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ON THE COVER

Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON

Pvt. Tanica Marco, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, makes her way through the final water obstacle at the Fit to Win endurance course on Oct. 1. **SEE PAGE 3.**



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Deadline for events to be included in the calendar or Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

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

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

Questions? Call 751-7045.

TODAY

Stress Management

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Workshop designed to help participants manage the effects of stress. Call 751-6325 for information or to register.

Community information exchange

Noon, NCO Club.

Evening story time

6:30 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library

FRIDAY

No school for students

at C.C.Pinckney, Pierce Terrace

MONDAY

Columbus Day/no school for students

at C.C.Pinckney, Pierce Terrace

TUESDAY

Story Time at the Library

11 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library

WEDNESDAY

Maternity briefing

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

Bright Honeybee play group

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

OCT. 15

Financial Planning for Initial Permanent Change of Station

9-10:30 a.m., Room B-206, Education Center. Mandatory for junior enlisted Soldiers preparing to PCS for the first time. Covers costs, allowances and entitlements associated with a move. Spouses encouraged to attend. Call 751-5256 for information or to register.

Anger Management

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Class focuses on identifying, managing anger triggers. Call 751-6325 for information or to register.

Evening story time

6:30 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library

OCT. 16

Family day at the State Fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 1200 Rosewood

Drive. Hearts Apart Families (those living separately from deployed Soldiers) and foreign-born spouses are invited to a day at the S.C. State Fair. Those who arrive at the main entrance on Rosewood Drive at 10 a.m. will receive free admission with their military IDs. For information and to reserve a spot, email patricia.a.guillory.civ@mail.mil, call 751-9770; or email miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil by Oct. 15.

OCT. 19

Child-safety awareness refresher training

5-6 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. One-hour refresher course emphasizing how to identify, report child abuse. Required annually for law enforcement, chaplains and others who work with children. Open to active-duty and retired military, DOD civilians, members. Call 803-751-6325, to register.

OCT. 20-22

Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Spouse Course
Building 2289, corner of Beauregard Street, Madgruder Avenue. Free resiliency course for military spouses. Call 751-5913 for information.

OCT. 21

Activation, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment

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

OCT. 22

Resume writing and interviewing skills

9 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Targeted to military spouses but open to military, DOD cardholders. Call 751-5256 for information or to register.

Budgeting, banking and checkbook management

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Room B-206, Education Center. How to develop a budget, keep personal financial records. Call 751-5256 for information or to register. (Please provide your lunch.)

OCT. 23

No school for students

at C.C.Pinckney, Pierce Terrace

OCT. 24

Stop the Violence aerobathon

10 a.m. to noon, Solomon Center. All participants should wear purple to show

support for an end to domestic violence. For information, call 751-3700.

OCT. 27

Story Time at the Library

11 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library

OCT. 28

Job-Searching Strategies for Military Spouses

8:30 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Covers resume-writing, interviewing skills. Open to military, DOD cardholders. For information, call 751-5256, or email Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil.

Is Business Ownership Right for You?

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

OCT. 31

Halloween Howl 5K fun run/walk

8 a.m., Twin Lakes Recreation Area. Late registration, 6:30-7 a.m. To register, call 751-3096/3486. T-shirts \$10 until Oct. 17 at webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac103/wbwsac/Jacksonretractac.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1.

NOV. 3

Healthy Relationships

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Discussion-based class designed to foster emotionally healthy relationships. Open to Soldiers, retirees, DOD civilians and Families. Call 751-6325 for information or to register.

NOV. 18

Personal financial management for first-term Soldiers

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Room B-206, Education Center. A mandatory class for all first-term junior enlisted Soldiers. Covers payroll and pay issues; understanding leave and earnings statements; and principles of personal finance. Call 751-5256 for information.



Photo by WALLACE MCBRIDE

Visitors arrive Tuesday morning at the banks of Semmes Lake to find the popular recreation area empty of water. Heavy rainfall caused a rupture in the lake's dam, spilling its contents into the surrounding countryside.

Historic flooding takes its toll on Fort Jackson

Deluge of difficulty slows to a trickle

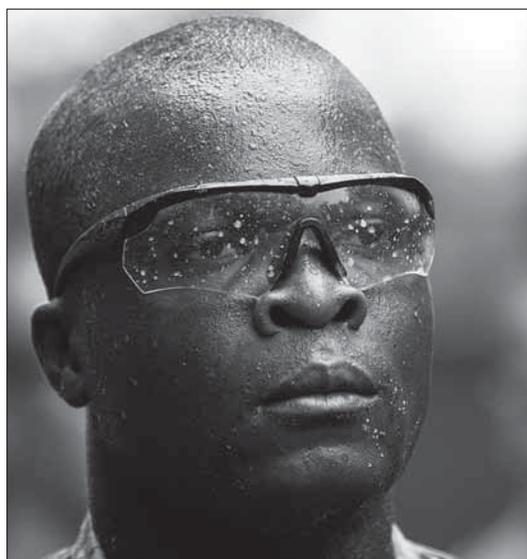


Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON

Amas Kone, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, waits for the winner of the super squad challenge to be announced Oct. 1 at the Fit to Win course. Kone is in his second week of Basic Combat Training.

**BY ROBERT TIMMONS,
WALLACE MCBRIDE
and CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT**
Fort Jackson Leader

Semmes Lake breached its earthen dam, leaving fish to flop and die. Power lines along Dixie Road drooped and fell. And no Soldiers graduating from Basic Combat Training ran screaming onto Hilton Field for Family Day.

Fort Jackson remained closed to all but essential personnel from the weekend until today in the wake of torrential rains from Hurricane Joaquin, although Families who had arrived for graduation were allowed to visit post and meet with their Soldiers, despite the lack of a ceremony.

Basic training operations gradually resumed as fields and ranges dried.

"The weather forced us to cease daily operations, close schools, coordinate with state government and support local (and federal emergency) response," said R.J. Frazier, Fort Jackson's emergency manager.

Post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier decided to close post, "first and foremost, to protect the community's safety," Frazier said.

"Damage assessments are currently unknown," Frazier said, and it will be difficult to

say when they might be available.

Post officials reported no injuries related to the storm.

On Wednesday, Fort Jackson continued to experience low water pressure, originating with the City of Columbia water system that serves the installation.

In a flier distributed to post housing, garrison commander Col. James Ellerson urged residents to be patient until water service was restored. Until then, he said, "remember that the water you are receiving from your faucet must be boiled before it is safe to drink or cook with."

The installation was awaiting a number of ROPUs – reverse osmosis purification units – from Fort Bragg. Once those arrive, they will be able to clean about 180,000 gallons of water daily.

Sightseeing, not working

Semmes Lake proved a big draw for walkers and joggers in the wake of the storm because of the collapse of its earthen dam below Pershing, the road on which commanders' homes sit. The lake itself was empty of all but dead fish and a few surviving turtles. Hawks circled overhead, perhaps drawn by the smell of decay.

HAPPENINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HR CLOSINGS POSTPONED

The Directorate of Human Resources – to include the ID card offices in Rooms 109, 114 and 200 at 5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd. and the Official Mail and Distribution Center at 4400 Green St. – have postponed their Organizational Day and will be open Friday, despite previous announcements to the contrary.

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

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

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

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

FREE LEGAL EDUCATION

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

FOR FAMILIES

■ Hearts Apart Families (those living separately from deployed Soldiers) and foreign-born spouses are invited to a day at the S.C. State Fair, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 16. Those who arrive at the main entrance at 1200 Rosewood Drive by 10 a.m. will receive free admission with military IDs. For information and to reserve a spot, email patricia.a.guillory.civ@mail.mil, call 751-9770; or email miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil by Oct. 15.

■ Military Family members who have ideas on how the Army might improve their lives may participate in drawing up the Army Family Action Plan, an Army-wide initiative aimed at enhancing the quality of life for Soldiers, retirees, survivors, Department of the Army civilians and Families. Issues that Families identify as important are forwarded to the Department of the Army for action. Interested parties may visit the AFAP Issue Management system on the My Army One Source web page: www.myarmyonesource.com. For issue forms, visit the Family Readiness Center (Building 4512) of Army Community Service or contact marilynn.s.bailey.civ@mail.mil.

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

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

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

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

5256.

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

■ Army Family Team Building offers classes in the basics of Army life, as well as personal and professional development. For information, call 751-5256 or visit www.MyArmyOneSource.com, click on "online training" and select the level you want.

■ The Fort Jackson Soldier Family Assistance center serves Warriors in Transition and their Families by encouraging self-development and wellness, and by meeting individual needs. For information, call 751-2508, or email JacksonWTUFamilies@conus.army.mil.

■ Those needing basic language instruction may take part in classes offered by Army Community Services. Open to ID cardholders, DOD employees. For information, call 751-1124, or email miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil.

SPORTS

The Halloween Howl 5K fun run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. Oct. 31 at Twin Lakes Recreation Area. Late registration will be 6:30-7 a.m. the day of the run. To register, call 751-3096/3486. T-shirts \$10 until Oct. 17 at webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac103/wbwsc/Jacksonretract.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop is accepting winter clothing. Those who have Halloween items they no longer need may bring them in through Oct. 15. From Tuesday through Nov. 12, the shop will accept Thanksgiving items. It will accept Christmas items Nov. 17 through Dec. 3. The Thrift Shop is at 4713 Lee Road in the Mini Mall. Call 803-787-2153 for information, or visit 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays. Consignment hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and bookkeeping hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

EXCHANGE NEWS

■ The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is pumping up gas savings by doubling the discount for MILITARY STAR cardholders. Through Sunday, drivers fueling up with a MILITARY STAR card at an AAFES gas station will receive 10 cents off per gallon.

■ AAFES has teamed with Unilever to give military shoppers a chance to win \$500 in the Unilever NCAA Sweeps. Enter at www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes. No purchase is necessary. Entrants must be 18 or older and enter by Oct. 29.

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

■ AAFES has begun the Apply Today sweepstakes to coincide with the launch of the reinvented MILITARY STAR rewards program. Shoppers who apply and are approved for new accounts automatically will be entered to win \$1,000 in credit. Twenty-five winners will be selected in October. Apply at the Exchange or at myecp.com.

EVENTS OFF POST

OFFICER CANDIDATE REUNION

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

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

"War Room" will begin at the post theater this weekend.



Friday

"Sinister 2" (R), 7 p.m.

Saturday

"The Gift" (R), 2 p.m.
"War Room" (PG), 4 p.m.

Sunday

"War Room" (PG), 2 p.m.
"We Are Your Friends" (R), 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

"Hitman: Agent 47" (R), 2 p.m.
"War Room" (PG), 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 17

"We Are Friends" (R), 7 p.m.

TICKETS

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

3-D TICKETS

Adult: \$7.50
Child (6 to 11): \$5

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

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"I BECAME A SOLDIER..."

This week, we spoke to six fledgling "River Raiders" from Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment – all of whom were happily surprised upon finding that the extra duty for which they had been pulled aside amounted only to five-minute interviews.

3RD BATTALION, 60TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

ALPHA COMPANY



PVT. MONICA COTTRELL, 18

"I joined the National Guard to pay for my schooling and, also, become a 68 Whisky (a combat medic). I'm hoping that the Army can get me some background experience" before going into nursing training.

"My sister joined last year before me, so she is a big inspiration for me.

"I'm hoping to stay in for at least my 20 years and, possibly, join (the) active Army after I'm done with my college."

ALPHA COMPANY



PVT. SCOTTY DUKE, 19

"I joined the Army because it's a Family tradition, and I wanted to follow that. It's something I've wanted to do since I was 16.

"I'm adopting two little girls (ages 4 and 11 months) from some bad people I met when I was back at home" and must have a way to support them.

Duke will become a wheeled-vehicle mechanic. "It's something I've always done, (and) my dad talked me into it.

"I hope to do 20 years and retire, and do something else when I get out."

ALPHA COMPANY



PVT. SAMANTA GARCIA, 18

"I'm the first one in my family to finish high school. I joined the National Guard because I would like to go to college, as well.

"I joined the National Guard to start my education first.

"If I like it, I'll go active." Garcia says her family is proud of her because she is pursuing a career.

"I was in (J)ROTC in high school. That inspired me to see how the military life was and to get the full experience."

ALPHA COMPANY



PVT. BRUNNA KOALA, 22

"I go to a church where a lot of people belong to the Marine Corps, and they inspire me. And last year, I went to an (Officer Training School) graduation, for the Air Force and thought, 'This is pretty amazing.'

"I checked out the Army National Guard and the Air Force National Guard, and the Army National Guard has the best (options) for me.

"I want to get more disciplined.

"I want to be a career officer.

"I'm a combat medic ... because of my love for the human body. I'm a power lifter, and I like helping people."

Pvt. Koala is from Brazil.

ALPHA COMPANY



PVT. KYLER PIERSON, 18

"The reason why I joined was to be a role model to my nieces."

Also, "there's not a lot of jobs other than fast food. (The Army is) going to train me how to do something I've always wanted to do" – be a mechanic.

"Basic (Combat Training) was a lot easier than I expected it to be.

"I plan to go the full 20, and after that, operate my own mechanic's business."

The Army is "going to help me succeed in what I love to do."

ALPHA COMPANY



PVT. HUIYIN ZHANG, 18

"I wasn't really interested in the Army until one day, a recruiter came to my high school.

"The National Guard is the best Army career for me because ... it helps me with my college fund.

"I used to be sloppy (and not) on the right track. I wanted to become more disciplined and more body fit and, maybe, (eventually) change my career to combat medic" from supply specialist.

In training, "I like how we become as a group. People work together. We help each other ... go through the difficulties."



Photos by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

Chaplains (Capt.) Samuel Siebo and (Capt.) Sarah Tarpley bring Pvt. Rebecca Noffsinger up from the water and into a new CHRISTIAN life on a rainy Saturday. Several dozen Basic Combat Training Soldiers were baptized in a group ceremony at the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

For God and country

BY CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT
Fort Jackson Leader

On one of the most profoundly dismal days of the year, several dozen Soldiers in Basic Combat Training found delight in surrender on Saturday.

Clad in unbloused ACUs and without their boots – some wore socks, others flip-flops – they were dunked one after the other in a faux granite baptismal pool filled with warm water from the laundry room at the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

“This is a very sacred time,” Chaplain (Capt.) Sarah Tarpley told those being baptized. “The Christian baptism has much deeper significance than just repentance (for sins).”

“You have a new life. You are a new creation.”

The Soldiers answered enthusiastically – not with “Hooah” but “Amen!”

The distinctly Christian rite of baptism often precedes regimental graduations by a few weeks, representing the Soldiers’ commitment to both God and country.

The 193rd Infantry Brigade’s Protestant chapel services at the Solomon Center often draw hundreds, many of whom are baptized along with their regiments later, said chief chaplain Col. Mark Penfold. The 165th Infantry Brigade holds services within their units and, thus, have smaller baptismal ceremonies.

Soldiers who wish to be baptized Catholic are not on post long enough to complete the required classes, Jewish conversions are rare and accepting Islam requires a personal profession, Penfold said.

Many of the Soldiers baptized on Saturday said their longtime or newfound Christian faith had helped them endure basic training.

“I realized that, hey! (God) was going to be the one I had to talk to at night” after a hard day of training, Pvt. Rebecca Noffsinger said before the baptisms began. “Every time I had something, I could go to Him and He’d fix it right off the bat.”

“(Baptism is) that one step to finalize my relationship with Christ.”



Chaplain Tarpley hands out baptismal certificates to celebrants in the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. Some Soldiers changed their minds before the ceremony. Others who made last-minute plans took their places.

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Knowledge management course offered for first time

By **STEPHAN D. WILCOX**
Soldier Support Institute

When was the last time you were looking for something on the server but could not find it?

Been on TDY but could not reach the documents you needed for your briefing?

Had several people performing a task one person could have done if only you had access to a central system?

These are but a few of the issues that knowledge management can conquer. Knowledge management isn't just one person's job; it's something that should pervade the culture of an organization.

For years, we have heard the terms "battle rhythm," "common operating picture," "lessons learned" and so on. But rarely have we taken the time to change the culture to eliminate these issues before they become bigger issues.

In conjunction with the Combined Arms Command, the proponent of knowledge management for the Army, the Soldier Support Institute at Fort Jackson has developed a three-day Knowledge Management Representative Course that focuses on the needs of a TRADOC-based organization.

The course is designed to provide real-world practical exercises to help its students solve issues in their units while creating a knowledge-management infrastructure throughout Fort Jackson.

By learning and using Army Enterprise systems throughout Fort Jackson, we will better serve our mission, letting leaders and Soldiers focus on their duties instead of trying to make the next "local system" to meet a require-



Courtesy photo

Members of a previous knowledge management class demonstrate that cooperation helps solve issues before they become insurmountable. Fort Jackson will offer its first knowledge management class in December.

ment.

The first class of Knowledge Management Representatives will be made up of a cross-section of Fort Jackson, in order to share and process improvement across post.

The course is intended to be conducted quarterly, with the next scheduled class to be Dec. 8-10.

Graduating students will be asked to participate in advanced systems training at the Soldier Support Institute through fiscal 2016.

If you or your unit is interested in reserving a training seat, contact stephan.d.wilcox.civ@mail.mil, or visit www.ssi.army.mil/kmreview/index.html.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

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

CATHOLIC

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

ISLAMIC

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

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

JEWISH

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

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

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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

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

PROTESTANT

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

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

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

Wednesday
7 p.m., gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle Chapel

Thursday
11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fresh Encounter Bible study, Chaplain Family Life Center

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

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

Fort Jackson Gate Operation Hours

GATE 1

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

GATE 2

Open around the clock.

GATE 4

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

GATE 5

5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday
3:30 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (outbound only)
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Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE. Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS



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Save a life through early detection of BREAST CANCER



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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In recent years, medical advances in both early detection and treatment have helped millions of women survive breast cancer – roughly more than 2.8 million living in the United States alone.

This year, 230,000 women will receive a diagnosis of breast cancer – a frightening event because breast cancer continues to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women worldwide and the second-leading cause of death among American women.

WHAT IS BREAST CANCER?

Breast cancer is a disease that causes normal cells in the breast to change and grow out of control. Abnormal cells group together into malignant tumors, destroying body tissue – perhaps throughout the body.

According to the American Cancer Society, about 1 in 8 American women will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetimes.

A woman's risk increases with age. Thus, it is important to detect breast cancer early through screening.

WHY IS EARLY DETECTION IMPORTANT?

The chances of survival are much higher if the cancer is detected in the early stages. According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, when breast cancer is found before spreading through the body, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends breast cancer screening for early detection. This means checking a woman's breasts for cancer before signs or symptoms of the disease occur.

Women should put themselves first and make time for their health. Stay in optimum shape to keep illness and disease at bay. Visit www.wh.palladiantest.com/nwhw/by-age/ to determine ways to preserve your health at any age.

MAMMOGRAMS

To increase the chances of early detection, the CDC recommends that women 50 to 74 years old undergo a screening mammogram every two years. Women 40 to 49 should discuss with their medical providers when they should start undergoing mammograms.

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is widespread enough to feel or cause symptoms.

CLINICAL BREAST EXAM

All women should receive clinical breast exams during their annual physicals. A clinical breast exam is an examination by a doctor or nurse who uses his or her hands to feel for lumps or other changes.

BREAST SELF-EXAMS

Women also can aid in early detection by examining their own breasts.

Breast self-exams involve looking at and feeling both breasts to check for lumps. Adult women of all ages are encouraged to perform breast self-exams at least once a month.

It is important that women know what is normal for the shape, look and feel of their breasts, so that they can recognize changes in the appearance of the nipple or breast.

If signs or symptoms occur, a health-care provider should check them out immediately.

Symptoms to look for include:

- Lump in the breast
- Thickening of the breast skin
- Rash or redness of the breast
- Breast swelling
- New onset of breast pain
- Dimpling around the nipple or on the breast skin
- Nipple pain or the nipple turning inward
- Nipple discharge
- Lumps under the arms

Changes in your breast do not always mean you have breast cancer – 80 percent of breast lumps are non-cancerous.

Only an experienced health-care provider can tell you what other tests you should undergo to determine whether you have breast cancer.

Remember to be proactive about your health. Having healthy behaviors coupled with appropriate medical screening is a primary way to prevent breast cancer.

To reduce your risk, maintain a healthy weight, exercise regularly, get enough sleep, and don't drink alcohol or limit alcoholic drinks to one a day.



Photos by WALLACE MCBRIDE

A dam break during last weekend's storm drained Semmes Lake, above, taking with it an adjoining road, below.

Storm

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At the corner of Semmes and Essayons Way, huge chunks of sidewalk and smaller pieces of asphalt lay in a newly deepened gully, along with the corner street sign. Orange stanchions prevented entry at each end of the collapse.

Capt. Reginald Meadows, a student at the Soldier Support Institute, usually rides his bicycle along Semmes toward Macgruder Avenue in the mornings. On Tuesday, he approached the collapsed road on foot instead.

"I could take it," he joked. "I could jump it" on his bike.

He had wandered down to "just eat by the lake and enjoy the day, but I guess there's no lake."

"I'm trying to figure out how they're going to get the water back into the lake," he said. "Getting it out was easy."

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Waller of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 171st Infantry Brigade, found what had happened to Semmes Lake "crazy."

"I was stationed here in 2010 and used to come out here to fish with my kids," he said. "They'd just restocked it around 2008 or 2009."

"Just to think, all of those resources now are somewhere else."

"This was a nice place to sit, hang out with their loved ones during basic training. Now it's just a big pile of dirt."

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Reassuring the trainees

"Information is the No. 1 thing people want in times of stress," said Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, commandant of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy. Christian spent Tuesday morning briefing Soldiers on the status of the training cycle, which he said would continue on schedule with a few small tweaks.

"As bad as the situation is, the timing worked out perfectly because (they're all) in classrooms," he said of Soldiers at the academy. Roughly a quarter of the 370 Soldiers enrolled at the academy still had training to complete on the ranges.

Any training that involves intense physical activity will be restructured because of on-going infrastructure problems caused by the rain-fall.



Flood

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“We don’t have the ability to conduct what I consider to be the right level of personal hygiene,” he said. “Because (Soldiers) can’t shower appropriately, we’re not doing the (full) training they normally would at this time of the year.

“(But) it will not impact them being able to graduate on time.”

‘Nor any drop to drink’

On Chesnut in front of the dog park, Capt. Robert Best repeatedly dipped a jug into a large puddle, gathering water to add to his toilet tanks in post housing.

“The night before they shut the water off, we filled a bunch of buckets,” he said. (The water actually had not been shut off, but pressure issues abounded.) A friend brought bottled water – 72 bottles, said Best’s 10-year-old son, Noah – and the Family collected rainwater.

“I think we’ll be good,” said Best, a student at the Soldier Support Institute. “We’ve got a couple more days’ (worth).”

Noah hadn’t been to school – where he, no doubt, would have heard many jokes made at the expense of his name

– but he wasn’t exempt from bathing. He used a bucket of water and a washcloth.

“It’s good training,” Best said. “That’s what Soldiers do in the woods.”

Back on the range again

Staff Sgt. Ron Laugand of Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, ran his Soldiers through training in shooting behind high and low walls at Range 20. Crouching on one knee on the damp soil, the Soldiers raised their weapons, muttering, “Bang, bang, bang.”

Early in the week, the ranges had been too wet for training, Laugand said, so he took his company into the classroom to review information on keeping their finances straight.

Even though the trainees didn’t get any rain days, he admitted that “it was sort of a break for them.”

As Soldier after Soldier aimed his M-16, the damp air over Range 20 filled with the staccato pops of actual gunfire from nearby units.

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Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON

Soldiers with 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment low crawl through the Fit to Win endurance course on Oct. 1, during the beginning of the rains brought by Hurricane Joaquin.

Baptism

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Noffsinger – a 17-year-old from Yoncalla, Oregon – found her faith in the Army, as did many of the others being baptized. Some told of overcoming their anguished pasts by finding religion; others spoke of becoming examples for others.

Still others entered the baptismal pool as a recommitment to a faith they had had as children. Many said that faith had provided them with reassurance during basic training.

Chaplains Tarpley of the 3-13th and Capt. Samuel Siebo of the 2-13th guided each Soldier into the pool, posing for a photo with the Soldier holding his baptismal certificate, then gripping each by the hands and swiftly swaying back and up, splashing errant water onto the surrounding concrete, where two Soldiers mopped it toward the drain.

Nearby and out of the wet, the Soldiers' abandoned guns sat neatly racked.

Outside the covered area, rain poured consistently from a lowering sky.

As they were dipped and raised, the Soldiers displayed a range of reactions, most emerging with wide smiles. Some appeared surprised, their eyes bulging wide and white.

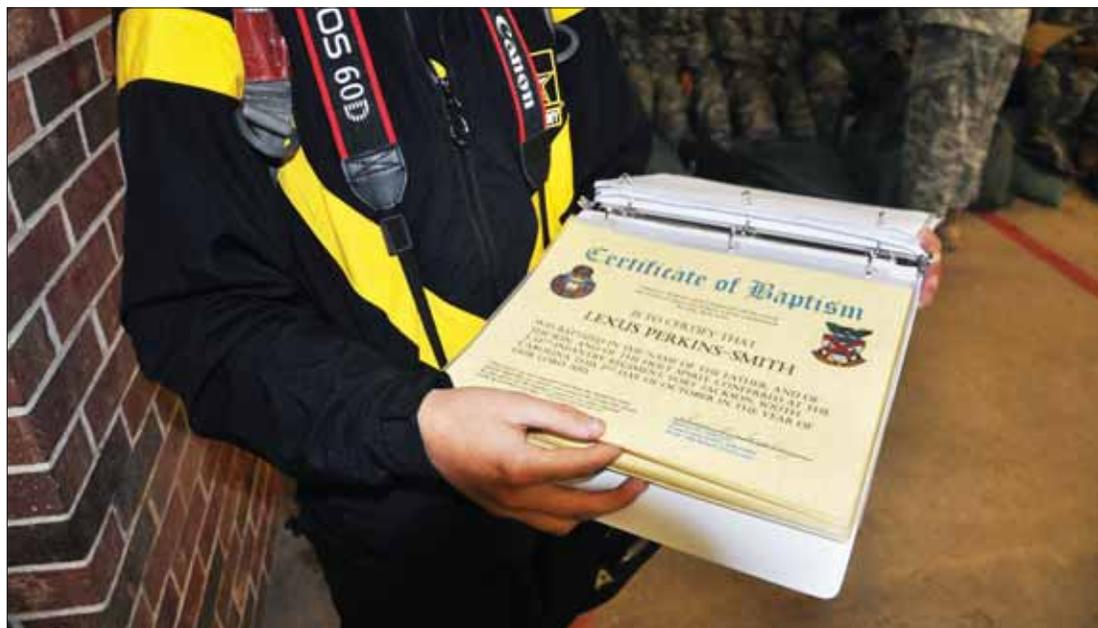


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Each Soldier being baptized received a certificate commemorating the day. The certificates and pictures of their baptisms were recorded in keepsake books to be distributed later.

“It was really emotional at first,” said Makayla Ngoun, 18 and from Hope Well, Virginia, but “I was ready for it. It felt great.”

Others professed a cleansing of the soul, along with their bodies.

“It was like a breath of fresh air – very relieving,” said Pvt. Meghan Adams, 17, of Greenville, North Carolina, and the first to be immersed. “I’ve been waiting for this for a while.”

Pvt. Ty Stringfellow, 19, of Tucson

was looking for absolution.

“When I was younger, I used to get into fights,” he said. “I have that guilt in my head.

“I know it’s not going to cure anything, but I just want to redeem myself.”