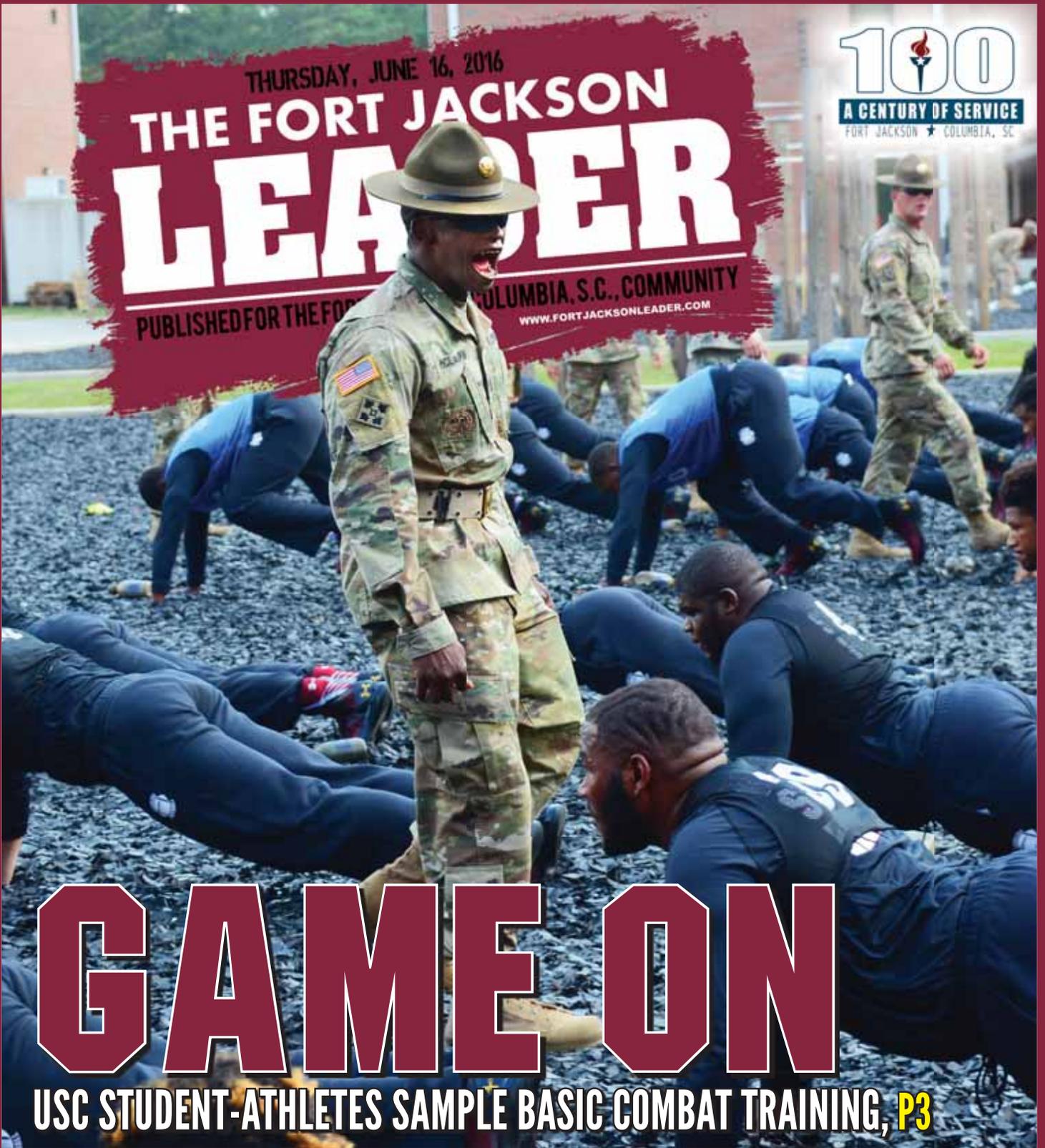


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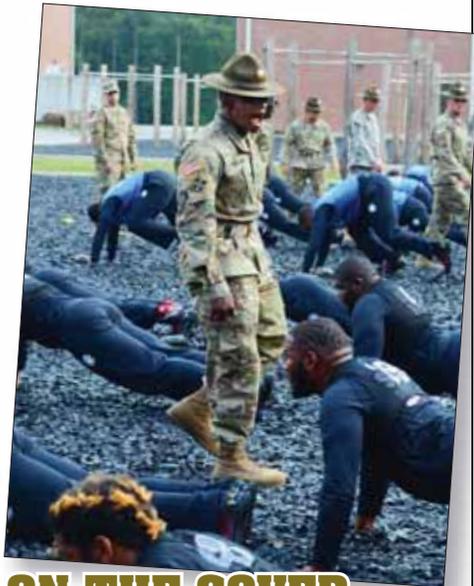
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ON THE COVER

Sgt. 1st Class William D. McLaurin, a drill sergeant leader with the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, yells orders to student-athletes from the University of South Carolina during training on Fort Jackson. **SEE PAGE 3.**

Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

TODAY

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.

Evening Storytime

6:30-7 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. Join the library staff for a free evening of stories and songs. For more information call 751-5589

SATURDAY

Army Birthday Ball

Tickets are 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>.

SUNDAY

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 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 2

Torchlight Tattoo and Fireworks

4-11 p.m., Hilton Field. This year's event includes a cannon salute to each state and territory, music by the 282nd Army "Victory" Band, and fireworks. The field opens at 4 pm and the Tattoo begins at 9 p.m. Lawn chairs and blankets welcome, but bleacher, grandstand seating available. No pets, coolers, alcohol, or personal fireworks. Food vendors are available at 5 p.m.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

The event is open to all children ages 9-18. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each division. To register, call the Youth Sports Office at 751-7451.

JULY 12

Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills

9 a.m.-noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Learn how to prepare your resume for corporate America. Presented by SC BlueCross BlueShield.

JULY 14

Support Military Spouses Job Fair

9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 730 Polo Park Road, Columbia. The job fair is open to all spouses, veterans and active-duty service members. To register, visit www.supportmilitaryspouses.org.

CANCELLATION

The cookout for Foreign Born Spouses and Hearts Apart Families Cookout on Friday at Weston Lake has been cancelled.

JULY 15

Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses

Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses, July 15, 9 a.m.-noon Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 222 Information on civil service and NAF employment. Targeted to military spouses, but open to all military and DOD ID card holders. To register call 803-751-9460/5452 or email sherry.r.major.civ@mail.mil.



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Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

A University of South Carolina football player grimaces as he crawls to the finish line of Fort Jackson's Fit to Win course June 10. The football team was on Fort Jackson to learn teamwork through tough training only found on Fort Jackson.

'PUSH, PUSH, PUSH'

Student-athletes sample Fort Jackson's wares

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

"This will show who the natural born leaders are," said 1st Sgt. Christopher Bolden of 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, as his drill sergeants prepared for their next cycle pick up June 10.

It wasn't the usual cycle. They wouldn't be picking up their average trainees and it would prove to be extremely short – just one day – as student-athletes from the University of South Carolina got a taste of what Army training is like.

The Gamecocks football team found itself ushered onto buses that afternoon and driven to Fort Jackson to find themselves face-to-face with intimidating drill sergeants shouting orders at them.

"This causes chaos," said Jeff Dillman, the Gamecock's director of football strength conditioning. "How do athletes when they play in front of 85,000 at Williams-Brice Stadium, or 100,000 fans, react to stressful situations? Do they get above or beyond the obstacle or the stress, or do they shut it down?"

"What we are doing is causing stress on them now," Dillman added. "We are going to see how they overcome the stress of drill sergeants challenging them to push, push, push."

But that was just the beginning.

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What we are doing
is causing stress on
them now.

— Jeff Dillman,
USC director of football
strength conditioning



Capt. Cesar Patino, commander of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, energizes USC Gamecocks football players after they step off the bus June 10 seconds before being swarmed by drill sergeants and drill leaders. Fort Jackson was partnering with the team to help build teamwork and resiliency.



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Recognizing excellence

193rd Infantry Brigade commander Col. Milford Beagle expresses gratitude to Staff Sgt. Krystle Johnson, of 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, during the Supply Excellence Award presentation June 13. Johnson received the SEA in the Level IB TDA company category. ‘Today is about you and your selfless service,’ said Col. Mark Shade, Fort Jackson deputy commanding officer.

This year’s AER campaign ends

From staff reports

This year’s Army Emergency Relief campaign kicked off March 1 at the NCO club with food, music, and brief look into an organization that, for 74 years, provided emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their Families.

After two and a half months of distributing information and collecting donations, the campaign officially ended May 15 with a total of \$97,719 in contributions.

Each year AER uses the annual campaign to bring awareness to the program and give Soldiers an opportunity to donate.

“It is important that Soldiers and Families know what AER can do for them and how to access the assistance,” said Angela Crosland, Fort Jackson’s AER specialist. “Predatory lenders prey on Soldiers and their Families who have a financial need. A Soldier who is under financial stress may not be able to completely focus on the Army’s mission.”

AER can provide assistance with essential travel, rent or mortgage payments, vehicle repairs or payments, minor home repairs, and more. Soldiers may apply in person or online at www.aerhq.org. In addition to providing assistance through AER, Army Community Service’s Financial Readiness Program offers a variety of financial classes and confidential one-on-one counseling.

For more information on the Financial Readiness Program or AER call 751-5256.



About AER

Army Emergency Relief is a private, nonprofit organization created to help Soldiers and their Family members who experience financial emergencies. AER provides funds to help Soldiers with immediate financial needs with rent, utilities, emergency travel and other crises. AER also provides emergency funds to Soldiers’ orphans and widows and offers undergraduate scholarships to spouses and children of both active and retired Soldiers. Established in 1942, AER has assisted more than 3.6 million Soldiers and Family members with more than \$1.7 billion in support.

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GATE 2

Open around the clock daily.

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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

FRIDAY

Ratchet and Clank (PG) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Sing Street (PG-13) 1 p.m.
Money Monster (PG-13) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Money Monster (PG-13) 1 p.m.
Ratchet and Clank (PG) 5 p.m.

TICKETS

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



FATHERS' DAY BRUNCH

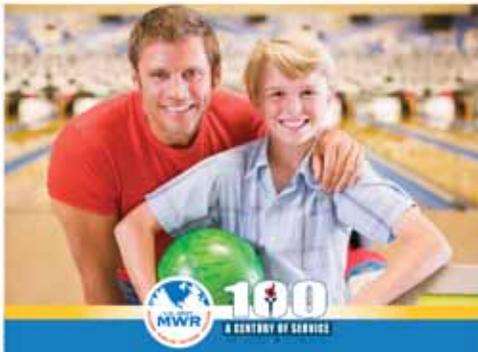
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Our coals will be hot and ready so you can grill your own steak exactly the way you like it with no waiting and no cleaning up afterwards!

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\$18.95 for members. \$23.95 for non-members.
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Dads bowl 3 Games Free when accompanied by their Family.

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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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!

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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.





Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Gamecocks football players struggle to climb over an obstacle on the Fit to Win course carrying full ammo cans and a mannequin. The players were split into teams to find out who the natural leaders of the team were. The red team, pictured here, won the race through the course.

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The athletes would find themselves sweating in a humid Carolina evening as they carried mannequins, full ammo cans and five gallon jugs of water through a myriad of obstacles only an Army post can provide.

All while each player carried a sand bag-filled assault pack.

Sgt. Ebony Jackson, a drill sergeant with Bravo Company, 1-61, was excited she could help motivate the football team.

"I played college ball five years ago, so I wish I had the opportunity to do something like this," she said as drill sergeants and drill sergeant leaders from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy made last second preparations.

"I'm looking forward to the mentorship," Jackson said. "I can kind of relate to the USC football team as a college athlete. I remember where I was and what type of person I was then and now. I am really excited about mentoring them and getting them to understand the importance of teamwork and working together collectively as a team."

It is going to be difficult for them, she added. If the athletes can overcome the mental aspect of their "introduction" into the Army they will do well.

"As a former college athlete I think that is going to be the toughest part of it," said Jackson, who used to play college basketball. "Physically I think they will be able to handle it. But will they be able to handle it mentally?"

The football team leveraged Fort Jackson to help build teamwork among the players while also helping to bring out individual leadership. The installation's variety of venues also multiplied the effects of training.

Dillman, one of the coordinators for the event, said "with only six weeks until training camp we had to be strategic with what we can and can't do from a risk versus rewards standpoint."

"Our biggest thing Coach (Will Muschamp) talks about is effort, toughness and discipline – ETD," Dillman said.

"Our guys have great effort, you know, and their building their toughness but from the discipline standpoint and working as a team and getting rid of that selfishness out of the team. We have talked about that from day one. There are no individuals on the team; it's all about team effort."

Everyone has individual goals, but if you reach team goals you will reach your individual goals."

Over the course of the night, the athletes handled the adversity with aplomb – they completed every task before them with very few exceptions and even fewer fallouts. Only one athlete stopped halfway through the Fit to Win course, but kept going, while four players declined to go through the night infiltration course.

The athletes were separated into teams, or platoons, so they would face the obstacles together. Each team had to

complete each task together, with the fastest teams being rewarded with less weight to carry and longer break times.

At the halfway point through the night's events, the student-athletes were given a short break and a pep talk from the Soldiers around them.

"When there are nine seconds left in the game and it's tied, you are going to remember this day," Jackson said. "This is why we are telling you guys this. We all know you can do this physically, but mentally can you get through this?"

Fort Jackson's top Soldier also encouraged the players to push through.

"We've played two quarters and we have two quarters left to play," Maj. Gen. Roger

Cloutier said to the sweat-drenched and dirt-coated athletes. "Now is where it gets real. Now is where things get hard. Now we have to work together – it pays to be a winner."

In the wee hours of the morning after having a hearty midnight dinner, the Gamecocks' head coach Muschamp recognized the event built leadership, but also "showed appreciation to what the military does."

Cloutier summed up the event when he said the difficulty of what the players went through will build them up.

"We believe that stress does not build character. We believe stress reveals character."

If Dillman is correct the team should go far. "If they build a team together, and they build a camaraderie together as one heartbeat, one team, it will take them a long way," he said.

“We all know you can do this physically, but mentally can you get through this?”

— Sgt. Ebony Jackson, drill sergeant

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BROWN



CARR

New leadership at the 120th AG Battalion

Lt. Col. Yvette L. Brown took command of the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) in a change of command and assumption of responsibility ceremony Tuesday at Victory Field. She replaced Lt. Col. Archie L. Bates, III whose next assignment is the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. Brown previously served as a Joint Manpower Analyst, Washington D.C.

Command Sgt. Maj. Christian J. Carr assumed responsibility of the battalion from 1st Sgt. Theodore Turner in the same ceremony. Carr previously served as the G1 Sergeant Major for U.S. Army Europe. Turner remains in the 120th as the Bravo Company first sergeant.

Appointments required for Parent Central Services Office

The Parent Central Services Office, Child, Youth, and School Services will now be seeing customers on an appointment only basis. Walk-ins will be taken on a limited basis. Customers with appointments will take priority over walk-in customers. To make an appointment for a new registration or renew your registration, contact 751-4824 or 751-4865.

AAFES updating debit, credit card software

All CONUS-wide AAFES facilities are in the process of updating the software for the debit/credit card pin pads at checkout registers. As a result beginning June 15, patrons will be unable to get any cash back until the software update is complete.

Change of command ceremony 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.





Photo by PHILIPS B. JOHNSON/ADJUTANT GENERAL SCHOOL

Adjutant General School Command Sgt. Major Nyeedra Edwards, left, receives the colors from Col. Neal McIntyre, during a change of commandant ceremony last Friday at the Soldier Support Institute. McIntyre became the 19th chief of the Adjutant General Corps, the 32nd commandant of the Adjutant General School and the 18th chief of Army music, taking over from Col. Jack Usrey, center.

It's 'about serving Soldiers'

Post welcomes new AG School commandant

By WALLACE MCBRIDE
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson's command team gathered at the Soldier Support Institute last Friday to welcome Col. Neal McIntyre, the new commandant of the Adjutant General School.

McIntyre was most recently chief of staff for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and took on a number of roles following last week's ceremony at the SSI auditorium. Not only is McIntyre the 19th chief of the Adjutant General Corps, he's also the 32nd commandant of the Adjutant General School and the 18th chief of Army music.

Col. Jack Usrey relinquished command of the school to McIntyre, an exchange of colors that Soldier Support Institute commander Col. Richard Nieberding called "bittersweet."

"Unfortunately, we say farewell to one great commandant, but look forward to a great leader stepping into the position," Nieberding said.

Last week's sentiments shared a common theme, that of the responsibility of the AG Corps to serve Soldiers and their Families. It was the thread that tied together the many responsibilities of the corps as described by leaders during the ceremony.

"It's all about serving Soldiers and their Families," said McIntyre, who recently marked 26 years in uniform. "There's nothing more important that we do than that."

There was also a common thread of respect in last week's sentiments for Usrey, whose dedication set an important objective for future leaders to meet and, – possibly – exceed.

"Nothing else matters, except taking care of that Soldier, and taking care of that Family," Usrey said. "And that's been my compass."

"I know I've given you a heavy rucksack, and you've carried it," Usrey said. "And I appreciate that."

McIntyre said he was inspired, not discouraged, by Usrey's accomplishments within the AG Corps.

"It is often said that, as an incoming



Left, Master Sgt. Keith Wells, deputy commandant of the NCO Academy, chats with new AG School commandant Col. Neal McIntyre and wife Catherine during a reception at the SSI Library.

Photo by WALLACE MCBRIDE

leader to an organization, it is best to follow a person who – let's just say – fell a little short," McIntyre said. "I say, and believe most would agree, that the business of training and developing leaders is too important for that to ever occur here."

McIntyre said his new assignment as leader of the AG Corps was an opportunity to reinforce the importance of those goals.

"As I thought about what I would say today, I found it difficult to put into words just how honored I am for this opportunity," he said. "The opportunity to positively impact our corps and, ultimately, our Army, through direct and extended interaction with the current and next-generation of Army human resource professionals and musicians."



Soldiers try their hands at automatic weapons

By **SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON**
108th Training Command (IET)

Soldiers in Basic Combat Training with Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment got acquainted with some of the Army's crew serve weapons during the June 7 U.S. Weapons Demonstration.

On a typical summer's day at Fort Jackson, Soldiers calmed their nerves and tried their hands at knocking down troop targets as well as burnt out hulks of armored personnel carriers with the M203

grenade launcher, M249 light machine gun, and M240B general purpose machine gun.

“Boooooom! I love that!” exclaimed one Soldier with arms raised and fists clinched watching from the bleachers when a 40mm high explosive grenade exploded upon impact with a fire-charred deuce-and-a-half.

— **Staff Sgt. Randy Pittman**

But before the Soldiers ever get close to the firing line, they're given classes on every aspect of each of the three weapons; from loading to unloading, clearing malfunctions and functions checks.

“We run them through three stations where we teach them how to clean and maintain each weapon along with the proper firing procedures and clearing the weapons,” said Staff Sgt. Rodney Guinyard, Range Support Cadre from Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 321st Infantry Regiment, 104th Training Division.

“We then move them over to the firing line and a couple of lucky Soldiers get the chance to actually fire some (high explosive) rounds out of the 203. The rest will fire the training rounds,” he said.

From the live fire demonstration the Soldiers are split into two groups where half of them will take turns firing training rounds from the grenade launcher and the others fire approximately 50 to 100 rounds of ammunition downrange with the machine guns.

As round after round sped down range, sometimes hitting the intended target, most of the time not, Soldier after Soldier gave a quick smile and often times asked to fire again.

“Training Soldiers is what's important out here and it's what I like to do,” said Staff Sgt. Randy Pittman, also serving as range cadre from Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 321st Infantry Regiment, 104th Training Division. “That's the main thing, training Soldiers. But also this is just plain fun.”

Photo by **SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON**

A Soldier in his 6th week of Basic Combat Training with Co. A, 3rd Bn., 39th Inf. Reg., fires the M249 Light Machine Gun at targets downrange June 7 on the U.S. Weapons Demonstration range.

'I BECAME A SOLDIER ..' 2ND BATTALION, 60TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

SPC. JAMES LAWRENCE, 30

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

"My grandfather was in the Army, my father was in the Army, and I will be in the Army just the same."

"What's good about Basic Combat Training is that Soldiers have the great fortune of being challenged and knowing we can overcome those challenges."

"I am a 91B – Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. When enlisting, I was looking for a military occupational specialty that combined personal interest with civilian opportunities and most importantly advancement within the military."



SPC. ROCIO Y. SILVEYRA, 26

San Antonio

"I joined the Army to carry on my father's legacy as a Soldier."

"My favorite part of Basic Combat Training has been meeting other future Soldiers."

"I am a 09S – Commissioned Officer Candidate, because I wanted to be a good leader for my peers."

"My Family is proud and excited to visit me at my first duty station."

"I look forward to seeing how the Army's needs change in the next 10 years."



SPC. KATHERINE I. WALLACE, 26

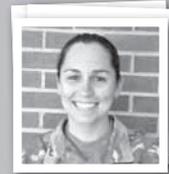
St. John's, Florida

"I joined the Army because I want to be a part of something bigger than myself."

"I have become a stronger person both mentally and physically from BCT."

"I am a 09S – Commissioned Officer Candidate. I want to become an officer in the Army because I want to lead Soldiers."

"My Family is very proud of my decision to enlist. My Mom and my Dad both tell me how much they worry about me but that if they could go back in time they would enlist."



PFC. ZACKARY M. MICHAEL, 23

Louisville, Kentucky

"I joined the Army to serve my country mainly and also to honor my grandfather Lt. Col. Bobby R. Michael."

"Being a part of a team, and growing as that team is what is good about basic training."

"I am a 15F – Aircraft Electrician. I have always been drawn to helicopters."

"I am looking forward to furthering my education and also working through my university's ROTC program."

Once an officer, I hope to have the opportunity to fly Blackhawks. That would be simply be a dream come true."



SPC. SANDRA K. MARTINEZ, 31

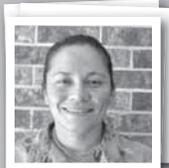
Garden Grove, California

"Ever since I was 18, I have always wanted to join the military. I wanted to become disciplined and a leader."

"I have learned many new skills in BCT. I love working in a team and planning as a unit."

"My military occupational specialty is 15F – Aircraft Electrician. I chose this MOS because I have a degree in Electrical Engineering. I enjoy working on electronics."

"My Family supports me and commends me for following my dream. They are the back bone of my success. I plan to stay in the military and grow as a leader."



PVT. JAMES A. MARTIN, 20

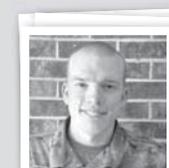
Port Orchard, Washington

"I joined the Army because I wanted to join something important, and find meaning beyond myself."

"In BCT I learned a lot of discipline, broken my limits, formed camaraderie and have created a new Family here in the Army."

"I am a 91B – Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. I chose it because I love working on vehicles."

"My Family was a little surprised, but are happy and proud of my choice. My mom is excited to see me on graduation day."



Leaders challenge Soldiers:

‘Earn your cake’

Army News Service

The Army’s 241st birthday is but a week away now, and Army leaders are saying of Soldiers “let them eat cake” ... but only if they’re going to burn off the calories with some robust physical training.

Under Secretary of the Army Patrick J. Murphy, a Soldier for Life, and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey will both earn their cake and eat it too. And they will both burn off those calories during Army birthday week as part of the “Earn Your Cake” campaign, which involves Soldiers recording 15-30 seconds of their own workouts – a demonstration of how they will “earn” the cake they eat during Army birthday week – and then sharing those videos with Army social media.

“Everybody loves cake,” Murphy said. “But you have to get after it physically, so you aren’t packing on the pounds. ‘Earn Your Cake’ is something we are pushing out there to make sure people know that while we are going to take time to celebrate on our Army birthday, that doesn’t preclude the fact you have to earn it. You have to get after it every morning, before the sun

risers, and push yourself so you are physically fit, so that you are a warrior and ready to answer the call against our enemies.”

Dailey echoed Murphy’s sentiment, saying “a day in the Army without PT is like a birthday without cake.”

Soldiers can share their workout clips via social media at Twitter #EarnYourCake and #USArmy, and also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/USArmy. They can learn more about the campaign at www.army.mil/Birthday.

“The campaign is a great way to show Americans our commitment to being fit to fight tonight, if they need us,” Dailey said.

Both Murphy and Dailey claim the upper hand when it comes to who’ll do better at earning and burning the calories in the big slabs of sponge and buttercream frosting they’ll consume at the multiple cake cuttings held in the D.C. area for the Army’s birthday.

Already this month, the undersecretary nabbed a swipe of frosting off the sword used to cut a cake in honor of the 100th anniversary of the ROTC program.

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

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

Childcare will be available at the Hood Street Child Development Center. Children must be registered with CYS in order to take advantage of the program. Cost is \$20 per child; additional children from the same family are \$18 per child. Children will be served dinner and have an Army Birthday party as well.

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

Victory is FOREVER

Confidence course lays foundation for Basic Combat Training

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

Since 1973, new recruits in what is now called Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina have been challenging and conquering the 40-foot monster known as Victory Tower in their first week of training.

The original concept was to help Soldiers develop a sense of confidence and the willingness to overcome fears early on in their Army careers. The thought process is that Soldiers need to be confident in their own abilities before they can truly start to work with other Soldiers as a team.

For many, overcoming that fear of heights can be a daunting task but a rewarding one once the feat is actually accomplished.

“That was crazy,” said Pvt. Lisdy Sarmiento, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, a future combat supply specialist with the Army Reserve.

“It wasn’t as hard as I thought it was going to be. I thought it was fun, after I did it, Sarmiento said. “I think it’s definitely going to help us build our mind sets for whatever is to come.”

And instilling that mindset early on is just what Staff Sgt. Trevin Sparks says is key to ensuring a successful cycle of training.

Sparks, one of several drill sergeants facilitating training at Victory Tower with Alpha Company, June 8, said “this helps them [Soldiers] see that they can accomplish big feats that they never thought they could do.

“Right now they don’t think they can fill 50 sand bags or build a two-man fighting position with improved camouflage while running night missions. Things that will be vital to their survival on the battlefield. Doing something like this helps them see early on that they can do anything they set their minds too.”

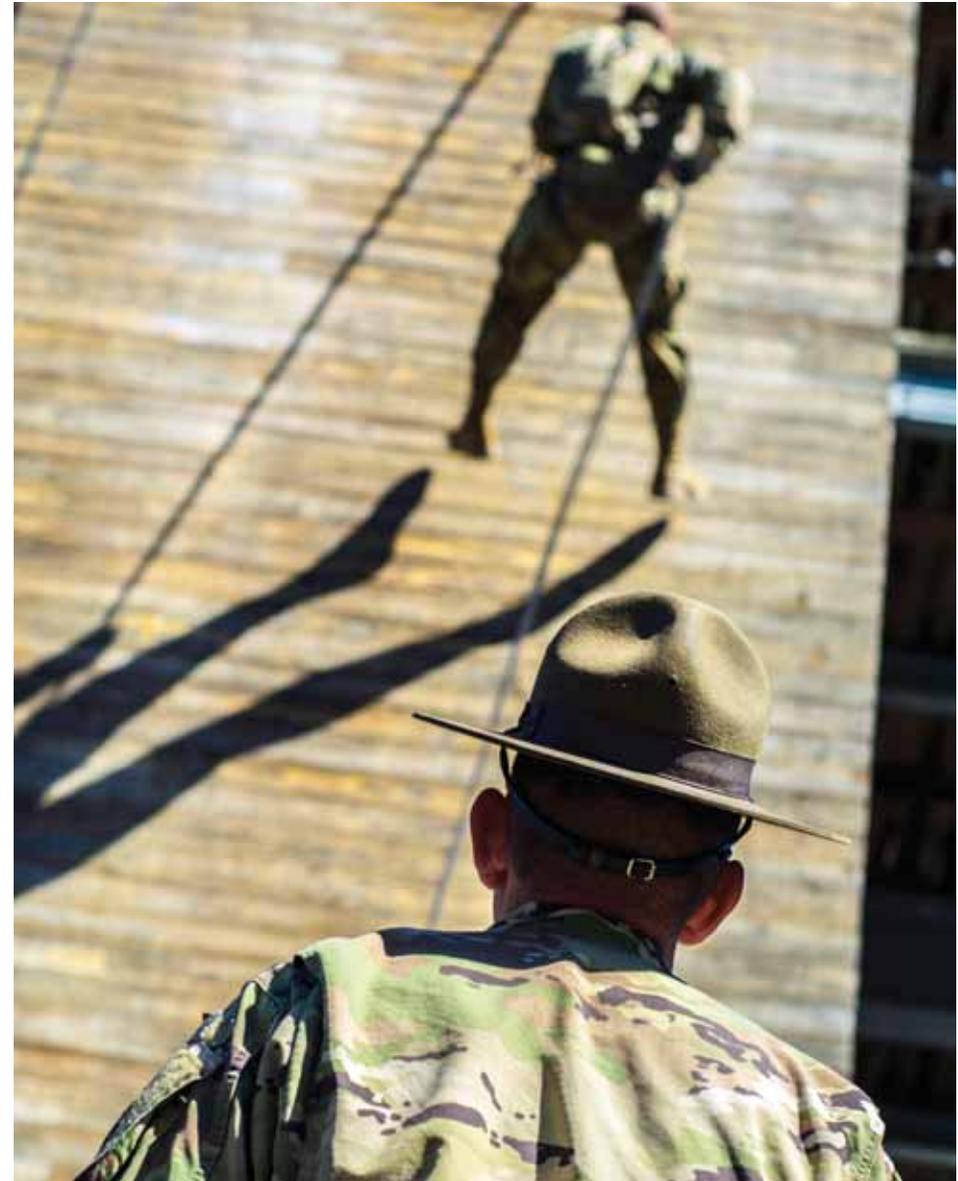
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Photos by SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON

Before tackling the 40-foot wall at Victory Tower, Soldiers in Basic Combat Training with Co. A, 2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg., practice swinging across their drill sergeant’s ‘lava pit.’ Sometimes they make it, sometimes they don’t.

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Soldiers in Basic Combat Training with Co. A, 2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg., conquer the 40-foot wall at Victory Tower.

'It takes the entire team'

'Blackhawks' encase colors during inactivation ceremony

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Like a football team, a military organization only succeeds when the whole team is in sync.

Fort Jackson lost one of its strongest movers June 10, when the 171st Infantry Brigade "Blackhawks" encased its colors during an inactivation ceremony at the Post Theater.

For Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier, Fort Jackson's commander and a college football player, other units might have gotten the glory for training Soldiers but no training wouldn't have occurred without the Blackhawks acting like linemen.

"We all know of the quarterbacks, running backs and the receivers get most of the glory as they put the ball in the end zone and score points," the general said. "Every one of them knows it takes the entire team especially the line, the offensive line, to get that ball across the goal line. The line here on our team that is in the

trenches day in and day out and blocks on every play but never scores a touchdown; and most of them never get to handle the ball. Without the line you cannot win."

Fort Jackson is like a football team, he said. There are two basic training brigades "who train 45,000 Soldiers a year" and what isn't easily noticed is "the incredible role the Blackhawks brigade played as part of that training."

He lauded the 171st saying that the other brigades couldn't accomplish their mission "without you and what your Soldiers do."

The Blackhawks were in charge of all training sites including the Medical Simulation Treatment Facility, the 120th Adjutant General Battalion, and the cadre who ran the more than 40 ranges "that ran every single day."

"The 171st, under Col. (H. Clint) Kirk and Command Sgt. Maj. (Christopher J.) Melton, are our linemen."

Fort Jackson's commander said training 58 percent of the Army's Soldiers would



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

Sgt. 1st Class Jody Jennings and Capt. Jacque Collins, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 171st Infantry Brigade, encase the company guidon during the brigade's inactivation ceremony June 10.

be impossible without the Blackhawks.

"For three years my predecessor and I fought to prevent this inactivation and provide better courses of action," Kirk said. "But we lost that fight and we started the path that led us here today."

While the 171st wasn't happy they were being inactivated they "moved out to plan and execute the most thorough and professional transition possible," Kirk added.

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Cake

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That wasn't even part of the Army birthday. Whether he later had an actual piece of that cake is unknown.

There was an Army birthday cake Wednesday on Capitol Hill, and one at the Pentagon today. There will also be cake involved during Army birthday-related events in Philadelphia as well, after Murphy and the Dailey conduct a demanding PT routine alongside Soldiers of the Pennsylvania National Guard and celebrity Chef Robert Irvine the morning of the Army birthday – Tuesday.

While in Philadelphia – the birthplace of America's Army – Murphy and the SMA will also do some rappelling down the side of a downtown building.

Videos of that can be expected to make the rounds on social media shortly afterward.

Murphy said he's got a lock on PT the SMA can't hope to touch.

"We need the SMA to still drink milk, take his vitamins, keep working hard," Murphy said of Dailey. "And then someday he might be able to be a champion like myself. But, you know, I definitely, no doubt, have bigger arms than he does. But, you know, I think he might run a little faster than me, so it's going to be a good competition going into the Army birthday."

He said he's also got the inside scoop on Dailey's plans to undercut his PT prowess with social media trash talk.

"I was in the intelligence community for a long time when I was a U.S. congressman," Murphy said. "And my intel sources are telling me the SMA is about to talk some smack on social media to me. So we will see. And we will respond in kind. But, you know, I follow the Powell Doctrine. We all have a clear mission. I use overwhelming force to accomplish that mission. And I have an exit strategy. My mission will be that, you know, let SMA know that

I'm the man. And to be the man you have to beat the man – to quote the great Ric Flair."

Dailey said of Murphy that he doesn't stand a chance of out-PTing him.

"I heard USA Murphy says he's going to use overwhelming force to beat me at PT," Dailey said. "He's going to need overwhelming force to wake up before 9 a.m. We in the Army have a saying: we do more before 9 a.m. than most people do all day. And we've been doing it for 241 years. This reminds me of my favorite quote from the late, great, Muhammad Ali: 'If you even dream of beating me you'd better wake up and apologize.'"

Murphy said PT, like sleep and nutrition – all three parts of the Performance Triad – are part of the individual readiness that ensures the Army is ready to fight the nation's wars when called upon to do so.

"We need to make sure that on an individual basis, every Soldier is ready to fight tonight," Murphy said.

Murphy said it's very important for each member of the team to make themselves as ready as possible for the next mission, but the unit and Army overall must prioritize readiness every day.

"On a unit level, also as an institution, we need to make sure we are doing what's necessary to take the fight to our enemies and to win," Murphy said

During the Army birthday week, Murphy said he hopes that Americans recognize that their Army is "America's varsity team."

"We're the ones that answer the call from the president of the United States, or a governor, to answer our national challenges," Murphy said. "These young men and women who join our ranks are the best that America has to offer."

And for Soldiers, he said, he wants them to remember just how far the Army has come in 241 years.

"This gives us a chance to reflect on our history," Murphy said. "But also, to re-dedicate ourselves to be the best professional fighting force this world has ever seen, and we owe it to the next generation to make our Army even better."

Housing News

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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

HONORS

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



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Victory

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For many of the Army Reserve drill sergeants who support Basic Combat Training throughout the summer surge, training events like those at Victory Tower can be just as important.

“This is as new to me as it is to these Soldiers,” said Allan Kendall, an Army Reserve drill sergeant with Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion, 321st Infantry Regiment, 98th Training Division “They’re in their sixth day of training I think and I’ve been here for five.”

“I came out here and shadowed some of these drill sergeants a few weeks ago right here at the tower to get a refresher for what I was going to be doing,” said Kendall, who graduated from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy last year, is performing his first annual training mission as a drill sergeant. “It definitely helped me out here today and in doing so I can help these Soldiers get through this portion and on the rest of their training.”

Although Victory Tower is just the foundation for the Soldiers training, it’s an important one.

“We have to get them to believe in themselves first before we can go on to the next phase, which is working as a team,” Sparks said. “Can you imagine 60 people who have never met before trying to work together as a team when they don’t even have confidence in their own abilities?”



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS BRIAN HAMILTON

A Soldier in Basic Combat Training with Co. A, 2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg., concentrates on getting across the 20-foot long rope bridge June 8 at Victory Tower.

Colors

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The Blackhawks inactivation has been ongoing for some time.

More than a year ago the 91B – Light Wheeled Mechanics Advanced Individual Training was moved to Fort Lee, Virginia only to be followed closely by the inactivation of the 187th Ordnance Battalion last year. Task Force Marshall and the Army Student Detachment were moved under the new Leader Training Brigade in March, while the 193rd Infantry Brigade took charge of the 120th AG Battalion. Just recently the Special Troops Battalion was realigned to fall under U.S. Army Garrison.

I saw them casing the colors and got “sad,” Cloutier said of the ceremony. “Most of the time when I see colors encased it was prepping for deployments as a unit deploying overseas to defend our nation. This one has much more final feel to it.”



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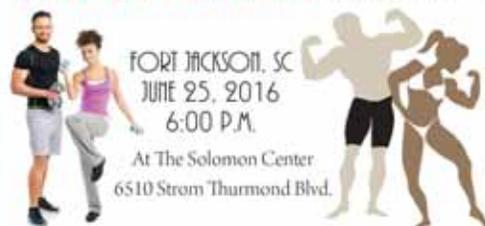
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