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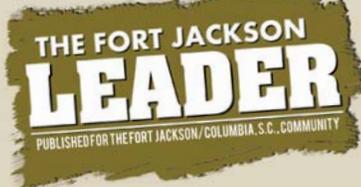
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A Soldier in Basic Combat Training provides security as his battle buddies improve their fighting positions at the Victory Forge field training exercise. **SEE PAGES 12-13**



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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 first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

## FRIDAY

### 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.

## SATURDAY

### Healing Hearts 5K

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

## MONDAY

### 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.

## TUESDAY

### Lunch and Learn

— **Developing Your Spending Plan**  
11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Ed. Center  
For more information call ACS - 751-5256

## 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.

## FEB. 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).

## 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).

### 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 \$10.50 at the door.

### Lunch and Learn – Managing Credit and Debt

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Ed. Center  
For more information call ACS - 751-5256

## MARCH 2

### Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses

9-11:30 a.m. Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. For information call 751-9460/5452, or email [Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Barbara.L.Martin10.civ@mail.mil)

## 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.

### Lunch and Learn – Thrift Saving Plan

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Ed. Center  
For more information call ACS - 751-5256

## MARCH 5

### Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration

10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Solomon Center. Storytelling, original poetry and story contest. A call for children and youth to submit original poems and stories on a topic of their choice. For more information, call 751-6150.

## 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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Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Staff Sgt. Heath Smith, of the 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, right, and Royal Netherlands Marine Corps Lt. Col. Enrique Sanchez observe basic combat trainees working together at the Teamwork Development Course Feb. 9 on Fort Jackson.

# Together or separate?

## Dutch Marine looks at gender-integrated training on post

By JENNIFER STRIDE  
Fort Jackson Leader

Gender integration in the military, especially now with Army combat rolls opening to women, has recently gotten a lot of local and apparently some international attention.

Royal Netherlands Marine Corps Lt. Col. Enrique Sanchez, currently assigned as liaison officer at Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, visited Fort Jackson Feb. 9 to see how the Army integrates training.

"If we also (eventually) have to open all the jobs in the service to women, senior leadership wants to have several courses of action ready for recruiting and training females in the Dutch Marines," said Sanchez. "Since I'm here in the United States, my general asked me to look at potential solutions – to see what the best way to do it is."

In the Netherlands, Navy submarines and Marines are the only fields or services which don't have women yet – "but you never know," he said. "This has been an issue that pops up every so many years within the Netherlands."

"Both (integrated and segregated training) have advantages and disadvantages," said Sanchez. "We want

look for the best way and of course you have to know what is within your reach – if you are small, you don't have the abilities to actually separate your training."

After discussing differences between recruiting males and females with the folks at the Columbia Recruiting Battalion, Sanchez took a trip to the Teamwork Development Course on post to watch integrated teams work together to problem solve.

"I think it's awesome that he's getting the opportunity to see how Fort Jackson does their integrated training," said Sgt. 1st Class Jessica Kendrick, Sanchez's escort for the day. "His program's not integrated yet – so he gets to see what works well and what doesn't and to talk to people at different facilities today."

Sanchez met with the 171st Infantry Brigade to discuss nutrition and physical fitness, and 193rd Infantry Brigade leadership to talk about instructors, staff and standards.

"We just do everything as a team and that way there is no issue," said Staff Sgt. Michael Quinones, a drill sergeant with the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. "We look at Soldiers as uniforms – nothing else."

Sanchez then toured a battalion's sleeping bay, latrine, and integrated administrative areas.

He was briefed by Lt. Col. Bryan Hunt, commander

of the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment and Command Sgt. Maj. Edwin Brooks on the 'Safe and Secure' door locking, alarm, communication system, and the three dedicated phone lines in each bay in the event of an emergency or case of sexual harassment or assault.

"The other requirement is to have separate latrines for females," said Hunt. "To save money, we have no urinals in any of the latrines, so we can change the (male/female) signs on them anytime as the need arises."

The Dutch Marine observed male and female Delta Company Soldiers working side by side in one of the bays, tearing down, cleaning, and practicing dry firing their weapons.

In their sleeping bays, Soldiers are not allowed to change clothes – they must do that in the latrines. When a female drill sergeant enters a male bay, 'female on the floor' is announced twice – and vice versa to avoid any issues.

Hunt went on to explain the layout of the building with separate entrances with cameras and separate laundry rooms for males and females, which is a regulatory requirement.



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Leesa Thomas runs C.C. Pinckney Elementary School students through Zumba during the school's STEM in the Gym health fair. The health fair, named STEM after Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, was staged with various on-post organizations to help teach students healthy living.

# Fair gives kids a taste of fitness



Olyvia Galaviz, a student at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School, drops an exercise ball into a basket during time relays at a school health fair.

By ROBERT TIMMONS  
Fort Jackson Leader

“Physical activity is a critical piece of maintaining a healthy lifestyle,” said Capt. Trevor Shirk, a team leader with the Master Fitness Training Course.

Shirk and his team from the U.S. Army Fitness School demonstrated to students at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School ways they can improve their fitness during the school's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) at the Gym health fair Feb. 9.

The fair is an evolution from the Health and Fitness Night held in 2015, but with an added flair.

“Last year we looked at holding the event in February because it is the month of fitness,” said Dr. Kerrie Ammons, Pinckney's Language and Speech Pathologist. “This year we decided we would hold another event but this time incorporating STEM principles into it.”

Students were able to talk to various members of the Fort Jackson community about fitness, as well as try their hand at CrossFit, Zumba and other agility drills.

During the event, students had to plan how they were to complete each station. This engineering design plan helped students identify a problem and develop a solution for it.

Students and their families crammed

into Pinckney's gym and auditorium to learn more about how they can stay fit and active. Family members even tried their hand at dancing on the school's stage.

Rick Ellis with TCB CrossFit on post, had kids throwing a medicine ball high up against a wall and then walking as fast as they could while carrying small kettle balls. TCB CrossFit, which is an acronym for “Taking Care of Business” is usually held in Vanguard Gym, but is currently at Bravo Company, Special Troops Battalion, until the fitness center's floor is finished.

“We are here giving kids a sample of what CrossFit does,” he said. “They are having so much fun.”

Every time he would shout “up” and raise his arms up high, the children would raise the kettle balls over their heads as they walked.

Shirk along with MFTC instructors Sgt. 1st Class Liela Cowhig, Staff Sgt. John Wood and Staff Sgt. William Webb ran students through various relays and agility drills.

Shirk said it's very important for students to remain active.

“Let'smove.org, estimated that the average kid spends seven and half hours sitting or being sedentary,” he said. “To get active and moving will promote a healthy lifestyle and potentially prevent illness in the future.”



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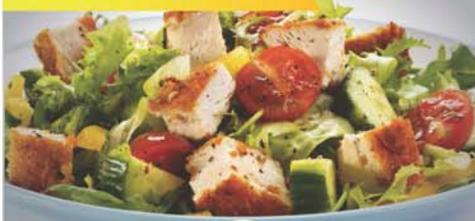
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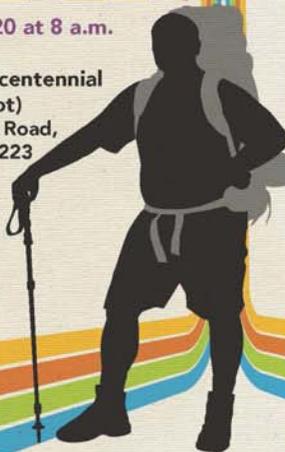
# TRAIL WALK

Saturday, Feb 20 at 8 a.m.

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9564 Two Notch Road,  
Columbia, SC 29223

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time of registration. Free Event. No Food Vendors allowed.

# 'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...' 2ND BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**PFC. TEODORO TORRES III, 24**  
Peoria, Ariz.



"I joined the Army to come back to the brotherhood I once had when I was in the Navy.

"The (Basic Combat) Training was good and the physical requirements are great for what needs to be done for our country.

"(I'm a ) 74D – chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist – it is similar to the job I had in the Navy, so, it really is not brand new to me."

"(My family) wants me to stay home but they support my decision and I do it for them."

**PVT. SOPHIA PABON, 18**  
San Antonio



"I joined the Army to serve my country and to follow in my mother and father's footsteps.

"The good thing about Basic Combat Training is you learn more about yourself and how to be independent.

"My (military occupational specialty) is 91C – heating and cooling – I chose this MOS for the experience and it is a necessity mostly everywhere.

"When I joined (the Army), my Family was super proud of me – they support me completely."

**SPC. SUNGMOK LEE, 29**  
Providence, R.I.



"I've always wanted to be on the team of the U.S. Army, the greatest in the world, since I was in the South Korean Army.

"The best part of Basic Combat Training was having enough time to learn all the details of the training we needed to learn.

"I'm a 92Y – supply specialist – I found this military occupational specialty is related to my educational background."

**PVT. XIANCHONG CHE, 24**  
Edison, N.J..



"(I joined the Army) for more opportunity and change and my friend is Army – he asked me if I wanted to join the Army and told me about the Army.

"(In Basic Combat Training) I learned about teamwork and Basic Combat Training makes one a better person. My (military occupational specialty) is 91B – it's a mechanic, which is what I wanted to learn before.

"My family feels proud of me joining the Army – to serve the people in this great county."

**SGT. FRAYNEL MERCADO, 28**  
Houston



"I joined the Army to become part of the Warrant Officer corps after spending nine years in the Air Force.

"I've been introduced to a wide range of warrior skills that are essential to combat operations – I enjoyed the countless hours we spent learning rifle marksmanship.

"I was selected for the information services technician (military occupational specialty) – 255A - during the warrant officer selection board, which will allow me to become a technical expert within the signal branch."

**PFC. SIDORELA MURATI, 22**  
Kruji, Albania



"I joined the Army to get some experience in finance and to show my Family and friends that a strong will and dedication will bring you far.

"Basic Combat Training has taught me discipline and if you push yourself to your limits, you can achieve your goals. I've also learned to work as a team and have made friends for life.

"I've studied finance for four years, was looking for internships around my university, and found the Army would give me the best chance to gain more skills."

## Gender

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"Safe and Secure, and segregated bays are about the only separation, said Staff Sgt. Rolando Prado, another drill sergeant with the 1-13th. "Outside of that, Soldiers train together."

In the common administrative areas, Staff Sgt. Kasha Davis, a drill sergeant with the 1-13th said that male and female "drill sergeants can work and meet together in battalion spaces – away from the privates – and there's never an issue."

"I come from a mostly male background, coming here was a little different for me," said Staff Sgt. Craig Martineau, a 1-13th drill sergeant. "Having the female drill sergeants here is a huge help to me, not that we don't deal with female privates ourselves, but it helps the trainers get used to each other and see how each other works."

"The first thing we might need is to have Army or Navy female instructors – we'll see," said Sanchez.

Sanchez and drill instructors volleyed more questions such as

"How do we start off with changing the culture?" and "If one of our female counterparts were to get shot, would we react the same if it were a male? Perhaps all the guys might want to save her."

Sanchez said "I understand the cognitive mind can see a uniform and tell it not to distinguish gender, that's your rational thinking – but you still don't know how you'll behave" if that situation were to occur.

"We don't treat the females any different than the males," said Staff Sgt. Justin Strohm, a drill sergeant with the 1-13th.

Sanchez made one more stop on post to watch integrated soldiers dig foxholes during their three-day field training exercise in the woods.

He was shown the layout and was briefed on sleeping arrangements. The exercise is designed to introduce Soldiers to possible real world scenarios down range.

"Trying to get rid of the stigma of being known historically as 'a man's Army' is a learning process," said Martineau. "We're doing it a little bit at a time."

After departing Fort Jackson, Sanchez will be looking at U.S. Marine Corps gender segregated training at Parris Island, South Carolina.

## Summer employment options for teens

By **BARBARA MARTIN**  
ACS Employment Readiness Program Manager

Looking for something to do in your spare time this summer? Why not consider summer employment? You don't have to sit at home all day with nothing more than the Wii or Xbox to keep you company. Fort Jackson and the surrounding areas have employment opportunities available if you are a diligent and persistent seeker. It is never too early to begin your job search. Why? The market is literally saturated with teens like yourself who are looking for a summer job. What can make you stand out from the rest is the preparation you have made to ensure employment success! Employers want to hire young people with a positive attitude, who are reliable and willing to learn new skills.

Some tips for landing a summer job include, looking for "now hiring" signs wherever you go. Employers might give teens more consideration for employment if they show up at their door and fill out an application on the spot. You can also go online to [www.snagajob.com](http://www.snagajob.com) and find lots of part-time jobs that hire 16 year olds. Best areas for finding employment are: city-run youth programs, amusement, theme and recreation parks, ice-cream, juice shops and grocery stores; libraries, museums and zoos; fast food and casual dining restaurants; child and elder care services; and offices needing clerical or customer service help

Fort Jackson teen summer employment recruitment starts as early as February. Teens can view jobs at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). Jobs generally include food

### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**March 12, 10 a.m. – noon**  
Family Readiness Center/American Red Cross, Bldg. 4512 Stuart Avenue

**March 16, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**  
Strom Thurmond Bldg. Room 222

**March 29, 10 a.m. – noon**  
Strom Thurmond Bldg. Room 222

service, cashier, labor, recreation aid, and life guard. For specific questions regarding jobs and the process contact the Fort Jackson Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Human Resources Office at 751-4259.

The Fort Jackson America Red Cross begins accepting applications for their Teen Summer Volunteer Program in April. For more information about the Fort Jackson Teen Summer Volunteer Program, call 751-6516.

The Fort Jackson Employment Readiness Office will be hosting several Teen Summer Employment Preparation Workshops in March and the focus will be on how to prepare a job application/resume, interviewing skills, and how to search for jobs on Fort Jackson and off-post. There is limited seating for each class. To register, contact the ACS Employment Readiness Program at 803-751-9460/5452 or email [Barbara.L.martin10.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Barbara.L.martin10.civ@mail.mil). Individuals need to RSVP no later than two business days before each session. Workshop is open to teenagers of military personnel and Dept. of Defense Civilian employees between the ages 14-19.



Bataan survivor retired Col. Ben Skardon, 97, crosses his makeshift finish line at the 8.5 mile marker.  
*Army News Service photo*



**Annual marathon honors  
'death march' survivors**

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# BATAAN



## White Sands Missile Range Public Affairs

The 27th annual Bataan Memorial Death March is gearing up to step into another record-breaking year March 20 at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. The event is an active history lesson and a true test of endurance.

Considered one of the hardest marathon-length routes in the U.S., participants come from all over the world to honor the Bataan fallen and World War II survivors.

"They stand as a living testament to the memory of Bataan," said WSMR Commander Brig. Gen. Timothy Coffin during the 2015 opening ceremony. "They faced physical and spiritual hardships that for many were too great to bear. The legacy of the march, which has brought us here today, keeps its history alive and ensures the sacrifices made and lessons learned are not forgotten."

The story of the Bataan Death March began April 9, 1942, when around 75,000 Filipino and U.S. Soldiers were surrendered to the Japanese forces. The Americans were Army, Army Air Corp, Navy and Marines. Among those seized were members of the 200th Coast Artillery, New Mexico National Guard. The prisoners were forced to march approximately 100 kilometers north to Nueva Ecija to Camp O'Donnell, a prison camp, in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles.

One of those brave men who survived the march is retired Col. Ben Skardon, a 97-year-old Bataan survivor who has marched 8.5 miles for the last eight years during the Bataan Memorial Death March.

"Coming to WSMR is now my pilgrimage," Skardon said. "I'm privileged to be able to make my eighth trip to White Sands. I learned how easy it is to die when you lose the will to live," he said.

Skardon was 24 years old and weighed 90 pounds at the time of rescue. He attributes his survival to two fellow Soldiers and Clemson gradu-

ates, Henry Leitner and Otis Morgan, who cared for him when he fell ill during the march. Before they were forced to march, Skardon said he hid away a can of condensed milk and his Clemson ring in a piece of cloth. He would take sips of the condensed milk during the march and traded his ring for a chicken and a can of ham.

In his honor, every year some of the participants carry cans of condensed milk signed by Skardon.

The prisoners of war were randomly beaten and denied food and water for days. Thousands died and those who fell behind were executed. Those who survived the march faced the hardships of a prisoner of war camp. The march became known as the Bataan Death March.

"They disrupted the enemy's timetable," said Margaret Garcia, daughter of deceased Bataan Memorial Death March survivor Evans Garcia.

"They crippled the Japanese War efforts. They kept the faith. They held on, dug deep, and found a reservation of strength and courage. If dad was here today he'd say ... 'well it wasn't all bad. Let me tell you the pros,'" she said.

During the 2015 memorial march, ten Bataan survivors shook every participants' hand at the start and finish line. Seven Bataan survivors plan to attend the 2016 Bataan Memorial Death March.

One of the participants in 2015 was Cadet Sgt. Juan Carlos Estremadoyro-Fort, an 18-year-old cadet sergeant from the New Mexico Military Institute, who shook

hands with Bataan survivors after he finished his first marathon-length run in a little over three hours.

Thirsty, hungry and with a slight cramp in his right leg he walked straight to the Bataan survivors to say thank you.

"For me it's a reminder of those a long time ago who sacrificed so much for their country and today for those still serving all over the world," Estremadoyro-Fort said.

Since its inception in 1989, the Bataan Memorial Death March has grown from about 100 to over 12,000 marchers, spectators and volunteers from around the world. The march is a military event, but many civilians and athletes come to WSMR to take the challenge or volunteer.

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**More than 1,200 volunteers ensured the 2015 Bataan Memorial Death March was a success. Volunteers helped hand out water, fruit, and bandaged feet along the 26.2 route.**

# March

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Lisa Frankson, Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Bataan March director, said that without the battalion of over 1,200 volunteers the annual Bataan Memorial Death March would not exist.

"We don't have enough staff to support this size event," she said. "It is critical that we have volunteers. It wouldn't happen without them. The amount of support and hours they give can't be measured."

Marchers can select between two routes, the full 26.2 miles or 14.2 miles. Participants can choose to participate in the heavy category, which requires you to carry a pack that weighs more than 35 pounds, or the light category which has no weight requirements. Participants in the runners category, state every year how much of an endurance test the 1,400-foot elevation climb and the "Sand Pit" are to accomplish. Military or civilian teams of five can also take on the challenge.

The 2016 Bataan Memorial Death March will feature a new timing system that will allow marchers and their family members to receive accurate times throughout the course of the Bataan Memorial Death March through the use of a mobile application. Participants can download the "ITS YOUR RACE" application for mobile devices.

For more information, training tips, and how to register, visit [www.bataanmarch.com](http://www.bataanmarch.com). Let us know who you will march for during the 2016 Bataan Memorial Death March by visiting the official WSMR PAO Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WSMRPublicAffairs](http://www.facebook.com/WSMRPublicAffairs).

## 'Not a 'gimme' award

### Hospital could earn Safety Star recognition

By **NICK SPINELLI**  
Moncrief Public Affairs

FORT JACKSON, SC -- After a week-long inspection, Moncrief Army Community Hospital has been recommended to receive the Army Safety and Health Management System "Safety Star" recognition.

"This has been a great team effort for us, Jim Bonkowske, Moncrief Safety Officer, said. "Our command team was very excited about the prospect of providing a safer environment for our staff and patients, and this award is a great way of recognizing our staff for the work they do every day."

The program was implemented by Army Medical Command in 2012 and is designed to instill a culture of safety involving all hospital employees.

"The Army Safety and Health Management system is based on the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program," Bonkowske said. "Organizations that have achieved this level of recognition show a 50 percent decrease in injuries. In order to accomplish this goal, we had to change the way safety was looked at in the organization. We went from safety being a person or position, an additional step we were forced to do, to safety being ingrained in everything we do from start to finish."

In order to receive the recognition, staff spent months preparing for the inspection. Bonkowske said this meant a great deal of training and "self-policing."

"We have additional duty safety officers assigned in each of our work centers, Soldiers and civilians who have been instrumental in building our program," he said. "They developed training tools, set up peer inspections and brought the safety mindset back to their worksites."

The Moncrief facilities management team was also credited for the hospital's success.

In addition to reviewing Moncrief policies and work areas, the ASHMS Inspectors also interviewed random staff members on hospital safety. They were very pleased with the results.

"Everything here looks fantastic," Donald Graham, one of the visiting ASHMS inspectors, said during the out brief. "We don't have many recommendations beyond just keep doing what you're doing."

Once the recommendation is approved, Moncrief will join only a handful of other facilities who hold the Safety Star Recognition.

"This is not a 'gimme' award," MACH Commander Col. Traci E. Crawford told hospital staff. "It's significant. You have truly earned this recognition and I am very proud of all of you."

# Fort Jackson hunts Zika virus

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Insects, especially mosquitoes, can carry a variety of diseases. Over the past few weeks, a virus similar to yellow fever, dengue, and West Nile has been highlighted because of an outbreak in Brazil.

Fort Jackson officials haven't been lax in preparing for the virus – they have been at the forefront of keeping the virus off post.

The *Aedes* genus of mosquito is the only species to carry the virus, said Shelly Keller, the Installation Pest Management Coordinator at the Directorate of Public Works. *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* are found on Fort Jackson.

Keller recommends Soldiers, civilians and Family members on Fort Jackson remove or empty barrels, pools, bird baths, bottles, old tires from around buildings to prevent mosquitoes.

"The *Aedes* mosquitoes are also known as artificial container mosquitoes and breed almost exclusively in articles we discard," she said. "They can breed in standing water and for water that can't

be eliminated, use mosquito dunks that are available almost everywhere."

DPW has been proactive in the fight against insect-borne diseases.

Last October during the floods, DPW employees were out eliminating sources of standing water and placing larvacide into water that couldn't be removed, Keller said.

If a threshold number of mosquitoes are caught public health officials may direct areas to be fogged.

"Fogging is only done in extreme measures," Keller said, "it's not good for people, animals or the environment, is minimally effective and costly. Additionally, the mosquitoes that spread Zika are daytime biters and fogging wouldn't reach them. The main focus is on preventing larvae from becoming biting adults."

The best way to prevent diseases spread by mosquitoes is to avoid being bitten. Keller recommends avoiding or limiting daytime activities when possible even though it might not be easy.

"Wear insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin when you must go outdoors. It is imperative to reapply according to label directions. Soldiers

should wear permethrin treated uniforms and maintain them according to instructions. Wear long sleeves and trousers. Ensure you have screens on windows and keep doors shut."

Fort Jackson community members with Zika-like symptoms (rashes, red eyes, fever, joint pain, headache, and vomiting) should contact their physician.

"Most cases of the virus are mild and cause no long term harm," she said. "Your doctor can order a blood test to look for Zika or similar viruses. Be sure to mention your travel history to the doctor. Pregnant women should follow mosquito avoidance procedures. Using approved insect repellents is safe when used as directed."

Fort Jackson's actions are part of a larger Department of Defense initiative to counter the virus.

"This is an area where the DOD has done some research in the past," said Peter Cook, Pentagon press secretary, "and I think some of that expertise will be brought to this effort. We'll be supporting (the Department of Health and Human Services) in whatever way we can."

## What are the symptoms of ZIKA?



- About 1 in 5 people infected with Zika virus become ill (i.e., develop Zika).

- The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis (red eyes). Other common symptoms include muscle pain and headache. The incubation period (the time from exposure to symptoms) for Zika virus disease is not known, but is likely to be a few days to a week.

- The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week.

- Zika virus usually remains in the blood of an infected person for a few days but it can be found longer in some people.

- Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon.

- Deaths are rare

Source: Army Medicine

# New management system helps keep Soldiers moving

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**  
Fort Jackson Leader

Starting March 1, the Transportation Management System will improve post support for Basic Combat Training organizations by allowing unit representatives to fill out motor movement requests online said Randy Cloman, the motor vehicle supervisor at the Logistical Readiness Center.

Units request motor movements when marching is impractical.

TRAMS, already in use at Fort Benning, Georgia, is a new system to Fort Jackson that will ease transportation requests, making it easier for commanders to lead their troops while allowing transportation management to track where each bus is going.

All transportation to area airports, railroad and bus stations during Victory Block Leave in December were inputted and tracked through TRAMS.

Units can request "motor moves, view the motor moves and make changes to it" through TRAMS' user friendly interface, Cloman said. All while not having to call or email for status updates because they can view all the information in one window on their computers.

The program is accessed via the Internet from a Common Access Card-enabled computer.

TRAMS gives commanders a better planning tool. In the past they would call to verify their transportation times now they can just go online and look. They can also see if any changes are made and who made the changes.

In the old system only one person on post input requests into the database, where the new system allows users to input requests simultaneously.

TRAMS will shorten the amount of time a movement request is approved because "in the past it would have taken us two or three days just to input the stuff," Cloman said. "Now with each company doing its own stuff, and if they have it planned out, they could have their stuff in the system in an hour, hour and a half."

Approval isn't instantaneous though as transportation officials still must process each request.

The system is so simple, Cloman said, that users don't need any special training to access the system - they just fill out an online form that includes their name and telephone number.

Train the trainer classes will take place Feb. 26 to help units better acclimate themselves to the new system.

"We just did a lock in where we had the new system up showing (the unit) how to input (information into the system) and a couple lieutenants said, 'Is that all to it?' Yes, they have one screen with all the information right there. They don't have to go to different windows or anything."

TRAMS allows commanders the flexibility of allowing anyone in their unit to view movement requests.

"If a commander wants all his senior drills to have 'view access' they can have it," Cloman said. "(The Soldiers) won't have to ask (the commander) what their loading time is; all they have to do is log in and look.



*Leader file photo*

**Soldiers at Charlotte Douglas International Airport in January board a bus that will take them back to Fort Jackson after Victory Block Leave. In March, the Transportation Management System will begin allowing unit representatives to fill out motor movement applications online, facilitating future requests.**

A Soldier in Basic Combat Training with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment brushes his teeth after eating a MRE on a bitter cold morning at the Victory Forge field training exercise. Victory Forge is the culminating event just before graduation for Soldiers in basic combat training at Fort Jackson and is the first time Soldiers are introduced to living in a field environment.



# THE LAST HOORAH

## Soldiers' resiliency tested at Victory Forge

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

“When these Soldiers first show up, they’re scared, they’re clueless, and they have no understanding of what’s going on. — Staff Sgt. Waylon Scantling, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

Facing a wind chill below freezing, Soldiers in Basic Combat Training with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, had their skills and resiliency challenged at Victory Forge last weekend.

“Victory Forge is a Soldier’s last hoorah, if you will,” said Staff Sgt. Waylon Scantling, a drill sergeant with the unit. “It’s the last field training exercise they go through before graduating and moving on to their advanced individual training, then into the real Army.” During Victory Forge, Soldiers’ mental and physical abilities are tested to the limits. They are evaluated on everything they’ve learned in the prior eight weeks of training: from basic first aid to security and reconnaissance patrols.

“When these Soldiers first show up, they’re scared, they’re clueless, and they have no understanding of what’s going on. By the time they reach Vic Forge, they have a better understanding of what’s expected of them and how to conduct themselves. They have a lot of confidence coming out of this and it’s amazing to see that change knowing you were a part of that,” Scantling said.

Scantling, a 10-year infantryman, has been a drill sergeant for almost a year now and is no rookie to Victory Forge.

“Everything is evaluated out here. We start off small in the beginning. We have a couple patrols and have some casualties where they have to evaluate the casualty and call in a MEDEVAC and we progress from there. It gets a little hairy at the end and we cap it all off with a 12k foot march.”



Above left, Army Reserve Soldier Pvt. Melissa Stamey mans the M249 light machine gun after rebuilding her firing position when the wall of sandbags collapsed around her during the Victory Forge field training exercise. Above right, a Soldier in Basic Combat Training struggles to evacuate a casualty by using a fireman's carry.

Soldiers at Victory Forge spend a total of four days and three nights living in an austere environment and for many the unseasonably cold temperatures at Fort Jackson this winter, made the challenge even tougher.

“I’ve been here since May. I got injured the first time so this is my second time around,” said Pfc. Marshan Brown, a culinary specialist with the Army Reserve. “It’s been a lot tougher this second time. Not only is this a different unit with different drill sergeants and we’re trying to get used to each other, the cold this time around has been just about unbearable.”

Though he could have given up after his injury, he says quitting was never really an option.

“I chose the Army Reserve because I wanted to be a role model for my little brother. I never really had anyone like that when I was growing up so it was important me to stick it out and make sure I was someone that he could look up to in his life,” he said.

And while others in the unit shared the same thoughts about the weather, their reasons for being there were quite different.

“My husband is active duty in the military but I wanted to join too so I chose the Army Reserve” said Pvt. Melissa Stamey, a supply specialist from Virginia.

“He’s been in for about three years and it’s provided for us quite well, but I think it’s easier to keep a family together being in the Army Reserve. On top of that, I fully intend on using the education benefits once I graduate AIT.”

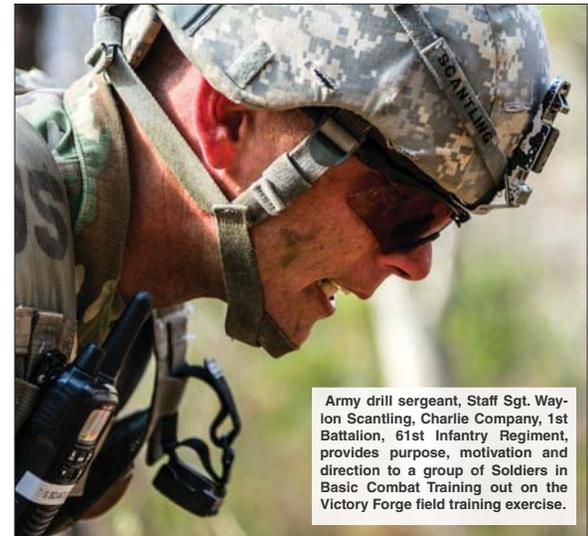
“I’ve learned a lot since being out here, especially not to leave your weapon lying around! Besides the bitter cold, it’s been pretty fun though,” she said.

So as the Soldiers at Victory Forge struggled with combating the bitter cold and the mock-enemy facing them, drill sergeants like Scantling contin-

ued pushing their Soldiers, in preparation for life after basic, for both the Soldiers and drill sergeant alike.

“Being a drill sergeant has been a real experience. With each cycle that goes through, I’ve learned a little bit more about how to train Soldiers

and I take their training personally,” he said. “When I get done on the trail and head back to a line unit, instead of griping about how bad my Soldiers are trained, I’m going to take satisfaction in knowing I played a part in how well they’ve been trained.”



Army drill sergeant, Staff Sgt. Waylon Scantling, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, provides purpose, motivation and direction to a group of Soldiers in Basic Combat Training out on the Victory Forge field training exercise.

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 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.

**1898: SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR**

Black Soldiers, of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments and the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments, fought in the Spanish-American War. The four regiments comprised 12 percent of the total force during the invasion of Cuba.

Many of these Soldiers were veterans of the Indian Wars and some were Civil War veterans. Another 2,000 served in the Navy — they comprised 7.6 percent of all sailors.

**1898: 10TH CAVALRY REGIMENT**

The 10th Cavalry Regiment — veterans of the Indian campaigns — proved themselves in battle against the Spanish in Cuba, and later came to the rescue of a unit commanded by a future U.S. president.

The 10th Cavalry accompanied Theodore Roosevelt’s “Rough Riders” over rugged terrain and successfully engaged a Spanish force at Las Guasimas, June 24, 1898. A

**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.

week later, while advancing up San Juan Hill, the Rough Riders found themselves in great peril, surrounded on all sides by Spanish soldiers. The 10th Cavalry came to the rescue, advancing under heavy enemy fire, “firing as they marched,” according to a reporter who witnessed the battle. “Their aim was splendid,” he continued, “their coolness was superb, and their courage aroused the admiration of their comrades.”

After the battle, a Rough Rider Soldier said, “If it hadn’t been for the black cavalry, the Rough Riders would have been exterminated.”

**1917-1918: WORLD WAR I**

In 1917, the United States entered World War I. Despite knowing that freedom to serve their country did not in itself guarantee full participation in American society, thousands of black Americans answered the call to duty through

service in the Army.

Among them was Dr. Louis Tompkins Wright, the son of a man born into slavery, graduated from Harvard University School of Medicine in 1915 with high honors. In 1917, he was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the medical section of the U.S. Army Officers Reserve Corps. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel during World War I.

Among his many pioneering efforts was the introduction of the injection method of the smallpox vaccine. This method was eventually adopted by the Army as a medical standard for Soldiers. In 1919, he became the first black physician appointed to the staff of a white hospital in New York. The Army operated under a policy of racial segregation and blacks were commonly relegated to supply and labor jobs. There were, however, active black combat units that made notable contributions.

**1917: HARLEM HELLFIGHTERS**

On Dec. 27, 1917, the 369th Infantry Regiment became the first all-black U.S. combat unit to be shipped overseas during World War I. The War Department initially sent the unit to Europe after a violent racial incident in Spartanburg, S.C., where the unit was planning to avenge the physical attack of their drum major, Noble Sissle. Because there was no official combat role at this time for America’s black Soldiers, Gen. John J. Pershing responded to France’s request for troops by assigning the 369th (and the 93rd Division’s other regiments) to the French army.

The Germans dubbed the unit the “Hellfighters” because during 191 days of duty at the front, no men were captured nor ground taken. But almost one-third of the unit died in combat.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AER SCHOLARSHIPS

The application period for the Army Emergency Relief scholarship is 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.

### 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 [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 not be accepting winter clothing after Tuesday, 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:

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

**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.

■ 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](http://www.womenveteransinteractive.org).

### OFFICER CANDIDATE REUNION

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



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## Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

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### Friday

"The Forest" (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Saturday

"Ride Along 2" (PG-13) 2 p.m.  
"13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi" (R) 4 p.m.

### Sunday

"Ride Along 2" (PG-13) 2 p.m.  
"Norm of the North" (PG) 4 p.m.

### Wednesday

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

### Feb. 26

"The Revenant" (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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# HONORS

## Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



**Staff Sgt.  
Joshua DeLeon**  
Bravo Company  
2nd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Timothy Green

**STUDENT LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Thomas Jacobs

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Peter Ainsworth

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Marvell Taylor



**Staff Sgt.  
Brittney Robnett**  
Charlie Company  
2nd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Ruben Davis

**STUDENT LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Jamie Metcalfe

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Justin Young

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Nelson Paypay



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**STUDENT LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Scott Phelps

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Andrew Enriquez

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Dylan Raffel



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**STUDENT LEADER  
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Pvt. Joshua Johnson

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Steven Murno

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt Christopher Adajar



**Staff Sgt.  
Mahasin Muhammad**  
Foxtrot Company  
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**HONOR GRADUATE  
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Pfc. Nichlaus Reynolds

**STUDENT LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Sarah Walker

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Pvt. Anthony Rodriguez

**HIGH APFT**  
Spc. Sarah Walker



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## BEWARE OF FRAUD DURING TAX SEASON

### FORT JACKSON TAX ASSISTANCE OFFICE

The IRS is working diligently with state tax authorities and the tax industry to address tax-related identity theft and refund fraud. As part of the Security Summit effort, stronger protections for taxpayers and the nation's tax system have gone into effect for the 2016 tax filing season.

The new measures attack tax-related identity theft from multiple sides. Many changes will be invisible to taxpayers but help the IRS, states and the tax industry provide new protections. There will be new security requirements when you're preparing your taxes online, especially when you sign in to your tax software account, to better protect your tax software account and personal information.

Despite these security improvements to fight identity theft issues, the IRS will still process nine out of 10 federal refunds within 21 days. States have their own refund processing timeframes that may vary, and some states may make additional reviews to ensure refunds are being issued properly.

### ID-THEFT-RELATED QUICK TIPS

Lock your financial documents and records in a safe place at home, and lock your wallet

or purse in a safe place at work. Limit what you carry. When you go out, take only the identification, credit, and debit cards you need. Leave your Social Security card at home. Make a copy of your Medicare card and black out all but the last four digits on the copy.

Make sure you know who is getting your personal or financial information. Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you've initiated the contact or know who you're dealing with. If a company that claims to have an account with you sends email asking for personal information, don't click on links in the email.

Before you dispose of a computer, get rid of all the personal information it stores. Use a wipe utility program to overwrite the entire hard drive. Before you dispose of a mobile device, check your owner's manual, the service provider's website, or the device manufacturer's website for information on how to delete information permanently, and how to save or transfer information to a new device.

Keep your browser secure. To guard your online transactions, use encryption software that scrambles information you send over the internet. A "lock" icon on the status bar of your internet browser means your information will be safe when it's transmitted. Look for the lock before you send personal or financial information online.

If you post too much information about yourself, an identity thief can find information about your life, use it to answer 'challenge' questions on your accounts, and get access to your money and personal information.

### ASSISTANCE FILING TAX RETURNS

More than 90 percent of all tax returns are prepared using tax return preparation software. This software generally includes tax law help along with reminders and prompts about tax breaks and responsibilities. The IRS also reminds taxpayers that a trusted tax professional can also provide helpful information about the tax law.

The IRS urges all taxpayers to make sure they have all their year-end statements in hand before they file their return. This includes Forms W-2 from employers, Forms 1099 from banks and other payers, and for those claiming the premium tax credit, Form 1095-A from the Marketplace. Doing so will help avoid refund delays and the need to file an amended return later.

Here at Fort Jackson's Tax Center we have well trained personnel to assist with your simple returns. The tax center will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 30. If you would like to have your taxes prepared at the Tax Center, please call 751-JTAX (5829) to schedule an appointment. We are located at 4330 Magruder Avenue.

# 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  
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### GATE 2

Open around the clock daily.

### GATE 4

Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Monday through Friday for  
inbound and outbound traffic.

### GATE 5

Open 5-10 a.m. Monday  
through Friday for inbound  
and outbound traffic.  
Closed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Reopened 4-6 p.m. for out-  
bound traffic only.

Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Satur-  
day and Sunday.