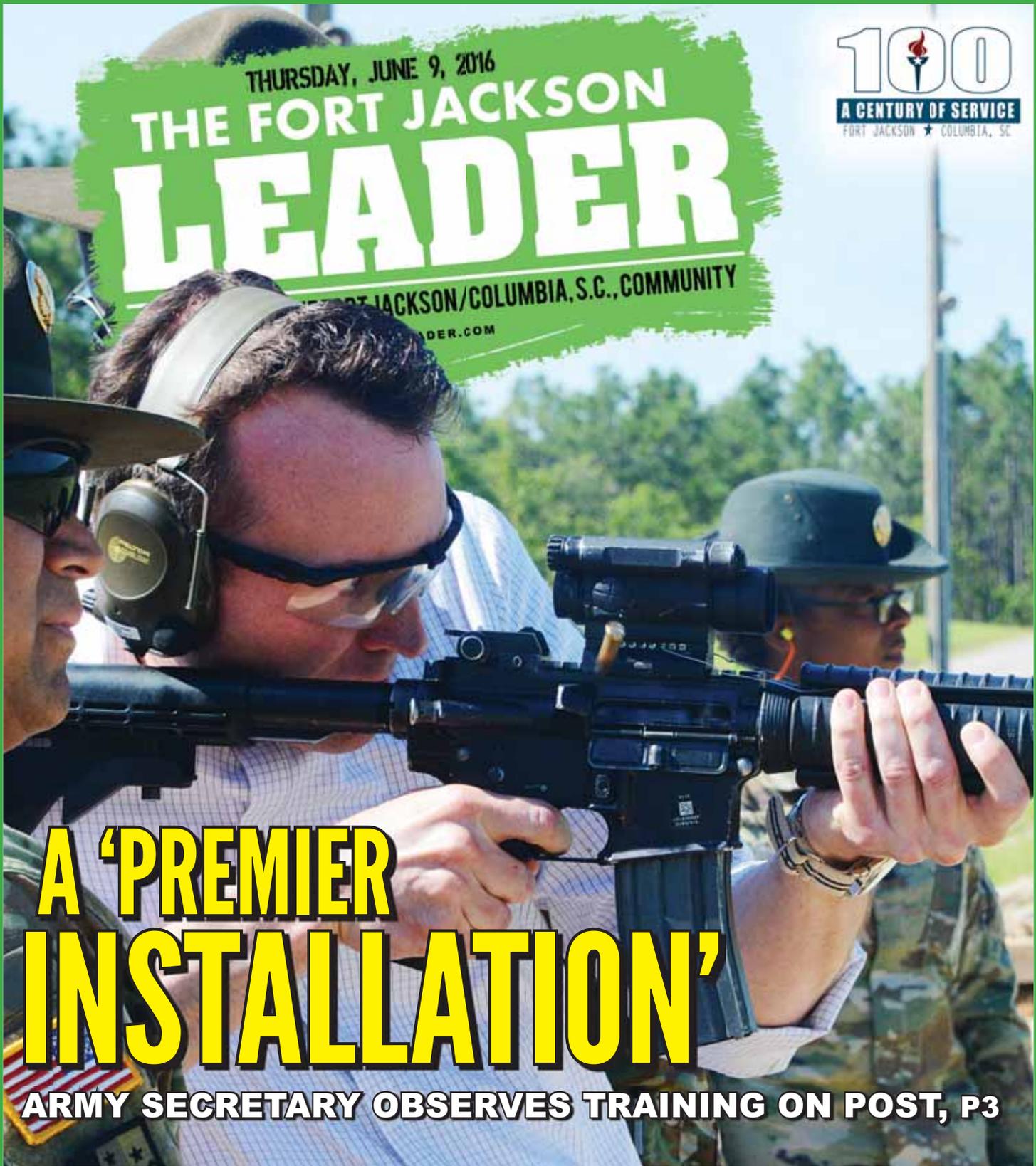


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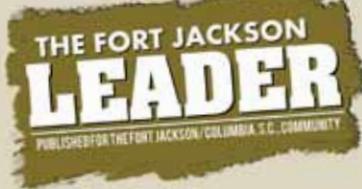


ON THE COVER

Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Staff Sgt. Charles Flores and Staff Sgt. Christopher Demaria, drill sergeants with Bravo Company 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, coach Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning as he fires an M-4 rifle during his tour of the post.

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

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible. With any photo you submit, include IDs — rank, unit, and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

FRIDAY

Change of command

11 a.m., Soldier Support Institute auditorium. Col. Jack L. Usrey will relinquish command of the U.S. Army Adjutant General School to Col. Neal F. McIntyre during a ceremony.

TUESDAY

Bible Study

Noon, the Main Post Chapel library, 4580 Scales Ave. The study is led by Gloria Dawkins. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Angela Curry at 751-6681.

THURSDAY

Neighborhood Huddle

Noon, playground on McLeod Court for residents of Howie Village and Mabry Manor. Housing residents are invited to meet the housing staff and Garrison leadership to discuss housing-related concerns.

JUNE 17

Summer Cook Out for Foreign Born Spouses/Hearts Apart Families

10 a.m.–2 p.m., Weston Lake, 4450 Leesburg Road, Hopkins. Foreign born spouses and Hearts Apart Families are invited to take part in an event that involved food, music, walking trails, and games. Bring snacks or a dish to share. For more information, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com/weston, or contact Patricia Guillory at patricia.a.guillory.civ@mail.mil and 751-9770, or Miranda Broadus at miranda.o.broadus.civ@mail.mil 751-1124. Respond no later than June

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JUNE 18

Army Birthday Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Army Birthday Ball, which begins 5 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St., Columbia. Tickets are available online at <http://bit.ly/1WoaUgn>.

JUNE 19

Father's Day Bike Ride

8 - 10 a.m., beginning at Hilton Field Softball Complex. Registration deadline to receive a T-shirt is June 1. Late registration/check-in: 6:30-7:30 a.m. For more information, contact the Marion Street Station at 751-3484.

JUNE 22

Bible Study

Noon, the Main Post Chapel library, 4580 Scales Ave. The study is led by Gloria Dawkins. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Angela Curry at 751-6681.

JUNE 28

Home Buying Seminar

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., NCO Club. Register at the housing office or by calling 751-5788 or 751-7566. The seminar is free to all ID card holders.

JULY 14

Support Military Spouses Job Fair

9 a.m.–1 p.m., Polo Park Road, Columbia, S.C. The free event is open to all military ID holders. To register, visit www.supportmilitaryspouses.org.

ROAD CLOSURE

Portions of Lee Road near Hill Street will be closed Monday and Tuesday for water line crossing. Two-way traffic will be maintained as long as it is safe to do so. The road may be closed, with a detour, for an hour or two during the day. While it may be possible to keep one lane open, it is often safer to close the road and detour the drivers. Drivers should pay attention to road cones when they change their travel lanes.

Work will not be done Wednesday or Thursday while paving is expected to be completed June 17.

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A 'premier installation'



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Capt. Richard Bradley II, company commander of Initial Military Training Leadership School at Fort Jackson discusses weapons training with Secretary of the Army Eric K. Fanning and post commander, Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier Jr., during Fanning's June 7 visit to Fort Jackson.

Army secretary observes training on Fort Jackson

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Secretary of the Army, Eric K. Fanning lauded Fort Jackson's lead in gender integrated training and its relations with the surrounding community during his first visit June 7 to the post since being sworn in May 18.

"This is the end of my third week as Secretary of the Army but only the second trip I have taken," Fanning said. "I came here specifically because of how important Fort Jackson is to the Army – training over 54 percent of our Soldiers every year, also because of the leadership role that Fort Jackson plays in gender integrated training and successfully leading the way for the entire military in that regard."

Fanning is the first Secretary of the Army to serve as a senior executive in all three military departments of the Department of Defense and the first executive to have worked directly for each service secretary and the Secretary of Defense.

He added the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps "come here to see how we have been doing this since 1972."

Community relationships

The strong bond between Fort Jackson and Columbia, South Carolina also drew his attention.

"I am always happy to see when there is a strong relationship between installation and the community around it," he

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said during the visit. "But it is clear just from this visit today how incredibly strong that is in particular here between Columbia, Fort Jackson and the state of South Carolina. It is much appreciated and it doesn't go unnoticed when making decisions back in Washington."

— **Eric K. Fanning,**
Secretary of the Army

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Some of those decisions were to increase the amount of training battalions on Fort Jackson. Currently there are 10 training battalions with another scheduled to be added later this year.

Calling Fort Jackson a "premier installation," Fanning said the increase enables the Army to "be prepared for the future. In case we are asked to surge we wanted to stand up some extra capabilities."

"We are about to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this installation which is a pretty remarkable thing when you think about how many Soldiers were trained here from World War I to today. As I said earlier, we train 54 percent of our Soldiers every year; 65 percent of our female Soldiers come through here."

The Army has spent years integrated its forces, he said.

"Just in the Army alone 90,000 positions in the last three years" have opened up in the Army.



Courtesy photo

Field trip

Fort Jackson's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, hosted 68 students and four teachers from Sandel Elementary School during a field trip to Fort Jackson as part of the Adopt-A-School program. The students toured the museum, attended a Victory Tower demonstration, watched a basic combat training graduation, and observed a Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer demonstration.

AER launches online application

Army Emergency Relief recently launched a new way for Soldiers, Retirees, and Family members to receive financial help. AER financial assistance may now be requested through the new easy six step online application on AER's revamped website.

This new online feature allows those in need to apply any time, anywhere, day or night using either a desktop, laptop, tablet, or smart phone.

A key aspect of the new online application is that it expedites the assistance process for the Soldier and for the AER officer. With the Soldier completing the application on-line, the information the AER officer normally types into the AER



system is already prepopulated and available for action. The AER officer needs to review the information, validate documentation the Soldier brings in to support the assistance, and cut the check. The process will expedite assistance to the Soldier

while reducing time away from the unit and reduce processing time for the AER officer.

AER's newly redesigned website allows for easier navigation of and contains new and improved information, such as how Soldiers can access their accounts, apply for scholarships, donate, and a new loan calculator where anyone can compare the savings from a no-interest, no-fee AER loan to loan offers from others.

Over its 74-year history, AER has provided \$1.7 billion to Soldiers. AER is offers interest-free loans, grants, and with no fees. Last year AER saved Soldiers and Families more than \$22.4 million in interest.

Blackhawks to inactivate tomorrow

A long time staple of Fort Jackson is set to inactivate in a ceremony at the Post Theater Friday.

The 171st Infantry Brigade (Blackhawks) will inactivate during the 10 a.m. ceremony as part of realigning Army assets during the current drawdown.

The 171st was constituted in September 1917 in Camp Grant, Illinois to train Soldiers heading to Europe during World War I. The Blackhawks would train more than 115,000 Soldiers before deploying to Europe in 1918. The war ended before the 171st ever saw combat in World War I as a unit.

During World War II, the Blackhawks were again

called into service. They fought against the Germans for 34 days in the 1945 before returning to the States to train up to fight Japan. The Blackhawks sailed to the Pacific Theater on Aug. 1, 1945, and arrived in the Philippines six days after Japan's surrender on Sept. 2.

The 171st Infantry Brigade was reactivated at Fort Wainwright, Alaska on July 1, 1963. The unit was inactivated once again in November 1972. The 171st Infantry Brigade was reactivated at Fort Jackson in April 2007. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Joshua Dillree at 803-751-5511, or via email at

Fort Jackson Gate Operation Hours

GATE 1

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

GATE 2

Open around the clock daily.

GATE 4

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

GATE 5

Open 5-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.

Closed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reopened 4-6 p.m. for outbound traffic only.

Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.
Phone: 751-7488

Note: There are no screenings scheduled June 6-9.

FRIDAY, June 10

Captain America: Civil War (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 11

Captain America: Civil War (PG-13) 1 p.m.
Mother's Day (PG-13) 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 12

Mother's Day (PG-13) 1 p.m.
Captain America: Civil War (PG-13) 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.

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FATHERS' DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, June 19 (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
At the Fort Jackson Officers' Club
3630 Semmes Road • (803) 782-8761

Our coals will be hot and ready so you can grill your own steak exactly the way you like it with no waiting and no cleaning up afterwards!

If you prefer, we will cook it for you.

We'll also have a mashed potato bar, waffles and omelet stations, champagne, door prizes and more.

\$18.95 for members. \$23.95 for non-members.
\$6.95 for children (4 - 11). Free for children younger than 4. Make your reservations now!



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS

Fathers' Day Special AT VICTORY BINGO

(Bldg -12500 Huger St. Fort Jackson, SC 29207)



Sunday, June 19

- » Doors open at 9:30 am
 - » Fun Games start at 11 a.m.
 - » Jackpots \$5,000 and \$2,000
 - » 8 Regular Games \$1,000
 - » Fun Games are Table Games
- For more info, call (803)751-6990.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



2016 Fort Jackson Father's 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.
- All riders must wear a CPSC Approved helmet at all times while on a bike

Contact Information:

- Marion Street Station: 751-3484



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EQUIPMENT RENTALS!

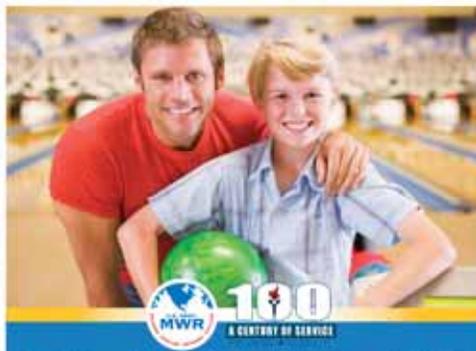
Marion Street Station is excited to announce we are now accepting reservations for all equipment 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE!

Items available for rent include:

- » 2 Jet Skis
- » 22 foot Pontoon boat with 115 hp motor
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- » Fish/Ski combo boat with a 90 hp motor
- » 15 foot inflatable slide
- » Snow cone machine
- » Popcorn machine

For reservations or inquiries please stop by Marion Street Station at 4522 Marion Ave. or call (803) 751-3484

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



FATHERS' DAY SPECIAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 (2 - 8 P.M.)

At Century Lanes Bowling Center
4464 Gregg Street • (803) 751-4656

Dads bowl 3 Games Free when accompanied by their Family.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS

FATHERS' DAY BRUNCH

At the NCO Club
5700 Lee Rd. • 782-2218

Sunday, June 19
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join us for Fathers' Day Brunch, featuring full breakfast and lunch buffets and Face Painting by Sarah Dippity!

Adults - \$14.95
Kids - \$7.50



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SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN!

Available Monday - Friday at the NCO Club
5700 Lee Road, Fort Jackson, SC • 782-2218

Fried Chicken is served as part of the all-you-can-eat buffet every Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for only \$8.75.



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS



Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Eunice Crain browses the temporary location of the Fort Jackson Exchange's toy section, which has been moved as building renovations continue. Construction on the project began in April, and is projected to end in November.

MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR MAKEOVER

Exchange getting a new look in time for Christmas

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY
Fort Jackson Leader

Eunice Crain navigates her way through the temporary location of the toy section in Fort Jackson's Exchange. Hanging from the ceiling behind her is a large, transparent curtain hiding the area where they use to be located; now instead of Bratz dolls and Star Wars toys lining the walls, ladders and drywall take their place.

Since April, the post Exchange has been undergoing a renovation. The multi-million dollar project, funded by AAFES worldwide, includes the resurfacing of floors, concept shops, a new customer service location, new state-of-the-art fixtures and energy efficient lighting.

The standard practice in retail is to remodel a building every 10 years, said store manager Terry Verey, but it's been 16 years since Fort Jackson's store has been renovated.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time," said Verey. "It's hard to come up with better, clean cut, in-store presentations when you don't have up-to-date fixtures."

Renovations are expected to wrap in November. Until then, Verey asks that customers bear with them. Construction on the building is performed after hours so not to disturb shopping. To help control dust, areas under construction are fenced off with large, plastic curtains.

Verey said the renovations will provide a more inviting atmosphere for shoppers.

"This is the first time new Army graduates get to see what an Exchange looks like," she said. "And we want them to be impressed by it."



Josiah Crain shuffles through a stack of stuffed animals in the toy department of the Exchange.



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Michelle Smith, left, and Jennifer Imholt, daughters of the late Lt. Col. John Jackson, unveil their father's picture during the Adjutant General's Corps Hall of Fame induction ceremony June 3 at the Soldier Support Institute. Jackson was one of six Soldiers inducted this year.

Defend and Serve

AG Corps inducts 6 into Hall of Fame

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY
Fort Jackson Leader

Six new faces joined the gallery of portraits hanging in the Adjutant General's Corps Hall of Honors this week.

Their photos and biographies were unveiled in their permanent location June 3 during a ceremony at the Adjutant General School, an event that involved friends, family members and colleagues of this year's inductees.

This year's additions to the school's Hall of Honors are: retired Maj. Gen. Arthur Dean; retired Maj. Gen. Reuben Jones; retired Col. Billy Orr; retired Col. David Tighe; retired Lt. Col. John Jackson, and retired Sgt. Maj. Thomas Gills.

"The force is with me. Without all the people who helped me, I wouldn't be here today," Orr told the audience during last week's event. "If I asked all of the people who helped me to join me on the stage, they all wouldn't fit."

AG Corps Hall of Fame inductees are selected by a board of current senior leaders in AG corps, and previously selected Hall of Fame inductees, which has about 50 members.

"We can't do very well without having great people on our team," said retired Maj. Gen. Reuben Jones. "The Hall of Fame is full of legends and I'm excited that I get to become one of them."



Col. Jack Usrey, chief of the Adjutant General's Corps, fastens a Hall of Fame pin on retired Col. Billy Orr during Friday's ceremony.

The mission of the AG Corps is to provide superior personnel support to the Soldiers, civilians and Families which make up the Army. They do this through providing HR services, coordinating personnel support and conducting HR planning and operations.

"The Corps is the foundation that helps build the strength of our soldiers," said Col. Jack Usrey, chief of the Adjutant General's Corps. "We salute and thank (the Hall of Fame inductees) for the chapters you added to our legacy."

The 2016 AG Corps Hall of Fame inductees are:

Maj. Gen. Arthur T. Dean

Dean's leadership includes 10 years in command while serving in units extending from company to brigade level. He served in every AG Corps functional area and every level of the Army. He served six years with the 82nd Airborne Division and earned the distinction of U.S. Army and Republic of Vietnam senior parachutist and an Army Ranger. His last senior AG positions include Commander, U.S. Army 1st Recruiting Brigade, Director of Enlisted Personnel, U.S. Army Personnel Command, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and Installation Management FORCOM, culminating as the Director of Military Personnel Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, in the Pentagon.

Maj. Gen. Reuben D. Jones

Jones commanded HR organizations from company to national level during his 34-year career. His most significant contributions include fielding the Automated Selection Board System, the one page Enlisted Records Brief, and the modernization of the Evaluation Report Process. His last senior AG positions include Deputy Commander, 8th Personnel Services Command, Eighth Army Korea, Commander, Enlisted Records and Evaluation Command, 63rd Adjutant General of the Army culminating in his role as Commanding General, Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

Col. Billy J. Orr

Orr's 30-year career high points include serving as the S-1, 4/21st Infantry Battalion in the Republic of Vietnam, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center Staff Officer, Commander, 43d AG Reception Battalion, the initial G1 of the 1st Infantry Division, Commander, 5th Personnel Group, Chief of Enlisted Distribution, Total Army Personnel Command. His culminating role was as the Chief of Staff, Total Army Personnel Command from which he retired in 1999.

Col. David E. Tighe

Tighe's 31-year career high points include serving as assistant chief of staff, 1st Infantry Division, Commander, SHAPE Battalion, NATO, and Commander, 502nd Personnel Services Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. His culminating role was as Chief, Operational Army Branch and Chief, Readiness Division, Enlisted Personnel Directorate, HRC from which he retired in 2010. In this role, he was vital in the successful implementation of force stabilization initiatives that resulted in the life cycle manning and modularization of 16 brigade combat teams, four Stryker Brigades, 16 Infantry Brigade Combat Teams and 10 Heavy Brigade Combat Teams.

Lt. Col. John J. Jackson

Jackson battled for the survival of the Corps in an era in which combat arms Soldiers had infiltrated billets that required HR expertise and passion. Drafted in 1963 with service in Vietnam, Jackson was promoted "on the spot" to specialist and directly commissioned from sergeant to second lieutenant, embracing every opportunity to make the AG Corps relevant to the war fighter and a prominent combat multiplier in the Army's arsenal. His career high-points include service as the 3rd Infantry Division Postal Officer, AG Branch Chief, G-1 Adjutant General/Special Troops Battalion Commander, and 9th Infantry Division, culminating in his support to I Corps in the positions of Adjutant General, G-6 Officer, and Acting Chief of Staff.

Sgt. Maj. Thomas S. Gills

Gills' 30-year career high points include serving as Honorary Adjutant for the Corps foremost chapter, drill sergeant, drill sergeant leader, chief, enlisted promotions and senior enlisted advisor to the Afghan Army, and finalized his career as an AG Soldier, serving in the role of Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G-1 Sgt. Maj. Through his tenacious leadership and initiative the Army developed the automated promotion point worksheet, which drastically eliminated thousands of HR man-hours expended through the manual calculation of promotion point scores and forever changed the Afghan Army through the creation of their own Non-Commissioned Officer and Soldier Creed, performance record system and significant monthly pay increase at reenlistment, which improved operational readiness.

NOTES FROM THE HOUSING OFFICE

HOME BUYING SEMINAR

The Housing Office and Army Community Service will host its annual Home Buying Seminar for the Fort Jackson community 10 a.m.–2 p.m. June 28 at the NCO Club. This seminar will take you through the entire home buying process from beginning to end.

If you're thinking about buying a home now or in the future, this seminar is for you! This free seminar is open to all active duty, retirees, and DoD civilians. For registration or additional information contact the Housing Services Office at 751-5788, 751-7566 or 751-7567. For questions, contact Ann Green, Acting Housing Chief.

PREPARING TO PCS

Pre-inspections are available upon request, call the office at 803-738- 8275 to schedule your pre-inspection. Pre-inspections should be scheduled approximately thirty days prior to your termination appointment.

YARD OF THE MONTH

The annual Yard of the Month Program has begun. Be a contender for this year's Yard of the Month Winner! To submit a yard as a contender, to include yours, contact Debbie Rector 738-8275, or RCI Housing, 751-7567. One winner from each neighborhood submitted will be chosen. Visit the Self Help Center and check out lawn and garden tools that will assist you in having a beautiful yard that could be a Yard of the Month winner.

The Self Help Center is located on Ivy Road and is open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monthly winners receive recognition in the Fort Jackson Leader, featured on the Balfour Beatty Communities website and on their Facebook pages. The grand prize winner also receives a \$25 gift card courtesy of BBC.

MAYORS NEEDED

The Mayoral Council is looking for energetic volunteers to serve as Mayors for the Fort Jackson Housing Communities. Being part of the Council allows you to be a voice for your community. Your voice can bring ideas and suggestions for improving the quality of life while residing on Fort Jackson.

In addition to receiving credit for volunteer hours, you will meet new people and receive valuable training. Child care is provided at no cost while performing mayoral duties. Positions are currently available in: PT1, PT2, PT3, PT4 and Howie Village housing areas.

Interested residents should contact Vickie Grier at usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

From left, Chaplin (Maj.) Nils Palma, Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, Fort Jackson Commanding General Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier Jr., and Pvt. Jelani Robinson hold swords representing the past, present and future. Palma is the oldest Soldier on post, while Robinson is the youngest.

The big 99

Fort Jackson gears up for milestone celebration

By ROBERT TIMMONS and DEMETRIA MOSLEY
Fort Jackson Leader

Victory has started on Fort Jackson for nearly a century.

The post that trains more than half of incoming Soldiers inched closer to the beginning of its centennial celebration June 2 with a post-wide run and a cake cutting.

Soldiers across post gathered near sunrise on Hilton Field before following Fort Jackson leaders run across post in a warm South Carolina morning to be welcomed by cannon fire at Darby Field.

A single cannon shot announced each unit was near the end of the run route while Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier, Fort Jackson commander, enthusiastically welcomed the Soldiers to the last mile of the course.

We are here celebrating the 99th birthday of Fort Jackson, he said. "Next year will be the centennial, 100 years Fort Jackson has been here. We anticipate by the end of 2017, 5 million American Soldiers will have trained on this installation. Five mil-



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Soldiers in Training form up after the run preparing to hear Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier, Fort Jackson commander, speak about the post's birthday. After a brief speech, Cloutier led the troops in singing "Happy Birthday" to post.

lions Americans who have gone to war to defend this idea called America."

That evening during dinner services for Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment in the

Quad Dining Facility, Cloutier and the youngest and oldest active-duty Soldiers on post sliced Fort Jackson's birthday cake with three sabers.

Birthday

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“It’s an honor to be here for the 99th year celebration and to be in this room looking at the future of the Army,” said Chaplin (Maj.) Nils Palma, who at 61 is the oldest active-duty Soldier.

Pvt. Jelani Robinson, who’s currently in the red phase of basic training, is 17. He said he was nervous about cutting the cake and happy to be here.

Palma held a saber to represent the past, Cloutier and Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian held the second to represent the present and Robinson held the last saber to represent the future.

“We are passing the baton to you and expecting you to be great Soldiers,” Cloutier told the Soldiers in Training. “We are expecting you to defend our country. We are counting on you.”

In early 1917, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce petitioned Army Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood to build an Army post near the city. When the United States declared war on Germany April 6 of that year, new impetus was formed to create more Army installations. The building of Camp Jackson was officially approved June 2, 1917.

Cloutier lauded the Soldiers for volunteering to defend more than just themselves.

“This is no longer about you,” he said. “This is no longer about me. It is about us. We have all volunteered to put our lives on the line to defend not only our Families but our Nation.”



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Col. Milford Beagle, commander of the 193rd Infantry Brigade, leads his Soldiers during the post run June 2 celebrating Fort Jackson’s 99th birthday. The run, and a cake cutting later in the day, honored the history of the installation that trains the majority of the Army’s Soldiers.

They serve, too

Fort Jackson spouses share concerns, advice about marriage in the Army



Vanika Jones

"You're more independent because a lot of time your husband is gone. (My husband) was deployed when my daughter had just turned two years old and I almost felt like a single parent ... I wish someone would had told me how much (spouses) are gone. It's definitely not your average nine to five job."

Brittany Lund
"I still do the same amount of stuff that any other (non-military) wife does. I mean there's deployments, training and schooling and stuff, but with any kind of career there are sacrifices. I think every wife makes a sacrifice of some sort."



Gloria Dawkins

"Moving from one installation to another one (was challenging.) There are anxieties there, sometimes fear that I may not get a job this time ... (my spouse) was very supportive of me when I wasn't working and I was appreciative of that."

Rebecca Dozier

"You have to put one foot in front of the other (during deployment.) You're a single parent but with a twist because you know your husband is going to be there to support you. You have to continue to keep things solid at home because if it's not your husband becomes a distracted Soldier and a distracted Soldier can't perform his job right."



LC Industries marks 20 years on Fort Jackson

By VERAN HILL
Fort Jackson Leader

LC Industries, the base supply center, celebrated 20 years as a Fort Jackson tenant this week.

The grand re-opening of the company's new location was held at 2505 Washington St. with Fort Jackson key leaders, LCI executives, key personnel from South Carolina Commission for the Blind and the National Industries for Blind in attendance to inaugurate the building.

"The building had outlived its usefulness, it was deteriorating and that's really why we had to get out," said store manager Chris Graham. "Coming here to this new place, it is really great."

The \$2.5 million building is an estimated 18,000 square-feet with a larger sales floor, a spacious warehouse that includes higher ceilings, improved pallet rack shelving to store merchandise and a modern HVAC system. The walls are wider and don't feel as claustrophobic, said Graham.

"It's more spacious, we have

a lot more room to work and it's better equipped for our health," said LCI employee Carlos Cockfield.

"I like the building but I have to get used to where the items are located," said Staff Sgt. Stacia Wilson, of the 1052nd Transportation Company.

LCI invited 14 vendors to display their merchandise for possible purchase, and showed their appreciation with free food and drinks for guests at the celebration.

LCI began serving Fort Jackson in June 1996 in a building that was constructed in 1941.

The company, formerly known as SSSC, was founded under the Wagner-O'Day Act to provide employment for the blind and to manufacture mattress for the military. The company notes that they are the United States' largest employer of the blind.

"We've (LCI) come a long way in terms of efficiency, in terms of customer friendly stores," said Tommy Thomas, director of National Industries for the Blind.



Photo by VERAN HILL

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, Maj. Gen. Roger L. Cloutier, Fort Jackson commanding general, and Jeffrey Hawting, president of LC Industries officially open the new base supply center during a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday morning.



Staff Sgt. Charles Flores and Staff Sgt. Christopher Demaria, drill sergeants with Bravo Company 3-60th Infantry regiment call targets to Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning as he fires an M-4 rifle during his tour of the post.

Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE



Secretary Fanning's chief of staff, Alex Wagner, talks with Basic Combat Training Soldiers at lunch during the Secretary of the Army's June 7 visit to Fort Jackson.

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"Now is just the tail end, the very end, of something that has been going on for years (and in my view) very successfully. In part, I do think that is because of Army leadership and the leadership of this installation, Fort Jackson has been doing gender integrated training for so long, so successfully. So it is making it very easy for us to finish opening up all the other positions to female Soldiers."

He said, the main hurdle the Army will face for further gender integration will be setting the leadership in place.

"I think the biggest challenge we have as we open up now all slots to women who meet the requirements is to ensure we have the leadership cadre in place as they go through," he added. "It will take us a while to build that since we just recently opened a lot of these positions."

Fanning has long been an advocate for ensuring Soldiers and their Families have the proper resources for facilities, training and quality of life.

High expectations

"We have the strongest Army the world has ever known right now," he said. "What is clear is that we are running this Army hard. We are deploying Soldiers. It is hard on Families, it's hard on those who are left back on the base. In this budget environment, with the inconsistencies from year to year of what we are going to get, there are places you go to get money quickly if you are trying to cut. One of those is facilities sustainment – so we have a lot of buildings, including here at Fort Jackson that we haven't been investing the money in we should have to maintain them or invest in new facilities."

During his trip, Fanning visited Soldiers at the rifle range, spoke with Soldiers in Training at the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Re-

placement), and witnessed how the Occupational Physical Assessment Test will be implemented.

"My expectations when visiting an installation are always high," he said. "It's great to get out of the Pentagon, to get out of Washington. But I will say that today definitely exceeded my expectations. I got the opportunity to see young Americans straight off the bus, literally minutes into their basic training, which is an exciting thing to see – to realize we have that continual loop of people willing to volunteer and serve the nation."

The drill sergeants and Soldiers Fanning met on his trip were blown away by the experience.

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JUNIOR LEADERSHIP

JROTC cadets get a taste of Basic Combat Training

JROTC programs from throughout the state sent 801 cadets, instructors, chaperones, members of the U.S. Army Reserve and S.C. National Guard to spend the week at Fort Jackson to participate in the Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge camp. Schools sent their best cadets to take part in advanced activities not usually found at high school JROTC programs, such as the confidence courses used to train Soldiers in Basic Combat Training. The first cycle of cadets arrived June 5, and are scheduled to wrap their visit on June 11.



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'An act of helping people'

Veterans remembering D-day 72 years afterward

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS CRISTA MACK
Army News Service

CARENTON, France – Seventy-two years ago, 156,000 Allied troops, 9,000 aircraft and nearly 5,000 ships launched the largest amphibious invasion in modern warfare.

To history buffs, it's known by many names, D-Day, the Invasion of Normandy or even Operation Overlord, the name Sir Winston Churchill, then prime minister of England, gave it in accordance with his intense interest in operation nomenclature.

Now, 72 years later, the world has changed, but the 50-mile stretch of coastline known as Normandy remains in solidarity in welcome to the troops, both the veterans and today's generation of Soldiers, who in their estimation, did not invade, but "liberated" Normandy.

"Invasion is an act of war, a liberation is an act of helping people to get rid of some

kind of tyranny," Denis van den Brink, communications officer of the city of Carentan, France, said. "Actually both terms are correct. It was an invasion in a way that suddenly foreign armies swept through France. But it was a real liberation from the tyranny of fascism."

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— Sgt. Ryan Golden
617th Cavalry Regiment,
4th Infantry Division

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"The allied army, more specifically, the American Army, they came to liberate, not to conquer," van den Brink said. "That's what it says in the Coleville cemetery, where 10,000 Americans are resting forever."

Every year, Americans, French, British, German and people from around the world come to this coastline for a week or more of observances.

"It's amazing being here, the French people are so friendly to us," said Sgt. Ryan Golden, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle maintainer from the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division.

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Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS CRISTA MARY MACK

A French boy thanks veterans for freeing his country at the annual Cabbage Patch ceremony and parade. Soldiers and civilians gathered for the ceremony and parade, commemorating the Battle of Carentan during World War II.

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“It means a lot that someone from higher echelon of brass is coming out to check out our training – to check on integration of females in the Army,” said Staff Sgt. Angela Dean, a drill sergeant with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment and San Bernardino, California native. “Fort Jackson has been doing that since the 1970s when we integrated female drill sergeants. We actually have a lot of stronger females than people would think every cycle. This cycle we have one female that will definitely take our high APFT (award), so it’s definitely good now that we’re sending females to Fort Benning (to join the) infantry and Ranger Regiment.”

One of the Soldiers in Training he met was so nervous he could hardly speak.

Talking with the Secretary “was definitely something to remember – it was a once in a lifetime thing I think,” said Hawaii native, Pvt. Jaxon Nobriga, with Bravo Co., 2-39th.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Demaria, a drill sergeant with Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment who coached Fanning during a trip to the rifle range was also impressed by the secretary.

“I love that (Secretary Fanning) came out here,” he said. “He’s evaluating the Army and its budget and I think it’s absolutely wonderful the rotations that he’s been making base to base, evaluating us and seeing what he can improve and actually getting down with the Soldiers in his newly appointed position. I’m really glad he came out here and shot and didn’t just stand around and watch.”

Fanning shot at the rifle range and talked to Soldiers whenever he had the chance.



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Army Secretary Eric Fanning speaks with South Korean native, Pvt. Yoori Lee with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment at the confidence course during his June 7 tour of Fort Jackson. Secretary Fanning also spoke with Lee’s battle buddies Pvt. Corwin Padgett of New York, Pvt. Jaxon Nobriga of Hawaii and Pvt. Dustin Green of Ohio.

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Golden was one of the Soldiers from historic D-Day units here to participate in ceremonies. "When I got here the welcome was tenfold, it's like we've lived here our whole lives and we have just come home, the people of Normandy treat us like they are our families."

In addition to all the military ceremonies across the countryside, reenactors visit annually from around the world. They dress up as military personnel from the 1940s, often driving period jeeps and motorcycles. An entire culture of World War II military reenactors add to the feeling of the week with marches and street parties and parades.

"I've met and spent some time with the reenactors, they've been helping me learn French and I'm helping them learn English," said Golden.

Most importantly, the thousands who gave their lives on the day and in the liberation itself are honored, and the survivors who, 72 years on, are few and farther between, are given a heroes welcome. Although the world considers them the very definition of hero, the veterans themselves are humble when they talk about that day.

"We all knew some of us were going to be wounded, we all knew some of us were going to be killed, but we knew it was a job that had to be done," said Vincent Haag, a 2nd Ranger Battalion veteran who scaled the cliffs at Point du Hoc on that famous day, and visited Normandy 72 years later to talk about it.



Army News Service photo

A fully equipped paratrooper boards an airplane that will drop him over the coast of Normandy for the Allied Invasion of Europe,"D-Day," June 6, 1944.

Central Issue Facility to close June 11-19

The post's Central Issue Facility will be closed for normal business June 11-19 in order to complete semi-annual inventory.

Personnel that are scheduled for departure during this time period are requested to call CIF at 751-6524, 751-2870 or 751-2739 and immediately schedule out-processing appointments to ensure PCS requirements are met.

CIF will except emergency orders during this time period emergency orders during this period. IET Retain Issue will remain operational. CIF will reopen on June 20 for normal business.

Change of command set for July 29

Lt. Col. Jared A. Reid will relinquish command of the 369th Adjutant General Battalion to Lt. Col. Joel R. Holmstrom at a change of command ceremony July 29. Also during the event, Command Sgt. Maj. Carolyn Y. Donaldson will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Bernadette C. Phillips.

The ceremonies take place 9 a.m. at the 369th AG Battalion, 2306 Magruder Ave.



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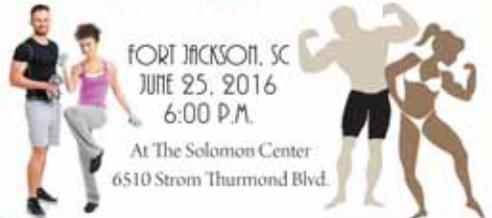
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- » June 21 - First Day of Summer
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See Waterpark staff for details.
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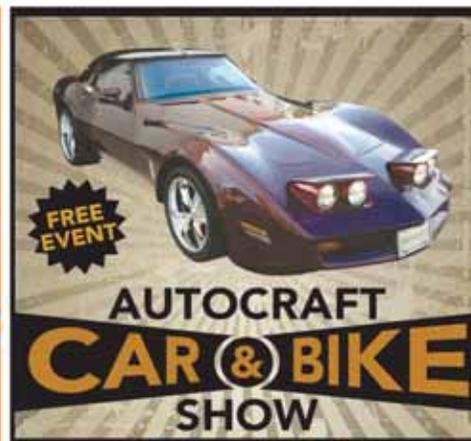
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