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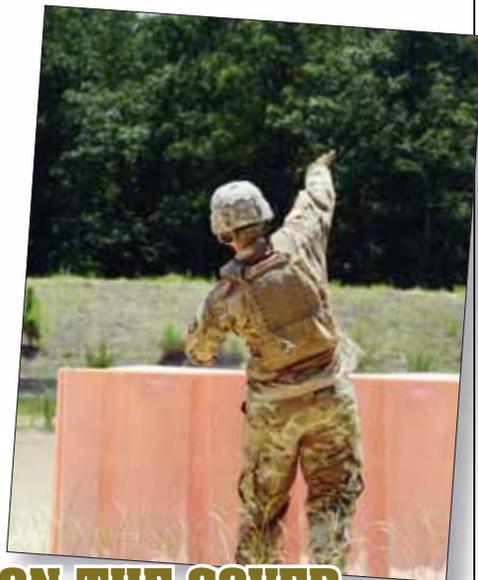
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ON THE COVER

A Soldier deploys a smoke grenade during a recent training session at Fort Jackson. Trainers recently taught drill sergeants and other non-commissioned officers how to identify the different types of grenades.

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Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS



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TODAY

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.

SATURDAY

Fort Jackson's Army 10 Miler
 5:30 a.m., beginning at the corner of Kershaw and Dixie streets. Register for the event in advance at the post's sports office, or register between 4:45-5:15 a.m. the day of the event. The run is open only to active duty Soldiers. This is a qualifying event that will be used to determine the teams that will represent Fort Jackson in the Army 10 Miler in Washington, D.C. in October.

TUESDAY

Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses
 Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses, 9–11:30 a.m. 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.

WEDNESDAY

Military Consumer Protection Day Open House
 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Room 120 of the

Strom Thurmond Building. Army Community Service financial counselors and South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs staff will be available to assist with consumer-related issues. Counselors can download and analyze individual credit reports and scores for active duty service members and their ID card Family members. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 751-5256.

JULY 21

Neighborhood Huddle
 Noon, playground on McLeod Court for residents of Pierce Terrace 1-7. Housing residents are invited to meet the housing staff and Garrison leadership to discuss housing-related concerns.

JULY 26

Coupon Craze Class
 11:30 a.m.– 1 p.m., Main Post Chapel activity room. This coupon class will teach how to save money by using coupons, phone apps, loyalty cards, and more. Bring your coupons to swap, and feel free to bring a lunch. Participants will receive a free gift. For more information, call 751-5256.

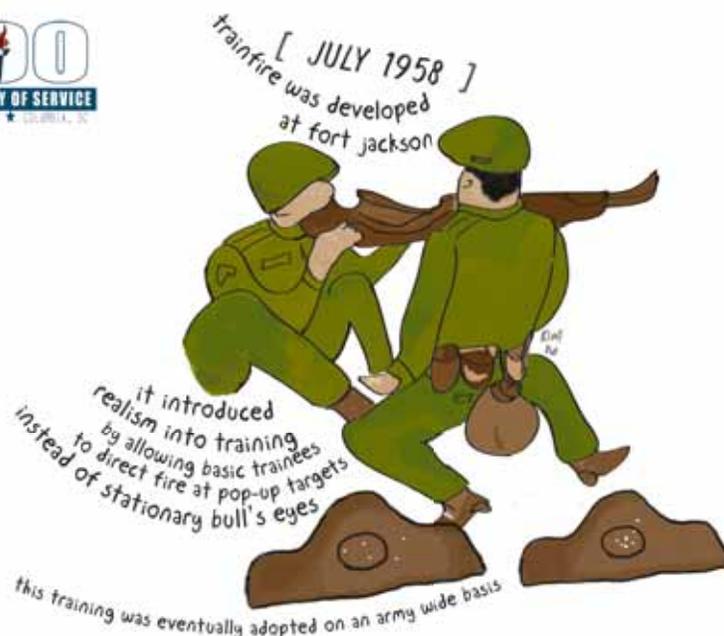
Golf letters of intent

Intramural and Recreational Golf letters of intent are due to the Sports Office. Next session of golf will begin Aug 9. Call the Sports Office for more information. This league

plays Tuesdays at 5 p.m., 9 holes each week, 4 people per team play.

AUG. 2

Hiring Our Heroes Career Fair
 A free fair for veterans, transitioning Service members and military spouses. The Workshop is for job seekers focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation and interviewing. Employment workshop begins at 8:30 a.m.. The hiring fair is 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Solomon Center, 6510 Strom Thurmond Blvd. Jobseekers are encouraged to pre-register for the hiring event at www.hiringourheroes.org/events.



By Demetria Mosley



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

'If I'm not available, these guys are,' said Fort Jackson Commanding General Brig. Gen. John 'Pete' Johnson as he extends his hands out toward Col. Mark Shade the deputy commanding officer, Col. Morris 'Mo' Goins Chief of Staff and the Post Command Sgt. Maj. Major Lamont Christian. 'They are ready to lean in. They understand my intent.'

Ready to 'lean in'

New commander shares his leadership philosophy

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson commander Brig. Gen. John 'Pete' Johnson's said his main priority for the post is the same as the Army's priority: readiness.

In a meeting with the senior leaders July 6 at the Soldier Support Institute auditorium, Johnson discussed some of his goals for the installation as the post's 49th commanding general.

"(Fort Jackson) is an easy connection to the readiness of our Army," he said. "We say 'Victory Starts Here' (and) readiness is the key ingredient of victory. We generate that readiness right off the bat. These trainees that turn into Soldiers and go off to units, that's readiness."

One of his primary missions for Fort Jackson is getting everybody at every level working as a team.

"Your mission is my mission and vice

versa," he said. "It's about being a team. It boils down to everything that we do here has to be done with a sense of 'what team am I helping out,' and it's not always just your own team. Look left at your adjacent units, look up and outward."

To help build the sense of a team, Johnson said he wants to keep an open door policy for senior command representatives. He encouraged them to stop by at any time, saying he'd find the time to speak with them.

"That means pick up the phone, call my secretary and tell them you want to speak with me," Johnson said. "I plan on taking time out for you guys."

For the times when he's not available, Johnson urged leaders to reach out to Col. Mark Shade, the deputy commanding officer, Chief of Staff Col. Morris "Mo" Goins, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian.

"I have great teammates here that ruck

up every day to help get the ball moving forward," he said. "They are ready to lean in. They understand my intent. They have a shared understanding of how I'm trying to move the ball forward with my command direction."

During the meeting, Johnson asked the group of senior leaders to write down what they are proud of at Fort Jackson, what improvements could be made and any suggestions of what he should focus on during his time here.

"This is about Soldiers, this is about civilians, this is about sailors and airmen, every part of the Department of Defense that touches Fort Jackson is on equal footing here. It takes it all to solve our problems," said Johnson.

"I may only end up being here for six months or may stay for two years, but I want to set goals for Fort Jackson as if I'm going to be here for a decade. I'm thinking about the future," he said.

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Fort Jackson
commanding general

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Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Col. Dan C. Fong, commander of Fort Jackson's Dental Activity presents Michelle Wahlstrom a certificate of appreciation during the graduation ceremony July 8.

Officers graduate from dental training

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

Eight Army dental officers graduated from the one-year long Advanced Education in General Dentistry program held at Fort Jackson July 8.

Retired Col. Michael S. Fulkerson, a former Army dentist and member of the American Dental Association, advised the graduates during the ceremony to embrace the Army and to make the most of what the military brings.

While at times he wasn't happy with where the military took him, he made "some lifelong friends along the way." The experiences he had during his Army career made a lasting impact on him.

To most of the graduates where the class was their first taste of military life, Fulkerson said they strive to be the best and advised them "don't be afraid to take on the tough jobs."

"You may find the Army a great way of life," he said.

According to the ADA, the dental program aims to "enhance competence and confidence in the various clinical disciplines that are integral components of dentistry" while helping graduates "evaluate patients' total oral health needs. They provide a full range of general dental care, and refer patients, when indicated, to appropriate specialists."

Upon completion of the course the officers will be as-

signed to various posts across the Army.

The graduates are:

- Capt. Shauna Jones – graduate of University of Colorado, Denver will be assigned to Fort Hood, Texas

- Capt. Allie Kraft – a graduate of Augusta University College of Dental Medicine will be assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas

- Capt. Miles Renick – a graduate of University of Louisville, Kentucky, will be assigned to Fort Hood, Texas

- Capt. Katie M. Senkiw – a Midwestern University graduate will be assigned to Fort Hood, Texas

- Capt. Rory D. Sharp – a graduate of University of Washington will be assigned to Fort Polk, Louisiana

- Capt. Caleb Scott – a graduate of Midwestern University will be assigned to Camp Walker, Korea

- Capt. Devin Wahlstrom – a graduate of Oregon Health & Science University will be assigned to Walter Reed Medical Center

- Capt. Patricia Walworth – a graduate of Western Reserve University will be assigned to Fort Gordon, Georgia.

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— Retired Col. Michael S. Fulkerson, former Army dentist

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Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd.
Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Me Before You (PG-13)

SATURDAY

1 p.m. Me Before You (PG-13)

5 p.m. Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping (R)

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping (R)

5 p.m. Me Before You (PG-13)

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1 p.m. Me Before You (PG-13)

5 p.m. Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping (R)

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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.



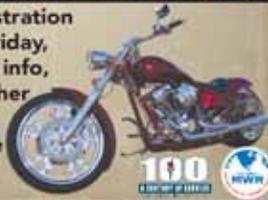

FREE EVENT

AUTOCRAFT CAR & BIKE SHOW

At Patriot's Park
(next to Palmetto Falls)

Saturday, July 30 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Car and bike registration due by COB on Friday, July 29. For more info, contact Ken Fletcher at 751-5755 or Chuck Stoudemire at 751-0891.



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Christmas in JULY



Join us for a special visit from **Santa Claus at Palmetto Falls Water Park on Tuesday, July 26 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.)**

- » DoD ID Cardholder Season Passes are only \$50 for a Family of 4! Additional Family members are only \$10 each!
- » DoD ID Cardholder Single Memberships are \$20.
- » DoD ID Cardholder memberships are available at Victory Travel. For info, call 751-5812.
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- » Non-Affiliated memberships can be purchased online at www.fortjacksonmwr.com.



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Photo courtesy of the Rhode Island Secretary of State historical archives

Soldiers with the 1st Rhode Island U.S. Volunteer Infantry at Camp Fornance make snowballs following an 1899 blizzard in Columbia, S.C. Fornance was one of five Army camps established in the greater Columbia area during the Spanish-American War, posts which later led to the establishment of Camp Jackson and, later, Fort Jackson. Camp Fornance was located in an area now known as Marshall Park.

Once upon a time ...

Before Fort Jackson, Columbia was home to five smaller Army camps

By ANGELO PERRI
Special to the Leader

While Fort Jackson formally began in 1917, the installation's roots date back to the previous century, when Soldiers fighting in the Spanish-American War were camped in and around Columbia.

When the Civil War ended in 1865, Columbia's population was only 6,000 people. By comparison, Atlanta's population at the time was only 10,000 people. A federal army remained in Columbia until 1877, a 12-year period referred to as the Reconstruction Era.

In 1898, Columbia had reached 15,000 people and, with the outbreak of the Spanish American War, the U.S. Army returned and to Columbia to establish five tent camps: Camp Ellerbee was located at what is now Hyatt Park; Camp Dewey at what is now Earlwood Park; Camp Fornance at the junction of River Road and North Main Street (now a small public housing project); Camp Prospect at Lynch Park off of Elmwood; and Camp Fitzhugh Lee at what is now Martin Luther King Park in Five Points.

The key to Columbia's location was its accessibility to water, because horses were the main means of transportation. Automobiles did not exist at the time.

Two of these camps were close to Columbia College with about 100 female stu-

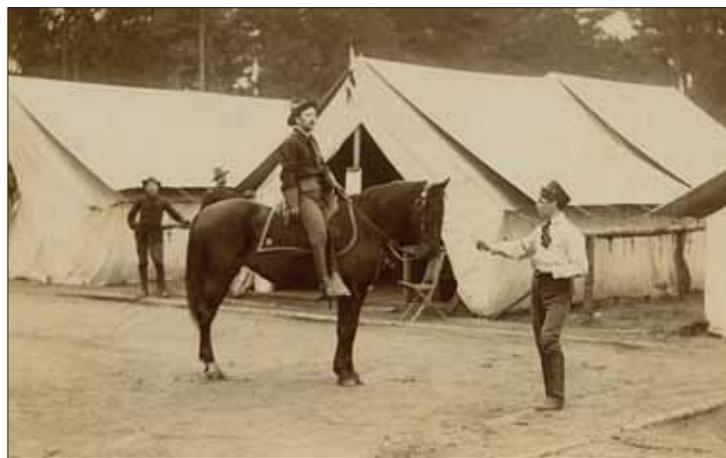


Photo courtesy of the Tennessee State Library

During the Spanish-American War, Camp Fornance was home to a regimental hospital established by the 2nd Tennessee Infantry. Pictured from left are Maj. George W. Seay, Pvt. Bob McIlwain, Orderly Murtaugh (or horseback) and Tom Russell.

dents who dated the Army Soldiers. This was unusual since the reconstruction occupation had ended only 21 years before and many of their fathers, uncles or grandfathers had fought for the Confederacy and still resented the Army.

However, there were no animosities or

hard feelings among the co-eds and Federal troops. It was a very short war, but the event went so well that the Columbia Chamber of Commerce decided to try and obtain a permanent Army camp for the area.

When World War I broke out in 1914, the War Department, concerned that the

U.S. would eventually enter, began to look for locations to set up training camps. The Army's positive experiences in Columbia in 1898 was not forgotten, and then Maj. Douglas MacArthur was sent to survey the area.

MacArthur chose the area that is now Fort Jackson as a location and, when the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, Camp Jackson was established. More than 40,000 troops were here at one time when the population of Columbia was less than 30,000. Also in 1918, worldwide flu epidemic killed 20 million people worldwide, and at one time more than 2,000 Soldiers were hospitalized at Fort Jackson.

The war ended in 1918 and, by 1922, Camp Jackson's temporary buildings were torn down, except for the building that is today is called the Dozier House. It was occupied by World War I Medal of Honor recipient James Dozier, who served as caretaker of the area and later became the S.C. Adjutant General. The post was usually opened in summers for National Guard training.

With the outbreak of World War II, Camp Jackson was rebuilt in a matter of months with 10,000 workmen here at one time. More than 40,000 troops were on post while Columbia had reached a population of 60,000 people.

Husband and wife share time on trail

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

When Staff Sgts. Joseph and Qeshawnia Franklin of 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment took wedding vows to be by each other's side, they knew eventually it would also lead to them standing together in the same battalion.

While most drill sergeants rarely get to spend time with their spouses because of their long hours training Soldiers, Joseph, of Delta Company, and Qeshawnia, of Alpha Company, work together in the same compound.

"People say to us 'I can't see how y'all can be together so much,' and my answer is we've always been together," said Qeshawnia. "I'm lucky to have him."

The two met in the second grade and spent the rest of their school years together in New Orleans. When Qeshawnia left for Basic Combat Training in 2003, Joseph followed her.

"She convinced me to join the military," he said. "We did our basic training right here at Fort

Jackson. She was on one side of the installation and I was on the other."

The couple has four children (three boys and one girl) and have been married for 12 years. Joseph said their first sergeants have been supportive of their relationship.

"If one of us has 24 hour duty then usually the other one doesn't. They make it easy so we don't have to stress over finding child care," he said.

Working together has sparked a friendly competition between them. Qeshawnia said she can't wait to compare her troop's statistics with her husband's.

"We try to keep each other on our toes," she said. "We are always competing with each other to see who's Franklin number one and Franklin number two. Of course I'm always Franklin number one."

Joseph said he loves the competition between them.

"I love working with my wife. I get to go home each night and have my battle buddy with me permanently," he said.



Photo by *DEMETRIA MOSLEY*

Working together has sparked a friendly competition in between Staff Sgts. Joseph and Qeshawnia Franklin of 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment who are married. Joseph is in Delta Company and Qeshawnia is in Alpha Company.

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

Legal assistance garners Fort Jackson another honor

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

One of Fort Jackson's units was best in supply, now Fort Jackson's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate has one of the most exemplary Legal Assistance services.

The Army announced Monday that the Team Jackson legal assistance office won the 2015 Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance in the Active Duty – Medium Offices category.

According to John Meixell, the chief of the Army's Legal Assistance Policy Division, "the selection rate for winners in this year's competition reflects a careful evaluation of the applications, recognizing only those offices that were truly exceptional."

The office won the Fiscal Year 15 award through its integration with outside organizations, said Dorothy Edgerton, Fort Jackson's chief of legal assistance.

The fact Fort Jackson's legal assistance office battled with "significant" cutbacks and was

forced to cut services makes taking the recognition with limited assets sweeter, Edgerton said.

"It's the perfect active service – Reserve component integration," she said. "The team worked really hard with the Reserve component to bring needed services to Fort Jackson."

Winning the award "says we have a really strong team and work well together. We creatively reach out to our local communities for support" which helps "us bring services to our clients."

It also recognizes how the various legal assistance services such as the Special Victims Council helps the Fort Jackson community, she added.

Fort Jackson's partnerships with the Reserves and the Columbia community (especially the South Carolina Bar) made it possible for the legal assistance office to hold seminars to help educate the public on such things as identity theft.

"We can't solve the problem," Edgerton said. "So we try to get ahead of the problem and try to educate people."

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— **Dorothy Edgerton**
Fort Jackson's chief of legal assistance



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'I BECAME A SOLDIER ..' 2ND BATTALION, 39TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

SPC. LUKE J. VILLAMATER, 32

Bayonne, New Jersey

"I joined the Army to expand my ministry and also provide for my Family."

"In my opinion, what has been great about Basic Combat Training are the relationships I've been able to build with my battle buddies."

I am a "56M – Chaplain Assistant. I picked this specific MOS because I wanted to see what the Chaplain ministry is like and be able to experience the Army life."

"My Family has been extremely supportive" of me enlisting.



SPC. JOHN B. HUNT, 22

Cincinnati

I joined the Army "to follow my Family tradition and to serve my country."

"The drill sergeants have been good role models and teachers to start our Army careers."

I am a "68W – Combat Medic. I picked this job because I am interested in the medical field."

"I look forward to MOS training in Advanced Individual Training and getting to my first duty station and becoming a Soldier."



PVT. KALEB D. BEMILLER, 23

Los Angeles

I joined the Army "to fight next to my brothers-in-arms and jump out of planes."

"All the knowledge I've gained and how to hold myself to a higher standard" is the best part of Basic Combat Training.

I am a "13B – Cannon Crewmember. I picked it to blow things up and cause mayhem."

My Family is "proud of me and very supportive."

"I learned how to work with my battle buddies and become a successful Soldier in the United States Army."



PVT. MAALIK H. GREEN, 19

Portland, Kentucky

I joined the Army because "I needed more discipline in my life and help me to get started with a career that I wanted in life."

Basic Combat Training "has installed discipline" in me.

I am a "92Y – Unit Supply Specialist. I chose it so it could help me fall back on a good job in the civilian life."

My Family "is very proud of me."

"With the discipline BCT has installed, I hope to become the best Soldier I could be. If you have no discipline, it will install discipline in your life."



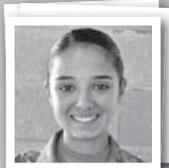
PVT. CHESSI V. BERNAL, 21

Miami

"I joined the Army to make a difference in my life, start off fresh and get started on school to make not only myself proud, but also my Family."

"I have learned lots of combat techniques, things I would have never thought I would learn like using weapons, etc."

I am a "92G – Food Service Specialist. I picked 92Y – Unit Supply Specialist, but at that point there wasn't an opening."



PVT. PETER A. RAMOS, 19

Ponce, Puerto Rico

"I joined the Army to be able to surpass the limits I thought I had."

The best part of Basic Combat Training are "the people that I have met."

"I am a 15R – Attack Helicopter Repairer. I like the aviation field."

My Family is "very happy and proud of" me enlisting.

"I would say that it is an eye-opening experience. It truly is a way to better your person and become someone better in the future."



New Fort Jackson TRAINING is a BLAST

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

Misidentifying a grenade can have disastrous consequences even if it produces smoke.

The Army employs three different types of smoke grenades: the M83 smoke grenade; M18 colored smoke grenade; and the M106 Screen Obscurant Device. While the three types appear similar, they definitely are not created equal.

A group of trainers is on post July 11 – 14 to teach drill sergeants and other non-commissioned officers how to identify the different types of grenades while in turn keeping troops safe.

“The M106 is a bursting grenade, not a burning grenade,” said John H. Ryan Jr, a senior close combat munitions analyst – hand grenades, from Fort Benning, Georgia, during training Monday.

If the user thinks they are using one grenade but it’s actually another, it could pose serious problems, Ryan said. Soldiers have lost fingers and been seriously injured when grenades exploded in their hands.

“A couple of Soldiers got hurt because it looked so much like a smoke grenade and said, ‘It got me confused,’” Ryan said.

If Soldiers need to know more they should read TC 3.23-30 – Grenade and Pyrotechnic devices, he said.

While the munitions are similar their markings are very different.

M18 colored smoke grenades are painted green with white letters with the tops colored in either red, yellow, green, white or purple. The M83 is green with a white top, while the M106 is lime green with a single brown stripe, a silver top and warn-

ings written on the outside. The M106 also has a single ring pin and confidence clip.

When employed the M83 goes “pop, sizzle” while the M106 goes “pop, crack” as the casing is blown off with a small charge and the smoke is quickly dispersed, Ryan said. Once exploded the M106 quickly covers a seven meter by seven meter area with thick white smoke.

The grenade has been used since 2007 by operational forces, but just recently has been approved by TRADOC to be brought into institutional training.

For Sgt. Quacentia Lewis with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, training on the grenades will help her ensure Soldiers in Training know how to train safely.

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Everyone needs to be familiar with the M106 to know that it is different from the other smoke grenades in that it will explode in your hands if you don’t throw it quickly..

— Sgt. Quacentia Lewis,
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

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“It’s good training,” she said. “Everyone needs to be familiar with the M106 to know that it is different from the other smoke grenades in that it will explode in your hands if you don’t throw it quickly. It’s something good to know.”

The 92A – Logistical Supply Specialist, and only female Soldier at the training, said pulling the grenades out of the ammo case felt the same as with other smoke grenades and she

“wanted to make sure they didn’t go off.”

The Soldiers going through the training had to successfully inspect the grenades to ensure they were safely packaged in the ammo can, the igniters were safely seated, and none were upside down.

“If this is upside down and you go to try and manipulate it, it could pop right there,” said Michael Tumminelli, a training instructor with the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center.

The NCOs were also trained to report if any of the munitions were missing.



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Top, Sgt. 1st Class Travis Yeager, a range cadre, throws the M106 during training. A group of trainers is on post this week to teach drill sergeants and other non-commissioned officers how to identify the different types of grenades, left. Above right, Staff Sgt. Michael Pegg offers instruction on the M106 Screen Obscurant Device, a bursting grenade.

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Job fair targets military spouses

A job fair aimed at military spouses is set to begin 9 a.m. today in Columbia.

The fair takes place at the gymnasium located at 730 Polo Road, and lasts until 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by Support Military Spouses and ACS Employment Readiness Program.

The fair is open to all military personnel, veterans, military spouses and surviving spouses. Job Seekers are requested to pre-register on-line registration at www.supportmilitaryspouses.org.

Some of the participating agencies are:

- Recruiting Solutions Staffing Agency
- Fort Jackson Exchange (PX)
- Correct Care
- Right at Home
- Training Concepts
- Columbia Regional Care Center
- Lowe's
- Retire Ease Senior Services
- Palmetto Health
- Verizon Wireless
- DeVry University
- Kuduzu Staffing
- Strategic Staffing & Supply
- Pampered Chef
- University of SC Human Resources
- Wells Fargo



Courtesy photo

A military spouse job fair takes place today at 730 Polo Road, and lasts from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The job fair is open to all spouses, veterans and active-duty Service members.

Red Cross program offers dental assistant training

Military ID card holders have an opportunity to gain a new skill as a dental assistant as part of the American Red Cross Dental Assistant Program taking place at Fort Jackson.



Scheduled to begin Sept. 12, the program offers seven weeks of classroom study and requires students to complete 600 hours of chair-side assistance.

Requirements for the program include:

- A high school diploma or equivalent
 - Up-to-date immunizations
 - A dependent of a service member or retired service member
- Must be a US citizen

To find out more about enrolling in this program, visit the Oliver Dental Clinic, Building 4323, Hill Street or call 751-6209 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Applications will be accepted until July 29.

Army offers free tick-testing program

By ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER (PROVISIONAL)

As the summer season swings in to full gear, Army public health officials want to ensure that DOD personnel are aware of a free service to help combat the threat of tick-borne diseases to Department of Defense personnel. The Army Public Health Center (Provisional) provides a tick identification and testing service for DOD health clinics in the continental United States. This service is known as the DOD Human Tick Test Kit Program, and it serves as a 'first alert' for tick-bite patients and their health care providers.

Although most ticks are not infected with human diseases, some ticks in the United States can carry such diseases as Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and viral diseases.

Army preventive medicine experts say that prompt removal of a tick is one way to reduce risk of disease transmission.

"When patients locate a tick on them, they should not panic and should take their time to remove the tick properly," said Ellen Stromdahl, an APHC (P) entomologist. "If you remove attached ticks promptly, you

can prevent tick-borne disease."

In order to remove a tick, Stromdahl recommends certain guidelines.

"Remove the tick with tweezers," said Stromdahl. "Do not burn it or use soap, gasoline, Vaseline or other chemicals. Once the tick is removed, thoroughly cleanse the bite with alcohol and apply antibiotic ointment to the bite."

Most tick bites cause irritation and itching immediately, but Stromdahl said this does not indicate disease transmission.

Finally, Stromdahl says ticks that have been removed from people should be saved for identification and testing. Military personnel and Department of Defense civilians should place the tick in a jar or ziplock bag, and take it to the local military medical treatment facility. Healthcare providers at the MTF, can then forward the tick to the APHC (P) Tick-Borne Disease Laboratory for species identification and pathogen analysis.

Army public health professionals will identify the ticks and then perform disease testing of the tick. The results of identification will be reported to the submitting MTF upon receipt of the tick, and test results (negative and positive) will be reported within a week.



Photo by GRAHAM SNODGRASS, ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

The lone star tick is the most common tick found in the southeastern U.S. One effective precaution people can take to prevent a tick bite is to recognize and avoid tick habitats.

Camps

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At the time, Fort Jackson contained all the land east of Decker Boulevard between Percival Road and Two Notch Road, all the way to Hwy. 601. The 52,000 acres that exist today, and also the area between Leesburg Road and Sumter Highway all the way to Hwy. 601 was also available for training. At one time a trio of full-strength 10,000 men infantry divisions were on the post. Also a German POW camp was located in what is today the Rockbridge area.

In 1942 Winston Churchill visited Fort Jackson to review the troops. Churchill was impressed and it eased his doubts about the U.S. Army's ability to raise a large army considering that, from the end of World War I in 1918 until 1940, the U.S. Army had only consisted of 180,000 men scattered over many small installations.

The war ended in 1945 and Fort Jackson became a basic training center. Basic training then was 16 weeks since a World War II law required no Soldier could be sent overseas unless they had first served at least four months in the U.S.

By 1950, the Army had shrunk to less than 500,000 and plans were made to close the post. By May 1950 a small detachment of less than 140 troops remained mainly as caretakers. The outbreak of the Korean War on June 25, 1950, changed that, and Fort Jackson reopened as a major basic training center and prepared activated Army divisions mainly for overseas duty.

At that time the Army was segregated and new draftees/enlistees were assigned to separate units to undergo basic training. The problem was that the post could not control what new inductees arrived by race, so the post commander decided independently that as new men arrived – regardless of race – they would be placed into 200-man units to start training. This practice was later adopted by all other basic training centers.

The Korean War ended in July 1953 and the post continued training new arrivals as it does today.

It is estimated that more than five million men and women have at one time trained at Fort Jackson. Today the installation trains 50 percent of new male recruits and 60 percent of new female recruits. These trainees are designated primarily for the Army's administrative and logistical branches such as the Adjutant General Corps (Administrative) Finance Corps, Quartermaster, Transportation, Chaplain and Legal Assistance, etc. Those enlisted for the combat arms, Infantry take their basic training and advanced training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Those for artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Those for engineer, military police, and chemical corps at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Armor (tanks) trainees also go to Fort Benning.

As Fort Jackson begins to celebrate its 100th Anniversary, it is well to keep in mind that had the experience of 1898 not gone well, there would be no Fort Jackson today. Maybe we also need to cite and thank the co-eds of Columbia college who made those U.S. Army Soldiers of 1898 feel welcome and appreciated.

Retired Col. Angelo Perri is a 1951 Distinguished Military Graduate of the ROTC program at the University of Akron, Perri was commissioned into the regular Army and found himself in Korea the following year as part of the 27th Infantry Regiment. He served as platoon leader, company commander and battalion operations officer, returning to the United States after the end of the conflict. Perri served at Fort Jackson from 1966 to 1972, a tenure that included two tours of duty in Vietnam.



Above, a map illustrates the general location of five Army camps established in the greater Columbia area during the Spanish-American War. Many of these locations today are now home to public parks. Below, Soldiers march down Main Street in Columbia during the Spanish-American War.



Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

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



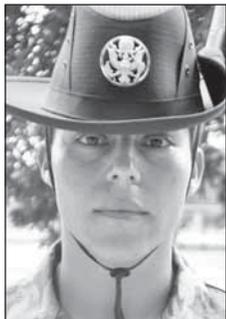
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