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# Community Calendar

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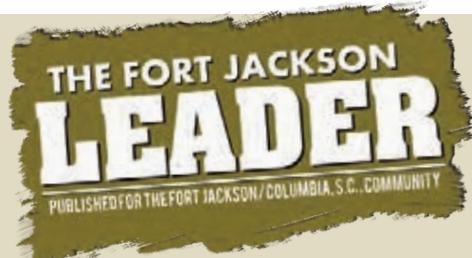
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## ON THE COVER

Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Staff Sgt. Mark W. Duryea pushes a dolly full of Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Hain's belongings to the CSM's office Dec. 9 in the new post headquarters building. **SEE PAGE 3**



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## TODAY

**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

**"A Vintage Christmas: the Art of Giving"**

9-11:30 a.m., Main Post Chapel. Protestant Women of the Chapel monthly program. Italian lunch, child care provided. For more information, contact [jacksonpwoc@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonpwoc@gmail.com) or visit the Fort Jackson PWOC Facebook page. Those wishing to take advantage of child care should call Child, Youth and School Services.

## Story time at the library

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

## DEC. 16

**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.

## Assumption of command

2 p.m., Victory Field, 3630 Semmes

Road. Lt. Col. Adam J. Lewis will assume command of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment. In case of rain, the ceremony will take place at Coleman Gym, 4482 Johnson St. Refreshments will follow at battalion headquarters, 5500 Marion Ave.

## DEC. 17

**Evening story time at the library**  
 6:30-7 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library.

## DEC. 18

**Winter holidays 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. 25

**Christmas Day**

## DEC. 26

**Kwanzaa begins.**

## JAN. 1

**New Year's Day, last day of Kwanzaa**

## First Day Hikes

1 and 3 p.m., Sesquicentennial State Park. Ranger-guided 2-mile fitness hike on Sandhills Hiking Trail. Less strenuous half-mile nature walk also available at 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by America's State Parks to encourage active, healthier lives. Free with park admission of \$2 per adult, free to those 15 and younger. Discounted admission of \$1.25 per person to South Carolina residents 65 or older or disabled, and to members of the S.C. National Guard. Registration two days before walk. Call (803) 788-2706 or e-mail [sesqui@scprpt.com](mailto:sesqui@scprpt.com).

## JAN. 7

**Post newcomer orientation**

9 a.m., NCO Club. Mandatory for Soldiers new to Fort Jackson.

## JAN. 10

**First meeting of Pagan Circle**

**Sacred Well Congregation**

11 .m., Magruder Chapel, 4360 Magruder Ave. All pagan, earth-centric and nature-based worshipers

invited. For information, call Rachel Lichtenberger at (270) 484-2738, or email [ralich41274@gmail.com](mailto:ralich41274@gmail.com).

## JAN. 11

**Combined Federal Campaign victory luncheon**  
 11:30 a.m., Officers' Club.

## JAN. 14

**Hazardous Substance Management**  
 8:30 a.m., Environmental Division conference room, 2563 Essayons Way. Mandatory course for those managing hazardous or controlled waste, or those handling hazardous-waste/-substance violations. For information, call Heather Thomas at 751-4231 or [Heather.S.Thomas8.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Heather.S.Thomas8.civ@mail.mil).

## JAN. 15

**C.C. Pinckney, Pierce Terrace Elementary schools closed for professional-development day.**

## JAN. 18

**Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**

## JAN. 19

**Helping Hand awards**  
 9 a.m., Solomon Center.

## JAN. 22

**MLK Day celebration**

11:30 a.m., NCO Club. Fort Jackson will celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. Guest speaker, state Rep. Bakari Sellers. Tickets \$10.50. For further information, call Sgt. 1st Class Rachele Walker-Woods at 751-4117.

## FEB. 9

**Date night social**

6-8 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center ballroom. "Newlywed/Not-So-Newlywed Game," dancing. For all active-duty and retired Soldiers, DOD civilians and Families. For more information, call 751-6325. To pre-register for child care, call 751-4865.

# Operations slowly shift into new post HQ

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**  
and **JENNIFER STRIDE**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson leadership has begun moving everything from communication equipment to toilet tissue into its more modern headquarters at Mabry Hall.

The building – just down Jackson Boulevard from the post’s World War II-era, stick-built HQ – comprises 41,700 square feet, compared to the former 12,000 allowing the post to concentrate more command functions in one building. That eliminates travel time, allowing for more efficient scheduling.

“This building is more of a design for command and control,” said Margaret Good, director of communications for the post.

Col. Morris Goins, post chief of staff, called the shift in headquarters “huge for the chief,” who manages the G staff.

“What it used to be was everything was on a calendar because you have to allocate for driving time,” Goins said. “Now you just walk downstairs.

“It’s easier for coordination. Everybody can come together at a table here to discuss things.”

The command group, garrison command and post command sergeant major were present in the old headquarters. The new one provides space for several additional units: the Directorate of Plans,



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

**Spc. Michael Fletcher works on his computer, surrounded by boxes in the midst of the garrison command group’s move into the new post headquarters building on Friday.**

Training, Mobilization and Security; G8 (financial management), G4 (logistics); G3 (operations); and G1 (personnel).

The Installation Operations Center also will move to the new building, said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Michael Roszko. The building will have tighter security than the old one, he said – key cards will restrict

access.

Operations officer Lt. Col. James C. Allen used to drive nearly an hour three days a week, to coordinate activities for which he was responsible. Now he can just walk down the hall to find the people he must work with.

“Half the people I coordinate with are

in four different buildings on post,” he said of current operations. When everyone moves into the new headquarters, “instead of sending an email, making a phone call or driving – it’s a 15-minute drive, ... and on Family Day, it’s a 20-minute drive – now I can grab my coffee cup and just walk down to the chief’s office.

The new building will make it easier to communicate among directorates, too, said Sgt. 1st Class Stephan Kassza of G3 Current Operations. That means quicker reaction time when difficulties arise.

“It’s great because I do taskings, and those (other new tenants) are the people I task, like DPTMS and (Directorate of Public Works),” Kassza said, “so if I can’t get hold of them, I can now just walk down the hall and knock on their door.”

Mabry Hall also will incorporate both the garrison and post executive conference rooms, and the Post Conference Room, which now sits in a building across the street from the old headquarters. The building is in such bad repair that the men’s bathroom seems to be trying to tear itself away from the building.

The post will raze the old headquarters – the building has been deemed of no historical value. A group of Columbia businesspeople has proposed a Centennial Park for the area, marking the post’s centennial in 2017 and connecting it with the Basic Combat Training Museum across Jackson Boulevard.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Fort Jackson leadership is moving into new headquarters on Jackson Boulevard, down the street from its old World War II-era building.



Photos by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

Marilynn Bailey, center, gives delegates instructions on how to introduce and rewrite proposed changes to the Army Family Action Plan.

# AFAP process produces 2 proposals

By **CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Folks on Fort Jackson want Big Army to give them more ways to repay student loans and more confidence in post security during special events.

In a forum conducted via Facebook last Friday, 18 delegates across post tinkered with the wording of two suggestions intended to give Soldiers, Families and civilians a voice in the Army's Family Action Plan.

Post volunteer coordinator Marilyn Bailey monitored the forum from a station at the Main Post Library, after the result of weeks of planning, as well as solicitation of suggestions postwide.

"(I) don't know if (live streaming) was the right venue for that process," Bailey said of the sometimes-cumbersome process. "You are looking at issues. You are looking at wording.

"There's a lot of back and forth" — almost five hours of it, in fact. Friday marked the first time in 30 years of AFAP that Fort Jackson had used Facebook to hone its submissions.

During the forum, delegates from each of the post's brigades, institutes

and directorates narrowed and discussed suggestions collected from postwide questionnaires, seeking final wording to send up the line.

The two recommendations ask the Army to:

1. Authorize eligible spouses and dependent children the option of using post-9/11 GI Bill payments toward federal student loans. The measure would give spouses and children the same benefits as those of Soldiers.

2. Upgrade scanner systems on installations so that they can read all forms of government-issued identification and not just military-issued IDs. Because not all IDs can be scanned, the proposal says, those on post can have a "false sense of security" during special events.

Both suggestions will face scrutiny by garrison commander Col. James Ellerson, who will decide whether they can be passed on to Big Army.

Those interested in the wording and status of suggestions made by those on Fort Jackson may visit [www.myarmyonesource.com/AFAPIssueManagement](http://www.myarmyonesource.com/AFAPIssueManagement) and follow the "AFAP," "Your Community" and "View All Issues" links.



Shirley Cherry, Brandi Palmer and Charles McRay of the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation coordinate communications between unit representatives and Marilyn Bailey.



Gear up to fitness in the new year!

## 2016 BIGGEST LOSER CHALLENGE

Monday, Jan 11 - Monday, Mar 14.  
Choose one of these categories: Fitness, Weight Loss or Total Lifestyle Change. Our staff will help you reach your goals with personal training, healthy eating consultations, and group exercise. And remember, all classes are free!

### MLK BIKE RIDE

Monday, Jan 18 (8 a.m.)

Free event at Marion Street Station! Bike and helmet will be provided, but supplies are limited.

### 8TH ANNUAL COOPER RIVER ADVENTURE

Saturday, Apr 2 (Charleston, SC)

Transportation to Charleston and a victory meal after the run is provided. For information on this annual event visit [www.bridgerun.com](http://www.bridgerun.com).

For fitness info, call Pam Long at 751-3700.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

## 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.



## 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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## ANNUAL GIFT GIVE AWAY!

Saturday, Dec 19 at Victory Bingo (12500 Huger St. • 751-3411)  
Doors open at 1 p.m.

Prizes will include 40 inch television, gift cards and bingo bucks.

Thank you for your continued support of Victory Bingo.



## Join us in the new year!

Let's welcome in 2016 with a special day at Victory Bingo on Sunday, Jan 3. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

We will have 8 games with \$1,000 prizes and one big game with a \$5,000 prize. Fun games are table games. We look forward to welcoming 2016 in with a BANG!

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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.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

## 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.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS



SATURDAY, DEC 12 (12 p.m.)

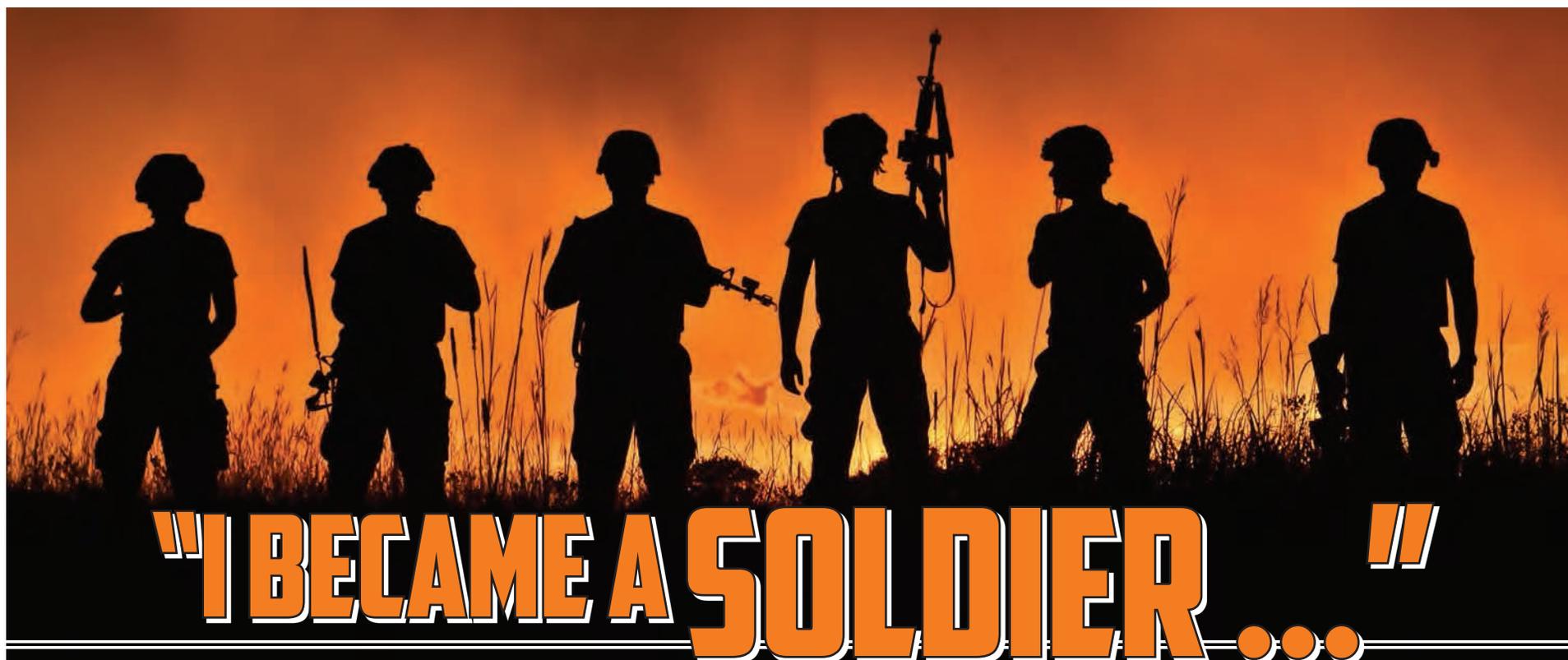
At Magruders Club & Pub  
(3305 Daniel Drive • 790-0381)

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!



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS



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.

**1ST BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

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**PVT. DANIEL HUNTER MARTIN, 18**  
 “(The Army is) a good career. A lot of people look up to military people.  
 “My granddaddy, he was the only one in the Service – other than me now.  
 “I’m a 15 Romeo; it’s an Apache helicopter mechanic. I love working on things.  
 “Throwing grenades was my favorite part (of basic training). I think I was born to do it, and the 12-mile march was the most challenging part.  
 “(Basic training) made me grow up a lot. I’ve got less temper, a lot more patience, and I’m stronger.”

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**PVT. JAHNEL SHAMAR FORD, 17**  
 “I’ve always worked hard, but I needed to make a better foundation for myself and my future.  
 “I want to be a child-life specialist, and me paying for school? Well, the Army helped me a lot.  
 “I’m an 89 Bravo, an ammunition specialist, but really, I box. I came into the Army to join the boxing team. I’m in the 132 light-weight division.  
 “Wherever I get stationed, I hope to go to the boxing club and do whatever I have to do to join the Army boxing team.  
 “I have a lot of great experiences, memories from basic, and it’s a part of your life that you will want to explain to people later – like ‘I was here and did this’ and ‘I was in a gas chamber’ – and in the Army, you’ll get to travel a lot and have fun at the same time and meet new people.”

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**PVT. RAYMOND ANDERSON, 22**  
 “After my basketball career was cut short for college ball, I joined the Army with my (fraternal) twin brother. We talked about it, and my twin brother, Ray, graduated last month – we wanted to make our mom proud.  
 “My favorite part of basic was getting out of my comfort zone, being able to talk to more people, being more confident, and I made some new friends. That’s a good bond.  
 “The ruck marches were the most challenging part. I’m not used to marching that far with heavy stuff on my back.  
 “I’m a 92 Whiskey, a water-treatment specialist. My twin brother is (a) 92 Fox, a petroleum (supply) specialist.”

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**PVT. AJOGWU JEPHTHA ADEGB, 19**  
 “Joining the Army was a way for me to help out my mom because I have a brother – he’s in college right now. He goes to the University of Hartford, and I watched him kind of struggle to pay for college, and I watched my mom struggle to help him with the financial part, so I thought I would do my role to lessen the stress on her and help her out, so she doesn’t have to pay for me.  
 “I wanted to push myself, take on the challenge and see if I could take on the discipline. I figured if I could do that, then I could support myself ...  
 “Apart from chow, my favorite part of basic was the obstacle courses ...  
 “People expect a lot from you, especially being in the Army. It’s a very respectable job, so I’ll continue to give the Army a good name and live up to Army values.”

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**PVT. K'RONE MACK, 18**  
 “There are many options in the military, but the Army recruiters really connected with me – both the financial and educational benefits, and the moral values of taking care of my family.  
 “My favorite part of basic would just mainly be the new experiences, meeting new people and building bonds with both drill sergeants and fellow Soldiers.  
 “When you come in, you’re scared, you’re nervous, you don’t know what to expect; and then afterwards, you feel not only disciplined but confident in your abilities ...  
 “The most challenging part of basic – which I know will be challenging my whole career – is testing my limits and pushing past them. Once you push past them, in some cases, you feel almost superhuman.”

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**PVT. STEPHAN JEANMARIE, 19**  
 “I joined the Army to get out of my comfort zone. My mother wasn’t doing well; she was not struggling, but she wasn’t in a comfortable spot, and I was getting older, so I decided it was time for me to help out a little.  
 “My favorite part of basic was the food, the chow hall; good food and ice cream – it made great days.  
 “The pressure and the lack of sleep were challenging. At one point, the drill sergeants put on the pressure constantly, and you could just feel it.  
 “If you’re serious about the Army, it will be a good place for you. When I came in, I was lacking some things. I feel way more organized now. I am more disciplined and more coordinated. It also made me appreciate the little things like cable, a bed and no time to get up. Sleep deprivation was the worst.”



*Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE*

Members of the 282nd Army Band let their true personalities shine through in a photo with Col. Mark Shade, Fort Jackson's deputy commanding officer, after a holiday rock concert at the Solomon Center on Sunday.



The 282nd Army Band performs a free holiday concert at Columbia's Koger Center. They played jazz, Big Band music and a repertoire of holiday favorites.

# 'Jingle Bells' & all that jazz

Soldiers in Basic Combat Training took a break from daily rigors Saturday to see the 282nd Army Band perform at the Solomon Center.

A group rich in diversity, energy and talent, the band's rock group plays at every graduation and at other venues around post but are just one part of the larger band.

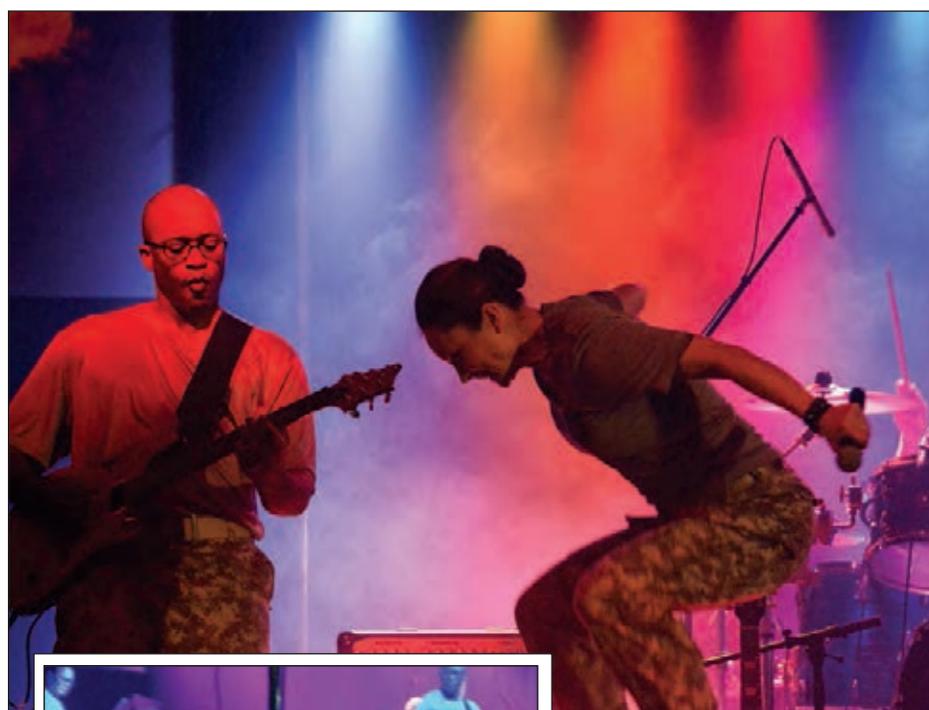
The 282nd also boasts a concert band, brass quintet, ceremonial band, jazz combo brass ensemble, jazz band, brass band and buglers. Many members play multiple in-

struments in a variety of bands, and several sing as well.

This holiday season, the band will play 13 concerts, ranging from holiday events on post to venues off post and as far away as Greenville and Charleston.

Traveling and playing on such a ramped-up schedule is hectic, but the groups welcomes the challenge because they love what they do.

– Jennifer Stride



Members of the 282nd Army Rock Band give it their all at the Solomon Center on Sunday, entertaining Soldiers in Basic Combat Training.



*Photo by DAVID SHANES*

## **November retirees**

Those participating in November's retirement review at the post theater Nov. 24 are Chaplain (Col.) Rodney A. Lindsay, Lt. Col. Deloris A. Hooker, Capt. Robin D. Flanery, Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Parker Jr., Command Sgt. Maj. Stanley O. Akins, Sgt. Maj. Tony A.G. Romero, 1st Sgt. Tijuana L. Cheeks, 1st Sgt. Johnnene Gray, Sgt. 1st Class Kameron C. Jones, Sgt. 1st Class Richard T. Baldwin, Sgt. 1st Class Willond L.D. Stephens, Sgt. 1st Class David L. Jones Jr., Staff Sgt. Anna Maria Velasquez, Staff Sgt. Robert E. Young, Staff Sgt. Tamika O. Vaughn, Staff Sgt. Jack M. Willis Jr. and Sgt. Angelo Joyner Sr.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MLK DAY CELEBRATION

Fort Jackson will celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 22, at the NCO Club. Theme for this year's event is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, not a Day Off!" Guest speaker will be state Rep. Bakari Sellers of Bamberg County, the son of Cleveland Sellers, a former student activist jailed without cause during the 1968 Orangeburg Massacre and current president of Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina. Tickets cost \$10.50 and are available at the post's Equal Opportunity Staff Office, brigade equal-opportunity advisers and unit equal-opportunity officers. For information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Rachele Walker-Woods, equal-opportunity officer for the 193rd Infantry Brigade, at 751-4117, or the Equal Opportunity Staff Office at 751-2990.

### CID SEEKS APPLICANTS

The Army Criminal Investigation Command has broadened its pool of eligible candidates for special agent warrant officer to select commissioned officers, warrant officers from other technical fields and Military Police investigators. CID special agent warrant officers plan, organize, conduct and supervise criminal-intelligence operations, investigative support programs and high-risk protective-services operations. They are crucial to CID's overt and covert investigations and represent the Army's interest in investigations conducted with the Department of Defense, Department of Justice, and other federal, state, local and foreign investigative agencies. The application-submission window is open through Feb. 1. Applicants should contact their local CID offices for information, to apply and to complete initial interviews.

### 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 [vinrel.safercar.gov/vin/](http://vinrel.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

■ 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.

### 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).

### EXCHANGE NEWS

■ Through Dec. 24, Exchange shoppers have the chance to win a free trip for two to San Francisco. The prize includes airline tickets, two nights in a local hotel,

a meal allowance and spending money as part of the Ghirardelli Chocolate San Francisco Getaway Sweepstakes. Shoppers 18 and older may enter the sweepstakes at [www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes). The drawing will take place on or about Jan. 4. No purchase is necessary.

■ Until Dec. 24, Exchange 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.

### 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 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.

## 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.ocsa-lumni.com](http://www.ocsa-lumni.com).

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

'The Peanuts Movie' will be at the post theater later this month.



### Friday

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

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

"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.

### Dec. 20

"The 33" (R), 2 p.m.  
"Burnt" (R), 4:30 p.m.

### Dec. 26

"The 33" (R), 2 p.m.  
"Creed" (R), 4:30 p.m.

### Dec. 27

"The Night Before" (R), 2 p.m.  
"Jem and the Holograms" (PG), 4 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.

# Attn. burglars: We're not home right now

By U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND

Posting travel plans on social media can make Soldiers' homes vulnerable to burglary, the Army Criminal Investigation Command warns.

Soldiers always should be careful not to release sensitive information, but the holidays bring with them even more risk. Revealing holiday travel information puts them, their families and their homes at risk.

"Social media is a powerful and frequently used tool for Soldiers, their Families and friends to stay connected, especially during the holiday season," said Daniel Andrews, director of the CID's Computer Crime Investigative Unit. "Unfortunately, criminals use the same social media sites to conduct surveillance and identify potential targets."

Posting vacation plans is like announcing that your residence will be unoccupied for an extended period, Andrews said.

"We recommend that personnel avoid publicizing the details of holiday plans and travel arrangements, whether upcoming or in progress," he said. "Wait until the vacation is over to comment on it and share photos, but still be cautious about what information you make publicly available."

Soldiers also should take basic home-security measures before leaving home.

The FBI's 2014 Crime in the United States reported 1,729,806 burglaries, with burglaries of residential properties accounting for 73.2 percent. The average dollar loss for each burglary was \$2,251.

Basic home-security measures – locking doors and windows, not leaving spare keys outside, using variable light timers, keep-

ing valuables out of sight, and having a friend retrieve mail and newspapers – are the first line of defense against burglary.

Use of a home-security or video system is a further deterrent for criminals.

"Criminals are always on the lookout for opportunities to exploit," Andrews said. "Whether driving through neighborhood streets or surfing social media sites, the criminal's goal is to identify soft targets that are lucrative and present the least chance of being caught.

"This underscores the very real connection between the physical and virtual worlds."

CID officials encourage Army personnel to take the following steps to reduce the risk of being targeted by crooks:

- Update your privacy setting on social media sites before leaving for vacation.

- Do not "check in" to airports or your holiday destination on social media sites.

- Do not post in real-time. Posting such information is equivalent to telling a would-be burglar you are not home. Post information after you return home.

- Remove GPS data from pictures. Such coordinates give a would-be burglar your exact location, which makes your home vulnerable if you are not there.

- Do not geotag posts or tweets. Again, they tell would-be burglars exactly how close you are to your home.

- Monitor what Family members post. A would-be burglar needs only one Family member to announce that the Family has left for vacation. Speak especially to teens about what they post online.

Additionally, visit [www.cid.army.mil/cciu2can.html](http://www.cid.army.mil/cciu2can.html) for more ways to avoid being victimized.

## Soldiers invited to take a hike Jan. 1

The S.C. Park Service invites all military personnel to compete in First Day Hikes on New Year's Day to see which branch of the Armed Forces can hike the most miles in a single day.

The Park Service will announce the winner on its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SC.State.Parks](http://www.facebook.com/SC.State.Parks).

First Day Hikes are ranger-guided outings and special events at more than 30 state parks across South Carolina on Jan. 1. Military personnel can join scheduled hikes or take alternate trails as long as they check in with rangers first.

Admission to all state parks – including nearby Sesquicentennial State Park – will be free on New Year's Day. Visitors should stop by the park office to pick up an Ultimate Outsider guide and tell the park ranger on duty which branch of service he or she represents. After their hikes, they should report back the number of miles each person covers.

For more information, visit [www.SouthCarolinaParks.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaParks.com).

# Every MOS now open to women

By **CHERYL PELLERIN**  
Department of Defense News

All military occupations and positions will be open to women - without exception - as of Jan. 1.

For the first time in American military history, women will face no barriers as long as they meet qualifications.

“They’ll be allowed to drive tanks, fire mortars and lead infantry Soldiers into combat,” Defense Secretary Ash Carter said. “They’ll be able to serve as Army Rangers and Green Berets, Navy SEALs, Marine Corps infantry, Air Force parajumpers, and everything else that was previously open only to men.”



Carter

Even more important, he said, the military services will be better able to harness the skills and perspectives that talented women have to offer.

More than 111,000 positions have opened to women in uniform since 2013, but about 10 percent of positions - nearly 220,000 - had remained closed. Those included infantry, armor, reconnaissance and some special-operations units.

During the past three years, senior civilian and military leaders across the services have studied the integration of women into those positions.

“Last month, I received their recommendations (and the data, studies and surveys on which they were based regarding whether any of those remaining positions warrant a continued exemption from being opened to women,” Carter said. The Army cited no exemptions.

The Marine Corps asked for a partial exemption in areas that included infantry, machine gunner, fire-support reconnaissance and others, he said, but “we are a joint force, and I have decided to make a decision which applies to the entire force.”

Women will be fully integrated into combat roles using seven guidelines:

1. The objective of improved force effectiveness will underlie all decisions of placement.
2. Leaders must assign tasks and jobs throughout the force based on ability, not sex.
3. Equal opportunity likely will not mean equal participation by men and women in all specialties, but the Army will issue no quotas.
4. Implementation will take into account the physical and other differences between men and women.
5. Combat effectiveness will affect the degree of integration in various units.
6. Integration will take into account the performance of small teams.
7. The United States and some of its closest allies are committed to integrating men and women in their troops, but not all nations share the perspective.

Implementation won’t happen overnight, Carter said.

“Fully integrating women into all military positions will make the U.S. Armed forces better and stronger, but there will be problems to fix and challenges to overcome,” he said. “We shouldn’t diminish that.”



U.S. Army photo by MAJ. ALEXANDRA WEISKOPF

Staff Sgt. Amanda Hess, U.S. Army Japan, speaks with Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force women through an interpreter during a women’s mentorship meeting at Camp Itami, Japan.

## U.S., Japanese Soldiers contrast their experiences in uniform

By **MAJ. ALEXANDRA WEISKOPF**  
Army News Service

Female American Soldiers met with their Japanese counterparts during a recent gathering at Camp Itami, Japan, to discover that each group had something to boast about and something to envy.

The Soldiers were assigned to the U.S. Army Pacific and I Corps and the Japanese, to the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Middle Army. The Americans were guests at the meeting during Exercise Yama Sakura 69.

Warrant Officer Akihiro Kanae, command sergeant major of JGSDF Middle Army, and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Dostie of U.S. Army Japan opened the meeting.

“You might be from different services, but you face the same issues,” Dostie said before the women began to compare and contrast their attitudes and opportunities toward combat, sexual assault and maternity leave.

Ten JGSDF and 10 Soldiers represented various occupational specialties, including logistics, personnel, intelligence, communications and medical services. They discussed women serving in uniform, sexual assault, maternity leave and promotions, among other topics.

“As a female in the U.S. Army, I can see how a woman in the JGSDF might have troubles” said Capt. Lauren Yoon, I Corps Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion S1. “They’ve only just now promoted the first woman to sergeant major.”

The women asked one another about their experiences in uniform and the United States’ recent opening of combat-arms jobs to women. Many of the Japanese said they,

too, would like to service in combat and asked which combat jobs used to be closed to women.

“They asked about the women who graduated from the U.S. Army’s Ranger School and if they were held to the same standards as men,” Yoon said. “They were surprised to find out they are.”

The JGSDF physical-fitness test involves pushups, sit-ups, and a 3-kilometer run. For women younger than 30 and men younger than 40, the test also includes a long jump, pull-ups and a distance throw. As with the U.S. Army, standards vary between the sexes, as well as age groups.

The Japanese also wondered how U.S. Soldiers protected their privacy when reporting sexual assault.

“We have two systems - restricted and unrestricted reporting,” said Command Sgt. Major Patrina Amos, 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. “The system of filing a restricted report helps to empower the victims.”

The Americans explained the options a victims has to make her feel comfortable after a sexual assault.

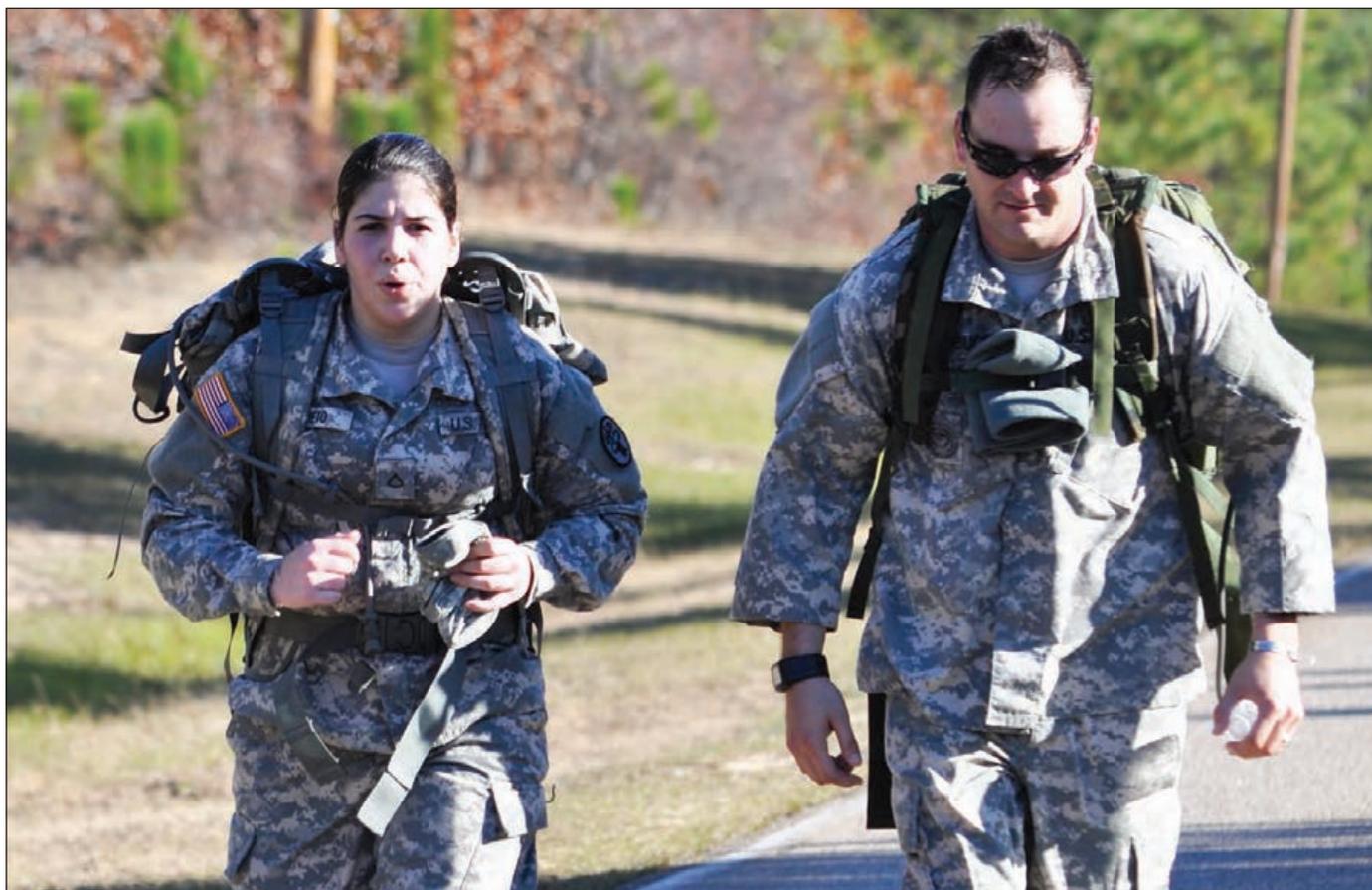
“Between the sexual-assault reporting procedures and the systems for selecting victim advocates,” JGSDF Master Sgt. Inoue said, “the U.S. Army has more established systems for reporting and dealing with sexual assaults.”

The Army’s sexual-assault policy may have interested many of the JGSDF, but the Japanese maternity-leave policy really impressed the Americans.

“It’s great that they get eight weeks of maternity leave with the option for three years with reduced pay, while we only get six weeks,” said Staff Sgt. Wendy Buie, 17th Field Artillery Brigade intelligence. “It definitely seems in line with their culture, in that they are very family centric.”

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I Corps Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion S1



*U.S. Army photos by 1ST SGT. RICARDO GUTIERREZ*

**Pfc. Daylen Prieto of MEDDAC competes alongside Staff Sgt. Chris Iacobucci, a drill sergeant with the 120th AG Battalion. Iacobucci provided Prieto with encouragement throughout the rigorous march.**

# Fort Jackson team preps for third Bataan victory

**By SGT. 1ST CLASS ROBERT HOLDER**  
MACH Radiology NCOIC

On a cold, dark December morning, 28 of Fort Jackson's best athletes met at Hilton Field to compete for a spot on the 2016 Bataan Memorial Death March Team.

Beginning at 7 a.m., they marched over 16 miles of hilly terrain, burdened by military-issue rucksacks. After a grueling three hours and 14 minutes, the first five competitors crossed the finish line, relieved to have made the team that will compete in the all-Army march at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, on March 20.

Fort Jackson teams have placed first at the two most recent marches at White Sands. The current team – 1st Sgt. Ricardo Gutierrez of Medical Activity; Capt. Eric Bondhus of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment; Capt. Jacob Huber of Foxtrot, 1-13th; Spc. Joshua Libro of MEDDAC; and Pfc. Daylen Prieto of MEDDAC - plans to bring home first place again.

"Victory Starts Here," Gutierrez said. "We, the team, are very fortunate to have outstanding support here at Fort Jackson from our leader and (the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recre-



**Competitors line up before the start of the 16-mile ruck march that will test their ability to compete in a national commemoration of the Bataan Death March, during which scores of POWs died.**

ation)."

The upcoming march will be Gutierrez's tenth.

The Bataan Memorial Death March is a challenging 26.2-mile road march through the New Mexico desert. It commemorates the 75,000 American and Filipino Soldiers captured and forced to march more than 90 miles to prisoner-of-war camps on April 9, 1942.

Thousands of the POWs died before reaching the camps.

A handful of survivors make that trip to New Mexico every March.

"It's an extraordinary and humbling ex-

perience to see the men who actually had to walk that trail over 70 years ago," said Bondhus, who participated on Fort Jackson's team last year.

The youngest member of the team – Pfc. Daylen Prieto – said she was looking forward to the experience and was surprised she has finished the 16-mile qualifier.

"I didn't think I could do it," she said.

Staff Sgt. Chris Iacobucci, a drill sergeant with Alpha Company, 120th Adjutant General Battalion, ran next to her the entire way, providing motivation and encouragement – both of which will be crucial for the competition.

## Student IDs may cause temporary confusion

The number of full-time students requesting ID cards may increase in the coming weeks, as non-minors come home during class break.

Site security managers and verifying officials should know that if a full-time student will turn 21 within 90 days, an official can update RAPIDS with the child's condition as a full-time student. In this case, the effective date of the condition would begin on the child's 21st birthday.

Updated guidance for issuing ID cards to full-time students can be found at [www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-239506](http://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-239506)

## FBI issues reward for stolen weapons

The Boston Division of the FBI is offering a reward of as much as \$15,000 for information leading to the recovery of six firearms stolen from the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Thieves removed 16 M-4 rifles and 10 M-11 pistols from the facility in mid-November. Officials have recovered 10 weapons, including all of the rifles.

The outstanding stolen weapons are six M-11 pistols, Sig Sauer model P228, 9mm.

Anyone with information should contact the FBI at 617-742-5533.

## December promotions

Joseph E. Lawson of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment has been promoted to the rank of captain as of Dec. 1.

The following non-commissioned officers also have been promoted to the ranks listed: Master Sgt. Sanae M. Hutchinson, Master Sgt. Typre D. Beasley, Sgt. 1st Class Brian T. Kirsch, Staff Sgt. Sharkea C. Trotter, Sgt. Shaelynn M. Curtis, Sgt. Dennis M. Porter and Sgt. Jeannine O. Valencia.



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# Military bemoans security, financial threats

By **CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier joined the commanders of nine other military installations Wednesday to brief Gov. Nikki Haley on the struggles and rewards of working and training in South Carolina. The briefing occurred during a meeting of the governor's Military Base Task Force.

The commanders agreed that they were doing more with less in the face of an increasingly threatening but less financially secure future. Most touched on joint community-military efforts during recent flooding. And all expressed gratitude for what Cloutier called "tremendous support for Soldiers, their Families and veterans throughout the state."

What they could not agree on was which community in South Carolina was the most military friendly – Columbia, Sumter or Beaufort. Only representatives of installations in Charleston did not enter a dog in that fight.

"Our biggest challenge at Fort Jackson is effectively managing the uncertainty that future policy and budget decisions may have on our mission and personnel," Cloutier told the governor. "(T)here are challenges with forecasting budgets ... and the possibility of additional personnel cuts, (as well as) challenges in improving our aging infrastructure.

"But, he said, "we are optimistic we can meet these challenges with no impact on our ability to train Soldiers." Representatives of Shaw Air Force Base and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Parris Island reiterated the sentiment.

For her part, Haley complained of "terrible cuts to the military" and charged the commanders to work to "reverse the effects of the feds" on military budgets.

"We have got to reverse course," Haley said. "We don't



Photo by *CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT*

**Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier apprises the governor of the difficulties created by security and financial uncertainties.**

know whatever is in the future, but we're not ready."

The meeting at the University of South Carolina's Alumni Center comprised representatives of the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy and National Guard.

In a postmortem, Cloutier said he thought the meeting had been valuable.

"It kind of put all the pieces together" because it involved representatives of all military branches, he said.

## Fort Jackson Holiday Gate Hours

**GATE 1:**

Closed Dec. 19 to Jan. 3.  
Returning to normal hours  
Jan. 4.

**GATE 2:**

Open around the clock.

**GATE 4:**

5 a.m. to noon Dec. 21-24 and  
Dec. 28-31. Gate 4 will resume  
normal hours Jan. 4.

**GATE 5:**

5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through  
Friday

4-6 p.m. Monday through Friday  
(outbound only)

5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and  
Sunday

Closed Christmas Day.

# Veterans make steady employment gains

By DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS

A concerted effort to hire veterans, coupled with their sought-after skills, helped make October's veteran unemployment rate the lowest since April 2008 in October, the latest month for which statistics are available.

Susan S. Kelly of DOD's Transition to Veterans Program Office outlined the report from the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, which indicated that veteran unemployment had been lower than the rate of non-veteran unemployment for 23 consecutive weeks. In October, the veteran unemployment rate stood at 3.9 percent and non-veteran unemployment, 5.4 percent.

Kelly said she thought the drop in veterans' unemployment stemmed from several factors, such as the country's economic upturn and the many layers of effort in the public and private sectors to hire veterans.

Employers also seek the "essential skills" ingrained in every veteran, she said.

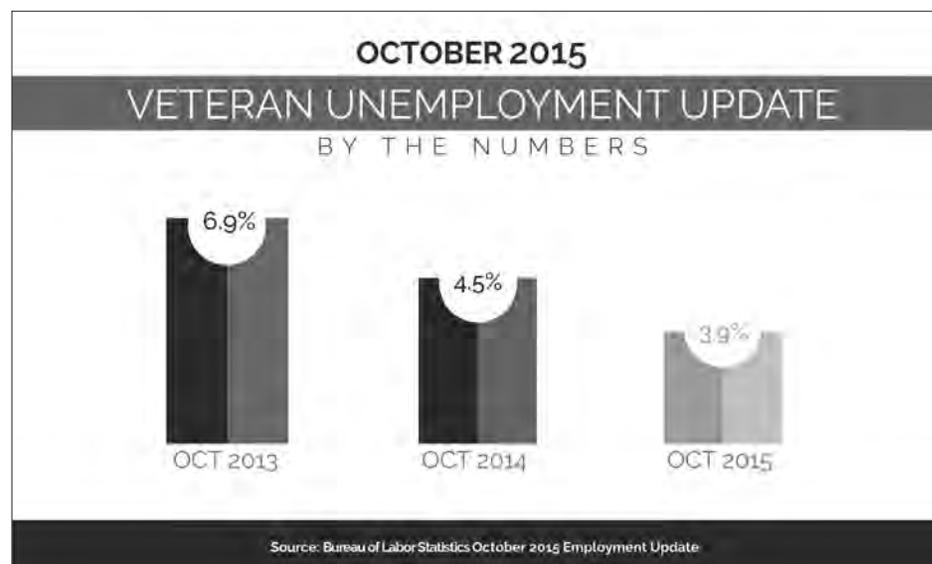
"Employers have been telling us the last 18 months, 'We can train them in technical skills, but (others) take years to develop,'" she said.

She said those "essential skills" included leadership, the ability to handle work stress, persistence, an attention to detail, interpersonal skills, teamwork and team-building, oral and written communication, decisionmaking, the ability to train people, supervisory skills, critical thinking and project planning. Those make hiring veterans not only the "right thing to do" but "the smart thing to do."

"The heads of corporations say they spend millions of dollars every year teaching their managers leadership skills," she said. Employers have learned that veterans arrive at the workplace already equipped with such skills.

Not long ago, unemployment among young veterans ranged in the double digits. When the White House began its Joining Forces initiative in 2011, it called on all sectors of society to hire veterans and spouses, and "opened avenues for veteran employment," Kelly said.

At DOD, with the help of several federal agencies, Kelly led the transformation of the Transition Assistance Program into weeklong, mandatory training for transitioning Service members, giving them the skills and knowledge necessary to secure jobs, seek education and pursue optional training, such as how to start a



business.

More federal agencies, corporations and nonprofit organizations joined the hiring effort and sought veterans for employment. Several organizations, including the Institute for Veterans and Military Families; Team Red, White and Blue; Team Rubicon; Blue Star Families; and the Hiring Our Heroes program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce' also have joined the effort.

"Each one brings us a unique contri-

bution to veteran unemployment," Kelly said.

The professional standards taught to troops are an asset to the civilian workforce during a time when the nation is challenged to fill what Kelly calls "a gap in workforce skills."

"We look at these skills as an asset for the workforce," Kelly said, "but our veterans have an incredible amount of attributes that can be used in all aspects of community life."

# 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.

# Camo uniformity isn't always a must

By ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON – As winter weather approaches and temperatures drop, Soldiers turn to their cold-weather gear to keep warm.

Many now wear their ACUs in the new Operational Camouflage Pattern, but their organizational clothing and individual equipment – such as their wet-weather gear and their Extended Cold Weather Clothing System – sport the Universal Camouflage Pattern.

Soldiers don't need to freeze in order to avoid a uniform faux pas because it's OK to mix camo patterns.

“Soldiers should continue to use the equipment they have been provided to remain safe and warm in environments that call for it,” said Sgt. Maj. Eva M. Commons, uniform policy sergeant major, Army G-1. “This is why the Army gives you this gear to wear.”

Cold-weather gear is not part of the “clothing bag” issued to Soldiers during basic training. Instead, Soldiers receive such items as the fleece cold-weather jacket, the wind cold-weather jacket, the soft-shell cold-weather jacket and trousers, and the extreme cold/wet-weather



Photo by SPC. FERDINAND REJANO

**An Intelligence and Sustainment Company team races through the snow, transporting a simulated casualty to a landing zone during the Gauntlet Challenge on Fort Drum, N.Y.**

jacket and trousers from the clothing issue facility at their installations.

No matter what ACU Soldiers wear, Commons said, they are allowed to wear the winter-weather gear the CIF has issued.

“Any item issued from CIF is permit-

ted for wear,” she said. “There is no restriction based on camo pattern or color.”

The Army also has two different T-shirts available for wear under the ACU – the “sand-colored” T-shirt and the “Tan 499” T-shirt. Belts also are available in both colors. Boots are available in sand or

coyote, as well.

The rule here, Commons said, is that when a Soldier wears the UCP ACU, he or she must wear the undershirt, belt and boots designed for wear with the UCP ACU. When Soldiers wear the Operational Camouflage Pattern ACU, they can wear any combination of boots, belt and T-shirt, in any of the available colors – the boots, belt and T-shirt do not have to match.

But the left and right boot have to be the same color.

The Army has an inventory of belts, boots, T-shirts, uniforms, and cold- and wet-weather gear, each with a certain wear life. Items such as cold-weather jackets last a very, very long time; other items don't last as long.

Allowing Soldiers to mix elements of different uniforms creates more flexibility and additionally gives the Army more time to establish uniformity.

“With all these different uniforms, we have to give the widest range of allowance to Soldiers to properly wear, and not have that come out of pocket,” she said. “It also allows the Army to make sure they have proper stock in issuing facilities to support demand.”