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Deputy Sheriffs from Charleston, S.C. load a simulated casualty into the back of a vehicle during training at Fort Jackson's Military Operations in Urban Terrain site Tuesday. **SEE PAGE 3.**



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TODAY

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FRIDAY

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MAY 20

Asian American Pacific Islands Heritage Month celebration
 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., NCO Club. Featuring live entertainment and guest speaker Margaret Metcalfe, director of Governor's Washington D.C., Office, territory of Guam. For more information contact 751-0831.

MAY 21-22

Shaw Air Expo
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MAY 28

The Original Gullah Festival
 Army Community Service Relocation Readiness Program is offering a tour to Beaufort, South Carolina for all foreign born spouses and their Families. All are invited to witness the "The Original Gullah Festival" May 28. The festival focuses on education and cultural preservation of the African American Gullah heritage in the low country. Transportation will be provided. Bus will depart Strom Thurmond Building at 7 a.m. (meeting at 6:45 a.m.) and returning at 7 p.m. Advanced registration is required no later than May 9. To register and for more information, contact Miranda Broadus, (803) 751-1124, miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil or Patricia Guillory, (803) 751-9770, patricia.a.guillory.civ@mail.mil.

JUNE 3

The 2016 National AG Corps Regimental Ball
 5 p.m. until midnight, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St, Columbia. For more information, visit agnationalball.org.

Annual Home Buying Seminar

10 a.m.-2 p.m., NCO Club. This seminar takes guests through the entire home buying process from beginning to end. The seminar is free and open to all ID card holders. For registration or additional information, contact the Housing Services Office at 751-5788, 751-7566, or 751-7567.

JUNE 18

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Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Law enforcement officers prepare to engage a potential threat during the South Carolina Tactical Team Summit held on post Monday and Tuesday. The summit brought together law enforcement agencies to train together on Fort Jackson.

A 'tactical summit'

Hundreds of law enforcement agents train together on post

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

The large convoy of police vehicles driving across Fort Jackson wasn't in response to any incident, but was part of a training event to ensure coordination between the various police and sheriff's departments across the state.

More than 100 deputy sheriffs, field agents, and police officers from across the Palmetto State gathered on Fort Jackson Monday and Tuesday for a tactical team summit hosted by the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

The partnerships between law enforcement agencies and Fort Jackson are necessary to "help build relationships" prior to an emergency, said the RCSD's Maj. Chris Cowan.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott partnered with the Columbia, South Carolina, Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to devise ways for regional tactical response teams to better understand how each agency handles different emergency situations.

The result was the first South Carolina Tactical Team Summit held on post which brought tactical response teams together from Aiken, Greenville, Charleston, Columbia, Summerville and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, to train with FBI trainers and Fort Jackson personnel.

"This is quality low-cost training," Cowan said, "that can help us be prepared for any event that might happen."

While most tactical teams handle situations similarly each agency may use different terminology to describe their actions, said one of the FBI trainers.



A non-commissioned officer with the 171st Infantry Brigade, explains how to use combat gauze during a demonstration at the Medical Simulation Treatment Facility May 10.

We have to ask ourselves "in a significant crisis how will we get these special teams to work together?" said the agent, who asked only to be identified as "Jason." "We have to get on the same page."

For instance when clearing a room, the different law enforcement agencies may describe the actions upon entering a room differently.

He explained that during a crisis there could be a "hodgepodge of FBI and a hodgepodge of sheriffs" who

would be on-site before the rest of their teams arrive. These moments can be crucial to resolving emergencies quickly.

While no post personnel trained with the law enforcement agencies at the summit, Fort Jackson was integral in the success of the event by providing "quality training areas" that could handle all law enforcement officers, Cowan said.

The tactical teams trained across Fort Jackson at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain site, the Urban Assault Course, and the Medical Simulation Treatment Facility.

At the UAC, the different agencies would rotate through different scenarios taught by the FBI instructors. Soldiers at the MSTF taught law enforcement personnel different life saving techniques before leading them through simulated casualty situations. The officers also learned different ways to fire to improve speed and accuracy at Range 6. The event was capped off by law enforcement teams encountering different simulated situations at the MOUT site.

Staff Sgt. Tracy Northington, a provost sergeant with the post's Directorate of Emergency Services who was tasked to ensure the training progressed as scheduled said she was impressed by the law enforcement agencies.

Even though they were different "if they came to help Fort Jackson they would know what to do."

The RCSD is already planning on having another tactical team summit in the future.

"It is really important to ensure we are prepared to protect our community," said Cowan, who spent six months laying the summit's groundwork.

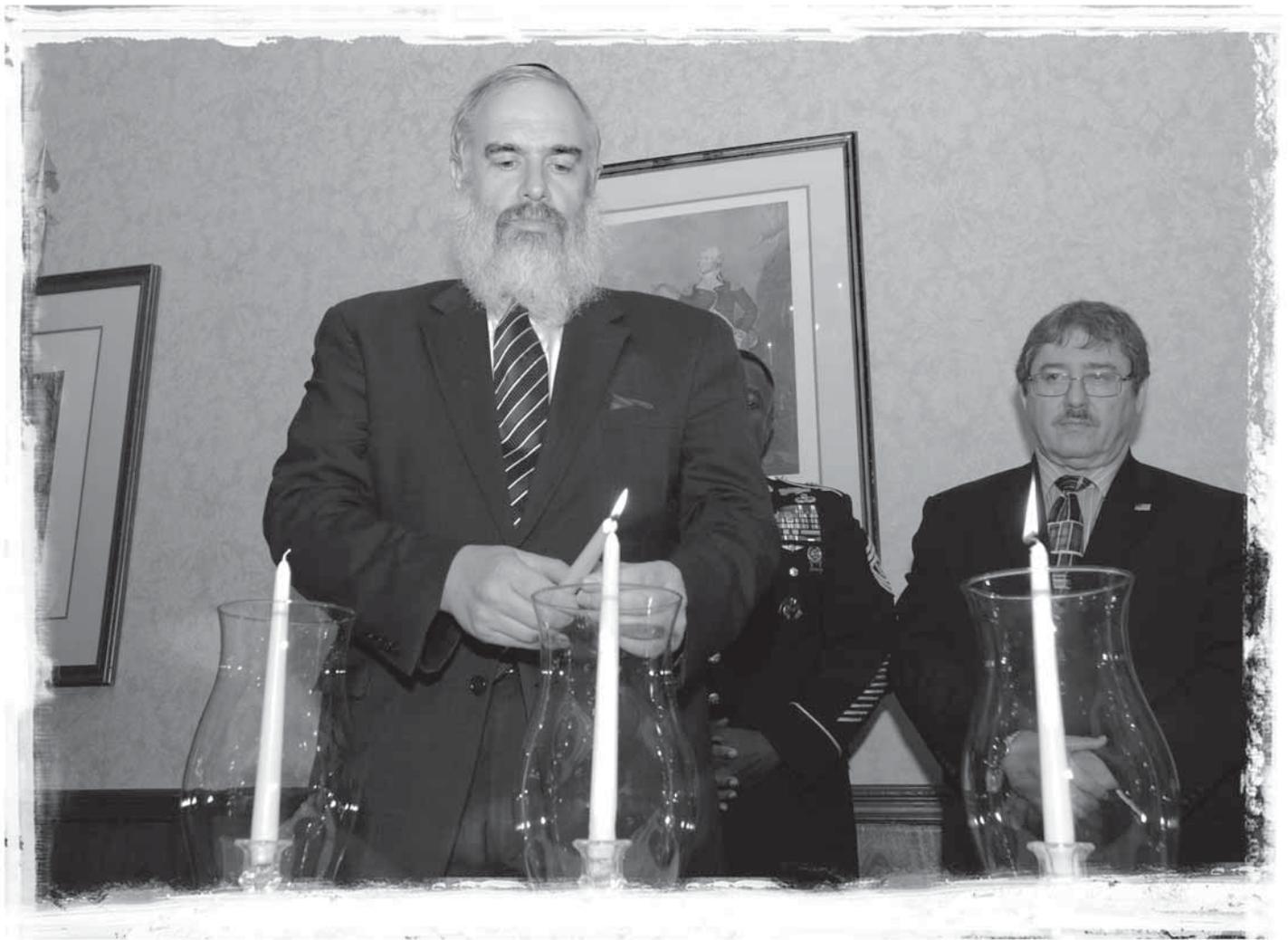


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Rabbi Hesh Epstein, with the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Columbia, S.C., lights a candle symbolizing Jewish culture that lived flourished in Warsaw during the Fort Jackson Days of Remembrance Luncheon at the Officer's Club on post May 5.

The duty of remembrance

Fort Jackson honors victims, survivors of Holocaust

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

“
What is worth noting is the stories of the many European righteous gentiles who tried to hide Jewish families while putting their own families at risk.

— Dr. Henry Miller,
Columbia Jewish Federation member

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The millions killed during the Holocaust will never be forgotten if Soldiers from Fort Jackson and religious leaders from Columbia, South Carolina have anything to say about it.

The post commemorated the acts of courage of Holocaust victims and survivors during a Days of Remembrance event May 5 at the Officer's Club on post.

The Jewish observance of Yom Hashoah, or Day of Remembrance, started the evening of May 4 and ended the following evening.

“Today as the number of Shoah survivors sadly decline, the duty of remembrance falls upon our generation and future generations not yet born,” said Rabbi Hesh Epstein, from the Chabad of South Carolina during the invocation. “That is why this Yom Hashoah remembrance day here at Fort Jackson is a great asset and partnership to commemorate the value of this very special day.”

The Holocaust Remembrance Day is a vital part of the Jewish calendar, Epstein added, because it is a “focal point to our remembrance.”

“We cannot bring the dead back to life, but what we can bring back

is their memories and be sure they are never forgotten.”

Six candles were lit during the somber event each carrying a special meaning. The candles symbolized:

- The silence of death, silence of life and silence of destruction
- This child, by now gone, for dreams that ended before they started
- The old and the young, for countless goodbyes filled with emotion
- For a mother in pain clutching a child on selection day
- The Jewish culture that lived and flourished in Warsaw, Poland, for long
- For the six million Jews who vanished in smoke without a trace.

Remembering the Holocaust allows people to learn and reflect on what happens ensuring it never happens again, said Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Gilmer, commandant of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy.

The Nazis systematically murdered so many people that “to put it in context,” he said, it would be as if “you killed the entire state of South Carolina, every man, woman and child – twice.”



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SATURDAY, MAY 28 (10 A.M. - 5 P.M.)

Free event featuring door prizes, music, beach volleyball, paddleboats, canoe, kayaks and music. For more info, call 751-LAKE (5253).



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

A day of prayer

Chaplain (Col.) Mark A. Penfold leads a group of Fort Jackson community members during a prayer during the National Day of Prayer May 5 at the post flag pole. The National Day of Prayer is a historic day where Americans traditionally pray for the country. The modern national day of prayer was enacted by law in 1952, but traces its lineage to the Second Continental Congress which asked for American colonists to pray for the Continental Army.

Single Soldiers encouraged to share ideas, concerns

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson's leaders answered single Soldiers' questions during a town hall meeting Tuesday at the Single Soldier's Complex.

The meeting was hosted by Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rod Celestaine. Also fielding questions at the event were Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, Police Chief Ruben Santiago, Director of Public Works Ann Garner, and Fort Jackson Housing's Ann Green.

"If anyone has the impression that because I'm old and because I don't live here I don't care, you're wrong," said Celestaine. "I will stop what I'm doing to make anything happen. All of the leaders would do that. We want your living experience to be as favorable as possible."

Topics discussed during the meeting were safety on and off post, grounds maintenance, filing work orders and public transportation.

The Soldiers were encouraged to speak up about any concerns they had about life on post. Celestaine said if anyone has an idea, they should not be afraid to share it.

"A lot of time leaders will say they care, but the proof is in the pudding. I come here a lot and take time to talk to you guys. That's the only way we can figure out what needs to be done," said Christian.

The meeting was open to all military Service members who reside at the complex.

"Our concern is your quality of life and to give you a good quality of life, we need your input because we don't live here, you do," said Green.



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rod Celestaine talks to single Soldiers about their concerns during Tuesday's town hall meeting.

'We're leaving a legacy'

South Carolina State University celebrates ROTC centennial

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

With their right hands raised, 10 of South Carolina State University's Army ROTC cadets took their oath of commission May 6, joining the ranks of the thousands on men and women who have participated in the program during the last 100 years.

The newest officers were commissioned by Gen. Dennis Via, commander of U.S. Army Material Command. Via graduated from Virginia State University as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1980 and was a cadet in the school's ROTC program. He gave the keynote address during last week's ceremony.

"It doesn't seem that long ago that I was in your place," he said. "I'm here to let you know that you're OK and you're better prepared than you know you are.

"(In the Army) we are in the leading and caring business and today this serious business becomes your business," he said.

This year marks 100 years of ROTC transforming college students into American military leaders. Later this year, Fort Jackson will celebrate its 100th anniversary, as well.

The program officially began June 6, 1916, however military training in the classroom actually started years earlier.

"We're leaving a legacy," said 2nd Lt. Shequanna Fuller, who was met by cheers when introducing her battalion.

In 1862, The Morrill Act was signed by President Abraham Lincoln, requiring that land granted colleges incorporate military tactics to "promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life," according to the National Academic Press.

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Below, Gen. Dennis Via, commander of U.S. Army Material Command, presents the keynote address during the May 5 commissioning ceremony at South Carolina State University.



Photos by **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**

Second Lt. Jasmine Foster of the Bulldog Battalion leads her line into its commissioning ceremony May 5 at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg. The university is recognized as one of the largest producers of minority officers for the Army.

Brute Force

Post still making repairs after last year's flood

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson is still fixing the damage nature left it is wake months after the 1,000 year flood struck the Midlands.

A part of fixing the infrastructure is creating a place where workers can find the proper soil to fill areas washed away in October such as the borrow pit Soldiers from the 92nd Engineer Battalion out of Fort Stewart, Georgia carved out near Wildcat Road on post May 4-11.

Once the borrow pit is completed workers will have a place to excavate the best soil for rebuild projects and to deposit old soil, said Capt. Ian Riley, commander of the 526th Horizontal Engineer Company.

"We are removing all the organic material from the site and we are leveling it out so DPW and other construction assets can come in here and get dirt so they then can use to build roads," Riley said.

The effort is broken down into teams. One team clears vegetation to allow others to follow behind in heavy equipment to remove unwanted soil exposing those layers needed for upcoming restoration projects. The proper soil will have a certain amount of clay, moisture and compactability to be used to

shore up roads and dikes. Finally another team would grade and compact the soil to allow precipitation to drain into a retention pond created at the site.

To clear vegetation and trees, the engineers used an excavator to put out organic growth.

"We would take the bucket and tip the trees over and then pull them out of the ground," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Hollabaugh, one of the leaders at the retention pond. "If we can't move them with brute force we just take them by the root and pull them out."

Loaders would pick the dirt up and put in a dump truck that would then drive out of the pit. Other machines such as the scraper can lower the rear section of the vehicle to "basically slice off a layer of dirt and put it right into its own bucket," Riley said.

To get the water to drain correctly, the unit used graders to level the soil to the proper angle.

"We are going to grade it in a way that will allow any rain water to flow from the northeast corner to the southwest corner so it will drain to the retention pond," Riley said.

All the heavy equipment ate through fuel, but not as much as a single M1 Abrams tank which can chew through as much as 300 gallons every eight hours.

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Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

A Soldier with the 526th Horizontal Engineer Company, 92nd Engineer Battalion out of Fort Stewart, Ga. uses an excavator to move trees and other vegetation away from the borrow pit being dug near Wildcat Road on post.

'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...' 1ST BATTALION, 34TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PVT. CHRISTOPHER M. SHANNON III, 20
Nashville



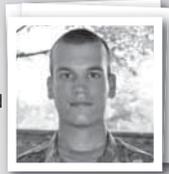
"I joined to serve the country that has helped and supported my Family in rough times. Serving in the Army also is a generation thing to my Family, my father, uncles and aunts."

"The physical training is the best because it gets me looking good."

"I am a 46Q – Public Affairs Specialist. I am a great storyteller as well as photographer."

My Family "fully supports me and encourages me to do more."

SPC. MICHAEL B. BUCHANAN, 24
Fort Worth, Texas

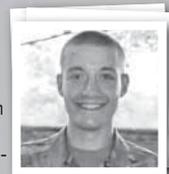


"I joined the Army to establish myself in the professional world and to be a part of something bigger than myself."

Basic Combat Training "has given me the opportunity to test my limits mentally and physically and to acquire new skills to take it to new heights."

I am a "35F – Intelligence Analyst because I wanted to fully utilize the skills I have acquired before military life and to secure a position once I have retired from the Army."

PVT. GARTH P. DIEHM, 21
East Brady, Pennsylvania



"I intentionally joined the Army for the College Fund. Right now I'm in the Reserves. To tell the truth as I come close to finishing basic training, active duty seems like a great idea. The honor among Soldiers and the love for my country – it's not a bad life to live."

"Everything about Basic Combat Training is good! The training has been helpful and an experience to never forget. We've learned a lot and have gotten stronger in the process. Basic Training has not been bad, but challenging."

PVT. SIERRA DERBY, 19
Bloomfield, New York



I joined the Army "to show the world, and myself, that I only have to depend on myself to tackle my dreams."

"Everyday in basic I was shown that with a little push from my drill sergeants I can do anything I put my mind to."

"I am a 42A – Human Resource Specialist. I chose this MOS because I plan on having a career I can bring back into the civilian world."

"My father was in the Army and my brother was in the Marine Corps so they're very excited to watch and see what I do with the same advantages they were given."

PVT. JOHNNIE K. GIDDENS, 20
Trenton, New Jersey



"I joined the Army to be a leader and to provide for my mother and little sisters."

"Learning about the military ways and meeting new people" are what is good about Basic Combat Training.

"I am a Chaplain's Assistant. I want to help others learn more about other religious beliefs."

"My Family is proud of me and want me to continue working hard."

"Drill Sergeant Sturdivant taught me a lot from becoming a military Soldier to becoming a leader and I am thankful for her."

PVT. JULIANNA MARCHESE, 21
Austin, Texas



"I joined the Army to challenge myself and to be the first in my Family to make a difference in my country."

The best part of Basic Combat Training "is learning new things and holding myself to a higher standard than before."

"I am a 91B – Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. It's one of my interests."

"My Family supports my decision 100 percent."

"I see myself making this a career goal."



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Fort Jackson Chief of Staff Col. Morris Goins helps athlete Jackson Ware with the torch during the Special Olympics opening ceremony Friday evening outside the Solomon Center. This is the 48th year the post has hosted opening ceremonies and events.

serious Special Olympics games return to Fort Jackson

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Capt. Alex Bass, a Special Olympics volunteer and a student in the Captain's Career Course at the Adjutant General School on Fort Jackson, measures the distance between the target ball, or pallina, and large balls tossed by Bocce competitors. Bass said watching the Special Olympian's pride in the game makes 'it more than just volunteering.'



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

When Jackson Ware dipped the Olympic torch into the cauldron the 2016 South Carolina Special Olympics Summer Games burst hot across the Midlands.

1,200 athletes, 400 coaches and 600 volunteers from across the Palmetto State descended on Fort Jackson May 6-7 to compete in an event founded on the principle that those with intellectual disabilities can benefit from participation in sports.

"It was heavy and hot," said Ware after lighting the cauldron with Col. Morris Goins, Fort Jackson's chief of staff, during the opening ceremony May 6. "It felt really good to light it." Ware competed in power lifting.

As part of the opening ceremony the torch was carried over a seven-mile course from the South Carolina State House to Fort Jackson.

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Games

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The flames of passion in the Olympians heated up across Fort Jackson as the athletes vied against each other in a variety of games including swimming, powerlifting, softball, bocce and gymnastics. The athlete's passion for competing made a lasting impact on those volunteering.

"It's nice to see athletes of different levels out here participating," said Capt. Alex Bass, a member of the Captain's Career Course at the Adjutant General School, and a volunteer at the games. "It's really cool to see that everyone is excited."

"To see how much pride they have makes it mean more than just volunteering."

"I enjoy all of it. It's the whole vibe and the energy of this event that makes me come back," said Deborah Jacobs, the Special Olympics of South Carolina's Director of Administrative Services, who has been doing this event for 19 years.

"IT'S REALLY COOL TO SEE THAT EVERYONE IS EXCITED."

Capt. Alex Bass, a member of the Captain's Career Course at the Adjutant General School.

The athletes, like power lifter Cameron Neely, train daily for their sport just like any other athletes.

"In three years the training has paid off for him, his mother said. "He could hardly lift the bar three years ago," Melissa Neely said while cheering her son on during the bench press event. "Now he is just blowing us away."

Besides power lifting, Cameron competes in Bocce and bowling. "They work just as hard in the gym as any other lifter," said Eric Hubbs, a Special Olympics certified powerlifting instructor. Competing in the games "builds their confidence and their morale up" and "puts them in a situation where they are competing and setting personal goals and records."

Whether winning a medal or not, the athletes had fun and made the best of their weekend.

The games were capped off by a victory party and dance at the Solomon Center May 7 where they could mingle with active duty Soldiers dressed to the nines.

"I really like the dancing and socializing," said Jason Deschamps, a 41-year-old member of the Carolina Hammer Head Sharks, who competed in the 50-meter freestyle and 50-meter backstroke. "This little girl beat me in Charleston. She ain't going to beat me this year!"

All the athletes were winners. Goins said, because, "You all are competing when people like me are too lazy to."

The games were the "best thing out there" for parents of Special Olympians.

"It is an opportunity for our kids to excel at a high level," Melissa Neely said. "They are individually trying their hardest and really showing us what they are made of."

Demetria Mosley contributed to this story.

Controlled burn helps area wildlife

By JENNIFER STRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Most people go for a drive, have a picnic or barbecue, or just take it easy outdoors on a Sunday when the weather is perfect. Not Fort Jackson's environmental division – they go out and start fires.

After months of planning and coordination, 10 people from the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division headed into the woods to safely burn 3,397 acres of underbrush in the east impact area on post on Mother's Day, May 8. It was the largest controlled burn done at any one time on post.

Prescribed burns here support the training mission, are healthy for local flora and fauna, and can even save lives and prevent property damage.

Doug, Morrow, Chief of the Environmental Division's Wildlife Branch said, "If we don't burn the impact area under good conditions, it will burn under possibly unfavorable conditions – and that's what we don't want."

"This area burns almost every year, whether it's started by us or by various munitions, such as white phosphorus, during training," said Ian Smith, the environmental specialist in charge of controlled burns on post.

Smith, who coordinated the event, made



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

The Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division managed a controlled burn Sunday of 3,397 acres in the east impact area, the largest ever conducted on post. After the fires were burning around the edges of the area, a helicopter dropped small incendiary spheres in a grid pattern.

calls to get a burn number, weather report, and fire condition report prior to the team heading out. DPW also had to notify the Federal Aviation Administration as well be-

cause of expected smoke.

The team, using all-terrain vehicles, lit fires on the inside of fire break roads that surrounded the marked area, creating a bound-

ary marked by smoke that would be easily visible from the air.

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Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



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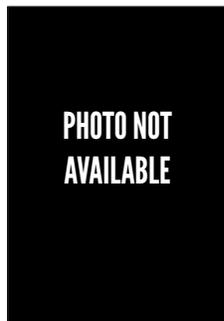
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Moncrief Army Community Hospital sick call – in the Urgent Care Clinic/Integrated Medical Health Home waiting room – is for only permanent-party members on active duty whose primary-care managers are at the hospital or Moncrief Medical Home. Soldiers in training will be seen at McWethy Troop Medical Clinic. Sick call is for acute care only. Appointments for routine care will not be made during sick call hours. Patients may sign in from 5-7 a.m. Monday through Friday (excluding training/federal holidays), or call in for appointment at 751-4464. The sick call appointment line will not schedule appointments after 7 a.m. Prospective patients must be signed in or call before 7 a.m. to schedule a same-day appointment. For other appointments, call 751-CARE (2273) between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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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, located at 413 Lee Road in the Mini Mall, is now accepting summer clothing. 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. Any one is eligible to shop in the Thrift Shop. You must have a military ID card to consign.

■ The Thrift Shop will be closed July 4-15 and will reopen July 19.

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5 p.m.

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Eye in the Sky (R) 2 p.m.
The Boss (R) 5 p.m.

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- Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.
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Memory

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Dr. Henry Miller, a member of the Columbia Jewish Federation, and special guest speaker, said the luncheon not only commemorates the millions murdered but the "relentless instinct" of those who survived.

"What is worth noting is the stories of the many European righteous gentiles who tried to hide Jewish families while putting their own families at risk. These acts are examples of truly courageous acts of selflessness."

Miller is the son of Holocaust survivors Cela and David Miller. His father was 18 years old and his mother 15 when the Nazis came to take them away.

David Miller lived in the Warsaw Ghetto along with the "1,000 poorly-equipped" Jews who retaliated against their German oppressors. When the Nazis crushed the Warsaw Uprising, David Miller was able to sneak out through the sewer system. He would eventually be caught and sent to the Auschwitz extermination camp before escaping weeks before the Red Army liberated the camp.

Cela Miller spent the war working as slave labor in munitions factories before being liberated by Allies.

His parents had managed to survive being a Jew in Central Europe when being of that religion meant "you were likely to die." The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum estimates that by 1945 the Nazis and their collaborators had killed roughly two out of every three European Jews.

Gypsies, homosexuals, disabled persons, and those Germans thought as ethnically inferior were also targets of the Nazi genocidal behavior.

After the war, Dr. Miller's parents would meet and be brought to America as refugees sponsored by the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Columbia.

Dr. Miller ended by calling on everyone to never allow forces of intolerance "to have a place in our world."



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Second Lt. David Owens III salutes Commander of U.S. Army Materiel Command Gen. Dennis Via. Owens was one of 10 ROTC students who were commissioned as officers on May 5 at South Carolina State University.

ROTC

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It was when the National Defense Act of 1916 was passed that ROTC programs could officially use military resources such as equipment, uniforms and active duty instructors in their training.

ROTC stands for the Reserve Officer's Training Corps. The program teaches military technical skills as well as gives leadership training. Once completing their education, ROTC graduates are commissioned as officers.

S.C. State's Bulldog Battalion has commissioned more than 2,000 students, including Col. Milford H. Beagle Jr, commander of the 193rd Infantry Brigade. It is recognized as one of the largest producers of minority officers for Army.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Members of the 92nd Engineer Battalion out of Fort Stewart, Ga., use a scraper to clear away soil out of a borrow pit being constructed near Wildcat Road.

Dig

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The unit's more than 10 engineer vehicles had run through "900 gallons this morning," said Sgt. John Valdez, the unit's Soldier in charge of fuel May 5. "We went through 2,000 gallons yesterday. Overall it's not too bad."

This is a good opportunity to train on our MOS proficiencies, but also this can help Fort Jackson recover from the flooding, Riley said.

The engineers were double-tapping helping in the post recovery as well as giving newer Soldiers "stick time" or learning how to use the equipment.

"Engineers are really flexible," he said. "This is just a small part of what we can do. We can build roads, airfields and can clear landing zones."

As the weeklong project comes to an end, Sgt. Quinn Robins, one of the supervisors at the site praised his troop's efforts.

"It's going really good," he said as trucks were filled with soil. "It's going pretty smooth. It's always good to have a learning experience."

As Robins counted the trucks he was able to keep track of the amount of earth they had moved. The engineers, by Robins' count, moved roughly 2,000 cubic yards of soil a day.

Fort Jackson saved the Army money by using the engineer company instead of contractors.

"It costs the Army about a third of what it would cost if a contractor came out here," Riley said.

Burn

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They also closely patrolled the area in trucks with water and other fire suppression equipment, closely keeping an eye on the low spreading flames.

That wilderness area contains many species of flora and fauna to include endangered Red Cockaded Woodpecker clusters. But, it is not a place where people tread due to unexploded ordnance in the area from years past. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit has cleared paths in some areas where access is necessary to attend the wildlife.

"The southeast has historically burned for thousands of years, so the plants and animals here evolved with fire," said Smith. "The endangered Red Cockaded Woodpecker relies on fire to keep their habitat in the long leaf pine stands viable and healthy."

After the fires were burning around the edges of the east impact area, a helicopter, contracted by Fort Jackson, arrived on site the crew dropping small incendiary spheres, called "ping pong" balls in a grid pattern. The small plastic balls, filled with potassium permanganate, were injected with glycol by a mechanical device before being ejected from the helicopter.

An immediate chemical reaction begins in the spheres and once on the ground, the chemicals ignite the plastic, spreading the fire on the ground.

Fire spread throughout the area as the crew continued to circle around looking for "snags" (dead trees that may burn and topple), and any other burning debris that might cross the fire break road.

The burn started just before 10 a.m. and was virtually burned out by 2 p.m. The crew was happy as the burn had gone well, with no issues as they headed off to clean equipment and prepare for the next one.

The post has between 30 and 40 wildfires a year, Smith said, while controlled burns used to mitigate the wildfires totaled 15,500 acres this year.



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2016 Fort Jackson Father's Day Bike Ride



Sunday, June 19 at 8:00 a.m.

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- » Free for all DoD ID Cardholders and DBIDS Cyclist Club Members. Become a member for only \$15 per year via webtrac.
- » To register, please visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com and click the Webtrac link.
- » Option to purchase \$15 T-shirt when registering via Webtrac. Registration deadline for a T-shirt is June 1. Very limited number will be available for purchase on the day of the event.
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Contact Information:

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