute, wrote a biography about Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude. Maude was killed in the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon. The SSI's Adjutant General School hosts a lecture series in Maude's honor. At the time of his death, Maude served as the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel.

biography of her husband. We got together and mapped out the project. It took several years to complete, but we finally got it done."

The biography begins with Maude's death and funeral, before leaping backward to chronicle his early life and military career. Despite his close association with the family, Bower said his research led him to some surprising places.

"He was a committed Catholic, a very religious person," Bower said. "But he didn't wear his religion on his sleeve ... which is one of the reasons I probably didn't pick up on it during the time I knew him."

A native of Indianapolis, Maude joined the Army in 1966 at the age of 18. He had originally planned to become a priest, but instead chose to pursue a career in the

Army after receiving his commission as a second lieutenant the following year.

Maude was also one of only five members of the Army's Adjutant General's Corps to rise to the rank of lieutenant general. He is credited with making the "Army of One" recruiting campaign a success.

"I'm Tim Maude, and I'm a Soldier" went on sale in February.

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Courtesy photos

Powerlifting success

Above left, Capt. Donald Bigham, who was featured in the Feb. 26 issue of *The Fort Jackson Leader*, displays his \$250 prize after winning gold in the men's masters division of the Arnold Sports Festival, March 5, in Columbus, Ohio. Bigham broke four American and seven South Carolina powerlifting records during the meet. Above right, Bigham's team comprising Soldiers from Fort Jackson; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Benning, Ga.; and Fort Stewart, Ga., poses after finishing third overall during the USA Powerlifting Military Nationals March 13 in Atlanta. Team members won two gold and two silver medals. In addition, Bigham was named the best raw male lifter of the meet.

Vigilant Guard

Sgt. Thomas Driggers, assigned to the 1-111th Aviation Battalion, fuels a Humvee on the final day of the 2015 Vigilant Guard South Carolina exercise. Vigilant Guard is a series of federally funded disaster-response drills conducted by National Guard units working with federal, state and local emergency management agencies and first responders.

*U.S. Army National Guard photo
by SGT. KEVIN PICKERING*



IMCOM CG calls for efficiencies

By J.D. LEIPOLD
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Katherine Hammack opened the Association of the U.S. Army's "Hot Topics" forum on installation management, March 10, by telling the packed house about what she had recently testified before the House Appropriations Committee.

"We know that degraded readiness makes it difficult for us to provide for the common defense," said Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment. "The Budget Control Act creates risk for sending insufficiently trained and under-equipped Soldiers into harm's way — and that is not a risk this nation should accept.

"I would be negligent if I didn't talk about Army installation management and the need for another round of (base realignment and closure) — we need another round of base realignment and closure in 2017, and although our need for a BRAC is more exposed by the downsizing of the Army's force structure, it is really a way to manage infrastructure that is left over from World War II when we were an Army of 8 million," she said. "As we shrink to an Army of 490,000 or smaller, we see a growth in excess infrastructure."

Hammack said that with an Army of 490,000 active-duty Soldiers, excess infrastructure lies at 18 percent. Excess infrastructure will get larger as the Army's population gets smaller — 475,000 Soldiers by the end of 2016, down to 450,000 by the end of 2017.

Lt. Gen. David Halverson, IMCOM commanding general, also addressed the issue.

"There are other looming concerns," he said. "A near-term threat to our effectiveness is sequestration. ... It can't be ignored.

"The Army has been on a tight budget for a few years. ... Fiscal year 2015 doesn't look any better," he said.

Halverson said training would be underfunded, which would result in decreased training levels. Soldier and family readiness programs would be weakened; and investments in installation training and readiness facility upgrades would af-



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Lt. Gen. David Halverson, IMCOM commanding general, addresses members of the Association of the U.S. Army during the 'Hot Topics' forum on installation management, March 10 in Washington, D.C.

fect long-term readiness.

He added that base operations support, sustainment, restoration and maintenance funding levels do not allow the Army to fix everything. Hammack had testified about the shortfall, saying the Army had a \$3 billion maintenance backlog and 5,500 major work orders because of reduced sustainment funding in 2013 and 2014.

"Fiscal year 2016 is a breaking point for our Army," said Halverson, adding that it would be difficult for the Army to lead around the world because installations have bills to pay and utility costs are the largest expense other than civilian pay.

He cited a few examples of those costs. Fort Bliss, Texas, has a water bill of about \$200,000 per month; Fort Bragg, North Carolina, spends nearly \$3 million monthly on electricity; and the power

bill at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, runs a staggering \$5.2 million monthly.

In all, the Army consumes about \$1.3 billion a year for utilities, he said.

Hammack said the Army was not just standing still over utility costs but was working to manage those costs and operations, installation energy as well as resiliency and sustainability through partnering — one of which is the utility energy savings performance contract which allows private industry to invest on Army installations to make improvements in energy efficiency at no cost to the Army.

"The Army has the most robust energy savings performance contract in the federal government — over \$2.2 billion in private-sector capital has been invested in improving the efficiency on installations since the program started in the late 1990s," she said.

In the last five months, the Army Office of Energy Initiatives launched a 28-megawatt biomass system on Fort Drum, New York, and the largest solar array in the Department of Defense at 18 megawatts on Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

She said there were 12 more projects in the pipeline with the potential for more than 400 megawatts at one site. Fort Benning, Georgia, will soon break ground on a 30-megawatt solar array.

"These are some of the energy partnerships that we have — innovative partnering, leveraging private-sector expertise, leveraging private-sector funding and ... delivering at or below the cost of conventional energy," said Hammack, adding that Office of Energy Initiatives has not only resulted in energy efficiency, but water efficiency, energy security and small-scale renewable energy investment.



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Youth of the Month

Brandon Jackson, 15, is the Fort Jackson Boys & Girls Club's Youth of the Month for March. Jackson is a sophomore at Spring Valley High School.

Courtesy photo

VolunGREENs

Fort Jackson Red Cross VolunTEENS participate in Columbia's St. Patrick's Day parade in Five Points Saturday. The volunteers decorated a Red Cross Humvee to raise awareness about the services the Red Cross provides, including disaster preparedness, blood services and health training.

Courtesy photo



Special ops jobs open for women

By **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A directive signed by Army Secretary John McHugh, Feb. 25, opened more than 4,100 positions to women in the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, or USASOC.

Directive 2015-08 opened positions in the U.S. Army Special Forces Command, National Guard airborne battalions and tactical psychological teams. Although recent news has focused on female Soldiers attending the pre-Ranger course, USASOC officials said the directive is significant because it opens unit positions in direct operational roles.

“In the aggregate, there have been approximately 5,000 positions opened within the command since 2013,” according to a USASOC statement.

About 1,000 positions were opened to women following the 2013 rescinding of the Direct Ground Combat Rule by the defense secretary. This paved the way for more women to serve in direct combat roles and in military occupational specialties that were previously open only to men.

Over the last two years, USASOC has been reviewing all positions that were closed and has maintained a “phased approach to opening of previously closed positions in order to remain synchronized with the Army,” an official said.

Since 2013, the integration of women into USASOC has been so rapid that the proportion of women to men serving in USASOC’s civil affairs and military information support operations, or MISO, is now comparable to that of women serving in the active Army overall, according to the command. MISO replaced the term psychological operations in 2010.

There are more than 1,000 women assigned to USA-SOC, and, “based on the recent opening of additional positions, that number will increase over time based on how Human Resources Command locates and assigns Soldiers to the command,” according to USASOC.

Most positions with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, or SOAR — all pilots, crew chiefs and enabler positions — opened to women by July 23, 2014, except for 13F, fire support specialist, which is still a closed military occupational specialty in the Army.

Women have filled many positions, and some are now “operationally employed into combat missions,” according to a USASOC statement. Additionally, women have been assigned to non-aviation, battalion-level positions within SOAR.

The secretary of the Army’s directive has resulted in the Army recoding about 4,000 “enabler positions” down to the battalion-level in 1st Special Forces Command and Special Warfare Center and School.

“Most likely, this will allow women to be assigned during the normal assignment and move cycle this summer or coming fall,” a USASOC official said.

The recent directive will not affect specialties closed to women Army wide. It will only open USASOC positions in military occupation specialties, or MOSs, open to wom-



U.S. Army photo

Maj. Michele Harper, a helicopter pilot in the North Carolina Army National Guard, prepares for take-off. A recently signed directive opened more than 4,100 positions to women in the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, National Guard airborne battalions and tactical psychological teams.

en elsewhere in the Army.

STUDIES AND STANDARDS

Regarding the 75th Ranger Regiment, USASOC “is synchronized with the Army and U.S. Special Operations Command, or SOCOM, efforts as we move forward between now and January 2016 toward making a recommendation” regarding gender integration, officials said.

USASOC “is collaborating with the Army and SOCOM on the physical standards validation for Special Forces Assessment and Selection and the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program, and with SOCOM’s social science studies focused on (Special Operations Forces, or SOF) specific issues,” according to the command.

TRADOC has been studying all aspects of gender-integration efforts, officials added. All Soldiers are evaluated in a gender-neutral environment with the end goal of identifying the Army’s best performers and those with the greatest potential for future service.

“HRC rightly considers factors other than coding of a position for gender in locating and assigning Soldiers to USASOC,” according to the command. “Other factors, such as airborne qualification, or willingness to attend Airborne School, and higher deployment tempo consider-

ations bear on the decision to assign the right Soldier to a USASOC unit.”

PHASED APPROACH

The USASOC Implementation Plan is a deliberate, phased approach that first “assigns senior, experienced female Soldiers to support the expansion of opportunities in USASOC enabler positions and also to newly opened units and positions previously closed to women,” according to the command.

USASOC is conducting a review of all special operations jobs and assessing how to further integrate women to support the Army Special Operations Forces 2022, or ARSOF 2022, priority — Invest in Human Capital.

“The desired end state is enhanced capability, supporting the Army chief of staff’s strategic priority to build adaptive Army leaders for a complex world,” according to the USASOC statement. “USASOC is committed to maintaining the highest standards and delivering the most qualified operators to the nation, irrespective of gender.”

USASOC was actually pursuing gender-integration before the 2013 rescinding of the Direct Ground Combat Rule, officials said. Women have been serving in civil affairs and MISO for nearly 20 years.

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Calendar

Today

SSI Women's History Month observance

10 to 11 a.m., Soldier Support Institute auditorium

Thursday, April 2

Children's Walk Against Child Abuse

10 a.m., Pierce Terrace Elementary School

The walk will start at the school and end at the Youth Center. For more information, call 751-6325.

Monday, April 6

All about the credit seminar

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Education Center, Room B206

For more information, call 751-5256.

Monday, April 13

Out of debt seminar

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Education Center, Room B206

For more information, call 751-5256.

Tuesday, April 14

SSI Holocaust remembrance observance

10 to 11 a.m., Soldier Support Institute auditorium

The guest speaker is Lilly Filler.

Monday, April 20

Investment basics seminar

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Education Center, Room B206

For more information, call 751-5256.

Thursday, April 23

Prepare your finances to purchase a home

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Education Center, Room B206

For more information, call 751-5256.

Monday, April 27

Identity theft seminar

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Education Center, Room B206

For more information, call 751-5256.

Announcements

SPORTS SHORTS

■ Soccer matches are played at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon at Hilton Field Softball Complex.

■ St. Paddy's Day 5K, 8 a.m., Saturday, Semmes Lake

■ Amateur Softball Association of America umpires and scorekeepers clinic, March 21-22.

■ 5K, 8 a.m., April 18, details to be determined.

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

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

■ The Thrift Shop will be closed March 31 through April 6 for spring break.

■ Consignors are eligible for the Thrift Shop's layaway and credit program.

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

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

■ Applications for Folds of Honor scholarships are accepted through March 31. The scholarships are open to children and spouses of fallen or disabled Service members. For more information, visit www.foldsofhonor.org/scholarships.

TAX CENTER OPEN

The Fort Jackson Income Tax Assistance Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Services are available to active-duty Service members, eligible family members and eligible retirees. Assistance is provided by appointment only.

Taxpayers must:

■ Arrive 10 minutes before their scheduled appointment time.

■ Bring their W-2 forms, which can be downloaded from <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

■ Bring all Form 1098s or 1099s.

■ Bring a valid military ID card.

■ Bring a power of attorney if filing for another person or filing "married filing jointly" without the spouse present.

■ Bring their Social Security cards.

■ Taxpayers who wish to receive an expedited refund via direct deposit must bring a canceled check.

Tax preparation will be limited to basic tax returns and customers who own no more than one home.

The tax center is located at 4330 Magruder Ave.

For more information and to schedule and appointment, call 751-JTAX (5829)

■ Applications for the 2015 ASUS, Inc. Scholarship Program are due March 31. The scholarships are open to children of active, full-time Service members who are high school seniors. For more information, visit <https://www.scholarsapply.org/asus>.

■ Applications for the Army Emergency Relief Spouse Scholarship program and the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program will be accepted through May 1. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org.

COMMISSARY NEWS

■ The Commissary marks March as Frozen Food Month by offering savings on frozen items.

■ Visit www.commissaries.com for the latest news, to see what is on sale, to create a shopping list and more.

■ The Commissary rewards card allows shoppers to use digital coupons at any commissary. For more information, visit www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm.

AAFES NEWS

■ The Exchange is giving away a \$18,000 home makeover to one winner. For more information and to enter, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou. The deadline is March 31.

■ Exchange shoppers may search for clues in the Patriot Family Easter Egg Hunt Contest through April 3. Four winners will receive \$500 gift cards, and 10 winners will receive \$100 gift cards. For more information, visit www.shopmyexchange.com.

SSA GOES DIGITAL

The Social Security Administration now offers a number of online services, including retirement estimates, earnings records and survivor's benefits. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Off-post

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

CAREER FAIR FOR VETERANS

The nonprofit organization VetReady will host a free

resource and career fair for veterans March 26 at the Medallion Conference Center in Columbia. For more information, visit www.vetready.org.

WELCOME HOME TRAINING

The Military Child Education Coalition offers a free course for professionals who support military-connected children and youth. The theme of the course is "The Journey from 'Welcome Home' to Now: Reunion, Reconnection, Routine." The course is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 27 at the Marriott Hotel Columbia. For more information, call 254-953-1923 Ext. 1110 or visit www.militarychild.org/training.

SALUTE TO VETERANS

A free bike event to honor veterans and active-duty military is scheduled for 1 p.m., March 28 at 18929 Main Highway, Olar. The event includes an honor ceremony, free food, live music and a bike show. Veterans and Service members are asked to be there at 12:45 p.m. For more information, call 507-7767.

WWII COMMEMORATION

A ceremony to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the first U.S. Army mass parachute drop during World War II is scheduled for 2 p.m., March 29 at the 82nd Airborne Division monument on U.S. Highway 1 between Elgin and Camden. Attendees are encouraged to bring seating.

Housing happenings

MAYORS NEEDED

The mayoral council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors for the on-post housing communities. Being a part of the council allows residents to be a voice for the community. In addition to receiving credit for volunteer hours, mayors will get to meet new people and receive training. Child care is provided while performing mayoral duties. Positions are currently available in: Pierce Terrace 1, Pierce Terrace 2, Pierce Terrace 3, Pierce Terrace 4 and Howie Village. Interested Residents should email Vickie Grier at usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil.

HOUSING SEMINARS

The Fort Jackson Housing Services Office is in the process of developing a schedule of housing seminars for 2015. The office is interested in your feedback concerning housing-related topics you would like to learn about. Classes will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics may include, but are not limited to, home ownership, short sales, purchasing distressed properties, for sale by owner, home inspections, etc. Send your interests to usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil. The seminars will be designed to provide valuable information for tenants, owners and landlords.

RENT CONCESSIONS

Reduced rents for non-renovated homes in Pierce Terrace 5 are available with a March move-in. For more information and other rent concession opportunities, call 738-8275.

HOME-BUYING TIPS

Are you looking to purchase a home in the near future? Here are six things to consider:

■ Research the home buying process.

■ Explore the community and the surrounding area.

■ Tour the neighborhood and check out nearby amenities.

■ Check the commute to your place of work and other places.

Daily care keeps gum disease at bay

By **LISA J. YOUNG**

U.S. Army Public Health Command

The ability to speak, smile, smell, taste, chew, swallow and convey our feelings and emotions through facial expressions is an essential part of everyday life, but is easily taken for granted. These activities are dependent on having good oral health. Oral diseases cause pain, impaired function and disability for millions of Americans.

One oral disease that is frequently overlooked is gum disease. According to the American Dental Association, it only takes 24 hours for enough bacteria to form in the mouth to start causing gum disease.

WHAT IS GUM DISEASE?

Gum disease is an inflammation of the tissues and bone that support the teeth. It is caused by a buildup of plaque, an invisible sticky layer that forms on the teeth and gums.

Plaque contains bacteria, which produce toxins that irritate and damage the gums. If plaque is not removed by daily dental care, over time it will harden into a crust called calculus or tartar.

Initially, the plaque and calculus cause irritation of the gums. This is referred to as gingivitis. Over time, if not addressed, the gingivitis can progress until the gums detach themselves from the teeth, forming pockets.

The body's attempts to fight off the bacteria also cause the bone that surrounds and supports the teeth to be lost. The irritation has now become gum disease, called periodontitis.

Untreated gum disease can cause problems ranging from the embarrassing, like bad breath, to the very serious and painful, like loose teeth that may fall out. Gum disease may also be related to damage elsewhere in the body. Recent studies indicate associations between oral infections and Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and lung infections.

WHAT CAUSES GUM DISEASE?

Some people inherit an overactive immune cell tendency from their parents that makes them more susceptible.

Despite genetic contribution, your behavior and environment can also significantly contribute to gum disease. Poor diet, not enough sleep and too much stress leave your body vulnerable to infection, including your gums.

A poor diet that is low in vitamin C, calcium, vitamin D or magnesium may compromise the gum tissue's ability to heal and may speed up bone loss.

Some medical conditions, including diabetes, and certain medicines increase the risk of gum disease. Girls have a higher risk of gingivitis because of female sex hormones that can make gums more sensitive to irritation.

The most serious culprit is tobacco. According to the American Dental Association, people who use tobacco have more plaque and tartar buildup and are three times more likely to have gum disease than people who have never smoked. If you do not use tobacco, don't start. If you smoke or chew, let 2015 be the year you choose to quit.

HOW TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE GUM DISEASE?

Gum disease can be sneaky, causing little or no pain or irritation before damage is done.

Do your gums bleed when you floss or brush your teeth? This is usually a sign of gingivitis, the mildest form of gum disease.

Other warning signs include gums that are red, swollen or tender, gums pulling away from teeth, bad breath that won't go away, painful chewing and loose teeth.

If you are a Soldier, it is especially important for you to take good care of your teeth and mouth. Dental care may not be readily available when you are in the field or deployed, and a problem that seems small can escalate into a major health issue.

To reduce the risk of gum disease, follow these recommendations:

- Brush twice a day for at least two minutes each time with fluoride toothpaste and floss daily.
- Use a toothbrush with a soft bristle brush, and replace your toothbrush every three to four months.
- Eat a healthy diet that includes foods rich in vitamin C, calcium and vitamin D. Avoid in-between-meal snacks and junk foods with sugar and starch that plaque-causing bacteria love to feed on.
- Don't smoke or use smokeless tobacco.
- Visit your dentist at least annually for check-ups.
- Get your teeth cleaned once or twice a year to remove plaque and calculus that you might not be removing properly with your daily brushing or flossing.

Fortunately, gum disease is preventable. Take care of your teeth and your children's teeth to keep gum disease at bay for you and your family.



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Health News

TRICARE TO SCREEN COMPOUND DRUGS

Starting May 1, Express Scripts, the TRICARE pharmacy contractor, will screen all ingredients in compound drug claims to make sure they are safe, effective and covered by TRICARE. This screening process is like the one TRICARE already uses for other prescription drugs, but it will now apply to the ingredients in compound drugs.

Compound drugs are a combination of drug ingredients prepared by a pharmacist for a patient's individual needs. TRICARE beneficiaries taking a compound drug likely to be impacted by the change will soon

receive a letter explaining the new process for screening compound drugs, and what steps they should follow.

Use of compound drugs has increased greatly in recent years. However, some compound drug ingredients have limited or no evidence that they are safe and effective. If a compound does not pass an initial screen, the pharmacist can switch a non-approved ingredient with an approved one, or request the doctor write a new prescription. If this is not possible, the doctor may ask Express Scripts to consider other evidence by requesting a prior authorization.

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting**.....Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m., 9810 Lee Road, 751-6597.
- Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)**.....Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Owens Field, main conference room, Tom.Alsup@gmail.com or www.scwg.cap.gov.
- Family story time**Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m., Post Library, 751-5589.
- Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength**.....Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. Open to combat veterans and their family members.
- Play group**.....Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Room 8, 5614 Hood St., for children 3 and younger, 751-9035/6325.
- Protestant Women of the Chapel**.....Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Main Post Chapel, jackson@pwoc.org.
- Range control briefing**Mondays and Fridays, 1 p.m., Education Center, Room 302, 751-7171.
- Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association study hall**.....Thursdays, noon, NCO Academy conference room, www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.
- Toastmasters International**Wednesdays, 11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Main Post Chapel, 629-7696 or (910) 224-8307.
- Veterans of South Carolina**Tuesdays, 9 a.m., Flying J truck stop at 5901 Fairfield Road, VOSC@sc.rr.com.
- Walking away stress**.....Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m., at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street, 751-6325.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV**Third Saturday of the month, except July and August, 11 a.m., DAV Headquarters, 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 260-1067.
- Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter**Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., NCO Club, 751-3014.
- American Legion Post 182**.....First Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Officers' Club, 351-2333.
- American Legion Post 195**.....Fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., 534 Wildwood Lane, Lugoff.
- American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215**Fourth Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., 2432 Chappelle St., 765-0175.
- American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group (ALR Chapter 195)**Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 195, 534 Wildwood Lane, Lugoff, 699-2598 or alrpost195@gmail.com.
- American Legion Riders Motorcycle Group**Third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 360-3830.
- Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers**.....First and third Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, 751-1148.
- Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Adopt-A-School program**Second Wednesday of the month during the school year, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., meeting at the Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447, for transportation to Forrest Heights Elementary School, 751-1148.
- Community Information Exchange**.....Second Thursday of the month, noon to 1 p.m., NCO Club, 751-5444.
- Combat Vets Motorcycle Association**Third Sunday of the month at noon, (774) 451-7504, email armyaguair@yahoo.com or visit www.combatvet.org.
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter and Auxiliary, Woodrow Wilson Chapter #4**Second Monday of the month (September through June), 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 467-8355 or gblake12@sc.rr.com.
- Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202**.....Third Tuesday of the month, 12:30 p.m., 2620 Lee Road, 647-0040 or turner6516@gmail.com.
- Fort Jackson Bass Club**.....First Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center, www.jacksonanglers.com.
- Fort Jackson Homeschoolers**Second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call 419-0760 or email johnlazzi@yahoo.com.
- Gold Star Wives, Palmetto Chapter**Second Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor conference room, 695-5345.
- Ladies Auxiliary Louis D. Simmons Post 215**.....Fourth Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., 2432 Chappelle St., 765-0175.
- Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 641**.....Second Sunday of the month, 2 p.m., 534 S. Beltline Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.
- Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4262**.....Second Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614.
- MEDPROS training**Third Friday of the month, 1-4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 9-83. Email Erica.Aikens@amedd.army.mil.
- Military Chaplains Association, South Carolina Chapter** .Second Tuesday of the month, noon, NCO Club, 751-7316 or email sam.boone@us.army.mil
- National Federation of Federal Employees**Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 4405 Forney St., first floor, 751-2622.
- National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 87**Second Friday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Seawell's, 1125 Rosewood Dr., kathrynhensley@hotmail.com or gillentinelc803@aol.com.
- Our Circle — Counseling support group for spouses**.....First Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, Chaplain Family Life Center, 751-4949.
- Professional Mentorship Network**.....Fourth Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., NCO Club, 751-8187.
- Purple Heart #402**.....Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 351-2333.
- Retired Enlisted Association**Third Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, 740-2319 or email jrodgers11@sc.rr.com.
- Seabees**Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 755-7792 or 755-0300.
- Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association**First Tuesday of the month, noon, NCO Club, www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.
- Sergeants Major Association**.....Last working Thursday of the month, 4:30 p.m., Magruder's Pub, 338-1904, William.huffin@us.army.mil.
- Society of American Military Engineers**.....Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 254-0518 or 765-0320.
- SWAMPFOX Warrant Officer Association**First Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Officers' Club, johnny.myers@us.army.mil.
- The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter**.....Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Post Conference Room.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262**Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614 or 447-2320.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 641**.....Second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., 534 S. Beltline Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.
- Veterans of South Carolina**First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Reflection Club House at 2 Cassia Ct., VOSC@sc.rr.com.
- Victory Riders Motorcycle Club**.....First and third Thursday of the month, 5 p.m., Magruder's Pub. Email sec@ffvictoryriders.com.
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303**Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 312-4895.
- Weight Loss Surgery Support Group**Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.; Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St., ground level, Meeting Room 2.

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



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Worship Schedule

PROTESTANT

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

Protestant Bible Study/Prayer Service

- Sunday
- 9:30 a.m. Chapel Next Bible study, Bayonet Chapel
- Monday
- 7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- 7 p.m. Men's Bible study (PMOC), Chaplain Family Life Center
- 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. Confession, 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/EPISCOPAL

- Sunday
- 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
- 8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel
- Friday
- 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

JEWISH

- Sunday
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Memorial Chapel
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish book study, Post Conference Room

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
- 11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
- 9:30 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- Wednesday
- 3 to 5 p.m. LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel
- Wednesday
- 7 to 8 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

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

Easter Worship Schedule

PROTESTANT

- Maunder Thursday Communion Service**
- April 2, 12:30 p.m., Main Post Chapel

Good Friday Service

- April 3, 12:30 p.m., Main Post Chapel

Easter Worship Service

- April 5, 8 a.m., Anglican at Anderson Chapel
- April 5, 9:30 a.m., Main Post Chapel
- April 5, 10:15 a.m., Gospel at Daniel Circle Chapel
- April 5, 11 a.m., Memorial Chapel

- April 5, 11 a.m., Chapel Next at Bayonet Chapel

CATHOLIC

Stations of the Cross

- Friday, 6 p.m., Main Post Chapel
- March 27, 6 p.m., Main Post Chapel

Holy Thursday

- April 2, 7 p.m., Main Post Chapel

Good Friday

- April 3, 6 p.m., Main Post Chapel

Holy Saturday Vigil

- April 4, 8 p.m., Main Post Chapel

Easter Mass

- April 5, 8 a.m., Solomon Center
- April 5, 11 a.m., Main Post Chapel

COMMUNITY EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

- April 5, 7 a.m., Main Post Chapel, breakfast will be served after the worship service

For more information, call 751-6469/6681/3121.



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- » Recycling Collection Point
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- » Fire Department Display
- » PSUS Snow Cones
- » NCO Club Concession Trailer
- » Sexual Assault Awareness Booths and Activities
- » EFMP Booth and Autism Awareness

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