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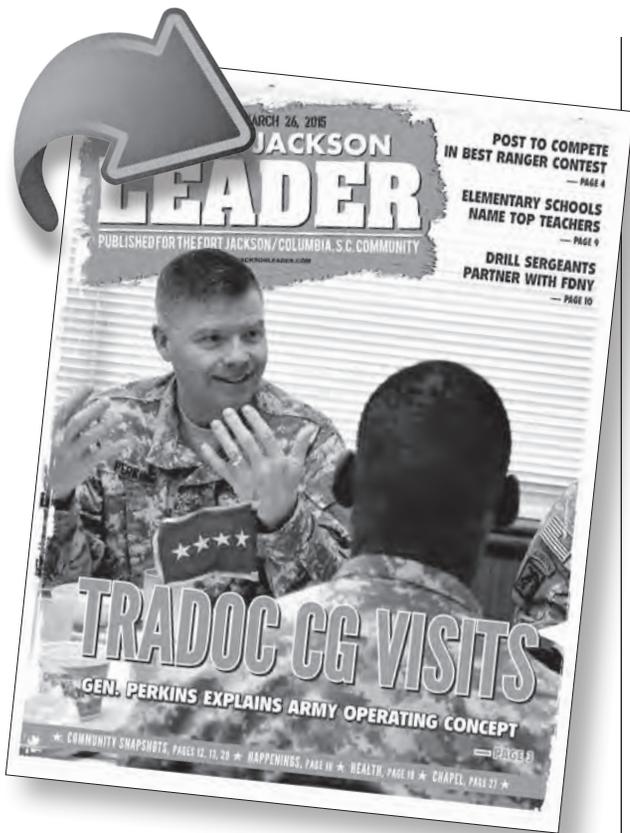
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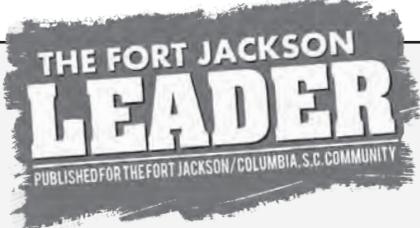
# NEWS



## ON THE COVER

Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE

Gen. David Perkins, TRADOC commanding general, talks with drill sergeant leaders during breakfast Tuesday at the Drill Sergeant Academy. Perkins was on Fort Jackson to introduce the new Army Operating Concept. **SEE PAGE 3.**



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## Exercise planned

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.

## Report Suspicious Activity or Behavior



See Something

Say Something

## 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



Photos by CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER

Gen. David Perkins, TRADOC commanding general, briefs Fort Jackson Soldiers on the Army Operating Concept Tuesday at the Post Theater.

## TRADOC commander visits Fort Jackson



Gen. David Perkins explains the impact of the Army's new operating concept on Basic Combat Training Tuesday.

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**  
*Fort Jackson Leader*

Gen. David Perkins, TRADOC commanding general, visited Fort Jackson Tuesday to present the new Army Operating Concept, or AOC, “Win in a complex world,” to Soldiers and civilians on post.

During a briefing at the Post Theater, Perkins explained the genesis and concepts of the doctrine, which was released in October.

The new AOC introduces a significant shift from the Air-Land Battle doctrine, which was published in 1982 and focuses on the operational and tactical aspects of war against a known enemy in a known setting. In contrast, the new AOC addresses the strategic aspect of a war against an unknown enemy in a constantly changing world.

“You design an Army differently to deal with the unknown than you design an Army to deal with the known,” Perkins said.

He said that premise will have wide-ranging effects on how the Army operates, ranging from materiel innovation to Soldier development. One of the main aspects in the new AOC is the need to empower Soldiers and the importance of leadership, Perkins said.

“In an unknown world, you need to empower people. One of the ways you empower people is to create common understanding and create a common visualization,” he said.

In an interview after the briefing, Perkins explained how the new doctrine will affect Basic Combat Training. He said he asked Soldiers in the early phase of Basic Combat Training about the main take-away of their training thus far, and the Soldiers said what really has been inculcated to them is the

culture of the Army and the Army values.

“You cannot operationalize the Army Operating Concept unless you have a values-based Army. And that was the first thing the trainees brought up to me was the values taught,” Perkins said. “And the way they learn it is the model by the drill sergeants. So the drill sergeants show what right is like and, of course, then convey the knowledge, the culture and the professionalism and the Army values.”

The new AOC also emphasizes the importance of critical thinking, which is another integral part of basic training, Perkins said.

“We are planting the seed for (the Soldiers) at a very early age that we expect them to think,” he said. “We expect them to know the expertise of their craft, but we also want them to have critical thinking, the application of their skill. Sometimes people think critical thinking means absence of knowledge, (absence) of skill. It doesn’t. You still have to have the skill on how to fire a rifle. The issue is, how do you apply that skill?”

Perkins said the human dimension is one of the new areas the AOC is looking at, which encompasses physical and emotional resilience, cognitive ability and teamwork.

“We’ve never had this human dimension aspect. We’ve focused a lot on making the tank better — getting more armor, getting to go faster, getting a bigger gun tube. Now we’re saying, ‘How can we do that to the Soldier?’ — make him more physically fit, more cognitively capable, more emotionally resilient,” he said. “One of the big initiatives is, we are starting an Army University where we can pull together all of the professional military education, pull together all the intellectual capital and focus on the human dimension.”

For the full text of the Army Operating Concept, visit [www.tradoc.army.mil/tpubs/pams/TP525-3-1.pdf](http://www.tradoc.army.mil/tpubs/pams/TP525-3-1.pdf).

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# 'Experience helps'

## Fort Jackson Rangers getting ready for annual competition

By **WALLACE MCBRIDE**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Soldiers from Fort Jackson will be heading south in a few weeks to compete in the annual Best Ranger Competition.

It's the third year in a row that the installation has competed in the event, made up of three days of intense physical and mental challenges at Fort Benning, Georgia. The concept is to whittle down the number of competitors in order to determine the best two-man team in the armed forces.

Serving on this year's team are Capt. Trevor Shirk, of the 193rd Infantry Brigade, and Capt. Kevin Raymond, of the Army Physical Fitness School. They were among 11 Soldiers competing for a slot on the installation's team.

Building a team to compete in the Best Ranger Competition has proven a challenge, said Lt. Col. Eric Flesch, operations officer for the Army Training Center. Just a few years ago, the installation had neither a team nor an available slot at the competition.

"You have to have Airborne Ranger-qualified individuals," Flesch said. "From there, you need individuals who have the desire to do it, because it's tough to train for. They need the skill and physical ability to perform and compete in a challenge like this."

Complicating matters is Fort Jackson's TRADOC affiliation, which doesn't automatically provide the post with potential Ranger candidates.

"Fort Benning is the home of the Rangers," he said. "They are the host of the event, so of course they have a different population. But, if you look at Fort Leonard Wood or Fort Sill — other training centers that are comparable to us — they have (Forces Command) units. And FORSCOM maneuver units have a lot of Ranger leaders."

This isn't always true for TRADOC installations, he said.

"We don't have a maneuver unit where Rangers usually reside," he said. "We get them by chance because they're Ranger qualified for some other job."

### TEAM JACKSON

While there are two Soldiers scheduled to compete in the Best Ranger Competition next month, it's not guaranteed that these Soldiers will be Shirk and Raymond. Should circumstances require these men to drop out of the event, other Soldiers from the original 11 competitors have been designated as alternates.

"We took the top six," Flesch said. "We trained six Soldiers in hopes that we could get two slots, and hopefully have an alternate team. We were given one slot this year, though."

The finalists include competitors from prior Best Ranger Competition events, he said. Staff Sgt. Bhor McWhinney, of the 165th Infantry Division, has been selected as one of the alternates this year, and was part of the post's first team in 2013.

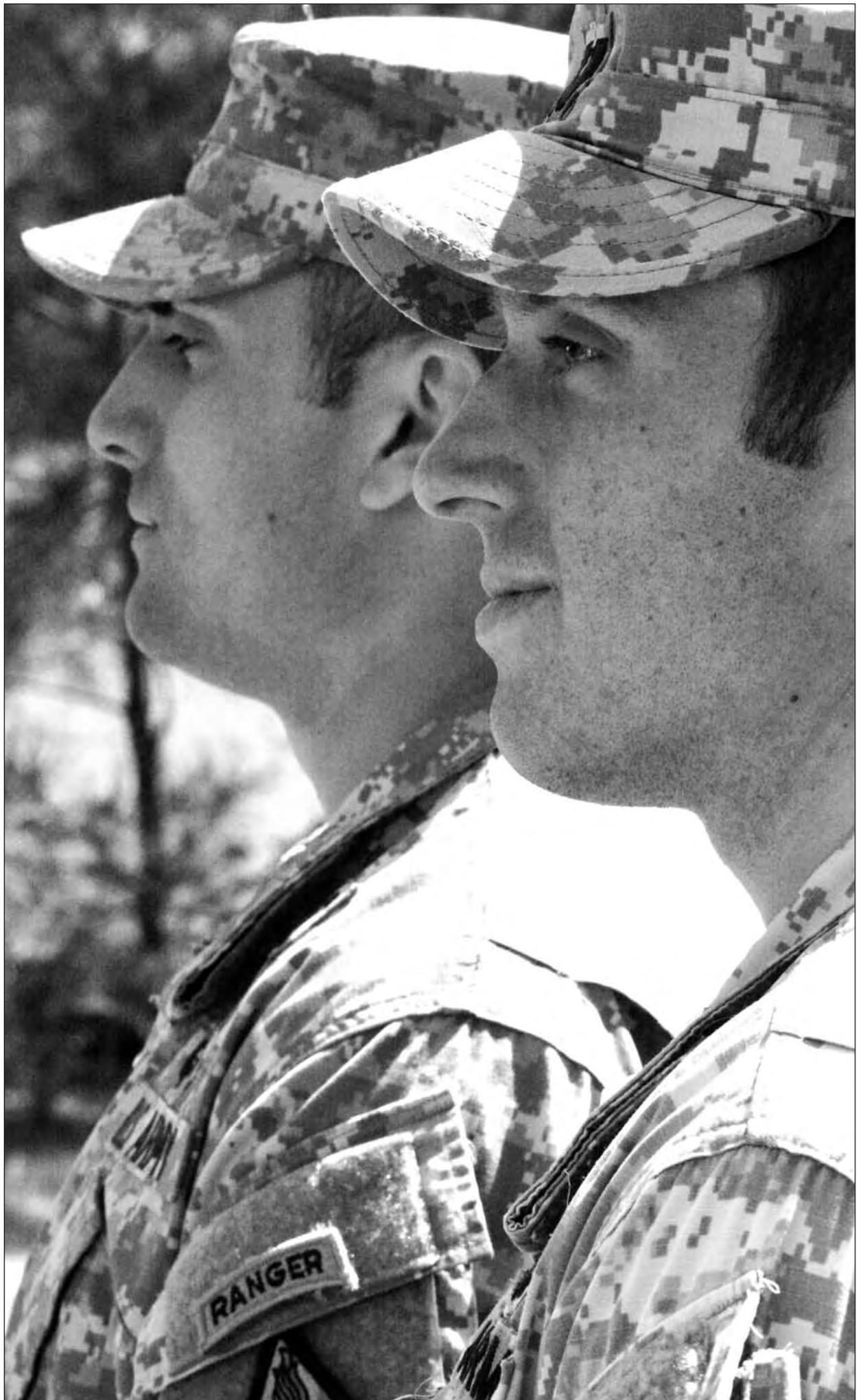


Photo by WALLACE MCBRIDE

Capt. Trevor Shirk, of the 193rd Infantry Brigade, and Capt. Kevin Raymond, of the Army Physical Fitness School, will represent Fort Jackson during this year's Best Ranger Competition.

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## Upcoming Family & MWR Events

- » **NCO Club Morning Breakfasts**  
Every Thursday (6:30 - 9:30 a.m.)  
For info, call 782-2218.
- » **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.  
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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.  
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Apr 4 (doors open at 1 p.m.)  
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- » **Friday Story Time**  
Apr 10 (11 - 11:30 a.m.)  
At Thomas Lee Hall Library.  
Free event. For info, call 751-5589.
- » **Charlestowne Landing and Historic  
Charleston Day Trip**  
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# Reserve engineers partner with post

By **STAFF SGT. DEBRALEE BEST**  
391st Engineering Battalion

People form partnerships — from friendships to relationships, people come together. For the 391st Engineer Battalion, out of Greenville, those bonds are forming between organizations.

The 391st has formed partnerships with Fort Jackson, state agencies, the South Carolina Army National Guard and the Air Force and to increase its training opportunities.

The battalion has been coordinating support for Fort Jackson for more than a year and has seen great chances to hone its Soldiers' engineer skills through that partnership.

During the battalion's field training exercise March 5-8, projects on Fort Jackson included road improvements, erosion control measures, building a baseline for a motorpool and reconnaissance for a new berm.

"(Fort Jackson) buys the materials, we simply provide the troop labor and the equipment hours and the equipment fuel. So, it's a win-win. They get the benefit of the

troop labor, we get the benefit of the training time," said Maj. Matthew Slyder, operations officer with the 391st. Future projects for Fort Jackson include construction of the berm, laying gravel for the motorpool, improvement of ranges and more erosion control measures.

Another significant training resource is a clay barrow pit, not staffed because of reduction in manning.

"A really unique opportunity for us is (the) clay barrow pit here, which creates a stockpile of clay. No one is in that clay pit anymore creating stockpile. So, when we do roadwork, there is not clay readily stockpiled that we can go grab, bring out and lay down on the road as part of the base," Slyder said. "The opportunity is for Soldiers who don't have a lot of experience, it's easy stick time, because they go into a clay pit and dig out clay from the earth and create a stockpile. So, it's a very low-level skill requirement."

With all the construction possibilities on Fort Jackson, Soldiers can easily improve their engineer skills no matter if they are new or experts in the field.

"From skill level one to skill level 40, we've got some great training opportunities with the work that Fort Jackson needs help with," Slyder said.



U.S. Army photo by **STAFF SGT. DEBRALEE BEST**

**Reservists with the 391st Engineer Battalion, from Greenville, conduct a field training exercise March 5-8 at Fort Jackson.**

## Rangers

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Raymond has also competed in the event.

"I actually competed in the competition last year for Fort Jackson," Raymond said. "We were disqualified on the land navigation course, so I'm looking for redemption this year. There's that fire burning inside me to show them what I have."

"Experience helps," Flesch said. "This would be the norm if you were in the 82nd Airborne. In the first two years we did this, we didn't have that (experience). So our chances are much better this year."

It's Shirk's first time in competition, and he said he has paid close attention to what others have told him about the event.

"It's a long couple of days," he said. "They say to stay

steady and consistent — and don't burn out."

### TRAINING DAYS

This year's talent pool expanded beyond the ATC, Flesch said, to involve Soldiers from the Army Physical Fitness School and MEDDAC. The team is intended to be representative of the entire installation, he said, and not just a few brigades.

Fort Jackson's team will be up against Soldiers with more experience and familiarity with the challenges expected to be part of next month's events. Weapons and tactics routinely included in the Best Ranger Competition go beyond those found in the post's Basic Combat Training mission.

"Are we at a little bit of a disadvantage?" Flesch said. "Yes, because basic training (instruction) doesn't cover mortars. We send our guys up to Fort Bragg to do training on grenade launchers, mortars and those weapons. They have to gain some proficiency in skills they're not using

every day here, like parachuting and mortars."

There are only two basic training installations competing in this year's event, he said. The other is Fort Benning, home of the Army's Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade.

These challenges have not discouraged the Soldiers on Fort Jackson's team. If anything, it has galvanized them.

"We're going to finish first," Raymond said.

"It's something I've always wanted to do — if the timing worked out," said Shirk. "It's in the nature of people who are Ranger qualified, to want to compete. It's a pro-athlete level event, which is kind of exciting."

Flesch said there's a cost associated with sending Soldiers to these kinds of activities. It requires posts to give up squad leaders and drill sergeants for a few months out of the year in order for them to train.

"But, it's for the benefit of the individual and the benefit of the Army to make a Ranger leader," he said.

The Best Ranger Competition takes place April 10-12.  
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# Soldier takes fitness to new heights

By **ANDREW McINTYRE**  
Fort Jackson Leader

From being a semi-professional basketball player to being a Soldier — Staff Sgt. Marcus Wallace has dedicated more than 18 years of his life to fitness and healthy living.

Wallace is a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist who lives on Fort Jackson with his family, but is stationed at Shaw Air Force Base with U.S. Army Central.

“After playing basketball in high school and college I went on to play semi-pro basketball in Argentina for one year,” Wallace said. “I decided to join the Army because my dad was also in the military. He did 24 years in the Air Force. I chose to join the Army because I am more of a physical person and I also wanted to play on the all-Army basketball team, so I joined the Army and played all-Army basketball for four years.”

He said his love for fitness came about after an injury to his back.

“Many trainers told me that I needed to strengthen my core to reduce back pains and injuries while playing for the



**WALLACE**

all-Army basketball team,” Wallace said.

Wallace said during his last years of playing basketball he was plagued with a lot of injuries.

“The injury to my back from playing basketball required rehabilitation and weight training to re-strengthen my muscles, which brought on my love for fitness,” Wallace said. “I started seeing results and I continued training.

... As I began to get more serious, I could be in the gym working out and have fitness trainers come up to me and encourage me to compete in a few competitions.”

Wallace said he participated in his first fitness competition in 2008 and won third place overall with only four weeks of preparation.

“From there I just had a drive. I got my personal trainer

license and I began helping Soldiers in my unit lose weight to pass the PT test,” Wallace said. “Mostly what I do is bring what I have learned and combine that with military training. I have helped raise our company PT average by at least 20 to 50 points. Last year, when I got to my unit the overall company PT score was 223 and then, after being there six months, it has gone up to 260 as a company.”

Wallace said his training concepts fall right in line with the Army’s Performance Triad model.

“My fitness plans follow what I call the four quarters of fitness,” Wallace said. “The first thing (Soldiers) need is nutrition, which is the most important thing, weight training, cardiovascular (training) and sleep. Most people do not realize that you have to have the right amount of rest.”

Wallace’s ambition to help Soldiers achieve their physical training goals has given him an opportunity to achieve his own goals.

“I am in the running to become the Men’s Health magazine Next Top Trainer. If I win, I will be able to have my own workout video produced by Men’s Health, so this is kind of big for me,” he said.

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## News and Notes

### STB CHANGES COMMAND



**LANE**

The Special Troops Battalion welcomed its new commander in a ceremony Friday at Victory Field. Lt. Col. Christopher Lane replaced Lt. Col. Keith Purvis as the battalion commander. Lane previously served

as deputy operations officer for the 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss, Texas.

### VETERANS BENEFITS FAIR

A benefits fair for veterans and Service members is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday at the South Carolina Army and Air Force National Guard Armory at 1225 Bluff Road. Experts will give advice on taxes, financial service, education, housing and employment. Health screenings will be available. For more information, call 299-4128.

### 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 NCO Club. 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 Friday. 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.*

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\*Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice\*

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

### DOD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SURVEY TO INCLUDE FORT JACKSON

Fort Jackson Soldiers, family members and health care providers are invited to participate in a research study funded by DOD aimed at improving behavioral health services for Soldiers. Invitations to complete the confidential survey, titled “Opening Doors: Strengthening Behavioral Health Support for Soldiers,” will be emailed soon to a random sample of Soldiers, family members and health care providers. Individual responses will not be reported to the Army. For more information, call 751-0766 or email [angela.d.smith231.mil@mail.mil](mailto:angela.d.smith231.mil@mail.mil).



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

Students with Ridge View High School provide entertainment during Fort Jackson's Women's History Month luncheon Friday at the NCO Club.

# Post marks Women's History Month



Above, books about women are on display during the event. Right, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Darlene Hagood is the guest speaker at the luncheon. Hagood, who was the first female Adjutant General Corps regimental command sergeant major, is the founder of the nonprofit organization 'Sisters Encouraging Sisters Ministries Inc.'





Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

Richard Horah, librarian at Pierce Terrace Elementary School, reads 'The Little Engine That Could' to kindergarten students. Horah was named Pierce Terrace's teacher of the year. The installation's teachers of the year will next compete for the school district's award.

# Schools name teachers of the year

By JENNIFER STRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

Kerrie Ammons, speech and language pathologist, or SLP, at C.C. Pickney Elementary School, and Richard Horah, librarian at Pierce Terrace Elementary School, were selected from more than 45 educators as the installation's teachers of the year for the current school year.

Ammons has been working in her field for 15 years. Before joining the staff at Pickney five years ago, she was an SLP with Lexington School District 2 in West Columbia. She earned a bachelor's degree in SLP and Audiology from Columbia College.

"While at Columbia College, I was told by a professor that I would make a good SLP," Kerrie said. "I said, 'OK,' and I've never looked back."

She went on to attend the University of South Carolina where she earned a master's degree in communication disorders followed by a PhD in language and literacy in 2013.

"I was taught to recognize the difference between cultural and medical issues. You have a diagnosis if you see me," Kerrie said. "Most of my students have problems with comprehension, vocabulary and language."

Ammons has 42 students on her current caseload. Each student sees her for 30 minutes, twice a week.

"I write my objectives so the children experience success," Kerrie said. "I celebrate even the smallest gain because it is important, and these kids matter."

In her spare time, Kerrie enjoys traveling and spending time with her two daughters, Hannah Kate and Lilly, and her hus-

band, Greg.

Horah has been involved in libraries and teaching for most of his professional career.

"My motto is to always teach," Horah said. "It is important to set the foundations for library skills as early as possible."

Before joining the staff at Pierce Terrace, he was an instructional technology and reference librarian at Armstrong State University and a classroom teacher for grades four through six, and school librarian with the Savannah-Chatham Public School System in Savannah, Georgia.

"I wanted to get into my own library," Horah said. "I made the right choice accepting the position at Pierce Terrace."

Horah earned a master's degree in library and information science from the University of North Texas in 2010 and a master's degree in instructional technology and design from Georgia Southern University in 2002.

"It's important for students to learn that information comes in a wide variety of sources," Horah said. "I teach them about both electronic and print (media)."

Horah said working in the DOD dependents school system gives him the ability to give more instructional attention to his students because of smaller class sizes.

"I love sharing my knowledge — watching them grow," Horah said. "I absolutely love putting books in children's hands."

In his spare time, he enjoys reading, model railroading, biking, swimming, academic research and writing.

Ammons and Horah will go on to compete for the DOD Education Activity South Carolina/Fort Stewart/Cuba District teacher of the year.

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Kerrie Ammons, speech and language pathologist at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School, demonstrates tools she uses in her classroom. Ammons was named C.C. Pinckney's teacher of the year.

# FDNY, drill sergeants team up

By MASTER SGT. DEAN WELCH

Office of the Chief of Public Affairs — Northeast

NEW YORK — Since the days of Baron von Steuben at Valley Forge, the Army has trained recruits, molding civilians into Soldiers to fight its nation's wars. And since 1975, the Fire Department of New York has taken recruits and made them into firefighters at its Probationary Firefighter's School on Randall's Island.

The FDNY bases its training cadre on the Army drill sergeant program, mirroring it as closely as possible, but what the fire department never did was ask for feedback on how it was doing.

That is until now, when two drill sergeants from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, or DSA, at Fort Jackson arrived to observe and offer feedback on how it trains recruits.

"We have never taken the actual steps to ask the military, 'Hey, what do you think of what we are doing, how close did we come?'" said Lt. J.P. Augier, executive officer to the FDNY chief of training. "If the U.S. Army says OK, we can say the U.S. Army checked the box here and thinks what we are doing is the best practice."

Sgts. 1st Class Amanda Calle and Melanie Coronado, drill sergeant leaders with the DSA, recently spent three weeks of the 18 week-long course observing and interacting with the FDNY drill instructors, the fire instructors and the 300-plus probationary firefighters, commonly called "probies." The FDNY hopes that by opening its doors to the Army, it will bring with it ways to improve performance and decrease injuries in its recruit population.

During their visit, the drill sergeants did not have a structured role or benchmarks they needed to meet each day. Instead, they reported each morning for first formation, tagged along to classrooms for instruction, conducted physical training and met with academy leadership. It did not take long for them to find their footing.

"As soon as we figured out how (the FDNY) operates, what our left and right limits are, it was easy for us to adapt and understand how they operate," said Coronado, an 11-year veteran.

"They adapted to our culture and the way things operate very quickly," Augier said.

The program, which includes a reciprocal visit by FDNY cadre to Fort Jackson in the coming months, came through discussions between senior Army leaders and their counterparts in the FDNY, Lt. Col. Rich Stebbins, public affairs officer at the Army Center for Initial Military Training, wrote in an email.

Augier, who is a third-generation firefighter, said this collaboration, which came about "inside of two months," is a first for the 150 year-old department.

"We've opened our doors in the past, but never like this," he said.

Coronado said the two organizations and their training atmospheres are similar, but likened the academy to Advanced Individual Training from a drill sergeant perspec-



U.S. Army photo by MASTER SGT. DEAN WELCH

**Sgts. 1st Class Melanie Coronado, left, and Amanda Calle, both drill sergeant leaders with the Drill Sergeant Academy, observe training at the Fire Department of New York Probationary Firefighter School on Randall's Island, N.Y. The drill sergeants recently went on temporary duty to New York City to observe and recommend improvements to the FDNY Recruit Training Program.**

tive. She said the four FDNY drill instructors, who according to the FDNY website are responsible for the probies' daily routines, move them to their classes, either in a room or at one of the many simulators on the 27-acres of academy grounds, where 38 instructors provide instruction on the tasks being taught. The DIs remain on site reinforcing discipline, providing motivation and reminding the students of the importance of the training.

Coronado, a South Miami, Florida, native, added that the two use similar training strategies.

"The crawl, walk, run method is the same. Repetition, same," she said.

She mentioned the training support packages Army instructors use to make sure all training is taught the same, no matter who is teaching. Augier said the FDNY plans to adopt something similar.

Coronado also said the FDNY is up against the clock when training recruits whereas Army drill sergeants are not.

"They (FDNY recruits) are on a time clock on how many hours they work in a day," she said. "We can keep our Soldiers and work with them because they have nowhere else to go. These recruits go home."

She added that if an Army recruit is not making the grade then there is always the option of recycling the recruit to the next class, however, the fire department does

not have that option. So Coronado has discussed with her FDNY drill instructors how she sometimes uses a writing assignment to create change and reinforce positive behavior.

But Coronado, who along with Calle, has donned fire protective equipment and breathing apparatus during some of the training sessions, said she thinks the Army would do well to create better simulators like the FDNY.

"Their simulators are very, very realistic, and they put a lot of money into that," Coronado said. "The facilities, training wise, are really, really legit."

Both Coronado and Augier agree that this partnership is in the early stages and any recommendations of change that come from this visit will not be instituted automatically.

"This is phase 1 of the process, the next phase is coming through when they come down to us," said Coronado, who along with Calle has conducted ride-a-longs with fire crews to active fire scenes.

"Nothing turns on a dime, but the current administration (of mayor Bill de Blasio) is very open-minded to change, not for the sake of change, but change for the sake of becoming a more highly reliable organization."

Reliability that comes when drill sergeants and instructors from the Army and FDNY visit, observe, share and implement ways to better train the next generation of Soldiers and firefighters.



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### TIG visits post

Lt. Gen. David Quantock, right, the Army inspector general, talks with Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, commandant of the Drill Sergeant Academy, during a visit to Fort Jackson Wednesday. Quantock conducted sensing sessions with Soldiers and civilians from various organizations.

### SSI celebrates women's history

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Coral Jones, the chief warrant officer of the Adjutant General's Corps, speaks at the Soldier Support Institute's Women's History Month event March 19 at the SSI. Jones is the first female Soldier in that position and the first African-American chief warrant officer 5 in the AG Corps. The event also featured musical entertainment by the Heart of Columbia Chorus.

Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE





Photo by JULIA SIMPKINS, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

### New citizens

Four chaplains take the citizens' oath during a naturalization ceremony March 18 at the Fort Jackson Immigration Office. The new Americans are 1st Lt. Vasyl Behay, a native of Ukraine; Capt. Denis Mandamunda, a native of the Democratic Republic of Congo; Capt. Kilio Onyejuwa; a native of Nigeria; and Capt. Kiskama Lemor, a native of Sierra Leone.

### Teen Summit set

Fort Jackson teenagers participate in the D.A.R.E. program that informs teens about drugs during last year's Teen Summit. This year's summit is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 3 at the Solomon Center. Registration is required by Friday. The event will include entertainment, activities, information and food. For more information, call 751-6325.

*Courtesy photo*



# Prescribed burning protects forests

*Fort Jackson Wildlife Branch*

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has proclaimed March Prescribed Fire Awareness Month in South Carolina.

A coalition of state, federal and non-governmental land management organizations under the umbrella of the South Carolina Prescribed Fire Council requested the proclamation to raise awareness of the essential role that fire plays in both the stewardship of natural resources and the protection of lives and property.

Prescribed, or controlled, burning is the skilled application of fire under planned weather and fuel conditions to achieve specific forest and land management objectives. Controlled burning is an ancient practice, notably used by Native Americans for crop management, insect and pest control, and hunting habitat improvement, among other purposes.

The practice continues today under the direction of land managers who understand the appropriate weather conditions, fuel loads and atmospheric conditions for controlling burns. These carefully applied fires are an important tool to reduce wildfires, maintain wildlife habitat, and keep the more than 13 million acres of forested land in South Carolina healthy and productive.

Although prescribed burning cannot stop all wildfires, it is the best management tool available for preventing larger and more frequent outbreaks.

“Prescribed burning is not only the most effective, economical protection against wildfires because it reduces accumulated fuels,” said Haley in her proclamation, “but it is also a key tool in managing and maintaining the ecological integrity of South Carolina’s woodlands, grasslands, agricultural areas and wildlife habitats.”

Prescribed burning is widely recog-



*Photo by STANLEY RIKARD, Wildlife Branch*

**The Directorate of Public Works burned 8,300 acres last year in an effort to protect wildlife on Fort Jackson.**

nized by forestry and natural resource managers as one of the most cost effective land management tools available. Few, if any, alternative treatments can compete regarding effectiveness and costs. And, a single prescribed burn can have multiple benefits for many species of plants and animals that inhabit Fort Jackson.

“Our goal in the (Directorate of Public Works) Forestry Branch is to prescribe

burn the forested ecosystem on a three-year rotation,” said Ian Smith, Fort Jackson’s fire management officer. “Last year, we burned 8,300 acres, with 5,464 acres of those burned during the growing season. We have already prescribed burned 5,256 acres so far this year, with a goal of 10,000 acres.”

Darryl Jones, South Carolina Forestry Commission fire chief and forest protec-

tion director, said about 500,000 acres are prescribed burned every year in South Carolina, but at least one million acres should be burned annually.

“The benefits of prescribed burning are many and varied,” Jones said. “Not only does it reduce the severity of wildfires, but it also improves wildlife habitat, increases recreation opportunities and protects the aesthetic value of our forestlands.”

# 'Scrum' is the word in the 193rd

The 193rd Infantry Brigade leadership is constantly focused on improving their systems and processes to maximize support to subordinate commands, sister units, the Army Training Center, and the greater Fort Jackson community.

Col. Milford Beagle Jr., the 193rd commander, always keeps his ears open for innovative ways to do just that. A couple of months ago, one of his staff officers, Capt. Trevor Shirk, shared a method he used to better manage the myriad tasks and projects in the brigade operations section.

Shirk is an advocate of using the “scrum” method.

“Scrum is basically about getting things done as quickly and efficiently as possible,” Shirk said. “Incorporating the process into my staff work allows me to continuously assess how we can do things better, as well as identify critical sticking points.”

Scrum is a term originally associated with Rugby football, where the team moves as a unit to advance the ball. Scrum, in its civilian form, was developed by software developer Jeff Sutherland as an aggressive method of managing software development projects. The scrum method uses a three-column model of laying out all of the project’s requirements in a “backlog,” and then working them to completion through “doing” and “done” columns.

Beagle said he was so impressed with the improvements within the operations section, he decided to bring the idea to his entire staff. He and his staff quickly adapted the model into a task and project management process that focuses on “turning” products and actions within two-week “sprint” time frames. So far, the model has improved the turnaround time for multiple brigade focus areas.

“The method provides a collective place to see what each section is working on, where possible staff overlap exists, and creates a ‘contract to completion’ for my staff officers,” Beagle said.

Lt. Col. Alan Deogracias, the brigade’s executive officer, serves as the “scrum master” by routinely synchronizing staff efforts and monitoring progress. Every two weeks, the staff meets with Beagle to update the commander on progress. The biweekly “sprint” sessions are strictly kept to 15 minutes, during which the staff members focus on what they have done, what they will do and



*Courtesy photos*

**Officers with the 193rd Infantry Brigade update project progress on the brigade’s scrum board. The brigade has been using the scrum method for project management. Pictured are, from left, Capt. Blaine Evans, Maj. Lakesha Warren, 1st Lt. Jessica Hernandez and Lt. Col. Alan Deogracias.**

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## COMMENTARY

**By CAPT. JASON HORTON**

*193rd Infantry Brigade*

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what the obstacles are for any given task or project.

Doing more with less appears to be a near-term challenge for commanders at all levels on Fort Jackson. However, the 193rd has already proven up to that chal-

lenge. To date, the brigade has coordinated efforts to turn in hundreds of thousands of dollars in excess equipment, reduced missed medical appointments, which save Moncrief Army Community Hospital thousands of dollars, and leads the way in redesigning the Basic Combat Training field training exercise model to increase Soldier proficiencies.

Notwithstanding the recent successes, Beagle said he remains committed to improving the brigade’s ability to impact positive change and increase the support to his most valued customer — each of his Soldiers in training. For the near future at least, “scrum” appears to be the word that may assist greatly in that effort.

## Calendar

**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.

**Friday, April 3**

### BOSS pie in the face contest

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Darby Field (pecan orchard)

For more information, call 751-8280.

**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.

■ 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 Tuesday. The scholarships are open to children and spouses of fallen or disabled Service members. For more information, visit [www.foldsofhonor.org/schol-](http://www.foldsofhonor.org/schol-)

## 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)

### arships.

■ Applications for the 2015 ASUS, Inc. Scholarship Program are due Tuesday. 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](http://www.aerhq.org).

### COMMISSARY NEWS

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

■ Visit [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) for the latest news, to see what is on sale, to create a shopping list and more. To access the latest sales flyer, click on "Sales and Events" in the "Shopping" tab. The "Savings Aisle" allows visitors to see every product on sale after selecting a specific store. Shoppers may also access advice and recipes under the "Healthy Living" tab.

■ The Commissary rewards card allows shoppers to use digital coupons at any commissary. For more information, visit [www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm](http://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](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou). The deadline is Tuesday.

■ 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](http://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](http://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 today at the Medalion Conference Center in Columbia. For more information, visit [www.vetready.org](http://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., Friday at the Marriott Hotel Columbia. For more information, call 254-953-1923 Ext. 1110 or visit [www.militarychild.org/training](http://www.militarychild.org/training).

### SALUTE TO VETERANS

A free bike event to honor veterans and active-duty military is scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday 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., Sunday 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](mailto: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 pm. 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](mailto:usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil).

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# Annual eye exams can prevent disease

By **EFFIEMARIE H. McGOWAN**  
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Age Related Macular Degeneration, or AMD, is an eye disease that affects thousands of people every year.

AMD typically affects patients older than 50, but it does not always respect age boundaries. Some patients are much younger.

AMD is a disease of the macula, which is the part of the eye that is responsible for central vision. This disease occurs when blood vessels in the back of the inside of the eye start to grow abnormally and become leaky, or their growth disrupts the layers of the retina and allows the accumulation of debris, fluid or blood between the layers, which decreases vision. Doctors characterize this disease as a wet form or a dry form. Family history, overall health and lifestyle are contributing factors.

Wet AMD is the most visually devastating, but is also the most readily treated. Wet AMD is the abnormal growth of blood vessels from the layers of the eye where the vessels lie toward the inner surface of the retina. Although there is no cure for AMD at this time, current treatments help people maintain vision longer than without treatment. Treatments consist of injections that decrease or prevent new blood vessel growth in the eye. Medications are getting better at helping patients maintain good vision.

Dry AMD can be visually devastating as well, but does not tend to move as aggressively or quickly as wet AMD. Dry AMD is the accumulation of debris between the layers of the retina. Dry AMD can convert to wet AMD at any time. Treatment for dry AMD is usually diet control (eating green and leafy vegetables), vitamin supplementation and lifestyle changes (stop smoking, reduce sun exposure, etc.). These actions cannot cure dry AMD, but they can slow progression of the disease and help to maintain good vision.

To maintain eye health and to reduce the risk of eye disease, one should eat a healthy diet, stay out of the sun or at least wear wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses, stop



U.S. Army photo

**Eye health is a critically important part of the eye exam. Doctors can detect many conditions before the patient is aware any problem exists. Early detection typically results in better outcomes.**

smoking and get a regular eye exam.

A genetic test is available to assess a patient's risk of developing AMD. If a patient has already been diagnosed with AMD, the test can assess the person's risk of progression of the disease.

Macular degeneration can be detected during a comprehensive yearly eye exam. For this reason, a comprehensive yearly eye exam is important for patients older

than 40, especially those with any family history of the disease.

Eye health is a critically important part of the eye exam, and doctors are able to detect many conditions before the patient is aware any problem exists. Early disease detection allows early treatment, which results in better outcomes, so even if you feel you have perfect vision and do not need an eye exam, think again.



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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.



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## COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS

### Racquetball tourney

Soldiers, retirees and family members participate in Fort Jackson's racquetball tournament March 18 at Perez Gym. The tournament was the first of its kind on post.

*Photo by ANDREW McINTYRE*



### West Point bound

James Palmer III, a senior at Blythewood High School, was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He is a member of the National Beta Club, the National Honor Society, the Science National Honor Society and other organizations. He lettered in track and field and received the All-American Scholar Award. Palmer is also an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. He is the son of Chaplain (Col.) James Palmer, the Fort Jackson installation chaplain.

*Courtesy photo*

# Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



**Sgt. 1st Class  
Leon Myers**  
Alpha Company  
1st Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**

Spc. Isaac Inungary

**SOLDIER  
OF THE CYCLE**

Pfc. Christopher Collins

**HIGH BRM**

Pvt. Christopher Lovell

**HIGH APFT (MALE)**

Pvt. Sean Middleton

**HIGH APFT (FEMALE)**

Pfc. Brittany Wagoner



**Staff Sgt.  
Shakelia Fears**  
Bravo Company  
1st Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**

Pfc. Brian Koredenbrock

**SOLDIER  
OF THE CYCLE**

Pfc. Courtney Brinkenhoff

**HIGH BRM**

Pvt. Joseph Garza

**HIGH APFT (MALE)**

Pvt. Andrew Bright

**HIGH APFT (FEMALE)**

Spc. Amanda Bromell



**Staff Sgt.  
Jessica Carey**  
Charlie Company  
1st Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**

Spc. Harrison Betsill

**SOLDIER  
OF THE CYCLE**

Pvt. Bharat Sonarbiswakarma

**HIGH BRM**

Pvt. David Clinkunbroomer

**HIGH APFT (MALE)**

Pfc. Ryan Roden

**HIGH APFT (FEMALE)**

Spc. Serena Miazzo



**Staff Sgt.  
Jojo Alicaba**  
Delta Company  
1st Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**

Spc. Mackenzie Carrigan

**SOLDIER  
OF THE CYCLE**

Pfc. Heather Ritchey

**HIGH BRM**

Pvt. Xavier Coakley

**HIGH APFT (MALE)**

Spc. Mackenzie Carrigan

**HIGH APFT (FEMALE)**

Pvt. Mallory Bentley



**Staff Sgt.  
Kevin Burleson**  
Foxtrot Company  
1st Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

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Spc. Keeliann Lozano

**SOLDIER  
OF THE CYCLE**

Pvt. Tiashun Burnett

**HIGH BRM**

Pvt. Kurt Grabulis

**HIGH APFT (MALE)**

Spc. Daniel Halusak

**HIGH APFT (FEMALE)**

Spc. Keeliann Lozano

## Weekly honors



**Staff Sgt.  
Anthony Hayes**  
Drill sergeant of the cycle  
Task Force Marshall

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# ACS Calendar — April 2015

## EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM

National Career Assessment Month events	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 223	April 1, 8, 15, 29	8 to 10 a.m.	751-5256
Resume writing and interviewing skills workshop	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	April 7	9 a.m. to noon	751-5256
Job searching strategies for military spouses	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	April 14, 28	8:30 a.m. to noon	751-5256
Professional time management	Education Center	April 16	9 a.m. to noon	751-5256
Starting and running a small business	Education Center, Room B-204	April 22	9 to 11:30 a.m.	751-5256
Steps to federal employment for military spouses	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	April 22	9 to 11:30 a.m.	751-5256
Introduction to Excel (instructor-led workshop)	Education Center	April 23	9 a.m. to noon	751-5256
Project management fundamentals	Education Center	April 30	9 a.m. to noon	751-5256

## EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM

EFMP creative journey	Joe E. Mann Center ballroom	April 10	5 to 6 p.m.	751-5256
EFMP bowling outing	Century Lanes Bowling Center	April 16	4:30 to 6 p.m.	751-5256

## FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

OB maternity briefing	MACH, Room 8-85	April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	9 to 9:15 a.m.	751-6325
Bright Honeybee Explorer play group	5614 Hood St., Room 8	April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10 to 11:30 a.m.	751-6325
Stress management class	5614 Hood St., Room 10	April 2	11 a.m. to noon	751-6325
Child safety awareness initial training	5614 Hood St., Room 10	April 6	5 to 7 p.m.	751-6325
Healthy relationships	5614 Hood St., Room 10	April 7	11 a.m. to noon	751-6325
Anger management class	5614 Hood St., Room 10	April 16	11 a.m. to noon	751-6325
Child safety awareness annual refresher training	5614 Hood St., Room 10	April 20	5 to 6 p.m.	751-6325
Triple P Positive Parenting Program	5614 Hood St., Room 10	April 23	10 a.m. to noon	751-6325

## FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM

All about credit seminar	Education Center, Room B-206	April 6	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	751-5256
Out of debt seminar	Education Center, Room B-206	April 13	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	751-5256
Investment basics seminar	Education Center, Room B-206	April 20	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	751-5256
Budgeting, banking and checkbook maintenance	Education Center, Room B-206	April 23	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	751-5256
Preparing your finances to purchase a home	Education Center, Room B-206	April 23	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	751-5256
Identity theft prevention seminar	Education Center, Room B-206	April 27	11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	751-5256

## RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM

In-processing/re-entry brief	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	Monday through Thursday	7:30 a.m.	751-5256
Out-processing	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	Monday through Thursday	8-11:30 a.m.; 1-3:30 p.m.	751-5256
English as a second language: grammar and writing	2612 Covenant Road	Monday through Thursday	8:30 to 10 a.m.	343-2935
English as a second language: conversation and culture	2612 Covenant Road	Monday through Thursday	10:15 to 11:30 a.m.	343-2935
English as a second language: conversation and grammar	2612 Covenant Road	Tuesday and Thursday	5:30 to 8 p.m.	343-2935
English as a second language	750 Old Clemson Road	Tuesday and Thursday	6 to 8 p.m.	736-8787
Post newcomer's orientation	NCO Club	April 2	8 to 10:45 a.m.	751-1124
Phase II levy overseas brief	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	April 9, 16, 23, 30	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	751-1124
Stateside levy brief	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	April 9, 16, 23, 30	1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	751-1124
Hearts Apart support group multi-cultural luncheon	Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222	April 24	Noon to 1:30 p.m.	751-1124

*For more information and to register, call the phone number corresponding to the event. Information subject to change.*

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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

- Maundy 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

### 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

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» 5K Fun Run/Walk

Beginning at 9 a.m.

- » Earth Day Booths
- » Recycling Collection Point
- » Performance Triad Booths & Activities
- » Month of Military Child Family Fun Fair: Rides, Face Painting, Games
- » Fire Department Display
- » Snow Cones
- » Concession Trailer
- » Sexual Assault Awareness Booths and Activities
- » EFMP Booth and Autism Awareness

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