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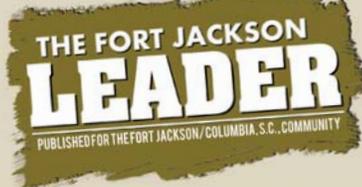
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ON THE COVER

Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Fort Benning's Ala Hernandez goes toe-to-toe with West Point cadet Briana Dorsey during last weekend's Fight Night Extravaganza at the Solomon Center. **SEE PAGES 12-13**



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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 last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

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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. 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.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Services will take place at 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel, 4500 Scales Ave., and at 11:45 a.m. at the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center at 10100 Lee Road.

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.

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.

FEB. 26

African American History Month celebration

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Fort Jackson NCO Club. The guest speaker for the post's annual African American/Black History Month Observance is Bobby Donaldson, faculty principal of Preston Residential College and director of Columbia SC 63: Our Story Matters, a documentary history initiative that chronicles the struggle for civil rights and social justice in South Carolina.

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.

Healthy Relationships

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

AER Kickoff Luncheon

The Army Emergency Relief kickoff luncheon will take place 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NCO Club. The cost is

MARCH 2

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MARCH 3

Stress Management Class

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.

MARCH 7

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. Certificates of completion will be provided upon completion. Call 751-6325 to register. Open to active duty, retirees, DOD civilians and qualified Family members.

MARCH 9

S.C. Midlands Job Fair

9-11:30 a.m. Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, S.C. More than 75 employers will be participating in the job fair. Jobseekers are not required to register for the event.



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Can you DIG IT?

Recent floods lead to archaeological discovery on post

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

The October floods, which wreaked havoc on the Midlands, damaged one historical site and uncovered a fresh one at the McCrady Training Center on Fort Jackson.

The flooding washed out numerous bridges and roads making them impassable. However, erosion unearthed a historical treasure in the soil here.

Workers were recently surveying the damaged Colonels Creek Road Bridge, when they noticed something in a pool of water. The high water had washed out part of the road, but uncovered a historical wooden structure buried two to three feet beneath the road.

Bryan Hall, McCrady's conservation manager, said it was difficult at first to see what it was until the water receded – every time they thought they had the water out more would come bubbling up.

They found wood beams crisscrossing each other and fixed with iron spikes aligned in the direction of the road forming either a roadway or a bridge.

Jason Moser, the South Carolina Army National Guard's cultural resource manager, said it appeared as if it was part of more than a century-old road system.

It appeared to him to be more likely a plank road or part of a bridge and not a corduroy road. A plank road is created by placing flat planks across the road that were fixed to larger beams on either side of the road. A corduroy road is created by placing round logs or beams across the road.

Corduroying roads allowed Union Army Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman to move rapidly across the Carolinas and Georgia during the Civil War.

The site, which Moser said appears to be from the 1890s, is interesting because it can help archeologists understand how the structures were engineered based on the nail patterns in the wood.

Just finding anything at all was lucky.

“ I think it has been here quite a while, I think it traveled all the way to Winnsboro.

— **Jason Moser**
South Carolina Army National Guard's cultural resource manager

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Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Jacob Chardt, an intern, slowly uncovers more of a wooden structure dating from the late 1800s unearthed by the October flooding. Using a trowel and a small brush, he painstakingly removes soil from each wooden beam. The high water has damaged some historical sites at the McCrady Training Center on Fort Jackson, while uncovering others.



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Col. Morris Goins, Fort Jackson chief of staff, left, and Col. James Ellerson, Fort Jackson garrison commander, congratulate Winnie Tataw on being selected as the Boys & Girls Club of Fort Jackson's 2015 Youth of the Year. Tataw is a 15-year-old sophomore from Westwood High School in Columbia.

Post club announces top youth

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

After school some children play sports while others hang out on the streets with friends. But there are those who spend time with a surrogate family – the Boys & Girls Clubs of America – where they are encouraged to reach their full potential and become caring, responsible citizens.

Boys & Girls Clubs annually serve more than 4 million young people in more than 4,000 facilities worldwide.

For 12 Fort Jackson youths, their efforts to be upstanding members of society were recognized during a ceremonial dinner Jan. 28.

“This is Christmas for me every year,” said the group’s director as he prepared to announce Fort Jackson’s top youth. James Anderson, leader of the post’s chapter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, was at the mic when the 2015 Youth of the Year was announced.

Winnie Tataw, the organization’s Youth of the Month for October 2015, was all smiles after being crowned Fort Jackson’s top youth.

‘I have lots of fun and have amazing

experiences with tons of different people,” Tataw, a 15-year-old sophomore from Westwood High School, said about the BGC.

The youths were recommended by Youth Services staff, Anderson said.

The candidates were screened thoroughly with judges looking at their home and family life, moral character, community activities, school achievements, service to the club, life goals, obstacles they overcame, written essays, and poise during interviews and public speaking.

Col. James Ellerson, Fort Jackson’s garrison commander, said he was proud of the youths’ efforts even if they didn’t win.

Ellerson, and Col. Morris Goins, post chief of staff, handed out plaques and posed with each youth before honoring Tataw.

“We are all winners here,” Ellerson said proudly after handing Tataw a plaque. “In this day and time, many of you have chosen to make a decision that youths of today don’t normally do; that is being a part of something bigger than yourself. You may not see it now, but as you get older it will make your life much easier.

“As soon as you see it’s about us as a team; us as an organization; and us as a unit you will go a long way,” he said. “You already made that decision early on and I really am proud of each and every last one of you.

“When I was coming in, a young man stopped me and said, ‘Thank you for your service.’ I told him, ‘No, thank you’” because the military allows you to do “what you are doing right now.”

“Don’t let anyone tell you the sky’s not the limit,” he concluded.

Ellerson wasn’t the only adult extolling the club’s virtues at the event. Author and inspirational speaker Brooks Harper, who was a Boys & Girls Club member as a child, told the youths to make sure they keep working hard to do the right things.

“Your name is the most valuable thing you have,” said Brooks, who joined the Club as a 9-year-old and was named South Carolina’s Youth of the Year in 1985. Your name is a brand and can take you places, “It is the most important thing you are.”

Brooks, a member of the board of directors for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands, has parlayed his reputation as a strong and engaging speaker into being

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— Col. James Ellerson
Fort Jackson garrison commander

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asked to speak based on his reputation.

James Brown, who is the first to say he’s not the “Godfather of Soul” but the vice president of community development and outreach, said the Youth of the Year competition allows young people to “show us what they have done.”

Tataw will represent Fort Jackson in the South Carolina Youth of the Year competition in Columbia, South Carolina in February.



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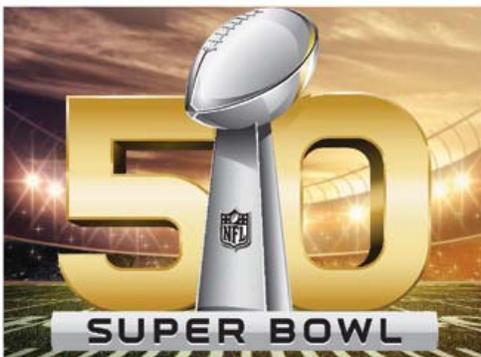
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Come on out and help us celebrate Fat Tuesday with half price appetizers from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Try our famous wings or sample one of our other great menu items. Don't forget to top it off with a brownie sundae!

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All beer and house liquor is half price from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

Family & MWR DART LEAGUE



At Magruders Club & Pub
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League play will be every Thursday, at 5:30 p.m., beginning Feb 18.

Free and open to all DoD ID cardholders.

Letter of Intent for teams due by Thursday, Feb 11.

For more info, please call 751-8313 or 751-0891.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

Family & MWR Fitness Presents

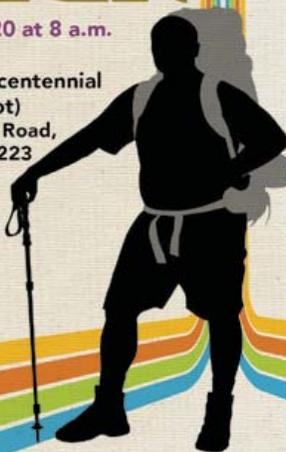
Black History Month TRAIL WALK

Saturday, Feb 20 at 8 a.m.

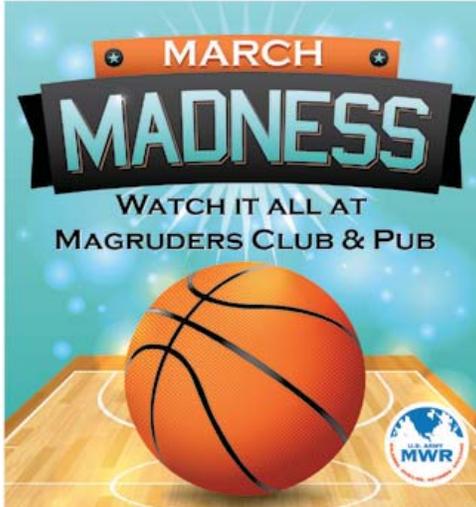
Meet at Sesquicentennial Park (parking lot)
9564 Two Notch Road,
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Park admission is only \$3.00!

For more info, call 751-3700.



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MARCH MADNESS

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BLACK LIGHT BOWLING

Friday, Feb 6 (8:30 - 11p.m.) at Century Lanes
4464 Gregg Street, Fort Jackson, SC • 751-6138

\$10 per person Includes unlimited bowling, shoe rental, and entry for prize drawing.





Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Rise and shine

Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier, Fort Jackson commander, thanks Chap. (Col.) Marc Gauthier, TRADOC chaplain for speaking during the 2016 Fort Jackson National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 2, at the NCO Club. The annual event occurs every February, and involves speakers who are invited to share encouraging words of faith.

Mentors seek ‘lollipop moments’

By JESSICA RYAN
U.S. Army Installation Management Command

Karen Perkins, human resources director of U.S. Army Installation Management Command, posed an intriguing question to 43 mentors and 36 mentees as they met in-person for the first time during the Headquarters Centralized Mentoring Program orientation January 12 at the College of the Installation Management on Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.

She asked: “Did you know that you could have a big impact on someone’s life without even realizing it?” then showed them a video entitled “TEDxToronto – Drew Dudley ‘Leading with Lollipops.’”

Dudley, the video’s speaker, told a story about the remarkable impression he left on a college peer after he persuaded another student to give her a lollipop during a campus registration event.

“How many of you guys have a lollipop moment, a moment where someone said something or did something that you feel fundamentally made your life better?” said Dudley.

“We need to redefine leadership as being about lollipop moments, how many of them we create, how many of them we acknowledge, how many of them we pay forward, and how many of them we say thank you for.”

The command’s mentoring program provides an opportunity for employees to find and give those lollipop moments. It is designed to build the bench for junior to mid-level civilian employees to become future leaders and future

mentors that influence and shape the future workforce.

“The year-long program is comprised of unique developmental experiences,” explained Amanda Rodriguez of IMCOM G1’s Workforce Development team. “It includes an orientation phase and a job-shadow week, then culminates in a group project capstone event—all of which are aimed at building a multi-skilled and adaptive workforce.”

New to the program this year is an active-duty Soldier pairing, according to Perkins.

Sgt. Maj. Lon Culbreath, of IMCOM G1, agreed to mentor Sgt. 1st Class Sherri Queen, a detachment sergeant at U.S. Army Garrison Japan, after reviewing her application. Although the program was initially opened to only civilian employees, the IMCOM G1 staff believed that active-duty Soldiers assigned to the command should participate.

“We all have a common mission to take care of Soldiers, Families and civilians,” said Culbreath. “As we move forward into the future, it’s important that we [Soldiers and civilians] are integrated together.”

Even though the pair are stationed in different countries, they plan to regularly communicate through phone and email.

Culbreath’s focus will be developing Queen’s promotion eligibility for her next grade. She hopes to eventually become a sergeant major like him.

“I think it’s critical for senior noncommissioned officers to have a mentor who can show them the path to achieving their goals,” said Culbreath. “There are certain steps that she needs to get done in order to accomplish those goals, and I’m excited to help her reach them.”



Fort Jackson’s Tax Assistance Center is located at Building 4330 Magruder Ave., a block south of Strom Thurmond Boulevard.

Post tax center is open

Fort Jackson’s Tax Assistance Center opened Monday. The office, located at Building 4330 Magruder Ave., a block south of Strom Thurmond Boulevard, 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 center is only open to active duty Service members and by appointment only.

On-post sports activities

Fort Jackson’s Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s sports division is currently in the middle of its Pre-Season Basketball Tournament. Games are held at Coleman Gym, 6:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m., and 8:10 p.m. with the championship game scheduled for Feb. 16.

Other upcoming events include intramural and recreational soccer, and a dart league. Letters of Intent for those wishing to participate in soccer are due to the FMWR Sports Office by 3 p.m. today, with play starting Feb. 20 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. The Sports Office is also looking for LOI’s for the upcoming dart league set to begin at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Magruder’s Pub and Club.

The Healing Hearts 5K will begin at 8 a.m. Feb. 20 at Semmes Lake. To register visit the MWR website. Runners can register between 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. the day of the event.

Officials interested in participating in the ASA Softball Clinic March 12 are asked to call 803-751-3096 for more information or to sign up.

Fort Jackson will honor St. Patrick Day with a 5K run March 12. The St. Paddy’s Day 5K is set to start at 8 a.m.





"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, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

ALPHA COMPANY



PFC. ALEXANDRA BRANSON, 21
St. Cloud, Minn.

"I joined the Army to better my life. I had major influences when it came to my decision – my father who was a presidential guard in the Navy, my Boppy who was a major in the Army, and my mother who always told me I could do whatever I set my mind to."

"I have learned a lot in these 10 weeks – I work very well under pressure, even when I think I can't do it anymore."

"My Family is very proud of me but were nervous about me enlisting. My little brother, Hunter, tells me all the time how proud he is of me and he can't wait to join the military like his big sister."

"Basic training is a mental game – as long as you listen and you are in the right place, right time, right uniform – you will be just fine."

BRAVO COMPANY



SPC. JONG KIL KIM, 22
Seoul, South Korea

"My dad served in the Special Forces (of the Republic of Korea Army as a 1st Lieutenant and as a child, he told me amazing things about the Army and being a Soldier."

"I always wanted to serve in the military. After graduating from college, I decided to join the U.S. Army to eventually become a dental officer and serve the country."

"I enjoyed Basic Combat Training a lot. I learned how to stay disciplined and live the Army values at all times and to be a team member."

"Both of my parents and my sister are proud I am defending this country."

"I honestly had a blast in Basic Combat Training and I can't wait to see what is ahead of me in my military career."

CHARLIE COMPANY



PVT. ERIC MOLINA, 26
Fairfax, Va.

"(I joined the Army because of) the desire to serve my country and to improve myself."

"I have greatly improved my ability to adapt to any situation that I should find myself in. Sharing this experience with all my battle buddies has been awesome because we have overcome everything together."

"I am a 25N (nodal network systems operator-maintainer) and I hope it will keep expanding my horizons and my potential and by putting all my effort in it, I will have a great career in the military."

"My Family is proud of me because I am the first one to join the military."

"The experience has been excellent – challenging, but rewarding."

DELTA COMPANY



PVT. BRYANA STEELE, 19
Hampton, Va.

"(I joined the Army to help my mother and better my political career because all my life, my mom worked for me and I want to repay her. I also want to be Attorney General for the U.S.A. one day."

"(The good thing about Basic Combat training is) the people – from my battle buddies to my drill sergeants – I've met so many people from all over and learned so much. I'm grateful for the experience."

"I am a 25B information technology specialist. I think it will challenge me because I know nothing about communications."

"My Family loves (my enlisting) even though I have a Navy family. They're still proud that I'm willing to serve my country at a young age."

ECHO COMPANY



PFC. CHANEL POWELL, 19
Kericho, Kenya

"Joining the Army was a decision I made to help better my life. I believed I would gain skills and knowledge that would be put to use to help my family and my country."

"I learned that I am resilient, I am strong and that I am motivated. I have the potential to do anything. Being in the Army is about being part of a team – you work together and win together."

"I am a 27D – paralegal. It will be a lot of long nights studying but I chose it because I love law. Being a paralegal offers me opportunities to grow in both the civilian world as well as being able to work under and learn from JAGs."

"My Family is so supportive of this decision (to join the Army) and I'm so thankful for their support every day I'm here."

ECHO COMPANY



PVT. JOSEPH MONREAL, 19
San Ramon, Calif.

"I chose to join the Army because I wanted to better myself as a person and also to get a college education."

"There have been many good things about Basic Combat Training – I learned how to correctly shoot a rifle, land navigation, how to work better in teams and that I can push myself farther than I ever have before."

"I chose 42A (as my military occupational specialty) which is a human resource specialist. I chose this job because in the civilian world there are many big corporations looking (to hire) for that position."

"My Family is very proud that I joined the Army. I'm the first in my family to do so."

"My experience so far in the Army has been difficult but very fun. I see myself being successful in the Army – becoming a better Soldier than I am now."

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

MONTH



A CENTURY OF BLACK LIFE, HISTORY AND CULTURE

Throughout America's history, from the Battle of Lexington to the Battle for Fallujah, black Soldiers have honorably answered the call to duty, serving with great valor and distinction in America's armed forces.

Each February, the U.S. Army celebrates and pays tribute to African American Soldiers and recognizes the important contributions they have made in past wars and are continuing to make today in overseas contingency operations.

Throughout the month, The Leader will highlight their accomplishments during different times in the Army.

1770: CRISPUS ATTUCKS

On March 5, 1770, Crispus Attucks and several other patriots from Boston protested the British curbing of civil liberties in their Massachusetts colony.

During a scuffle with British soldiers, Attucks and several others were shot and killed. Although independence had not yet been officially declared, many consider Attucks the first American casualty of the Revolutionary War.

The Boston Massacre greatly helped to foster colonists' spirit of independence from Great Britain. More than 5,000 blacks — both slaves and free — would later take up the cause and fight for America's independence. Unfortunately, freedom for most of them would have to wait.

Fort Jackson's African American History Month celebration

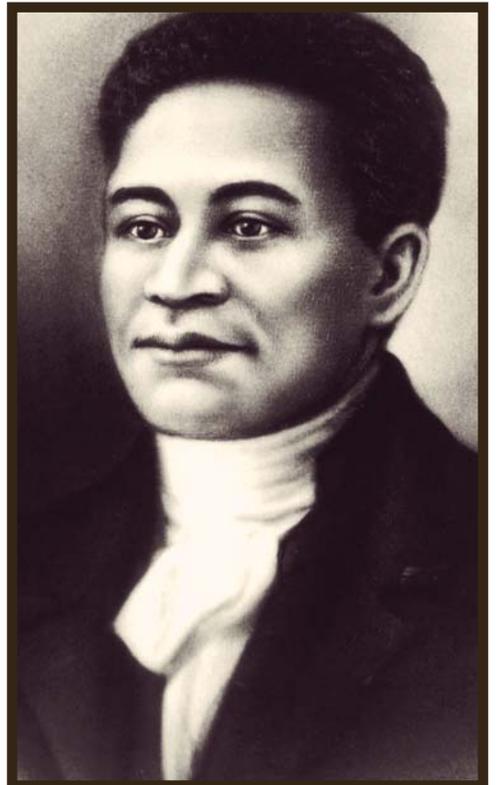
The post's annual African American/Black History Month Observance takes place 11:30 a.m., Feb. 26, at the Fort Jackson NCO Club. The guest speaker for the event is Bobby Donaldson, faculty principal of Preston Residential College and director of **Columbia SC 63: Our Story Matters**, a documentary history initiative that chronicles the struggle for civil rights and social justice in South Carolina.

1775-1783: AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Thousands of black Soldiers, both slaves as well as free, from all 13 colonies fought in the Continental Army during America's war for independence from Great Britain. Many also served in state militias.

Black Soldiers served in every major battle of the war, mostly in integrated units. A notable exception was America's first all-black unit, the 1st Rhode Island Regiment. The regiment defeated three assaults by the British during the battle for Rhode Island in 1778 and later participated in the victory at Yorktown in 1781.

About 20 percent of the tens of thousands of blacks who served were manumitted — freed from slavery — as a result of their service.



A speculative portrait of American patriot Crispus Attucks, who was among the people killed in 1770 by British troops in the Boston Massacre.

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.

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/.

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.

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.

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.

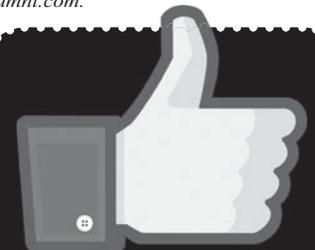
EVENTS OFF POST

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.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.ocsa-lumni.com.

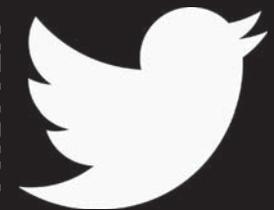


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Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. PHONE: 751-7488

Friday

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

Saturday

"Joy" (PG-13) 2 p.m.

"Daddy's Home" (PG-13) 4:30 p.m.

Sunday

"Hateful Eight" (R) 1 p.m.

"Alvin & The Chipmunks: The Road Chip" (PG) 4:30 p.m.

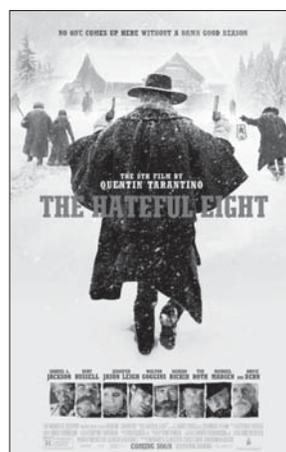
Wednesday

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

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

Feb. 12

"The Hateful Eight" (R) 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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'Stroll' on in

Joe E. Mann building reserves parking places for new mothers

By **JENNIFER STRIDE**
Fort Jackson Leader

Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Child, Youth and School Services employee Cindy Andre-Noel realized that it was difficult – if not dangerous – for parents with strollers to traverse multiple sets of concrete steps that descend from the main parking lot to the front doors of their offices in the Joe E. Mann building on Fort Jackson.

Dan Ahern, FMWR director said in addition to survey comments, he had witnessed mothers taking their baby's lives into their own hands navigating those flights of stairs with a stroller.

Andre-Noel, outreach services director for CYSS, decided to do something about it and spoke to Ahern about the possibility of reserving a few of the parking spaces on the ground level of the building – Magruder Avenue side – just for those with strollers.

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We needed to figure out another entrance where moms with strollers didn't need to worry about the steps.

— **Cindy Andre-Noel**
CYSS outreach services director

need to worry about the steps," said Andre-Noel.

Parking in those spaces allows parents and children to exit their vehicles and get their strollers situated safely on a sidewalk – with no steps – leading into the building.

"Everyone on post with children in the CYSS program must visit the Joe E. Mann office to register their little ones, and quite a few of them use strollers," said Andre-Noel.

The idea was approved and new and clearly marked signs have been put in place either identifying 'Families with strollers' parking spots, or letting patrons know where those parking spaces are.



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

New signs are posted in the main parking lot of the Joe E. Mann center, informing Families with strollers going to CYSS that assigned spaces are available on the ground level off Magruder Avenue.

Command cuts ribbon on new HQ

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Col. Mark Shade, Fort Jackson's deputy commander, and Col. James Ellerson Jr., garrison commander cut the ribbon to officially open the post's new headquarters building during a ceremony Friday. The building, located on Jackson Boulevard, is a few blocks down from the World War II-era building the command used to call home.

The post headquarters is named after Maj. Gen. George L. Mabry Jr., who earned the Medal of Honor in World War II. The building was initially opened in June 1995, and once housed the Fort Jackson non-commissioned officer academy.

"After more than 75 years of residing in the previous headquarters down the street, it was time to move from a facility that, though it was full of character and near to hearts of many ... was simply not efficient and was deteriorating," said Shade, moments before cut-

ting the ribbon with Ellerson.

Mabry was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during an attack on Nov. 20, 1944, in the Hurtgen Forest in Germany.

The ribbon cutting signaled an end to the post's efforts to move most of the command and control functions into one building. While the different sections moved into the 41,000 square foot building in December, planning for the move had taken years.

After a "lot of work by a lot of people" the order to move buildings was published Nov. 14, 2014.

"Today we celebrate this much more modern facility which enables more operational efficiency," Shade said.

In December, Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Kassza, with the post's G-3 Current Operations section, marveled at how much easier the building makes his job. Instead of traveling around to coordinate taskings he is now able to "just walk down the hall and knock on their door."



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Col. Mark Shade, Fort Jackson deputy commander, and Col. James Ellerson Jr, garrison commander, cut the ribbon officially opening the post's new headquarters building Jan. 29.



Fort Benning's Logan Burns takes a moment for prayer moments before his fight with West Point's Anders Frieberg.

RED VS BLUE

FIGHTERS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY GATHER ON POST FOR BOXING SMOKER

Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE



Fort Benning's Ala Hernandez connects with West Point cadet Briana Dorsey during their three-round bout last weekend.



West Point's Michael Garrett, red, tosses a punch at the head of Fort Bragg's Joshua Dogma.



Fort Jackson's Matthew Hall, red, and Fort Benning's Jose Haro trade punches in the first post-halftime bout on Saturday night.



West Point's Richelle Radcliff dodges a jab thrown by Fort Drum's Gabrielle Daniels during Saturday night's Fight Night Extravaganza at the Solomon Center. Thousands of Soldiers gathered on post for the event, bringing skills from such places as the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Drum, N.Y., Fort Benning, Ga., Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Fort Jackson.

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Pentagon sets maternity leave at 12 weeks

By **LISA FERNANDINO**
Defense Media Activity

The Defense Department is increasing military maternity leave and instituting other changes in an effort to support military Families, improve retention and strengthen the force of the future, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said today.

Women across the joint force can now take 12 weeks of fully-paid maternity leave, Carter told reporters at the Pentagon. The 12-week benefit is double the amount of time for paid maternity leave from when he became defense chief nearly a year ago, he noted.

“This puts DOD in the top tier of institutions nationwide and will have significant influence on decision-making for our military Family members,” Carter said.

While being an incentive for attracting and retaining talent, the secretary said, the benefit also promotes the health and wellness of mothers through facilitating recovery and promoting feeding and bonding with the infant.

“Our calculation is quite simple – we want our people to be able to balance two of the most solemn commitments they can ever make: a commitment to serve their country and a commitment to start and support a Family,” he said.

The announcement builds on previously announced initiatives on strengthening the force of the future, he said. Those previous reforms, he added, included opening all remaining combat occupations to women.

Parental leave, support for new parents

The maternity leave decision applies to all service

members in the active-duty component and to reserve-component members serving in a full-time status or on definite active-duty recall or mobilization orders in excess of 12 months.

The 12 weeks is less than the Navy’s decision last year to institute 18 weeks of fully-paid maternity leave, Carter noted. Sailors and Marines, who currently are pregnant or who become pregnant within 30 days of the enactment of the policy, can still take the full 18 weeks of paid leave, he said.

To better support new mothers when they return to work, Carter said, he is requiring that a mothers’ room be made available in every DOD facility with more than 50 women. In addition, the Defense Department is seeking legislation to expand military paternity leave from the current 10-day leave benefit to a 14-day noncontinuous leave benefit, he said.

Increasing hours of military child care

The Defense Department subsidizes child care on military installations to ensure its affordability, Carter said. However, he added, military Families often have to use outside providers because the hours at military child care facilities do not align with the work schedules of service members.

With those challenges in mind, the Defense Department is increasing child care access to 14 hours of the day across the force, he said.

“By providing our troops with child care they can rely on from before Reveille until after Taps, we provide one more reason for them to stay on board,” he said. “We show

them that supporting a Family and serving our country are by no means incompatible goals.”

Remain at current location with obligations

Carter noted that military members might want to stay at their current location for a variety of Family-related reasons, such as wanting to remain near relatives, be close to a medical facility that specializes in care needed for a child with a medical condition, or have a child finish out the same high school.

When the needs of the force permit, the secretary said, commanders will be empowered to make reasonable accommodations to allow service members to remain, in exchange for an additional service obligation.

Greater flexibility in Family planning

The military asks its men and women to make incomparable sacrifices, Carter said, potentially putting them in situations where they could suffer injuries that would prevent them from having children in the future.

Taking into account the tremendous sacrifices military members make, the Defense Department will cover the cost of freezing sperm or eggs through a pilot program for active-duty service members, Carter said.

The department also is looking at how it can provide reproductive technologies like In Vitro Fertilization to a wider population, he said. Currently, the DOD provides reduced-cost treatment at six locations.

These benefits provide the force greater confidence about their future, and they allow greater flexibility for starting a Family, Carter said.



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Jason D. Moser explains how Jacob Chardt is slowly uncovering an wooden structure believed to be a plank road. Once the structure has been recorded it will be covered up again with soil to protect it.

Discovery

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“It’s an industrial site, or tends to be, so we are not expecting to find more than the timbers themselves, which is sort of unusual because typically the things you find in the ground rot away really quickly,” Moser said.

“The wet conditions, and anaerobic conditions underneath the road and the clay have probably preserved the timber.”

“It looks like part of a transportation system,” Moser said. “I think it has been here quite a while, I think it traveled all the way to Winnsboro.”

The group lead by Moser is “recording what we have found and we are exposing a little bit more of it. We will map it and carefully cover it back over with soil” so it can be smoothed over as soon as possible, he said.

An early 19th-century mill located a few hundred feet from the new site wasn’t treated as kindly by the floods.

“What has been here before has been washed away and up into the tree line,” said James Spirek, the Palmetto State’s Underwater Archeologist. “The water has been very forceful here.”

The site, originally discovered in 1992,

was found so mangled by the force of water the South Carolina National Guard asked for Spirek and his team to help assess the damage.

Spirek and members of his team waded through waist deep water to measure the length of timbers along both sides of a creek, all while balancing on slippery wet logs beneath the water.

All that is left of the site are some logs running underwater across the stream and along the water’s edge. Other logs with holes used to hold the structure together were in the tree line creekside.

To fashion the mill together, trunnels (wooden dowels) were driven into the wood, Spirek said. “Nails would rust in the water, but the wood would expand in the water making a tight seal.”

He said they were going to compare their measurements to those taken over 20 years ago to determine the extent of the mill’s damage.

The mill site ground corn or perhaps flour, he said, maybe even timber.

“But what type of community that was around it is a mystery.”

Fort Jackson and McCrady Training Center staff continue to survey the damage caused by the flooding. The full extent of the damage to firebreaks and trails won’t be known for some time.



Dan Brown, a member of the survey team, compares his notes to figures gathered in 1992 when the mill site was first discovered.

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

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GATE 2

Open around the clock daily.

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GATE 5

Open 5-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.
Closed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Alpha Company
3rd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.
Jonathan Parker**
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3rd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment



**Staff Sgt.
Mariluna Garcia**
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13th Infantry Regiment



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Douglas Wise**
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**Staff Sgt.
Aaron Trimble**
Echo Company
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History

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1778-1781: 1ST RHODE ISLAND REGIMENT

In July 1778, the 1st Rhode Island Regiment, the first all-black military unit in America, was assembled into service under the command of white officers.

On Aug. 29, 1778, they fought in the battle of Rhode Island on Aquidneck Island. They successfully held their line for four hours against British-Hessian assaults, enabling the entire American Army to escape a trap.

At Yorktown, on the night of Oct. 14, 1781, they took part in the assault and capture of Redoubt 10.

Unlike their white counterparts, these black Soldiers did not receive any compensation for their service after the war. Some Americans realized the irony of enslaved blacks fighting under the banner of the Declaration of Independence. As Henry Laurens of South Carolina stated, "[I am not] one of those who dare trust in Providence for defense and security of their own liberty while they enslave and wish to continue in slavery thousands who are as well entitled to freedom as themselves." A monument to the regiment's courage was erected in Portsmouth, R.I.

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II



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