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Community Calendar

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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.

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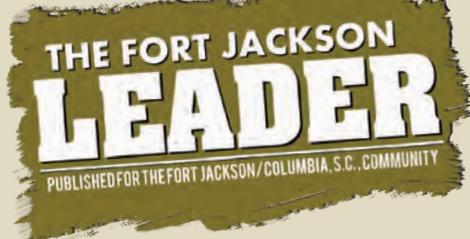
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ON THE COVER

Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Avian Glover, in her 'Rainbow Brite' Halloween costume, reaches for a prize she won making a ghost out of a Tootsie Pop on Friday, at the Fort Jackson Fall Festival held at the Solomon Center. **SEE PAGE 9.**



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TODAY

Post newcomer orientation

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., NCO Club. Mandatory for Soldiers new to Fort Jackson. Spouses also welcome. Child care available to those who call 751-4865 in advance.

Story time at the library

10:30 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. Guest readers from Columbia City Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker."

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.

SUNDAY

Brunch with the Sugar Plum Fairy

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., NCO Club. \$5 per adult, free for children. Military Family Appreciation Month event. For reservations or tickets, call 803-782-2218.

MONDAY

Veterans' wreath-laying ceremony

4 p.m., Post Headquarters.

WEDNESDAY

No school for students

at C.C. Pinckney, Pierce Terrace

NOV. 12

Baby Basics

9 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. For new parents. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

Community information exchange

Noon, NCO Club.

NOV. 13

Columbia City Ballet's "Frosty the Snowman"

10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. at the Solomon Center. Free to military children. For tickets, call 751-6990.

NOV. 14

Columbia City Ballet's "The Nutcracker"

7 p.m., Solomon Center. \$5 per Family, for those ranked E7 and higher. Free to Families of those E6 and lower. Attendees must be active-duty or Reserve Soldiers, or members of the National Guard. Tickets at Victory Travel, 751-5812.

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. 16

Child-safety awareness refresher training

5-6 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Annual refresher for those who work with children. Open to active-duty, retired military; DOD civilians; some Family members. For information, call 751-6325.

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 Tuesday.

Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses

9-11:30 a.m., Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Targeted to military spouses but open to all military and DOD cardholders. For information, call 751-5256 or email Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil.

NOV. 18

Job-Searching Strategies for Military Spouses

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

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.

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.

NOV. 19

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. For information, call 751-5256.

Anger Management

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Class focuses on identifying, managing anger triggers. For information, call 751-6325.

Breastfeeding

2-5 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Training, support for mothers who wish to nurse. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724.

NOV. 20

Family of the Year ceremony

4 p.m., Solomon Center.

NOV. 21

Turkey Trot 5K run/walk

8 a.m., Semmes Road recreation area.

NOV. 26

Thanksgiving Day buffet

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Officers' Club. \$17.95, members; \$21.95, nonmembers. Reservations required. Call 803-782-8761.

DEC. 2

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.

DEC. 3

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.



Photo courtesy of Columbia City Ballet

After the Christmas guests have left her parents' party, Clara falls asleep under the tree with her favorite present, a nutcracker. Little does she know that the wooden doll is, in actuality, a handsome prince who will escort her into a surreal and beautiful adventure.

'Nutcracker' waltzes onto post

By **THERESA O'HAGAN**
Advertising Specialist, Marketing, FMWR

Every year in November, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation celebrates and honors military Families. This year is no exception.

All month long, Families can take advantage of special, low-cost and free offers, and exciting events at FMWR activities.

"I'm absolutely delighted with the wide range of great Family-focused specials our dedicated managers – and marketing geniuses – came up with for 2015," said FMWR Director Dan Ahern. "I've served with Army Family and MWR at four (U.S.-based) garrisons and two (overseas) regions now, and this is far and away the best and most exciting display of Military Family Appreciation Month specials I've ever seen."

On Sunday, FMWR will kick off the monthlong celebration with a deeply discounted brunch at the NCO Club – \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and younger.

"This is a real, retro-priced package," Ahern said. "We're unofficially calling it 'Back to the Future' pricing this month. I mean, who's seen a \$5 price point for a fantastic, full-service brunch since 1984?"

Brunch will be 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and feature Sarah Dippity, who will do face painting. Special guest will be the Sugar Plum Fairy from Columbia City Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker," from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Columbia City Ballet will perform a special Fort Jackson showing of "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. Nov. 14, at the Solomon Center.

Tickets are available at Victory Travel. Cost is \$5 per

family – no matter how big the family is – for E-7s and higher, retirees and civilians. Active-duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who are E-6 and below may obtain Family tickets for free.

"This is a \$32-valued ticket, per attendee," Ahern said. "A family of five will save more than \$150 by attending."

Families also are encouraged to stay after the ballet for seasonal refreshments and a chance to meet the dancers, Ahern said.

Child, Youth and School Services also has joined with the ballet to bring two child-focused performances of "Frosty the Snowman" to post.

The classic children's tale will come to life at 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Nov. 13, in the Solomon Center. Performances will be free and contain a child-friendly message about diversity and anti-bullying.

Tickets are available through Parent Central Services.

"Here's a chance for Families with children to expose them to a truly enjoyable and – at the same time – very cultural experience," Ahern said.

FMWR spokesperson Capt. MWR and his social-media sidekick, Dot Com, want to share in the magic of "The Nutcracker," too, and have hidden the Nutcracker Prince at several FMWR locations. Clues to finding him are posted on the Fort Jackson FMWR Facebook page (www.facebook.com/?q=#/Fort-Jackson-FMWR-162484245597/) and the Dot Com Facebook page (www.facebook.com/?q=#/Dot-Com-105724876174839/).

Three more Nutcracker Princes will be hidden in FMWR locations – one each week.

The list of events to celebrate the Month of the Military Family is a long one – from free golf games to early Thanksgiving dinners for parents and children.

NEIGHBORLY ACTS OF KINDNESS

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is looking to reward good neighbors for random acts of kindness. During November, residents of post housing may nominate neighbors for such acts. When the month has ended, Balfour Beatty Housing representatives, Capt. MWR and Dot Com will award winners MWR bucks, which can be spent at MWR-sponsored events. Names and descriptions of good deeds should be submitted to the housing office by Nov. 23. Four nominees will receive recognition and rewards.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND MONEY-SAVING OFFERS

Friday nights during November: Enjoy a night of bowling for the whole family – or four friends – during the Family (or Friends!) Bowling Special at Century Lanes. Cost is \$35 for lane rental for two hours, balls, shoes, pizzas and sodas. Offer available 7-9 p.m. Fridays.

Nov. 20, 6-7:30 p.m.: Ladies' Night at Balfour Beatty Community Center will offer wine-glass painting. Open to military ID cardholders. Army

ARCENT WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

U.S. Army Central will welcome a new commanding general to Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter on Nov. 17.

Maj. Gen. Michael X. Garrett of U.S. Central Command, Tampa, Florida, will take over duties from Lt. Gen. James L. Terry, who will retire after 37 years of active-duty service.

ARCENT has been in Central Asia and the Middle East for more than 20 years, headquartered in Sumter and with forward headquarters in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

COMPANIES ADD JOBS FOR MILITARY SPOUSES

Thirty-seven new companies and organizations have been inducted into the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, bringing the total number of partners to 297.

The partners commit themselves to recruiting, hiring, promoting and retaining military spouses in portable careers.

Since Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, launched the partnership in June 2011, partners have hired 82,000 military spouses, according to Stephanie Barna, acting assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs.

Those seeking further information on the partnership may visit:

■ msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep/?source=GovDelivery

■ www.defense.gov/Portals/1/Documents/FactSheet-MSEP-Induction-Ceremony-2015.pdf?source=GovDelivery.

TRADOC GOES ONLINE WITH OWN APP STORE

TRADOC has opened its own online app store to bring the command's body of knowledge to Soldiers where they are most likely to ingest it: online and on the move.

"Most Soldiers have a mobile device of some sort – a cell phone, a tablet or something," said Lt. Col. Joseph A. Harris Jr., TRADOC capability manager for mobile learning. "They are using those devices every day to get the information they need, and – usually – that's through a mobile app of some sort."

The TRADOC Application Gateway will host unclassified apps and interactive digital publications.

To access the app store, Soldiers can point their mobile devices to www.adtdl.army.mil, and log in to the site with just their Army Knowledge Online login names and passwords.

NOVEMBER PROMOTIONS

The following officers have been promoted as of Nov. 1:

Lt. Col. Sean M. McBride, Capt. April N. Abbott, Capt. Mateo I. Belford, Capt. Mitchell A. Bliley, Capt. Quinzel E. Chestnut III, Capt. Jeffrey A. Christensen, Capt. Bryan C. Edkin, Capt. Tyler E. Hassel, Capt. Christel P. Sacco, Capt. Matthew A. Walker, Capt. Samuel N. Wong.

The following non-commissioned officers have been promoted as of Nov. 1:

Sgt. Maj. Christopher J. Werner, Master Sgt. Jamie C. Walls, Sgt. 1st Class Kristi I. Fortier, Sgt. 1st Class Noel Perez-Torres, Sgt. 1st Class Clifton L. Smith, Sgt. Clovis H. Castro, Sgt. Joanna Hall, Sgt. Zachary S. Hallstrom, Sgt. Adrian D. Hodges, Sgt. Jamar A. King, Sgt. Tera L. Montgomery, Sgt. Dlayne Y. Shaw, Sgt. Jake Tyler, Sgt. Pierre D. Washington.



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Flu fighters

Above, Syllas Borovicka gets inoculated against the flu virus by Maj. Gerald Bracete during a vaccination clinic Nov. 3 at the Solomon Center.

Left, John F. Keegan, the director of Marketing & Business and Community Development for Fort Jackson's Family Morale Welfare and Recreation office, grimaces as Spc. Jean Pierre Hakizimana, a MEDDAC medic injects him with the flu vaccine.

HAPPENINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ID OFFICES WILL CLOSE FRIDAY

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. Friday for Organizational Day. Those with ID card emergencies should contact the designated alternate ID card location at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter. The number there is 803-895-1596.

GRIEF CAMP MENTORS NEEDED

The TAPS Good Grief Camp seeks active, Reserve or veteran Service members to volunteer as mentors to surviving military children Nov. 21. TAPS is a nonprofit organization that provides hope and healing to Families who have lost loved ones in the Armed Forces. The TAPS Good Grief Camp brings together military surviving adults and children across the area, encouraging them to share with others while learning about grief and trauma from experts. The program provides each child an active-duty mentor for a day. For information or to register, visit www.taps.org/GoodGriefCampMentor/.

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 spouses, surviving spouses. Call 751-5256 for information.

FOR FAMILIES

■ The Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta is offering discounted general admission for Military Families on Mondays through December, as well Saturday and Veterans Day. The friends and Families of current and former military, and veterans are eligible for a 30 percent discount, while the member of the military gets in free. Those wishing to take advantage of the discount must pres-

ent their military IDs at the aquarium ticket counter. Online tickets are not available. For more information on the aquarium, visit GeorgiaAquarium.org.

■ On-post mothers are invited to “No Excuses, Mom” weekly exercise sessions. Those living in the Balfour Beatty communities meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays at 520 Brown Ave. Residents of other communities meet at the SKIES building at 6100 Chesnut Road. Participants should provide their own water, towels and mats. Children are welcome. Workouts last 30 to 45 minutes. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/group/noexcusemomcolumbia.sc/

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ Those needing basic English-language instruction may take part in classes offered by Army Community Services. Open to ID cardholders, DOD employees. For

information, call 751-1124.

SPORTS

Children and youth who wish to play winter basketball or learn cheerleading may register through Nov. 20. Cost for basketball is \$20 for those who are 4 and 6 years old, and \$40 for those 6 to 15. Cost for cheerleading is \$20 for 3- to 5-year-olds and \$40 for 6- to 12-year-olds. For information, call sports director Darius Lane at 751-7451 or darius.k.lane.naf@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.

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.

EXCHANGE NEWS

■ The Army & Air Force Exchange Service and the makers of Nautilus exercise equipment are commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War with an essay contest to honor those who served and the “battle buddies” who saw them through. In the “My Vietnam Battle Buddy” essay contest, Exchange shoppers are invited to share stories of their Vietnam War battle buddies. The first-place winner will win a Schwinn 470 Elliptical valued at \$799. The second-place winner will receive a Schwinn 270 Recumbent worth \$469, and two third-place winners, Schwinn 170 Uprights valued at \$379 each. Through Nov. 20, shoppers may send their essays to patriotfamily@aafes.com.

Entries must include full name, mailing address, email address and telephone number. Essays should be 200 at most.

■ 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.

COMMISSARY NEWS

■ The commissary will be open 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, which is Veterans Day.

■ 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.

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.

OFFICER CANDIDATE REUNION

Alumni are invited to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Army Officer Candidate School on April 24-28, 2016, at the Double Tree Hotel, 5321 Sidney Simmons Blvd., Columbus, Georgia. The event will include tours, a memorial/monument walk, a Hall of Fame induction ceremony and an award dinner. Cost is \$111 per night. For reservations, 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.

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

‘Crimson Peak’ will begin at the post theater Nov. 14.



Friday

“The Perfect Guy” (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sunday

“Sicario” (R), 2 p.m.
“The Perfect Guy” (PG-13), 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

“Maze Runner: Scorch Trials” (PG-13), 2 p.m.
“Sicario” (R), 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 13

“Pan” (PG), 7 p.m.

Nov. 14

“No Escape” (PG-13), 2 p.m.
“Crimson Peak” (R), 4 p.m.

Nov. 15

“The Intern” (PG-13), 2 p.m.
“Hotel Transylvania 2” (PG), 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 18

“Captive” (PG-13), 2 p.m.
“Sicario” (R), 4 p.m.

Nov. 20

“Crimson Peak” (R), 7 p.m.

Nov. 22

“The Martian” (PG-13), 2 p.m.
“Bridge of Spies” (PG-13), 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 25

“The Martian” (PG-13), 2 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.

MACH kicks butts off campus

By **NICK SPINELLI**
Public Affairs,
Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Moncrief Army Community Hospital will become a tobacco-free medical campus on Jan. 1.

All forms of tobacco and tobacco-related products will be prohibited. That includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco (snuff and chewing tobacco) and electronic nicotine-delivery devices such as e-cigarettes, e-pipes and e-cigars.

“Being tobacco free and promoting a healthy environment for our patients, staff and visitors is the right thing to do and demonstrates our leadership in wellness,” said Maj. Christopher Wilson, Moncrief’s chief of preventive medicine.

Eventually, Wilson said, all Army medical facilities will be tobacco free.

“The military as a whole is promoting the benefits of tobacco-free living, and this is one way they are doing that,” he said. “The majority of civilian facilities outside the gate already are tobacco free. This isn’t something we are doing exclusively.”

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services lists several reasons a tobacco-free medical campus is better for patients:

- Smoking interferes with wound healing, whether

the wound is surgical or the result of trauma or burns. Studies have shown that patients who smoked regularly before surgery have twice the risk of wound infections or complications as nonsmokers.

- Surgical patients who smoke have increased length of stay in the recovery room or intensive care unit, and an increased need for supplemental oxygen after surgery. One study found that the incidence of respiratory complications was almost twice as high in smokers as in nonsmokers.

- Tobacco use can delay recovery from orthopedic injuries and surgery. One study reported that smokers’ broken bones took almost twice as long to heal as nonsmokers’.

A tobacco-free campus also benefits employees.

According to HHS, “a smoke-free and tobacco-free environment helps create a safe, healthy workplace for all employees. Workers who smoke have more visits to their physician each year and a 50 percent greater chance of hos-

pitalization than nonsmokers.

“With fewer employees using tobacco, your employees will be healthier. There will be less absenteeism and sick leave.”

The regulation does not prohibit smoking-cessation products such as nicotine nasal spray, the Nicotrol nicotine-inhalation system, nicotine transdermal patches, nicotine gum or nicotine lozenges.



For more information and tips on quitting tobacco, contact a medical provider or visit betobaccofree.hhs.gov.

Flood damage? Keep in touch with FEMA

People who registered for disaster assistance after recent flooding should keep their personal information updated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency throughout the recovery process, FEMA officials say.

Applicants should share any change of address, telephone and bank account numbers, and insurance information with FEMA to avoid delays in processing disaster assistance.

Applicants also should notify FEMA about insurance settlements and ask any disaster-related questions.

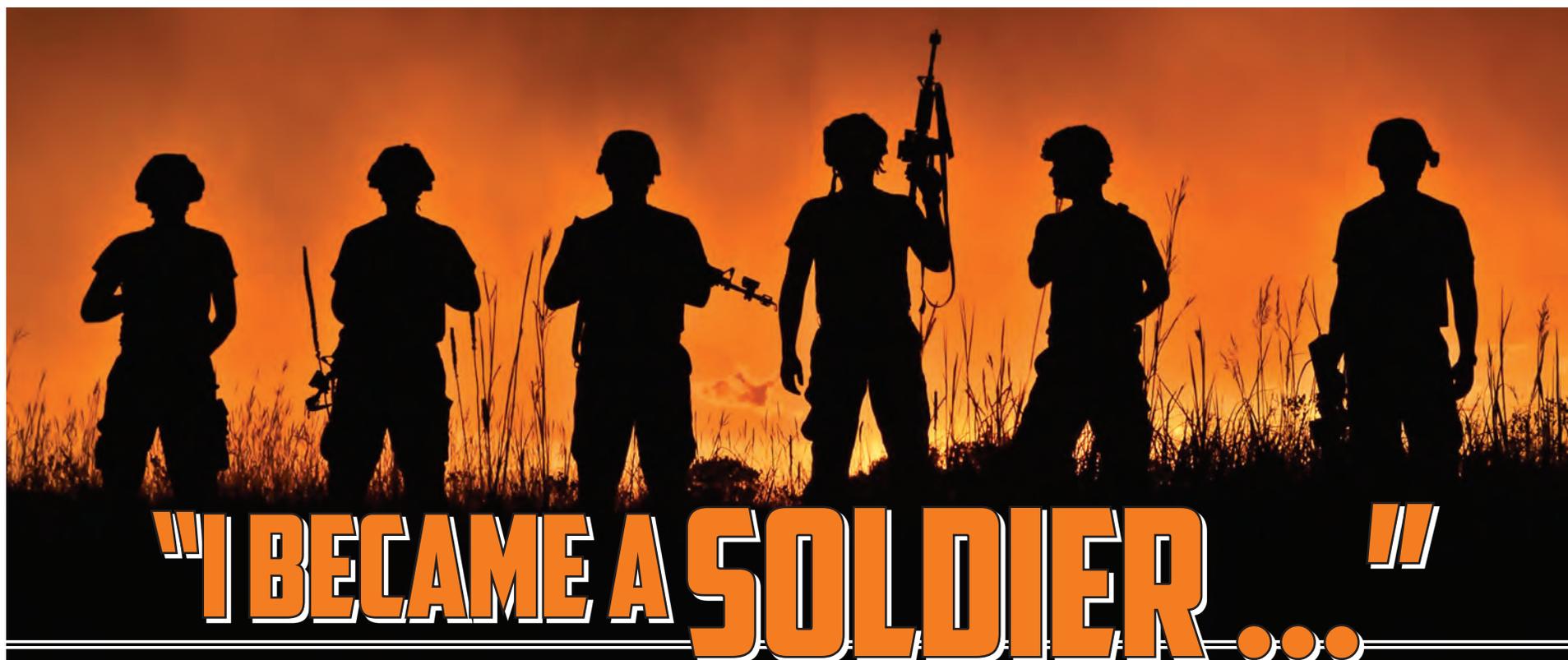
To update information or apply for assistance, call FEMA’s toll-free help line at 800-621-3362 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Survivors also may visit DisasterAssistance.gov or a disaster recovery center. Find the closest center online at fema.gov/disaster-recovery-centers.

Applicants referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration should complete and return their applications as soon as possible. The information provided on the application is used to determine whether an applicant qualifies for a loan or may be referred for other federal and state help.

For more information, contact SBA’s Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955, log on to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov or visit the SBA website at www.sba.gov/disaster.

Source: FEMA



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.

2ND BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

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PVT. DEREK FICKEN, 18

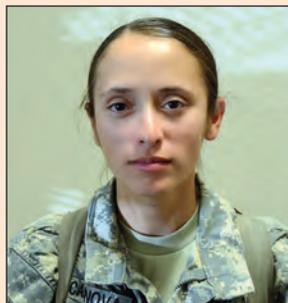
"I joined the Army because in 2014, I broke up with my girlfriend and realized I was doing nothing. I was being lazy and dependent on her for everything. I was 275 pounds, and that's when I was going to do something right about myself and my family. I lost 75 pounds and went to basic."

"I would tell my friends that (the Army) is not for everybody, but it worked for me. If you have the heart, you can make it, (and) there's no excuse not to try."

"My family is extremely proud of me. They never saw me as the kind of person that would go out and do stuff like this before. I put myself out there and changed their minds on how I'd turn out."

"They were sad when I left, but they are feeling good about it now."

BRAVO COMPANY



SPC. ASHLEY CASANOVA, 27

"I joined because I wanted to serve those who serve. I come from a military Family, and they are very supportive of me. My father is in the Navy, but the Army looked better for me."

"My favorite part of basic training is the challenge it has given me. I like the confidence you get knowing you can attack certain goals and defeat personal fears. I was given leadership to be able to step forward, taking initiative and being able to break out of that shell."

"To take initiative can be very challenging. I had trouble with (basic rifle marksmanship), and at the end of the day, I was able to get past that."

"I can wake up and know I can complete tasks with little feedback."

BRAVO COMPANY



SPC. BOYUNG SHIM, 28

"I really wanted to be a medical officer, and the Army will help me go to medical school. I can start teaching. It is a good experience in my life."

"The most difficult part for me was that I am speaking a different language, and some things are hard for me to understand, and I am learning the American culture now."

"In the (Field Training Exercise), it was really tough because of the long nights."

"Everything (else) was good, but I loved waking up in the morning for PT. I love PT. (Basic Rifle Marksmanship) was also one of my favorites because I had never fired a rifle before. When we went to Omaha (range), it was my first time shooting."

"My family is very proud of me because no one in my family was in America before me."

DELTA COMPANY



PFC. CHRISTINA CRAVEN, 18

"I always wanted to be a Soldier. When I was a little kid, I saw the movie 'Independence Day' and ... wanted to be fighter pilot. It was the first thing that got me going on that, but I was too short, so I became a Soldier."

"I really like the idea of women being integrated into the infantry as a possibility. I want to, possibly, do that, but for now, I am in aviation. If it opens up to women, I am going to try and do that."

"Working together with others and trying to figure things out can be stressful at times."

"I just love being here and learning stuff. I think I had a better understanding coming in this than quite a few of the Soldiers. I like the leadership and everything about it."

"I lived with my grandparents (before joining), and now they are happy, after seeing how it changed me."

DELTA COMPANY



PVT. BAILEY SMITH, 18

"I really wanted to make a difference, and I didn't (think that) college was the way for me. I needed money, and it was cheaper to join the Army, so I decided that is what I wanted to be."

"A lot of people think it's scary, but (basic training) is nothing to be scared of – it's actually an amazing experience. You learn a lot and come out a better person than when you entered."

"My favorite part of basic training is learning the weaknesses and strengths of other people in my platoon. And learning about them and knowing that is what I am going to have to do when I get to the real Army – learn about my unit."

"Well, (my Family) really didn't think I would make it, but now that I have made it this far, they are actually really proud of me."

ECHO COMPANY



PFC. CHRISTIANA OLUBAJO, 20

"I joined because I wanted to have more opportunities for myself. It was a huge choice, deciding to join the U.S. Army by being from Nigeria."

"Working with people from other cultures was difficult for me. It was difficult because there were activities that we were assigned (that) made us approach problems from different angles, and it took me (a while) to develop a new mind-set to adapt to it. It took a different mind-set to adapt and be able to work with them."

"I love getting to meet other people from different places. It is very important to me."

MONSTER MASH

Fort Jackson gets into the spirit of Halloween



Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

FRIGHT NIGHT

Gracie Brandon, 7, covers her eyes as she leads her sister Brooke and mom Cherish – carrying sister Krista – through the dark and creepy maze in the Haunted Room at the Fort Jackson Youth Center on Friday. ‘It wasn’t scary,’ she said. ‘I just closed my eyes ’cause of all the screaming’ by the actors and on the sound track.



HAUNTED HOUSING

Kisha Thomas and her husband, Staff Sgt. Herman Thomas, went all out decorating their house on Fort Jackson for Halloween and won the post Halloween decoration contest.



Three-year-old Corey Dwyer, dressed as Chase from ‘Paw Patrol,’ races off to find another fun event at the Fall Festival at the Solomon Center on Friday.



Krista Brandon suffers having her hair spray-painted hot pink at the Fall Festival. Elsewhere, children made holiday decorations.



Four-year-old Thron Williams shows off his skills as Leonardo the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. ‘I’ve got moves!’ he boasted.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Opportunistic Soldiers with the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment take advantage of the dirt and sand piled high on the side of Jackson Boulevard to fill new, much-needed sand bags on Friday. The piles of dirt and sand result from recent digging during road construction.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Installation awards

Post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier pins the Army Commendation Medal on the blouse of Sgt. Ebonie Covington of 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment on Friday. Covington won the post's Supply Excellence Award.

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS



Recognizing excellence

The Area Maintenance Support Activity 166 in Winterville, N.C., received the 81st Regional Support Command Army Award for Supply Excellence for 2015. The shop, which supports Army Reserve and National Guard assets, will compete for the Department of the Army Chief of Staff Award for Supply Excellence.

Photo by MICHAEL MASCARI, 81st Regional Support Command

THANKSGIVING DINNER SCHEDULE

DATE	BRIGADE	UNIT	BUILDING	TIMES
NOV. 25	Soldier Support Institute	369th Adjutant General Battalion	2302	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
	Drill Sergeant Academy	DSA	9572	noon to 2 p.m.
	165th Infantry Brigade	1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment	11500	5-6:30 p.m.
NOV. 26	171st Infantry Brigade	120th AG Battalion	1875	10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	193rd Infantry Brigade	3-13th Regiment	Quad 5455	11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
	193rd Infantry Brigade	3-60th Regiment	Quad 5455	11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
	165th Infantry Brigade	2-39th Regiment	10401	11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
	165th Infantry Brigade	3-34th Regiment	11900	11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
	193rd Infantry Brigade	2-13th Regiment	4270	noon to 3 p.m.

Retirees and guests of ID cardholders not assigned to units may dine:

DATE	UNIT	BUILDING	MILITARY DINING	RETIREEES/FAMILY MEMBERS
NOV. 26	3-13th, 3-60th	5455	11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	1:30-4 p.m.

Holiday meal rates are \$9.05 standard and \$6.80 discount. Discount rates are for spouses and dependents of enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-4. All others will pay the standard rate. For information, call 751-7371/5556.

Waltz

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“Using the clues provided, our valued patrons are encouraged to deduce which event or facility is holding a Nutcracker,” explained Capt. MWR. “When you think you have figured out where it was hidden, ask any customer-service provider if it was hidden there.

“If you are correct, the representative will present you with a Nutcracker ornament. Bring it to Family and MWR Marketing at the Joe E. Mann Center to claim the prize.”

The difficulty of finding the Nutcracker and the value of the prizes will increase each week.

■ Week 1: Nutcracker tree ornament, collectible Nutcracker and \$25 in MWR bucks.

■ Week 2: Nutcracker book, collectible Nutcracker, CD of music from “The Nutcracker” and \$50 in MWR bucks.

■ Week 3: Nutcracker tree ornament, collectible Nutcracker, two “Nutcracker’ Ballet” T-shirts, “The Nutcracker” CD and \$75 in MWR bucks.

■ Week 4: Columbia City Ballet gift basket valued at \$150, which includes two tickets to “Aladdin,” ballet souvenirs and \$100 in MWR bucks, a Nutcracker tree ornament and collectible Nutcracker.

See complete rules on Facebook and *fort-jacksonmwr.com*. If you have questions, call Theresa O’Hagan at 751-6990.

Families

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Community Service also will provide information on services available to military Families. RSVP to Debbie Rector, 803-738-8275 by Nov. 13.

Nov. 20, 4 p.m.: The Family of the Year will be announced and all nominees recognized for their contributions to the Fort Jackson community. The event will be at the Solomon Center.

Nov. 21, 8 a.m.: The Child, Youth and School Services Family Fun Festival will be held in conjunction with the FMWR Community Recreation Division Turkey Trot. The “trot” will start promptly at 8 a.m. The fair will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Solomon Center and will feature free activities, games, mechanical rides and prizes. The Fort Jackson Fire Department also will participate.

Nov. 25, 4-7 p.m.: Family Bingo at Victory Bingo. Family-friendly prizes and pizza. The event and pizza will be provided free.

MONTHLONG FMWR SPECIALS

Century Lanes: Enjoy one free round of bowling, not including shoes, for each Family member any time lanes are available. (Not applicable on Family Day, graduation day or at Ivy Lanes.)

Fitness: Participate in any fitness class free through Nov. 30 with a valid military and Family member ID. Passes available at Andy’s Fitness Center.

Golf rates for Families: After 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sun-

days, Families may golf at a discount. Unlimited golf and cart, 2 p.m. to close. \$10, adults; \$5 for children per round.

Jack’s Frame Shop: Get 25 percent off framing for family portraits.

Marion Street Station: Enjoy a free bike rental.

Officers’ Club: Children will eat free all month with the purchase of an adult meal.

Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf: Enjoy a free round for each Family member on Saturdays and Sundays.

Retail Zone: Reap 25 percent off all purchases except close-outs and sales. (Offer not valid on Family Day and graduation day.)

Weston Lake: Take advantage of a free daily canoe or kayak rental.

CYSS SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Child, Youth and School Services will celebrate military Families enrolled in their programs with a Family Feast. Parents may enjoy an early Thanksgiving meal with their child/ren on the following dates and times:

■ Scales Avenue Child Development Center: Strong Beginning 1 and preschool 4, 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 16. Infant Modules 1-4 and Multiage Infants, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Nov. 17. Strong Beginning 2 and Preschool 3, 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 18; Toddler Module 1, Multiage Pre-toddlers and Toddlers, 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 19; Toddler Module 2 and Toddler Module 3, 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 10.

■ Hood Street School Age Center: 5-6 p.m. Nov. 19

■ Imboden Street School-Age Center: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 19

■ Imboden Street CDC: 5-6 p.m. Nov. 19

■ Middle School and Teen Program: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 23

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



Staff Sgt.
Jennifer L. Bryant
Alpha Company
2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE
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Pfc. Joshua R. Norris

**STUDENT LEADER OF
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Pvt. Joshua A. Delany

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Pvt. Isaak J. Wise

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Pvt. Calvin Crawley

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Spc. Niko O. Nkululeko

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Pvt. April L. Hicks

Beware of scams

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command warns the Army community to be aware of Internet scams and to report any time a Soldier, Army dependent or Army civilian is faced with threats involving the payment of money or other valuables.

“In many instances, the situation begins when an unknowing victim is befriended by someone on the Internet,” said Daniel Andrews, director of CID’s Computer Crime Investigative Unit. “The scammer quickly builds a friendship and trust with the victim, and will begin to ask for or discuss information or photos that could be hurtful ... if revealed.”

Then, Andrews said, the scammer threatens to release the information if the victim does not pay.

“Extortion is a touchy subject,” Andrews said, “because it often deals with intimate or very personal information. Army personnel, however, need to be upfront and report it, and they should not pay any money if they are being extorted.”

Suspicious emails should be reported to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov, the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov and the Internet service provider.

Suspicious correspondence through social media should be reported to the social-media provider.

Soldiers, Army civilians and Family members who have been threatened with extortion should contact the installation Military Police or CID office. They also may email CID at Army.CID.Crime.Tips@mail.mil or call 1-844-ARMY-CID (844-276-9243).

Source: Army CID

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

Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.

GATE 2

Open around the clock daily.

GATE 4

Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.

GATE 5

Open 5-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.
Closed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Reopened 4-6 p.m. for outbound traffic only.

Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.