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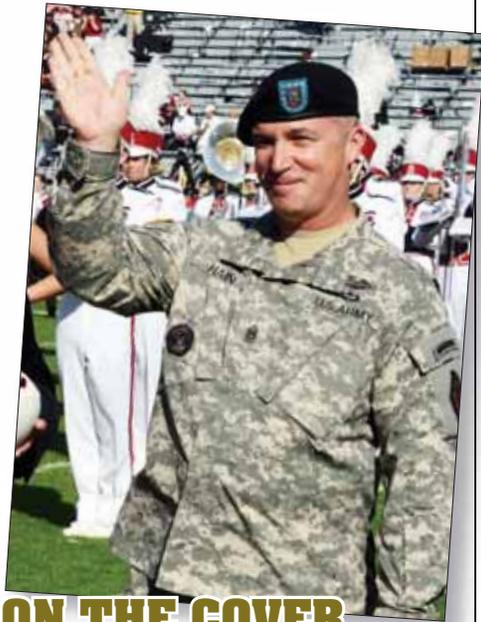
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Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Hain waves to the fans at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia during halftime of the University of South Carolina's Military Appreciation Day football game. **SEE PAGE 9**

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

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

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

Questions? Call 751-7045.

TODAY

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 751-4231.

Exceptional Family Member Program Creative Journey
5-6 p.m., Joe E. Mann ballroom. Call 751-5256 to reserve a spot.

FRIDAY

No school for C.C. Pinckney, Pierce Terrace Elementary

Exceptional Family Member Program bowling outing
4:30-6 p.m., Century Lanes. Call 751-5256 to reserve a spot.

MONDAY

Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

TUESDAY

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

AG 42A Proponent Brief

9:30 a.m. (specialist and below), 1:30 p.m. (sergeant and above), 81st Regional Support Command Auditorium, 81 Wildcat Way. All Adjutant General enlisted professionals are invited to the AG Proponent Brief/Leader Development Brief. Topics will include promotion trends, broadening assignments, career mapping and human-resources certifications. For more information, email kinzell.hendricks.mil@mail.mil or peggy.m.henderson.mil@mail.mil.

JAN. 20

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

Bright Honeybee play Group

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

JAN. 21

Personal finance record-keeping
11:30 a.m., Room B-206, Education Center. Ninety-minute session on balancing a checkbook, using other products of banks and credit unions.

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.

JAN. 23

New Year's 5K
8 a.m., Semmes Lake. Sign up on the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website.

JAN. 26

Job-Searching Strategies for Military Spouses
8:30 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. For information, call 751-9460/5452 or contact Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil.

Vision Board luncheon

11:30 a.m., NCO Club. The Fort Jackson Professional Mentorship Network will meet to develop members' goals for 2016. RSVP expected by Jan. 22 to bessie.b.ferguson.civ@mail.mil.

JAN. 27

Is Business Ownership Right for You?
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Room B205, Education Center. For information or to register, call 1-888-896-9444.

FEB. 1

Child-safety awareness initial training
5-7 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Two-hour training workshop on how to recognize, respond to child abuse. Call 751-6325 to register.

FEB. 2

Resume-Writing and Interviewing Skills
9 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. For information, call 751-9460, or email Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil.

FEB. 3, 9, 29

Scholarship seminar for military Families
9-10 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m., Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Only one session required. For information, call 751-9460, or email Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil.

FEB. 10

Job-Searching Strategies

for Military Spouses

8:30 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Call 751-9460/5452 or contact Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil.

FEB. 19

171st Blackhawk Farewell Ball
5:30 p.m., Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The 171st Infantry Brigade will hold its Blackhawk Farewell Ball to commemorate the legacy of the 171st and honor its Soldiers, civilians and Families. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 for E-4s and below, \$45 for E-5s and E-6s, and \$50 for E-7s and above, as well as civilians. Limited child care available. Tickets available from the 171st Brigade.

FEB. 20

Healing Hearts 5K
8 a.m., Semmes Lake. Sign up on the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website.

FEB. 22

Financial forum
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., NCO Club. Forum to encourage Soldiers, civilians and their families to build wealth. Presented by Army Community Service, DOD Financial Readiness Campaign.

FEB. 26

'A Night in New Orleans'
6 p.m., NCO Club. The Victory Spouses Club will offer its third annual dinner, as well as a live and silent auction. Attendees should wear formal attire, as well as Mardi Gras beads and masks. Cost of reservations is \$25 per individual or \$45 per couple until Feb. 12, or \$30 per individual and \$50 per couple thereafter. For tickets or information, contact Heather Stout at vsreservations@gmail.com.



File photo

October's floods wreaked havoc near Semmes Lake, washing out the dam and road. Workers have repaired fencing, buildings and some roads but have yet to be able to address all of the post's infrastructure needs.

Directors assess flood response

By **CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT**
Fort Jackson Leader

Those in charge of health and safety on Fort Jackson used their 20/20 hindsight Tuesday to examine their actions in the wake of last year's floods and propose ways to improve their responses to future emergencies.

"We did really well when it came to responding," Ellerson told the heads of directorates he had called together for a souped-up after-action report. But "we have to do better at preparing."

"We can go on for days" about the good responses, he said, but what became especially clear last October was that better "preparation is essential" – and finding better ways to prepare can be painful.

■ Who should be deemed "essential" and who should not if the post closes?

■ Is the calling tree tried and tested?

■ Who needs to be awakened first?

■ How does the post contact all of its civilian employees, to check on their well-being and to call them in, if necessary?

■ Does everyone who needs to know – child-care centers, for example – know how to prepare safe food and water when the utilities go kaput?

■ How soon should post departments begin assessing damage?

■ Are the military dogs safe and accessible?

It would be easy, Ellerson said, to use hindsight to propose grand plans that could remedy 100 percent of the difficulties that arose from October's thousand-year flood. What directors should focus on, he said, is meeting requirements.

"If we (look through) the lens of all our good ideas are requirements," he said, "that's not going to get us where we need to go."

Not only should directors know their own responsibilities in case of disaster, said garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rod Celestaine – they should know everyone else's so they could tell when something crucial wasn't happening when it should.

"There's some pain associated with it," Celestaine said, echoing his boss. But "it doesn't matter whether it's in your lane or not." Everyone should know when something didn't work.

This spring, the post will stage a "full-scale exercise" that will close the post as departments test revised emergency plans, said Scotty Thomas, interim head of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Ellerson told the directors that "if there's a shortcoming in your area, this is the time (to identify it).

"It's hard on an installation like this ... that we have to prepare for it. Most people think better (about) coping afterward."

CULVERT REPAIR

Employees of the Directorate of Public Works continue to repair culverts on post. Following is the time line for that work.

■ Brown Avenue culvert. The project awaits the completion of utilities repair. Work is subject to the availability of asphalt, but the tentative completion date is Feb. 11.

■ Ewell Road culvert. Work has begun and should be completed by Feb. 28.

■ Washington Road culverts. Digging permits and utility location are in the works. Completion is subject to the availability of asphalt, but the tentative date is Feb. 11.

Other projects

Fort Jackson has identified 78 projects totaling \$26 million needed to restore installation infrastructure to pre-flood conditions.

Workers have repaired firing ranges, mitigated the flooding of installation buildings, repaired perimeter and interior fences, and restored 80 miles of roads, focusing on those leading to training areas.

Some infrastructure repairs will have to be contracted.

Source: Directorate of Public Works



Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

Vice Adm. Robin R. Braun, chief of the Navy Reserve, talks with Sailors about the ‘rollover’ training they just completed at McCrady Training Center.

Vice admiral lauds training



Braun and Staff Sgt. Powell, an instructor at McCrady Training Center, observe Sailors undergoing training with M9 9mm handguns. Later, Braun watched virtual training with M4 rifles.

By JENNIFER STRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

The chief of the Navy Reserve visited McCrady Training Center last week to observe Sailors in training for deployment and to brief them on the chief of naval operations’ new Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority.

Reserve Sailors preparing to go down range attend training at McCrady to gather the skills they will need should they find themselves in tough situations during their deployments.

“The training that our Army brothers and sisters are providing is just absolutely critical to those Sailors that are going forward into the theater,” Vice Adm. Robin R. Braun said during her visit.

During an all-hands call, she explained CNO Adm. John M. Richardson’s “Four Lines of Effort,” which focus on warfighting, learning faster, strengthening the Navy team and building partnerships. Then, she detailed the core attributes – integrity, accountability, initiative and toughness – that would guide Navy decisions and actions.

“Toughness” is a new guiding principle, she said. In his new “design,” Richardson defines the trait as being able to “take a hit and keep going, tapping all sources of strength and resilience: rigorous training for operations and combat, the fighting spirit of our people, and the steadfast support of our Families.

“We don’t give up the ship.”

Braun spent time answering Sailors’ questions, then held a brief meeting with the Navy

Individual Augmentee Combat Training leadership.

After the all-hands call, she visited training sites where Sailors were engaged in a host of training activities, the first stop being Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle “rollover” training.

During training, the Sailors get into vehicles mounted on equipment that can roll the vehicles 360 degrees. The Sailors strap themselves into the upright vehicle and close the doors.

The vehicles then rotate onto their sides or roofs, and the occupants must find a way out and establish perimeters around the vehicles to protect it, one another other and any possibly injured shipmates.

After watching several evolutions of roll-over training, Braun was escorted outside to watch Sailors taking turns being “wounded” while their shipmates practiced carefully transporting them in a litter.

“I’ve been very impressed with the team here,” Braun said, “not only our Navy Sailors but, especially, the Army support that’s given.”

The brief medical training Sailors receive save lives down range.

The group moved on to watch Sailors practice with M9 9mm handguns and followed by observing another group practice in a virtual trainer with M4 rifles. After hours of weapons training, Sailors qualify on a live range.

“I very much appreciate the support (the Army) gives to our Sailors,” Braun said, citing “their commitment to sending people forward who are trained and ready and confident in what they are doing.”



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at the Solomon Center

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For more information please call 751-4869

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Your feedback is important to us. We eagerly await your responses.

Find the survey online here:

<https://surveyplanet.com/566f10177ad8364b5bb86418>



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Staff Sgt. Angela Warren, a drill sergeant with Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, gives a little extra motivation to a Soldier in training struggling to hold her laundry bag over her head like the rest of her platoon.

Musical barracks: Out of the old, into the new

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

The building was so new that the scent of glue and paint had yet to be supplanted by the basic training smells of pine oil and weapon-cleaning solution.

No drill sergeants sternly barked orders, and no newly arrived, flustered privates scrambled to complete the rote tasks every Soldier learns to perform instinctively in 10 weeks.

Even though his office was smaller and his furniture no better, the company commander moving into the new three-story building found much to like, compared to the trailers his company used to inhabit.

The recent move was part of process called the Training Barracks Upgrade Program, which continually moves battalions into newer billets as construction or renovation occurs, said Stephen Pinette, Fort Jackson's Deputy G3.

"Every Soldier coming through Fort Jackson is being touched by the renovations and moves," Pinette said. The move makes it unnecessary to share areas needed for physical training, lowers the ratio of Soldiers to drill sergeant and makes scheduling such things as meal times easier.

Capt. Jacob Radcliffe, commander of Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry

Regiment, is a proud resident of one of the newest buildings on Fort Jackson. His company moved into its new home Dec. 3, in an area affectionately called a "star base."

The star base layout is one of three generations of barracks on Fort Jackson that comprise:

- The old "rolling pin" barracks off Magruder Road, built in the 1960s and '70s and used by 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. The "rolling pin" moniker derives from each building's being shaped like its namesake.

- The "starship" generation, built in the 1980s and '90s and located off Jackson Boulevard. The starship barracks contain an entire battalion in one building that includes classrooms and dining facilities.

- And the "star bases" near Golden Arrow Road, built in the 2000s. Star bases center all units on a middle point – such as a PT track – but the buildings are not connected.

Echo Company and other units have been moving into new or renovated buildings around post since the end of November.

Second Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment moved in to a renovated starship in late November, while Delta and Echo companies, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment moved in early December.

Radcliffe's company moved into the lat-



Staff Sgt. James H. Wanser, a drill sergeant with Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, encourages a Soldier in training to move expeditiously to the company formation area during the unit's first pickup of a new training cycle Jan. 5.

est of three generations of barracks on post – the star base, a type of barrack Pinette said was designed to increase training efficiency by adding physical-training areas to the battalion footprint.

Although starships contained everything, their design "didn't take into account where these 1,200 Soldiers form up (or

where do they do PT? Where is their track?" Pinette said.

"We went from a time in 2004 – when I first got here – (where) we scheduled every company's end-of-cycle PT test on one track.



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Commissary customers will have to divert their carts into the moodily lit warehouse in order to find items on the relocated Aisles 1 and 2. The expanded bakery and deli will be built in the space the old aisles took up.

Commissary beefs up size, convenience

By JENNIFER STRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

If you've been to the Commissary this week, you undoubtedly have noticed construction as soon as you walked in the door. If you didn't, you figured it out when you were diverted into the warehouse to find Aisles 1 and 2.

The work – \$14 million spent over nine phases in one year – will revamp the entire store to better serve customers and save energy, all while the commissary remains open for business.

And all of this is your doing.

You won't have to wield a hammer or schlep shelves. You already have done your part by paying a special surcharge set aside for construction – an extra nickel per dollar.

The first change involves the deli and bakery.

"It's small and condensed," commissary manager Bernie Ellison says of the area. "It's an injustice; it's not fair for the community what we have."

The newly expanded area will allow for a considerably greater assortment of items for patrons, Ellison said.

Aisles 1 and 2 already have been moved into the warehouse – commissary workers tackled it overnight – but remain available to shoppers.

The new deli and bakery are to move into the area Aisle 1 formerly occupied, once walls have been torn down and the new area constructed.

Ellison said he and his team were "working hard, trying to save money and using common sense" to perform renovations while maintaining the level of customer service and keeping all of the current 22,000 line items available to patrons.

Other changes include moving the customer-service area; extending aisles; adding self-checkout lanes; installing new floor tile, shelving units, freezers and a heating and cooling system; changing the store entrance to make it easier for handicapped patrons; using fresh paint and new decor throughout the store; resurfacing the parking area and adding energy-efficient lighting there as well.

The massive project is scheduled to be complete in January 2017 and will be celebrated with a grand opening.

Sgt. 1st Class Andrea Howard said Tuesday night that she liked what the commissary had to offer but would be happy to see wider aisles and more self-checkout lanes – especially on days the store is crowded.

Shopper Vevian Elder said she was excited to see the changes, too, although she likes the commissary the way it is. But she wasn't nearly as excited as her 9-year-old daughter, Kathleen.

"Is there going to be a hot tub in the bathroom?" Kathleen asked.

Staff writer Christine Schweickert contributed to this report.

Fort Jackson's Commissary will spend \$14 million to upgrade and expand its shopping area from 37,700 to 39,830 square feet.

Here's what's on its shopping list:

- Deli/bakery. Renovate rear hallway, produce department, customer rest rooms.
- Renovate store entrance, move electric carts to entrance, renovate meat department, storage area and eye-wash station.
- Renovate meat department processing area, customer rest rooms.
- Build a new office area, customer rest rooms.
- Install new produce-refrigeration units, renovate freeze and chill storage areas.
- Demolish employee break room, rest rooms.
- Install new freezer and chiller units on sales floor. (Will be broken into two phases.)
- Install new shelving for entire sales floor.



File photo

Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Hain speaks to a recently graduated Soldier in training. Hain's commanders says he cares for all troops with a passion seldom matched.

A 'simple brilliance'

Command Sgt. Maj. Hain retires after 33 years

By **JENNIFER STRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

Dan Hain hoards words, using them only when he deems it necessary.

To Hain, words aren't something to be thrown about willy-nilly, to accompany an expansive laugh or even a wry smile. (He doesn't smile much either.)

Which is why when Hain looks as if he is about to break his habitual silence, everybody around him leans forward in expectation.

"One time," recalled Fort Jackson Deputy Commander Col. Mark Shade, who knew Hain at a posting the two shared in Hawaii, "we were in a meeting and everyone was talking about whatever the subject was, and (Hain) just kind of sat back and said, 'Well, that's stupid.'

"Then the conversation was, 'Who made that plan?'" Shade said.

"It might have been the CG back then, and (Hain) said, 'Well, then, he's stupid.'

"That's Dan. He says it like it is. He's very intelligent and has a great sense of humor, (but) he's no nonsense and doesn't sugar-coat anything."

Post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier called Hain a trusted adviser, largely because Hain doesn't mince words.

"He has what I call simple brilliance ... an amazing knack for being able to break the most complex issues down into simple, common-sense terms that work," Cloutier said.

"A good CSM gives candid opinions – not what you want to hear but

what you need to hear," he said. "They tell you if you got it wrong, they give you their advice and – behind closed doors – you have frank and candid discussions.

"But once the decision is made – whether it went their way or not – they own it and, when they walk out of the room, it's their guidance and their decision, and they make that vision or that decision come to life.

"That's what Dan Hain does."

Change of responsibility

Hain will end his 33-year commitment to the Army this afternoon, when he retires as Fort Jackson's command sergeant major and hands over responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, recently head of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy.

During his tenure at Fort Jackson, Hain has worked with two commanding generals, both of whom speak of him with high praise.

Former post commander Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker brought Hain to Fort Jackson in February 2014 on the strength of his reputation in Hawaii.

Becker said that during the almost two years they worked together "as CG and CSM, I could not have asked for a better battle buddy, adviser and confidant."

Becker found Hain to be "one of the funniest, wittiest people I know" – although the general admitted that some might be fooled by Hain's near-consistent deadpan expression.

WILLIAM "DAN" HAIN will retire from his post as Fort Jackson's command sergeant major and from his 33-year-tenure in the Army during ceremonies this afternoon. The change of responsibility will be at 2 p.m. at the Solomon Center, with Hain's retirement gathering to follow.

FAMILY: wife, Barbara; two daughters

CAREER: Hain joined the Army on Jan. 12, 1983, in Los Angeles. He checked in at the 120th Reception Battalion at Fort Jackson before being shipped to Fort Benning, Georgia.

DUTIES: machine gunner, team and squad leader, section leader and platoon sergeant, drill sergeant, platoon trainer and senior operations non-commissioned officer, first sergeant, senior military science instructor, senior NCO trainer, command sergeant major, NCO academy commandant

DEPLOYMENTS: KFOR2A (Kosovo), Operation Iraqi Freedom (twice), Operation New Dawn

MEDALS: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, French Commando Badge, several service awards

AFFILIATIONS: member, Sgt. Audie Murphy Club; honorary member, Sgt. Morales Club. Awarded Order of St. Maurice, Order of St. Barbara.

FAVORITE POSTINGS: "Probably overall, Hawaii was my favorite tour because I was there for so long (four years) and met so many people," Hain says. Some of those people remain important to him.

"Professionally," he says, "my second tour in Germany was probably my most rewarding. I was a squad leader there, and that's when I came into my own as an NCO and started developing Soldiers."

DRY SENSE OF HUMOR: Post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier took Hain on his first hunting trip, where Hain downed his first deer. Hyped up with adrenaline after bagging his own deer, Cloutier called Hain "after I heard him shoot, and I was (rushed, excited speech), 'Did you get a deer?'" and he was like, "Yes." I said, "Are you excited man? Wasn't it awesome?" and he said (again, with little inflection): "I controlled my breathing, and I took the weapon off 'safe,' and I engaged the deer, sir. It was ... Yes, it was nice."



Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

Jim Meyer of Old North Utility Services peers through the hatch atop Fort Jackson’s 100-foot-tall water tower to monitor the progress of the team following him to the top.

The tall, silent (watery) type

By JENNIFER STRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

One of the quiet stars of everyday life on Fort Jackson is its water tower – a 100-foot bulb on a pedestal that no one really notices until something doesn’t work the way it’s supposed to.

Say, during the October floods. Then, it took water-utility contractors three days to even begin to refill the tank because the city of Columbia had flushed its hydrants, lowering pressure in the pipes.

A quick call to the city manager resolved the problem.

“We own (the tower and) all the water and wastewater lines, and this is the storage facility that we have for the installation,” manager Tommy Quasney of Palmetto State Utility Services said of the 2 million-gallon tank on Fort Jackson. “PSUS owns the infrastructure to provide potable water to all of Fort Jackson, (and performs) the wastewater treatment.”

But – as the floods showed – PSUS still depends on the relationships Fort Jackson has with local officials.

“The military has gone to privatizing a lot of their non-core mission systems,” said Ann Garner, acting head of the Directorate of Public Works, “so utility privatization is a big thing.

“Fort Jackson has already privatized the potable water and wastewater (to Palmetto State Utility Services), and is in the process of trying to privatize gas and electric on post.”



The post’s water tower looks over several buildings at the center of Fort Jackson. The post does not own the infrastructure, however; contractors keep it in working order.

About 10 workers – most of them engineers – routinely maintain Fort Jackson’s water system, which doesn’t belong to the post but to PSUS, which has signed a contract to maintain the tower and the post’s 115 miles of pipes.

The workers routinely inspect every valve, turn on every fire hydrant and clean every lift station – in addition to other regular maintenance chores. (You might see some of these folks on the streets as they re-lay water lines near paving sites.)

“I’m the one that keeps it all running,” boasted Jim

Meyer of Old North Utility Services out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Meyer helps design water and wastewater projects, and assists PSUS with electrical and mechanical maintenance on Fort Jackson.

“The flood actually opened our eyes to a lot of things,” Meyer said. “A lot of stuff was done 50, 60, 70 years ago, when no one had (Geographic Information Systems to help them map, plan and maintain systems). So, trying to figure out where everything was, was challenging.

“My mission down here is to assist Tommy. He doesn’t have a maintenance guy here, so my job is every month, I come down and do weekly, bi-weekly, semiannual and annual inspections on everything from mechanical to electrical.

“(And) if there’s a break, we go fix it.”

After the floods in October, Meyer and Quasney had to climb the Fort Jackson tower numerous times, hauling 25-pound buckets of chlorine to the top to “shock” and clean the water.

In mid-December, Meyer and Quasney completed an annual check of the tank and lines.

Garner and the Fort Jackson Leader went along as the men briefed Garner on the results of the inspection.

Climbing 100 feet straight up the inside of the tower isn’t easy, by a long stretch.

Two ladders ascend the first 50 feet.

Feds tighten requirements to enter military posts

Family members and others wishing to attend graduations may find doing so a bit more difficult as security officers begin to insist on what is called “Real ID.”

The Real ID Act of 2015 established standards for state-issued and other identification cards. Military installations cannot accept as ID any card that does not comply with the act. Thus, those who do not have “Real ID” will be denied access to Fort Jackson.

Those with driver licenses from Minnesota and American Samoa, for example, will not be permitted on post without escort if their driver licenses are their only ID.

Soldiers about to graduate from Basic Combat Training should send home to their Families a document requesting access to post. The document will list the IDs required for a background check. Passing the check will grant post access. (Each applicant must provide only one.)

The documents are:

- U.S. passport or passport card.
- A permanent resident or Alien Registration Receipt card.
- A foreign passport with a temporary I-551 stamp or printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa.
- A foreign passport with a current arrival-departure record bearing the same names as the passport and containing an endorsement of the alien’s non-immigrant status.
- An employment-authorization document that contains a photograph.
- A driver’s license or ID card issued by a state or U.S. territory that provides the following information:

name, date of birth, sex, height, eye color and address.

- An ID issued by federal, state or local governmental agency that lists the following: name, date of birth, sex, height, eye color and address.
- A school ID that contains a photograph.
- A U.S. military or draft record.
- A U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card or Transportation Worker Identification Credential.
- A Native American tribal document.

Those who present the following at the gate need not undergo background checks:

- A Department of Defense Common Access Card
- A DOD Uniformed Service Identification and Privileges Card
- U.S. government Personal Identity Verification credentials
- A Transportation Worker Identification Credential

Those with active “wants or warrants” by police agencies or those convicted of certain crimes – e.g., sexual offenses, drug or alcohol charges, terrorism, arson or burglary – may be ineligible for admission to Fort Jackson.

Source: U.S. Army IMCOM Atlantic



SOME LIKE IT HOT

New York City firefighters train like Soldiers



Probationary firefighters in their second week of training at the New York City Fire Academy perform a drill known as motivation alley, in which pairs of two firefighters must travel 100 feet on their knees, carrying a charged 1¾-inch fire hose to put out a mock flame. Drill sergeant leaders from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy were at the Fire Academy Jan. 4-8, to observe training as part of a collaboration between FDNY and the Center for Initial Military Training.



Photos by SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON



Above, Staff Sgt. Autumn Beaty and Sgt. 1st Class Tanya Green, drill sergeant leaders with the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, observe as New York City firefighters work to extinguish flames from a burning building during a live-fire exercise. Left, Felix Manjarrez, New York City Fire Academy health and fitness instructor, leads probationary firefighters in their second week of training during a physical-readiness session.

C.C. Pinckney robot team needs more parent advisers

Parents who wish to help C.C. Pinckney Elementary School's Robotics Team prepare for competition this weekend may call club sponsor Gregg Turner at 803-787-6815.

Knowledge of ecology and engineering is a plus.

Students will compete in the First

LEGO League challenge Saturday at Doby's Mill Elementary School in Lugoff.

The creators of Lego building blocks created the competition to challenge students to think like scientists and engineers. Teams build, test and program autonomous robots to solve a set of missions and answer real-world problems concerning disposal of trash.



Army survey will measure workers' terror knowledge

The Army's antiterrorism branch has released an anonymous and voluntary "micro" survey to measure antiterrorism awareness across the service.

The five-question survey should take less than two minutes to complete, and is open to all military community members, including active-duty and retired Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, government contractors and Family.

The survey, which will be available until Feb. 3, is available at AntiterrorismAwarenessSurveys.ANSER.org.

Army seeks transfers to power production MOS

The Army is accepting applications from specialists and sergeants for reclassification into the 12P military occupational specialty (power production specialist) – an MOS expected to fall short of need.

Soldiers trained in the Prime Power production specialty deploy, install, operate and maintain power generation and distribution assets to support theater commanders. Inside the United States, they are part of the National Response Framework, providing power when the civilian power grid fails.

Soldiers approved for reclassification into MOS 12P may be entitled to a Tier 5 (\$3,500 to \$11,600) bonus when they complete training successfully. Those who are specialists will be eligible for promotion to sergeant upon graduation.

The 12P program does not accept Soldiers from Initial Entry Training. Instead, Soldiers must volunteer to transfer from their current MOSes.

Training for 12P lasts more than a year, and takes place at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Interested Soldiers may contact their unit career counselors for details.

TRICARE set to boost drug copays in February

Military pharmacies and TRICARE Pharmacy home

delivery will remain the lowest-cost pharmacy options for TRICARE beneficiaries when some TRICARE pharmacy copays increase slightly on Feb. 1.

The 2016 National Defense Authorization Act requires that TRICARE change its prescription copays. All drugs at military pharmacies – and generic drugs through home delivery – will remain available at no cost to beneficiaries.

Copays for brand-name drugs through home delivery will increase from \$16 to \$20 for as much as a 90-day supply.

At retail pharmacies, generic drug copays will rise from \$8 to \$10, and brand-name drug copays will rise from \$20 to \$24 dollars for as much as a 30-day supply.

Copays for non-formulary drugs and for drugs at non-network pharmacies also will change.

In 2016, beneficiaries will save as much as \$208 for each brand-name prescription drug they switch from retail pharmacy to home delivery.

To learn more, or to move your prescription to home delivery, visit www.tricare.mil/pharmacy.



January promotions

The following have been promoted to the rank noted as of Jan. 1: Lt. Col. Timothy S. Crawley, Capt. Christopher B. Crusselle, Capt. Shevez L. Freeman, Capt. Renzie R. Rahim, Sgt. Jonathan D. Gavin.

Gilmer to command academy

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

When Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Gilmer takes the reins of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy from Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian this morning, the move will be the continuation of a career spanning 23 years.

Gilmer is set to become academy commandant during a change of command ceremony today at the NCO Club.

The USADSA, which until recently was called the Drill Sergeant School, is rare because non-commissioned officers take command of the organization. Command normally is reserved for commissioned officers.

The former senior enlisted leader of 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment at Fort Drum, New York, Gilmer began his career at Fort Benning, Georgia, during Infantry One Station Unit Training. In OSUT, trainees go through basic training and Advanced Individual Training as a unit before going to their first permanent-duty stations.

At Fort Benning again later in his career, he gathered Soldiers in training to inform them of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

“Back then, we were training (in preparation) for war,” he said. Now training prepares Soldiers to deploy during wartime.

Among other places Gilmer has served are Alaska; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and as a drill sergeant at Fort Benning. A combat veteran, Gilmer, served two tours in Afghanistan and three in Iraq.

The positions he held during his career have helped him learn that the “small things” – such as doing what is right and setting standards and discipline – are important factors in training.

Gilmer is Air Assault, Airborne and Pathfinder qualified, and has graduated from the Army’s Ranger School, Equal-Opportunity Course, basic and advanced Military Mountaineering courses, Joint Professional Senior Military Education course and Master Resilience Trainer course. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Troy University.

Even though, Gilmer and Christian never served together, Christian said he knew the new commandant was perfect for the position.

“Without a doubt, I know he is the right leader for the position at the right time,” Christian said.



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Gilmer discusses plans for the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy change of command before rehearsals at the NCO Club on Wednesday. Gilmer will take command of the academy from Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian this morning.

For Christian, leaving the academy will be difficult – though he said he always would be part of it.

“I know we have created irreversible momentum into the future,” he said, “so I

am not leaving the Drill Sergeant Academy in spirit, but I am separating from it physically.”

Christian is set to become the next Fort Jackson command sergeant major.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Diaper duty

Josh Franklin and James Collins of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation unload diapers donated by the Honest Company at the Hood Street Child Development Center on Fort Jackson. The company donated nearly 1,500 packages of diapers and 500 packages of wipes, as well as shampoo, laundry soap and bathroom cleaner. The Navy Operational Support Center organized the distribution, which occurred at the Jingle Bell Run and at post child-development centers in late December.

Courtesy photo



Outstanding service

The Victory Chapter of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club has named Staff Sgt. Queen N. Ross the outstanding member for the first quarter of 2016.

Courtesy photo



Combined success

Post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier and Myra Cunningham, civilian co-chair of the 2015 Combined Federal Campaign, proudly display a sheet showing a total of \$856,397.07 in donations. Donations surpassed those for last year by more than \$20,000.

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS



"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.

2ND BATTALION, 39TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

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PVT. MALIA K. SCANLAN

"I joined the Army to help pay for college and to make my parents proud of me.

"My older brother was my influence because he has always wanted to serve and because he is doing so well in life. I wanted to be successful like him.

"I expect to learn things (and) responsibilities that will help me in life (or to become) successful.

"I feel like being away from everything and getting a good look at how life is, (is the thing that is) good about basic (training). Also, learning to work with people and not get a temper so fast.

"I am a 42A (human-resource specialist). I feel like it will help me not only with my military career but with my civilian career.

"(My Family) are very proud of me and happy I am choosing to serve my country."

ALPHA COMPANY



PFC. WILFREDO BERRIOS

"(Enlisting in the Army has) been one of my plans since the end of high school. I knew (that) by joining, it would make a new life and beginning for both me and my fiancée ... "I've learned so much about myself through (Basic Combat Training): I'm not a quitter. I hate to be last/lose. I'm very competitive. I realize that working with others is a very challenging thing, but it's a necessity to survive the Army. ... When you find the right people, you become the best of brothers.

"My (military occupational specialty) is 92R, which is parachute rigger. It will be a challenge to me because I'm not that big, and we'll have to carry big and very heavy bags. I chose it for the different opportunities of going Airborne, Air Assault, getting together with a Special Forces Unit and, of course, leaving Virginia and traveling the world."

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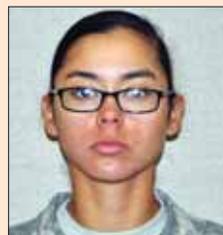
PFC. CHEE KAY CHEONG

"At first I joined the Army because I was attracted by the money the National Guard offered me for my education. I thought I would learn a lot more from military training than I ever learned in my normal life. I expected myself to be disciplined and strong by joining the Army. "(In Basic Combat Training), I found out that I could actually work harder and take more stress than I had imagined. I am now stronger physically, physically and mentally.

"My MOS is 92F, petroleum supply specialist. I chose this MOS because (it) is closest to what I learned in school.

"I want to serve the Army for 20 years, and I wish I could achieve my dream to become an environmental science officer in the Army."

CHARLIE COMPANY



PVT. ASHLEY BORRES-DIAZ

"I joined the Army because I wanted to give back, I wanted to serve my country. I wanted to do more than I was ... I'm proud of the country I live in.

"My MOS is 97B, all-wheels mechanic. I think this MOS ... is not only going to help me in my Army career but also in my regular life. It's very useful, and I can't wait to be learning about it.

"My Family never thought I would (enlist), but I love it, and that makes them proud – that I am doing something I love to do.

"As a restart (being held back to start basic anew), I'd just like to say ... that restarting is not a bad thing at all. You just have to switch that negative mentality into a positive one and just be the best that you can be – prove everyone that thought you wouldn't make it wrong."

DELTA COMPANY



PFC. MATTHEW COUNTER

"I've always wanted to enlist, but I kept putting it off. Finally, after lots of discussion with Family and friends, I decided to join so I could gain leadership experience and learn discipline. I'm excited to start my Army career.

"(During basic training), I learned how to push myself even when situations might get uncomfortable and to stay motivated even if others start to slow down.

"Basic training (also) made me appreciate my time with Family tenfold.

"Seeing as my mom is a retired major and my dad is a retired sergeant major, they certainly support my decision to enlist and have been extremely huge assets to me. I'm thankful to have such understanding parents."

DELTA COMPANY



PVT. SHARNESE MILLER

"I thought (that by joining the Army), I would achieve stability and the chance to say I did something great, which is (that) I defended my country.

"The good thing about BCT is that it taught me a lot about myself. Truthfully, I didn't think I was going to make it because I've always been in this shell ... but this is something I wanted to do, and I'm glad I did it.

"My MOS is 42A, human-resource specialist. ... The opportunity I'm looking for is jobs when I get out. I'm 40 years old. I can still have a job and something to do.

"My Family is proud of my enlistment and they know how hard it was for me.

"I'm looking forward to living the life (of) a Soldier, exploring the world, bettering my education and being able to say, 'I am an American Soldier.'"

HAPPENINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AER SCHOLARSHIPS

The application period for the Army Emergency Relief scholarship will be open until May 1. AER supports the Spouse Scholarship Program – for full- or part-time students – and the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children who are full-time students. Applicants must provide grade transcripts, the Student Aid Report from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and a Soldier's Leave and Earnings Statement. AER awards needs-based scholarships of varying amounts. Information on both scholarships is available at www.aerhq.org or by contacting Angela Crosland at 751-5256.

CIF CLOSURE

The Central Issue Facility will be closed today and Friday in order to complete inventory. Normal operations will resume Jan. Tuesday.

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. The 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.

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.

24/7 TRICARE NURSE HELPLINE

TRICARE's Nurse Advice Line provides instant access to a team of registered nurses who can answer urgent and acute health-care questions, giving TRICARE beneficiaries assessments of their symptoms and suggesting what next steps to take. For toll-free assistance with urgent medical needs 24/7, call 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273) and press option 1.

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/. 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

■ Army Community Service will offer citizenship classes from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday evenings, at the Sandhills Branch

of the Richland County Library and 8:30-10 a.m. Fridays in Room 222 of the Strom Thurmond Building on post. Classes will prepare permanent legal residents for citizenship. For information, call 751-5518.

■ The Foreign-Born Spouse Group is an opportunity for those from different cultures to meet and get to know one another, and to become more familiar with life in America. For information, call 751-1124/9770.

■ Those needing to brush up on their English may attend classes on English as a Second Language. Classes and materials are free to ID cardholders and DOD employees. For information, call 751-1124, or email Miranda.O.Broadus.civ@mail.mil.

■ The Hearts Apart support group aims to help Families who are separated from their Soldiers. For information, call 751-9770/1124.

■ 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.

SPORTS NEWS

The recreation division of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has several events on tap for the coming weeks:

The **flag football tournament** has begun. Games will be played at 6:10 and 7:10 nightly at the Hilton Field Softball Com-

plex. Championship will be determined Tuesday or Wednesday.

Today – Letters of intent for recreational and intramural basketball are due at the sports office. League play will begin Jan. 25.

Jan. 23 – New Year's 5K, 8 a.m. at Semmes Lake. Sign up on Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website.

Jan. 28 – Soccer letters of intent are due at the sports office. League play will be on Saturdays in February through April.

Jan. 30 – Boxing smoker at Solomon Center.

Feb. 11 – Intramural and recreational dart league letters of intent are due at Recreational Programming. League play will begin at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Magruder's Pub. The league is open to all ID cardholders older than 18.

Feb. 20 – "Healing Hearts" 5K, 8 a.m., Semmes Lake. Sign up on the FMWR website.

EVENTS OFF POST

WOMEN VETERANS INTERACTIVE

The Columbia chapter invites female veterans to join to help one another make the transition from military to civilian life. Prospective members will meet at noon Jan. 23 at the Big Red Barn Retreat, 8034 Winnsboro Road in Blythewood. For more information, visit www.womenveteransinteractive.org.

OFFICER CANDIDATE REUNION

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

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

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Friday

"The Good Dinosaur" (PG), 7 p.m.

Saturday

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2" (PG-13), 2 p.m.
"Sisters" (R), 4:30 p.m.

Sunday

"Krampus" (PG-13), 2 p.m.
"Brooklyn" (PG-13), 4 p.m.

Wednesday

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2" (PG-13), 2 p.m.
"Spectre" (PG-13), 4:30 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.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



**Staff Sgt.
Justin Phillips**
Alpha Company
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Elvin Rodrigues

**STUDENT LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Colleen Bearce

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Christopher Keatts

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Eric Reynoso



**Staff Sgt.
David Hunt**
Charlie Company
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Ashley Boress-Diaz

**STUDENT LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Sgt. Corinna Grimm

HIGH BRM
Sgt. Adam Smith

HIGH APFT
Spc. Cassandra Rider



**Staff Sgt.
Thomas Anderson**
Delta Company
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Brian Quinn-Medway

**STUDENT LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Andrew Pietropaolo

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Antoine Taylor

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Zachary Figueroa



Fort Jackson is now on
Instagram



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Night at the commissary

C.C. Pinckney Elementary School first-grader Euan Mason tries to estimate the number of red apples on display during STEM Night at the Commissary on Tuesday. Estimating, he said, is ‘counting without even looking.’ He put the number of apples at 1,000. Across the store, fifth-grader Tyler Robinson and his mother, Shawna, fill out their STEM night form near the teriyaki sauce. Tyler estimated the length of spaghetti in inches and converted his estimate to centimeters. The night devoted to science, technology, engineering and math was part of ongoing cooperation between the school and Fort Jackson’s commissary.



Photos by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

Move

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“The units’ PT was done wherever they could find green space and on the roads on Fort Jackson. Now (nearly) every battalion has its own.”

Designed with morphing civilians into Soldiers in mind, the new barracks are built in the shape of a three-floored boomerang, with offices and multipurpose rooms on the ground floor, classrooms and sleeping areas on the second and more sleeping areas on top.

The barracks includes bays that sleep 30 or 60 Soldiers, laundry rooms with new industrial-strength machines, special closets to house recruits’ civilian gear and even

rooms dedicated to the cleaning of equipment.

Gone are the gang showers, replaced by rows of individual stalls.

Out are the classrooms where one could imagine training that employed chalk and a slate. In are the technology-filled rooms with multiple white boards and 65-inch flat-screen monitors with surround sound and computer inputs.

All of which makes training easier.

There is “more than enough room, along with the drill pad that we have” to train in the new buildings, said Sgt. Lauren Manuel, a drill sergeant with Delta Company, 3-34 Infantry, which moved into a new building next to Echo Company.

“If we have to train inside, we have way more than enough square footage. The classrooms are fully equipped with computer systems and mountains of training

aids to accomplish the mission.”

The larger teaching areas also allow for better drill sergeant/trainee interaction.

“Here in this facility, it allows for each platoon for their drill sergeants to train their own,” Manuel said.

“We will have a smaller drill sergeant-to-trainee ratio that will allow them to really engage them in what we are trying to train, what we are trying to teach.

“In my personal opinion, I find the Soldiers understand the material more, understand the training more when 1, there is a smaller drill sergeants-to-trainee ratio and 2, it is their own drill sergeants training them.

“Yes, the facilities absolutely will help in that aspect.”

Radcliffe said that not only did the building allow for drill sergeants to train their charges more easily, the location

“greatly improves the training” because all companies in the battalion were “aligned on the training schedules.”

“(The move) is going to greatly improve (basic training),” Radcliffe said during a tour of his barracks in December, nearly two weeks before the battalion picked up its next cycle in early January.

“Next cycle, we are going to have all our companies together and all in the same footprint on the same cycle.

“Normally, we would have split cycles – two companies on different training weeks.

“Now are all on the same training week, it will make it much more simple. Scheduling for dining facilities, keep track of training will be much more simple in this footprint.”

Echo Company’s first cycle to use the new barracks started Jan. 5.

Researchers study hearing loss in battle

By **DAVID E. GILLESPIE**

Blanchfield Army Community Hospital

Army audiology researchers at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, are studying how hearing loss affects Soldier performance on the battlefield, giving commanders a better understanding of real-world limitations and helping create a more realistic standard for hearing profiles.

For more than 30 years, the Army has used a yearly test to measure auditory fitness levels. When that test – the Defense Occupational and Environmental Health Readiness System Hearing Conservation – detects hearing loss at a certain level, it will prompt a mandatory medical review board.

Many Soldiers have been labeled non-deployable because of hearing loss, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs spends more than \$1 billion in compensation per year to treat hearing loss for more than 800,000 veterans. VA data show that as many as 52 percent of Soldiers in combat experience moderately severe hearing loss or worse.

Researchers want to know whether the audiometry test's long-established hearing profiles accurately measure a Soldier's ability to move, shoot and communicate.



Photo by **DAVID E. GILLESPIE**, BACH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Lt. Col. Amy Blank, an audiologist from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, adjusts a hearing-loss simulator on a Soldier's helmet as research begins on Fort Campbell, Ky.

"We are working on a research protocol that is looking at the effects of hearing loss on Soldier performance in realistic battlefield scenarios," said Lt. Col. Amy Blank, an audiologist from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

The battlefield scenarios took the form of team-level maneuvers across a wooded training area on Fort Campbell.

"My partners in this research developed a hearing-loss simulator, which Soldiers mount on top of their helmets," Blank said. "The device superimposes hearing loss through earphones inserted into the ears, allowing us to evaluate how well they are performing."

Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) donned the equipment

and formed four competing teams, each of which simulated varying levels of hearing loss.

"We have a pretty sophisticated way of collecting data," said Benjamin Sheffield, a research audiologist from Army Public Health Center (Provisional) Sheffield. Data collection includes helmets fitted with video cameras, binaural microphones and hearing-loss simulation devices."

In early studies, researchers saw a change in strategy as a function of hearing loss.

"Soldiers in the more difficult hearing-loss profiles tended to camp out or hide in order to maintain their survivability," Sheffield said, "but we saw a very significant drop-off in their ability to engage the enemy. So, their lethality dropped off to half what it was in a normal-hearing setting."

One Soldier participating in the study said the simulated hearing loss prompted the use of alternative tactics.

"When I couldn't hear very well, it made me a lot more cautious," said Sgt. Nimrud Velasco, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). "I felt like I needed to be more vocal to my Soldiers."

In the end, Velasco said, his team compensated by relying on hand-and-arm signals.

"Somehow, we got it done," he said.



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Trussed and ready, public works Director Ann Garner ascends the water tower ladder.

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Halfway up, a catwalk takes climbers from the outer wall of the tank to the center, where a 50-foot ladder extends to the top through a narrow tube.

“If you don’t want to wear yourself out too fast, use your legs, not your arms to climb,” Meyer advised.

“The hardest part is when you get to the top. There’s a hatch you have to push up, (and) you have to have a lot of upper-body strength to open it.”

Meyer also has climbed towers that start large and become smaller as they rise. He prefers towers like Fort Jackson’s.

“I don’t like those (other towers) much,” he said. “I jumped out of airplanes when I was with 82nd (Airborne Division), but when you got a guy that’s 250 pounds, it’s just not comfortable being that high, swinging in the breeze.”

BY THE NUMBERS ▶▶▶▶▶

100

NUMBER OF FEET TALL FORT JACKSON'S WATER TOWER IS



16
MILLION

NUMBER OF POUNDS OF WATER TANK HOLDS

2 MILLION

NUMBER OF GALLONS TANK HOLDS

100
POUNDS OF RESSURE REQUIRED TO PUSH WATER UP INTO TANK TO FILL IT



16
WIDTH IN INCHES OF LINE THAT FEEDS WATER INTO TANK

7

NUMBER OF INTERCONNECTIONS W/ COLUMBIA WATER SYSTEM

115
MILES OF WATER LINES ON FORT JACKSON

NUMBER OF GALLONS FLUSHED THROUGH SYSTEM AFTER LAST YEAR'S FLOODING

4 MILLION

Reserve moves to preserve, protect water

By U.S. ARMY RESERVE SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS

Maj. Gen. Peter Lennon, deputy commanding general (Support) for Reserve Sustainability Programs, has signed the Army Reserve Water Security and Solid Waste Implementation Strategies.

The strategies – along with the existing Energy Security Strategy and the Environmental Strategy now in development – will build the foundation crucial for a successful Army Reserve sustainability program.

“The Army Reserve is moving forward on the path of sustainability as a worldwide organization,” said Paul Wirt, Sustainability Programs chief. “A sustainable Army Reserve will enable mission resilience and meet the social, environmental and economic interests of Army Reserve communities now and into the future.”

The Army Reserve Water Security Implementation Strategy created four goals:

- promote water conservation,
- increase water efficiency,
- use alternative water sources and
- build a sustainable water-program foundation.

From these four goals, 12 action items were derived to help the Army Reserve and the Mission Support Command, Regional Support Commands and installations build a sustainable water program.

The action items include ways to develop water-awareness and -education plans, designing water-efficient facilities and assessing program performance.

“The signing of the ARWSIS will help build a strong foundation for the Army Reserve water program,” said Water Program coordinator Jaime Kearney. “The document defines a strategy for several years to help the Army Reserve strive towards its Net Zero water goal, as well as the 36 percent reduction in potable-water use and 30 percent reduction in industrial, landscaping and agricultural water-use mandates.”

The Army Reserve Solid Waste Implementation Strategy also defines four goals:

- develop a sustainable procurement program,
- increase solid-waste diversion through source reduction, reuse and other methods,
- create and manage a recycling program at Army Reserve facilities and
- implement an integrated solid waste-management program.

“The ARSWIS is the cornerstone of the Army Reserve solid-waste program,” said Solid Waste Program coordinator Tyrone Cook. “This document sets the tone for the program and spearheads the effort to achieve sustainability.”

Ultimately, the ARWSIS and the ARSWIS will help the Army Reserve conserve the natural resources so vital to the operations of the Department of Defense.



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What next? Making up for lost time

By JENNIFER STRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Dan Hain was just the kind of man Staff Sgt. Bartlin Schaer hoped would go for his daughter, Barbara.

He was down to earth. Respectful. And – best of all – a Soldier.

“Dad was thrilled I was dating a Soldier,” Barbara Hain remembers of her and Hain’s courtship. “My dad really loved Dan a lot.”

So when the couple decided to wed quickly and quietly before Hain went off to Ranger School, the only person they told was her dad.

The two married on a Friday – April 30, 1992 – a day after Hain had been up all night on duty at Fort Benning. They spent the briefest of honeymoons in a local motel until the following Sunday, when Hain headed to school for 72 days.

“It was quick,” Barbara Hain says, but the event wasn’t without planning. She worked with jewelry, so she had chosen a ring. The rest, the Army pretty much dictated.

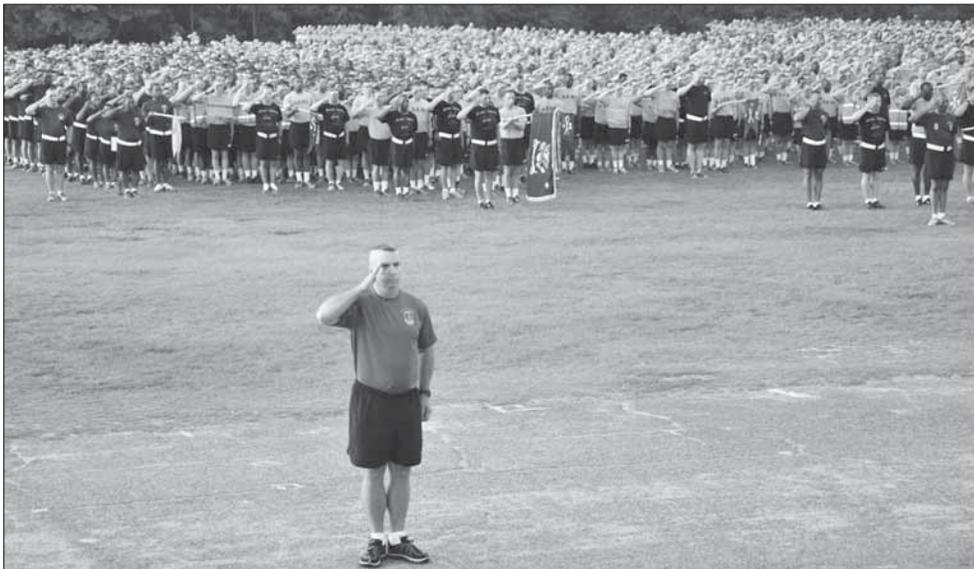
Hain was a drill sergeant when the two married, “so I wasn’t home a bunch with that, he says, admitting that “it hasn’t gotten much better over the years.”

But something about it all has worked.

The couple have two daughters who are Army brats, as their mother was before them.

Hain calls the girls “expensive models,” so he plans to keep working after retiring from the Army – somewhere without “arctic temperatures or astronomical costs of living” where he and Barbara Hain can “hang out (and) get to know each other again” as their nest empties.

The Hains got back to Benning in time to spend time with her father in his declining years, survived both



File photo

Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Hain, renders honors during a postwide formation June 4, 2014. Hain will relinquish his responsibilities as post command sergeant major to Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian in a ceremony at the Solomon Center this afternoon.

parents’ deaths – which came within a month of each other – and supported each other through the death of Dan Hain’s best buddy, Sugar Plum, the Family’s French mastiff.

And though Barbara Hain never has been the traditional Army wife – “he knew I couldn’t cook when he met me,” she says – Hain has used his time in the kitchen

to perfect his own style. (He’s especially adept with Mexican dishes.)

Former post commander Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker says that Hain is so good at both cooking and one-liners that, “in addition to being a hard-as-nails infantry NCO, Dan ... could give Chef (Gordon) Ramsey a run for his money.”

Hain

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“A lot of people ... remember him for something that he did for Soldiers – not just for him not smiling,” she said. Hain has “influenced a lot of people as far as helping them build their careers. He’s one of those guys that lead by example.”

Cloutier concurred.

“Dan Hain is the epitome of a Soldier’s Soldier,” he said.

“You can see it in Dan’s eyes – the intense passion he has for all Soldiers.

“He will cry at a ceremony; he will cry at the National Anthem.

“It dredges up a whole bunch of emotion from your ... past – Soldiers that you’ve lost – and you kind of relive that.

“Dan has that passion and ... that emotion ... right under the surface.

“When a kid graduates and his parents come up and grab him on the parade field and give him a hug, you can see it in his eyes, man.”

A varied career

Hain’s Army career began in the ranks.

It will end – largely – in a conference room or paneled commander’s office.

The big difference between being on the ground with the troops as a non-commissioned officer and being a command sergeant major is that a command sergeant major receives no immediate feedback, Hain said.

“It takes a while to see change,” he said. “When you’re on the front lines – you’re a squad leader – you impact people right away, and there’s an immediate response.” As he moved up through the ranks, Hain said, he had to work through subordinates – something he said often took a “hell of a lot more patience.”

Guiding subordinates – sometimes the people who held the job you once did well – requires nuance, he said.

“(Saying), ‘Go do this ... That’s pretty simple,’” Hain said. “Influencing is much more nuanced.

“You have to work at it to get people to do what you want them to do – because if they don’t believe it’s what *they* want to do, they’re just not going to do it.

“It’s a longer process, but it can be tremendously rewarding because you see the results over time.

“You can look back at a success and know you had a hand in it even though

someone else usually gets the credit – which is the best thing.”

At Fort Jackson, Shade said, Hain often was the one who made sure post commanders didn’t step too far out of the box when they instituted changes to Basic Combat Training.

“You want him around you,” Shade said, “because he observes everything and frequently questions the things we see as good to go, reminding us when we climb outside the box that we need to keep training here basic.

Building successes

Looking back at his tenure at Fort Jackson, Hain was happy to note significant changes in basic training.

“I think we’ve focused through the (program of instruction) changes to really get back to the basics,” he said. “It (had gotten) a little off track, and we were doing too much preparing Soldiers to go into combat right away.

“We won’t know the results of (the changes) for some time, but it’s so important that they get out of training what they need to get out of here. When things get hairy sometime in the future for them, when they get called forward to defend this country, when all things fail and go

bad, they’re going to rely on what their drill sergeants taught them.

“We’ve made that right again.”

Hain’s current boss, Cloutier, called him a Soldier’s Soldier because Hain “deeply cares for all the troops, from the privates in Basic Combat Training to the senior NCOs he has served with.”

Now it’s time for Hain to put his Family first – something for which he is “absolutely ready.”

“I joined (the Army) for three years with the intent of getting out and going back to school and doing something – I don’t know what – but that three years has drug into 33 years, so we’re ready,” Hain said.

Becker called Hain’s retirement “a huge loss for the Army,” to which Cloutier added:

“He is truly one of the finest Soldiers I have ever met, and he will be missed.

“(But) of all the titles, that I hold most dear to me about Dan Hain – the one that is most important to me – is ‘friend.’

“He’s my friend.

“He’s not just my command sergeant major, and he’s not just another Soldier.

“Dan Hain is my friend.

“That’s the title that means the most to me of all those.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

Sunday
8:30 a.m., worship, Bayonet Chapel

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., Rosary, Main Post Chapel

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

JEWISH

Sunday
■ 9:15 a.m., worship, Memorial Chapel
■ 10:15 a.m., fellowship, Post Conference Room

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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

Wednesday

■ 3 p.m., family social, Anderson Street Chapel
■ 7 p.m., scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

MUSLIM

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

Friday
12:45 a.m., Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

PAGAN

Sunday
11 a.m., Pagan Circle Sacred Well Congregation meeting, Magruder Chapel

PROTESTANT

Sunday
■ 9 a.m., service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
■ 9 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., worship, 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 p.m., youth group, Chaplain Family

Life Center

Monday

7 p.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible study, 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., Fresh Encounter Bible study, Chaplain Family Life Center

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Anderson Street Chapel, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032

Bayonet Chapel, 9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542

Chaplain Family Life Center, 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, 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

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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.