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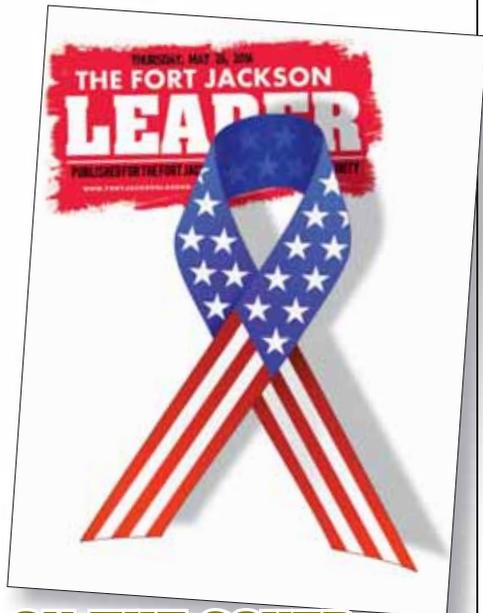
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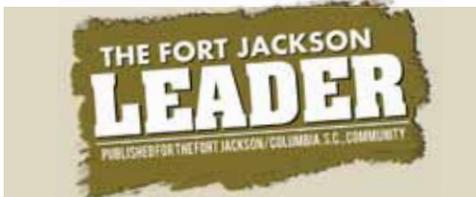
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Deadline for events to be included in the calendar or Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

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.

SATURDAY

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." 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.

information, call Beverly Metcalf at 751-3053.

MONDAY

Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

9 a.m., Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

Military Appreciation Days at EdVenture Children's Museum

Today, July 4 and November 11, free admission to all military members and dependents. The three days will honor the men and women who serve our country and protect our communities. Free children's lunches will also be provided during the appreciation days to all military dependents age 12 and under.

JUNE 2

Post Newcomer Orientation

8 a.m. at the NCO Club. The Post Newcomer Orientation is mandatory for all Soldiers arriving to Fort Jackson and will include attendance at BCT Graduation, which is usually held outdoors. All newly arriving civilian employees are invited to attend. Soldiers who bring their

spouses will get a 3-day pass through their chain of command. A 50 percent off meal coupon will be provided to all attendees. Free childcare is provided; however, children must be registered and orientation must be coordinated ahead of time by contacting Parent Central Services. For more information, call 751-1124.

SUNDAY

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. For more



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Col. James Ellerson, Fort Jackson's garrison commander, slices a piece of cake to give it to an Exchange patron to celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 6. The post recognized military spouses with a cake cutting and a fashion show at the main Fort Jackson Exchange.



Photo courtesy of Moncrief Army Community Hospital Public Affairs

A Soldier receives care at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, which will soon be transitioning inpatient medical services, inpatient behavioral health services, and surgical services to the local medical community.

MACH transition plan outlined during forum

By **NICK SPINELLI**

Moncrief Army Community Hospital

Fort Jackson held a town hall meeting Tuesday night at the post theater to discuss Moncrief Army Community Hospital's upcoming transition to an Army Health Clinic.

The meeting was led by Col. Traci E. Crawford, Moncrief commander, who began by welcoming the audience and explaining what the transition would mean for the Soldiers, families, and retirees who receive their medical care at Moncrief.

"Moncrief is transitioning inpatient medical services, inpatient behavioral health services, and all surgical services out into the local medical community," Crawford said.

According to Crawford, local medical facilities already handle approximately 85 percent of surgical cases, and the additional patient load will not cause any issues.

"Our local medical community has been part of the transition plan and is more than up to the task of absorbing these specialty care cases," she said.

Moncrief will continue providing primary care services to beneficiaries as well as non-surgical specialty care such as physical therapy.

"For many of our beneficiaries, this transition will have very little impact," Crawford said. "You will still see your same Primary Care Manager, and if you need a referral for surgical

services, the process will remain the same. The only real difference will be where that procedure is performed."

The decision to transition Moncrief to an Army Health Clinic was based on a 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.

"We want to ensure our beneficiaries receive the best care available to them and this transition is the best way we can do that," Crawford said.

Closing out the meeting, Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier, Fort Jackson commander, echoed Crawford's commitment to ensuring the health and safety of the beneficiary population.

"We're changing the name, and we're changing some of the dynamics," he said. "What we won't change is the access to quality care our beneficiaries receive."

Moncrief and Fort Jackson will hold another town hall meeting to discuss the transition June 8 at the Columbia, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.



About the transition:

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 July 31.

This decision was based on a thorough and careful analysis by the Army, looking at how to best align medical capabilities with patient needs.

"The health and wellness of all of our beneficiaries are extremely important to us," said Col. Traci E. Crawford, Moncrief commander. "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. 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."

Moncrief and Fort Jackson have scheduled a Town Hall meeting June 8 to discuss the transition with the beneficiary population and local community as well as address any questions, comments, or concerns.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Members of the Pacific Islanders Association Dancers entertain attendees at Fort Jackson's 2016 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month luncheon at the NCO club on post May 20. At the event Margaret Metcalfe, Director of the Washington Office of the Governor of Guam, spoke about how important Asian/Pacific Islanders are to the U.S. Army.

A shared heritage

Post celebrates historic contributions of Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

Soldiers from Asia and the Pacific Islands have played an integral part in Army operations in the past 100 years.

Hawaii has been an American bastion in the vastness of the Pacific Ocean for more than a century while Guam and American Samoa have added to the bulwark of the U.S.'s foreign policy in the South Pacific for nearly as long.

Fort Jackson honored the efforts of the Asian American and Pacific Islanders during a celebratory luncheon at the NCO Club on post May 20.

According to asianpacificheritage.gov, May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month because it commemorates the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and marks the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 – a feat accomplished by a majority of Chinese immigrants.

For Margaret Metcalfe, the director of the Washington Office of the Governor of Guam, Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month is particularly important – she was born on the island to parents who trace their lineage back to when Marines first landed

in 1898 during the Spanish-American War.

“What you see on the outside is not what is on the inside,” she said while speaking about the influences of Asian/Pacific Islanders during the luncheon.

After the Japanese were forced to surrender the island in 1944, “five of 11 family members remained,” she said.

Guam has voted to in the past to become a part of the U.S. Commonwealth. The Commonwealth has representatives in Congress who vote on committees but cannot vote on measures on the House floor.

“Guam is the hope for growth and prosperity in the western Pacific,” she said. “Our island stands alone as a buffer between our homeland and those who wish us harm.”

China, North Korea and Russian military threats continue almost daily against the island. The island is so significant she said that China even boasts of a “Guam Killer” missile that can strike the island. North Korea continually rails against the island which has runways that can handle B-52 bombers capable of bombing the reclusive totalitarian state. Russia also conducts routine reconnaissance flights near the island.

Asian/Pacific Islanders have close ties to Fort Jackson as well, Metcalfe said.

“In Guam alone, one out of eight adults are U.S. veterans,” she added. Fort Jackson is important to Asian/Pacific Islanders because “many of our veterans have come through here.”

It is estimated that Fort Jackson has trained more than 60 percent of the Army’s total force.

“Our people have walked together through history,” she said.

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.
Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

The Jungle Book (PG) 7 p.m.

Saturday

The Jungle Book (PG) 2 p.m.
Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13) 5 p.m.

Sunday

The Jungle Book (PG) 2 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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Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (BCT Family Days).
Thursdays, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. (effective June 2).
Fridays, 4:30-9:30 p.m.
Saturdays, 1-9 p.m.
Sundays, 2-7 p.m.



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

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(803) 782-8761

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Featuring waffles, omelet station, champagne and more.

\$14.95 for members.
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\$6.95 for children (4 - 11).
Free for children younger than 4.





Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

The firemen in Fort Jackson's fire department say they feel like they are family. 'We wear many different hats here at Fort Jackson, It's a balancing act keeping them all in check,' said firefighter Kenny Morgan.

Brotherhood

Fort Jackson's firefighter 'family' receives three IMCOM awards

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson Fire Chief Eric Harper says the time firemen spend together makes up about half their lives.

This constant togetherness has turned the group of men that inhabit the fire department side of Fort Jackson's emergency services building into something more than just colleagues.

These men feel like brothers.

"We really feel like a family here," said Assistant Chief David Hartness. "We joke around with each other, we get mad at each other sometimes, but when the buzzer goes off we put everything to the side and perform our duty. These guys are really my brothers."

And the bond that these brothers have created among one another has allowed them to perform their job for the Fort Jackson community with excellence – and their performance has not gone unnoticed.

Fort Jackson's Fire Department was recently the recipient of three Installation Management Command awards: Fire Department of the Year in the small category; Civilian Fire Officer of the Year; and Fire Inspector of the Year.

"We continue to strive for an excellent performance," Harper said. "There are a lot of great fire departments across garrisons and I don't want to take that away from

them, but here at Fort Jackson we can say that the soldiers are well protected and so we're going to continue to strive.

"This award just shows that we are on track with what the Department of the Army wants from us," he said.

Assistant Chief Scott Dallman was named Fire Officer of the Year, and Assistant Chief Peter Hanes was named Fire Inspector of the Year. Dallman has been at Fort Jackson since 2002 and Hanes since 1999.

"I know a lot of great officers through IMCOM and to be selected is pretty special and it says a lot about our department for winning as well," said Dallman.

He and Hanes both decided on careers in fire protection the same way. After joining the Air Force, they were both assigned this career path and stayed in it.

"It's a brotherhood, it's truly a family," said Hanes. "That's honestly the best part about (working in the fire department). To be able to work with your brother and sister and provide a service to Soldiers, it's honoring."

And their brothers couldn't be happier for them.

"I've seen (them) go up the ranks," said firefighter Kenny Morgan. "To see them gain knowledge and experience and just becoming a better, well-rounded officer is awesome."

Although putting out fires is an important aspect of their job, Fort Jackson firemen have other duties to perform, as well. They hold inspections, provide training, and



Assistant Chief Scott Dallman, left, was named IMCOM Fire Officer of the year, while Assistant Chief Peter Hanes, right, is IMCOM's Fire Inspector of the Year.

teach classes to make sure the community is well educated on safety issues.

"Our theory is that the Soldiers go down range to protect us when there's bad guys out there, so when their back here at home we take care of them and make sure they are safe here," said Hanes.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Spc. Andrew Gooden, a medic with Moncrief Army Community Hospital, takes the blood pressure of a retiree during the Retiree Health and Benefits Expo May 21 at the Solomon Center.

'RAD' events honor retirees

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

Something RAD happened on Fort Jackson May 19-21.

It wasn't something out of the 1980s but rather Retiree Appreciation Days where the post celebrated those who retired from the military service.

The events included a breakfast, being honored at a Basic Combat Training graduation, a golf outing at the Fort Jackson Golf Course and culminated with a Retiree Health and Benefits Expo at the Solomon Center.

"(The post) has always been very supportive of retirees and their families," said retired Col. Mike Molosso, chairman of the Fort Jackson Retirement Council, "by going out of their way to find ways to show that appreciation and provide the necessary life system support that retirees and surviving spouses require as they get older."

He said the council is just one of the ways Fort Jackson works with retirees. Another way is through the RAD events.

He also lauded the directorates of Family,

Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Human Resources as the drivers of the entire appreciation days.

While other events were equally important to show the post's recognition of retiree's service, the health expo allowed them to keep updated with current medical and other benefits.

"For new retirees who haven't been to one," Molosso said, "it provides them some insight into the service providers who are out there for them. We also have Moncrief Army Community Hospital here and they provide health checks and information on services that are available."

Sgt. Bradley Coon, an optometry technician at MACH, said he found the RAD events enlightening because they show him how much the post cares about retirees.

"It's enjoyable to come out and interact with them," he said. "It's fun to come out and help them. Hopefully, when I get there one day, there will be days like these for me."

At the event Coon and other optometry technicians were offering information about vision services while also taking orders from retirees for new spectacles.

"We are also ordering glasses for anyone who brings in an updated prescription to us," Coon, an 11-year veteran said.

Margaret Stewart and her husband James, loves the RAD health expo because "there is lots of information, and they sometimes answer questions we ask. We also get to see people we haven't seen in a while."

James Stewart is a veteran of the American Division that served in Vietnam from 1970-71.

The retirees are originally from York, South Carolina but retired in the Columbia area.

James W. Pearson Jr, who retired after 20 years, said his Family looks forward to the events each year.

"Me and my wife, ever since I retired, we've been at every event," he said. "I like the general information they have. I love the handouts they give."

"I really just like being around the military environment. I tell my wife that when I was active duty it was like being around family. There are guys in the military, comrades in the military, who are just like brothers. It's just like a brother you love and haven't seen in a while."

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— Sgt. Bradley Coon
MACH optometry technician

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Soldiers take a new LEAP

By SGT. 1ST CLASS JOE CASHION
and SGT. BRAD MINCEY
108th Public Affairs Detachment

As the South Carolina National Guard adjusts to more of a peacetime role after more than decade of frequent deployments to the Middle East, leaders are concerned with how Soldier readiness will be affected. The biggest concerns are Soldier physical and mental fitness, which are key to maintaining a strong and relevant force.

To that end, the SCNG conceived, planned and in the month of May, implemented the first two-week iteration of the Lifestyle Enhancement Achievement Program, or LEAP, a program directed by the S.C. Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston Jr. The goal is to assist Soldiers with lifestyle enhancements to help them meet Army career standards for physical and health fitness for those who are struggling or identified as “at-risk” in those areas.

“The idea is to take a holistic approach to help Soldiers improve many aspects of their lives, not just to get them to pass an Army Physical Fitness Test,” said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Artlip, course manager for LEAP. “We want to help Soldiers improve their overall physical, mental and social preparedness to perform any mission given to them.”

Artlip is a part of a nine-person team at the SCNG’s 218th Regional Training Institute at the McCrady Training Center in charge of running the program, which will be conducted over four, two-week intervals from May through the end of September. The first class began May 6.

Artlip conceived the program more than two years ago and after much patience and diligence, got the approval to implement it late last year.

“We got the approval in November 2015 and our start date to begin putting the classes together was March 1 for launch of the first class this month,” he said. “It’s been a challenge to get everything ready and we will certainly tweak things as we move forward, but so far the first class has been a great success.”

Artlip mentioned one of the keys to getting “buy-in” and establishing credibility with Soldiers attending the class has been to include staff members who themselves have had APFT and healthy lifestyle issues in the past.

“We have a tremendous staff, a great group of people who can identify and empathize with the Soldiers going through the course,” Artlip said. “We wanted a staff with people strong in all areas but who may have had issues with physical training or lifestyle choices in the past and have overcome them. This way, the Soldiers have mentors who completely understand where they are and can encourage them through their own experiences to get better.”

During the two weeks, Soldiers take part in daily physical readiness training, along with instruction on a number of topics including meal planning, nutrition and strength training, financial management, stress management, substance abuse and effects on health, tobacco cessation and resilience. Soldiers also get the chance to go through the confidence course at Fort Jackson, which the first class did May 15. Some Soldiers enjoyed it so much they went through multiple times.

In just over one week’s time, some of the Soldiers attending the class mentioned they had already reaped the



Photo by PHOTO BY SGT. BRAD MINCEY,
108th Public Affairs Detachment

benefits and were eager to share their knowledge with others in their units. After trying to recover from an injury, Sgt. Neal Anderson from the 1050th Transportation Battalion has had a hard time getting back up to speed with his two-mile run.

“I’ve been struggling to bounce back and haven’t been able to get back where I need to be, but this course has really been helping,” Anderson said. “The course is only two weeks long, and you can’t fix everything in that time. But they set you up for success when you go home. If you put forth 100 percent and take it seriously, there is no way you can fail after this.”

Artlip echoed those sentiments.

“We know that in most cases two weeks isn’t enough time to get Soldiers completely back to where they need to be but the idea is to plant that seed, get the ball rolling and show them what they can do if they’re motivated to get better,” he said.

Sgt. Jennifer Bixler of the 1055th Transportation Company said she’d already improved her two-mile run time and made a healthy lifestyle choice along the way.

“One of the best things for me is that I’ve already knocked off three minutes from my run time,” she said. She attributes that to the fact that the program has helped her to quit smoking. Now she has the motivation to go back home and start a fitness program for herself that she will implement several times a week.

“This is something I can definitely take back to my unit

Above, Sgt. 1st Class Marcus Price, instructor with the new Lifestyle Enhancement Achievement program for the South Carolina National Guard, leads Soldiers through the confidence course at Fort Jackson May 15. Top, South Carolina National Guard Soldiers from across the state overcome a variety of obstacles as they progress through the confidence course.

to help others,” Bixler said. “This program can be very effective, especially for those who come here with an open mind. It can be a great benefit to a lot of Soldiers in the Guard.”

“Ultimately, we want to keep good Soldiers in the South Carolina National Guard,” Artlip said. “I think this program can go a long way to achieving that goal and I am excited about its future.”



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Game Time

From left, Roosevelt Harp and Shirley Cherry, of Army Community Services, host games Friday at the Strom Thurmond Building as part of a military spouses game day activities. Spouses were encouraged to make new friends, win prizes, play games and learn more about the Fort Jackson community.

ACS launches U.S. Army Passport Career system

By BARBARA MARTIN

Employment Readiness Program Manager

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program has a new tool that can make your job searching process simpler.

The comprehensive global career support system is designed to support military families in career, job or volunteer searches. This tool is the U.S. Army Passport Career system and is an online career resource that will help you to explore career opportunities in the U.S. and around the world.

You might be seeking a job, alternative opportunity or simply looking for information to settling into a new community. In any situation, Passport Career provides extensive sources, guidance, strategies, tools and support to help make a smooth career move. We want to encourage all Service members, retirees, Family members, DOD civilian employees and surviving spouses to take advantage of this new resource. In addition to the employment resources, you can also access relocation information.

Military spouses are accustomed to moving around a lot — and having to land a job at each new duty station. But moving overseas can be particularly challenging for spouses. Job opportunities are often limited, the overseas hiring system can be difficult to navigate, and it may be hard in some areas to find something in your field of work. The Passport Career system has a link to international jobs, updated daily, with one millions job in 203 countries. You can learn how to prepare your CV/resume targeted to specific host country formats and learn interview do's and don'ts techniques for various cultures. You can research

each country's salary chart and use the Currency Converter Tool to help you convert the foreign currency to see what the hourly/annual salary would equate to in U.S. dollars. Don't wait until you have actually arrived at your new destination. With this tool, you can start searching as soon as you know where your next PCS move will be and hopefully be able to familiar yourself with the local job market.

Military spouses new to Fort Jackson and looking for employment, an internship or want to volunteer to gain job skills and experience can use this system. This tool will help you save time and provide you with many network opportunities. You can also participate in free weekly career-related webinars. There are also resources on portable career opportunities and starting a small business.

Soldiers will find this tool very helpful as they transition into the civilian workforce. The Tools and Tips section will help you polish and fine tune your resume, create competitive cover letters and learn the art on salary negotiations. You will also find many resources to develop your own individual career action plan.

Active-duty Soldiers can also add some extra income into their budget by looking for part-time employment. This tool can help you find after duty work and give you examples of how to prepare a resume.

Registered members receive the monthly Passport Career e-newsletter, packed with tips, strategies and updates. For more information on how to access the system, contact the Employment Readiness Program Manager at 751-5256. You can also email Barbara.L.martin10.civ@mail.mil to get the Army's Passport Career Registration Key and register for free on the Passport Career website, www.PassportCareer.com.

MACH sick call

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

24/7 TRICARE

Nurse Helpline

TRICARE's Nurse Advice Line provides instant access to a team of registered nurses who can answer urgent and acute health-care questions, giving TRICARE beneficiaries assessments of their symptoms and suggesting what next steps to take. For toll-free assistance with urgent medical needs 24/7, call 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273) and press option 1.

Personal Vehicle Safety

Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians should be aware that some of their personal vehicles are subject to manufacturers' safety recalls. Vehicle owners may see whether their vehicles are subject to recall by visiting vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/.

For families

- Army Community Service will offer citizenship classes from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday evenings, at the Sandhills Branch of the Richland County Library and 8:30-10 a.m. Fridays in Room 222 of the Strom Thurmond Building on post. Classes will prepare permanent legal residents for citizenship. For information, call 751-5518.

- The Foreign-Born Spouse Group is an opportunity for those from different cultures to meet and get to know one another, and to become more familiar with life in America. For information, call 751-1124/9770.

- Those needing to brush up on their English may attend classes on English as a Second Language. Classes and materials are free to ID cardholders and DOD employees. For information, call 751-1124, or email Miranda.O.Broadus.civ@mail.mil.

- The Hearts Apart support group aims to help Families who are separated from their Soldiers. For information, call 751-9770/1124.

- On-post mothers are invited to "No Excuses, Mom" weekly exercise sessions. Those living in the Balfour Beatty communities meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays at 520 Brown Ave. Residents of other communities meet at the SKIES building at 6100 Chesnut Road. Participants should provide their own water, towels and mats.

'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...' 1ST BATTALION, 61ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

PVT. KELSEY L. TAYLOR, 18

Land O'Lakes, Florida

"I joined the Army to help start my career in the medical field. I am a 68W – Combat Medic and will continue my medical profession from there."

"Basic Combat Training has been a huge life lesson on teamwork. Although we all wear the same uniform and do the same requirements, we all have different backgrounds and learn to come together as a family in the Army."

"My parents couldn't be more proud of me. My mother is a nurse and my father was in the military so they were a big influence."



PVT. PATRIC T. ALLEN, 20

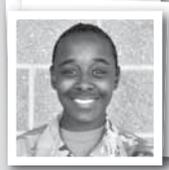
Charlotte

"I joined the Army because I knew I wanted something better for myself and the Army was beyond better – it was great."

"What's been good about basic training is the fact that I am far more confident than I was before."

"My military occupation specialty is 92Y – Unit Supply Specialist. I picked it because like other MOS's supply is very important to the Army."

"My Family thinks I made a fantastic decision and that I'd make an outstanding Soldier."



PVT. DASHEN L. SHELTON, 21

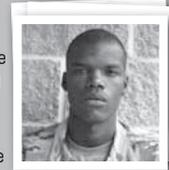
Houston

"I joined the Army for a better life and it's always something I wanted to do as a child."

"I have learned to be a better person and acquire new skills while in Basic Combat Training."

"I am a 91B – Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. I always wanted to be a mechanic and to work on things."

"I would say that the Army is a place to go get your life together and shape your future and that it is a good experience to have gone through."



PVT. RACHEL A. CARTER, 20

Okeechobee, Florida

"I joined the Army for an all-around change in my life to become the absolute best I can be."

"I have developed many skills here in Basic Combat Training that I could not get anywhere else."

"I am an 88M – Motor Transport Operator. I love to explore and travel. Being a 88M will give me an opportunity to be adventurous."

"My Family supports me 100 percent and is very proud of me."

"I look forward to getting to the 'real Army' and enjoying my first enlistment."



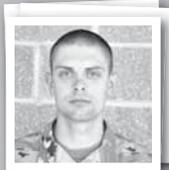
PVT. DANIEL G. SAXON, 22

Hazel Green, Alabama

"Ever since I was a kid I looked up to Soldiers. I did a lot of praying on it and all the signs pointed to the Army, so I joined."

"The best part of Basic Combat Training is how they push you physically and mentally, and seeing people grow and mature and meld together as a team."

I am a "68W – Combat Medic. I was hunting with my Family and was praying in the tree stand. I asked God if He wanted me to be a medic for me not to get sick if I gutted something. Thirty minutes later I shot a deer, gutted it and never got sick."



PVT. KIHLE M. HATCHER, 20

Winter Haven, Florida

"I joined the Army to step out on my own in the world and gain experiences that the average civilian will never receive."

"The different experiences and skill gained, such as riding in a Light Medium Tactical Vehicle, and the night infiltration course are the best parts of Basic Combat Training."

"I am a 91M – Bradley Fighting Vehicle System Maintainer. I am a huge fan of mechanics and wanted something different than a Humvee mechanic."

"My Family have told me that they are very proud of my decision."



Taking a proactive stance against Zika

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

In February the Center for Disease Control declared an emergency over a breakout of the mosquito borne Zika virus. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control announced April 26 the first case of travel-associated Zika infection in South Carolina.

“As of May 4, 2016, within the continental United States, there have been 472 laboratory confirmed travel-associated Zika virus disease cases with no locally acquired mosquito-borne cases,” said R.J. Frazier, Fort Jackson’s emergency manager. Fort Jackson officials are calling on post community members to take adequate precautions in order to mitigate the threats mosquitoes bring.

Shelly Keller, the Installation Post Management Coordinator for the Directorate of Public Works in February cautioned residents to wear insect repellent and proper clothing during daylight hours.

The best way to protect oneself “is avoid being bitten,” she said. “Wear long sleeves, pants, repellent on exposed skin. Make sure doors are kept shut, screens are on the windows.”

“The mosquitoes are daytime biters,” she said. “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 symp-

toms (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.”

Protection is vital, she said, because the Zika virus carries a risk to unborn children, and there may be a link between the virus and Guillain-Barré syndrome. The CDC is currently investigating the link to the syndrome that causes a person’s immune system to attack nerve cells causing muscle weakness and paralysis.

While only one in five people will develop Zika, or show the generally mild symptoms, pregnant women or those looking to become pregnant should be especially cautious.

Pregnant women, and women trying to become pregnant, should avoid travel to Zika-affected regions and correctly use condoms during sex with partners who have traveled to Zika-affected regions.

Pregnant women, and women trying to become pregnant, located in Zika-affected regions, should wear permethrin-treated clothing. Active duty females should wear the permethrin-treated uniform and treat the maternity uniform with permethrin.

While community members should be vigilant, DPW has been hunting mosquito breeding grounds since October.

The types of mosquito that carry the virus breed almost exclusively in man-made objects. Keller recommends Soldiers, civilians and Family members on Fort Jackson re-

Key Facts:



- Zika virus disease is caused by a virus transmitted primarily by Aedes mosquitoes.
- People with Zika virus disease can have symptoms that can include mild fever, skin rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, malaise or headache. These symptoms normally last for 2-7 days.
- There is no specific treatment or vaccine currently available.
- The best form of prevention is protection against mosquito bites.
- The virus is known to circulate in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific.

Source: World Health Organization

move or empty barrels, pools, bird baths, bottles, and old tires from around buildings to prevent mosquitoes.

“The mosquitoes are also known as artificial container mosquitoes and breed almost exclusively in articles we discard,” she said in February.

DPW is still “eliminating standing water we find and larvaciding where needed,” Keller said.

The DHEC cautioned even though “mosquitoes in South Carolina do not carry the Zika virus at this time” they encourage “all individuals, as a routine precaution, to protect themselves against mosquito bites.”



Photo by VERAN HILL

During the Night Infiltration Course, rounds from an M240B machine gun are fired from overhead. Gunners use red tracers to make sure their aim is correct.



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Before heading out to watch the Basic Training Soldiers, Whitney McDaniel tries on an Army combat helmet worn by Soldiers during Night Infiltration Course training.

Under the cover of darkness

The public gets a close look at Fort Jackson's Night Infiltration Course

By VERAN HILL
Fort Jackson Public Affairs

Fort Jackson opened its gates to the public on May 19 to observe Basic Combat Training Soldiers execute the Night Infiltration Course.

The NIC is required training for graduation. It introduces Soldiers in training to the sight and sounds of the battlefield during limited visibility.

The event began at the Joe E. Mann Center with a total of 36 veterans and local citizens getting an opportunity to try on combat equipment.

"It brings back memories," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Hector Garcia as he proudly photographed his son Elijah Garcia completely dressed in the combat gear that was provided.

Katie Kennedy, who came with her co-workers said, "We came to learn about what Soldiers go through in basic training."

The group received a Fort Jackson mission briefing by Lt. Col. Jim Allen, the post's operations officer that was followed with a synopsis of NIC by Lt. Col. Brian Hunter, commander,

1st Battalion 13th Infantry Regiment.

Hunter informed the group they would observe Alpha Company, 1st Battalion 13th Infantry Regiment, which is in its fifth week of training.

"The Soldiers are being taught how to move under direct fire," he said. "They must know how to shoot and communicate to survive."

When Hunter was asked if the Soldiers knew they were having live rounds shot over their heads, he replied, "Yes, the Soldiers are aware and are instructed not to stand, to keep their heads on the ground and low crawl until given instructions to get up." He also ensured the group that safety measures are in place to prevent injury.

After boarding a military bus, the group was transported to the NIC where Hunter escorted the group to the start trench where the BCT Soldiers would begin their 100 meter movement while under direct fire.

"The BCT Soldiers must complete the course within 30 minutes to meet graduation requirements, yet it typically takes a Soldier 18 minutes to complete the course," said Capt. Kevin Mc-

Mahon, Alpha Company commander. Soldiers must demonstrate proper techniques to move under direct fire; move over or around obstacles; react to indirect fire; and react to flares.

The NIC can be an extremely frightening training event.

"This is my favorite event because I get to go through with every unit in the battalion," said Chaplain (Capt.) Brent M. Culpin.

The only chaplain in the battalion, Culpin said he's there "to support those who are afraid."

As darkness approached and after the unit and safety personnel were staged according to range and stand operating procedures the M240B Machine Gun began firing overhead.

The guests observed Soldiers negotiating the course through night vision goggles that were provided by the range cadre. All the Soldiers successfully demonstrated their learned skills and completed the Night Infiltration Course.

The event concluded with the group talking with BCT Soldiers. When questioned if they were afraid, one Soldier's response was "Yes! I felt a round nearly touch my shoulder."

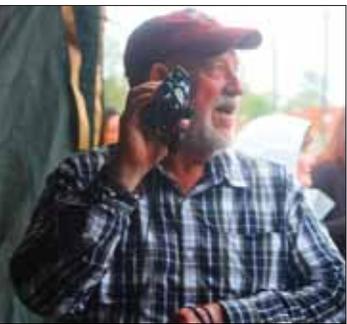


Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Complete darkness is necessary for Soldiers to complete the night infiltration course. Night vision goggles were available for use during the May 19 'NIC at Nite' event for observers to see Soldiers in action.

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Post tracks newborn woodpeckers

By JENNIFER STRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Members of Fort Jackson's environmental team went to Weston Lake May 16 to band nine-day-old endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers with aluminum and colored bands.

The team consists of members Nicole Hawkins, Hutch Collins and Travis Dodson. The bands they used identified each bird's year of birth and cluster it belongs to.

To get the tiny chicks safely out of the lofty nest set deep in to the longleaf pine, the team had to be

very delicate. They limited their disruption to the habitat and bird contact to a mere 15 minutes at most.

Once the chicks were banded and weighed, they were returned to the nest, where mom and dad continued to feed and care for them.

The team will return to the site in 16 to 20 days to look inside the tree and check on the chicks. After day 22, no further contact can be made with the chicks because it could cause the chicks to fledge too early. The chicks normally leave their nest around day 27.

As they mature, the team will use spotting scopes to track the progress of the endangered bird.



Left, Hutch Collins with Fort Jackson's environmental division holds two woodpeckers after banding them.

Below, a 9-day-old endangered red-cockaded woodpecker rests for a moment between being banded and being returned to its nest.



A tiny aluminum band with an identifying number on it is secured carefully around the leg of a endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.



Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

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. Anyone 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.

www.fortjacksonthriftshop.com



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Robot rock

Achilles Sauvao, a C.C. Pinckney Elementary School student and member of the school's LEGO team, describes how a robot works, during an exhibition at the CYSS building on post May 18.

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



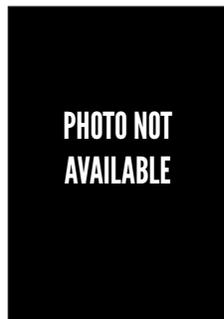
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Fort Jackson's got talent

Top left, C.C. Pinckney Elementary School second grader Genesis Mitchell starts the school's talent show May 20 by belting out 'Hello' by Adele. Right, Noah Best, plays the Star Wars theme on the trombone during the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School's talent show May 20. Students from all grades showed off their talents to teachers, Family members and friends during the event. Above left, Mrs. Henderson's second grade class shows off their sign language prowess during the talent show. Near the end of their performances, each student used sign language to say their names.



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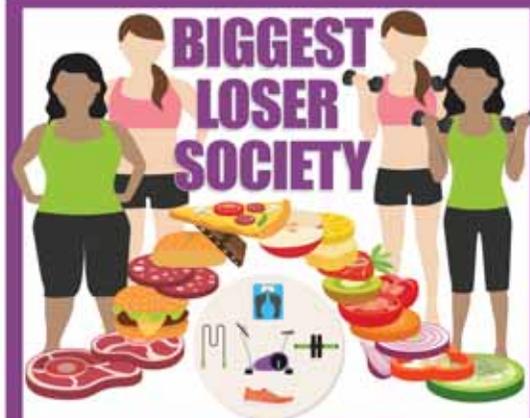
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FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



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.



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



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).
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