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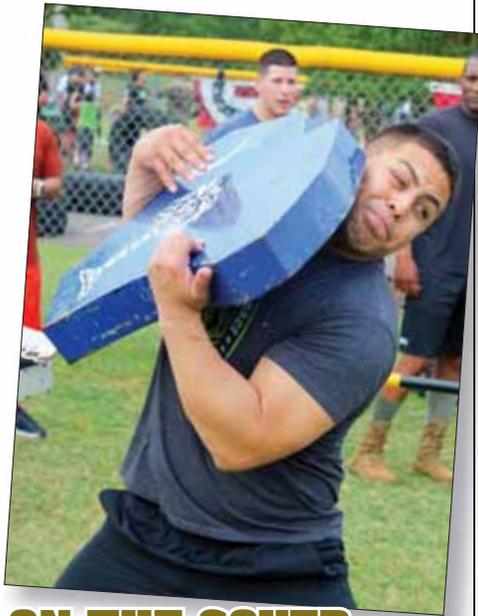
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ON THE COVER

Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Sgt. Jario Chavarria of MACH picks up a 100-pound stone during the May 5 Strongman/Strongwoman Competition before dashing across the field. **SEE PAGE 7.**



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FRIDAY

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.

Military spouses game day

10 a.m.-noon, Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222. Spouses are encouraged to come out and meet new friends, win prizes, playing games such as Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, and learn more about our Fort Jackson community.

SATURDAY

Read for the Win 5K

8-10 a.m. at Semmes Park on Marion Street. Participants in the Thomas Lee Hall Library's summer reading program will receive a free t-shirt while supplies last. Runners and walkers will be able to read a children's book as they go through the route. For more information, call 751-3096.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Shaw Air Expo

The air expo, headlined by the Thunderbirds, the U.S. Air Force precision-flying demonstration team, and the Black Daggers, the official U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team gives Shaw the opportunity to demonstrate the capabilities of the Armed Forces through a variety of

aerial demonstrations, displays, and static aircraft displays to those in attendance. For more information, visit www.shawairexpo.com

TUESDAY

LinkedIn Networking Luncheon

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., NCO Club. A networking event for female Soldiers, civilians, retirees and spouses. RSVP by noon Friday. For more information, call 751-8187.

Military Spouse clothing swap

1-4 p.m. at the Community Center, Fort Jackson Family Home, 520 Brown Ave. Bring your gently used items to swap for something "new."

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.

MAY 29

American Girl Sock Hop

2-4 p.m. at the Joe E. Mann Ballroom. Bring your doll or favorite stuffed animal and enjoy 50's themed food, crafts, prizes, and more. RSVP no later than May 25 by calling Beverly Metcalf at 751-3053.

MAY 30

Memorial Day Wreath

Laying Ceremony

9 a.m., Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

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.

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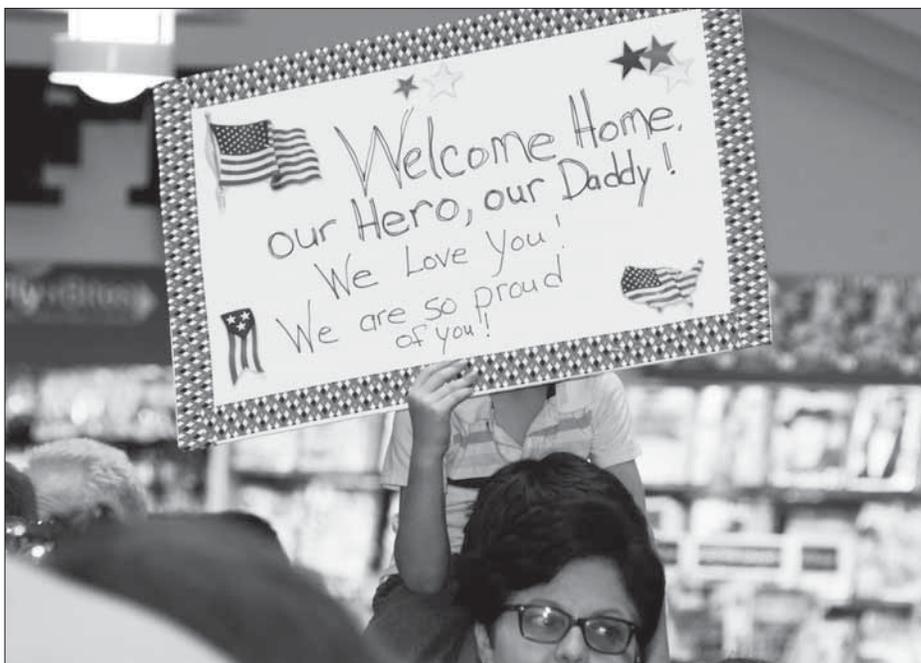
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Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Korean War veteran Rufus Gaskin walks the gauntlet of people thanking him for his service at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport as the last Honor Flight returned to Columbia, S.C. The Honor Flight of South Carolina would take aging veterans to Washington, D.C. to see war memorials and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

We'll meet again



A child holds up a sign welcoming home World War II and Korean War veterans back to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport as the final South Carolina Honor Flight arrived. Bands, honor guards, and families lined the concourse to welcome home the veterans.

Final honor flight lands in Columbia

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

They were treated as conquering heroes as they stepped onto the concourse.

Just days after the 71st Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, bands played, crowds cheered and American flags waved raucously for World War II and Korean War veterans after the final honor flight arrived back home May 11 to Columbia, South Carolina.

The South Carolina Honor Flight was created by Bill Dukes, South Carolina's Civilian Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, to help veterans go to Washington, D.C. to see the war memorials and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arlington National Cemetery.

"It was memorable, it was wonderful," said Matthew Burkett, a 90-year World War II vet, said with a smile. "Except it rained during the most important thing I really wanted to see, which was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. And we got soaking wet, I mean wet. They gave us jackets but it really rained."

The last honor flight left Columbia at 8 a.m. May 11, landed in the nation's capital, and returned home 12 hours later.

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Army allows Soldiers to wear headphones in gym

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

Soldiers jogging or lifting in the gym may now be allowed to listen to music through small headphones or ear buds, according to Army Directive 2016-20, released May 6.

Then Acting Secretary of the Army Patrick J. Murphy signed a memo that authorizes Soldiers to listen to music on a variety of devices and ear pieces while doing personal physical training inside gyms, though the memo does give final word on the new policy to installation or unit commanders.

“Effective immediately, unless the unit or installation commander prohibits otherwise, Soldiers may use headphones, including wireless or non-wireless devices and earpieces, in uniform only while performing individual physical training in indoor gyms or fitness centers,” Murphy wrote in the memo.

The headphones cannot be more than 1.5 inches in diameter and the memo states violators may be subject to administrative or disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

To push music through “conservative and discrete” earpieces, Soldiers are also permitted to “wear electronic devices, such as music players or cell phones” on their waistband, in accordance with AR 670-1. That regulation says the color of the carrying case for such a device must be black.

The directive also permits Soldiers to wear a “solid black armband” to hold their electronic device, but only while in the gym or fitness center.

When Soldiers leave the gym or fitness center, however, the arm bands, the music devices and the headphones must be put away.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey said the new policy is something Soldiers have told him they wanted for a while.

“This change came about because Soldiers stood up at one of my town halls and asked about it,” Dailey said. “If we can make changes that improve morale and they don’t adversely affect discipline, I’m all for it.”

Changes of command, responsibility set for June

The Commander, 193rd Infantry Brigade requests the honor of your presence at the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) Change of Command and Change of Responsibility Ceremony at 9 a.m. June 14 at Victory Field. During the ceremony Lt. Col. Archie L. Bates, III will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Yvette L. Brown, while 1st Sgt. Theodore Turner will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Christian J. Carr. For more information contact Capt. Scott D. Anderson at 803-751-5882.

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— Sgt. Maj. Daniel A. Dailey
Sgt. Maj. of the Army

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Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Shirley Cherry, Leslie Smith, and Felicia Johnson sort through coupons during the Coupon Craze Class May 17. This event was a part of Military Spouse Appreciation Month.

Coupon Craze

Spouses share coupons, shopping advice

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY
Fort Jackson Leader

To save or not to save, that’s not a question when you’ve decided to start couponing; it’s just going to happen naturally.

“When I first started I was saving maybe 10 percent here, 20 percent there,” said Sgt. Kanitra Blount with U.S. Army Garrison. “Now I’m at 50 percent to 80.”

As part of Military Spouse Appreciation Month, Blount, along with Army Community Services’ Financial Readiness Program, hosted a couponing class called Coupon Craze. The event was to help bring a better understanding of how using coupons can help with staying on budget.

“It really helps out. If I knew what I know now I would have started doing this sooner,” said Jo Johnson-Prince, a military spouse who has been couponing since 2011.

She came to the class to learn more about couponing. Attendees of the event shared their favorite stores to grab coupons as well as their favorite websites and mobile apps to help with saving.



Leslie Smith reaches for a coupon during Tuesday’s Coupon Craze event. Members of the Fort Jackson community came together to discuss and share tips for couponing and shopping on a budget.

Blount stressed that one of the most important aspects of couponing is making sure you stay organized. She suggested keeping your coupons in a sorter and sectioning them off by type of coupon. For example keeping all the food coupons together, all the dog coupons together, etc.

She started couponing two years ago when she found out she was pregnant.

“It’s not just a hobby it’s a lifestyle,” said Blount about couponing. “I love seeing that my total was \$500 but I spent only less than \$100. Who wouldn’t love that?”



WESTON LAKE ANNUAL BEACH BASH

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

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Sunday, May 29 (2:00 - 4:00 p.m.)
in the Joe E Mann Ballroom

Bring your doll or favorite stuffed animal and enjoy 50's themed food, crafts, prizes, and more!

You must RSVP no later than Monday, May 25 by calling Beverly Metcalfe at 751-3053.

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FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



GET READY: It's Hurricane Preparedness Week

From staff reports

Fort Jackson's emergency manager advised the post community to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season that officially begins June 1.

R.J. Frazier, who coordinates the post's emergency responses with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and FEMA said people need to be prepared because statistically a hurricane is due to hit the mainland United States.

"For everyone saying, 'We're due!' You're right. The U.S. is long overdue for a land falling storm. We've only had seven (eight if you count Sandy) land falling storms in the past 10 years. This is a record low for any 10 year period going back to 1850. We normally have about 17 land falling storms per 10 year period."

The Weather Channel reported in April the 2016 Atlantic hurricane season will be the busiest since 2012.

He added Fort Jackson community members can use the following steps to prepare for upcoming storms:

- The first thing you need to do is find out if you live in a flood, storm surge hur-

ricane evacuation zone, or if you're in a home that would be unsafe during a hurricane. If you are, figure out where you'd go and how you'd get there if told to evacuate. You do not need to travel hundreds of miles. Identify someone, perhaps a friend or relative who doesn't live in a zone or unsafe home, and work it out with them to use their home as your evacuation destination. Be sure to account for your pets, as most local shelters do not permit them. Put the plan in writing for you and those you care about.

- Call your insurance company or agent and ask for an insurance check-up to make sure you have enough homeowners insurance to repair or even replace your home. Don't forget coverage for your car or boat. Remember, standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding. Whether you're a homeowner or renter, you'll need a separate policy for it, and it's available through your company, agent or the National Flood Insurance Program at www.floodsmart.gov. Act now as flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period.

- You're going to need supplies not just to get through the storm but for the poten-

tially lengthy and unpleasant aftermath. Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family a minimum of one week. Electricity and water could be out for at least that long. You'll need extra cash, a battery-powered radio and flashlights. Many of us have cell phones, and they all run on batteries. You're going to need a portable, crank or solar powered USB charger.

- If you plan to ride out the storm in your home, make sure it is in good repair and up to local hurricane building code specifications. Many of these retrofits do not cost much or take as long to do as you may think. Have the proper plywood, steel or aluminum panels to board up the windows and doors. Remember, the garage door is the most vulnerable part of the home, so it must be able to withstand the winds.

- NOAA's National Hurricane Center and Central Pacific Hurricane Center are your official sources for hurricane forecasts and the issuance of hurricane watches and warnings. Your local NOAA National Weather Service forecast office provides information regarding the expected im-

Climatological probability of being hit by a hurricane:

- Florida, 51%
- North Carolina, 28%
- South Carolina, 17%
- Alabama, 16%
- Mississippi, 11%
- Georgia, 11%

Source: NOAA

pacts from the storm for your area. Emergency managers will make the decisions regarding evacuations.

- Organizations such as FLASH make disaster safety recommendations. And the media outlets will broadcast this information to you. All work together to be your trusted sources, especially for those less able to take care of themselves.



Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Staff Sgt. Adelyn Perez of the United States Drill Sergeant Academy pulls a hummer May 5 during the 2016 Strongman/Strongwoman competition.

STARTING STRONG

Soldiers test their mettle in strongman/strongwoman competitions



From left, Fort Jackson Sports Coordinator Cindi Keene monitors the participants during the tire flip portion of the competition. Sgt. Jario Chavarria of MACH sprints down the field during the farmers walk portion of the competition. Capt. John McCracken of MACH uses his strength to push a tire to the finish line before his opponent.

USO South Carolina opens new center on post

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

For 75 years the United Services Organization has helped millions of Service members in combat zones or provided respite in airports around the globe.

USO is providing services to prospective military recruits and their families at the Military Entrance Processing Station – Fort Jackson, after officially opening a center there May 13.

The USO opened the center inside the MEPS “so that all these young recruits, or applicants, that come in to take their testing to go into any branch of the military ... have snacks, video games and beverages,” said Joanie Thresher, the director of the USO in South Carolina. “We have great volunteers here sharing their time to make sure they have everything they need.”

If it wasn't for the “forces behind the forces” the USO center wouldn't have been built, Thresher said.

After years of work and donations from various places the center finally came to fruition.

Those volunteers can answer questions from families, “about how they are taken care of around the world.”

For one of the USO volunteers, Lorren “Jack” Jackson, Service members are the



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Joanie Thresher, director of the South Carolina USO, and Air Force Maj. William Busch, commander of the Military Entry Station – Fort Jackson, cut the ribbon April 13, officially opening a USO center in the MEPS building.

ones who are truly serving the country.

“Those kids are the ones who are taking care of us,” said Jackson, who volunteers at both the MEPS and Columbia Metropolitan Airport USO centers.

Service members and their families visited USO centers around the globe more than 7 million times in 2014 alone.

The USO characterizes its centers as places to “provide a warm and comforting place where Service members can connect to loved ones via Internet or phone, play a video game, catch a movie, have a snack or just put their feet up and relax.”

The first stop for most Soldiers in Training heading to Fort Jackson for Basic Com-

bat Training is the Columbia airport USO where they meet a drill sergeant for the first time. Fort Jackson trains more than 60 percent of all initial entry Soldiers entering the Army each year.

Fort Jackson MEPS is housed in a 43,275 square foot, \$1.139 million facility that services more than 25,000 applicants annually.

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

PVT. DALTON RAY WICKE, 23

Mobile, Ala.

"I joined the Army to gain the most discipline and motivation for my life that I can obtain."

"The training, my drill sergeants and learning about myself is the best part of basic training."

"I am a 15Y – AH-64 Armament/Electrical/Avionic Systems Repairer. I chose it so I can further my civilian life when I get out of the service."

"My Family is very proud of me, considering where I have come from."

"I see myself becoming a Green Beret in the next five years."



PVT. TAMIKA S. SCOTT, 35

Chesapeake, Virginia

"I have been asked this question for 10 weeks now and I still don't know the answer (to why I joined.) I believe that God has a plan for us all and His plan for my life is to encourage others."

"The discipline I've gained and all the knowledge I've obtained" is the best part of BCT.

"I am a "92A – Automated Logistics Specialist. I picked this military occupational specialty because it can be used in my civilian life as well."

"My Family supports me 100 percent. My husband is my everything next to God."



PVT. ESMERALDA SALAZAR, 18

College Station, Texas

"I joined the Army because I wanted an occupation that challenged me physically and mentally."

"The best part of Basic Combat Training is building mentality and knowing how much and when to apply more."

"I am a 91B – Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. I have always loved the idea of working on cars and trucks."

"My Family weren't really on board (with me joining) until later on after they saw pictures on Facebook."



PVT. MARQUISE A. DICUPE, 20

Palmyra, N.J.

"I joined the Army because it is something I have always wanted to do, and I know the Army will provide me a better future."

"I have learned a lot from my drill sergeants such as respect and discipline throughout basic training."

"I am a 91B – Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. I wanted to have a career in mechanics. I believe the Army is the best option for me."

"My Family is very proud of my decision to enlist. I have Family that has served, and they supported me through my decision."



PVT. ADAM N. RUTLEDGE, 29

Phoenix

"I have always wanted to serve my country, and decided that the Army was the best branch for me."

"The training and the camaraderie you build throughout the training is the best part for me."

"I am a 15D – Aircraft Powertrain Repairer. I want to learn how to work on helicopters to help get a better job in the civilian world."

"My wife encouraged me to join the Army. I thought I was too old, but she pushed me. My parents supported my decision and help encourage me through the experience every day."



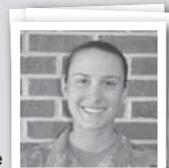
PVT. KATHRYN BROOKS, 22

Nokesville, Va.

"The discipline the drill sergeants have instilled in me has helped me find the courage to be better and learning everything that we have will be useful for the rest of my life."

"I am a 42A – Human Resource Specialist. I am a marketing major in college so the knowledge I already have will help me and the knowledge I will gain in training will push me further in my career."

"I am the only one of my grandfather's descendants to join the military. He was a major in the Marine Corps so they are thrilled that I enlisted and are very proud."



Finance school, USC extend partnership

By **CAPT. JESSICA BOWERS**
Financial Management School

To some it may be a long overdue ceremony, but a recent partnership agreement signing is simply a confirmation of the outstanding partnership between the U.S. Army Financial Management School and the University of South Carolina.

For more than two years, this partnership has provided educational and training opportunities to Soldiers and civilians throughout the Army Financial Management community. The Army Financial Management School at Fort Jackson initially began its partnership with USC's Darla Moore School of Business in 2014. The Darla Moore School has ranked in the top three graduate schools for its International MBA program for the past 25 years.

Since the summer of 2014, USC has been educating Soldiers and civilians from the Army finance community to enhance their understanding and use of the Enterprise Resource Planning tool, General Fund Enterprise Business System. With that system's deployment, the Army's financial management community realized the need for additional skills,

training and education to leverage the full capabilities of the Army's accounting system of record. USC's partnership with the FM community helps fill the gap.

In 2009, the Department of the Army implemented what is now one of the largest ERP systems in the world, the GFEBS, which replaced more than 80 systems and led to new ways of procuring, processing, and paying for resources to support current and growing missions around the world. A few years after the implementation of GFEBS, Congress announced that the Department of Defense must be auditable by fiscal year 2017.

There are currently four courses being offered at USC to support the Army's need to achieve audit readiness and perform data analytics to improve fiscal decision made by commanders and leaders alike: Business Analytics Course, Advanced Business Analytics Course, and the Cost Management Certificate Course. These courses range from one week to four weeks in length. The curriculum includes: introduction to ERP systems; manipulating and analyzing data using Microsoft Excel; decision modeling in Excel; and cost concepts and analysis techniques that include cost benefit,



Photo by CAPT. JESSICA BOWERS

Col. Eric F. Zellars, left, Financial Management School commandant and chief of the Finance Corps, and Dr. Tim Carroll, the associate dean for executive education at USC's Darla Moore School of Business, extend their partnership agreement during a signing ceremony.

break-even, and variance analysis. If you are interested in attending any of these courses, refer to the Financial Manage-

ment School Course Catalog online at www.milsuite.mil/book/community/spaces/afms.

Moncrief Army Community Hospital: Transitioning to an Army health clinic

HEALTHCARE UPDATE



Referrals to the Civilian Network

If Moncrief is unable to take care of your specialty need in house, your referral will be forwarded to Humana-Military for authorization to seek care in the civilian community.

Within 7-10 days you will receive an authorization letter from TRICARE, mailed to the address you have listed in DEERS. You will need to contact the provider's office listed on the authorization letter to make your own appointment at a convenient time for you. You may also access your referral authorization information online at www.humana-military.com. You will need to create a secure log-in the first time you visit the site.

If you do not receive your authorization letter or if you prefer a different specialist within the TRICARE Network, contact 1-800-444-5445 for assistance.

You may contact Moncrief Medical Records, located on the ground floor of our facility, at 751-2471 or 751-2036 for assistance in obtaining medical records if needed by your specialists office.

TRICARE Prime Travel Benefit

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are eligible for travel reimbursement for medically necessary non-emergency specialty care greater than one hundred (100) miles from Moncrief if the care is not available at a location within the area. Reimbursement is for actual travel related expenses incurred for travel (lodging, gas, meals). Contact the Patient Services Office prior to travel at 751-0471 in order for us to assist in obtaining your travel documents.

Urgent/72 hours or less referral

If your provider has determined you have a medical need that requires you see a specialist right away, a member of your Primary Care Team will coordinate directly with the specialty provider and arrange for your care.

Keep your information current

To avoid possible delay in care, it is vital to keep your address and phone number current. The address listed in DEERS used by Humana-Military to mail authorizations for specialty care. To update your information contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support at 1-800-538-9552, the local ID Card Office or make address changes online simply visit www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress.

Moncrief Public Affairs

The Army authorized U.S. Army Medical Command to begin transitioning Moncrief Army Community Hospital to an Army health clinic, discontinuing inpatient medical and behavioral health services and surgical capabilities July 31.

This decision was based on a very thorough and careful analysis by the Army, looking at how to best align medical capabilities with patient needs. Moncrief is currently a 24 bed inpatient hospital with two Operating Rooms. Over the past five years, inpatient census has decreased to less than 2 patients per day, and Operating Room utilization has dropped below 40 percent. As a result, the low volume and low complexity workload at Fort Jackson was not sufficient to sustain the medical skills required by military providers and has created concerns about the safety, quality, and access to timely care. According to Col. Traci E. Crawford, hospital commander, this transition will better match Moncrief's capabilities to needs of the beneficiary population.

"The health and wellness of all of our beneficiaries are extremely important to us," Crawford said. "Moncrief will continue to provide full service primary care to all eligible Fort Jackson beneficiaries, including active duty Service members, Soldiers in Training, Family members, and community retirees."

Moncrief beneficiaries will also continue to receive and have access to inpatient and operative services at local TRICARE network hospitals or at nearby military hospitals such as Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia. These facilities already provide inpatient/

surgical care for higher complexity cases that cannot currently be performed at Moncrief.

"I want all our beneficiaries to know that your access to care isn't changing," Crawford said. "Those needing referrals to surgical or specialty services will still receive them from their primary care provider. The only difference will be where you go to have the surgery done. Although this transition is necessary, the Army's commitment to ensuring Soldiers and their Families have access to timely, safe, quality care will never change."

In preparation for the upcoming transition, Crawford has held regular meetings with hospital staff. She has also met face-to-face with local community leaders, area hospitals, and representatives for South Carolina congressmen Sen. Lindsey Graham and Rep. Joe Wilson to discuss the impact on the local community.

"In order for this transition to be successful, Moncrief needs the assistance and support of all our Community partners, including area hospitals, local government, and civic groups," Crawford said. "This can be accomplished through continued open communication between organizations as we move forward with the process of referring beneficiaries outside of Moncrief."



Serving to Heal ... Honored to Serve

Moncrief Army Community Hospital strives to be the best health care facility in the Department of Defense. Its mission is to provide a system of health assuring the readiness of the Warfighter and the wellness of our Family members, retirees and veterans of the armed forces.

Photo courtesy of Moncrief Army Community Hospital Public Affairs



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Field Day at C.C. Pinckney

Above, Ethan O'Daniel, a fifth grader at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School tosses a bean bag at two small hoops a few meters away. O'Daniel and other CCP students competed in various events and watched a Military Working Dog, left, demonstration during the school's May 13 Field Day activities.

Tickets now on sale for Army Birthday Ball

Tickets for the 2016 Army Birthday Ball are now available for sale online.

The ball is being hosted by the Association of the United States Army and will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, located at 1101 Lincoln St., on June 18. The Army Birthday Ball is a formal event, and the attire for civilians is formal evening wear or black tie. Military uniform is the Army Service Uniform; Dress Mess/Dress Blues.



Childcare will be available at the Hood Street CDC. Children must be registered with CYS in order to take advantage of the program. Cost is \$20 per child; additional children from the same family are \$18 per child.

Children will be served dinner and have an Army Birthday party as well.

Tickets are available online at <https://goo.gl/iChe5v>.

Change of command set for 2-39 in June

Col. Benjamin Dimaggio, will relinquish command of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment to Lt. Col. Rafael Duran, at 9 a.m. June 21 at Victory Field. For more information call 751-4251.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



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Joshua Conard
Alpha Company
2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

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Pvt. Juan C. Hernandez



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SOCIAL MEDIA DECEPTION

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Raise your Shield

Maximize your social media privacy settings.
"Friend" only those you know and trust.

*Source: NextAdvisor

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HAPPENINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/.

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.

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.
Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

Criminal (R) 7 p.m.

Saturday

Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13) 1 p.m.
Criminal (R) 5 p.m.

Sunday

Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13) 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13) 1 p.m.
Criminal (R) 5 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.

WWW.SHOPMYEXCHANGE.COM

Honor

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The program took care of everything including making sure the veterans and their accompanying loved ones were in the right places at the right times and were fed.

"It is a wonderful program," said the veteran of Company B, 128th Army Ordnance Battalion about the ending of the Honor Flight program.

Burkett, who served 20 years, 10 months and 23 days before retiring, was stationed in Nuremburg, Germany during the Nazi war crimes trials.

Burkett's granddaughter Kristy Gwyn, a music teacher in West Columbia, South Carolina, found the Honor Flight to be "amazing."

"Getting to see him see those things for the first time ever was amazing," she said.

Gwyn appreciated the way the Honor Flight helped those veterans. The organization allowed her to see the different memorials and how the veterans from each of the wars reacted to the sights.

The teacher and her grandfather were some of the first to walk the gauntlet of well-wishers welcoming the veterans back to the Midlands.

"Oh my gosh, I felt like I did something amazing – but it was for him," she said motioning to her grandfather. "It was like wow!"

Gwyn had promised her grandmother she would ensure Burkett went on an honor flight. Sara Burkett was married to Matthew for 69 years until she passed April 6, 2016.

The airport was lined with boy scouts, family mem-



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

World War II and Korean War veterans are swarmed by well-wishers and family members after they returned from Washington, D.C. May 11 on the last Honor Flight from Columbia, S.C.

bers, a Junior ROTC color guard and the lights of hundreds of cameras. They were even greeted by "Major Honey" a pin-up model dressed in period attire.

Janice Jabs, who accompanied her husband and Korean War-era veteran Albert on the flight, was excited about the trip.

"I feel so blessed they asked us," she said smiling

broadly as her husband laughed and joked with those around him while posing for many pictures. "They saw his military hat and asked us if we would do this."

Albert Jabs, was stationed in Germany helping to rebuild the war-torn country after World War II.

Due to the dwindling number of World War II and Korean War veterans the honor flight program ended.



NATIONAL WHITewater CENTER TRIP

Saturday, June 4 (8 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

Departs from Marion Street Station to the National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC.

Only \$80 per person.

Price includes transportation, rafting and other activities in the center. Come for the adventure and learn a new skill that you have never tried. Charlotte has the course that trains the U. S. Olympic team. Lots of activities to do: canopy tour, whitewater rafting, paddle board, kayaking, rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, zip lining, and high ropes course.

For more info, call 751-3484.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



2016 Fort Jackson Fathers' Day Bike Ride

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

Race begins and ends in the parking lot of the Hilton Field Softball Complex

Registration Information:

- 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.
- Late Registration/Check-in: 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

Contact Information:

- Marion Street Station: 751-3484



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



YOUTH FISHING DERBY

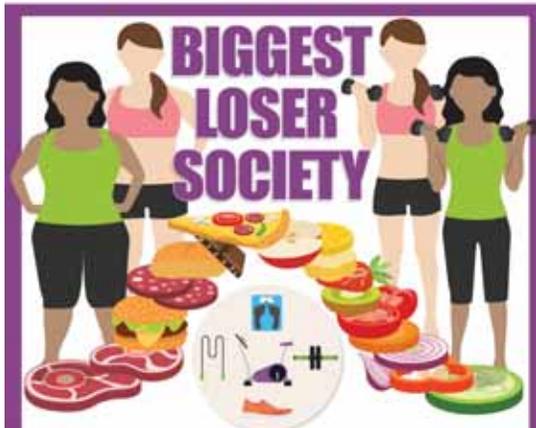
June 4, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Weston Lake

Fishing from the shoreline or on the lake with a free canoe rental.

- Free and open to all ID cardholders with valid state/post fishing license (15 and younger do not require a license).
- First 50 to register on webtrac will receive a free child's fishing pole.
- First 50 to check in at 7 a.m. on the day of the event will receive a free child's fishing pole.
- Worms and tackle available for purchase.
- Concessions available for purchase.

For more info, call 751-LAKE (5253) or 751-3484.

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For more info, call at 751-3700.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



PALMETTO FALLS SEASON MEMBERSHIPS ON SALE NOW!

Available at Victory Travel
751-5812.

All DoD ID Cardholders: \$50 for a Family of 4!
Additional Family members \$10
Add your 5th Family Member Free Through June 7!

Plus receive these added value coupons:

- Free entry to Dog Day at the Water Park
- Special Membership Appreciation Days
- Three bring a friend passes
- Coupon for a free pizza and four drinks (Offer good 2 - 4 pm; June 14 - July 31, 2016)
- 4 Free Bowling Passes for Century Lanes Bowling Center
- 4 Free Mini Golf Passes for Palmetto Greens
- \$5 off any purchase at Retail Zone
- Free Smoothie or iced coffee beverages from the 512 Trolley
- \$5 off Outdoor Recreation Trip Registration
- Free kayak or canoe rental from Marion Street Station
- Every day at 6 p.m. show your season membership for a members only special at the Snack Bar.

Purchase before Tuesday, June 7 and get more than \$75.00 in added value coupons

Single Memberships for DoD ID Cardholders are \$20 available at Victory Travel. Non-Affiliated civilians can purchase Family Season Memberships for \$99 (Single Memberships are \$45) online at www.fortjacksonmwr.com. Just scroll down to the blue area and click the Webtrac link. Some restrictions apply.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS