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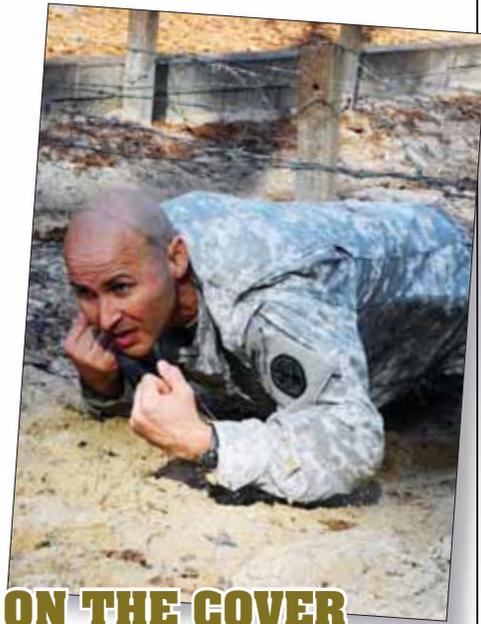
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Questions? Call 751-7045.



## ON THE COVER

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

**1st Sgt. Ricardo Gutierrez, of Moncrief Army Community Hospital, crawls under barbed wire during the final moments of last week's Best Ranger team tryouts.**

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### TODAY

#### Newcomer orientation

9 a.m., NCO Club. Mandatory for Soldiers assigned to Fort Jackson for the first time. Spouses welcome. Child care available to those who call 751-4865 in advance.

#### 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.

#### Evening story time

6:30 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. Stories, activities for children 2 to 5.

### DEC. 4

#### MOAA 50th anniversary

6-9:30 p.m., Officers Club. The Columbia Military Officers Association of America will celebrate with food, fellowship and storytelling. For information, call Jean Remley at 803-794-7761 and leave a message.

### DEC. 6

#### Hannukah begins this evening.

#### Handbell choir

9:30 a.m., Main Post Chapel. The chapel's handbell choir will provide special music during worship. All are invited to attend.

#### Sunday 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.

### DEC. 7

#### Child-safety awareness initial training

5-7 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Two-hour workshop on how to recognize, respond to child abuse. Open to active-duty and retired Soldiers, DOD civilians, Family. Call 751-6325 to register.

### DEC. 8

#### 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](mailto:Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil).

#### Story time at the library

11:30 a.m. to noon, Thomas Lee Hall Library. For children 2 to 5.

### DEC. 9

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### 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 and Family. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

#### Post tree-lighting, menorah-lighting

5 p.m., post headquarters.

#### Hannukah celebration

6:30 p.m., Main Post Chapel. Soldiers attending should wear ACUs.

### DEC. 10

#### Evening story time at the library

6:30-7 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. Stories, activities for children 2 to 5.

#### Community information exchange

9 a.m., NCO Club.

### DEC. 11

#### Hearts Apart and foreign-born spouses holiday celebration

6-8 p.m., North Springs Park, 1320 Clemson Road. Please provide a dish to share and wear festive clothing.

#### EFMP bowling outing

4:30-6 p.m., Century Lanes. For members of Exceptional Family Member Program. RSVP, 751-5256.

### DEC. 12

#### Jingle Bell 5k fun run/walk

8 a.m., Semmes Lake recreation area. Late registration, 6:30-7:30 a.m.

### DEC. 14

#### Hannukah ends this evening.

### DEC. 15

#### Story time at the library

11:30 a.m. to noon, Thomas Lee Hall Library. Stories, songs, activities for children 2 to 5.

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### DEC. 17

#### Anger Management

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

#### Evening story time at the library

6:30-7 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. Stories, songs, activities for children 2 to 5.

### DEC. 18

#### Winter holidays begin for Pierce Terrace, C.C. Pinckney Elementary schools

### DEC. 20

#### Sunday 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.

### DEC. 21

#### Child-safety awareness refresher training

5-6 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Annual refresher for those who work with children. Call 751-6325.

### DEC. 25

#### Christmas Day



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Drill Sergeant Sean M. Rodman prepares to welcome the CORBT group to a tour of the barracks Dec. 1 at the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

## Commanders 'share' and 'steal' ideas

By JENNIFER STRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

Senior leaders from across the military came together at Fort Jackson this week to discuss issues that concern them all – addressing sexual assault, including women in combat and accommodating transgender Soldiers.

The gathering was the third annual meeting of the Council on Recruit and Basic Training, comprising more than 25 representatives of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Department of Defense. The council was the first to be held on an Army post.

“This forum gives us the opportunity to share ideas willingly and steal ideas shamelessly,” said Maj. Gen. Anthony Funkhouser, commanding general of the Center for Initial Military Training.

In his position as conference host, Fort Jackson commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier welcomed the conference to the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy.

“We think we have a good model, and we deal with all the issues (other services) deal with,” he said. “We’re very, very interested in what you guys do, what we can share and what we can learn from each other.”

The topic of sexual assault was first on the agenda.

“We’re all in this together, and this is an opportunity to bring a forum together to address issues – in particular, sexual harassment and assault,” Funkhouser said.

Maj. Gen. Camille M. Nichols, DOD director of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, briefed the group on the latest guidance and information on sexual assault

across the services.

Active and passionate discussions on what each service does to prevent and respond to sexual assault followed.

“The other challenge were dealing with right now is the opening of combat arms to females – not that it’s a challenge, but we’re trying to do it right,” Funkhouser said.

The Army is working to identify specific physical standards for the four combat military occupation specialties – artillery and engineer, currently open to females, as well as infantry and armor, which will be opened to them.

After lunch, the group toured men’s and women’s barracks at the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

Drill sergeant Sean M. Rodman, a staff sergeant, answered questions about issues and behaviors among the privates in Basic Combat Training, saying the battalion often relied on their reports to maintain order and safety.

“Privates tell on each other because they want to do the right thing, not because they are tattletales,” he said. The emphasis, he said, is on maintaining a “separate and secure” environment for Soldiers of both sexes.

The Army struggles to find enough female drill sergeants as the number of female recruits increases, Funkhouser said.

In addition to that, “we’re still waiting on the transgender policy to come through (from DOD),” he said.

“It has a significant impact on us – physical-training standards, facilities and other things that would impact our organization.”

One transgender Guardsman has undergone Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, Cloutier said. The Soldier was “very discreet” and required “very little accommodation,” he said.

On Wednesday, the group focused on physical standards, mental health conditions, recruit records and attrition.

“Challenging us every day is attrition,” Funkhouser said. “We have about a 30 (percent) to 33 percent attrition rate in the first three years, all for different reasons.”

“We’re trying to figure out ways to reduce attrition (and) get higher-quality folks that we know would stay in the Army. That’s a challenge.”

The Army, to include the National Guard and Reserves, pushes 140,000 to 160,000 people through initial military training every year.

At Fort Jackson, 65,000 complete some type of training – 45,000 of them, Basic Combat Training. Fort Jackson trains 54 percent of basic trainees and 61 percent of women who join the Army.

Council representatives also discussed Army plans to give a standard Occupational Physical Assessment Test to potential enlistees, as well as extending basic training.

The council will meet again next year to assess changes implemented after this year’s discussions, and to seek ways to handle ever-present challenges.

The Air Force welcomed the first rotating conference to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Last year, conferees visited the Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois. Next year, the Coast Guard will be conference host.



# Transitioning?

## Time to think about a POA

### By OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

If you want to allow a friend to sell your car, let your spouse ship your household goods or authorize a relative to take your child to the hospital, you'll need a power of attorney.

A POA is a powerful legal document that lets someone else – an “agent” – act on your behalf. In such a case, you are called a “grantor.”

Depending on how it is written, a POA can grant one power or many. And most have a fixed expiration date, usually two years or less.

Businesses seldom accept POAs that last for longer than two years because it's difficult to know whether they're still binding.

Following are a few things you should know about POAs.

#### Q: When should I use a POA?

**A:** The most common use for a POA is an occasion when you cannot be present and want someone to do something for you, such as sell your car while you're deployed.

You also may want to have a POA for certain emergencies.

A durable POA will remain in effect if you become disabled or incapacitated. If you do not have a durable POA, your agent's authority to act for you will end at the same time as your disability or incapacity.

No one is required to accept, and some businesses and government agencies – such as the Internal Revenue Service – insist you use their own POA form.

Check with a business or agency before your agent will use your POA, to be sure it will be accepted.

If you wish to have a durable power of attorney, you will have to set up a lawyer's appointment.

#### Q: Whom should I name as my agent?

**A:** A POA most commonly names a spouse, a relative or a trusted friend as agent.

The person you designate must be at least 18 and be capable of handling your affairs and carrying out your wishes. The person also should be trustworthy, mature and capable of understanding the responsibility accompanying a POA.

Keep in mind that when your agent acts on your behalf using a POA, his or her actions will bind you legally.

#### Q: Which type of POA should I use?

**A:** The answer depends on why you need one and whether another arrangement might work better.

Many people use a special POA to authorize an agent to do only one thing, such as ship your household goods.

A general POA will allow your agent to do almost everything you could do yourself. It carries with it an enormous potential for abuse, such as emptying your bank account or selling your most cherished possessions. Because of the risks involved, the term of a general POA, should be limited.

Many businesses will not accept a general POA but instead insist on one that clearly defines the actions your agent may take on your behalf. A special POA limits your agent's authority.

If a general POA is more than you need or are willing to grant, but you still need to appoint someone to act for you, consider a special POA.

#### Q: Will a POA work for everything?

**A:** Some actions cannot be accomplished with the use of a POA because some actions are so personal that they cannot be delegated. For example, a POA cannot be used for a marriage ceremony or the execution of a will.

#### Q: Why doesn't everyone have a POA, just in case?

**A:** A POA can be very useful, but it can be abused. For example, a husband just separated from his wife could use a POA she gave him and clean out her individual bank account.

Be very careful selecting your agent.

#### Q: What if I gave my spouse a POA and now we are separating or divorcing?

**A:** Revoke your POA.

The best way to do so is to get the original POA back from your agent, but that might not be possible.

You also can fill out a revocation form and deliver it to your agent and all the creditors, banks, companies and individuals with whom your agent has dealt with or is likely to deal with on your behalf. You also may have to publish a legal advertisement in a newspaper or file a court request – if the POA was filed in court initially.

Check with Legal Assistance to prepare such a revocation or to learn about state requirements.

#### Q: I may deploy. Should I prepare a POA?

**A:** First ask yourself whether you really need one.

Some Soldiers prepare POAs so their spouses can bank, receive shipments of household goods, register the car and do other such things. Many single-Soldier parents and dual-military couples with children use POAs as part of their Family-care plans to set up guardianship arrangements for their minor children.

But if you and your spouse have a joint checking account and your pay is directly deposited into that account, and you don't plan to buy or sell a car or house, you probably don't need a POA.



## DECEMBER ★ CUSTOMER ★ APPRECIATION



During the month of December, register at Century Lanes Bowling Center for a **chance to win a SPECIAL HOLIDAY CAN FULL OF SURPRISES!**

Limit one entry per person, per day throughout the month. Prize drawing to be held Thursday, Dec 31, during the Century Lanes NO TAP Tournament (starting at 6:30 p.m.)

Must be 18 years of age to enter. Do not have to be present to win.

For more info, visit Century Lanes at 4464 Gregg Street or call 751-6138.

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## SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN!

Available Monday - Friday at the NCO Club  
5700 Lee Road, Fort Jackson, SC • 782-2218

Fried Chicken is served as part of the all-you-can-eat buffet every Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for only \$8.75.



## ARMY NAVY

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### SATURDAY, DEC 12 (12 p.m.)

### At Magruders Club & Pub (3305 Daniel Drive • 790-0381)

Come out and enjoy one of the biggest rivalries in college football on one of more than 15 TVs. Featuring giveaways and specials:

- » 8 wings and a 16oz domestic beer for only \$7.50!
- » 8 wings and a soda for only \$7!
- » Domestic pitchers for only \$5!



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The Armed Forces Salute Ticket is available to the following US military members: Active Duty Soldiers, Active Reservist, Active National Guard, Retired Military, 100% Disabled Veterans with a valid military ID card (DD Form 1173). Eligible service member or spouse may purchase up to 12 tickets. All parties must be present with eligible service member to activate tickets. Tickets MUST be TOTALLY used by December 20, 2015.

For additional details or questions, please call Victory Travel at 751-5812.

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## PRINCESS, SUPERHERO & VILLAIN PARTY

### Brunch at the NCO Club Sunday, Dec 13 (1 - 3 p.m.)

(1 - 2 p.m.) Children's Games & Activities, Face Painting, & Story Time  
(1:30 p.m.) The Princess & Villian Parade along with a special visitor from the North Pole.  
(1 - 3 p.m.) Buffet open.  
(1:30 - 2 p.m.) Pictures with the Princess and Villian Court, and our North Pole Special Guest.

Reservations accepted Dec. 1.  
Adults: \$10. Children(4-11 years old): \$5  
Children (3 and younger): No Charge  
For reservations call 782-2218.

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## Jingle Bell Fun Run & Reindeer Games

Saturday, Dec 12 (8 - 11 a.m.)

### Jingle Bell Fun Run

At Semmes Lake Recreation Area  
Registration: 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.  
Pre-Race Brief: 7:50 a.m.  
Race Start: 8 a.m.  
To register, please visit [www.fortjacksonmwr.com](http://www.fortjacksonmwr.com)

The run will start and end at Semmes Lake Recreation Area and includes a three mile route. Families are encouraged to participate with strollers if their little jinglers are too small to walk or run.

### Reindeer Games

At the Youth Center (9:30 - 11 a.m.)  
Join us after the Jingle Bell Fun Run for breakfast with some special guests from the north pole and reindeer games and activities.

For questions, please call 751-4865.



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## SPECTACULAR Winter Games

Sunday, Dec 6 at Victory Bingo  
(12500 Huger St. • 751-3411)

Jackpots:  
\$5,000 & \$2,000!

8 Games pay out \$1,000!



## WIN BIG!

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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, 34TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

### ALPHA COMPANY



**PFC. NACEVE BLACKSTOCK**

"I joined (the Army) because of stability, building self-esteem and to be a part of the best military force in the world. I was influenced (to enlist) by a close friend who is also in the military.

"My experience (has been) just as I expected – challenging ...

"The good thing about (Basic Combat Training) is (that) I met a lot of people from different cultures across the world. Also, pushing myself to limits I never knew I had in me.

"92F (petroleum supply specialist) is my (military occupational specialty). I chose it because after I (have) completed my training, I see myself fitting in easily in the civilian world.

During BCT, "I learned a lot of combat skills that will help build my character in my future endeavors. I see myself as an officer in a few years."

### ALPHA COMPANY



**PVT. DESIREE SLATON**

"(I joined the Army) to better help my Family and myself.

"Everything (about basic training was good) – meeting different people, learning about myself, learning what I can do and how strong I can be, all of the tasks I completed. I loved everything about my experiences.

"My Family is very supportive (of my choice)."

### BRAVO COMPANY



**SPC. JINGJING DONG**

"I joined the Army for naturalization. I have been studying in the U.S. for five years. I have learned the life values here, and I want to stay in this great nation.

"My parents fully support my position. Hence, I stepped out and came here to support my journey.

"The best part of BCT is to work as a team. All of the Soldiers come from different backgrounds; hence, we (had) arguments. During BCT, I've learned to think and act as a team instead of an individual.

"BCT is the most valuable experience I (have) had in my life. I have been trained (to be) tough and strong. I learned how to conquer my weak mind and push forward. This is a great gift, which I believe will benefit my Army career."

### BRAVO COMPANY



**PVT. DANICA MAE MARCO**

"I joined the Army for its endless opportunities. I want to become the best person I can be, and I feel that enlisting in the Army will help me attain that goal. Also, being in the Army will (help) with financial situations and college benefits."

Throughout basic training, "I learned that through working hard and putting in 100 percent effort every day, you can achieve anything. BCT has taught me how important the Army values are.

"My MOS is 92G – food service specialist. I feel that this MOS will challenge me by pushing me to learn my limits. I'm looking forward to definitely learning new things ...

"Enlisting in the Army has been the best decision I've made in my life. BCT has taught me many life lessons, and I'm looking forward to expanding my knowledge" in Advanced Individual Training.

### CHARLIE COMPANY



**PVT. TOMAS ALVARADO**

"I joined the Army to find a better version of myself as a man and (to have) an honorable career."

The best thing about basic training has been "the brotherhood I started building with the other Soldiers and the feeling of having a new Family watching your back and pushing your limits.

"My MOS is 91 Delta, which is generator mechanic.

"My Family is proud about me being part of the best military force in the world."

### CHARLIE COMPANY



**PVT. RICHARD NAZARIO**

"(I joined the Army) for a new experience in my life. I expected a challenge – something to improve myself. ... It's my career, and I will live for the Army.

"The greatness of basic training is knowing there is no such thing as limits. Your team will push you to your last breath, and your job is to play your role on the team and never let them down.

"My MOS is 91D, which is power generator equipment repairer. It will make me a useful Soldier for the Army.

"(My Family) couldn't be more proud. They are with me in every step."



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

A Soldier with Bravo Company, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, looks in awe at the candy selection at Thanksgiving dinner.

## Eyes, stomachs bulge at Turkey Day feast

By ROBERT TIMMONS  
Fort Jackson Leader

Some Soldiers found the Thanksgiving feast awaiting them last week a delicious surprise. Others greeted it simply as a welcome change from the norm.

The holiday feast transformed meals at 10 post dining facilities from the standard one protein, one starch and one vegetable into a cornucopia of delight for Soldiers, civilians and Family members.

“For Soldiers this is their first time away from home on Thanksgiving,” said Robert Cook of Fort Jackson’s Logistical Readiness Center. The holiday dining experience was aimed at getting “Soldiers out of the training environment and make it more like home.”

Post DFACs served nearly a half-ton each of turkey, ham and shrimp, as well as an assortment of salads and desserts. Most patrons noticed the chocolate fountains as well.

“There’s lots of good food,” said Pvt. Brandonking Baluyut, an Advanced Individual Training Soldier with Bravo Company, 369th Adjutant General Battalion. “Everyone is happy. Everyone likes to eat, and there is lots to eat. I want to get seconds.”

Baluyut and his friends, Pvt. Mark Nardas and Pvt. Yamil Bonilla, filled their plates to overflowing with roast beef, ham, turkey and all the fixings in the Soldier Support Institute DFAC on Nov. 25.

“I’m looking at it, and it looks delicious,” Nardas said as he gazed at his plate. “I can’t wait to eat it. I’ve never seen this quality of food here before.”

Nardas said he was surprised to see the variety and wanted to dig in.

“I’ve never been able to pile up on food like this,” he said with excitement.

His classmate Bonilla agreed.

“It looks great,” Bonilla said as Soldiers noisily crammed into nearby seats, their plates bursting with sustenance. “I have never had this much on my plate. It reminds me of home.”

Not only did the facilities transform themselves into a gourmand’s paradise. They added festive Thanksgiving motifs to their décor in order to compete for the honor of best-decorated DFAC.

The dining facility of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy was the overall winner, Cook said. The facility sported “one-half (University of) South Carolina and one-half Clemson (University decor); they had players from Clemson University there and gave away free items from (USC) and Clemson.”

Other dining facilities that took honors were 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment – best theme – and 369th AG Bn. won for best culinary display. The 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment was named most original, and the 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment facility placed second.

### THANKSGIVING BY THE NUMBERS

#### Fort Jackson dining facilities served:

- 740 pounds of whole turkey
- 1,275 pounds of ham
- 565 pounds of beef
- 1,146 pounds of shrimp
- cornbread and savory bread dressing
- giblet gravy
- cranberry sauce
- mashed potatoes, herbed baby carrots, seasoned broccoli, green bean-and-mushroom casserole
- potato salad, macaroni salad, calico salad, garden-vegetable salad and assorted salad dressing
- 798 assorted pies
- 752 cakes
- assorted pastries
- assorted hard candy and mixed nuts

# Make sure your taxi fare is fair

The U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson have a five-year Vehicle for Hire Transportation Agreement with three local taxi companies:

- Checker Yellow Taxi
- Blue Ribbon Taxi
- Capitol City Taxi Co.

These three are the only companies authorized to operate on Fort Jackson.

Their drivers must have automated installation entry cards to operate on post. They also must post – inside each taxi – two sets of Fort Jackson rate sheets printed on security paper with a “Victory Starts Here” watermark.

Fort Jackson has eight taxi stands and eight taxi stops.

Taxis are not permitted to operate in the 171st Infantry Brigade area or any basic training area. They also are not permitted in the Family housing area except to pick up or drop off fares.

Taxis may charge only a fixed fare rate – \$3 for one person and \$2 for each additional person, per stop with one free stop at any on-post ATM.

The agreement also includes fixed rates to many local destinations, representing a 10 percent saving over meter rates. The rates are available to military ID cardholders or visitors picked up on and off post. Rates are charged to and from each destination and include as many as four riders.

Anywhere on post proper (includes one stop at an ATM). Each additional stop will cost \$2 per person, per stop. Wait time is not to exceed 15 minutes.

Rates include all riders in a party as large as six passengers. Drivers are not authorized to collect an additional \$2 from all passengers if only one person must stop



## RATES TO AND FROM FORT JACKSON AND ...

● Broad River Road/Dutch Square	(1-6 passengers)	\$27
● Columbia Airport	(1-6 passengers)	\$32
● Columbiana Mall/Harbison	(1-6 passengers)	\$40
● Columbia Place Mall	(1-6 passengers)	\$20
● Devine Street/Jackson Boulevard area, 5 a.m. to 2:59 p.m. Monday through Friday	(1-6 passengers)	\$8
● Devine Street/Jackson Boulevard area, 6 p.m. to 4:59 a.m. weekends and holidays when Gate 1 is closed	(1-6 passengers)	\$10
● Downtown Columbia, to include Five Points and the Vista	(1-6 passengers)	\$15
● I-77 and Sumter Highway	(1-6 passengers)	\$11
● Midtown at Forest Acres	(1-6 passengers)	\$8
● Riverbanks Zoo	(1-6 passengers)	\$20
● Trenholm Plaza	(1-6 passengers)	\$7
● USC football stadium/fairgrounds	(1-6 passengers)	\$16
● Village at Sandhills	(1-6 passengers)	\$26
● Wal-Mart, Gate 2	(1-6 passengers)	\$7
● Weston Lakes	(1-6 passengers)	\$15
● Charlotte Douglas Airport	(1-6 passengers)	\$168



## RATES TO AND FROM MCCRADY TRAINING CENTER AND ...

● Fort Jackson property	(1-6 passengers)	\$30
● Columbia Airport	(1-6 passengers)	\$49
● Columbiana Center/Harbison	(1-6 passengers)	\$63
● Columbia Place Mall	(1-6 passengers)	\$40
● Devine Street/Jackson Boulevard	(1-6 passengers)	\$32
● Downtown Columbia, to include Five Points and the Vista	(1-6 passengers)	\$45
● Village at Sandhills	(1-6 passengers)	\$40
● Wal-Mart, Gamers Ferry Road	(1-6 passengers)	\$32
● Wal-Mart, Gate 2	(1-6 passengers)	\$37

at a given location.

Call 803-751-0911 for emergencies on post and 911 when you are off. Contact the Military Police desk at 803-751-3115 to request assistance if you are involved in an

incident involving a taxi. When the MPs arrive, complete an information worksheet and sworn statement to report incidents that occur taxis. You may call Ms. Nelson at 803-751-5300 or Ms. Collins at 803-

751-3981 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to request or report further information involving vehicles for hire.

Report other taxi issues to 803-751-5400 or 803-751-3115.

## Holiday mailing deadlines aren't that far away

You don't have much time to send holiday packages to deployed Soldiers. In fact, last Wednesday was the last day to send parcels by the affordable “Space-Available Mail” to make sure they reach forward operating bases by Christmas. If you're lucky, you'll still make it using another kind of mail.

The deadline for Parcel Airlift Mail is today. For those willing to splurge, Dec. 10 is the deadline for Priority Mail to most areas and for sending letters or cards by First Class Mail.

After that, the only way to get it there for the holidays will be by the premium Priority Mail Express Military Service. The deadline for PMEMS is Dec. 17 for most overseas locations.

Another way to ensure timely delivery is by completing the online customs form before taking packages to the post office.

You'll find that form at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com). Complete a form for each item being mailed overseas and attach it to the packages before taking them to the post office.

Attention to detail in filling out the form can help speed delivery.

Make sure packages are addressed correctly and follow all USPS rules and regulations.

Fort Jackson is now on Instagram

@fortjacksonpao



# 'Tis the season to be jolly, not fat

By **KATHLEEN A. VIAU**  
Dietitian, Kenner Army Health Clinic

Just when people finally get their eating patterns under control – as they promised themselves they would at the New Year – along come the holidays and their cornucopia of food temptations.

From the office to shopping to parties and Family events, the season between Thanksgiving and New Year's seems like one long, tempting food fest designed to make everyone gain weight.

How can people beat this battle of the bulge? Army dietitians recommend that they gain knowledge, not weight, this holiday season.

Here's what it takes to keep the pounds off.

**Keep weight in check.** Weigh yourself in the morning, once or twice a week. You'll notice any slight increase from the week before and be able to prepare for what's coming.

**Jump-start your metabolism for the day.** Get up and at it 15 to 30 minutes earlier and move about. Early-morning workouts will strengthen your resolve for the day and rev up your metabolism. Energy creates energy – both physical and mental. Consider buying a walking video, downloading a quick workout app or “shaking it” with “Hip-Hop Abs” or a Zumba video from YouTube.

**Be thrifty with calorie spending.** Peruse the buffet table and take only the foods you can enjoy only once a year. Eat what you love in moderation to stave off cravings that will get you in trouble later. Don't waste calories on foods you can eat anytime.

**Avoid food-orexia.** Don't starve all day just to pig out at night. Eat lean protein and non-starchy vegetables throughout the day. Doing so will keep blood sugar from dipping and spiking, and keep you full until the big event. The combo even gives you calories to spare on your splurge.

**Say “no” and mean it.** Empower willpower. Don't let others lessen your resolve. Each time you say no, you become stronger. Remember, the stress is in the resistance. So, if you'll have to say no too many times, it may be better to decline an invitation. Having to resist too much may backfire.

Holiday parties are social times, but they shouldn't leave you feeling guilty and depressed. Enjoy the festivities and a few favorite treats – and to those “eating encouragers,” have a few planned responses, such as:

- “No thank you. I'm full.”
- “No thank you. I'm on a special program, and it's really working for me. I'm excited at the results I'm getting.”
- “No thank you. I've already enjoyed some of my favorite goodies.”
- Comment on the spread/decorations and party planners' efforts.

Many times, compliments are what someone wants.

For those persistent partiers, pause, look them in the eyes and smile. Say something like, “Why do you want me to eat more than I want to?” That usually will stop the food-pushing.

Remember: Nothing tastes as good as healthy and fit feels.

**Intensify workouts.** Time is always in short supply during the holidays, but don't ditch a workout. Just bump up the intensity to shorten the time. If you usually walk on the treadmill for 30 minutes, do 15 minutes of higher-intensity intervals. If going to the gym cuts into shopping time, use shopping as a workout: Take the stairs, park farther away, walk faster and take each purchase to the car after you've bought it. When standing in line, do calf raises, contract and relax abs, use a purse as a dumbbell, stand up straight, tighten shoulder blades – get creative to avoid standing in place.

**Practice the three-bite rule.** Just have to have it? Take enough for three small bites – an amazing first taste, a satisfying middle and a lingering finale bite – and savor each. All the bites after that will taste the same and just add calories. When all else fails, go on the “No thanks, honey; I'll just have a bite of yours” route.

**Avoid hangover food.** Don't take home leftovers or send them home with others. If Family members insist, tell them to portion out what they want and put it in the freezer. Keep nonperishables up high in the cupboard behind the cornstarch. In moments of weakness, people generally go for what they see first. Out of sight, out of reach, out of mind, off the hips.

**Keep healthy snacks readily available.** Good options include fresh fruit in a bowl, dried fruits and nuts in snack packs, veggies and fruits cut up in the fridge, packs of tuna/salmon, yogurt and cheese sticks. Many times, snacking is about accessibility and visibility. Keep healthy snacks on hand, in sight and easy to grab.

## Road work to continue through the holiday season

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson's face-lift will continue through the holiday season as road construction continues.

H. Jason Hinton of the Fort Jackson Resident Office characterized the updated construction schedule as "aggressive" in emails sent to post leadership in November. The schedule doesn't take into account bad weather, which caused delays in the first phase of road improvements.

Contractors are to complete milling Jackson Boulevard between Strom Thurmond Boulevard and Gate 1 today. On Friday, workers will begin patching utility cuts and trenches. They should finish by Tuesday. Then the road will be paved and striped.

The road between Gate 1 and the post boundary will be milled and paved Dec. 21-24, with final striping, signs, shoulders and grass areas completed after Dec. 28.

Before road construction began, Bryan Tempio, Fort Jackson's resident engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers, cautioned drivers to pay attention to the flagmen on Jackson Boulevard for both their own safety and that of construction crews.

"Paving will be done in approximately 3,300-foot sections (and include) both lanes," he said. "Drivers need to be aware of detours. This will be done for safety of motorists and to ensure quality of the new road."

The traffic circle and Gate 1 will be closed beginning Dec. 19, Tempio said.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

**Cars pass roadwork on Jackson Boulevard near the intersection with Strom Thurmond Boulevard on Wednesday. Milling, paving and striping of post roads will continue through the holidays.**

# New police chief works to build trust

By **CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Ruben Santiago is so jazzed about becoming Fort Jackson police chief that he plans to move his family on post, a move he sees as part of community policing.

A veteran of the Columbia Police Department and Richland County Sheriff's Department, Santiago always has lived in the jurisdiction for which he worked. To do that this time, he'll have to sell or rent his house in Columbia.

"I really, truly want to be part of the community," Santiago said last week. His two daughters – who are 10 and 11 – are excited.

"Every day," he said, they ask, "When are we going to move?"

Santiago himself attended Pierce Terrace Elementary School when his father was posted at Fort Jackson. When he was 17, he enlisted in the Army but did not return to the post during his six years of service.

Coming to post in October, Santiago underwent a baptism by fire.

"The first week I got here was when the floods came," he said. "It was literally hit the ground running. (The damage) forced

me to really adapt quickly."

For three nights during the flooding, Santiago slept in his Spartan office.

But the challenge was helpful, he said. "During that time, we really learned a lot" about cooperation between the post and the city of Columbia and taking care of Families even as their Soldiers were called to assist in the aftermath of flooding.

A proponent of community policing credited with making Five Points and the city of Columbia in general less crime plagued, Santiago is eager to test his mettle on post.

"Our focus right now has been strictly law enforcement, (but) we want to go out there (and) change the way our officers and MPs think" as they work with Soldiers and those who live on post.

"I think that's going to build a lot of trust."

On his agenda:

- Establishing a crime-analysis unit so that officers can determine criminal patterns and clusters.

- Conducting more active-shooter drills during events such as graduation from basic training. In the past, most such drills have been performed in workplaces

on post. Santiago already has tightened security at graduation ceremonies.

- Initiating more sharing of information, as well as cross-training between the post's 60 Army and civilian security officers and county and city officers. Santiago says "Fort Jackson always has been the black hole when it comes to sharing of information."

- Focusing on alcohol abuse and domestic violence at home, as well as larceny and shoplifting at post businesses.

- Setting up more opportunities for young people to learn about law enforcement, such as an Explorers group, something Santiago calls "ROTC but for law enforcement."

Santiago also said coming to Fort Jackson would give him a chance to combat some of the controversy that surrounded him when he served with the Columbia Police.

As acting chief – a post he held for nearly a year between 2013 and 2014 – Santiago received kudos for community policing and a drop in crime but was accused of wrongdoing. The State Law Enforcement Division cleared Santiago of criminal charges, but a cloud remained. The city took him off its list of candidates



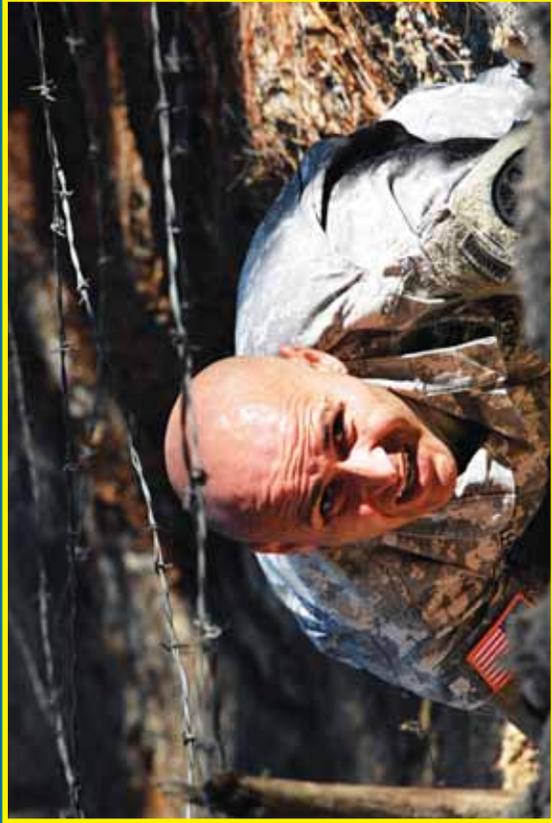
**SANTIAGO**

for permanent chief.

"This is kind of redemption for me," Santiago said about coming to Fort Jackson. "Who doesn't care what people think about you?"

Patrick O'Connor, deputy director of emergency services, said that because of his experience, Santiago was the best candidate for the job.

"I think he's going to bring good things to Fort Jackson's military police," O'Connor said.



Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE  
1st Sgt. Ricardo Gutierrez of Moncrier Army Community Hospital crawls under barbed wire while navigating a confidence course during last week's tryouts for the post's Best Ranger Competition team.



Capt. Delbert Joo, a company commander with 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, and Capt. Jason Parsons, a Medical Activity pharmacist, take a break after a 13.5-mile foot march. Right, Parsons climbs over an obstacle at the confidence course, marking the end of the day's challenges.



From left, Capt. Trevor Shirk of the 193rd Infantry Brigade identifies the location of the day's challenges for 1st Sgt. Ricardo Gutierrez, Capt. Delbert Joo and Capt. Jason Parsons. The three soldiers were competing for spots on the post's Best Ranger Competition team in 2016.

# 3 PLUNGE INTO BEST RANGER EVENT

By WALLACE McBRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

In the early morning of Nov. 24, three Soldiers went for a swim.

The scene probably seemed off to the visitors at Knight Swimming Pool. Fort Jackson's training mission covers a massive array of skills, but the sight of three Soldiers leaping into the pool — fully clothed in their Army Combat Uniforms — surely took a few people by surprise.

The 500-meter swim was just one of several challenges spread throughout the day for the Soldiers looking to join the post's Best Ranger Competition team in 2016. The annual event pits two-man "buddy" teams against each other in a grueling, Olympics-style event concentrating on military skills and endurance.

Fort Jackson has been granted one slot in next year's Best Ranger Competition. Last week's challenges were designed to identify the two-man team and a single alternate to represent the post in the competition.

"Today's event was to test our competitors' mettle," said Master Sgt. Jesse Yandell of Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment. "We started out the morning with a Ranger physi-

cal fitness test, consisting of a standard two minutes of push-ups, sit-ups, a 5-mile run and then as many pull-ups as possible. Our competitors did that in PT shoes and ACUs."

From there, the competitors moved to the 500-meter swim, a 13.5-mile foot march wearing 55-pound packs and Fighting Load Carriers, a 2-mile run and a trek through one of the post's confidence courses.

"We're trying to test physical and mental endurance," Yandell said. "We're trying to mimic the first day of Best Ranger Competition as closely as possible. The only difference is the pressure from the crowd and the competitors surrounding you."

As difficult as they might have been, last week's challenges lasted only a single day. Next year's Best Ranger Competition will span a full weekend, Yandell said.

Capt. Jason Parsons, a Medical Activity pharmacist competing for a slot on next year's team, said the challenges of the annual competition were "not even close" to what Soldiers endured in Ranger School.

"But (the competition is) a good sampling of physical ability," he said.  
1st Sgt. Ricardo Gutierrez of Moncrier Army Community Hospital said his biggest challenge in

next year's competition would be avoiding injury. Because of the post's training mission, though, Soldiers have access to combat ranges and physical fitness counseling that are not always available at other posts.

"I wish I'd had the chance 10 years ago," he said. "But I'm blessed to be here (at Fort Jackson). We have everything available here for us."

Competitor Capt. Delbert Joo — a company commander with 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment — said he always had wanted to compete.

"Best Ranger has really turned into a world-class competition," he said. "Having the opportunity to represent Fort Jackson and compete would be an honor in itself."

Last week's tryouts were just the first phase in constructing Fort Jackson's Best Ranger team, Yandell said. During the coming months, team members will work with master fitness trainers and other professionals to build strength and endurance to prepare for the competition.

"Being here at Fort Jackson helps because we have the finest school, which assists with a lot of programming," Joo said. "Some of the teams competing in Best Ranger are world-class athletes whose only job is to compete in Best Ranger year after year. That's who you're up against."

## BEST RANGER

**COMPETITOR CHARACTERISTICS:**  
Average age: **28**  
Average height: **5' 10"**  
Average weight: **165**

**Rank:**  
**Specialist to major**  
**26 percent** had competed before

Source: [bestrangercompetition.com](http://bestrangercompetition.com)

# Gen. Woerner returns to share his wisdom

By COL. MILFORD H. BEAGLE JR.  
Commander,  
193rd Infantry Brigade

Retired Gen. Fred Woerner recently revisited the 193rd Infantry Brigade he once had commanded, again sharing his wisdom and a bit of sentimentality.

The event began with the formal unveiling of the gifts Woerner had presented during his August visit – appliques given him by Panama’s Kuna tribe when he commanded the 193rd in their country in the early 1980s. The brigade had framed the gifts alongside a photograph of Woerner, as well as his biography.

Twenty-five officers attended the ceremony.

“You do me a great honor – more than I deserve,” Woerner said, his eyes brimming with tears.

After composing himself, the former general declared that “if the Army were to bring an old guy like me back to active duty, I’d come back in a heartbeat without pay.”

Then, over the next 90 minutes, Woerner entertained questions, his 82-year-old voice booming like artillery when he became excited and dropping to a low whisper when stressing points for emphasis.

First, he expressed the importance of the

Army Family. His wife of 52 years swears that on their wedding day, he promised “to love, honor, obey ... and to take a command anywhere the Army sends him,” Woerner recalled.

“Command is everything,” he said.

His leadership philosophy, he said, revolved around four central questions – questions “you must ask yourself ... every day”:

- Am I talking with my Soldiers – not to my Soldiers?

- Am I evaluating my Soldiers?

- Am I developing my Soldiers?

- Am I seeing my Soldiers and their Families in a context other than the job?

To each question, Woerner provided his perspective – the thing that kept him grounded and focused as a leader.

“Talking with” Soldiers, he emphasized, was much different from talking “to” them – the two words carry very different meanings.

He also described “footlocker leadership” – simply venturing into the living space of his Soldiers and taking a seat on the metal or wooden footlockers at the foot of their bunks.

“Soldiers would tell me things or bring me problems that they wouldn’t if I called them to my office,” he said.

Becoming a strong commander, he said,



*Courtesy photo*

**Retired Gen. Fred Woerner, former commander of the 193rd Infantry Brigade, elaborates on the qualities that make a strong leader – from preparing for challenges to trusting your luck.**

also means:

- Preparing yourself through self-study and reading.

- Seeking the tough assignments and being “the best you can be at whatever job you are given.”

- Respecting the timing of events even though “you don’t control timing of assignments you receive or positions that you find yourself in.”

- Trusting your luck. In many cases, he said, getting the tough assignments or finding a mentor boils down to luck. One may be “good enough to merit the job, but (he also must be) lucky enough to get it.”

Our second visit with Gen. Woerner was even more impressive than the first. He will remain a fixture in the 193rd Brigade for as long as he entertains our requests to speak to leaders.

## Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



**Staff Sgt.  
David Rodriguez**  
Alpha Company  
3rd Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Taylor Haynie

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Kaitlyn Music

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Tyler Haynie



**Sgt. 1st Class  
Filipe Chung**  
Bravo Company  
3rd Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Riley Travis

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Patrick Desimone

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Jessica Hartwig



**Sgt. 1st Class  
Derrick Royal**  
Charlie Company  
3rd Battalion,  
34th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Adam Duffer

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Charles Thurmond  
Pvt. Adam Duffer

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Jack Schweiss

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# HAPPENINGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MACH SICK CALL

The Moncrief Army Community Hospital sick call – in the Urgent Care Clinic/Integrated Medical Health Home waiting room – is for only permanent-party members on active duty whose primary-care managers are at the hospital or Moncrief Medical Home. Soldiers in training will be seen at McWethy Troop Medical Clinic. Sick call is for acute care only. Appointments for routine care will not be made during sick call hours. Patients may sign in from 5-7 a.m. Monday through Friday (excluding training/federal holidays), or call in for appointment at 751-4464. The sick call appointment line will not schedule appointments after 7 a.m. Prospective patients must be signed in or call before 7 a.m. to schedule a same day-appointment. For other appointments, call 751-CARE (2273) between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### MACH HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Urgent Care Clinic at Moncrief Army Community Hospital will be closed both Christmas and New Year's Day.

### PERSONAL VEHICLE SAFETY

Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians should be aware that some of their personal vehicles are subject to manufacturers' safety recalls. Vehicle owners may see whether their vehicles are subject to recall by visiting [vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/](http://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/). Service members also may contact their servicing Vehicle Processing Center to determine whether their vehicles will be accepted for shipment or storage when the Soldiers transfer or are deployed. If he wishes his vehicle to be stored, an owner must provide documented proof from a certified mechanic/dealership authorized by the manufacturer to perform recall-notice repairs or a printout from the SAFERCAR website showing his vehicle has no unresolved recalls.

### FOR FAMILIES

■ The Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta is offering discounted admission for Military

Families on Mondays through December. 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 present their military IDs at the aquarium ticket counter. Online tickets are not available. For more information, visit [GeorgiaAquarium.org](http://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.

### HOUSING NEWS

■ New hours for Balfour Beatty Community Center are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

■ If you will be on leave for an extended period, call the work-order desk at 803-787-6416 to ask housing personnel to check on your house while you are away.

■ Missing out on the latest news? Call or stop by the Balfour Beatty Community Center to update your phone numbers and email addresses in order to receive voice broadcast and email notifications.

■ If you are a Balfour Beatty resident relocating to a community where Balfour Beatty Communities manages the housing, choose to stay with Balfour Beatty and receive a \$100 reward. Contact the housing office for details and to view other locations.

### THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 4. After the holidays, no consignments will be accepted until Jan. 12. The Thrift Shop is at 4713 Lee Road in the Mini Mall. Call 803-787-2153 for information, or visit 9 a.m. to



Courtesy photo

## Court of Honor

Fort Jackson's Boy Scout Troop 89 held its quarterly Court of Honor recently. The Scouts earned a combined total of eight new ranks, 24 merit badges and numerous other awards.

5p.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

■ Until Dec. 24, shoppers who buy an item at the Exchange and then see it advertised for less will receive a gift card loaded with the difference in price. To receive a gift card, shopper must simply provide his original Exchange receipt and a current advertisement from a competitor. The Holiday Extended Price Guarantee includes [shopmyexchange.com](http://shopmyexchange.com) but not other website prices.

### COMMISSARY NEWS

■ Commissary users may help junior Soldiers and Families in need through

the Commissary Gift Card program. For information, visit [www.commissaries.com/giftcardindex.cfm](http://www.commissaries.com/giftcardindex.cfm).

## EVENTS OFF POST

### 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](http://www.ocsalumni.com).

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

'Goosebumps' will be at the post theater this week.



### Friday

"Goosebumps" (PG), 7 p.m.

### Saturday

"The Last Witch Hunter" (PG-13), 2 p.m.  
"Our Brand Is Crisis" (R), 4 p.m.

### Wednesday

"Goosebumps Movie" (PG), 2 p.m.  
"The Martian" (PG-13), 4 p.m.

### Dec. 11

"The Last Witch Hunter" (PG-13), 7 p.m.

### Dec. 12

"Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension" (R), 2 p.m.  
"Burnt" (R), 4 p.m.

### Dec. 13

"Steve Jobs" (R), 2 p.m.  
"The Peanuts Movie" (G), 4:30 p.m.

### Dec. 16

"The Last Witch Hunter" (PG-13), 2 p.m.  
"The Martian" (PG-13), 4 p.m.

### Dec. 18

"The Peanuts Movie" (G), 7 p.m.

### TICKETS

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

### 3-D TICKETS

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

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

# RECURRING MEETINGS

## MILITARY

**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.

**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](mailto:Tom.Alsup@gmail.com) or [www.scwg.cap.gov](http://www.scwg.cap.gov).

**Fleet Reserve Association Branch and Unit 202**, 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday, 2620 Lee Road. For information, call 803-647-0040 or visit [turner6516@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 operations briefing**, 1 p.m. Fridays, Room 302, Education Center. For information, call 751-7171.

**Retired Enlisted Association**, 5:30 p.m. third Friday, third floor, Moncrief Army Community. For information, call 803-740-2319 or email [jrodgers11@sc.rr.com](mailto:jrodgers11@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](http://www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA).

**Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Association study hall**, noon Thursdays, NCO Academy conference room. For information, visit [www.facebook.com/FJSAMCA](http://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

**MEETING NOTICES** run once monthly. If you wish your meeting to be published in the Fort Jackson Leader, send information on the time, date and place the meeting will occur to [FJLeader@gmail.com](mailto:FJLeader@gmail.com). If you have a question, call 803-751-7045.

a.m. to 12:45 p.m. first Thursday, Officers' Club. For information, visit [fortjacksonwoa@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Drive. For information, email [kathrynhensley@hotmail.com](mailto:kathrynhensley@hotmail.com) or [gilltinelc803@aol.com](mailto:gilltinelc803@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.



*U.S. Army photos by SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON*

**Cadets from the Navy Junior ROTC program at South Point High School in North Carolina stand at attention, waiting for a drill sergeant to take them on a guided tour of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy.**

# Cadets examine ties that bind services

**By SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON**  
108th Training Command

The United States military coined it. The Army's Drill Sergeant Academy lives it.

It is a motto that truly embodies the spirit of Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines working hand in hand to accomplish a National Security mission in a global fight.

That motto is "One Team, One Fight," and one group of high school JROTC students from a small school in rural North Carolina has experienced it firsthand.

More than 30 cadets from the South Point High School Navy Junior ROTC traveled to the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy at Fort Jackson last week to receive a lesson in citizenship and patriotism, and to see more closely the many options available in the military.

"We are trying to give them choices," said retired Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Rodney Robinson, senior enlisted instructor at the high school.

"We try to give them a picture of everything. We don't necessarily try and guide them into the Navy. We want to give them a positive message of what options are

available to them, whether its college or the military."

Upon their arrival at the academy grounds, the students met a familiar voice immortalized in television and film – the drill sergeant, who calmly but firmly instructed them to "get off my bus!"

After the initial shock, the students hastily left the bus and collectively departed the bus at a hastened pace, and Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Serrano took them on a tour of the academy, telling them how business is conducted and how the Army's non-commissioned officers are transformed into the service's elite instructor of choice.

"We do this once every couple of months, but this was my first tour with the Navy," Serrano said. "I had to do a little bit of research first because there are some gestures and customs that are a little different from ours; but overall, these students get to see that the services are very similar in how we operate."

During the tour, students took a quick look at the physical-fitness facility, dining facility and classrooms where drill sergeant candidates from the Army and Army Reserve spend nine weeks learning how to instruct America's newest Soldiers



**Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Serrano of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy awaits questions from South Point High School Navy Junior ROTC cadets. The cadets visited Fort Jackson to learn how the Army works.**

in everything from basic rifle marksmanship to the Army values.

"I think the values taught here carry over to the other services, and I tried to stress that point to them," Serrano said. "I showed them that across the board, in all the services, we treat everyone with respect and dignity. It doesn't matter who you are – you have great opportunities

and can do great things in the military." Such tours help out with recruiting, Serrano said.

"Because these guys are still in high school, they're still very impressionable," he said. "I think some of these kids might come here and see what we do and might want to come into the Army now.

"It's a win-win for all of us."

# 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

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### 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.

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