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Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Soldiers with the 226th Composite Supply Company operate their Laundry Advance System, which can wash and dry 400 pounds of laundry per hour. **SEE PAGES 16, 17.**



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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

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.)

FRIDAY

No school for students at C.C. Pinckney, Pierce Terrace

Helping Hand Award ceremony

9 a.m., Solomon Center. The Fort Jackson command will recognize top community volunteers.

Bowling outing

4:30-6 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center, 4464 Gregg St. For Exceptional Family Member Program members. For information, call 751-5256.

SATURDAY

Stop the Violence aerobathon

10 a.m. to noon, Solomon Center. Participants should wear purple to show support for an end to domestic violence. For information, call 751-3700.

TUESDAY

Story Time at the Library

11 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library

Protestant Women of the Chapel

9-11:30 a.m., Main Post Chapel. All women are invited to attend. Attendees will study the Scriptures and learn about the lives of remarkable Christians from the past. Free child care, home-school room, lunch. PWOC also meets Monday nights at 7 in the Main Post Chapel.

WEDNESDAY

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.

Maternity briefing

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

9035/6724/2731.

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.

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. 30

No school for students at C.C. Pinckney, Pierce Terrace

Fall festival

7-10 p.m., Solomon Center. Snacks, hay ride, mini golf. For information, call 751-0891.

OCT. 31

Halloween Howl 5K fun run/walk 8 a.m., Twin Lakes Recreation Area. Late registration, 6:30-7 a.m. day of the run. To register, call 751-3096/3486.

NOV. 1

Daylight Saving Time ends. Set your clock back one hour.

Champagne brunch

11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Officers Club. \$14.95, members; \$19.95, nonmembers and guests; \$6.95, children 4 to 11. For information, call 803-782-8761; for reservations, 751-4906.

NOV. 3

Time Warner job fair

9 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Information on customer-service positions for military spouses, others. Call 751-5256 for information.

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. 4

Retired Officers' Wives Luncheon 11:30 a.m. social, 12:30 p.m. luncheon, Officers' Club. Make or

cancel reservations by 3 p.m. Oct. 30. Call 803-788-1094 or 803-783-1220.

NOV. 5

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.

NOV. 9

Veterans' wreath-laying ceremony 4 p.m., Post Headquarters.

NOV. 11, 13

Veterans Day

No school for students at C.C. Pinckney, Pierce Terrace

NOV. 15

Seafood Sunday brunch

11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Officers Club. \$14.95, members; \$19.95, nonmembers and guests; \$6.95, children 4 to 11. For information, call 803-782-8761; for reservations, 751-4906.

NOV. 17

Sixth Annual Caregiver Conference

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Solomon Center. Free event honors, educates those who care for veterans. Registration 8:30 a.m. day of conference. For information or to reserve a seat, call 803-776-4000, ext. 7180 or contact cherylgeddings@va.gov by Nov. 10.

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 first-term junior enlisted Soldiers. Call 751-5256 for information or to register.

Scam Alert

Beware of fakes and their ploys in wake of floods

From Staff Reports

Not everyone who offers storm relief can be trusted. The following tips from the S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs can help homeowners off post avoid costly mistakes.

SHADY CONTRACTORS

You should suspect a contractor who:

- Just shows up at your door, offering to work.
- Offers you a deal because he has materials left over from another job.
- Uses high-pressure sales tactics.
- Will accept only cash or asks to be paid before beginning the work.

Protect yourself from a shady deal by:

- Seeking references from friends and neighbors.
- Checking for ID that lists name, business location and phone number.
- Asking to see a business license/permit from the city, county or state.
- Writing down the alleged contractor's license tag number.
- Seeking at least three bids on any work.
- Paying with a credit card or check made out to the name of the business – not an individual.
- Making sure to have a written contract that lists all details of the work that you must sign.

FAKE CHARITIES

- Do not give money to someone who goes door to door. Instead, seek information on any charity that might interest you by contacting the S.C. Secretary of State's Office at 1-888-CHARIT (242-7484) or visiting www.scsos.com.
- Do not give or send cash. Donate only by check or credit card.
- Stick with charities you know.
- Ask anyone who calls for donations to send information by mail.

Source: S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Soldiers in Training from Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment rake up pine straw outside the post theater Oct. 14 on what should have been Family Day for them. The Soldiers graduated from basic training last week and shipped to their Advanced Individual Training stations this week. Recent flooding forced cancellation of the unit's Family Day and graduation ceremony.

Hunting triggers hope of normalcy

By CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT and ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

With the simple words "Team, let's execute," garrison commander Col. James Ellerson approved the resumption of deer hunting on post this weekend, continuing a season interrupted by torrential rains.

The decision Tuesday marked one more sign that life on Fort Jackson is crawling back to near normal:

- Soldiers and others got more than their fill of Meals, Ready to Eat.
- Most child-care centers were open, despite the continuing existence of a boil-water advisory.
- Basic training graduation ceremonies are set to resume next week.

Lottery drawings today and Friday will determine the areas in which hunters may seek their prey.

Slots for hunting Friday will be drawn at 12:15 this afternoon at the game control station at Heise Pond. Slots for Saturday hunting will be drawn at

12:15 p.m. Friday.

At the drawings, post game wardens will hand out updated maps and apprise hunters on areas still scarred by the rains. Some areas on post remain impassable, even to four-wheel-drive vehicles.

"We're going to force everyone to come in to the station" to receive safety briefings, said Keith Sutton, one of two game wardens on Fort Jackson. About 10 percent of roads running through training areas on post are inaccessible.

In the past, active-duty Soldiers have been able to call game wardens 48 hours before they wished to hunt. Not this weekend – all hunters will be forced to check in and out with game wardens.

"What we didn't want was for individuals to get caught out in the weather" or the mud, forcing a rescue that also could be dangerous, said Lt. Col. Johnny Sellers, director of emergency services for Fort Jackson.

"It's not that we're trying to prevent anyone from hunting" by limiting access, Sellers said. "What we're trying to do is make sure it's safe."

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— Lt. Col. Johnny Sellers
DES director

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Purely grateful

With help, Fort Jackson slakes post-storm thirst

By **JENNIFER STRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson has a lot of water: lakes, ponds and, recently, a lot of rain – too much of which has caused recent flooding.

“If it ain’t raining, we ain’t training!” is a phrase commonly heard among Soldiers in basic training. But this time, the excessive rain actually halted training temporarily.

Surrounded by so much wetness, Fort Jackson found itself with no drinkable water for the more than 10,000 Soldiers in training, cadre, Families and civilian employees on post.

Drill sergeants Cory Moore and Garrett Grenier of Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment forbade their 240 Soldiers to undergo physical training, shave or shower, and monitored their water intake. As a result, the company got by on the water they had for three additional days before more potable water became available for consumption.

In the meantime and untouched by floodwaters, Soldiers with the 127th Quartermaster Company at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, were undergoing routine training when the call came Oct. 5 to head to Fort Jackson.

At 8 p.m. Oct. 6, trucks from Fort Bragg began arriving at Fort Jackson with the equipment needed to support the population with water.

The 32 Soldiers manning the trucks worked through the night setting up.

By Oct. 7, the Soldiers had produced the first gallons of water for consumption.

“Within 24 hours of our Soldiers’ receiving the notification, we were here already, getting the site set up,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Perry III of the 264th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. “Now we’ve been having a significant impact on Fort Jackson and the surrounding communities.”

The Soldiers set up the water-purification site on Heise Pond off Semmes Road, between the golf course and Gate 5 – one of the remaining bodies of water on post.

Semmes Lake was gone, as were the Twin Lakes, after torrential rains caused them to breach their banks and earthen dams, destroying roadbeds and other property.

“We made our first gallon of drinking water 34 hours after we arrived here,” said Staff Sgt. Charles Farmer of the 127th Quartermaster Company, the water site non-commissioned officer in charge.

The equipment brought from Fort Bragg consisted of two operational ROWPUs, Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units that can clean as many as 3,000 gallons per hour; a TWPS, a Tactical Water Purification System that can purify as many as 1,500 gallons per hour; bags to hold the purified water, hoses, filters and other support equipment; and several “water hippos,” trucks that can deliver and dispense 2,000 gallons.

“In the beginning, I was excited to do the job (water-treatment specialist) because I liked the science about water,” said Pfc. Jamie LeeAnn Minor of the 127th.

“Now I know that I can sustain (the work), and that’s the best thing about it. We can help ourselves and, as Soldiers, we can sacrifice and help other Soldiers not have to sacrifice – and that’s what’s important.”

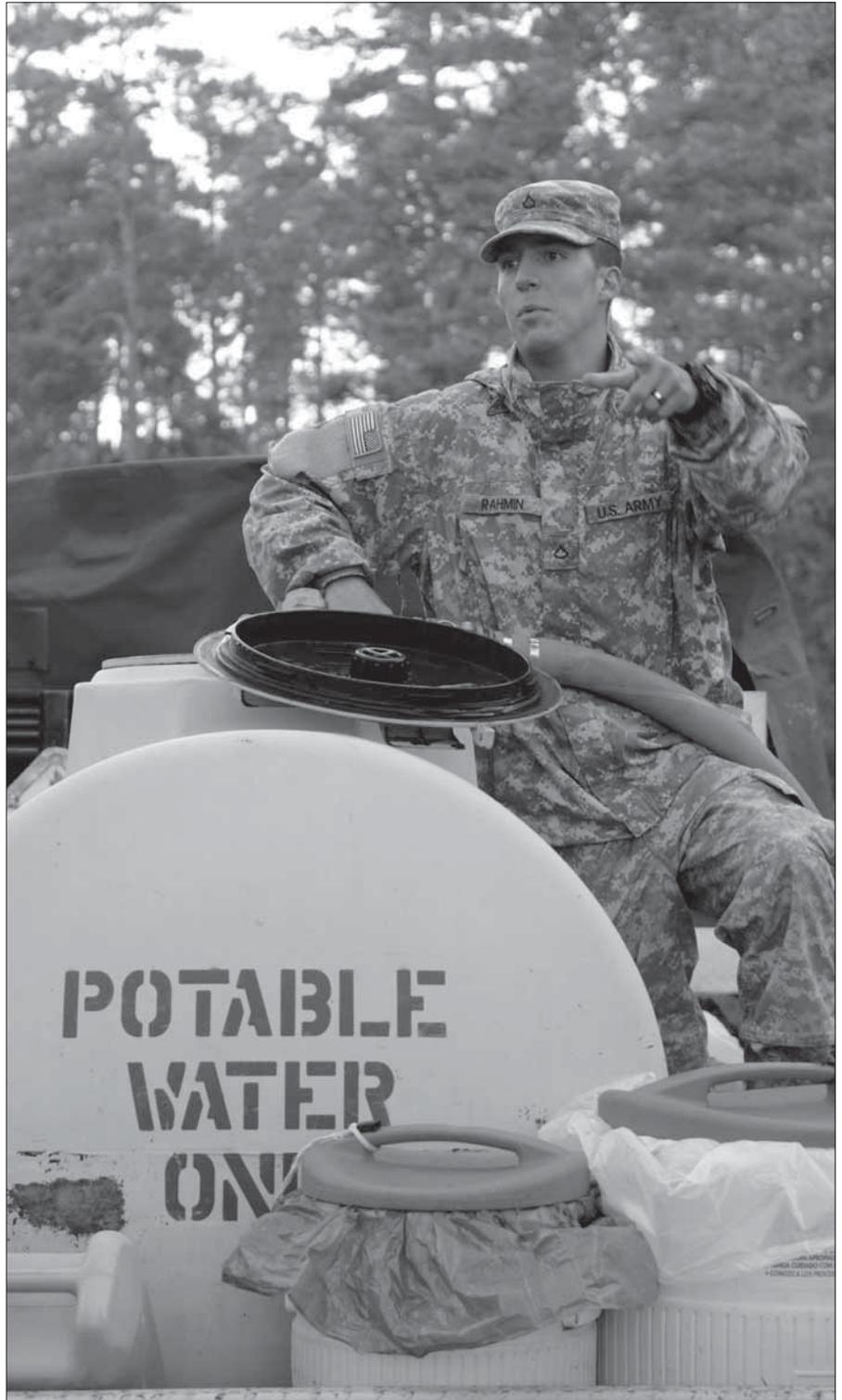


Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Pfc. Travis Rahmin of the 127th Quartermaster Company fills a tank for Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment while directing the next vehicle to be filled.

MACH gets back to normal with help of ROWPU

By NICK SPINELLI
Public Affairs, Moncrief
Army Community Hospital

Working with teams of Soldiers from forts Bragg and Stewart, Moncrief Army Community Hospital has opened again after a hiatus forced by flooding and the lack of potable water.

The hero of the tale: the Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit or "ROWPU."

A ROWPU takes in raw water, runs it through a series of filters to remove impurities and then forces the water through a high-pressure membrane that strips out remaining impurities on a molecular level. Finally, chlorine kills any remaining bacteria, leaving the water as pristine as anything that can be bought in a store.

"Bottled water is purified using ROWPU," said Staff Sgt. Theodore Cieraszynski, non-commissioned officer in charge of MACH's Department of Preventive Medicine, Environmental Health and Public Health. "What we have is no different."

After the water runs through the ROWPU, Soldiers conduct a bacterial

analysis to verify that the water is drinkable. Then they distribute it in water buffalos - water tanks mounted on trailers - and hippos, barrel-shaped containers.

"We have enough purified water to facilitate a small city for approximately two weeks," Cieraszynski said at the end of last week.

During the water crisis, MACH had postponed surgeries because it could not sterilize the instruments needed to perform them. It also postponed appointments.

Columbia has resumed normal water services, but Fort Jackson still is testing the safety of its tap water. The ROWPU continues to operate, producing approximately 10,000 gallons of purified water a day.

Meanwhile, Cieraszynski's department continues to help Fort Jackson return to normal operations.

"We've been really busy, but it's going well," Cieraszynski said. "Overall, we've managed to avoid disease and non-battle injuries (such as stomach bugs and infections) during this time.

"Aside from the odd case, we have had no instances to cause concern, which is a testament to the efforts of our team."



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

A Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit set up by the 127th Quartermaster Company out of Fort Bragg, N.C., continues to purify water.

Flood

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Game wardens and the Department of Public Works also recommend that no one drive on cleared areas used as fire breaks. Workers have taped off areas heavily damaged by recent storms. They also have contacted officials at Camp McCrady to assess how passable the roads are at the National Guard training site.

Typically, Fort Jackson offers nearly 100 square miles of training area also used for hunting. Annually, hunters kill about 200 white-tail deer.

Hunters must present Defense Department identification, as well as a South Carolina hunter's license, a permit from Fort Jackson and a hunter's education card.

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation also hopes to offer two weekends of managed hunting on Nov. 8 and 22 but has not finalized plans, Director Dan Ahern said Tuesday.

MREs for everyone!

To help combat meal loss by Fort Jackson residents, the Logistical Readiness Center set up a "Class 1 point" to distribute Meals, Ready to Eat, Unitized Group Rations and bottles of water to Soldiers on post, said Michael Hickman, LRC chief of supply and services.

The LRC moved 398,248 gallons of bottled water, 615,588 MREs and 68,300 Unitized Group Rations because its employees



Photo by KIM SMITH

Spc. Andrew Oxford, Spc. Summer Hickerson and Sgt. Francheska Cooley of the 193rd Infantry Brigade volunteer at Sam's Club, accepting, sorting and distributing donations of clothing, food and water to those needing flood relief.

rallied, Hickman said.

LRC employees from different areas "pulled together to make a Class 1 point," because the organization normally doesn't run one, he said. The LRC used personnel who normally operate the Supply Support Activity and Central Issue Facility while dining facilities were closed.

"We established two points for water and food deliveries and unit pickup," Hickman said. One was at Building 2601, the Supply Support Activity, and the other, at Building 2450, the Old Maintenance School facility.

Dining facility operations resumed Oct. 13 after a unit from Fort Bragg, North

Carolina began delivering purified water.

Child-care centers on track

As of Oct. 16, all child-development facilities were open except the Child Development Homes, said Rose Edmond, director of Child, Youth Services and Schools.

"Those children are being accommodated in another facility," she said.

The lack of potable water caused a delay in opening some facilities, she said, because centers had to "modify our operations for food service and (provide) safe hand-washing for staff and children."

Roof leaks and flooding damaged a few

facilities. Some remained open throughout heavy rains and resulting floods; others opened shortly thereafter.

"Lee Road CDC was open throughout the disaster, providing child-care services for mission-essential personnel," said Edmond, saying how proud she was of employees' reactions to the flooding. "Staff from other facilities helped (keep it open)."

Hood Street School Age Center and Hood Street CDC opened later in the week.

Other updates:

■ The Soldier Support Institute suffered minimal affect from the flooding and was able to graduate their students on time despite some initial concerns.

■ Family Day and basic training graduations will resume Oct. 29 with 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment graduating six companies. Graduations had been canceled for three weeks as a result of flooding. Area businesses could not provide enough services for incoming families.

■ The City of Columbia is having difficulty providing Fort Jackson with enough water pressure to fill its water tank. The tank provides the pressure needed to ensure water service across the installation. Water pressure will return as soon as possible, Fort Jackson public works Director Tom Robertson said Tuesday.

■ Post officials are considering reopening Gate 4 on Oct. 29. No decision is expected within the next few days.

■ Both C.C. Pinckney and Pierce Terrace elementary schools have resumed classes. Officials at both schools referred to district spokesmen for comment.



U.S. Army photos

Soldiers with the 39th Infantry Regiment keep watch for German soldiers while in Normandy, France, during World War II. The 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, which fought in both world wars and in Vietnam, was reactivated Wednesday during a ceremony at Fort Jackson's Victory Field.

3-39th unfurls its colorful history

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

When Lt. Col. James Moyes took command of 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment and unfurled its colors on Victory Field on Wednesday – with a little help from a couple dozen Vietnam veterans – the unit's metamorphosis from the Provisional Lightning Battalion was complete.

The veterans were there to add Vietnam War battle streamers to the colors, making the ceremony especially poignant because they had served in the battalion being reactivated.

The ceremony included "attaching six of the eight Vietnam campaign streamers by veterans who served with the battalion during the actual campaign," said Maj. Jeffrey Little, battalion executive officer.

The battalion commander during the Tet Offensive, retired Col. Anthony Deluca and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Stanley Thornburgh, a Platoon Sergeant for Bravo Company during Vietnam, assisted with the uncasing of the 3-39 colors.

Six other veterans attached campaign streamers from the campaigns in which they had participated, Little said.



German captives are guarded by Soldiers with the 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division in 1944, in the ruins of Junkersdorf, Germany.

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"I BECAME A SOLDIER..."

Post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier has an affection for talking to new Soldiers and hearing their stories. He says it reminds him that everyone on Fort Jackson is charged with building the best Soldiers in the world.

3RD BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

ALPHA COMPANY



PVT. CAMIO CAMOY FRANCIS, 18

"I joined (the Army) because I wanted to become better disciplined, and I wanted help to go to college.

"My favorite part of basic training was accomplishing my 2-mile time in the time I wanted.

"The most challenging part of training was Victory Forge because we had to sleep on the cold ground outside, and we had to dig the foxhole really deep, and we got blown up (notionally) by bombs and we got no sleep.

"The Army is hard, but it's worth it.

"Right now, I'm a parachute rigger, but I will eventually get into the medical corps."

ALPHA COMPANY



PVT. DEVIN IZAHIO NEWTON, 19

"I joined because my father is in the Army. He's a – sergeant first class – and I wanted to be just like him. ... I think I'm doing pretty good, but I have a long way to go.

"I really like the confidence courses – particularly Jacob's Ladder because I'm afraid of heights – but with the team I had, we made it all the way to the top and back down safely.

"Running the mile and some of the courses were challenging, but I still had the courage to do them.

"In the Army, you need to be prepared to be pushed to your limits – and then just keep pushing yourself after that."

DELTA COMPANY



SPC. OSAFA HIPPOLYTE, 20

"The Army just felt like the right place for me. The Army embraced me more than the other services.

"The hardest part of basic was being a platoon leader and having to keep everyone on the same page.

"My favorite part of basic training was definitely NIC at night (Night Infiltration Course).

"I'd tell people to join the Army because it's an experience not many people get see or have."

DELTA COMPANY



PVT. JULIAN DOWLING, 18

"I thought I could have a better future if I joined the Army – it would be a better lifestyle for me.

"It was hard to learn to deal and cooperate with a lot of other people that may or may not like me or the way I do things, but I figured it out.

"Basic training was a great experience. I'd recommend it. I especially loved NIC at night (Night Infiltration Course).

"I am definitely in better shape, and I have better discipline, and my character changed in positive ways.

ECHO COMPANY



PVT. ALI ALAZZAWI, 19

"I joined the Army for many different reasons. My father was a military man. So was my grandfather.

"The Army has a lot to offer me – not just the educational benefits but the self-discipline.

"There are so many opportunities the Army offers for everybody, like getting citizenship.

"The mental part of training was more difficult than the physical part, (but) I came prepared for that.

"My favorite part of training was the range. I'd never shot before, and I made sharpshooter"

ECHO COMPANY



SPC. ROMMEL MANGAL, 28

"I joined the Army because I liked it. My older brother, he's in the Army. He's an E5 in the special operations community, and I just wanted to follow his path.

"I liked all of training – from day zero till the end. It was all fun.

"The most challenging part of training was the confidence course, but I overcame that.

"I'd tell people to not only join the Army for the educational benefits but to join to serve this country and the people of the United States."



Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

Staff Sgt. Heather Marie Jacques

drill sergeant, Foxtrot Company
1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment

“I joined the Army in 2006 – June 26.

“I was in foster care when Sept. 11 (2001) happened, and I had a sense of vulnerability – and then watching ‘shock and awe’ on television – I remember watching it and thinking, ‘That’s what I want to do – join the military. That’s for me. It’s who I am and who I want to be.

“It was the Army I saw, so that is what I wanted to join.

“I thought of the Army as the tough ones, and I wanted to be a tough person.

“When I was 18, I was homeless, and I walked 13 miles to the recruiting station, but it was Memorial Day and it was closed. I was sitting on the steps in defeat, and then a recruiter pulled up and got me in – so here I am.

“I went through (Advanced Individual Training). I’m a ‘commo,’ so I’m Signal Corps all the way. I’m a 25 Quebec (multichannel transmission systems expert).

“My first duty station was Fort Campbell (Kentucky). I deployed with them (in 2007 to 2009) to Iraq, and that’s where I learned to do things beyond my job.

“I went to Afghanistan (in 2010 and 2011). They got a small team of us to go in first and set up – because where we landed there was literally nothing there – so I really learned my job and aspects of discipline.

“It was my scariest deployment – we were getting shot at – but by the end of it, it was my most appreciated deployment. I really love my job.

“I was also at Fort Carson (Colorado), in Kuwait and

‘They’re breaking the bad habits and re-establishing ... fundamentals again,’ Jacques said of a recent marksmanship course in which she participated. ‘I saw a wonderful increase in my qualification score. It went up eight points. Hopefully, I’ll ... go on to teach that to my privates – teach them how to take their time – and keep improving.’

Jordan. Then I got orders to be a drill sergeant. I absolutely love it.

“I’ve been ‘on the trail’ for a year.

“Deep down, passionately, I love teaching and training. I have the opportunity to take 60 civilians and mold them and watch their transformation.

“I get to be the first impact, that first instructor, that first image of what the military really is. It gives me goose bumps.”

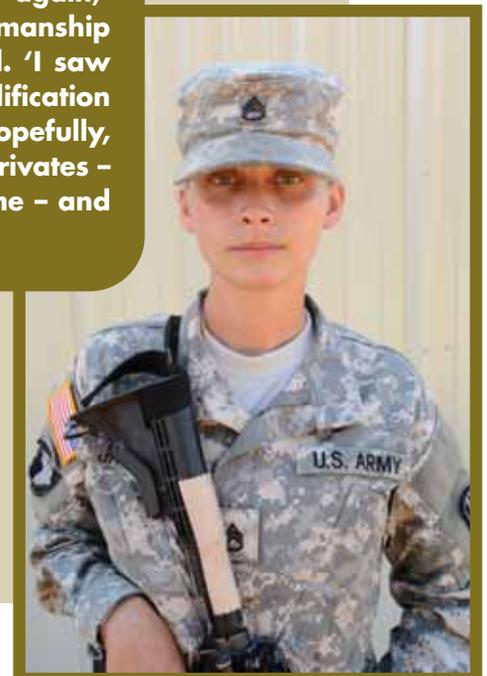




Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Hurry up and wait

A Soldier in Training leans out to talk to his battle buddy while waiting for his turn in the Medical Simulation Treatment Facility on Tuesday. The facility helps Soldiers learn how to treat combat-related wounds.

Army takes first step to revise NCO training

By **GARY SHEFTICK**
Army News Service

The Army has begun piloting a new Master Leader Course as part of its revision of NCO education and professional development.

“The Master Leader Course is now official,” TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport told those attending the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., this week.

The pilot course for sergeants first class is being taught on Fort Bliss, Texas. The course eventually will be required of all Soldiers seeking promotion to master sergeant.

Army officials are pushing to eliminate a backlog of more than 14,000 non-commissioned officers who have not completed their required professional military

education, Davenport said.

“Deferments are causing a huge disruption,” he said. In the future, instead of saying that an NCO can’t attend school as the result of an operational conflict, commanders will need to say when that NCO can go to school, Davenport said.

NCOs’ educational requirements for promotion no longer will be waived, beginning next year.

Enforcing education requirements comes as a widening of STEP - selection, training, education and promotion. It first was used to require master sergeants and first sergeants to attend the Sergeants Major Academy and now will apply to all NCOs seeking promotion.

It’s simple, but everyone must understand, Davenport said: “You will not be promoted until you attend the appropriate level of PME.”

Other upcoming changes include:

- Establishing the NCO Professional Development System.
- Renaming of the Warrior Leader Course the Basic Leader Course.
- Using a digital job book to document all training as part of the Digital Training Management System.
- Redesigning the Sergeants Major Academy.
- Establishing the Institution for NCO Professional Development.
- Developing an Executive Leader Course for command sergeants major.
- Publicizing broadened opportunities for NCOs.
- Providing students with a “digital rucksack” that includes course materials, apps and technical manuals.
- Requiring Army Service School Academic Reports to include dates of Soldiers’ latest physical fitness tests, along with height and weight statements.



Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport

Training lets Soldiers bounce back after stress

BY 1ST LT. ANDRALE JEAN-LOUIS
193rd Infantry Brigade

Having resilience simply means adjusting positively or remaining competent in the face of adversity.

Resilience lets us function appropriately when our bodies are exposed to considerable stress. It also enhances our ability to overcome psychological and emotional stress.

We can address stress physically, but nonphysical activity – such as counseling – also can help us become resilient after prolonged exposure to certain environmental conditions. So, resilience isn't an individual trait. Rather, it results from how we let individual characteristics – such as talent and health – influence the way we respond to stress.

Developing physical, emotional/psychological resilience is vital for Soldiers, who occasionally encounter stress in their military roles. Recent research also has shown that spiritual resilience can be vital.

Together, the different forms of resilience enable soldiers to be prepared for and cope with adversity, both in their military activities and when with interacting with Family and other members of the society.

Developing physical resilience is vital because Soldiers' work mainly involves

engaging in aggressive physical and dangerous activities. To function optimally, Soldiers' bodies need to be flexible, strong, healthy and enduring. Soldiers also must maintain aerobic fitness.

Training and healthy nutrition help maintain physical resilience.

In addition to facilitating optimal functioning of the body, physical resilience enhances Soldiers' ability to develop psychological resilience, enabling them to cope with emotional stress.

In some cases, Soldiers are sent on missions that keep them away from Family and friends for long periods. Such missions are likely to cause psychological/emotional stress, distracting the Soldiers from focusing on their assigned roles.

Psychological/emotional resilience can help redirect that focus. Such resilience is one of the key aspects helping Soldiers to carry out military functions – situations and scenes that can distort the mind's normal functioning.

In combat, for example, some Soldiers lose their lives, causing emotional/psychological trauma in workmates, friends and even opponents. Such reactions can keep Soldiers from functioning well when undertaking military activities and when interacting with workers, friends and Family.

If not treated, such trauma can lead to

advanced mental illnesses.

But with emotional/psychological resilience, Soldiers can overcome the trauma caused by the adverse conditions they encounter. They can gain such resilience through training, counseling and treatment.

Spiritual resilience – one of the main aspects that helps Soldiers cope with adversity – results from following and believing the teachings of a particular religion.

Close Family members may not be involved directly in military activities, but they, too, can suffer from psychological/emotional stress. A comprehensive program for training Soldiers in resilience thus should include their Family members.

Programs in psychological/emotional resilience should provide opportunities for Soldiers to meet frequently with experts in treating such problems, as well as religious leaders from respected organizations.

The programs should facilitate optimal mental, spiritual, social, psychological and physical functioning and performance, in work management, combat and home life.

They should allow Family members to meet with the same experts to gain similar support.

I recently had the chance to attend Master Resilience Training on Fort Jackson. The whole staff – from the primary instructor to the facilitators – fascinated me.

I asked Command Sgt. Maj. (retired) Nikki Johnson, primary instructor at the schoolhouse, her take on the program, and she responded: "I enjoyed training MRT because it is an opportunity to share and to teach others something I am passionate about. It is something that I believe in.

"It gives me the opportunity to still work with Soldiers. ... I still have the opportunity to coach, develop and mentor leaders within the ranks, civilian and Family member about being resilient."

Every Soldier – regardless of rank – should attend MRT, not only higher enlisted and warrant officers.

"We target (that group) because they are the ones that will be the trainers on the ground in the organization," said Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen Khan, an instructor. "The implementation is from the bottom up and from the top down. That way, everyone is covered."

There's no doubt in my mind that Master Resilience Training is a great program for the Army and should be encouraged and taught as much as possible. All Soldiers, Family members and civilians can learn and benefit from it, which would go a long way to positively affect the lives of Soldiers, civilians and dependents.

It is safe to say that the Army got it right with MRT.

NEWS BRIEFS

2-13th logisticians await word on Armywide competition

Logisticians from Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment hope to win the top place for supply excellence Armywide after coming in second in both post and TRADOC judging.

In July, Bravo and two other companies from the 193rd Infantry Brigade – Alpha 2-60th and Echo 1-13th – won places one through three on Fort Jackson, beating out five other teams.

After correcting their errors, each submitted their packets to TRADOC competition in August. Again, Alpha 2-13th came in second.

Still, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Emmaline Tallmore said Friday, the showing marked the first time in recent memory that Fort Jackson logisticians had scored so well in properly accounting for their commanders' and Soldiers' Army-issued belongings.

Armywide results will not be available until sometime next year, Tallmore said.

"That's a great thing," Tallmore said of competing against "all the Army."

The units placing in the Fort Jackson competition will be recognized at a postwide ceremony Oct. 30.

Mayors to receive Helping Hand for summer reading program

Fort Jackson's mayoral council will receive the post commander's Helping Hand Award on Friday for collecting used and new books to promote summer reading.

The fourth quarterly ceremony – at 9 a.m. Friday at the Solomon Center – will recognize volunteers across post who have worked with Fort Jackson Scouts and on the needs of post Families.

In the approximately six weeks before the end of the 2014-15 school year, the mayors partnered with the Thomas Lee Hall Library to collect and distribute the books. The library donated volumes it was removing from circulation, and Families encouraged their children to cull books they no longer read.

Olivia Ray of Pierce Terrace 2 said donors included schoolchildren to battalions.

"We wanted to be able to reach everyone," she said. "We were trying to find a way that we could do something for the community."

Jennifer Moreno of Pierce Terrace 1 encouraged her children – Dianna, 5, and Brianna, 11 – to "bless other kids with the blessings they have." Moreno, who is a minister, said her girls were eager to help others. Together, the girls donated two or three dozen books they felt they had outgrown.

Pedometers put BCT Soldiers through well-measured paces

The Army Training Center at Fort Jackson has bought 200 pedometers to measure the lengths to which Soldiers go to complete Basic Combat Training.

Each brigade will issue 20 per battalion – four per company and one per platoon.

Battalions will collect the miles each Soldier walks, marches or runs during the BCT cycle and turn in the final cumulative miles per pedometer to post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier by April 7.

Injured knee limits what champ can lift in national contest

Maj. Donny Bigham, a strength coach at Fort Jackson, has retained a seat on Team USA for upcoming world championships in Texas.

Bigham competed in the 2015 Raw Nationals in Scranton, Pennsylvania, taking two gold medals – in the M1 83kg class and military division. He remains – for the third time – national champion in the M1 83kg class.

Bigham accumulated 1,472 pounds lifted – 557 squat lifting, 342 bench lifting and 573 in the dead lift.

He said his performance was "not my best due to a dislocated knee and grade 3 tear on the patella tendon. ... Great thing is I retained my slot and didn't cause any more issues or trauma with my knee."

World championships will be in Houston in November.



Maj. Donny Bigham

Colors

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Moyes said during the ceremony that after Deluca, a three-time Silver Star awardee, agreed to help with the ceremony, “Amazingly enough, as soon as he was on board, we had a resurgence of outreach from the veterans of our battalion.”

The more than 30 veterans of the 3-39th attending the event were instrumental in the ceremony, as well as creating the battalion’s lasting legacy, Moyes said.

Among the veterans, “we have numerous stories of heroism and bravery; tragedy and loss, and joys and triumphs. Over the past few days, our battalion and its veterans have come to know each other and have learned from each other’s experiences.

“I cannot stress enough how honored we are to have each of you here today.”

Besides fighting in Vietnam, the battalion also participated in combat operation in both world wars.

Constituted May 15, 1917, the battalion fought on the Western Front during World War I. It earned World War II campaign streamers for fighting in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany.

During the battle of Kasserine Pass in 1943, the 3-39th – then attached to the 1st Armored Division’s Combat Command

B in North Africa – helped cover the left side of the II Corps line in Tunisia to prevent German attempts to move west.

The battalion also landed on Utah Beach during the Normandy Invasion, battled its way across France and participated in the bloodbath in the Hurtgen Forest in 1944 and 1945.

After a series of inactivations and activations during the postwar years, the battalion returned to active duty at Fort Riley, Kansas, as part of the 9th Infantry Division.

It departed Fort Riley on Jan. 1, 1967, for Vietnam and didn’t leave Southeast Asia until Aug. 9, 1969.

It was last inactivated at Fort Dix, New Jersey, in December 1988.

The Army didn’t just assign the 3-39th to be activated at Fort Jackson. The unit leadership helped decide.

Jennifer Nichols, a historian with the Army Center of Military History, said units have a say in what unit they want to be activated as.

Little said battalions from the 34th, 39th and 61st Infantry Regiments were studied “with the recommendation of selecting a battalion from the 39th regiment.”

“We in the battalion command team were provided the campaigns and citation breakdown for each battalion,” Little said. Because of the 3-39th’s service, the team “requested our designation of 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment.”



U.S. Army photo
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A choice usually comes after “looking at what regiments are on post,” she said. TRADOC had only a few regiments from which to choose, and that made it easier.

Normally, units selected for activation are similar to the ones inactivating and have a prestigious history.

The 39th Infantry Regiment, which has a storied history, will join its sister bat-

talion – the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment – in the 165th Infantry Brigade.

“Of the inactive battalions, the 3rd had the most active history,” Nichols said. “The unit served in both world wars and Vietnam, while other battalions didn’t.”

The 1st Battalion served in the world wars; the 4th Battalion served in World War II and Vietnam.



Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

Soldiers with the 226th Composite Supply Company operate their Laundry Advance System – LADS for short – on Fort Jackson. The LADS can wash and dry 400 pounds of laundry per hour.

BCT problems slowly come out in the wash

BY JENNIFER STRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Training Soldiers at Fort Jackson is dirty business – particularly after recent floods.

Not only did the post's supply of drinkable water vanish as the result of damage from heavy rains, but the facility that laundered Soldiers' uniforms suffered a debilitating bit of trouble in training, continually crawl through muddy trenches under barbed wire at the Fort Win course, sweat through physical training every morning, lie on the ground at weapons ranges or roll around in the dirt practicing hand-to-hand combat – in essence, getting as dirty as they can. Once recent flooding resided and the Soldiers had drinking water drawn from Heise Pond and purified thanks to Soldiers from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the problem of how to get Soldiers' uniforms clean became an issue.

The answer to that dilemma came when the 226th Composite Supply Company out of Fort Stewart, Georgia, rolled in with a Laundry Advance System, or LADS, and two tents to set up laundry services.

"It's great to see our Soldiers in action, doing the job they have trained in ... particularly when they are helping out their brother Soldiers and civilians on our posts," said Col. Jered Helwig, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade at Fort Stewart. "It's just a great opportunity for them to see how important their job is to the Army."

Every day, Soldiers march to the laundry collection tent and drop off a laundry bag each. Soldiers from the LADS inventory the contents and put it into a mesh bag with a

number on it. All of the bags then go into the machines.

Once the laundry cycle has ended, LADS workers remove the mesh bags and send them to the laundry sorting area. They re-inventory the contents, then fold them and place them back in the Soldiers' laundry bags.

Later in the day, Soldiers return to the collection tent to claim their now-clean laundry.

"LADS can support up to 3,500 Soldiers a week with one bundle of laundry each," said Capt. Nicholas Pittmon of the 226th Composite Supply Company.

Sgt. Michelle Melara, a mechanic with the 226th CSC whose job it is to service quartermaster equipment, operated the machine with her buddy, Sgt. Synthia Palacios of the 473rd Quartermaster Company. The Soldiers who make up the units manage not only the LADS but water-purification and shower facilities when called on, Pittmon said.

They spend most of their time training because those services generally are contacted out after initial setup. Providing real-world services seldom happens.

"We have supported over 15 missions with this in my unit alone," Palacios said. "We support field missions for any of the services."

The LADS being used at Fort Jackson has a water tank, boiler, filters and two laundry drums. Each drum can wash and dry 200 pounds of laundry in 55 minutes.

"The best thing about LADS is it recycles the water," said Staff Sgt. Gene Rossin with the 473rd OMC.

Only about 100 gallons of water is lost through the drying process. The rest is boiled and pushed through special

filters between cycles, resulting in clean water for reuse.

The LADS is the size of a typical tractor-trailer. Initially, its tank was filled with 450 gallons of purified pond water.

The water then was heated to 450 degrees by steel plates; the air for drying passed over those same steel plates to get hot enough to dry the clothes.

The LADS operates for about 12 hours per day to maintain."

age two companies worth of laundry, Fort Jackson has about 60 basic training companies.

"The bottom line is, we have a mission," said Melara of the 226th CSC. "We smell like fuel, but we don't care because we do what we do for the good of the Army."

"The soldiers here have clean clothes, and that's important."



Above, Staff Sgt. Gene Rossin with the 473rd Quartermaster Company removes Soldiers' uniforms from the LADS drum after drying is complete.

Left, Col. Jered Helwig, commander, and Command Sergeant Major Leonard Summers of the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade are briefed on water-distribution locations throughout Fort Jackson.



The 87th Command Sustainment Support Battalion Tactical Water Purification System cleans water extracted from Heise Pond.





Photo by STAFF SGT. ALEX MANNE

U.S. Army Maj. Lisa Jaster, a Reserve engineer officer in the Army Individual Mobilization Augmentee program, hugs her children after graduating from the Ranger course last week at Fort Benning, Ga. Jaster is the third female, and the first female Reservist to earn the prestigious recognition.

Reservist engineers spot as Ranger

By DAVID RUDERMAN
Public Affairs, U.S. Army
Human Resources Command

When Maj. Lisa Jaster graduated from the grueling Ranger course on Fort Benning, Georgia, last week, she was touted as the third female Soldier to master the traditionally rigorous training endured by all who wear the Ranger tab.

A lesser-known distinction setting Jaster apart is the fact that she is one of several thousand Soldiers who serve their country under a specialized component of the Army's Select Reserve – the Individual Mobilization Augmentee program.

"Whenever the announcement came out (that women would be accepted for Ranger training), she jumped right on it," said Maj. Doug Armstrong, chief of operations at the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Among other duties, Armstrong is unit administrator for 24 IMA Soldiers, Jaster among them.

"She is a very motivated, driven Soldier," he said. "Anything you give her, she will do and do it well. And that's what you need for Ranger School."

Jaster is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and mother of two married to a Marine Corps

Reserve officer. In her civilian career, she is a project manager with Shell Oil Co., specializing in oilfield issues.

As a Soldier with military occupational specialty 12A (engineer), she transferred from active duty to IMA status in May 2012, said Beverly Watkins, IMA program coordinator at U.S. Army Human Resources Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The IMA program works to meet manpower requirements throughout the Army, assigning Soldiers with particular skills to active-duty units, Watkins said. It services enlisted Soldiers in the rank of sergeant and up, and officers in the rank of captain through major general.

In Jaster's case, the IMA program allows the Army to pinpoint where her professional expertise can best be used.

As an IMA Soldier, Jaster also can avail herself of training and education support, such as attending Ranger School.

"Army Reserve Soldiers have always been an integral element of our Army," said Brig. Gen. B. Lynne Owens, HRC deputy commanding general. "IMA Soldiers play critically important roles in many of our formations."

The Army has more than 4,000 IMA positions in numerous specialties. More 1,000 are unfilled.



Photo by SPC. DACOTAH LANE

Maj. Lisa Jaster, an Individual Mobilization Augmentee officer, who serves with the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, carries a fellow Soldier during the Darby Queen obstacle course segment of the Ranger course in April at Fort Benning, Ga.

French American to receive Medal of Honor

By J.D. LEIPOLD
Army News Service

Capt. Florent A. Groberg will receive the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama during a White House ceremony Nov. 12.

During an ambush in Afghanistan in 2012, Groberg retained command despite a severely broken leg and serious burns. He has taken a medical retirement as the result of his injuries.

“The proudest thing I’ve ever done in my life is to be able to wear this uniform and serve this country with some of the greatest people I’ve ever met and will always know,” he says.

Groberg was born in France and educated in the United States, where he became a citizen after high school. He joined the Army after college, he said, so he could pay back his adopted country.

In February 2012, Groberg was assigned to Kunar province, Afghanistan, with Task Force Mountain Warrior. In July 2012, he became a captain.

On the morning of Aug. 8, 2012, Groberg and five other Soldiers were providing a personal security detail for seven senior leaders and leading a dismounted movement of 28 coalition and Afghan National Army troops to the provincial governor’s

compound in the city of Asadabad.

“The mission that day was one that we had done on a week-to-week basis for five or six months. Maybe 20 times, we’ve done that same exact mission, so we knew what to expect of the area,” recalled Groberg’s radio telephone operator, Sgt. Andrew J. Mahoney. “Basically, the governor of the province brings all the village elders from around the area and coalition military leaders together to discuss on-going projects.”

On routine visits, Groberg would go inside and sit as security. The rest of the detail would furnish perimeter security around the building.

But Aug. 8 wouldn’t be a routine day.

Groberg served as lead at the top of the security diamond, escorting three brigade commanders, three battalion commanders and an Afghan general. As the detail moved toward the governor’s compound, an ambush began to unfold.

“A man came out of a building to our left, walking backwards,” Groberg said. “It was eerie and looked suspicious. I yelled at him, and he turned around immediately and then started walking towards us.

“Sgt. Mahoney, to my left, moved in with me and struck him, then Mahoney and I threw him. I pushed him as hard as I could away from our patrol.”

The man fell. As he slammed onto the



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Then-1st. Lt. Florent A. Groberg, officer in charge for personal security detail, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, enjoys the view from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter traveling over Kunar province in 2012.

road, he released a dead-man’s trigger, sending thousands of ball bearings flying. When the dust settled, five of those on the mission were dead.

Groberg struggled to regain control of the situation.

“My fibia was sticking out of my left leg, my skin was melting and there was blood everywhere,” he remembered. He

was carried to an armored truck, still trying to direct operations.

Then, a senior NCO stared him in the eyes and said, “Sir, I’ve got this. You’re done. Now it’s time for you to recover,” Groberg said. “Then he stepped back and closed the door.”

Since then, Groberg has undergone 33 surgeries to keep his leg.

Pure

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The team placed a filtering dolphin strainer in Heise Pond, attaching it by hose to a raw-water pump.

They pumped the semi-filtered water into the ROWPU. Another pump forced it through a multimedia filter – containing rocks, pebbles, silica sand and anthracite coal – to remove suspended solids.

The water then flowed through a wound fibrous cartridge filter that removed smaller suspended solids. Afterward, a high-pressure pump pushed the water through a semipermeable membrane called a reverse osmosis element.

Eventually, the water underwent a chemical change from bacteria filled to simple H₂O.

Soldiers then pumped the water into bags, adding a small amount of chlorine to kill minute traces of bacteria remaining.

The end result was water with less than 10 parts per million of dissolved solids. The allowable limit is 1,500 parts per million.

The TWPS uses a microfiltration system to purify water instead of reverse osmosis and purifies water to between zero and 2 parts per million of dissolved solids.

The team from the 127th produced 81,000 gallons of the newly purified water – three 20,000-gallon bags and seven 3,000-gallon



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Drill sergeants Staff Sgt. Garrett Grenier and Sgt. 1st Class Cory Moore from Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment secure the lid on their water buffalo after it is filled with purified water Oct. 14.

bags always full and ready to deliver.

With their machines, the unit can produce 150,000 gallons a day by themselves. With their water-site neighbors – 19 Soldiers who arrived Friday from the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion out of Fort Stewart, Georgia – they can purify 180,000 gallons a day.

“The training I got really paid off,” said Pfc. Ryan Lee Sampson of the 127th.

“Here, people are really drinking our water, and I have to be on my game to make sure the chlorine is the right parts per million for consumption and make sure that every-

thing is done right.”

The water teams placed hippos and water buffalos at 12 water-dispensing points throughout Fort Jackson, seven of them in housing areas. Soldiers also went door to door, giving Families 5-gallon water containers to keep.

Soon, drill sergeants began arriving in trucks towing empty water buffalos.

All day and even throughout the night, the water team filled empty containers of every size and shape.

“When you don’t have access to water – and the military comes in with big trucks

and find a suitable water site – to the people without access to water, we are like the golden nugget,” Sampson said. “We’re what the people have been waiting for and have been praying for – someone to come in and give them good, clean pure H₂O.”

Pfc. Travis Benjamin Rahmin of the 127th found excitement in just doing what he had been trained for.

“I get to do my job and help other people,” he said. “They were counting on us to get down here and start making water.

“I stepped up and remembered all my training so I could be an asset and help everybody else out so people can count on me.”

The teams also provided water to the seven dining facilities on post, enabling them to start making hot meals to replace the Meals, Ready to Eat consumed since the flooding.

“This has been an incredible experience,” said Perry of the 264th CSSB from Fort Stewart. “The reason our Soldiers train every day and maintain a high state of readiness is to not only go out there and support our wartime missions, but this is an example of why we have to maintain our expeditionary mind-set and be ready to go out and answer whatever the call may be.”

The 127th Quartermaster Company continues to purify water at Heise Pond and will do so until water on post is deemed safe to drink.

“People don’t realize how important water is until it’s gone,” said Rahmin of the 127th at Fort Bragg. “Water is life, and we’re happy to give it.”

Teens volunteer for disaster-relief operations

By **MARY REARDON**

Junior Red Cross VolunTEEN Adviser

In the waning days of disaster-relief operations in South Carolina, a group of 21 volunteers checked in Saturday to perform bulk distribution at a warehouse.

After our initial briefing, 12 of us were diverted to support two alternate missions.

The first involved forming five teams and driving to disparate areas hard hit by the flood to distribute and post fliers to inform residents of the Multi-Agency Resource Center, established in a centralized shopping center to provide recovery resources for people affected by flooding. We were to identify locations those affected probably would visit and get approval from managers before posting the fliers.

The teams encountered a wide variety of circumstances and employed their innovation to assess the areas and approach the public.

Volunteers posted fliers in libraries, pharmacies, gas stations, grocery stores, fast-food restaurants, churches, strip malls and fire stations.

The teams reunited at Williams-Brice Stadium to collect donations for two hours before the University of South Carolina-Vanderbilt University football game.

Retiring our Red Cross disaster-relief vests, we donned garnet "Together" T-shirts. Paired with another volunteer, we signed for a red collection bucket and were dispatched to different gates.

Over the next two hours, we encountered many generous fans. Donations included change to \$100 bills.



Courtesy photo

High school and college-aged VolunTEENS helped Columbia-area residents affected by recent floods by posting fliers and assisting those being interviewed by relief agencies.

As game time approached, fans donated surplus football tickets to sell, adding proceeds to the buckets.

On Sunday, the VolunTEENS supported the MARC, established at Dutch Square Mall.

Two adult members checked in clients, and the VolunTEENS served as ambassadors.

One ambassador paired with each client to accom-

pany him or her at meetings with relief agency representatives. This ensured support and eased transitions.

The high school-aged VolunTEENS were professional, empathetic and flexible.

Some VolunTEENS also assisted Save the Children representatives by supervising young children who had accompanied their parents or guardians.

RECURRING MEETINGS

FAMILY

Fort Jackson Homeschoolers, second and fourth Tuesdays. For time and location, call 803-419-0760, or email johnlazzi@yahoo.com.

HEALTH & FITNESS

MEDPROS training, 1-4 p.m. third Friday, Room 9-83, Moncrief Army Community Hospital. For information, email Erica.Aikens@amedd.army.mil.

MILITARY

Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. second Friday, NCO Club. For information, call 751-8347.

American Legion Post 182, 6 p.m. first Tuesday, Officers' Club. For information, call 803-351-2333.

American Legion Louis D. Simmons Post 215, 5 p.m. fourth Sunday, 2432 Chappelle St. For information, call 803-765-0175.

Columbia Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, 6:30 p.m. Mondays, main conference room, Owens Field. For information, contact Tom.Alsup@gmail.com or www.scwg.cap.gov.

Disabled American Veterans, 92nd Buffalo Chapter 20, 11 a.m. third Saturday (except July and August), DAV Headquarters, 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 803-260-1067.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202, 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday, 2620 Lee Road. For information, call 803-647-0040 or email turner6516@gmail.com.

Ladies Auxiliary, Louis D. Simmons Post 215, 3 p.m. fourth Sunday, 2432 Chappelle St. For information, call 803-765-0175.

Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post

641, 2 p.m. second Sunday, 534 S. Beltline Blvd. For information, call 803-782-5943/0148.

Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 4262, 5 p.m. second Sunday, 5821 North Main St. For information, call 803-754-1614.

Military Chaplains Association, S.C. Chapter, noon second Tuesday, NCO Club. For information, call 751-7316 or email samuel.j.boone.civ@mail.mil.

Purple Heart No. 402, 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday, American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St. For information, call 803-351-2333.

Range-control briefing, 1 p.m. Fridays, Range 6. For information, call 751-7171.

Retired Enlisted Association, 5:30 p.m. third Friday, third floor, Moncrief Army Community Hospital. For information, call 803-740-2319 or email jrogers11@sc.rr.com.

Retired Military Police Association, 9:30 a.m. second Saturday, Golden Corral, 5300 Forest Dr. For information, call 803-438-2090, 803-776-4401 or 864-634-7360.

The Rocks Inc., James Webster Smith Chapter, 6 p.m. third Tuesday, Post Conference Room.

Seabees, 7 p.m. second Monday, West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. For information, call 803-755-7792/0300.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association, noon first Tuesday, NCO Club. For information, visit www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association study hall, noon Thursdays, NCO Academy conference room. For information, visit www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA.

Sergeants Major Association, 4:30 p.m. last working Thursday of the month, Magruder's Pub. For

information, call 803-338-1904.

Society of American Military Engineers, 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday. For information, call 803-254-0518 or 803-765-0320.

Swampfox Warrant Officer Association, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. first Thursday, Officers' Club. For information, visit fortjacksonwoa@yahoo.com.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gandy-Griffin Post 4262, 7 p.m. third Tuesday, 5821 N. Main St. For information, call 803-754-1614 or 803-447-2320.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 641, 7:30 p.m. second Monday, 534 S. Beltline Blvd. For information, call 803-782-5943/0148.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 303, 7 p.m. third Tuesday, American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St. For information, call 803-312-4895.

PROFESSIONAL

National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 87, 11:30 a.m. second Friday, Seawell's, 1125 Rosewood Dr. For information, email kathryn hensley@hotmail.com or gillentinec803@aol.com.

National Federation of Federal Employees, 11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, first floor, 4200 Sumter Road. For information, call 751-2622.

Professional Mentorship Network (for women), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Tuesday, NCO Club. For information, call 751-8187.

SOCIAL

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 a.m. first and third Wednesdays, Single Soldier Complex, Building 2447. For information, call 751-1148.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



**Staff Sgt.
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Alpha Company
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13th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Gregory Scott

**STUDENT LEADER OF
THE CYCLE**
Spc. Jonathon Bailey

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Luis Montes

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Larissa Arntz



**Staff Sgt.
Kimberly Hill**
Delta Company
3rd Battalion
13th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Pfc. Hayden McCabe

**STUDENT LEADER OF
THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Brayden Seals

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Kristoffer Studebaker

HIGH APFT
Pvt. John Vasquez



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Spc. Sarah King

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Robert Stewart

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Jonathan Lopez

Fort Jackson Gate Operation Hours

GATE 1

5 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily for both inbound and outbound traffic

GATE 2

Open around the clock daily.

GATE 4

CLOSED as the result of flooding.

GATE 5

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Few folk feel like singin' in the rain

From Staff Reports

Apparently, few people on post find much to sing or dance about in the wake of torrential rains. Only a handful turned out for Soldier Show auditions Thursday evening.

"We were almost about to shut things down" when four or five people walked into the audition site at the Main Exchange, said Staff Sgt. Christopher Fairley, a vocalist with Fort Jackson's 282nd Army Band and a liaison with Army Entertainment, which puts on the yearly show to showcase military talent. "We didn't really expect (many) with the weather."

Still, Fairley was pleasantly surprised by at least one hot prospect.

Auditions for the Soldier Show have ended, but Fairley will put his auditioning talents to use again.

Soldiers, Defense Department civilians and Family members will be able to audition to perform with touring talents through Heroes Star for a Night, modeled on a program Fairley managed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The next Heroes audition will be Oct. 28 at the Main Exchange.

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, 4581 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

Christian youth invited to gather

Fort Jackson's Aspire Military Youth Ministry will hold an All Saints' Day celebration from 5-6:30 p.m. Nov. 1, 2015 in the post Family Life Center.

The event is intended to connect sixth- through 12th-grade students and their Families with AMYM on Fort Jackson. It will begin with dinner and followed by an introduction of AMYM.

Aspire Military Youth Ministry is a Christian ministry that joins military youth and their Families on a spiritual journey, encouraging them in their faith through youth group meetings, Bible studies, retreats and service projects.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECLAMATION SALE NOV. 2, 3

Fort Jackson's next military reclamation sale will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 2 and 3, at Building 2570 on Warehouse Road. The sale is for active-duty and retired Soldiers only. Those not in uniform will be asked to provide ID. Shoppers will be allowed to spend only cash. No checks, or debit or credit cards will be accepted. Army Service Uniforms will be available during the sale.

ID OFFICES WILL CLOSE NOV. 6

The Directorate of Human Resources – including the ID card offices in Rooms 109, 114 and 200 at 5450 Strom Thurmond Blvd. and the Official Mail and Distribution Center at 4400 Green St. – will close at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 6 for Organizational Day. Those with an ID card emergencies should contact the designated alternate ID card location at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter. The number there is 803-895-1596.

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

Those interested in starting their own businesses may attend Simple Steps for Starting Your Business, a five-part series that will provide the tools, information and advice on business startup, action steps and mentoring. Participants must attend all five sessions: 9 a.m. to noon Friday and Oct. 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.

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.

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.

FOR FAMILIES

■ 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 marilyn.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.

HEALTH

■ TRICARE beneficiaries with questions about their health care may call the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273) toll free, all day, every day.

■ DENTAC offers free panoramic X-rays for orthodontics (braces) and wisdom teeth consultations to Family members of active-duty Soldiers and retirees. For information, call 751-1624.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop is accepting winter clothing. 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.

HOUSING NEWS

The Mayoral Council is seeking volunteers to serve as mayors for Fort Jackson housing communities. Being part of the council gives volunteers a voice for the community by providing ideas and suggestions to housing management. Those performing their duties receive free child care. Positions are available in Pierce Terrace 1, 2 and 3, and Howie Village. Contact usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil for information.

COMMISSARY NEWS

■ The commissary will be open for business as usual on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Operating hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

■ Commissary users may help junior Soldiers and Families in need during the holidays through the Commissary Gift Card program. For information, visit www.commissaries.com/giftcardindex.cfm.

EXCHANGE NEWS

■ 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

ARMY BAND TO PERFORM

The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus will perform jazz to Sousa marches at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 at Lower Richland High School. The Veterans Day salute is free. Community members may request as many as six tickets by mailing self-addressed, stamped envelopes to the event sponsor: S.C. Arts Commission, Attention: U.S. Army Field Band Tickets, 1026 Sumter St., Suite 200, Columbia, SC 29201. The concert band and chorus are the oldest and largest of the Army's performing groups. The concert will be in the auditorium at the school, 2615 Lower Richland Road, Hopkins.

OFFICER CANDIDATE REUNION

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



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