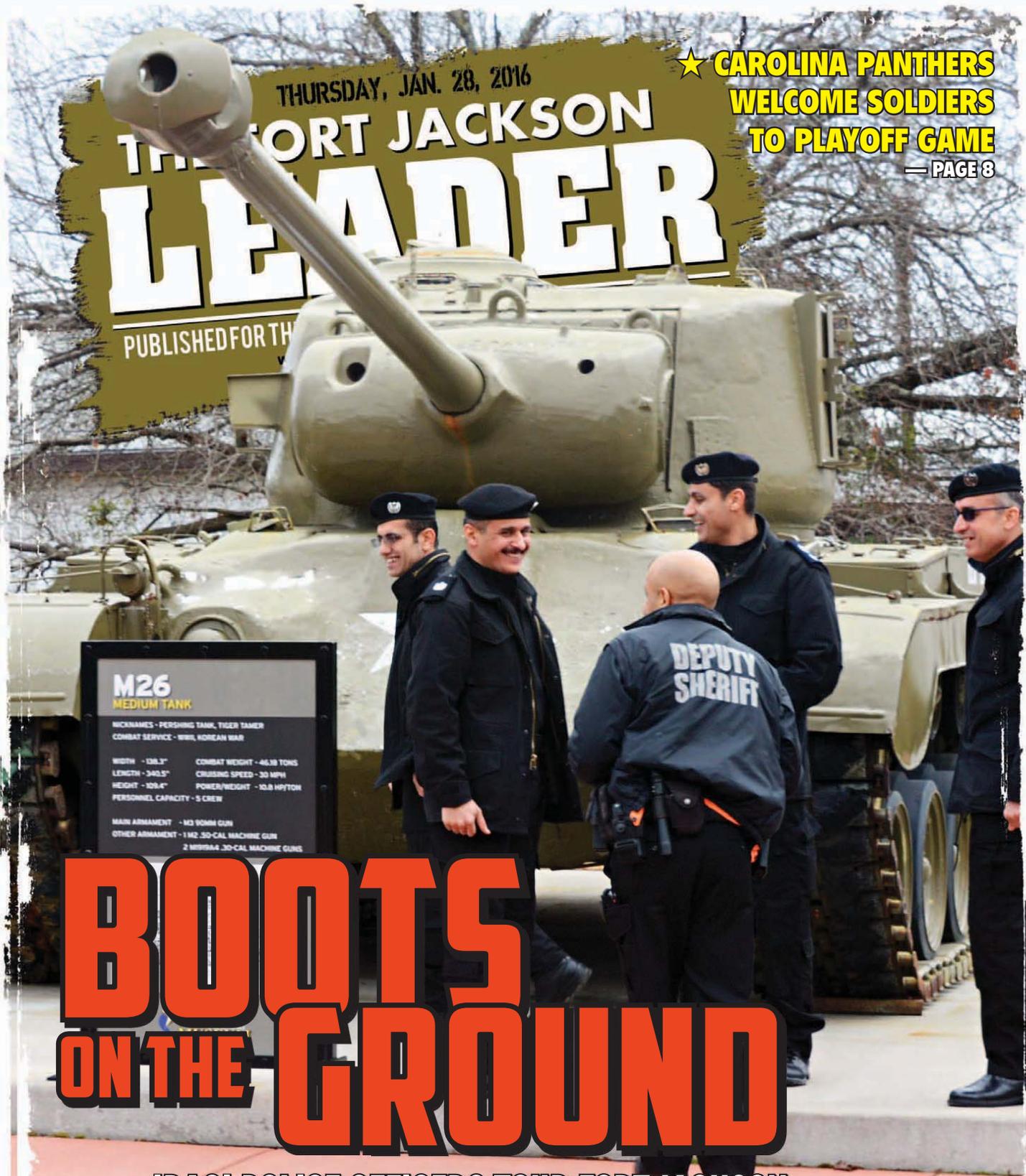


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# Community Calendar

**SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO**  
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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.

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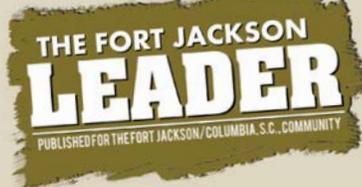
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## ON THE COVER

Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Police officers from Erbil, Iraq and a member of the Richland County Sheriff's Department gather Jan. 21 to look at Army vehicles outside the museum on Fort Jackson. **SEE PAGE 3**



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### MONDAY

#### Child Safety Awareness

##### Initial Training

5-7 p.m. Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Two-hour initial training workshop helps participants recognize, identify and report child abuse. This class is a requirement for all law enforcement, legal, chaplains and CYSS volunteers/employees, teachers and other installation personnel whose employment requires contact with children. Call 751-6325 to register. Open to active duty, retirees, DOD civilians and qualified Family members.

### TUESDAY

#### National Prayer Breakfast

7:30 a.m., NCO Club. Chaplain (Col.) Marc Gauthier will speak on "Prayer: Your Ultimate Wireless Device." Tickets distributed through unit command sergeants major, first sergeants. For more information, call 751-1885. The event will be observed in conjunction with the National Prayer Breakfast.

#### 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](mailto:Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil).

#### Healthy Relationships

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Discussion-based class designed to foster emotionally healthy relationships. Open to Soldiers, retirees, DOD civilians and Families. Call 751-6325 for information or to register.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Veterans Resource Fair

6-8 p.m., Northeast Campus Room 105, Midlands Technical College. The event will begin with a one-hour general session on scholarships, academic programs, Veterans Administration-approved programs and Vet Success Center services. After the general session, those attending will be able to visit displays on admission, financial aid and other Midlands Tech programs.

### SATURDAY

#### Fight Night Extravaganza

6-9 p.m., Solomon Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., the event starts at 6 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, contact Mike Garcia at 803-751-7146.

### 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](mailto:Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil).

### FEB. 4

#### Stress Management

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Workshop designed to help participants manage the effects of stress. Call 751-6325 for information or to register.

### 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](mailto:Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil).

### FEB. 11

#### Exceptional Family Member Program Creative Journey

5-6 p.m., Joe E. Mann ballroom. Call 751-5256 to reserve a spot.

### FEB. 17

#### Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses

9-11:30 a.m., Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. For information, call 751-9460/5452, or contact [Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil](mailto: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 at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., dancing at 8:30 p.m. Cost \$40 (E-4s and below), \$45 (E-5s, E-6s) or \$50 (E-7s and above, civilians). Limited child care available. Tickets available from the 171st Brigade.

#### Exceptional Family Member bowling outing

4:30-6 p.m., Century Lanes. Call 751-5256 to make a reservation.

### 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.

### MARCH 1

#### Resume Writing and Interview Skills Workshop

9 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Workshop conducted by BlueCross BlueShield Human Resources Department. Excellent opportunity to network with BCBS personnel. Targeted to military spouses, but open to DOD ID card holders. To register call 80-751-9460/5256 or email [Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil).

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Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

U.S. Army Basic Combat Training Museum Director Henry Howe III explains the history of Army Basic Combat Training to visiting police officers from Erbil, Iraq, Jan. 21 during a tour of the museum. The visitors also attended a graduation at Fort Jackson that day.

# Policing from Erbil to Fort Jackson

## Iraqi cops tour Columbia, Fort Jackson

By JENNIFER STRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

When several Iraqi policemen were in Columbia, South Carolina, for a weeklong visit with the Richland County Sheriff's Department their visit brought them to Fort Jackson for a day to see what the Army does and get a short history lesson on Army Basic Combat Training.

After attending the graduation ceremony of Soldiers who had just completed Basic Combat Training, the Chief of Erbil Municipality Police in Iraq, Lt. Col. Fakhralddein Mawlood, toured the Fort Jackson Museum Thursday, with section managers of the College of Police in Erbil.

After police officers from the Midlands visited Iraq, Richland's sheriff wanted to reciprocate.

In 2010, Sheriff Leon Lott was invited by the Iraqi Police and Police College, in Erbil, to assist them in the development of their first female police academy class. The invitation from the Iraqi Police Service came as a result of the Sheriff's internationally recognized success in opening up RCSD to female deputies and other minorities.

Capt. Roxana Meetze, who visited Erbil with Lott said "I want to go back now and see how the current 200-300 females (in training) are doing over there – it's a good program."

Fort Jackson was included on the visit because the post's police department has a solid and longstanding relationship with the RCSD, who has an exchange program

with the Iraqi police in Erbil.

The ties between the post and the Iraqis go even deeper. Fort Jackson Police Chief, Ruben Santiago, who graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, with classmate Suhail, hosted the visit.

After Lt. Col. Suhail N Ola introduced the group on arrival at the museum, Henry Howe III, the museum curator, explained the history of Fort Jackson went back to 1917.

"One of the first things (new trainees) see is their drill sergeant," said Howe.

He went on to explain the red, white and blue phases of basic training here while pointing out different items on display.

"First aid is another thing we stress here," said Howe, moving on to the next section of the exhibit. "We work in a very dangerous profession and we want to make sure that we give our Soldiers every chance to survive while on the battlefield."

Suhail said the training the Erbil police get is a combination of both military skills and policing.

"We live in the middle of a war zone, that's why we think it's important for us to have mixed military and police training," said Suhail. "But one day, when we have peace, we will try to move our training to be more police (training)."

Erbil police officers "have basic training for 45 days – there's no rest (period) and they don't go home – just classroom and training," he explained.



Chief of Erbil Municipality Police, Lt. Col. Fakhralddein N. Mawlood, studies an exhibit at the Fort Jackson Basic Combat Training Museum.

**Command to cut ribbon on new headquarters Friday**

Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier, Fort Jackson commander, and Col. James Ellerson, garrison commander, will officially cut the ribbon on the post's new headquarters building Friday.

Post leadership has been operating out of the 41,700 square foot building down Jackson Boulevard from the old World War II-era building since December.

Mabry Hall incorporates both the garrison and post executive conference rooms, and the Post Conference Room, and members of all the "G-staffs."

In December, Fort Jackson's Chief of Staff for Operations Lt. Col. James Allen said the new headquarters would improve coordination between staff sections.

"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," he said.

Cloutier is scheduled to speak during ceremony.

**Tax Assistance Office to open doors next week**

Fort Jackson's Tax Assistance Office is set to open Monday. The office is located at Bldg. 4330 Magruder Ave., a block south of Strom Thurmond Boulevard. The tax office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and closes 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. daily. The office closes for all training and federal holidays. No appointments will be scheduled after 3:30 p.m. Call 751-5829 for more information or to set up an appointment.

The tax center is only open to active duty service members and by appointment only.

**TRICARE making changes to OTC coverage in Feb.**

TRICARE's over-the-counter drug coverage is here to stay. Formerly a demonstration program, the OTC benefit becomes a permanent part of the TRICARE pharmacy benefit on Feb. 1. Effective that date, TRICARE is making some changes to OTC coverage to bring it in line with other TRICARE pharmacy coverage.

Starting Feb. 1, beneficiaries must pay the usual generic copays for covered OTC drugs. OTC drug coverage will still require a prescription from their doctor. Female beneficiaries can still get Levonorgestrel Emergency contraceptive used to prevent pregnancy. Its also known as Plan B. There are no age restrictions or costs. And, you don't need a prescription (for Plan B one-step emergency contraceptive), without a copay or prescription at a network or military pharmacy.

Feb. 1 also brings a change to which drugs are available under the OTC benefit. The allergy medications Cetrizine and Loratadine were previously covered, but now the versions that contain pseudoephedrine are also covered. However, brand name Prilosec OTC is no longer covered. The generic version, Omeprazole, is still covered, as is the prescription version of Prilosec.

Visit the TRICARE Pharmacy page for more information on the TRICARE pharmacy benefit. If you have questions about whether or not one of your drugs is covered, you can always call the TRICARE pharmacy contractor, Express Scripts, at 1-877-363-1303.



Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

**Police officer Maj. Mariwan, police chief Lt. Col. Fakhraldeen N. Mawlood and police officer Lt. Col. Suhail N Ola, tour the U.S. Army Basic Combat Training Museum at Fort Jackson on Jan. 21.**

**Police**

Continued from Page 3

The students then stay in college for three years where they earn a bachelor's degree," he said.

Iraqi police training goes even deeper.

"We also have a nine-month course for students who have graduated from university and already have a bachelor's degree," said Suhail. "We have a six-month course for students who have graduated from high school – they will become commissioners, like corporals and sergeant staff majors."

Since the Erbil police also go through military training in addition to policing, a trip to Fort Jackson to learn a bit about the Army is part of the Sheriff's exchange program.

Continuing on to more historic areas displaying uniforms and weapons from Vietnam, Korea, and both world wars, the visitors easily recognized some of the weapons and Army gear from the past.

Howe then went into detail the differences between bolt-action and crew served weapons before discuss-

ing claymore mines, the evolution of anti-tank weapons and the creation of the more recent rocket propelled grenades.

The group asked questions about articles on their way through and discussed things among themselves in their native language.

"The U.S. Army actually built their police college," Meetze said.

At the end of the tour, the feedback Howe got was quite unexpected.

"It's a beautiful museum and just (now) we spoke about it," said Suhail. "We told each other when we go back we should tell our boss – send a letter to the Ministry of Interior – (recommending) that we should have a place like this at the police college."

He believes it would be helpful for visitors to have an idea how the new cadets do training and people would be able to learn about soldiers and police officers

Howe after hearing that said it was the ultimate compliment and that "we've done our job here then."

The Iraqis also visited the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy and Federal Bureau of Investigations Columbia Field Office before heading back to Erbil.



**Erbil police officer, Maj. Gov and reads about an exhibit at the U.S. Army Basic Combat Training Museum as its director, Henry Howe III, outlines the history of Army training.**



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Completing the survey will take approximately **15 minutes**.

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

**Find the survey online here:**

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



# "I BECAME A SOLDIER..."

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

## 3RD BATTALION, 60TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

### ALPHA COMPANY



**PVT. EVANGELO WERO, 19**  
Santa Fe, N.M.

"I joined the Army because I wanted to make my life better – my influence to join came from my uncle and mother."

"I learned that having a good team can make a huge difference – what I've learned about myself is if I push myself hard I can achieve a lot – and I learned a lot from my drill sergeants."

"My (military occupational specialty) is military intelligence system integrator and I think it will challenge me in many ways."

"My Family thinks my enlistment in the Army is great – they expect a lot from me and I don't want to disappoint them."

### ALPHA COMPANY



**PFC. CHRISTOPHER MORGAN, 25**  
Claremont, N.C.

"I joined the Army to make a better life for me and my son – I wanted to become a better person – my good friend Dillon Orzalli helped persuade me to join."

"Drill sergeants are always keeping us on our toes and I've learned to work as part of a team – not as an individual."

"I've pushed myself past limits I didn't know I could get to graduate."

"I chose Apache mechanic (15R) because I love to work on mechanical things and I think it would be awesome to work on helicopters."

"My drill sergeants were very knowledgeable and professional – I learned a lot."

### BRAVO COMPANY



**SGT. AUDREY BAYNOR, 25**  
San Antonio

"Other Family members influenced my decision to transition from the Air Force to the Army in hopes I can have more field involvement."

"I've learned so much about the Army and how different career fields work together to accomplish the overall mission of the Army – I've also learned what is expected of me as a non-commissioned officer."

"37F – psychological operations – is my (military occupational specialty). I chose it because I have a degree in psychology and I believe it will be pertinent to my degree"

"My family is extremely supportive of my decision." "I see myself making a career out of the Army and just continuing to be part of a phenomenal branch."

### CHARLIE COMPANY



**SPC. ZIMING MA, 30**  
Los Angeles

"My friend joined the Army a year ago – I saw him wearing that green uniform and I was jealous – I wanted to wear it too – I joined the Army because I want to be the strongest Soldier in the world and would sacrifice myself to bring peace to the world."

"Basic Combat Training is improving my teamwork because people here are from different cultures, areas, even different countries – it also gave me an opportunity to improve myself."

"My (military occupational specialty) is 68W – health care specialist – I am really interested in studying medicine – and being a Soldier too."

"My family is glad I joined the Army, which is the best organization in the world – every time I write home to tell them I am getting stronger every day, they get excited about it."

### DELTA COMPANY



**SPC. EZRA KOSKEI, 27**  
Kericho, Kenya

"I joined the Army to be a better person and I like the disciplined environment – I also wanted to be an American citizen and enjoy the American freedoms."

"I like learning tactical skills – I have learned to go forward when the going gets tough."

"Basic Combat Training has taught me about accountability and working with others to achieve a common goal."

"My (military occupational specialty) is 15G – I would like to keep the Army going by repairing aircraft to be ready when needed."

"My Family is supportive – it was tough as I am the first to join the Army – they will continue to support me in whatever I do."

"It was a one-of-a-kind experience – I am now mentally stronger and am now focusing on my physical toughness."

### FOXTROT COMPANY



**PVT. SARAH MEEKS, 19**  
Douglas, Ga.

"I joined the Army to be a better person and make my family proud."

"I think the best thing that has happened to me in Basic Combat Training is becoming confident in any challenge I face."

"My (military occupational specialty) is 91B – which is a wheeled mechanic – it will challenge me to figure out and learn different ways to accomplish things."

"My Family thinks my enlistment was the best decision I could make to help better myself."

"I look forward to traveling and new places and to learning new things about myself and the Army."

MILITARY HONORS



Photos by SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON, 108TH TRAINING COMMAND

Staff Sgt. William Baker, a drill sergeant leader with the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, and his daughter soak in the excitement at the NFL's National Football Conference championship game between the Carolina Panthers and the Arizona Cardinals.

*Carolina Panthers welcome Soldiers to playoff game*



Above left, Staff Sgt. Adam Sherwood, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Louis C. Whaley, Jr., an Advanced Individual Training platoon sergeant leader with the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, salute during the playing of the National Anthem. Above right, members of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy color guard present the colors.



Soldiers from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy at Fort Jackson are shown on the on the big screen at the Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte Jan. 24 during the NFL's National Football Conference Championship Game.

## 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](http://www.aerhq.org) or by contacting Angela Crosland at 751-5256.

### 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.

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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-TRI-

CARE (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 [vinrel.safercar.gov/vin/](http://vinrel.safercar.gov/vin/).

### 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](mailto: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.

### THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop will offer karaoke and giveaways during Valentines Week. Winter clothing will not be accepted after Feb. 23, and summer clothes will be accepted beginning March 8. The Thrift Shop is at 4713 Lee Road, in the Mini Mall. Call 803-787-2153 for information, or visit 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday or 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday. 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.

### SPORTS NEWS

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

**Through Feb. 26** – Spring sports registration. Soccer, \$25 for those ages 2 to 5, \$40 for those 6 to 16. Track and field \$40 for those 6 to 14. Travel baseball \$45 for those 9 to 14.

**Today** – Soccer letters of intent due at the sports office. League play Saturdays, February through April.

**Saturday** – Boxing smoker, Solomon Center.

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

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

■ Fort Jackson's youth soccer, track and field, and baseball teams need knowledgeable coaches willing to give up evenings and Saturdays this spring. Those interested in coaching – and having their own children play for free – may contact Darius Lane, youth sports and fitness director, at 751-7451.

## 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 Saturday at the Big Red Barn Retreat, 8034 Winnsboro Road in Blythewood. For more information, visit [www.women-veterans-interactive.org](http://www.women-veterans-interactive.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.ocsalummi.com](http://www.ocsalummi.com).



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## Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. PHONE: 751-7488

### Friday

"Alvin & the Chick Monks: The Road Chip" (PG) 7 p.m.

### Saturday January 30

"Star Wars" (PG-13) 2 p.m.  
"Concussion" (PG-13) 4:30 p.m.

### Sunday January 31

"Daddy's Home" (PG-13) 2 p.m.  
"Concussion" (PG-13) 4 p.m.

### Wednesday February 3

"Star Wars" (PG-13) 2 p.m.  
"Concussion" (PG-13) 1630

### Feb. 5

"Star Wars" (PG-13) 7 p.m.



### TICKETS

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

### 3-D TICKETS

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

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

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# 'Remember! Celebrate! Act!'

## Post celebrates legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson celebrated one of the nation's most cherished civil rights leaders – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., during a luncheon celebrating his life Jan. 22 at the NCO Club on post.

With virtually every seat filled, State Representative Bakari T. Sellers, the Voorhees Concert/Gospel Choir, and vocal artist Jayde Ryan entertained guests with the theme of "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A day on ... not a day off"

Today we "celebrate the life and legacy" of Dr. King, said Col. Milford H. Beagle Jr., commander of the 193rd Infantry Brigade.

"Dr. King had a vision we all could imagine," he said as he introduced Sellers.

Sellers is the son of civil rights activist Cleveland Sellers, and represented the 90th District in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014.

He spoke of how change is a constant in today's life.

"Close your eyes and take a deep breath," he said. "Close your eyes and remember everything from the moment you woke up ... Remember every detail because this is day everything changes if you want it."

He said there are 100 million Facebook posts, 500 million tweets every day and one of every six couples will meet online.

"The world is changing fast," he said. "The only constant you have is change."

He spoke not only of embracing change but also of protecting the fabric of society because "this bond is the fabric of communities and brings us together."

Also during the celebration, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Isom, instructor/writer at the Chaplain School, forcefully recited Dr. King's "We shall overcome" speech and the River Raiders Quintet from the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment sang the National Anthem.

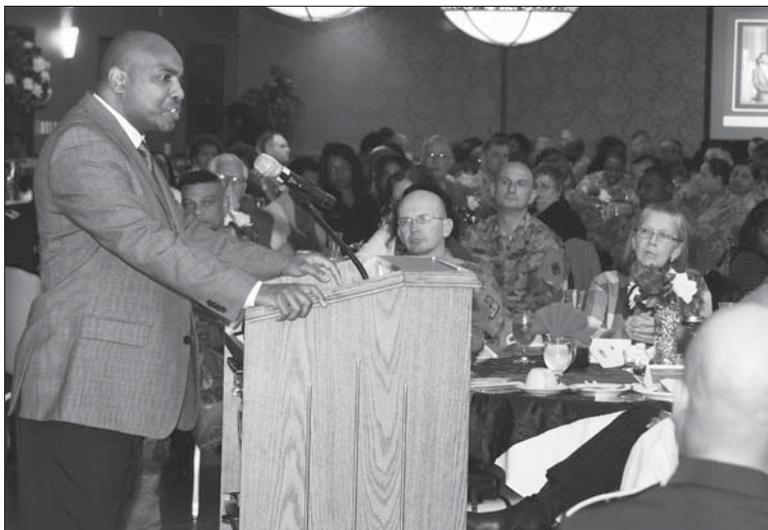


Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

**Sgt. 1st Class Robert Isom, instructor/writer at the Chaplain School, reads Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's "We shall overcome" speech during the MLK Luncheon at Fort Jackson's NCO Club, Jan. 22.**



Courtesy photo

Achilles Sauvao and Noah Best, students from C.C. Pinckney Elementary School's LEGO team, watch in anticipation as their robot traverses the course. The duo won the Judges' Award at the 2015 – 2016 FIRST LEGO League "TRASH TREK" Challenge Jan. 16 at Doby's Mill Elementary School in Lugoff, S.C.

# Rise of the Robots

## Robotics team puts its recycling skills to the test

The Fort Jackson Patriots First Lego League Team 22589 received the Judges' Award at the 2015 – 2016 First Lego League "Trash Trek" Challenge Jan. 16 at Doby's Mill Elementary School in Lugoff, South Carolina.

Achilles Sauvao and Noah Best, both C.C. Pinckney Elementary School students, were competing in their initial First Lego League competition that happened to be part of the Columbia Area Qualifier, Official Qualifying Tournament.

Gregg Taylor, the team's coach and inspiration, said he was "electrified watching those two kids jumping out of their seats, running forward to receive (the award) and lapping the crowd with award in-hand."

Taylor was proud his students' "accepted the challenge and exhibited the confidence in what they have learned to go forward, so others may follow."

The audience was very appreciative of their efforts and courage to compete among teams with numerous participants, he added.

Taylor said the support of Families, schoolmates and the Fort Jackson community helped prepare his students for the competition.

The FJ Patriots Team 22589 entertained

questions from the panels of judges in three separate qualifying sessions, before entering the robot competition area.

"They spoke for themselves, while I told the event organizers, judges and staff of their experience, the attrition on the team and their determination," Taylor said.

Once in the pit, they introduced their robot named CCPAN (pronounced "Seepan," because the second "C" is silent) to everyone that gathered to witness the robots hitting the bricks.

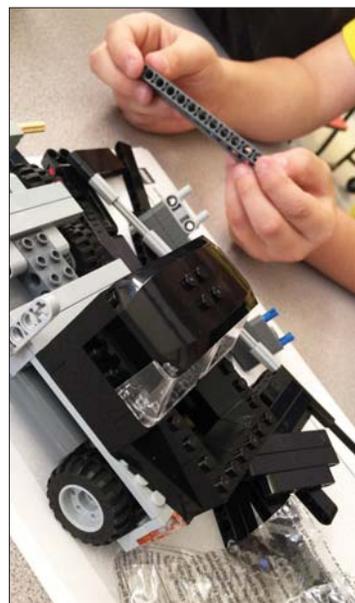
During the competition each team had its robots go through three timed rounds side by side against other teams.

Once a team pressed the start button, its robots navigated a course and performed various missions autonomously.

The judges recognized the efforts and diligence that the FJ Patriots Team 22589 put in to embrace and symbolize the First Lego League, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math initiatives in our schools during the closing ceremonies.

Taylor said he is proud of the competitors.

"The teams are truly rock stars in a new era that incorporates robotics as a competitive event to cultivate young minds and solutions."



File photo

A C.C. Pinckney Elementary School student helps construct one of the First Lego League team robots during a December practice session.

## New application process for 4k child development classes

The Richland Two Center for Child Development is holding community meetings to help parents with the application process for 4K Child Development Classes. All of the following meetings begin at 6 p.m.:

- Tonight at Richland Two Conference Center at Columbia Place Mall
- Feb. 1, 2016 at Conder Elementary

- Feb. 4, 2016 at Killian Elementary

A parent of a child 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 should attend one of the meetings to begin the application process. The parent must bring the child's long-form birth certificate and immunization certificate; three proofs of residence (such as utility bill, lease/mortgage, phone bill, etc.); and proof of income (last two pay stubs or W2). Applications can be completed and turned in at the meeting or submitted by Feb. 26. Parents also will schedule a screening appointment for their child with a child development teacher at the meeting.

Richland Two offers free 4K Child Development Classes to students who qualify based on developmental readiness, free- or reduced-price meal status or other risk factors. Child development classes are held at the Center for Child Development, previously known as Clemson Road Child Development, located at 2621-A Clemson Road on the campus of Killian Elementary School, as well as at all elementary schools throughout the district. Students attend their zoned elementary school. Bus transportation may be provided to the zoned school if there are available spaces on school buses.

For more information please visit the district's website at [www.richland2.org](http://www.richland2.org) or contact Debbie Brady or Quinne Evans at 803-699-2536.





## Pennywise entertainment

FMWR Director Dan Ahern, above, waits for 'bail' Jan. 22 at the CYSS Penny Carnival. More than 500 people, the majority of them children, attended the event to take part in a variety of games and activities, none of which cost more than a penny each. The carnival had a western theme and the games and crafts ranged from tossing rings on cactus arms to panning for gold and making multicolored sand-filled tiny plastic cowboy boots. The 'sheriff' also rounded up several 'wanted' people and put them in jail for 2 minutes. The roundup total was 4,276 pennies.

*Courtesy photos*



## Story time with BOSS

Volunteers with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program spent the evening of Jan. 14 reading to children at the Thomas Lee Hall Library. The BOSS program is designed to enhance the morale and welfare of single Soldiers, increase retention and sustain combat readiness. BOSS volunteers plan to continue reading to children from 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month.

*Courtesy photos*



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

## Visiting dignitaries

**Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier, Fort Jackson commander, speaks to Benedict College President Dr. David H. Swinton at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy Jan. 22. Cloutier escorted Swinton and a group from the college around Fort Jackson to give them a better understanding of what goes on around post.**

## The Exchange program honors military families

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will continue its Because of You program in 2016, expanding it to honor not only service members but also their families.

“Military families deal with unique challenges, including stress from deployments and frequent moves,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, the Exchange’s senior enlisted advisor. “The focus of the Because of You program for 2016 allows the Exchange to express gratitude for not only the sacrifices of active-duty service members, but also military spouses and children.”

The Exchange launched Because of You in 2015, using monthly contests to reward authorized shoppers while saluting the military through themes that honored active-duty service members. Last year, the Exchange and vendor partners awarded more than \$175,000 in prizes, including Exchange gift cards, trips, MILITARY STAR® card statement credits and more.

In 2016, the program will continue to honor service members while celebrating the contributions of the military family. Themes will focus on military spouses, children, parents, veterans—and even pets. The Exchange is planning several contests throughout the year to support the program, with the first contest expected to kick off in April.

“The sacrifices of service members and their families all over the world are inspiring,” Applegate said. “They are true American heroes, and this program is one small way the Exchange can say ‘thank you’ and give back to them. The Exchange looks forward to honoring troops and families throughout the year.”

# HONORS

## Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



**Staff Sgt.**  
**Juan C. Salgado**  
Alpha Company  
3rd Battalion,  
60th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Piotr W. Drwal

**STUDENT LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Gregg S. Edwards



**Sgt. First Class**  
**Kyle D. Cox**  
Bravo Company  
3rd Battalion,  
60th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Samuel D. Bunn

**STUDENT LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Laura A. Ciavarro



**Staff Sgt.**  
**Carolyn Bailey**  
Charlie Company  
3rd Battalion,  
60th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Jessica Johnson

**STUDENT LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Rebecca Howe



**Staff Sgt.**  
**James Smitson**  
Delta Company  
3rd Battalion,  
60th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. James Swanson

**STUDENT LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Lauren Hanson



**Staff Sgt.**  
**Dion Parker**  
Foxtrot Company,  
3rd Battalion,  
60th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Ojeda A. Brown

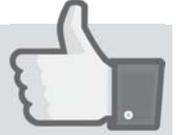
**STUDENT LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. LeLande Hemgren



**DRILL SERGEANT  
OF THE CYCLE**  
**Sgt. 1st. Class**  
**Derrick Powell**  
Alpha Co.  
Task Force Marshall  
171st Infantry Brigade



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# 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

## ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

**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**, 4581 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681  
**Memorial Chapel**, 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324  
**U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School**, 10100 Lee Road, 751-8887  
**Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion)**, 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

## 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.



*Photo by DAVID SHANES*

## **January retirees**

Post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier and Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian flank retirees and their spouses at a ceremony in the post theater Tuesday. Retirees were Maj. James D. Steven, Capt. Raygan C. France, Capt. Roger W. France Jr., Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jeffrey Gordon, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Langston D. Tuff, Sgt. Maj. Daniel Sanchez Jr., Master Sgt. John A. Francis, Sgt. 1st Class Michael T. Lee, Sgt. 1st Class Alicia Pena, Sgt. 1st Class Chaka L. Green and Staff Sgt. Bryan T. Bass.

## Recycling champs

One of the awardees, Staff Sgt. Evelyn Romero, the S4 (logistics) with 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, shows off the two awards the battalion won for recycling at an environmental awards ceremony at the post headquarters building Jan. 27. Awards are given to those units that recycle the most material. Fourth quarter winners: Moncrief, \$1,225 (Large Units); 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, \$1,200 (BCT Units); and Victory College, \$250 (Other Units). First quarter winners were: 120th Adjutant General Battalion, \$1,280 (Large Units); 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, \$800 (BCT Units); and Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Jackson (\$380 (Other Units)).

Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE



## Guard assists blizzard cleanup

Army News Service

More than 2,200 National Guard personnel, from 11 states and the District of Columbia, assisted first responders and residents beleaguered by Jonas, a massive winter storm that hit the mid-Atlantic, Jan. 22-23.

Governors called out the National Guard after declaring states of emergency in Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

In Maryland, 535 Guard personnel were deployed to assist local authorities. Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's office stated 212 Guard vehicles were ready to respond to incidents of coastal flooding along the lower Eastern Shore and to assist local law enforcement with transportation, evacuation, distribution of supplies, road clearing, search and rescue, aircraft support, medical evacuations, and sheltering assistance.

That type of assistance was typical in many of the other states that were affected by the storm.

Guard Soldiers reportedly assisted in saving at least two lives in Virginia. They also transported essential medical supplies, towed fire trucks stuck in the snow and conducted health and welfare checks.

A Jan. 24 National Weather Service bulletin reported two feet or more of snow in portions of New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.